

Town of Sunderland Selectboard Meeting

Monday October 25, 2021 7:00 PM

104 Mountain View Road Sunderland, Vermont

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order-Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Jon French-Chair
2. Introduction of Board Members and speakers- Board members present, Brenna Warren, Dixie Zens, Jon French-Chair, Andrew McKeever and Bruce Mattison. Others present, Rose Keough-Town Clerk, Susan Whitney-Asst. Town Clerk, Rick Timmerman, Kevin Hewes, Peter Luca, Melanie Virgillio, Gordon Dossett, Marc Johnston-Road Foreman, Eric and Arline Hanson, Alex Bresnick, Lenore Noe, Jeff Dexter, Steve Fuentes, Debra Clark-Fuentes and Barry Brown-Mountain Telecom.
3. Approval of Minutes from September 27, 2021 meeting-Motion to accept made by Mr. Zens seconded by Mr. McKeever. Unanimous vote motion carried.
4. Executive Session-Sunderland Hill Road Junk Ordinance Issue-Motion to move into executive session to discuss Sunderland Hill Road junk ordinance violations proceedings made by Mr. Zens seconded by Ms. Warren. Board moved into executive session at 7:01 pm. Motion to exit executive session and return to regular business meeting made by Mr. Zens and seconded by Ms. Warren. Board returned to regular meeting at 7:11 pm. Motion to authorize the Towns lawyer to proceed with the ejectment filing on the Sunderland Hill Road residence in question was made by Mr. Zens and seconded by Ms. Warren. Unanimous vote by the board motion carried.
5. Public Comment- Several Sunderland residents spoke. Melanie Virgilio would have liked the vote to have been held after discussion. Chair informed residents that the item had been on the Agenda each meeting since May. Jeff Dexter inquired about the property, Gordon Dossett thanked the board for moving on this issue and Erik Hanson asked what the board had planned for the property. The board will take things one step at a time and consult legal council before rendering a decision on plans for the property. Rose Keough (Town Clerk) explained that any

additional money beyond the taxes owed on the property that the town would get for selling the property would be forwarded to the previous owners.

6. ARPA update- Board is looking for input from Sunderland residents on ideas for projects to utilize the ARPA Funds. A separate meeting strictly to discuss what to do with the ARPA funds may be held prior to the annual Town Meeting.
7. Road Liaison Report
 - a.) Trucks are ready to go for winter. Town will be getting salt from Cargill this year. Salt prices up \$10/ton from last year
 - b.) Barry Brown from Mountain Telecom discussed options for cameras on the covered bridge. Range of prices from \$3000.00-\$5000.00. Approximately \$3000.00 was spent on the latest repairs to the bridge caused by motorist.
8. Committee Meeting Reports
 - a.) BCRC – Getting grant money to install permanent Hazardous waste collection site. Board will vote at next scheduled meeting when we have the amount of money Sunderland would be responsible for on whether or not to approve the contract.
 - b.) CUD- Working on grants and securing other monies to build out the system
 - c.) Energy Committee- Still looking for more volunteers to help build the window dressers.
9. Old Business
 - a.) Cameras for Covered Bridge- Update-see above
 - b.) Lucy Prince Marker-- Working on wording for state historical marker. Brattleboros/Guilfords has already been installed at the Welcome Center on Route 91.
10. New Business
 - a.) Acceptance of Tucker Kimballs resignation from the Planning Board- Motion to accept Mr. Kimballs resignation made by Mr. McKeever seconded by Ms. Warren unanimous vote motion carried.
 - b.) Proposed House District Map- Board of Civil Authority will meet on Monday November 1, 2021 at 7:00 pm to discuss options. Sunderland

will have one representative in Montpelier. Two different options being discussed.

11. Review of Correspondence/Signing of Warrants- Letter from State Health Department appointing Kevin Hewes as Town Health Officer for 3 year Term was read.

12. Next Meeting November 8, 2021 7:00 PM

13. Adjourn- Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Zens seconded by Ms. Warren Meeting Adjourned at 8:23 pm.