

***Town of Sunderland, Vermont
Select Board Meeting Minutes
November 25, 2019***

1. CALL TO ORDER

a. Chair called to order the regular meeting of Sunderland Select Board at 7 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. INTRODUCTION of Board Members and speakers. Present were Jon French, chairperson, Rick Timmerman, Conor Stewart, Dixie Zens, Andrew McKeever. Colleen York, recording secretary. Marc Johnston, Road Foreman. Tim Scroggins from Shaftsbury also attended.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 11/11/19 meeting.

Moved by Rick Timmerman Seconded by Andrew McKeever Approved

5. ROAD LIASON REPORT - Marc Johnston

Hill Road bridge repairs completed. Barrels will be picked up shortly. When weather better will review future bridgework and grants available.

Salt has been delivered. Have used less so far this year.

Service truck will need to be replaced in the Spring. A smaller version of the town's large truck. Select Board and Road Foreman are beginning to explore options.

Highway Dept. employee reviews are completed and available in town hall.

Road foreman and Select Board continue to review budget for next year.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

7. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

Casella contract is still being worked on. Dixie Zens will review at future meetings.

Energy Committee has no date for meeting. Dixie Zens is working on getting information about committee and additional information on the town website.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Select board continues with ongoing budget discussions. Members received budget sheets from town clerk/town treasurer to review. Discussion continues where costs may go up and where costs may go down. Reviewed appropriations list and it was noted that if monetary requests remains the same the town only needs a letter, if requests is more then signatures needed. Board will request town clerk/town treasurer to attend next meeting.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Tim Scoggins from Shaftsbury presented information for Communications Union District(CUD). He presented a model of a CUD, EC Fiber. Presently 11 towns have expressed interests. Mr. Scoggins noted two key points about CUD. One is that joining a CUD will never obligate taxpayer funds. Solution has to be paid for by grants and revenue from services. The only obligation is to join. Each town who joins has to provide a member and an alternate. Those members work with other town members to lay the groundwork.

Mr. Scoggins noted that Shaftsbury has agreed to put it on the ballot for town meeting. Dixie Zens moved to put it on Sunderland town meeting ballot, Andrew McKeever seconded. Motion approved.

Andrew McKeever noted that the broadband task force will meet at Sunderland Town Hall on December 4 at 6 PM.

Jon French noted that there are town positions up for election and that there are still vacant positions. If one wants to run for any of these positions petitions must be in to town hall by January 27, 2020.

10. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE and SIGNATURES

Correspondence from NEMRC noted that annual support license cost has increased due to global cyber security issues.

No change to BCRC budget.

Warrants signed.

11. Dixie Zens moved to adjourn, Conor Stewart seconded. Meeting adjourned 8:02 PM.

Next meeting DECEMBER 9, 2019 at 7 PM