

Town of Sunderland, Vermont
Select Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 8/26/2019 time: 7 PM
Sunderland Town Hall

I. Call to order

Jon French, Chair called to order the regular meeting of the Sunderland Select Board Meeting at 7 PM. Select Board Members were introduced.

Pledge of Allegiance

II. The following persons were present:

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

Colleen York, recording secretary.

Also in attendance were Marc Johnston, road foreman and Tammy Danforth, resident

III. Approval of minutes

Rick Timmerman moved to approve minutes of July 8, 2019 minutes, Andrew McKeever seconded, minutes approved.

Richard Zens moved to approve minutes of Special Meeting on August 15, 2019, Conor Stewart seconded, minutes approved.

IV. Road Liason Report

7 culverts replaced on Kelly Stand Rd. This was through a grant where town paid 20%.

Bennington County resources working on securing more grants to cover 7 more culverts on same road.

Bike/Pedestrian grant can be done next Spring, holdup was something with wetlands. Both Marc Johnston and committee chairperson will be in touch with state.

State has been called regarding paint lines, south of covered bridge and Kansas Rd are only left to do. Fog line will be redone. Cost of paint has more than doubled. Short discussion of putting off fog lines to get North Rd completed.

Hill Farm bridge work is still scheduled.

Neighbor of Town Hall hayed the field which saved road crew 3 hours.

Review of reserve funds for equipment and salt shed

Signature needed of chair for applying for additional grant, Rick Timmerman moved, Richard Zens seconded, approved for chair to sign grant.

V. Public Comment

Tammy Danforth addressed select board regarding tax issues. Select Board will confer with tax collector to develop plan.

VI. Committee Meeting Reports

Richard Zens reported on BCRC and Casella contract proposal. Sunderland's cost will be 2.7%. Richard Zens reported that Select Board should approve proposal. Rick Timmerman moved to approve proposal, Andrew McKeeveer seconded, proposal was approved.

Richard Zens also noted there was a fire at the Sunderland Transfer Station and that any large items would have to be brought to East Dorset for disposal. No information as to how long it will be.

VII. Old Business

Town Emergency Operations Plan was updated and will be submitted to BCRC. Richard Zens motioned to approve, Conor Stewart seconded. Motion approved, no discussion.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Grant was discussed, has to go out to bid, has to be updated every 5 years. Richard Zens will follow up.

Northeast Door came in with a bid for \$2,000 less than original bid for automatic pedestrian door at Town Hall. Richard Zens motioned to approve, Conor Stewart seconded. Motion approved, no discussion.

VIII. New Business

Discussion of interest in getting involved with other towns regarding BroadBand. Andrew McKeeveer will attend meeting Sept. 11 to learn more on this. Richard Zens asked if there was a map showing where there is hi speed in Sunderland.

Town Cyber Security review

Discussion of what the town does and concern about small towns and ransom ware. Are there any state programs that help small towns? This will be an ongoing discussion as Select Board Members gather information.

Rick Timmerman suggested meeting with sheriff's representative to discuss how they patrol the town.

Richard Zens had a question regarding development in town and was referred to Zoning and Planning Board.

IX. Review of Correspondence and Signatures

Missy Johnson, Zoning Administrator requesting attending a work shop, \$25. Richard Zens motioned to approved, Conor Stewart seconded, approved, no discussion.

Jon French reviewed correspondence and articles. Article regarding leased land where its recommended that towns consult with town attorney on leased property. Letter from Laboratory Medical Zoology regarding study of ticks. Jon French said he would see what towns in Vt are using them.

Chair reviewed workshops provided by state and league of municipalities. Jon French and Marc Johnston will attend the October 2 program.

V. Adjourn

Chair adjourned the meeting, Richard Zens moved to adjourn, Conor Stewart seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM

Minutes submitted by Colleen York