

***Town of Sunderland, Vermont
Select Board Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2020***

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. Marc Johnston, Road Foreman

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 12/23/19 meeting.

Moved by Dixie Zens

Seconded by Conor Stewart

Approved

5. ROAD LIAISON REPORT - Marc Johnston

Salt Shed Discussion - Road foreman reviewed options for the salt shed. Board agrees that metal structure is best option. There is a reserve fund allocated for this project. Board members agree to request additional funding at town meeting to make sure all costs covered.

Dixie Zens moved to authorize road foreman to start stockpiling blocks for the salt shed. Rick Timmerman seconded and it was approved.

Road foreman said they are addressing the mud situation due to a quick thaw. Grader has been out repairing the roads.

Town garage has a 12x12 garage door that town will try and sell or give away if no offers along with a plastic 550 gallon tank to sell since town has gotten a new chloride tank.

More information will be available on new truck at next meeting.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

7. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

BCRC and Casella contract. Still no contract. Under “Solid Waste and Composting” on website there will be two posters indicating what can and cannot go in the landfill and what can and cannot be recycled.

ENERGY COMMITTEE - Dixie Zens noted that the first official meeting will be held on Wednesday January 15 at 7 PM.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Budget discussions continue. Highway funds are in order. An article to request an appropriation of \$10,000 for salt shed will be done.

Agencies that are requesting an increase in funding will receive a letter indicating a petition will need to be done with signatures. Arlington Area Child Care and Martha Canfield library have requested increases, rest have stayed the same.

Communication Union District Update - Andrew McKeever reported that there are now 9 towns who will want an article to join at town meeting.

Hazard Mitigation Plan by BCRC is ready to be signed. Dixie Zens moved to authorize chairperson to sign, Rick Timmerman seconded and authorization was approved.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of VLCT Cannabis Resolution relating to Bill S.54. Dixie Zens moved to authorize chairperson to sign to have town opt in. Conor Stewart seconded and authorization to sign was approved.

Dog licensing fees will increase. All dogs need to be licensed by April 1, 2020. For a neutered dog the fee will increase to \$13, for non neutered dogs the fee will increase to \$17. There is a \$10 fine if not licensed by April 1, 2020. The motion to raise fees was moved by Andrew McKeever, seconded by Dixie Zens and approved. Fees effective immediately.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Select board moved to executive session at 7:50 PM to discuss salaries. Dixie Zens moved to return to public meeting at 8:15 PM. Conor Stewart seconded and was approved.

Following executive session there was a motion to raise the following salaries effective July 1, 2020. Jon French moved to authorize the following increases, Rick Timmerman seconded and the following increases were approved.

Road Foreman - \$26.50 an hour, Assistant Road Foreman - \$19.75 an hour, Assistant Town Clerk - \$22.15 an hour. Town Clerk - \$23,690 annually, Town Treasure - \$18,540 annually.

11. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE and SIGNATURES

Hill Farm Rd bridge work request for reimbursement. Motion to sign for reimbursement by Rick Timmerman, Andrew McKeever seconded and it was approved.

Chair reviewed letters requesting funding. All remained the same except Arlington Child Care and Martha Canfield Library. They will receive letters requesting petitions.

Chair reviewed State of Vt Dept of Taxes equalization study results.

Letter from Jim Sullivan of BCRC regarding VLCT cannabis bill.

Email reviewed from Fresh Coat Asphalt Services. Town insurance denied. Chairperson will respond.

Open town positions were reviewed.

Following are open: Auditor, Town Agent, Health Officer, Zoning and Planning Board, Select Board, and Town Lister. All come with a stipend. If a resident wants to run they need 7 signatures of registered voters.

11. Adjournment. Dixie Zens moved to adjourn, Andrew McKeever seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Next meeting January 27, 2020 at 7 PM