

Town of Sunderland Selectboard Meeting

Monday January 24, 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- Board members present were-Brenna Warren, Dixie Zens, Jon French-Chair, Andrew McKeever and Bruce Mattison. Others present were Rose Keough-Town Clerk/Treasurer, Marc Johnston-Road Foreman, Jennifer Edwards and Steven Horsch-Arlington Area Childcare, Andrew Rackear, Gordon Dossett and Greg Sukienik-Bennington Banner
3. Approval of Minutes from January 10, 2022 meeting and January 18, 2022 Emergency meeting- Motion to accept the minutes from both meetings made by Ms. Warren, second by Mr. McKeever. Unanimous vote motion carried.
4. Public Comment-
 - a.) Jenny Edwards-Arlington Area Childcare- Jenny Edwards and Steven Horsch spoke of Arlington Area Childcare (Happy Days) and some of the difficulties in trying to fill the pay gap. Currently at about 50 students, ages 0-12, and 20 personnel. Advocates for Child Care Bill. Looking to obtain some of Sunderlands ARPA Funds to help them function.
5. 2022-2023 Budget Approval and Warning Approval Motion to accept and sign the Warning for Annual Town Meeting made by Mr. Zens, second by Mr. McKeever. Unanimous vote Motion carried and Warning signed by board members
6. Road Liaison Report- Road Foreman explained the new digital radio system they are currently trying out. Cost would be \$1341.00 which includes installation of the radios and first year contract. Much better communication system than what they currently are using.. Motion to hire James Ennis as temporary fill-in for Marc Johnston while he is out on a medical issue made by Mr. McKeever second by Mr. Zens unanimous vote motion carried. Josh Carvel from VTrans visited Bentley Hill Road to

personally inspect the issues brought up residents. The State is working on a resolution.

7. Committee Meeting Reports

- a.) BCRC – Rate hike for transfer station permits was supposed to be gradual. Working with Casella on solution. Michael Batchers replacement arriving in February
- b.) CUD- Still in transition period on NTIA grant.
- c.) Energy Committee -Looking to do free energy audits on the Town Hall, Town Garage and School.

8. Old Business

- a.) Planning Board Appointments -Motion to appoint Gordon Dossett to the Planning Board made by Mr. Zens second by Mr. McKeever, unanimous vote motion carried. Current Zoning Administrator, Jason Thomas, has resigned citing scheduling conflicts. Motion to appoint Dave Kiernan as Zoning Administrator until a replacement can be found made by Mr. Zens second by Mr. McKeever, unanimous vote motion carried.

9. New Business

- a.) Zoning Administrator Report
- b.) Sick days for Town employees is now 5 days/year as per State Mandate. Motion to pay road crew member, Josh Corey, for days he was on quarantine that exceeded his allotted sick days made by Mr. Zens second by Ms. Warren. Unanimous vote motion carried

10. Review of Correspondence/Signing of Warrants- Motion to allow Bruce Mattison to sign the Excess weight Permit for Newport Sand and Gravel made by Mr. Zens second by Ms. Warren, unanimous vote motion carried. Motion to accept and sign the three Liquor permits, one for malted beverages, one for liquor and one for outside consumption, made by Mr. Zens second by Mr. Mattison, unanimous vote motion carried.

11. Next Meeting February 14, 2022 7:00 PM

12. Adjourn- Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Mattison second by Mr. McKeever unanimous vote Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

