

Town of Sunderland Selectboard Meeting

Monday September 14, 2020 7:00 PM (Following Public Hearing)

Town Office Building 104 Mountain View Road Sunderland, VT

Meeting Agenda

1. Public Hearing on Proposed Dog Ordinance called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman French. Present were board Members Jon French, Richard Timmerman Dixie Zens, Bruce Matison and Andrew McKeever and residents Robert Zeif and Virginia Wilkins. Mr Zeif commented on wanting notification of Impoundment of a dog to owner by mailed letter be stricken from the ordinance because it is an archaic form of notification. Board agreed to leave it in as it was another way of notification if direct contact fails. Mrs. Wilkins commented on doing what is best for the dogs to ensure their well being. A motion to accept the proposed Dog Ordinance was made by Mr. Zens and seconded by Mr. Mattison. A unanimous vote by the board in favor, Ordinance accepted.
2. Public Hearing closed at 7:23 pm by Mr. French
3. Call to Order-Regular Selectboard meeting called to order at 7:24 pm by Mr. French
4. Introduction of Board Members and speakers-present were board members Jon French, Richard Timmerman, Dixie Zens, Bruce Mattison and Andrew McKeever and resident Robert Zeif.
5. Pledge of Allegiance
6. Approval of Minutes from August 24, 2020 meeting. Motion to accept made by Mr. Timmerman seconded by Mr, Mattison vote to accept 4 yays and one abstention, Mr. McKeever, Motion carried.
7. Public Comment- Mr. Zeif commented on ways to increase attendance at Selectboard and Planning Board meetings. Suggestions were placing Agendas on Front Porch Forum. Also discussion on having a Town Newsletter to email or mail and developing a Welcome Packet for new residents of Sunderland. Discussions will be continuous
8. Signing of Land Use and Development Bylaw- All selectboard members signed.
9. COVID 19 update

- a.) Highway Department/Town Hall- Continue with current guidelines and restrictions
- b.) State Recommendations/protocol updates-State of Emergency extended to October 15, 2020

10. Road Liaison Report

- a.) Salt Update- Came in under budget. Road crew would like boards permission to tear down old Salt Shed. Motion to approve tearing down old Salt Shed made by Mr. Zens seconded by Mr. Timmerman. Unanimous vote Motion carried.
- b.) Road Projects- North Road should be completed within a week. Road Crew also looking into the possible purchase of a generator for \$2000.00 for the Town Garage.

11. Committee Meeting Reports

- a.) BCRC – Casella Contract Still waiting on Casellas to sign
- b.) CUD-May need to team up with other CUD's
- c.) Energy Committee- E Bike demonstration will be held. Date and time TBD

12. Old Business

13. New Business

- a.) Vermont Covered Bridge Society Offer-Motion to allow the Vermont Covered Bridges Society to place a small tag on the Chisleville Bridge made by Mr. Zens seconded by Mr. Timmerman Unanimous vote Motion Carried.
- b.) Discussion/Approval of New Tax Rate-Motion to accept the new tax rate made by Mr. Zens seconded by Mr. Mattison Unanimous vote Motion carried.

14. Review of Correspondence and Signing of Warrants- Letter (email) from Robert M. Goodfellow requesting being appointed as a lister was read. Motion to appoint Robert M. Goodfellow as a Town Lister made by Mr. McKeever seconded by Mr. Zens Unanimous vote Motion Carried.

15. Next Meeting September 28, 2020 7:00 PM

16. Adjourn-Motion made to Adjourn by Mr. Zens seconded by Mr. Timmerman Unanimous vote Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm