

Town of Sunderland Selectboard Meeting

Monday December 13, 2021 7:00 PM

104 Mountain View Road Sunderland, Vermont

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order- Called to Order at 7:00 pm by Chair-Jon French
2. Introduction of Board Members and speakers- Board members present were Dixie Zens, Jon French-Chair, Andrew McKeever and Bruce Mattison (Brenna Warren absent). Others present were Rose Keough-Town Clerk, Jim Erickson, Jason Thomas-ZA, Kevin Hewes, Eric Hanson, Henry and Andrew Rucker, Scott and Colleen York, Anthony Diederich and Logan Spencer.
3. Approval of Minutes from November 22, 2021 meeting- Motion to approve made by Mr. Zens seconded by Mr. McKeever Unanimous vote Motion carried
4. Public Comment- Colleen York asked the Board if they would like the Safe Roads Committee to write up the Article to be voted on at Town Meeting asking the Town if they should pursue a grant to extend the pedestrian path to Bacon Hollow Road. Board approved request. Henry Rucker introduced himself and his son, Andrew, to the board and stated they are applying for a change of use permit to grow cannabis at their current facility. Erik Hanson asked about the Sheriffs logs and if they were available to view which Rose Keough informed him that they are. Mr. Hanson also wanted to commend the Sunderland Road Crew on the outstanding service they provide to the town.
5. Covid updates-
 - a.) Mask Mandate discussion – Motion to Require the wearing of masks when conducting business in the Town Office and Town Garage buildings and a review of the policy to be conducted at the second board meeting in January was made by Mr. Mattison and seconded by Mr. McKeever. Unanimous vote motion carried
6. 2022-2023 Budget Discussions- Mr. French will contact the Sheriff regarding any increases in charges.

7. Road Liaison Report- One truck has air leak issue being resolved. May get Ed Pike to take down more trees. Looking at springtime to install covered bridge security cameras
8. Committee Meeting Reports
 - a.) BCRC – Michael Batchner retiring, BCRC rep to Solid waste alliance will be announced.
 - b.) CUD- SoVT CUD has joined the Vermont CUD Association to increase lobbying power. Still waiting on Grant awards decisions.
 - c.) Energy Committee – No update
9. Old Business
 - a.) ARPA funds meeting summary and updates- United Counseling Service is working on a package to offer services to Towns to include group counseling services and mental health first aid classes.
 - b.) Sunderland Hill Road Ejectment update- Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss made by Mr. Zens seconded by Mr. Mattison Board entered Executive Session at 7:45 pm. Motion to exit executive session and return to general session made by Mr. Zens and seconded by Mr. McKeever. Board returned to general session at 8:01 pm. Motion to accept proposal to pay back and current taxes and clean up property with specific language on consequences for violations made by Mr. Zens and seconded by Mr. Mattison. Unanimous vote motion carried.
10. New Business
 - a.) Zoning Administrator Report- only report item was Change of Use application for Ruckers
11. Review of Correspondence/Signing of Warrants- VLCT template for Resolution Supporting Municipal Authority in a Commercial Cannabis System was read. Board will discuss at next meeting.
12. Next Meeting December 27, 2021 7:00 PM Northshire Field House Committee presentation.
13. Adjourn- Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Zens seconded by Mr. McKeever meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm

