

Town of Sunderland Selectboard Meeting
Monday April 27, 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> Kim Knapp
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1. Call to order at 7:00 PM
2. Introduction of Board Members
3. Additions or deletions to the agenda - none
4. Approval of the minutes

Motion to approve the Selectboard minutes from April 13, 2026 and the April 17, 2026 Special Meeting minutes

Mover: Rick

Second: Anthony

Passed

5. Public Comment
 - a. Kim complimented to the Highway team that they are doing well on the sides of the roads; question about who will maintain Bear Ridge Road
6. Update and discussion regarding 04/15/26 BRSU Offer Letter to Town to Purchase the Sunderland Elementary School Property
 - a. Discussion and possible action: creation of advisory subcommittee for the possible Town acquisition of Sunderland Elementary School property
 - i. Working groups are more temporary and less formal than working subcommittees; the first decision would be whether or not to purchase, which the Board needs to know what would be for the best interest of the Town.

Motion to establish a working group: School Working Advisory group (SWAG) to look into the feasibility of the Town purchasing or not purchasing the School from Taconic & Green

Mover: Rick

Second: Anthony

Passed

Motion to appoint Rick as head of the SWAG

Mover: Anthony

Second: Todd
Passed

- b. There may be a Special Meeting in May for discussing the SWAG
7. Appointment of Peter Van Vleck to vacant seat on Cemetery Committee

Motion to appoint Peter Van Vleck to be on the Cemetery Committee
Mover: Rick
Second: Anthony
Passed

8. MERP Grant Update

- a. Discussion and possible action on estimates for Town Hall mini-splits: the “plug and play” bulbs will be used for the building; Caroline in the office will be communicated with regarding the light bulbs

9. Highway Liaison Update

- a. Ryan and Matt have come to the end of their six-month probationary periods, both had very good reviews

Motion to extend full-time employment to Brian Hawley and Matthew Quinn coming off their probationary hiring
Mover: Rick
Second: Anthony
Passed

- b. There were some washouts on Kelly Stan Road, and they were able to start working on it, however technically we don't maintain it until June 1st
- c. The ditching of North Road has been going well
- d. New snowplow barrel has been ordered
- e. They have received the proper pins for the excavator

10. Emergency Management Update

- a. Todd and Robb Zeif met with our State Emergency Representative for the area two weeks ago: no major changes, minor suggestions will be brought up in the future
- b. Hazard Mitigation plan funding: Todd will follow up concerning the status on the proposed expiration date for May; about 5% of the Town's funds would be used if not from the federal funds
- c. The next Bennington County Regional Emergency Management Committee meeting will be on Tuesday May 12, at 6:00pm at the Sunderland Town Hall

11. Municipal fiscal review of FY25-26 Quarter 3

- a. Revisit the Town's budget every quarter
 - b. Need to be cautious about the reserve fund since it is still showing the money that has already been spent because it has not been transferred yet
12. Old Business - none
13. New Business - none
14. Review of Correspondence/Signing of warrants
15. Executive session if needed - no
16. The next business meeting for the Sunderland Selectboard will be Monday May 11th, 2026 at 7pm
17. Adjourn
 - Motion to adjourn at 8:11pm
 - Mover: Anthony
 - Second: Rick
 - Passed**