

**Town of Sunderland Selectboard Meeting
Monday October 12, 2026, at 7:00 PM
104 Mountain View Road Sunderland, VT**

<u>Members in Attendance:</u> Todd Lawrence Anthony Thompson Rick Timmerman Marty Nadler	<u>Others in Attendance:</u> Sam Liss Julie Hutchinson-Smith Robert Zeif Dara - BCRC Andrew McKeever
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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 minutes

Motion to approve the September 28, 2026 Selectboard Meeting minutes

Mover: Anthony

Second: Todd

Passed

5. Public comment
 - a. Who is responsible for the rail road work on Sunderland Hill Road?
Concern about safety crossing over the rails.
6. Community Meeting on Sunderland's Hazard Mitigation Plan – BCRC
 - a. Survey for Sunderland's Plan found on the BCRC website, available until November 15th
 - b. The plan strives for greater community resilience by making the Town aware of hazards and preparing appropriate responses to them
 - c. Members of the Hazard Mitigation team: Todd Lawrence, Rob Zee, Laura Hamler, Brian Hawley, Callie Fishburne, and Dara
 - d. Must be updated every five years, grant funded, Sunderland decided to be funded locally
 - e. Most common hazards of Sunderland are: inundation flooding/fluvial erosion, then winter storms, and high wind.
 - f. Suggestion for Hazard Mitigation kits that are especially for floods and fires for easy help, make the public aware of the availability of these
 - g. HAM radios: hands-on amateur radios - required 12-week training, no cost to the Town, may be something to invest in for communication in

emergency situations; at least one educated person in each area as a point-person

7. Discussion on Sunderland Shines proposed walking trail around Town Hall field
 - a. Requires a 27-page long permit, a little complicated due to the land's dynamics (wetlands, plants, etc.), may take 3-6 months
8. MERP and Town Garage renovation project update
 - a. Final walkthrough this wednesday at 10am, plumbing and electrical systems are hooked up again, Dead River maintenance check is pending, lighting is great
 - b. May be putting together a Front Porch update on the changes to the garage
9. Highway Liaison update
 - a. Truck #2 is still being repaired with Allegience
 - b. The CV truck is live on auction (Auctions International) now through the 23rd at 6:30pm, final results and decision on 26th
10. Emergency Management update
 - a. Family emergency preparedness guide
11. Old Business
 - a.) Next town plan public hearing Monday 10/26 7pm before Selectboard agenda
12. New Business
13. Review of Correspondence/Signing of warrants

Motion that we roll the interest (\$7,901.50) from the ARPA Fund to the Special Projects Fund

Mover: Rick

Second: Marty

Passed

14. Executive session:

- a.) Personnel Matters 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3)

Motion to go into executive session at 8:45pm

Mover: Marty

Second: Rick

Passed

Motion to exit executive session at 9:11pm

Mover: Marty

Second: Anthony

Passed

15. The next business meeting for the Sunderland Selectboard will be Monday
October 26th, 2026 7pm

16. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:11pm

Mover: Anthony

Second: Rick

Passed