

Town of Sunderland Selectboard Meeting

Monday September 26, 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 board chair Jon French
2. Introduction of Board Members and speakers- Board members present, Alex Bresnick, Richard "Dixie" Zens, Jon French-Chair, Andrew McKeever and Bruce Mattison. 11 other townspeople present and Nick Zaiac-Arlington Town Administrator and Matthew Granger-Arlington Rescue Squad.
3. Approval of Minutes from September 12, 2022 meeting. Motion to accept made by Mr. Zens second by Mr. Bresnick, unanimous vote. Motion carried
4. ARPA Funds
 - a.) Total Amount Sunderland has/will receive-\$292,000.
 - b.) Priorities-Nick Zaiac, Arlington Town Administrator, is requesting Sunderland to use some of it's ARPA to help fund reinforcing Fire and rescue assets. Communications systems, dispatch, turn out gear etc. Total cost would use approximately half of Sunderlands funds. Priority items, Jaws of Life, Dispatch upgrades, new radios would be around \$65,000.
 - c.) Current ideas/Townspeople reaction and input- Ideas discussed included Pavilion on Town Office grounds-Approx \$80,000., improvements and headstone cleanings in the cemetery, sealcoating the driveway, roof issues at Town Office, Town signs on 7A, roof project over recycling center at the transfer station (get participating towns to share in the cost) transition costs not covered in budget, cedar shed at town garage for storing dry goods, Rubber tire compactor, pallets of sandbags for use in case of hurricanes or other heavy flooding emergencies, engaging people in the town through recreation activities

d.) Wish list- Priority is upgrading computers and network and internet access at the Town Hall as well as digitization of pre 1980 records. Desktop scanners for maintaining/continuing digitization of records and telephone system upgrade. Also discussed was Hybrid zoom meeting equipment to hopefully get more participation in board meetings.

e.) Grants will be looked into to help with costs on projects suggested. Also resident Mike DiMonda asked about communication companies pulling out old poles when replacing lines.

f.) Future ARPA Funding meetings will be held with more specific costs on projects discussed.

5. Review of Correspondence/Signing of Warrants-

6. Next Meeting October 10, 2022 7:00 PM

7. Adjourn- Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Zens, second by Mr. McKeever
Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm