

SUNDERLAND SELECT BOARD

Regular Meeting - 3.12.18

1. Call to order by Mark Hyde
2. Board members present
 - a. Rick Timmerman, Jon French, Mark Hyde, Steven Bendix, and Melanie Virgilio
 - b. Audience
 - i. Marc Johnston (Road Foreman), Rose Keough (Town Clerk/Treasurer)
3. Session recorded by GNAT-TV
4. Organization of Select Board
 - a. Motion made by Bendix to nominate Hyde to Select Board chair, seconded by French, motion passed
 - b. Motion made by Timmerman to nominate French to clerk of the Select Board, seconded by Bendix, motion passed
 - c. Motion made by French to nominate Timmerman to road liaison of Select Board, seconded by Bendix, motion passed
 - d. Motion made by French to nominate Bendix to ISWAP/SWIP liaison, seconded by Timmerman, motion passed
 - e. Motion made by Bendix to nominate French to insurance liaison, seconded by Virgilio, motion passed
 - f. Motion made by French to nominate Virgilio to Green Up liaison, seconded by Timmerman, motion passed
 - g. Motion made by Bendix to nominate French to police liaison, seconded by Timmerman, motion passed
 - h. Motion made by Timmerman to nominate Stephanie Muñoz Wells to secretary, seconded by French, motion passed
5. Approval of Minutes from March 5, 2018 meeting

- a. Motion made to approve the previous meeting minutes made by French, seconded by Bendix, motion passed
- 6. Report from Road Liaison and/or Highway Foreman
 - a. Johnston relayed that all equipment is running, and preparations have been made for the upcoming storm(s)
 - b. Budget
 - i. Hyde pointed out that the town is about at the equipment budget already, due to multiple breakdowns of the red truck
 - 1. The repairs on the red truck for this year has been over \$16,000
 - 2. The new plow truck won't be ready until around September
 - ii. Johnston relayed that the cost of radios did go over budget about \$100
 - c. Better Backroads Category A Grant received for \$6,390 (80/20 match)
 - i. This will be used to put together a plan for preventing erosions, which will be submitted to the state
 - ii. Fitzgerald will create the plan for \$8,200, Town of Sunderland will make up the rest
 - iii. Motion made by Timmerman to approve the erosion plan to be performed by Fitzgerald, seconded by French, motion passed
- 7. New Business
 - a. Speed control
 - i. Hyde mentioned possibly installing a speedometer to similar to those that are in Manchester, they can be moved as necessary
 - ii. Many complaints have been made of speeding vehicles on South Road and North Road
 - iii. Virgilio mentioned that much of North Road, in particular, is shaded

1. Timmerman and Johnston relayed that because they are LED lights, they don't need as much solar power to operate, and it doesn't need direct sunlight
 - iv. Timmerman mentioned concern of possible vandalism
 - v. Virgilio mentioned concern that the speedometers may cause some to speed intentionally, or even race
 - vi. Virgilio asked if there are adequate speed limit signs in town
 1. Johnston relayed that the town has met the state standard for postage, but we do need to update some to be reflective
 - vii. Virgilio asked if it would be possible to rent a unit
 1. Timmerman relayed that there are speed carts normally provided by the Sheriff's Department
 - viii. Bendix asked French if Sheriff Schmidt has mentioned the effectiveness of the speed carts, the answer was no
 - ix. Timmerman will look into pricing again, and the Board will consider it again in June
- b. Appointments
 - i. Newspaper
 1. Bendix suggested the News Guide, Keough answered that for legal reasons, notices must be posted in a daily paper, but that the News Guide may be used in tandem
 2. Motion made by Timmerman to appoint Bennington Banner as newspaper of record, seconded by French, motion passed
 - ii. Hyde suggested keeping Select Board meetings on the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30pm
 - iii. Motion made by Bendix to appoint Woolmington, Campbell, Bernal, and Bent to Town legal counsel, seconded by French, motion passed

- iv. Motion made by French to appoint Kerry Olson as animal control officer/pound keeper, seconded by Bendix, motion passed
- v. Motion made by Bendix to appoint Mike DiMonda as emergency management coordinator, seconded by French, motion passed
- vi. Health officer and deputy health officer positions are currently open, please notify the Select Board if interested
 - 1. By default, if there is no health officer, the Select Board acts as the health officer
- vii. Motion made by Bendix to appoint Samuel Liss as service officer, seconded by Virgilio, motion passed
- viii. Tree warden position is currently open, please notify the Select Board if interested
 - 1. By default, if there is no tree warden, the Select Board acts as the tree warden
- ix. Motion made by French to appoint Mark Hyde to webmaster, seconded by Bendix, motion passed
- x. Motion made by French to appoint Missy Johnson to zoning administrator, seconded by Timmerman, motion passed
- xi. A Planning Board position is currently open, please notify the Select Board if interested
- xii. Zoning Board
 - 1. Motion made by French to appoint Peter Van Vleck, Jr. to a three year Zoning Board position, seconded by Bendix, motion passed
 - 2. Motion made by Timmerman to appoint Robert Alexander to a two year Zoning Boarding position, seconded by French, motion passed
- xiii. BCRC - positions currently filled

xiv. Other open positions include auditor (3) and lister (2), please contact the Select Board with any interest

1. Keough is meeting with a gentleman interested in an auditor position

a. Keough said that there should be three auditors, but that with one, at least the accounts can be reconciled by someone other than her

2. Keough and Hyde will post the elected open positions to three public places, and the website

xv. Motion made by French to appoint John Williams to the new position of community service request liaison, seconded by Bendix, motion passed

c. Timmerman mentioned that there has been a problem getting salt (American Rock Salt), because there was a 200 ton salt limit in the contract, the price will need to be renegotiated

i. Cargill has informed us that they are no longer able to deliver salt

1. This contract limit has not been reached due to their inability to deliver

ii. Timmerman will review the contract(s) and look into further, and report back

d. Act 250 request from the Battenkill Inn

i. Hyde will tell Missy Johnson that she can fill out the necessary paperwork

e. Arlington Area Renewal Project

i. Asking for Sunderland representative for SWOT

ii. The group's purpose is to identify strengths, weaknesses, and threats in the Arlington area, and result from the SWOT analysis will guide the plan for the renewal project

- iii. They would like a Select Board member to be present March 23rd and 24th
- f. There will be a rabies clinic in Arlington on Saturday, March 24th at the East Arlington Fire House from 10am-2pm
 - i. Keough will contact those will expiring rabies contracts and she will be present to issue licenses
- g. Motion made by French to grant Rose Keough authority to open all mail received, seconded by Virgilio, motion passed
- 8. Review of Bills, Correspondence, and Signing of Select Board's Orders
 - a. Potential subdivision notice near Dunham Road
 - b. Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance meeting on Wednesday, March 14th from 4-6pm at Arlington Town Hall
- 9. Motion to adjourn made by Timmerman, seconded by Bendix, motion passed

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Muñoz Wells'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter 'S' being large and prominent.

Stephanie Muñoz Wells