

Town of Sunderland Selectboard Meeting
Monday April 13, 2026, at 7:00 PM
104 Mountain View Road Sunderland, VT

<u>Members in Attendance:</u> Todd Lawrence Anthony Thompson Rick Timmerman Marty Nadler	<u>Others in Attendance:</u> Martina Steve - Recreation Program Manager Hannah Epstein Stacey Stradon Kelly - Centerline Jeff Dexter - Energy Committee Dixie Zens Brian GNAT TV
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1. Call to order at 7:00 PM
2. Introduction of Board Members
3. Additions or deletions to the agenda
 - a. (7d) add LED bulb replacement
 - b. (12) add IT update to town email addresses, and Orvis building change in use
4. Approval of the minutes

Motion to approve the March 23, 2026 Selectboard Meeting minutes

Mover: Anthony

Second: Rick

Passed

5. Public Comment - none
6. Annual update from US Forest Service, Manchester Ranger District
 - a. Velomont Trail: (five year plan) mountain bike trail in progress
 - i. connects Canada to the Massachusetts border
 - ii. access from Grout pond, working on understanding the right of way for access for motor vehicles
 - b. Pursuing public access, developing recreation, stocking ponds, and maintaining appalachian trail, snowmobile trail access
 - c. Land expansion project on Macintire Road, clearing certain areas within about 100 acres
 - d. Great gains in specifically two sales
 - e. Had some trouble with cars blocking roads
7. MERP Grant and Town Garage Repair
 - a. Town Garage Structural steel repair estimates and possible action

- i. May be best to stay on track with the recommendations

Motion to accept the estimate from Vermont Metals at \$2,588 plus any additional costs with the funding coming from the Special Projects fund

Mover: Marty

Second: Anthony

Passed

- b. MERP Grant and Town Garage Repair
 - i. Completed: programmable thermostats already on site, whether stripping for all doors, removed UV charger from the agenda, got LED lighting estimate
 - ii. Currently: Jeff is getting minisplit estimates, solar, foundation, wall, pedestrians doors, and whether stripping discussions, roof estimates must be completed before knowing for sure that repairs will be covered by the grant
- c. Architect Services Proposal Amendment and possible Action
 - i. Planning to structure this as one comprehensive project

Motion to accept the proposal by Centerline to manage the Town Garage renovation

Mover: Rick

Second: Anthony

Passed

- d. Jeff got estimate from Magic Electric from Shaftsbury (72 LED new bulbs for \$1,420), suggest getting a few extra and matching color temperature lighting

Motion to accept the offer from Magic Electric for \$1,420 from the MERP Grant to replace all lights with LED bulbs

Mover: Rick

Second: Marty

Passed

- 8. Request to review and possible approval of proposed name(s) for planned roadcut at 181 South Rd.

Motion to accept all name options presented by the petitioner

Mover: Marty

Second: Rick

Passed

9. Highway Liaison Update

- a. Discussion concerning plow and body equipment for the F600 chassis
 - i. The new truck would be ready next spring due to the company's manufacturing shortages
 - ii. Two quotes provided by T&T Body King company, the first includes the equipment into one but is considerably more expensive. The second is just a stainless steel body, sander, and cab for cheaper.
- b. Possible change order for the plow and body equipment for the F600 chassis

Motion to cancel the order with Viking-Cives due to the inability to have a truck in time for next winter

Mover: Rick

Second: Marty

Passed

Motion to accept the quote numbered Q4234 from T&T Body King in Lathem, NY for the snowplow, body, and hydraulics system for \$70,481 and include option number one for a 8ft stainless steel wingplow for \$17,500 for a total of \$87,981 from the Equipment Reserve Fund

Mover: Rick

Second: Marty

Passed

- c. Discuss replacement of the 2019 Single axle plow truck
 - i. Considering the best option that is the most affordable, looking at used trucks, taking parts, leasing, should this be from the Equipment Reserve Fund? Budget?

10. Resolution appointing a representative to the governing board of the Southern Vermont Communications Union District

- a. Awareness that the appointments to the CUD was made in March

11. Old Business

12. New Business

- a. IT update: issues are being looked into by RCS, email addresses need to be more official (.gov), RCS may be able to bundle this change with the other IT issues they are working on
- b. Orvis building change in use: there has been an interest (noncommittal) for Orvis to be made into a hotel/resort, Town is looking for the Board's opinions:
 - i. Keep it under tax clause
 - ii. No objections

Motion to approve a letter from the Board as a non-opposition to the hotel/resort initial descriptor

Mover: Todd

Second: Rick

Passed

13. Review of Correspondence/Signing of warrants

- a. Certification of compliance for town, road, and bridge standard and network inventory
- b. Annual Financial Plan

Motion to sign the Certification of Compliance

Mover: Rick

Second: Marty

Passed

- c. Town Listers - Certification

Motion to accept the grand list for public dissemination as provided by the listers

Mover: Marty

Second: Anthony

Passed

14. Executive session

- a. Pending or probable civil litigation to which the public body is or may be a party. 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(E)

Motion to enter executive session at 9:13pm

Mover: Marty

Second: Rick

Passed

Motion to exit executive session at 9:23pm

Mover: Marty

Second: Rick

Passed

15. The next business meeting for the Sunderland Selectboard will be Monday April 27th, 2026 at 7pm

16. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:24pm

Mover: Marty

Second: Anthony

Passed