

Town of Sunderland Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Monday June 22, 2020 via ZOOM

1. Call to Order
Meeting called to order by Chairman French at 7:00 PM
2. Introduction of Board Members Present- Chairman- Jon French, Rick Timmerman, Dixie Zens, Andrew McKeever, Bruce Mattison. Others Mark Hyde-Sunderland Rep for SoVT CUD.
3. Changes to Agenda-Ed Bove,Chair of the Planning Board, joining meeting at 7:45 so Bylaws discussion will be moved to end of meeting. No objections from those present to tabling Dog Ordinance discussion to next meeting to allow feedback from Animal Control Officer.
4. Approval of Minutes from June 8, 2020 meeting Motion to accept by Mr. Zens seconded by Mr. Timmerman unanimously approved by the board. Motion carried.
5. Public Comment None.
6. CUD-Mark Hyde provided a very in-depth update on the Communication Union District. More money has become available from a Federal COVID relief package to expedite internet services as well as other issues including utility payments. CUD looking to join with other CUD's to have one voice at State level.
7. Covid 19 Update-
 - a.) The Town Garage and Town Hall are still operating with restrictions in place. Town Hall may operate with one counter transaction at a time to enable someone to conduct their business when someone else is in the town office,(i.e. lawyer doing title research).
 - b.) Motion to return Selectboard Meetings to be held in person at Town Hall, maintaining Social distancing and the use of masks beginning with the next Selectboard meeting on July 13, 2020 made by Mr. Timmerman and seconded by Mr. McKeever. Unanimous vote Motion carried.
8. Road Liaison Report
 - a.) Pedestrian path construction is near completion. Paving remains to be done

- b.) Salt Shed- Installation on hold until Safe Roads construction of pedestrian path is completed.
 - c.) Motion made to place the Utility truck up for sale by a bid process with a minimum bid of \$2000.00 and bidding to close on July 24, 2020 and awarded on July 27, 2020. Motion made by Mr. Zens, seconded by Mr. Mattison. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.
9. Committee meeting Reports-
- a.) BCRC- Two Household Hazardous Waste events scheduled. August 8, 2020 at MAU High School in Bennington from 9am-1pm and on September 12, 2020 at The Dorset School in Dorset from (am-1pm.
 - b.) Beginning July 1, 2020 food scraps are no longer allowed to be placed in with garbage, they have to be separated. Flyers explaining Food Scra Ban Guidance and Recycling will be available at the Town Hall and also on the Town website.
10. Land Use and Development Bylaws- Ed Bove, Chairman of the Town of Sunderland Planning Board joined meeting at 7:45 pm. Mr. Bove explained the changes from the old bylaws. The bylaws have 4 pieces, Zoning, Subdivision, Flood Hazard and Signs. All 4 pieces remain. The new document was created by Mr. Bove and not created from a template. A lot of the standards from the existing bylaws haven't changed, the layout and how you use it have changed. Thought was to make the residential areas rural and loosen up restrictions around the Route 7 corridor to encourage economic use of the area. Same was done in Commercial Industrial area. Standards have remained very similar to what we have now. They have tried to streamline the process for someone using the document for applications. Selectboard will schedule the date of first Hearing on the new Bylaws at the next Selectboard meeting.
11. Warrants approved by Mr. Zens and signed by Mr. Timmerman on June 22, 2020 at the Town Office.
12. Adjourn- Motion made by Mr. Zens seconded by Mr. Timmerman. Unanimous vote Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.