Town of Sunderland Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Monday March 8, 2021 7:00 PM

Via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

- 1. Call to Order Meeting called to order by Jon French at 7:00 PM
- 2. Introduction of Board Members and attendees- Board members present were Jon French, Richard "Dixie" Zens, Andrew McKeever and Bruce Mattison. Also present were Rose Keough-Town Clerk, Marc Johnston-Town Road Foreman and Brenna Warren
- 3. Approval of Minutes from February 25, 2021 meeting-Motion to accept made by Mr. Zens seconded by Mr. Mattison unanimous vote Motion carried
- 4. Organizational appointments
 - a) Board Chairman-Jon French
 - b) Board Clerk- Dixie Zens
 - c) BCRC/ISWIP/ISWAP Liaison- Dixie Zens and Steven Bendix
 - d) Road Liaison-Bruce Mattison
 - e) Insurance Liaison-Jon French
 - f) Law Enforcement Liaison-Andrew McKeever
 - g) Secretary to the Selectboard-Colleen York
 - h) Designate Newspaper of Record-Bennington Banner
 - i) Designate Day and Time of Regular Meetings-2nd and 4th Mondays each month 2nd Monday in July August 7:00 PM
 - j) Appoint legal Counsel-Woolmington et. al
- 5. Appoint following Town Positions
 - a) Animal Control Officer- Kerry Olson is no longer the ACO. Mr. French will try to contact Manchester ACO
 - b) Emergency Management Coordinator -Adam Annunziata
 - c) Town Health Officer- Currently Jon French. Kevin Hewes has expressed interest Mr. French will check with State to get clarification on procedure to appoint new Health Officer.
 - d) Green-Up Chairman- Jeff Dexter
 - e) Service Officer- Samuel Liss

- f) Town Auditor and Moderator still needed. All open positions will be posted on website and Front Porch Forum
- g) Selectboard Member- Brenna Warren interested introduced herself to the board. Lived in Sunderland most of her life, local business owner looking to get more involved in the Town. Martin Nadler also interested. Motion to enter into executive session to discuss appointment of individual to open Selectboard position made by Mr. Zens, Seconded by Mr. McKeever unanimous vote Board into Executive Session at 7:18 pm. Motion to exit Executive Session made by Mr. Zens and seconded by Mr. McKeever, Board returned to Regular session at 7:22 pm. Decision made to table appointment of individual to open Selectboard seat until hearing from Martin Nadler at next Selectboard meeting on March 22, 2021.

6. Committee Reports

- a.) Road Liaison-Marc Johnston-Town Road Foreman, gave report on a bucket loader he and Josh Corey had recently test driven. Price is \$69,900., new ones go between \$180,000.-\$200,000. Motion to purchase the 2015 Doosan Bucket Loader for \$69,900,00 made by Mr. Zens seconded by Mr. Mattison Unanimous vote motion carried.
- b.) CUD-Nothing new other than changes on the Southern Vermont CUD board
- c.) Energy Committee- Would like more prominent positioning on the Town website.
- 7. Legislative Update Schedule Beginning March 22, 2021 we will have one of our Representatives attend one of our meetings each month to give us a State legislative update. Dave Durfee will be attending on the 22nd.
- 8. Review of Correspondence and Signing of Warrants- Motion to have Mr. McKeever as the single signer of the warrants, until we get back to in person meetings, after Mr. Zens has approved them made by Mr. French, seconded by Mr. Zens unanimous vote Motion carried. Letter from Prevent Child Abuse Vermont requesting the planting of Pinwheels on the Town Office grounds to bring awareness to Child Abuse Prevention Month in April. Motion to allow made by Mr. Zens Seconded by Mr. McKeever unanimous vote motion carried. Weight Permits submitted by ABC Supply, Hunter Excavating, Neew England Quality Service, Renaud Brothers, r.k.

Miles and Valley Crane Services. All have Certificates of Insurance. Motion to let Mr. Mattison sign all the permits made by Mr. Zens seconded by Mr. McKeever unanimous vote motion carried.

9. Adjourned Motion made by Mr McKeever seconded by Mr. Zens meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm