

SUNDERLAND SELECT BOARD  
Regular Meeting - August 21, 2017

1. Call to order by Mark Hyde
2. Board members present
  - a. Rick Timmerman, Mark Hyde, and Steven Bendix
    - i. Jon French absent
  - b. Audience
    - i. Marc Johnston (Highway Foreman), Rose Keough (Town Clerk), and Greg Sukiennik (Manchester Journal)
3. Session recorded by GNAT-TV
4. Approval of Minutes from August 7, 2017
  - a. Motion made to approve the previous meeting minutes made by Bendix, seconded by Timmerman, motion passed
5. Report from Road Liaison and/or Highway Foreman
  - a. North Road bridge replacement status
    - i. Project on schedule, will open on August 25, 2017
    - ii. Road paving will go right up to the cement of the bridge
    - iii. The black top will be fixed, culvert already added
  - b. Josh Corey took a welding class and passed
  - c. The gentleman from the watershed project will be coming back this week to prioritize the list of projects
  - d. Hyde asked Johnston if he had heard from Jim Henderson regarding the culvert project, and Johnston has not, but Hyde will reach out to him
  - e. Brush will be cleaned up on North Road for visibility
  - f. Mowing is being done
  - g. Johnston mentioned possibly upgrading the yolk rake which will attach to the snow plow hitch on the front of the truck
    - i. Can be used for grading to improve the process

- ii. The cost would be \$5,500 and the money would be taken out of the equipment reserve fund
      - iii. Motion made to purchase a front mounted grader from Salem Supply by Hyde, seconded by Bendix, motion passed
    - h. Johnston also mentioned the potential purchase of chloride spraying equipment sometime next year so that it can be done at our convenience and during the best weather
    - i. Johnston will clean the sign warning of a covered bridge going south on Sunderland Hill Road near the covered bridge
    - j. Timmerman reported that last year we paid \$82.50/ton, and this year the quote from Morton Salt was \$79.39/ton, American Rock Salt came in at \$70.15/ton, and Cargill came in at \$69.48/ton
      - i. Trial run with Cargill of clear lane of 100 tons for \$76.43/ton
        - 1. Material is pre-wetted, less materials are used, and works at colder materials
        - 2. Price for usage of over 100 tons is \$84.07/ton
      - ii. The plan would be to use regular rock salt during the year, and the clear lane during a cold snap
      - iii. Motion made to sign the contract with Cargill for both rock salt and clear lane by Timmerman, seconded by Bendix, motion passed
    - k. Speed limit signs for 25mph were placed on Kelley Stand Road
- 6. New Business
  - a. Town tax rate
    - i. The school residential tax rate went down to .9902%
    - ii. The general fund tax rate did go up
    - iii. The highway fund tax rate went down
    - iv. Tax bills did go out later than normal due to the reassessment and grievances
  - b. The next meeting will be September 11, 2017

- c. Mr. Labombard contacted Hyde regarding the drop off with the new paving at Sunderland Elementary School
  - i. The school will pay for the supplies and Johnston will perform the work
- 7. Old Business
  - a. Town Audit
    - i. The town has no auditor currently
    - ii. The company that did the outside audit won't be able to do it due to formatting issues
      - 1. Keough did say that the distance did put additional work on was an obstacle
- 8. Review of Bills, Correspondence, and Signing of Select Board's Orders
  - a. Not participating in the local information aspect of the census
  - b. Highway department information will be updated to reflect current town truck
  - c. Bendix asked about including pictures of the North Road bridge on the town's webpage
- 9. Motion to adjourn made by Timmerman, seconded by Bendix, motion passed

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S M W'. The letters are stylized and connected, with a large 'S' on the left, a 'M' in the middle, and a 'W' on the right.

Stephanie Muñoz Wells