

Town of Sunderland, Vermont

Select Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 3/18/19

time: 6:30 PM

Sunderland Town Hall

I. Call to order

Jon French moved to begin meeting, Richard Zens 2nd the motion. This is a regular select board meeting. Select board members introduced.

II. The following persons were present:

Jon French, chairperson, Rick Timmerman, Richard Zens, Conor Stewart.

Colleen York, recording secretary.

Also in attendance: Marc Johnston, road foreman, Press and camera person. Mr. Durfee, state legislator present for half the meeting.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

No minutes were presented

IV. Open issues

a) Open issue/summary of discussion

First report was from road foreman, Marc Johnston who reported that work was done on four corners of Bacon Hollow and North Road and they are continuing to work on Laver Road. He noted roads are opened.

b) Open issue/summary of discussion

Marc Johnston reported that work was being done on the older truck but most of it was warranty work. The mower tractor has gotten some new parts in preparation for upcoming season. Also the excavator needs new tires which has 3200 hours on them. Cost will be about \$6200 which will come out of maintenance budget. The new tires will be better tires. Also Marc noted that the grader will need new tires next year.

c) Open issue/summary of discussion

Marc Johnston also reported one homeowner has called concerned about water puddling on Kansas Rd. He said nothing could be done until snow melts and that frozen ground has impacted many areas. Once weather improves he will review options.

Marc Johnston was asked about salt budget by Rick Timmerman. Marc Johnston reported that although more salt has been used they are under budget because they got a better price. It was noted that the supplier has been great. Rick Timmerman reported that the town has three one year renewal options.

V. New business

a) New business/summary of discussion

Marc Johnston reported that he will be pursuing a structure grant for the Hill Farm Rd. Bridge. Town received a grant for deck but not for underneath. Town has applied twice but been turned down. In terms of the safe roads grant the state had some architectural concerns and once snow melts will come to review.

Marc Johnston also reported that in conjunction with Mike Batcher, BCRC, will be using recycled asphalt in a certain area on Kelly Stand Rd to see how it holds up.

b) New business/summary of discussion

Rick Timmerman requested that Marc Johnston look into improving lighting inside the town garage. Marc Johnston said he would like to have the 2nd garage door enlarged at a estimated cost of \$3500.

c) New business/summary of discussion

Richard Zens reported on the Solid Waste Management Committee. Largest issue among involved towns is the Casella contract. Richard Zens reported that Casella has lost money due to changes in recyclables due to countries who took recyclables are no longer accepting them. A contract has not been solidified while options are being explored.

d) New business/ summary of discussion

Jon French requested names to submit to the state for the fire warden. Marc Johnston provided names.

e) New business/summary of discussion

Select Board called for an executive session at 6:50 PM. Public sessions recalled at 7 PM. No action taken during executive session.

f) New business/summary of discussion

Jon French noted that select board has received complaints related to dog barking. Animal control officer was unable to attend tonight's meeting but will attend next meeting. Dog ordinance has not been updated since 1996 and needs to be updated.

Correspondence:

Jon French noted there were correspondence regarding excess weight permits. He moved to have a Rick Zimmerman sign, Richard Zens 2nd the motion, correspondence signed.

Jon French stated he will send information on annual equipment show to public works. Jon French will also contact emergency management officer regarding regional plans to be submitted by May 1st. There is a health officer training but it was noted town does not have a health officer. Jon French also displayed for review the BCRC 2nd

Public comment:

There was no public comment

VI.Adjournment

Jon French moved to adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM, Richard Zens 2nd the motion.

Minutes submitted by: Colleen York

Minutes approved by: Name