

Town of Sunderland Special Selectboard Meeting
Friday, January 16, 2026, 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>
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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. Discuss executive session first, section 5
4. Public Comment - none
5. Executive Session
 - a. Discussion regarding town personnel matters 1V.S.A. §313(a)(4)

Motion to enter executive session at 7:01PM

Mover: Bruce

Second: Marty

Passed

Motion to exit executive session at 7:34PM

Mover: Marty

Second: Bruce

Passed

6. Town Budget Review Discussion

Motion to increase the Town Highway Payroll from \$198,000 to \$205,000

Mover: Anthony

Second: Rick

Passed

- a. General Fund
 - i. Total Payroll Benefits - retirement, FICA medic expenses, health insurance, dental, VT childcare tax: total \$128,525
 - ii. Office Expenses - software equipment lease, software maintenance contracts, office supplies, postage and shipping, planning, zoning, town

meeting, tabulator programming, town meeting officials, electricity, telephone and internet, heat, office maintenance, technology expense, office building alarm system, janitorial, office building debt service, dues, Bennington county court, BCRC, insurance: total \$86,174

- iii. Contacts and Professional Services - fire protection, fire warden, grant expense, land fill recycling, solid waste, hazardous waste, law enforcement, legal, public communications, training workshops, employee appreciation, audit: total \$192,141.50 (pre-fire protection amendment)

Motion to decrease the Fire Protection from \$84,096.50 to \$80,000

Mover: Marty

Second: Bruce

Passed

- iv. Voting Articles - miscellaneous, tech transfer, town office building transfer, special projects: total \$20,660

v. Total in all = \$448,654

Motion to accept the Total Expenditures for the General Fund budgeted at \$448,654

Mover: Rick

Second: Bruce

Passed

(This is a 5.1% increase)

b. Highway Fund

- i. Payroll and Benefits - retirement, FICA, health insurance, dental insurance, childcare tax: total \$269,040
- ii. Utilities and Building Maintenance - eclectic, telephone and computer, heating and propane, garage maintenance: total \$15,300
- iii. Contracts and Professional Services - insurance, paving, runoff, storm water, trash, training, uniforms, grant: total \$31,450
- iv. Tools, Supplies, Materials - tools and safety, road signs, culverts: total \$7,500
- v. Truck maintenance: total \$75,000
- vi. General Equipment Maintenance - diesel gas, radio maintenance lease: total \$36,800
- vii. Road Material - erosion control, sand, salt, gravel stone, cold patch, chloride, pavement markings: total \$173,700
- viii. Miscellaneous: total \$250
- ix. Transfers - bridge transfer, equipment reserve fund transfer, paving reserve, guardrails, road project reserve: total \$165,000
- x. Total in all = \$774,040**

Motion to approve the budget amount of \$774,040 for the Highway
Department

Mover: Rick

Second: Bruce

Passed

- c. Appropriations
 - i. All necessary appropriations were reviewed
- 7. Discussion and possible action regarding purchase of replacement for Town Highway International CV series truck
 - a. Current truck is not working efficiently, discussion about the new truck logistics (price, maintenance materials, warranty)

Motion to authorize Highway Liaison to order a future truck (body, plow, hydraulic system) per the quote from Viking-Cives VT dated January 9th, 2026 for \$76,600

Mover: Rick

Second: Anthony

Passed

Motion to approve the annual report from the Chair

Mover: Marty

Second: Bruce

Passed

- 8. The next regular business meeting for the Sunderland Selectboard will be Monday January 26th, 2025 at 7PM.
- 9. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:55PM

Mover: Rick

Second: Anthony

Passed