

**Town of Sunderland Selectboard Special Meeting**  
**Friday April 17, 2026, at 7:00 PM**  
**104 Mountain View Road Sunderland, VT**

<u>Members in Attendance:</u> Todd Lawrence 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
3. Public Comment - none
4. Discussion and possible action regarding 04/15/26 BRSU Offer Letter to Town to Purchase the Sunderland Elementary School Property
  - a. Todd has been in communication with the Town Attorneys who advise against making any votes in terms of the offer to the Town in this meeting
  - b. Reading of the letter received Wednesday, April 15 from the T&G (Taconic and Green) Board of School Directors:
    - i. Offering the former Sunderland School Building, access easement, and roughly 9.4 acres of land for \$1 to use for public and community purposes for a minimum of 5 years, otherwise if the Town sells it prior to 5 years of purchase they must compensate any capital improvements and renovations after Teen G was formed (July 1, 2018). It is proposed to close by September 30, 2026 so that they may make decisions on heating for the building if the Town declines the offer.
  - c. Rick comments that T&G's requested time frame is unreasonable

Motion to authorize the Selectboard Chair to respond to the offer letter after conferring with the Town's Attorney and sending it back to the T&G before Friday, April 24, 2026

Mover: Rick

Second: Second

**Passed**

- d. Discussion & questions
  - i. Must consider the pros and cons concerning purchase of the building
  - ii. How does rural residential zoning apply to the Town if the school is bought?
  - iii. One of the biggest risks to consider is that, if purchased, the Town will have to maintain the building until they find a buyer
  - iv. What will happen to the building if not purchased by the Town?
  - v. Consider insurance costs

- vi. Purchase like this typically takes 4-6 wks to close
- vii. Walkthroughs could happen by June
- viii. Invite the public to share their thoughts, like a workshop
- ix. Would be ideal for the purchase to benefit the community as a whole without putting a burden on the Town

5. The next regular business meeting for the Sunderland Selectboard will be Monday April 27th, 2026 at 7PM.

6. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:54pm

Mover: Anthony

Second: Rick

**Passed**