

SUNDERLAND SELECT BOARD

Public Hearing and Regular Meeting - August 20, 2018

1. Call to order by Mark Hyde
2. Board members present
 - a. Jon French, Mark Hyde, Steven Bendix, and Melanie Virgilio
 - i. Absent: Rick Timmerman
 - b. Audience
 - i. Marc Johnston (Road Foreman), Ed Bove (Planning Board), Greg Sukiennik (Manchester Journal)
3. Session recorded by GNAT-TV
4. Approval of Minutes from August 6, 2018
 - a. Motion made to approve the previous meeting minutes made by Bendix, seconded by Virgilio, motion passed
5. Public hearing for the re-adoption of the Sunderland Municipal Plan
 - a. Hyde reviewed the Sunderland Municipal Plan (available on website)
 - i. Compliant with Acts 171 and 174
 - b. Land Use Map
 - c. Energy Use Plan
 - i. Steers solar use towards Commercial/Industrial Districts
 1. Away from Commercial Wind Districts
 - d. Habitat Blocks/Act 171
 - i. Maps and goals added
 1. Transfer land in the south of town from Commercial/Industrial District to Forest District (280 acres)
 2. No significant tax impact anticipated
 3. Virgilio voiced concerns that the 330 acres that will remain Commercial/Industrial District when a lot of the same

restraints remain with this land also exist with the 280 acres being suggested to transfer to Forest District

- a. Bove responded that it would be very hard for any organization, such as solar developers, to attain permits to conduct work on such area
 - b. Hyde responded that the solar developers were not as interested in developing in the area near Casella due to lack of infrastructure, this 330/280 acre area is even less developed
4. Bendix asked how far on either side of Route 7 is considered VTRANS right of way
 - a. Bove answered that it expands beyond the area of the on-ramps
 - b. Bove also answered that solar developers could potentially use the VTRANS right of way area for development
5. Bove emphasised that residential solar use/development would not be impacted
6. Virgilio asked if solar development at the school would feed back into the grid since the town no longer owns the school, Bove said yes
7. Virgilio asked if language should be changed from adoption to amendment regarding outdated school related information
 - a. Bendix suggested that following the 2020 census, there will be even more information available
 - b. Bove suggested that there is enough valid information to proceed with an adoption, and the positive would be that an update is not then needed for another 7 years

- e. Motion made by French to adopt the updated Municipal Plan for the Town of Sunderland, Bendix seconded, motion passed
 - f. Motion made by French to exit public hearing, Bendix seconded, motion passed
 - g. Motion made by French to enter regular select board meeting, Bendix seconded, motion passed
6. Report from Road Liaison and/or Highway Foreman
- a. Almost half of the precast structure in today on Sunderland Hill Road
 - i. Still need backfill and waterproofing
 - ii. Hope to have road open by Friday, paving will take place next week one lane at a time
 - b. Roof repaired on Municipal building
 - c. New truck is ready to be picked up
 - i. Cover and lights will need to be purchased for new truck
 - 1. Equipment Reserve Fund
 - 2. Motion made by French for the purchase of a cover and lights for new truck, seconded by Bendix, motion passed
 - d. Sale of old truck
 - i. Johnston recommends going forward at this time
 - ii. Johnston will ask Keough about bill of sale and title
 - iii. Motion made by Bendix to approve the sale of the old truck for \$25,000 to Tom Fuller, seconded by French, motion passed
 - e. Woodard will start digging Prouty Hill Road for Better Back Roads Project, Highway Department will help as necessary
 - i. Barney Orchard project will follow
 - f. Bike and Pedestrian Grant was received, work will begin next year
 - i. Different options to discuss at a further time, we need more details to proceed
 - g. Speed limit radar sign needs to have the brightness turned up

- i. Johnston will handle

7. Old Business

- a. Discuss school plowing and fuel usage
 - i. Virgilio spoke with Greg Harrington at the Taconic and Green
 - ii. Most buses are filling up at town garages
 - 1. Taconic and Green would like to maintain this practice in Sunderland
 - iii. Virgilio questioned whether fuel discounts would still apply without Taconic and Green usage
 - iv. Most towns hire out to plow their schools
 - v. Hyde suggested allowing the Taconic and Green to refuel in town for another year, and we can see how it goes; plowing should be hired out
- b. Motion to notify Taconic and Green that plowing will need to be hired out made by French, seconded by Bendix, motion passed

8. New Business

- a. Municipal Planning Grant for BCSWA - discussion/approval
 - i. BCSWA uses Mike Batcher for day to day business
 - ii. BCSWA would like towns to apply for a grant to redo the alliance SWIP
 - iii. Sunderland would participate with Dorset for a \$10,000 grant with a \$500 match for each town (to be paid for by annual dues)
 - iv. Motion made by French to apply for municipal planning grant through BCSWA for \$10,000 grant, seconded by Virgilio, motion passed
- b. Change of propane provider and yearly pre-buy - discussion/approval
 - i. Virgilio obtained a quote from Osterman's for 2,500 gallons for \$1.899, town employees can pre buy at \$1.999

1. They will replace tanks with their own for no additional cost, and replace with larger tanks
 - ii. Haskins quote \$1.399 for 2,500 gallons for prebuy
 1. In past, service has been unreliable, we have even run out numerous times
 - iii. Motion made by French to pre buy 2,500 gallons at \$1.899 a gallon from Osterman's, seconded by Bendix, motion passed
 - iv. Motion made by French to allow Hyde to sign Osterman's pre buy quote upon print, seconded by Bendix, motion passed
9. Review of Bills, Correspondence, and Signing of Select Board's Orders
 - a. Missy Johnson taking care of junk complaint on Kansas Road
 - b. Complaint about rats on Mattison Road has been rescinded as house will be demolished
10. Motion to adjourn made by French, seconded by Bendix, motion passed

Respectfully submitted,

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

Stephanie Muñoz Wells