

Town of Sunderland Selectboard Meeting
Monday December 8, 2025, at 7:00 PM
104 Mountain View Road Sunderland, VT

<u>Members in Attendance:</u> Todd Lawrence Bruce Mattison Marty Nadler Anthony Thompson Rick Timmerman	<u>Others in Attendance:</u> Jeff Dexter - Energy Committee Callie Fishburn - BCRC (via zoom) Kelly Clarke Harrington - Centerline (via zoom) Dixie Zens
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1. Call to Order at 7:00 PM
2. Introduction of Board Members:
Todd Lawrence, Bruce Mattison, Marty Nadler, Anthony Thompson, Rick Timmerman
3. Additions or deletions to the agenda
 - a. Budget review discussion is moved to the next meeting on December 22, 2025 at 7:00 PM
 - b. Old Business: update on school status
4. Approval of the minutes

Motion to approve and edit item 6b on the November 24, 2025 Selectboard meeting minutes

Mover: Marty

Second: Bruce

Passed

5. Public Comment - none
6. MERP Grant update
 - a. Town Garage structural repair estimates: Still waiting to hear from two fabrication companies
 - b. Possible acceptance of the MERP Grant recommendations
 - i. Kelly agrees that having a level one EV charger will not be suitable nor would a level two charger be essentially beneficial to the town.
 - ii. Installation of a minisplit heat pump system may not need an amendment on the grant.
 - iii. It is best to try to group the projects together on one amendment request.
 - iv. Solar panel system:
 1. May require a separate amendment request
 2. Rooftop panels risk leaks and having to pay for someone to take them on and off if roof repairs need to be made.

3. Wetlands: will have to work with a Civil Engineer which will cost more/be more complicated so Kelly suggests a solar panel system as last priority

Motion to authorize Jeff Dexter from the Energy Committee to commence entry discussion with Green Mountain Power regarding a possible solar ray on the town property

Mover: Todd

Second: Bruce

Passed

- v. Replacing the two doors may require an amendment due to particularity on air sealing
- vi. Kelly shares her ideas for next steps and timeline from December - February. She suggests starting conversations with those over the insulation and air sealing work to secure a spot on their agenda

Motion to accept the MERP Grant Recommendations that were presented tonight (December 8th, 2025)

Mover: Todd

Second: Marty

Passed

- c. Approve Centerline Architects to proceed with preliminary description of work and cost estimate for the measures
 - i. Kelly thinks that the estimates will not be of value anymore now that the priority values are already clear

Motion to authorize Centerline to proceed with the next steps of the MERP Grant

Mover: Marty

Second: Rick

Passed

7. Old Business

- a. Update on School Status:
 - i. The school board voted on December 2nd to sell the building to the Town of Sunderland for \$1.
 - ii. Marty says the requirements are that the town keep it for five years or reimburse the district around \$26,000 which permits the building to be sold as soon as ownership is taken.
 - iii. No formal discussions concerning the building have been made.
- b. Public Safety meeting in Bennington went well and it was good to hear the interests from the Sheriff and VT State Police

8. New Business - none
9. Review of Correspondence/Signing of warrants
10. The next business meeting for the Sunderland Selectboard will be Monday December 22, 2025 at 7:00 PM
11. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 PM

Mover: Marty

Second: Anthony

Passed