

Town of Sunderland Selectboard Meeting
Monday May 11, 2026, at 7:00 PM
104 Mountain View Road Sunderland, VT

<u>Members in Attendance:</u> Todd Lawrence Anthony Thompson Michael Pugliese Marty Nadler	<u>Others in Attendance:</u> Meghan Ward 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 April 27, 2026 Selectboard Meeting minutes

Mover: Anthony

Second:

Passed

5. Public Comment
 - a. Meghan Ward (member of Sunderland Elementary Parent Teacher Group) welcomes the community to their “end of an era” celebration at the school on Saturday, May 30th at 2-4pm with refreshments and ice cream as well as games. They are also asking for any pictures of memories from the school that may be displayed during the event before the 19th. For any contributions, one may stop by the school or email sunderlandfairsptg@gmail.com

6. Discussion and possible action on cancelling May 25th regular Selectboard meeting due to coinciding with Memorial Day

Motion to cancel the May 25th Selectboard meeting

Mover: Anthony

Second: Marty

Passed

7. Discussion and possible action to schedule a special Selectboard meeting in place of the May 25, 2026 regular meeting

Motion to schedule a special Selectboard meeting on Wednesday, May 27th at 6:00pm

Mover: Todd
Second: Anthony
Passed

Motion to cancel that scheduled meeting on the 27th
Mover: Todd
Second: Anthony
Passed

Motion to schedule a special Selectboard meeting on Thursday, May 28th at 6:00pm
Mover: Todd
Second: Anthony
Passed

8. Emergency Management Update

- a. Annual adoption of Local Emergency Management Plan
 - i. Some changes were made: point of contacts, added Rick Timmerman as a third point of contact

Motion for the Town to readopt our 2026 Local Emergency Management Plan
Mover: Todd
Second: Marty
Passed

- b. Discussion and review of BCRC Hazard Mitigation Plan funding proposal
 - i. Decision to approve the renewal of the Plan; BCRC would contribute 50% of the \$1,500 vs waiting for the federal funds where the full amount may have to be paid

Motion that if we do not hear about federal funding by our first meeting in July 13, 2026 that we proceed towards the funding of our Hazard Mitigation Plan
Mover: Marty
Second: Michael
Passed

- c. Regional Emergency Management Meeting on May 12th at 6:00pm at the Town Office

9. MERP Grant Update

- a. Town garage design work is 90% finished, expected to be completely done this week

- b. Estimates are not done yet
- c. Centerline reviewed their approach with Efficiency Vermont who agrees with it and recommends that the project be put out for contract proposal because the estimating is “not likely to be accurate for a project of this scope.” Todd will follow up with all of this
- d. Magic Electric will get back to Jeff when they can start the LED lights
- e. Jeff got quotes for heat pumps, but there are some differences with Centerline sizing recommendations so Jeff is reconfirming the design work with them

10. Town Garage Repair Update

- a. Structural steel has been approved, work date TBD
- b. Walk-through indicates repairs for erosion clean-up, new plates, and zinc finish; may be finished by the end of June
- c. Insulation is recommended to be completed first/beforehand
- d. Must establish prep work prior to a welder
- e. 2 ft wide, 3 ft high of welding work
- f. Welder - tabled
- g. In the next 2 weeks: prep work and then reaching out to Gabe (who did the walk-through) about the Board’s decision

11. School Working Advisory Group (SWAG) Update

- a. Introductions of a group of people are in progress

12. Old Business

- a. Ranger Service Update: they come once a year to present their work
- b. The trucks going up the roads were a concern that was discussed during their visit

13. New Business

- a. Rebecca Cassan the Assistant Town Clerk is leaving, so there is a vacancy for this position

14. Review of Correspondence/Signing of warrants

Motion to have the Chair sign the excess weight permit in lieu of the Highway Liaison

Mover: Marty

Second: Anthony

Passed

15. Executive session:

- a. Town personnel matters 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3)

Motion to enter executive session at 8:01pm

Mover: Marty
Second: Michael
Passed

Motion to exit executive session at 8:34pm
Mover: Marty
Second: Anthony
Passed

16. The next meeting is a special meeting for the Sunderland Selectboard held on Thursday May 28th, 2026 at 6:00pm. The next regular scheduled business meeting will be Monday June 8th, 2026 at 7:00pm

17. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:34pm
Mover: Marty
Second: Anthony
Passed