

Town of Sunderland Selectboard Meeting

Monday January 10, 2022 7:00 PM

104 Mountain View Road Sunderland, Vermont

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order- meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by chair-Jon French
2. Introduction of Board Members and speakers- Full board present-Brenna Warren, Dixie Zens, Jon French-Chair, Andrew McKeever and Bruce Mattison. Also present were Rose Keough-Town Clerk, Marc Johnston-Road Foreman, Jason Thomas-ZA, Kevin Hewes, Polly Jones and son, and Sarah Bryce
3. Approval of Minutes from December 27, 2021 meeting- M missing from Bruce Mattisons name, noted. Motion to accept made by Ms. Warren seconded by Mr. Mattison Vote 4 approve 1 abstention (Mr. Zens) Motion carried.
4. Northshire Fieldhouse discussion- Couple questions on what happens if other towns don't vote to continue, does Sunderlands contribution go up? Board will have Fieldhouse committee do one more presentation prior to Town Meeting.
5. Public Comment- None
6. 2022-2023 Budget Discussions- Law enforcement to go to \$49,000.00. Eliminate Technology reserve for this year as ARPA Funds may be used to upgrade equipment. Haven't heard from Arlington Fire Department or Rescue Squad yet. Mr. Zens will get solid waste fees to Town Clerk.
7. Road Liaison Report- Mr. Mattison spoke with Town of Lydonville on the steel beam they are putting up by their covered bridge to help prevent damage. Their last repair cost was \$100,000.00. Doesn't seem feasible for Sunderland to do same. Radar sign not working, cost for manufacturer to look at is \$500.00, does not include shipping or repair fees. Mr. Zens will take Radar sign to Abacus in Bennington to have them try to pinpoint the issue. Polly Jones and Sarah Bryce, residents of Bentley Hill, spoke of the issues on Bentley Hill Road and are looking to have the Town make it a safer road. Discussed issues with Mr. Johnston, the Road Foreman. The

selectboard reps and road crew will go look at the issues brought up on Bentley Hill and determine the direction to go after that.

8. Committee Meeting Reports

- a.) BCRC – Nothing new
- b.) CUD- Next meeting 1/12/22 at Martha Canfield Library
- c.) Energy Committee- Looking to combine with other towns. Next meeting on Zoom on 1/19/22. State Energy Zoom Meeting on January 26, 2022

9. Old Business

- a.) Planning Board Appointments – Michael DeZayas has resigned from the Planning Board. Acting board chair would like Selectboard to Appoint Gordon Dosset to the Planning Board. Request stated that the Planning Board nominated Mr. Dosset to be appointed. A planning board member stated that the board never voted to nominate Mr. Dosset and he would like the opportunity to at least meet him prior to. Mr. French suggested the Selectboard wait until next Selectboard Meeting to appoint Mr. Dosset which is still before next Planning Board Meeting. Mr. Dosset will be invited to attend the next Selectboard meeting.
- b.) Town FaceBook page- Ms. Warren is setting up town FaceBook page as a way to get more information out to residents. Set-up where only page administrators can post to the page.

10. New Business

- a.) Zoning Administrator Report- Still working with people wanting to grow cannabis on Change of use permit.
- b.) Town Meeting- Motion to have all Warnings to be voted on by Australian Ballot made by Mr. Zens and seconded by Mr. McKeever. Unanimous vote motion carried. Motion to not mail out ballots to residents unless specifically requested by individual residents made by Mr. Zens and Seconded by Ms. Warren. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

11. Review of Correspondence/Signing of Warrants-

12. Next Meeting January 24, 2022 7:00 PM

13. Adjourn- Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Zens, seconded by Ms. Warren unanimous vote motion carried Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

