

***Town of Sunderland, Vermont
Select Board Meeting Minutes
December 9, 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, , Dixie Zens, Andrew McKeever. Colleen York, recording secretary. Rose Keogh, Town clerk.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 11/25/19 meeting.

Moved by Dixie Zens Seconded by Andrew McKeever Approved

5. ROAD LIASON REPORT - Rick Timmerman

Equipment all ready. Salt shed is replenished with salt. Road crew received compliments on Front Porch Forum regarding how well they managed Sunderland roads during the last storm.

Speed sign has been removed from Sunderland Hill Rd. to protect it during bad weather and plowing. Speed report indicated, 82% of drivers were driving under 40 MPH, and 12% between 41 and 45 MPH.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

7. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

BCRC and Casella contract. Dixie Zens reported that the next meeting is scheduled for 1/07/20. The committee hopes to have something back from Casella at that meeting.

ENERGY COMMITTEE - Next meeting is scheduled for December 19, 5:30 PM at town hall. Dixie Zens noted that town website has a page under "Community" with information and ways to conserve.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Continued budget discussions. Town clerk was available to answer questions about the process. Anticipate increases in diesel, maintenance and sand in the Highway Funds. Highway articles will remain the same as last year for town

meeting. Under general funds town clerk waiting to hear from Arlington Rescue Squad and Fire Station. Select board awaiting information from law enforcement. Discussion among members regarding Audit and when to schedule it. Animal control will stay the same.

Discussion regarding new salt shed. There is a reserve fund. Road foreman will be asked to get some quotes for cost to discuss in future meetings.

Town clerk asked that requests for budgets be to her by end of December to review at first Select Board meeting in January.

Communication Union District Update - Sunderland, Sandgate and Shaftsbury will have articles for Town Meeting to develop a CUD. The Task Force has a Facebook page and Shaftsbury will set up a webpage on their town's website. Task Force is reaching out to Arlington and Manchester to see if they want to join. Next meeting is December 18, Sunderland town hall at 6 PM. Goal is to apply for the \$60,000 planning grant.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Dog ordinance reviewed in terms of where to board dogs if picked up. Information will be ongoing as received.

Reviewed bids for Hazard Mitigation Planning Services. Grant is for \$8,000. Reviewed two bids received, one from OPH for \$7340, the other from BCRC for \$7945. After discussion Rick Timmerman moved to accept BCRC bid, Dixie Zens seconded and Select Board approved to award to BCRC. Dixie Zens will notify BCRC. Town clerk requested that BCRC provide periodic data reports.

10. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE and SIGNATURES

GNAT requested funding at same level as last year.

Information received from VERB, Vermont Employee and Resource Trust.

11. Adjournment. Rick Timmerman moved to adjourn, Andrew McKeever seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Next meeting **DECEMBER 23, 2019 at 7 PM**