

SUNDERLAND SELECT BOARD

Regular Meeting - July 17, 2017

1. Call to order by Mark Hyde
2. Board members present
 - a. Rick Timmerman, Jon French, Mark Hyde, and Steven Bendix
 - b. Audience
 - i. Rose Keough (Town Secretary/Treasurer), Marc Johnston (Highway Foreman), Jack Kelliher (S&R Corporation), Mark Mackintosh (VTrans), Peter Van Vleck, John Stuermer, Mike Perra, Judith Ackerhalt, Michael Godgikian, Timothy Ryan, Charles Moffitt, Gloria Moffitt
3. Session recorded by GNAT-TV
4. Approval of Minutes from June 23, 2017
 - a. Motion made to approve the previous meeting minutes from June 23, 2017 made by French, seconded by Timmerman, motion passed
5. Report from Road Liaison and/or Highway Foreman
 - a. Sunderland Hill Road closure for Railroad bridge replacement - Jack Kelliher (S&R Corp.) and Mark Mackintosh (VTrans)
 - i. Would like to expand the road for safety, would need road closure
 1. The board has decided that this closure will not work
 - ii. Would like to shut down the road for 10 days (Sept 9/10 to Sept 19/20 for demolition)
 1. They need a crane to get bridge supports in place
 - iii. Open for public discussion

1. Peter Van Vleck commented that he had wished that he, and others near the construction, had been warned at least by letter from the state before the construction began
 - a. He would like to make sure traffic doesn't turn around in his driveway
 - b. He would like to make sure that contact is made with emergency response in surrounding towns to make them aware of road closure
 - c. He also said the noise is very loud and causes, among other things, sleep disruption
 - i. other neighbors say they too have been bothered by the noise
2. Hyde asked what kind of barrier would be constructed
 - a. Type 3 barrier would be used at both ends, potentially with a staggered patterned in between to allow affected residents to enter and exit
3. John Stuermer commented that the traffic on North Road and Borough Road will be horrendous, and suggested a temporary speed bump put in at the stop sign at the bottom of North Road to slow down traffic
4. Peter Van Vleck commented that over 500 vehicles per day were found to have crossed on Sunderland Hill Road in that area in a prior traffic study
5. Johnston asked Jack Kelliher if he will assist with chloride on the dirt road once travel across it is complete
6. French commented that he will ask for more patrols in the area to help cut down on speeders
7. Discussion of where signs will be place on the north side of the closure

- a. Consensus was made that they should be placed near Muddy Lane to aid in diversion of traffic
- 8. In response to inquiry/complaint regarding the noise and disruption caused by the construction, Jack Kelliher commented that there should only be one more day of 24 hour work
 - a. However, during the proposed 10 day road closure, they are scheduled for 24 hour work days, which hopefully won't be necessary
 - b. The construction typically only shuts down due to lightning
- 9. John Stuermer asked about damage to roads
 - a. Jack Kelliher responded that their heavy equipment have steel plates to ensure even weight distribution across the road, limiting road damage
- 10. John Stuermer asked about state statute limiting working hours, Jack Kelliher said that his contract reads that he's allowed to work beyond it
- 11. Motion made by French to close Sunderland Hill Road during the days of September 9, 2017, through September 19, 2017, seconded by Timmerman, motion passed
- b. North Road closure for bridge replacement
 - i. Project will be rescheduled for next year due to concerns over timeline
- c. Covered Bridge warning signs seem to be working, the brush has been trimmed around the sign going north near the antique store
- 6. Old Business
 - a. Parcel mapping contract discussion/approval
 - i. Tabled for now

7. New Business

a. Kelley Stand speed limit discussion/planning - Timothy Ryan

- i. Timothy Ryan had originally started a petition to lower the speed limit on Kelley Stand
- ii. Mr. Ryan expressed concern over the difference in speed limit between upper and lower speed limit is confusing
- iii. Hyde replied that in order to change the speed limit on the road to enable concurrent enforcement, a road study would need to be done
 1. Mr. Ryan asked if knew how much it would cost, Hyde does not
- iv. Hyde continued to give the other option of changing the speed limit signs after adopting a new ordinance, with enforcement not technically taking effect for five years
- v. Mr. Ryan replied that he believes that the change in signs without a road study would be sufficient, understanding that the changed speed limit would not be enforceable for five years
- vi. Michael Godgikian, Judith Acherhalt, Gloria Moffitt, and Charles Moffitt all told of incidents where people almost got in accidents in front of their houses or their neighbors'
- vii. Johnston will work on the 3-4 speed limit signs
- viii. Gloria Moffitt brought up the idea of putting up "sharp corner/turn" signs *****
 1. Johnston will look into where potential signage would go

- ix. French will work on revising the ordinance
 - x. Mrs. Moffitt asked how long the process would take, Hyde said his estimate is that the signs could be changed sometime in the fall
- b. Disability Rights report of the Town Hall
 - i. Doors need to be adjusted so that they are not as hard to open
 - 1. Johnston will be able to accomplish before next vote
- c. Unlicensed Dogs and Animal Control Warrant
 - i. No valid motion made
- 8. Review of Bills, Correspondence, and Signing of Select Board's Orders
 - a. Storm water grant funding opportunity
 - i. We are not ready to pursue at this time
 - b. On Monday, July 24, 2017 there will be a Sunderland Town Clerk Board of Civil Authority at the Sunderland Town Hall at 6:00 pm for grievance hearings
 - i. All Select Board members will attend
 - c. Haskins Oil has given us a pre-buy option at \$1.299 a gallon for 2400 gallons, for a total of \$3117.60
 - i. With our credit carried over, there will be a balance of \$2890.96
 - ii. Motion made by Bendix to sign the contract agreeing to above Haskins oil pre-buy, seconded by Timmerman, motion passed
 - d. Fire Warden re-appointment request from the state
 - i. French made a motion to appoint Paul Ennis, Sr to Fire Warden, Timmerman seconded, motion passed
 - e. VLCT refund

- i. VLCT would like animal control to be classified under payroll for insurance reasons, however because this does not work for our situation, it will remain as is
 - f. Generator inspection was done by Mr. Brophy, the report is good
 - g. Missy Johnson feels like she hasn't had much progress with her push back with residents on the Junk Ordinance; however, the Select Board feels that those residents contacted have made significant progress
9. Motion to adjourn made by French, seconded by Hyde, motion passed

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'S M W', written in black ink.

Stephanie Muñoz Wells