

Town of Sunderland Selectboard Meeting  
Monday August 28th, 2023 7:00pm  
104 Mountain View Road Sunderland, Vermont  
Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order Meeting at 7:00pm by Chair Zens
2. Board Members Present: Alexander Bresnick, Interim Chair Robert "Dixie" Zens, Andrew McKeever and Bruce Mattison. Also in attendance: Todd Lawrence, Mia Smith, Michael Pugliese, Caitlyn Hawley, Ted and Joanne Rappahahn, Martin and Irene Nadler, Dara Zink and Caroline Hartshorn.
3. Motion to accept the minutes from the prior meeting made by Mr. McKeever, seconded by Mr. Bresnick. Motion passed.
4. Caitlyn Hawley and Mia Smith presented themselves as candidates for the open Board Secretary position. Both candidates spoke.
5. Michael Pugliese, Martin Nadler and Todd Lawrence presented themselves as candidates for the open position of Selectboard Member. All three candidates spoke.
6. Dara Zink from the BCRC spoke about local emergency management.
7. A brief update was provided on the vicious dog incident and the legality of the previous order to have the dog euthanized. Mr. Mattison moved to discontinue discussion of the issue altogether. Mr. McKeever seconded. The motion passed. This leaves the town as having not issued any final order and with no current plan to revisit the incident or issue any order.
8. Technology bids for the town office were received and tabled for future discussion.
9. Mr. Mattison reports that the bridge was struck by another delivery vehicle.
10. Mr. McKeever reports that Fidium Fiber installations are proceeding and that residents may contact Fidium to take part if not already included.
11. Sunderland Hill property was discussed briefly. It was decided that it would be added to the agenda of the next meeting for more formal consideration.
12. Tax rates were discussed with extensive public comment. Mr. Bresnick moved to establish the rates. Mr. McKeever seconded. Motion passed and the board signed to that effect.
13. Mr. Bresnick moved to enter executive session to discuss the hiring of a board secretary and the appointment of a new Selectboard member. Mr. McKeever seconded the motion. Motion passed and executive session entered at 8:07pm.

14. Mr. McKeever moved to exit executive session. Mr. Bresnick seconded. Motion passed.  
Executive session concluded at 8:35pm.
15. Chair Zens thanked all candidates enthusiastically for their interest.
16. Mr. Bresnick moved to hire Mia Smith as Board Secretary to the Selectboard and Planning Board. Mr. McKeever seconded. Motion passed.
17. Mr. Bresnick moved to appoint Martin Nadler to the remainder of former Chair French's term as Selectboard member ending 2024. Mr. McKeever seconded. Motion passed 3:1 with Mr. Mattison against.
18. Mr. McKeever moved to continue the interim appointment of Chair Zens until the next meeting or until such time as a new Chair is chosen. Mr. Mattison seconded. Motion passed.
19. Mr. Bresnick moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. McKeever. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned.
20. Next meeting scheduled for September 11th.