

**Town of Sunderland Selectboard Meeting  
Monday Jan 27, 2024, at 7:00 PM**

Members in Attendance:

Dixie Zens  
Todd Lawrence  
Andrew McKeever  
Marty Nadler  
Bruce Mattison

Others in Attendance:

State Representative Kathleen James  
State Representative Rob Hunter  
Arlington Fire Chief Brian Hawley  
Arlington Fire Dept - Keegan Hawley  
Rob Zeiff - Planning Commission Chair  
Marie Litowinsky - Safe Roads Committee  
Colleen York - Safe Roads Committee  
Scott York - Safe Roads Committee  
Maria Timmerman  
Rick Timmerman  
Anthony Thompson

1. Call to Order by Dixie Zens at 7:00 pm.
  
2. Introduction of Board Members: Dixie Zens, Marty Nadler, Todd Lawrence, Andrew McKeever, Bruce Mattison
  
3. Approval of the minutes of January 21, 2025, Special Selectboard Meeting

Mover: Marty  
2nd: Andrew  
Result: Pass

Approval of the minutes of the January 6, 2025 Selectboard Meeting

Mover: Marty  
2nd: Bruce  
Result: Pass

#### 4. Public Comment:

- Safe Roads Committee
  - Colleen York provided an update on next phase of pedestrian pathway extension and are waiting for estimate from Highway Department
  - Will discuss next phase of project and possible grant application during Article 14 section of Town Meeting Day

#### 5. Legislative Update – Reps Kathleen James, Rob Hunter

- Provided update on the 1st 3 weeks of the current legislative session
- Update and discussion on current education discussions and possible impacts to Sunderland and it's school
  - Discussion on Gov Scott's proposal
- Discussion on state weatherization funding
- Discussion on current status of VT Clean Heat bill

#### 6. Arlington Fire Dept. – Dry hydrants

- Brian Hawley introduction as the new Arlington Fire Chief
  - Dry hydrant and swing arm discussion continuation from last summer
    - Funding a mixture from possible grants and special projects
    - Last estimate was approx. \$3300 each
  - Board will discuss and report back to Chief Hawley when ready for next steps

#### 7. Board Secretary Position Status

- Prospective candidate has withdrawn their application and interest
- Search continues for Board Secretary

#### 8. Road Liaison – Bruce

- Update on repair estimates for damaged town truck
  - Truck will be repaired and possibly returned in April
  - Repair estimate starting at approx. \$35,000 but most likely will go higher
  - Town likely will only need to cover the insurance deductible
- Other town trucks have had maintenance issues but are currently operable
- Marc and Bruce looked at back up trucks for possible purchase but decided against moving forward

#### 9. Emergency Management – Todd

- New VT Emergency Management Coordinator William Jones
- Community Wildfire Protection Plan grant opportunity

## 10. Special Projects Funds Update – Marty

- Discussion about potential lower cost items that carried over from the ARPA proposals
- Discussion on prior discussed fire department water access swing arms

Motion to continue to pursue price and location for fire department swing arms and will have final vote to purchase after updated information is gathered

Mover: Todd

2nd: Bruce

Result: Pass

- Discussion on finalizing funding for Vermont Council on Rural Development Community Visit this spring/summer

Motion to fund \$2000 for community visit from special projects with stipulation that we look for any available grants

Mover: Andrew

2nd: Todd

Result: Pass

- Discussion on funding outdoor community bulletin boards and their location

Motion to fund two outdoor bulletin boards and any accessories

Mover: Marty

2nd: Bruce

Result: Pass

- Cemetery Commission had previously requested funding for historical mapping of plots
  - Board will reach out to determine status and updated funding request
- Discussion on special projects funds long term outlook and use
  - Future status of school and impact to town finances

## 11. Old Business

- Kelly Stand Rd winter ATV access request considered determined and closed

## 12. New Business:

13. Review of Correspondence/Signing of warrants

Motion to have Bruce sign excess weight permits

Mover: Marty

2nd: Andrew

Result: Pass

- State correspondence regarding town funds of \$3300 for state mandated tax map maintenance fee

Motion that the Selectboard sign and approve the funds for state mandated tax map update

Mover: Marty

2nd: Bruce

Result: Pass

- VLCT flier for webinar Feb 11

14. Executive session if needed

15. Next Business Meeting for the Sunderland Selectboard will be February 10, 2025, 7PM,

16. Adjourn- 09:09pm

Mover: Marty

2nd: Bruce

Result: Pass