

**Town of Sunderland Selectboard Meeting
Monday August 5th, 2024, at 7:00 PM**

Members in Attendance:

Dixie Zens
Todd Lawrence
Andrew McKeever
Bruce Mattison - Remote Attendance via Zoom

Others in Attendance:

Representative Kathleen James
Representative Dave Durfee
Rob Zeif - Planning Commission
Melanie Virgilis - Taconic and Green School Board Rep for Sunderland
Rick Timmerman
Maria Timmerman

1. Call to Order by Dixie Zens at 7:05 pm.

2. Introduction of Board Members: Todd Lawrence, Dixie Zens, Bruce Mattison, Andrew McKeever.

3. Approval of the minutes of July 24th, Selectboard Meeting

Mover: Andrew

2nd: Dixie

Result: Pass

4. Public Comment- None

5. Legislative Update from Representatives James, and Durfee

- Overview of past VT Legislative session by Reps James and Durfee. Open discussion with members of the Selectboard and others in attendance

6. Sunderland Church Restoration Update – Rob Zeif

- There was a meeting with Union Church Trustees, town Planning, Selectboard, BCRC, Northshire Community Land Trust
- Brownfield study for pollutants (lead, etc) has been suggested and entering planning phase
 - Sunderland will not cover any fees for the study
 - BCRC will pay for application fee and State of VT will pay for study

- Work continues on MOU between church trustees and town of Sunderland regarding the expectations for the church property and any transfer of ownership to 3rd party
- Ownership still under investigation by legal
- Next progress update approx Oct 1st

7. Special Projects Funds – None

8. Road Liaison Report – Bruce/Dixie

- Town finishing up edging of pavement shoulders
- Maintenance continuing work on various summer projects
- Maria Timmerman asked about possibility additional low height signage nearer to the bridge following latest bridge strike
 - Board and Highway Dept will look into more signage or more effective signage positioning
 - Rick Timmerman mentioned life expectancy of signage of any solar power overheight signage

9. Emergency Management Coordinator's Report – Todd

- Attending the Vermont Emergency Preparedness Conference at Lake Morey Sept 10/11

10. Energy Committee – Andrew

- Still looking for new 2 new members to join committee
- Participating in window dressers project this fall
- Energy forum in planning phase with expected date sometime this fall. TBD.

11. CUD Update – Andrew/Todd

- Partnership agreements being explored with other CUDs
 - Financial sustainability and combining resources
 - Aug 28th next meeting

12. Community Visit - Andrew

- Andrew visiting the Council of Rural Development Conference in Randolph this month
- Still in discussions with VCRD on community visit

13. BCRC, BCSWA Update – Dixie

- No updates

14. Welcome to Sunderland signs- Rob Zeif

- Five 'Welcome to Sunderland' signs have been ordered
 - Location site visits for potential installations with Highway Dept
 - 5 locations have tentatively been chosen
 - Unknown completion and install time

15. Old Business- None

16. New Business-

- Municipal Tax Rate review and required signatures from Selectboard
 - Municipal rate is slightly less than previous year

Mover: Todd

2nd: Andrew

Result: Pass

- Grand List Certificate Verification required signatures from Selectboard

Mover: Andrew

2nd: Todd

Result: Pass

- Approval of Justice of the Peace general election ballot addition for state mailing

Mover: Todd

2nd: Andrew

Result: Pass

- VT State Highway Grant and Aid agreement for Selectboard Chair signature

Mover: Andrew

2nd: Todd

Result: Pass

- VLCT Town Fair October 2nd in Killington Vt

- August 13th Primary Voting

17. Executive session- None

18. Review of Correspondence/Signing of warrants.

- Next Business Meeting for the Sunderland Selectboard will be August 26th, 2024 7PM

19. Adjourn at: 08:43 pm

Mover: Andrew

2nd: Todd

Result: Pass