

***Town of Sunderland, Vermont
Select Board Meeting Minutes
February 24, 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, Conor Stewart, Andrew McKeever. Colleen York, recording secretary.

Michael Parra, resident

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 2/10/20 meeting.

Moved by Dixie Zens

Seconded by Conor Stewart

Approved

5. ROAD LIAISON REPORT

Rick Timmerman reported that the chassis portion of the new truck will be completed by the end of April. Once received it goes to the body builder. It is expected to have a finish product by the end of June.

Salt shed update - some concrete blocks have been delivered, presently on hold due to wet ground and site work preparation. Road foreman is leaning towards a Quonset hut canvas structure with a cost of \$12,000. Others designs are more costly.

\$45,200 has been spent on salt out of a \$50,000 budget. Salt shed is filled, and all equipment is up and running.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Parra asked if there was information of changes with the draft of the town's Land Use and Development By Laws There is a public meeting scheduled by the Planning Commission on Wednesday, February 26 at 6 PM, Sunderland Town Hall to review the draft to the public.

7. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

BCRC Casella contract - The Rutland MRF tour was canceled(2/24/20) and will be rescheduled in March. Due to cancellation no additional information at this time.

Energy Committee did not meet during the last two weeks. Committee is still working on storm window construction workshops and have several residents interested.

8. OLD BUSINESS

COMMUNICATION UNION DISTRICT(CUD)/Broadband update - Group met on 2/19 in preparation for town meetings and to do some preliminary work on grant application. Hoping that at least two out of the 12 towns involved will receive approval at town meetings. Andrew McKeever will present at town meeting.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson has reached out to several people to see if they were interested in being town moderator for town meeting and waiting to hear back. If no one interested it falls to Select Board Chairperson to be town moderator.

Rick Timmerman reviewed for new Select Board members what to expect at town meeting. Often questions are related to how funds are allocated.

Copies of the town report is available for pick up at town hall, or one can download from town website. If someone wants a hard copy and cannot pick they can call the town clerk who will mail it to them.

Town meeting is at Sunderland Elementary School on Monday, March 2 at 7 PM. Voting is at Sunderland Town Hall on Tuesday, March 3.

Initially there was a motion made by Dixie Zens and seconded by Rick Timmerman and approved to cancel the regular Select Board meeting on March 9, 2020. Following a discussion regarding the draft of the Land Use and Development By Laws there was a motion made by Dixie Zens, seconded by Andrew McKeever and approved to not cancel the regular Select Board Meeting on March 9.

Chairperson noted Select Board can call a special organizational meeting following town meeting and voting.

It was noted that there are still town openings with no one running. There is at least one write in for Select Board.

10. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE and SIGNATURES

Drafts of Land Use and Development By Laws were distributed to Select Board members.

Pamphlet received from Vermont Women in leading Government. Additional information can be received on their website - www.ICMA.org/Vermont-Women-Leading-Government. Their next meeting will be held in Bellows Falls.

11. Next meeting scheduled for March 9 at 7 PM

12. Adjournment. Rick Timmerman moved to adjourn, Conor Stewart seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM