

## SUNDERLAND SELECTBOARD

Regular Meeting – July 18, 2016

1. Call to order by Mark Hyde
2. Board members present
  - a. Rick Timmerman, Mark Hyde, Steven Bendix, and John Williams
    - i. Jon French absent
  - b. Audience
    - i. Marc Johnston (Highway Foreman), Rose Keough (Town Treasurer), John Stuermer (Planning Board member), Michael Keen, Marie Litowinsky, and Mike Perra
3. Session recorded by GNAT-TV
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
  - a. Motion to approve made by John, seconded by Rick, motion passed
5. Reports from Road Liaison and/or Highway Foreman
  - a. Filled in a washout by the covered bridge and worked with homeowner at the base of the bridge
    - i. Money will be used from Special Projects account to pay for the supplies needed to finish the project
  - b. Problems with uniform provider
    - i. Unclear billing and not enough uniforms at drop-off
  - c. Highway equipment purchase - discuss/approve mower/chipper
    - i. Mower attachment for the tractor
      1. New mower saves time and is safer
      2. After all payments have been made on the new truck and the wheel loader, there will be an approximate balance of \$10,000 in the equipment reserve fund
      3. Motion made to approve the purchase of a new mower for \$12,061 made by John, seconded by Steve, motion passed

ii. Chipper

1. The chipper will be put on hold for now as a service truck needs to be unexpectedly replaced

iii. Service Truck (2003 Ford F150) replacement

1. Estimate for a rebuilt engine is \$6,013, but the recommendation was to purchase a new vehicle
2. The scrap value of the truck is \$850
3. Utility fleet vehicle
  - a. 2007, 2WD, \$8,900
  - b. The question raised was would it be more beneficial to spend more money to purchase a truck that is newer and would therefore last longer?
  - c. Marc will continue to look around for options
  - d. Motion made to grant Marc Johnston the approve to purchase a truck not to exceed the price of \$12,500 made by Steve, seconded by John, motion passed
  - e. Motion made to grant treasurer the allowance to write a check for payment of up to \$12,500 for a truck that Marc Johnston will be purchasing by John, seconded by Steve, motion passed
- d. Morton Salt quote is same as last year, and is only quote as of yet, at \$82.50/ton
  1. Motion made to approve the Morton Salt contract at at \$82.50/ton made by Steve, seconded by John, motion passed
- e. New Truck
  1. Still waiting for the sander/dump body
  2. Looking at an August delivery date
- f. Perra's water runoff problem
  1. Marc has already been in contact with Mike Perra, and will again meet with Mike in the next week
- g. Speed Limits

- i. Request to move the speed limit sign near Ira Allan house 1/4 mile south due to pedestrian concerns
  - 1. VTrans would need to be contacted to do so
  - 2. John will take the lead on this issue
- ii. Speed Limit Increase on Route 7
  - 1. Citizen Mike Keen has initiated the request for the increase in the speed limit on Route 7 to 65 mph and is approaching Select Boards to seek approval for a study to be initiated by the state

6. Old Business

- a. Animal Control
  - i. Tabled for next meeting

7. New Business

- a. Discuss Town Clerk website listings/fixes - is it worth paying to fix these? ([Yahoo/Bing/Yellowpages/yext.com](#))
  - i. Location is listed is still South Road
  - ii. Consensus is to leave it as is
- b. Safe Road Committee
  - i. Discuss grant based on requirement of town commitment prior to applying
  - ii. Public meeting to be held this fall to discuss possible plans
    - 1. The recommendation is to have the public meeting at 6:00, preceding a Select Board meeting in September or October
- c. Cemetery Commissioner Resignation
  - i. Lucille Morse is sole Commissioner
  - ii. The Select Board is looking into all options, including merging duties, disbandment of position, etc.
    - 1. John will take the lead
- d. Mark will begin Graduate school in September
  - i. He will continue to remain chair

- ii. Be aware of emailing only select board information to the select board email, otherwise use personal email addresses
- e. Town Hall requests
  - i. Ways to manage
    - 1. Key, code, \$10 deposit for key replacement
    - 2. We would need to be selective in who we allow
  - ii. Act 46 Committee would like to reserve for August 24th from 6-9pm
  - iii. Decision is to see if a Board member is available to open and close the building for the group using the property
- f. Sunderland Land Fill - PFOA Testing
  - i. Steve will call to see if previous testing has included for PFOAs, if so he will request a copy, if not he will request that the next test include it
- g. Town Audit
  - i. Rose is on top of it
- 8. Review of bills and correspondence, and signing of selectboard's orders
  - a. Better Back Roads Grant
    - i. Can begin work on July 1, 2016
  - b. Letter from VLCT regarding excavation hazards
  - c. Agency of Transportation
  - d. Motion to allow the payment of the Class 2 Roadway Paving Grant made by Rick, seconded by Steve, motion passed
  - e. Bennington Regional Commission
    - i. Will remain for annual appropriations
  - f. Municipal Clerk and Listers
    - i. For grand list
  - g. Town Health Officer
    - i. Motion to recommend John Struemer as Health Officer made by Steve, seconded by Rick, motion passed

- h. Vermont Council on Rural Development
  - i. Park and Ride Grant Program
9. Motion to adjourn made by Rick, seconded by Steve, motion passed

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Stephanie Muñoz Wells". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Stephanie" written in a larger, more prominent hand than the last name "Wells".

Stephanie Muñoz Wells