

**Town of Sunderland Selectboard Meeting
Monday Feb 10, 2025, at 7:00 PM**

Members in Attendance:

Dixie Zens
Todd Lawrence
Andrew McKeever
Marty Nadler
Bruce Mattison

Others in Attendance:

Jeff Dexter - Energy Committee
Anthony Thompson
Laura Hammlar

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 from January 27, 2025 Selectboard Meeting

Mover: Marty
2nd: Bruce
Result: Pass

4. Public Comment: None

5. Planning Commission:

- Grant Proposal for Updating the Town Plan
- Discussion moved to new business. No Planning Commission present

6. Road Liaison: Bruce

- Equipment has been running and team has been navigating mechanical issues
- Excess Weight permits needing signatures

Motion for Bruce to sign excess weight permits

Mover: Marty
2nd: Todd
Result: Pass

7. Energy Committee: Jeff Dexter – Update on MERP Grant for Town Hall & Garage
- Update and discussion on Municipal Energy Resilience Program Grant
 - 8 municipalities in Bennington County have been approved for MERP grants
 - Energy Committee would like to move forward with the Project Management responsibilities being handled by the Committee
 - Discussion on hiring external Project Manager for grant or self managed through the Energy Committee
 - MERP Grant allows for a percentage of funds awarded to be allocated for “soft costs” such as Project Management/Administration

Motion to move forward with hiring Project Manager Consultant to administer MERP grant projects

Mover: Andrew

2nd: Bruce

Result: Pass

8. Emergency Management: Todd
- BC REMC meeting on Tuesday 02/11 at 6pm
 - Wildfire grant still being researched

9. Special Projects Funds Update: Marty
- Swing Down Dry Fire Hydrants
 - Marty will contact Arlington Fire Chief for more information to move forward

10. Old Business: None

11. New Business
- Grant Proposal for Updating the Town Plan
 - Discussion about the grant application and clarifying question regarding vote

Motion for Selectboard to sign resolution for Planning Commission Town Plan Grant Application

Mover: Andrew

2nd: Marty

Result: Pass

- Public Informational Hearing Monday 02/24 7PM
 - Discussion on the Australian ballot articles on the 2025 Town Meeting Warning
 - Regular Selectboard Meeting will follow Public Hearing
 - Voting Information will be in the 2024 Town Annual Report
 - Public Hearing being held before town meeting is a new requirement per 2024 new state legislation

12. Review of Correspondence/Signing of warrants

13. Executive session if needed

14. Next Business Meeting for the Sunderland Selectboard: February 24, 2025, 7PM

15. Adjourn at 8:02pm

Mover: Marty

2nd: Bruce

Result: Pass