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**TOWN OF SUNDERLAND ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES AND RESULTS
MARCH 2nd AND 3rd, 2026**

Moderator Alyson Grzyb open the meeting at – 7PM
Alyson introduced members of the selectboard, Rick Timmerman, Martin Nadler, Todd Lawrence, Anthony Thompson and Bruce Mattison. Town Clerk & Treasurer Caroline Hartshorn and Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer Rebecca Cassan.

Article 1. Shall the voters of Sunderland vote on all public questions by Australian ballot?

Motion-Rick Goddard

2nd-Leslie Perra

Discussion- Dixie Zens ask what entails?

Rick Timmerman spoke of the 250 years of tradition and history

Mia Smith stated people won't show up.

Jeff Dexter ask about doing a study to get more people to town meeting.

Todd Lawrence gave reasons why this was brought to a vote; for the towns people who can come for various reasons.

Paper ballots were passed out after I's and Nay's sounded to close

26-25 in favor

Article Passed

Meeting paused at 7:17

Kathleen James, Rob Hunter and David Durfee – state representatives gave up dates.

Article 2. Shall the voters of Sunderland authorize the payment of the personal and property taxes to the Town Treasurer in equal installments with the payments to be in the hands of the Treasurer by Thursday, October 15th 2026 and Thursday, April 15th 2027?

Motion-Leslie Perra

2nd -Dixie Zens

No discussion

Article Passed

Article 3. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of \$5,000.00 to be added to the Bridge Co-op Fund?

Motion-Leslie Perra

2nd – Dixie Zens

Discussion – Bruce explained that we(the town) haven't put anything in it the past few years to keep the budget down – The bridge repairs of 17k need to happen.

Article Passed

Article 4. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$70,000.00** to be added to the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund?

Motion-Kim Knapp

2nd -Leslie Perra

Discussion- Rick Goddard asked what was in the fund now- Rick Timmerman answered just over 200k however the town is in the process of purchasing a new truck.

Article Passed

Article 5. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$70,000.00** to be added to the Paving Reserve Fund?

Motion- Dixie Zens

2nd -Patty Rutins

No Discussion

Article Passed

Article 6. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$5,000.00** to be added to the Guardrail Reserve Fund?

Motion-Leslie Perra

2nd -Mia Smith

No Discussion

Article Passed

Article 7. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$15,000.00** to be added to the Road Projects Reserve Fund?

Motion- David Travers-Adolphus

2nd Dixie Zens

Discussion – Mike Perra asked the board to explain what this is for?

Rick Timmerman answered this fund is for things we aren't equipped for; example hiring tree companies

Article Passed

Article 8. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$1,500.00** to be added to the Building Maintenance Reserve Fund?

Motion-Leslie Perra

2nd -Kim Knapp

Patty Rutins asked about the two names in the book- town hall reserve same as this reserve fund?

Yes- names will be corrected in next years booklet

Article Passed

Article 9. Shall the voters of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$700.00** for the support of **Arlington Area Childcare, Inc.** (Happy Days Playschool) to provide services to the residents of the town?

Motion-Leslie Perra

2nd – Patty Rutins

No discussion

Article Passed

Article 10. Shall the voters of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$1,500.00** for the support of **Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service, Inc.** to provide services to the residents of the town?

Motion- Patty Rutins

2nd – Mia Smith

No Discussion

Article Passed

Article 11. Shall the voters of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$5,000.00** for the support of the **Recreation Park in Arlington** to provide services to the residents of the town?

Motion- Mia Smith

2nd – Colleen York

No discussion

Article Passed

Article 12. Shall the voters of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$10,510.00** for the support of the **Martha Canfield Memorial Free Library, Inc.** to provide services to the residents of the town?

Motion-Marie Litowinsky

2nd – Kim Knapp

No Discussion

Article Passed

Article 13. Shall the voters of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$700.00** for the support of **Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging** to provide elder services to the residents of the town?

Motion- Patty Rutins

2nd Kim Knapp

Discussion – David Traver-Adolphus said this is a great organization to work with

Article Passed

Article 14. Shall the voters of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$150.00** for the support of the **Project Against Violent Encounters (P.A.V.E)** to provide victim services to the residents of the town?

Motion- Colleen York

2nd – Dixie Zens

No Discussion

Article Passed

Article 15. Shall the voters of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$500.00** for the support of **WindowDressers** to provide services to the residents of the town.

Motion- Mia Smith

2nd -Jeff Dexter

Discussion- Dix Zens show a presentation of what WindowDressers are with a display model Barb Zakrzewski – asked if this was income based?

Jeff Dexter – answered with Yes some can cost \$45-\$75 each or free for some. It's a group of volunteers made 270 of them and about 100 were given away for free for the ones who couldn't afford them

Article Passed

Article 16. Discussion of other non-binding business that may come before this meeting.

Discussion –

Rob Zeif- The Planning board is working on Town Plan due in June, STR ordinance to become a by-law and updating all the by-laws. Rob asked about the ability to amend voted articles

Todd Lawrence – Towns people can attend any selectboard meeting and ask question prior to voting.

Jeff Dexter – reported for the energy committee and the MERP Grant- trying to get the town garage roof replaced and a heat pump for the meeting room in the municipal building.

Marie Litowinsky – Thanked the road crew members for all their hard work and doing a great job.

Rick Timmerman- Opened the discussion to ideas of what to do with the elementary school once it has closed and is deeded back to the town.

Motion to close meeting

Motion- Dixie Zens

2nd- Mike Dimonda

Motion Passed

Meeting closed at 8:44PM

OFFICIAL RETURN OF VOTES ENTRY

Election	03/03/2026 - ANNUAL TOWN MEETING BALLOT	Town	SUNDERLAND
		District	TOWN

Name on Ballot	Party	Town of Residence	Vote Cast
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DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR - 1 YEAR			Vote for not more than ONE
ALLISON MURPHY		SUNDERLAND	140
TOTAL WRITE-IN COUNTS			2
RICHARD DAVIS (WRITE-IN)			2
OTHER WRITE-IN COUNTS			0
OVERVOTES			0
BLANK VOTES			22
TOTAL VOTES COUNTED			164

FIRST CONSTABLE - 1 YEAR			Vote for not more than ONE
KEVIN HEWES		SUNDERLAND	126
TOTAL WRITE-IN COUNTS			2
CHARLIE TROMBLEY (WRITE-IN)			1
MICHAEL HALL (WRITE-IN)			1
OTHER WRITE-IN COUNTS			0
OVERVOTES			0
BLANK VOTES			36
TOTAL VOTES COUNTED			164

SECOND CONSTABLE - 1 YEAR			Vote for not more than ONE
TOTAL WRITE-IN COUNTS			2
KELLER VIRGILIO (WRITE-IN)			1
WAYNE GODFREY (WRITE-IN)			1
OTHER WRITE-IN COUNTS			0
OVERVOTES			0
BLANK VOTES			162
TOTAL VOTES COUNTED			164

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		District	TOWN

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LISTER - 3 YEARS			Vote for not more than ONE
TOTAL WRITE-IN COUNTS			3
BRAD YODER (WRITE-IN)			1
BRENT CLARK (WRITE-IN)			1
GREG KOPROSKI (WRITE-IN)			1
OTHER WRITE-IN COUNTS			0
OVERVOTES			0
BLANK VOTES			161
TOTAL VOTES COUNTED			164

SELECTBOARD MEMBER - 1 YEAR			Vote for not more than TWO
ANTHONY THOMPSON		SUNDERLAND	117
RICHARD TIMMERMAN		SUNDERLAND	118
TOTAL WRITE-IN COUNTS			18
CHARLIE TROMBLEY (WRITE-IN)			1
LANE NOLAN (WRITE-IN)			1
MIA SMITH (WRITE-IN)			12
MICHAEL PUGLIESE (WRITE-IN)			1
ROB ZIEF (WRITE-IN)			3
OTHER WRITE-IN COUNTS			0
OVERVOTES			0
BLANK VOTES			75
TOTAL VOTES COUNTED			328

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SELECTBOARD MEMBER - 3 YEARS			Vote for not more than ONE
TOTAL WRITE-IN COUNTS			50
ANTHONY THOMPSON (WRITE-IN)			12
BRUCE MATTISON (WRITE-IN)			1
DEVIN CASSAN (WRITE-IN)			1
EDWARD HULETT (WRITE-IN)			1
KIM CLARK (WRITE-IN)			1
LESLIE PERRA (WRITE-IN)			1
MIA SMITH (WRITE-IN)			5
MICHEAL PUGLIESE (WRITE-IN)			13
MIKE PERRA (WRITE-IN)			5
RICHARDS ZENS (WRITE-IN)			1
ROB ZIEF (WRITE-IN)			9
OTHER WRITE-IN COUNTS			0
OVERVOTES			0
BLANK VOTES			114
TOTAL VOTES COUNTED			164

TOWN MODERATOR - 1 YEAR			Vote for not more than ONE
TOTAL WRITE-IN COUNTS			29
ADRIENNE SIGNOR (WRITE-IN)			3
ALYSON GRZYB (WRITE-IN)			20
ANDREW MCKEEVER (WRITE-IN)			1
APRIL HEWES (WRITE-IN)			1
JARED BIANCHI (WRITE-IN)			1
LANE NOLAN (WRITE-IN)			1
LESLIE PERRA (WRITE-IN)			1
STEPH LANE (WRITE-IN)			1
OTHER WRITE-IN COUNTS			0
OVERVOTES			0
BLANK VOTES			135
TOTAL VOTES COUNTED			164

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Name on Ballot	Party	Town of Residence	Vote Cast
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AUDITOR - 2 YEARS			Vote for not more than ONE
TOTAL WRITE-IN COUNTS			2
GAVIN CORNELL (WRITE-IN)			1
MAEVEN VIRGILIO (WRITE-IN)			1
OTHER WRITE-IN COUNTS			0
OVERVOTES			0
BLANK VOTES			162
TOTAL VOTES COUNTED			164

ARTICLE 17. SHALL THE VOTERS OF SUNDERLAND APPROVE THE SUM OF \$ 21,395.00 FOR THE CEMETERY MAINTENANCE BUDGET?			Vote for not more than ONE
YES			138
NO			20
OVERVOTES			0
BLANK VOTES			6
TOTAL VOTES COUNTED			164

ARTICLE 18. SHALL THE VOTERS OF SUNDERLAND APPROVE THE SUM OF \$ 428,094.00 FOR THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET?			Vote for not more than ONE
YES			139
NO			20
OVERVOTES			0
BLANK VOTES			5
TOTAL VOTES COUNTED			164

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Name on Ballot	Party	Town of Residence	Vote Cast
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Vote for not more than ONE

ARTICLE 19, SHALL THE VOTERS OF SUNDERLAND APPROVE THE SUM OF \$ 609,040.00 FOR THE HIGHWAY FUND BUDGET?

YES			138
NO			20
OVERVOTES			0
BLANK VOTES			6
TOTAL VOTES COUNTED			164

Participation

Selectboard: Martin Nadler, Richard Timmerman, Anthony Thompson, Bruce Mattison, Todd Lawrence. Town Clerk & Treasurer Caroline Hartshorn, Assistant Clerk & Treasurer Rebecca Cassan, Moderator Alyson Grzyb

Helen Weller, Heather Weller, Kim Knapp, Maria Timmerman, Andrew Mckeever, Robert Brace, Lori Brace, Mike Perra, Leslie Perra, Lily Van Haverbeke, Peter Van Haverbeke, Irene Nadler, Michael DiMonda, Jim Erickson, Sam Galeota, Richard Goddard, Clem Morse, Allison Murphy, Andrew Murphy, Jeff Dexter, Deborah Cullinan, John Cullinan, Scott Mcgrath, Lauren Mcgrath, Mia Smith, Michelle Edmunds, David Traver Adolphus, Robert Zeif, Rachel Wolgemuth, Colleen York, Lisa Maggio, John French, David Kiernan, Dixie Zens, Marie Litowinsky, Tom Litowinsky, Shane White, Catherine White, Sean O'Sullivan, Kara O'Sullivan, Ted Zakrzewski, Barbara Zakrzweski, Chris Devlin, Megan Ward, Maureen Thibeault, Patty Rutins

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Hartshorn
Sunderland Town Clerk