

**Town of Sunderland Selectboard Meeting**  
**Monday December 22, 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> Caroline Hartshorn (Town Clerk) Tammy Riley (Gnat TV)
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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 - none
4. Approval of the minutes

Motion to approve the December 8, 2025 Selectboard meeting minutes

Mover: Rick

Second: Bruce

**Passed**

5. Public Comment
  - a. Tammy Riley
    - i. Gnat TV is “drafting a new business model for their future,” asking for the town to give the required half of the profit increase
    - ii. Secretary state of representatives report coming soon
    - iii. Closed Captioning will be provided in the future, may be another expense
  - b. A continuous suggestion to pave Flynn Hollow Road was mentioned, putting forward that cost will go up in the future
    - i. Whether or not a road is considered for pavement generally depends on its breakdown and cars usage
    - ii. Other town needs may take priority over this
6. School building Update - Marty Nadler
  - a. Update on the ownership transfer process with the Lawyers coming once the necessary dealing have been issued
  - b. Purchase is presupposed to being in September or October 2026 for the price of \$1

7. Town Budget Review for 2026-2027
  - a. Discussion on balance from 2025 for highway
  - b. Suggestion for a **surplus** for the '26-27
  - c. National Forest Fund (\$67,000) is related to the town's population, with a portion being used to benefit the school
  - d. The General Budget Fund includes roughly a 4% increase (about \$18,000) for health insurance, dental, and child care tax
  - e. Retirement doubled because the town is considering Municipal Retirement, which will be an additional cost to the town and individuals
  - f. Expenses for office maintenance is due to necessary repairs (about 10% increase)
  - g. Technology: email efficiency, etc. (up to 2% increase)
  - h. Insurance (increase)
  - i. Law Enforcement (5% increase)
  - j. Legal is increasing (from 7 to 9) due to zoning matters and properties that have gone years without a tax sale
  - k. Public Communications: Gnat TV (2915 increase)
  - l. Hazardous Waste section may need reconsideration as well as Fire and Rescue Squad for further investigation
  - m. Utilities: Electricity (\$200 increase), Telephone and computer (\$200 increase), Garage maintenance (\$1000 increase) (However, remember the surplus)
  - n. Contract/Professional Services (\$500 increase to the uniform line, new employees, etc.)
  - o. Tools/Supplies Materials (\$200 increase for road signs)
  - p. Equipment Maintenance (remained the same), Rick suggests this needs to increase due to likely truck maintenance costs
  - q. Increases for Sand (25 to 27), Salt (55 to 60), Road material (40 to 55), Pavement markings (13 to 17,500)
  - r. Transfer Funds (0 to 5,000)
  - s. Both Equipment Reserve Fund and Paving Reserve Fund (70 to 85)
  - t. A special meeting may be needed to clarify tax payer money, how the presented numbers are being generated, and salaries vs special projects fund
8. Highway Liaison Update - Bruce Mattison
  - a. Everything is going good, great feedback from the residents
9. Old Business
  - a. Town garage structural repair estimate(s) - tabled to next meeting
10. New Business
  - a. Caroline shared that the letters of appropriations are all staying the same as last year
11. Review of Correspondence/Signing of warrants

12. The next business meeting for the Sunderland Selectboard will be Monday January 12, 2026 at 7:00 PM

13. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:58 PM

Mover: Marty

Second: Anthony

**Passed**