

## SUNDERLAND SELECT BOARD

Regular Meeting - May 1, 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), David Francomb (USFS District Ranger), Ed Bove (Planning Board), Pete Luca (Planning Board), Greg Sukiennik (Manchester Journal)
3. Session recorded by GNAT-TV
4. Approval of Minutes from April 24, 2017
  - a. Motion made to approve the previous meeting minutes made by French, seconded by Timmerman, motion passed
5. Report from Road Liaison and/or Highway Foreman
  - a. Shoulder work has been completed
  - b. Equipment is up and running
  - c. Sign has not come in, discussion about putting sign near Town Garage, to leave enough room for trucks to turn around, and the light won't light up in houses
6. New Business

- a. 2017 Green Mountain National Forest's Proposed Activities in the Town of Sunderland - to begin implementation in 2019

- i. Planning

- 1. Somerset Integrated Resource Project

- a. Initiating planning process and field work

- ii. Wildlife and Fisheries

- 1. Maintenance (saw and de-brushing work) in wildlife openings off of South Rd

- 2. Mastication of three permanent wildlife wildlife openings off of Kelly Stand Road

- 3. Trout Stocking Project at Stratton and Bourn Ponds

- iii. Engineering

- 1. Forest Road 70 Maintenance Project - grading

- iv. Recreation

- 1. Branch Pond Trail Relocation Project

- a. Working with the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps and Green Mountain Club to move section of trail out of wetland and complete other deferred trail maintenance

- 2. Lye Brook Wilderness Management

- a. Invasive species removal outfitter and guide permit monitoring

- i. species of non-native invasive plants (NNIP) to be removed:

- 1. Honey Suckle
- 2. Glossy Buckthorn
- 3. Goutweed
- 4. Japanese Barberry
- 5. Common Buckthorn

- b. Leave no trace programing,

- c. University of Vermont fishing survey at Bourn Pond

- d. Visitor encounter monitoring

- 3. Pete Luca asked if there will be camping available on Kelley Stand Road, the answer was no

- b. Sunderland Zoning Update - Ed Bove, Planning Board Chair

- i. Last rewrite done 5 or 6 years ago

- 1. The biggest necessity was being in compliance with state statutes, such as Title 24, Chapter 117

- ii. Biggest changes were in 2004

- iii. Re-formatting and organizing to make more user friendly so residents can get the necessary information without needing to consult the Zoning Administrator

- 1. The creation of a chart was implemented to help residents quickly access information

iv. Flood Hazard Area Bylaw of 2013 also included

v. Would we add a short term rental as a separate entity?

1. The Board decided not to tackle for now

vi. The Junk Ordinance will be a separate entity, not part of zoning

vii. Parking in relation to commercial areas

1. Pure Water tax would need to be considered

2. Hyde brought up concerns with parking along 7A

3. Consensus was the rural nature of the town lends the parking issue as a small concern

4. Parking will become a separate entity

viii. Potential change of some Commercial Industrial land south of South Rd, to Forest

1. Because of various issues with the land, flood zone, limited access, grade, etc., should it be classified as "Forest" since it is arguably undevelopable?

2. It is important to note that there is no immediate need to do so

3. The purpose of the change is to guide the use in the way the land is actually being used

ix. Bove will approach the Board again at the end of June with a final draft of the Zoning update for approval

- x. Regarding landscaping and buffers, the rule is it can't be more restrictive than the landscaping and buffer requirement in your commercial district

## 7. Old Business

- a. Potential zoning change - Ed Bove
  - i. Potential change of zoning along 7A to allow clustered development proposed by Michael Bailey for the Arcady Motel
  - ii. The Planning Board feels it is not good practice to change the zoning regulations for one development, but the existing regulations may already address the issue
  - iii. Under the existing bylaws, the interested developers could go further by approaching the Planning Board

## 8. Executive Session

- a. Motion made by Jon to enter executive session to discuss a personnel issue, seconded by Rick, motion passed
- b. Motion made by Rick to enter regular session, seconded by Jon, motion passed
- c. Motion made to rescind the appointment of Lily Van Haverbeke by Jon, seconded by Steve, motion passed
- d. Taxes
  - i. Delinquent Tax Collector has or will receive a significant amount in delinquent taxes

9. Review of Bills, Correspondence, and Signing of Select Board's Orders

a. June meetings are the 5th and 26th at 6:30 pm

10. Motion to adjourn made by Jon, seconded by Rick, motion passed

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SMW'. The letters are stylized and cursive, with the 'S' being a large loop, the 'M' having three distinct peaks, and the 'W' being a simple cursive flourish.

Stephanie Muñoz Wells