

***Town of Sunderland, Vermont
Select Board Meeting Minutes
January 27, 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, Dixie Zens, Conor Stewart, Andrew McKeever. Colleen York, recording secretary. Marc Johnston, Road Foreman.

Speaker - Michael Batcher BCRC

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 1/13/20 meeting.

Moved by Dixie Zens

Seconded by Conor Stewart

Approved

5. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN - Michael Batcher BCRC

Town's Mitigation Plan is presently expired, FEMA requires every five years. Mr. Batcher reviewed what needs to be done, emphasizing public involvement. Town will need to get a planning team who will work with Mr. Batcher to review and develop top concerns and actions to address those concerns. Looking for things to reduce hazards. Each meeting must be warned. He suggested making public aware using Front Porch Forum and possibly a monkey survey.

6. ROAD LIAISON REPORT - Marc Johnston

VTRANS grants have come out. Town will apply for a structure grant, was rejected last year, will resubmit.

Concrete blocks for the salt shed have started coming in. Still waiting on prices for structure.

Prices were reviewed for new truck. Following prices were received for the truck:

DeLurey - \$53,895 DeNooyer - \$53,387 Ross Chev - \$55,500

Prices for truck body and plow were the following:

Woodward - \$41,337.69 Upstate NY - \$45,895

After discussion motion made by Dixie Zens to go with DeLurey and Woodward for total of \$95,232.69 and have Road Foreman sign for it. Seconded by Conor Stewart. Motion approved

7. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

8. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

Cassella contract has expired. Town has presented a contract but has not heard back. Goal is for a long term contract. Some Select board members and Mr. Batcher will attend a meeting with Casella in Rutland on February 24. Discussion about cost of recycling and some grass roots ideas regarding plastic bags and Trex which other towns are involved in.

Dixie Zens reported that energy Committee had a meeting. Looking into attending a conference regarding options for storm windows for residents. Dixie Zens will present information about energy committee at town meeting on March 2.

9. OLD BUSINESS

Communication Union Districts(CUD). Andrew McKeever noted 13 towns have agreed to join and present at upcoming town meetings. Next meeting is in two weeks. Andrew McKeever will send date to town office to be posted on website. He will also present information about CUD at town meeting on March 2.

BUDGET DISCUSSION/FINALIZATION/SIGNING - Select Board members were provided copies of budget and warnings for town meeting on March 2. Brief discussion ensued. Dixie Zens motioned to have select board members sign off on budget and warnings. Andrew McKeever seconded the motion which was approved and Select Board members signed off on budget and warnings.

10. NEW BUSINESS - none

11. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE and SIGNATURES

EQL sent a letter correcting equalizing education and EQL.

VTrans sent 2020 certificate of highway mileage requesting select board sign. Dixie Zens motion to sign, Conor Stewart seconded and it was approved to sign.

U.S. Census bureau sent town legal boundary to be verified and signed. Andrew McKeever motioned to sign, Dixie Zens seconded and motioned approved for chairperson to sign.

VTrans sent permit for sand and gravel trucks going through town to assess impact fees on town roads. Dixie Zens motioned to accept, Conor Stewart seconded and approved.

12. Petitions for town positions were due into town hall on January 27. After that date there can be write ins on voting day.

13. Adjournment. Dixie Zens motioned to adjourn, Conor Stewart seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8 PM.

Next meeting February 10, 2020 at 7 PM