

**Town of Sunderland Selectboard Meeting
Monday the 24th of July, 2023 at 7:00pm
104 Mountain View Road Sunderland, VT
Meeting Minutes**

Call to order at 7:00pm by Chair French. Board members present: Mr. Bresnick, Mr. Zens, Chair French, Mr. McKeever and Mr. Mattison. Present also is Bennington County Sheriff Gulley and members of his senior staff.

Motion to approve draft minutes for prior meeting made by Mr. Zens, seconded by Mr. Bresnick. Motion passes with Mr. McKeever abstaining.

Mr. Zens makes a motion to have the board sign the new sheriff's department contract, seconded by Mr. Mattison. Motion passes.

Sheriff Gulley and members of his staff speak and take questions.

The discussion of the Great Dane, Lucy, is revisited. It is made clear that, as yet, no official written order has been made. In light of concerns expressed over the handling of the hearing and the legality of the order from the prior meeting it is determined that a member of the board should attend the upcoming VLCT event on Dog Control Laws and Enforcement and that it should be recommended that Animal Control Officer Mr. Hewes (not present) be informally recommended to attend. Mr. Bresnick makes a motion that the discussion be tabled until after the VLCT event, Mr. McKeever seconds. Motion passes.

Caitlyn Hawley's application to be the clerk for the Selectboard and Planning Board is reviewed. Mr. McKeever moves to invite her to appear before the board, Mr. Bresnick seconds. Motion passes.

Chair French presents a letter to the board resigning as Selectboard Chair effective July 31st. He cites the increased time and attention his career has required of him lately. Members of the board thank Chair French for his many years of devoted service to the Town of Sunderland.

The Grand List Certificate is presented. Mr. Zens moves to have the board sign it, Mr. Mattison seconds. Motion passes.

Mr. Bresnick moves to appoint Mr. Zens as Interim Chair until August 22nd to give the board time to discuss a replacement for Chair French. Mr. McKeever seconds and the motion and it passes.

Chair French moves to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Bresnick seconds. The motion passes and the meeting adjourns shortly after 8:00pm.