

Town of Sunderland Selectboard Meeting
Monday June 8, 2026, at 7:00 PM
104 Mountain View Road Sunderland, VT

<u>Members in Attendance:</u> Todd Lawrence Anthony Thompson Michael Pugliese 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
 - a. Executive session for personnel
 - b. Correction of the next meeting date
4. Approval of the minutes

Motion to approve the May 28, 2026 Selectboard Meeting minutes

Mover: Anthony

Second: Rick

Passed

5. Public Comment
 - a. Kim Knapp - everyone is doing well, road crew, mail, etc.
6. School Working Advisory Group
 - a. Update and discussion on proposed SWAG community informational hearing
 - i. The SWAG crew looked at the architectural drawings at the site (from Taconic & Green) and the maintenance history
 - b. Discussion on next steps in due diligence process leading to vote at a future meeting

Motion that there be a special selectboard meeting on Thursday, June 18th at 7:00pm for an informational meeting on the school working advisory group

Mover: Rick

Second: Anthony

Passed

7. Highway Liaison Update
 - a. This week they have started preparing the garage for repair, which is going well
 - b. Mowing around town is good

- c. Kelley Stan Road: roads cannot be graded because of boulders blocking the sides of the road; does not need to be worked on immediately, Brian is aware and this may be discussed in the next meeting
- d. New F600: it is built and in transit, looking at coming within the next week or so;
- e. Current truck: may get at least \$20,000 for it; turnaround time - August; if it does not bid high enough, the town may keep it as a backup truck

8. Law Enforcement Liaison Update

- a. Discussion regarding Sunderland Law Enforcement contract with Sheriffs Dept
 - i. The Bennington Sheriffs will be increasing their hourly rate from \$80/hr to \$88/hr, therefore updating
 - ii. The Police Department has been very communicative with the Town, so if anything major happened that would require additional hours for the police officers, they would let the Town know case by case. The Board said they were not worried about any immediate issues with this because of their communication.
 - iii. It would be best for the Town to wait to discuss this in further decision and detail until the Police Department does their budgeting.

9. Review and possible action of RCS Consulting proposal for town technical I.T. support

- a. The previous I.T management is no longer working with the Town, now there are some technical issues so the Town is looking at RCS consultant for a possible replacement.
- b. Estimate for two phone lines, \$56/mo, five ip phone lines at \$200 each to own, 3-4 hrs max in services at \$140/hr (\$560 total), total upfront cost: \$1,560 with monthly fee of \$56 for the phone lines

Motion to approve the RCS estimate for phoneline installation and five ID phones and services for \$1,560 with a monthly recurring phone bill of \$56 (an estimate)

Mover: Rick

Second: Anthony

Passed

10. Review and signing of town grand list

- a. No signatures from the Selectboard are needed for the 2026-2027 Grand list
- b. It will be posted to the website
- c. Board of Civil Authority meeting on Thursday, June 11 at 6:00pm to review an appeal of the appraisal at 110 Mosquito Lane

11. MERP Grant and Town Garage Repair Update

- a. The welding has started with the repairs of the columns, initial welds should be finished in the next week or two, Brian is in contact with the masonry company concerning the blocks in the back to prepare for the welding there.

- b. Last meeting the RFP was approved to get sent out for the town Garage insulation and roofing project, to be completed by September 30 2026; Caroline has stated posting the invitation to bids, which are due June 22nd at the Town Clerk's office; bidders are required to visit the site (garage) for a pre-bid conference Wednesday June 10, 2026 at 2:00pm
- c. Jeff Dexter (energy committee) reached out to Magic Electric for an update on when the light bulb swap will be, Todd will follow up concerning the minisplits

12. Old Business

- a. End of an Era Party Sunderland Elementary that was on May 30; about 150-200 people checked it out, there was a paper about it too
- b. Lucy Terry Prince historical marker update: they are wondering what the Selectboard prefers; they may like a ceremony to unveil the marker

13. New Business

- a. External audit draft received: almost a year in the making; electronic copies will be sent out, the Board reviewed this today; rather than a random audit in the last seven years (for example) they will work more closely with the office, helping keep the books in order more frequently
- b. June 10 in Montpeillier Free hands-on experience to become a board band technician, participants will get to keep tools/equipment

14. Review of Correspondence/Signing of warrants

15. Executive session:

- a. Negotiating or securing real estate purchase or lease options. 1 V.S.A. §313(a)(2)

Motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters at 8:10pm

Mover: Rick

Second: Anthony

Passed

Motion to exit executive session at 8:28pm

Mover: Rick

Second: Anthony

Passed

16. There will be a Informational/Special Selectboard meeting on Thursday June 18, 2026 at 7pm at the Town office. The next business meeting for the Sunderland Selectboard will be Monday June 22, 2026 at 7pm

17. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:29pm

Mover: Anthony
Second: Michael
Passed