

SUNDERLAND SELECTBOARD

ATTEST: Rose M. Keough
Rose M. Keough, Town Clerk

Regular Meeting – February 15, 2016

1. Call to order by Mark Hyde
2. Board members present
 - a. Rick Timmerman, Jon French, Mark Hyde, Steven Bendix, John Williams
 - b. No audience
3. Session recorded by GNAT-TV
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
5. Reports from Road Liaison and/or Highway Foreman
 - a. New hire doing well
 - b. Garage door repaired
 - c. Expect to be under budget in salt this year
 - d. Working on brush when available
 - e. Working on making signs to warn citizens of bridge work on Hill Farm Rd
 - f. Looking at June/July delivery for new truck
6. Old business
 - a. Junk Enforcement update
 - i. Pauls residence
 1. They officially transferred the property to the Coles
 2. We expect it to take a few weeks for a new joint junk enforcement/
zoning admin complaint to be drawn up
 - ii. Kansas Rd residence approach Board with concern about residence near
town line
 1. Mark and John Stuermer both investigated and found that though
there is some debris, it is mostly away from the road, not highly
visible

2. This incident brings up the question of threshold for the Junk Enforcement Ordinance

- a. If a resident approaches the board, should we then proceed with it?
- b. Should there be a degree of visibility or length from road?
 - i. John and others feels that if a citizen approaches the board with a situation, we should run with it to some degree.

b. Sunderland Safe Road Final Report Recommendations

- i. Mark suggests presenting as a talking point at Town Meeting
 - 1. We could do nothing to applying for a grant for paving
 - a. Rick and Steve would like for the presentation to remain neutral and not sound as a recommendation, which was agreed
 - b. Rick pointed out that there are other long term maintenance issues to keep in mind if a bike lane is to be put in
 - 2. It should not be recommended for the town highway personnel to complete the work as they have enough on their plate as is

7. New business

- a. Discuss points for Town Meeting
 - i. General budget - John will discuss
 - 1. Ambulance service budget line item this year vs. voting item
 - 2. Broke out assessment to BCRC, Bennington County Court, and Solid Waste Fees where town is allowed to dispose of things to Casellas
 - 3. Law Enforcement increase, Legal, Auditing
 - 4. Payroll due to school board changes, zoning admin, zoning regulation changes, etc.
 - ii. National Forest Account - Rick
 - iii. Highway budget - Rick

- b. Select Board members will meet at 6:45 prior to Town Meeting
- 8. Review of bills, signing of select board, and orders correspondence
 - a. Local Emergency Operations Plan needs to be redone this year by John passed on changes at Town Meeting
 - b. Agency of Natural Resources is changing how they pay towns for land
 - i. Could impact Highway budget negatively, ask Rose
- 9. Motion to adjourn made by Rick, seconded by Jon, motion passed, and adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Stephanie Wells". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stephanie Muñoz Wells