

**Town of Sunderland Selectboard Meeting
Monday August 24, 2026, at 7:00 PM
104 Mountain View Road Sunderland, VT**

<u>Members in Attendance:</u> Todd Lawrence Anthony Thompson Rick Timmerman Marty Nadler Michael Pugliese	<u>Others in Attendance:</u> Steve W. Sam G. 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

Public Hearing

4. Public Hearing: Proposed Town Plan Adoption
 - a. Reading of hearing notice (*full plan available in the Town of Sunderland website)
 - b. Discussion of draft town plan
 - i. All the “shalls” replaced with “shoulds”, the less words the less restrictions on the boards side
 - ii. Edits in items were discussed
 - iii. All school items should reflect the general status of the school
 - iv. Much of the wording in the plan generally comes from the state but is unnecessary concerning the town of Sunderland

Motion that the selectboard submit back to the planning board all of our recommended changes to the town plan

Mover: Marty

Second: Michael

Passed

- c. Public Comment - none

Motion to close the public hearing of the Town plan

Mover: Marty

Second: Anthony

Passed

Selectboard Meeting Agenda

1. Approval of the minutes

a. August 10th, 2026 Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from August 10, 2026

Mover: Rick

Second: Anthony

Passed

2. Public comment

a. Steve W. :

- i. There was a camper on the side of Kelly Stand Road for three weeks, and another one who camped out for a week
- ii. What can be implemented to regulate camping on Kelly Stand Road
 1. The ordinances will have to be looked into, this can be passed onto the law enforcement
- iii. Speeding has increased on Kelly Stand
 1. Suggestion of a sign

b. Sam W.

- i. Suggests more transparency for the town about property taxes and how they are calculated and compared

3. Randall Cattle historical roadside marker discussion

a. These cows are unique to Vermont after being previously deemed extinct...

Motion to put it on Town land if necessary

Mover: Marty

Second: Michael

Passed

4. MERP and Town Garage Renovation Project

a. Renovation update

- i. The town is progressing well, as of last week the entire interior was stripped
- ii. Need for a quote for better lighting
- iii. Battenkill Valley was approved for electrical and GSK was approved for the heating
- iv. Next construction meeting will be Monday August 31 at 9:30am

5. Special project fund discussion

a. Proposed community bulletin board(s) update and possible action

- i. Received the quote, will determine the best places at the transfer station and one at the end of the Town office driveway
- ii. \$500 each plus installation cost

6. Highway Liaison update

- a. Paving objected to be finished by the end of the week
 - b. The road will be open, but there could be delays
 - c. Another culvert was found that needs to be repaired, this was done prior to paving
 - d. New truck: wrapping up final touches
- 7. Emergency Management update
 - a. Last Thursday was the first planning meeting
 - b. Next meeting will be September 17
 - c. Todd will attend the Vermont Emergency Management Conference in September
- 8. Old Business
 - a. VT RT 7 culvert replacement begins 09/19 until 10/02
- 9. New Business
 - a. Vermont Town Fair on Wednesday October 7 from 8-4:30
 - b. Previous Energy Committee member Skott York passed away, condolences to his wife Colleen, married for 52 years
- 10. Review of Correspondence/Signing of warrants
 - a. Vermont Leagues, Cities, and Towns; contribution to change of workers compensation in the final payroll, raised to \$562.65
- 11. The next business meeting for the Sunderland Selectboard will be Monday September 14, 2026 7pm
- 12. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:43pm

Mover: Marty

Second: Anthony

Passed