

SUNDERLAND SELECT BOARD
Regular Meeting - December 4, 2017

1. Call to order by Mark Hyde
2. Board members present
 - a. Jon French, Mark Hyde, and Steven Bendix
 - b. Rick Timmerman, absent
 - c. Audience
 - i. Marc Johnston (Road Foreman) and Rose Keough (Town Clerk/Treasurer)
3. Session recorded by GNAT-TV
4. Approval of Minutes from November 20, 2017
 - a. Motion made to approve the previous meeting minutes made by Bendix, seconded by French, motion passed
5. Report from Road Liaison and/or Highway Foreman
 - a. Applied for a rim grant, should hear back in January
 - b. Cutting trees on North Road and Dunham Road
 - c. Road classification letter from VTRANS
 - i. North Road
 1. Town of Sunderland has a measurement of 0.47, VTRANS has a measurement of 0.31
 - a. When remeasured, the measurement was in between the two, official measurement will be 0.31 from VTRANS
 2. North Road, north end, still considered Class IV, should be updated to Class III after paving
 - a. There is a legal process to warn residence along the reclassified class of the reclassification

- b. Rose suggested contacting Rob Williamson for legal services regarding the issue
- c. There would be a vote to reclassify the road
- d. The advantage to reclassification is a potential increase in repavement grants
- e. Budgeting for this will need to be considered
- f. Hyde suggested increasing the general legal fund back up to \$7,000

ii. Grout Lane

- 1. Title searching for this road would be more difficult due to the community lot
- 2. .03 portion not being used, .04 piece being used as a driveway
 - a. Johnston suggested turning the entire portion over to the homeowner to decrease the amount of road maintained by the town
- 3. .05 portion to be changed from Town Highway 15 to Town Highway 17

iii. Hayden Road

- 1. Johnston suggested turning the road over to the homeowners to decrease the amount of road maintained by the town

iv. Rose suggested reaching out to the residents of these roads before going forward in a more formal fashion

- 1. Johnston will contact the residents

v. Hyde suggested that Johnston begin a file including all of this information

vi. No further changes to the highway budget

6. Old Business

- a. Budgeting for next fiscal year
 - i. Landfill will drop from \$7,500 to \$5,000
 - ii. Comcast will increase to \$1,862.75
 - iii. Rose asked that the board decide within the next month for the articles to include
 - iv. Law Enforcement will increase by \$.51 an hour, to increase \$500 to \$40,500 to maintain current amount of hours
 - v. Lister rate increase to \$20.00 an hour

7. New Business

- a. Request from John Sullivan at the BCRC Bennington County Regional Corporation
 - i. BCRC is in step with the BCIC
 - ii. Request was forwarded to John Williams
 - iii. John Sullivan asked that the \$1,000 request be added to the budget as a line item
 - 1. The Board will respond that he needs to go the route already established
 - iv. Our second December meeting will be cancelled
 - v. The Select Board meetings in January will be January 8, 2018 and January 22, 2018 at 6:30 pm
 - vi. In order to meet payroll obligations, the motion was made by French to authorize Rose Keough the ability to pay payroll, seconded by Bendix, motion passed

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

- a. Letter received by the appraisal revaluation committee
 - i. The committee's review of Sunderland's reappraisal was positive
 - ii. Bendix asked that the letter be included in the Town Report
- b. BCRC fees went up, reflected in new budget
- c. BLCT dues went up, reflected in new budget

- d. Received letter that the Town of Sunderland was approved for the Statewide parcel mapping program and can use Dean Russell, whom we have used in the past
 - i. He will be completing the mapping required by the state only
 - e. In regards to the new accounting practices, Rose is utilizing it with current accounting, and is slowly converting previous dates
9. Motion to adjourn made by French, seconded by Bendix, 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 series of connected loops.

Stephanie Muñoz Wells