

Town of Sunderland Selectboard Meeting

Monday August 22, 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- Members present, Alex Bresnick, Dixie Zens, Jon French-Chair, Andrew McKeever and Bruce Mattison. Others present, Kathleen James-State Rep, Cat Bryars-BCRC, Scott and Colleen York and Michael Blake
3. Approval of Minutes from July 25, 2022 meeting.-Motion to approve made by Mr. Zens second by Mr. McKeever unanimous vote motion carried
4. Legislative Update- Kathleen James State Rep- Rep James gave update on progress at State level. Worked closely with Rep Bongartz on Housing, Child Care and Education. Supporting child care workers Bill H171 stating no family will pay more than 10% of income for child care. Housing Bill S226 makes it easier to build housing. Looking for feedback from Towns on whether or not programs being funded are actually working.
5. Village Center Designation- Catherine Bryars-BCRC- Gave update on steps necessary for Village Center Designation. Looking at 7A corridor and Hill Farm Road. Historical significance and any stories showing Town use of areas, the Church on Hill Farm etc., will help. Motion to proceed with applying for Village Center Designation made by Mr. Zens, seconded by Mr. McKeever unanimous vote, motion carried.
6. Public Comment
7. Road Liason Report- Hauling material and doing ditchwork. All equipment working.
8. Committee Reports
 - a.) BCRC-Last household hazardous waste event September 17 from 9-1 at the Dorset School.
 - b.) Energy- Window Dressers build October 25-27, applications need to be in by mid-september. Motion to have Mr. Zens get quotes on heat

pumps for town office building made by Mr. French second by Mr. Bresnick, unanimous vote motion carried.

c.) CUD- Phase 1 is complete ahead of schedule.

9. Leadership Summit Conference report- Andrew McKeever-Engagement with community members is a problem everywhere. Motion to have Mr. McKeever contact the Council on Rural Development come speak to the Town made by Mr. French seconded by Mr Bresnick. Unanimous vote motion carried

10. Old Business-

a.) Setting of Tax Rate- Motion to set tax rate as given made by Mr. French second by Mr. McKeever unanimous vote motion carried.

11. New Business-

12. ARPA updates- In discussions with Arlington on using some ARPA funds for Fire Department and rescue

13. Review of Correspondence/Signing of Warrants- Hill Farm Liquor License approved, Pedestrian Path Grant proceeding, Alarm and Suppression agreement signed, Business service online registration approved as was Pledge Securities Agreement with Bank of Bennington. Motion to list Susan Whitney, Marc Johnston and Jon French for contacts for Sunderland Elementary to gain access to the Town Office Building as gathering point in case of Evacuation made by Mr. McKeever second by Mr. Mattison unanimous vote motion carried

14. Next Meeting September 12, 2022 7:00 PM

15. Adjourn- Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Zens, second by Mr. Bresnick motion carried meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.