

## SUNDERLAND SELECTBOARD

Regular Meeting – March 14, 2016

1. Call to order by Mark Hyde
2. Board members present
  - a. Rick Williams, Jon French, Mark Hyde, Steven Bendix, John Williams
  - b. Audience
    - i. John Stuermer (Lister), Marc Johnston (Highway Foreman), and Melanie Virgilio (School Board Member, Sunderland Representative)
3. Session recorded by GNAT-TV
4. Organize Selectboard
  - a. John nominates Mark Hyde to be chair of the board, Steve seconds, motion passed
  - b. Rick nominates Jon to be Clerk, Steve seconds, motion passed
  - c. John nominates Rick to be Road Liaison, Mark seconds, motion passed
  - d. John nominates Steve to be ISWAP and SWIP Liaison, Rick seconds, motion passed
  - e. Rick nominates Jon to be Insurance Liaison, John seconds, motion passed
  - f. Jon nominates John to be Green Up Liaison, Rick seconds, motion passed
  - g. Steve nominates Jon Police Liaison, Rick seconds, motion passed
5. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
  - a. Rick motioned for approval of the minutes, Jon seconds, motion passed
6. Report from Road Liaison and/or Highway Foreman
  - a. Completing normal work about town
  - b. Hill Farm bridge work going well
  - c. Covered bridge was hit, working with witness and Bennington County to pursue driver
  - d. Preventative products for equipment (undercoating) to prevent rusting

- i. \$1600 investment, should last 5 years
    - ii. Equipment maintenance fund
  - e. New hire continues to do well, especially with computer tasks
  - f. Salt Shed
    - i. Not a contamination hazard to surrounding wells, according to official
    - ii. Town is 3-4 years away from replacing Salt Shed
    - iii. Would be good to look at including equipment storage with new salt shed construction
- 7. Act 46 - Melanie Virgilio
  - a. An Act 46 study committee is being put together
  - b. There will be a School Board member as well as a community member in from Sunderland on the committee
    - i. Leslie Para is the School Board member to be on committee
- 8. New Business
  - a. Appointments
    - i. John nominates the Bennington Banner to be the newspaper of record, Jon seconds
    - ii. It is agreed among the board members to maintain the date and time of regular meetings at the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 7:00pm
    - iii. Steve nominates Robert Woolminton as Town legal counsel, John seconds, motion passed
    - iv. Jon nominates Kerry Olson as Animal Control Officer, Rick seconds, motion passed
    - v. John nominates Michael DiMonda as Emergency Management Coordinator, Steve seconds, motion passed
    - vi. Jon nominates John Stuermer as Health Officer, Rick seconds, motion passed
    - vii. Jon nominates Kerry Olson as Pound Keeper, Rick seconds, motion passed

- viii. Jon nominates Samuel Liss as Service Officer, Rick seconds, motion passed
  - ix. As there was no interest in Tree Warden, it falls to the Select Board
  - x. Jon nominates Mark as the Web Master, Rick seconds, motion passed
  - xi. John nominates John Stuermer as Zoning Administrator, Rick seconds, motion passed
  - xii. John nominates Peter Luca as Planning Board member for 3 years, Rick seconds, motion passed
  - xiii. Steve nominates John Stuermer as Planning Board member for 1 year, John seconds, motion passed
  - xiv. Steve nominates Lilly Van Haverbeke as Planning Board member for 2 years, John seconds, motion passed
  - xv. Jon nominates Scott York as Planning Board member for 2 years, Rick seconds, motion passed
  - xvi. Jon nominates Peter Luca as BCRC Representative for 3 years, Rick seconds, motion passed
  - xvii. Jon nominates Robert Alexander as Zoning Board member for 2 years, Rick seconds, motion passed
  - xviii. Steve nominates Peter Luca as Zoning Board member for 3 years, Rick seconds, motion passed
  - xix. There is an opening for a third Zoning Board member, please contact Mark Hyde if interested
  - xx. John nominates Stephanie Muñoz Wells as Secretary to the Board, Steve seconds, motion passed
  - xxi. Eric Heinze was a successful write in candidate for auditor
  - xxii. Positions still available are: the above mentioned Zoning Board member, 1 Auditor, Town Grand Juror, Lister, and Town Agent
    - 1. Please contact Mark Hyde if interested
- b. At the next meeting the board will discuss auditing options

9. Old business

- a. Junk Enforcement update

- i. Mark will follow up follow up with the lawyer regarding Cole property since Zoning Warning has expired
  - b. Mirror Cast
    - i. Probably not worth investment since there isn't much of an audience at meetings
- 10. New business
  - a. John Stuermer to follow up regarding a permit to demolish the Battenkill Canoe (3 buildings total)
  - b. Town website outage due to renewal hiccup, since resolved
  - c. Household Hazardous Waste event at the Bennington Transfer Station on May 14th as well as sometime in October
- 11. Review of bills, signing of select board, and orders correspondence
  - a. Colored property maps
  - b. Green Mountain Power reducing rate by 5% over 5 years
  - c. John Stuermer to fill out Flood Survey
  - d. North American Snow Conference
    - i. Marc Johnston can possibly attend
  - e. John Williams to represent the town at the Better Back Roads Program at Town Hall
- 12. Motion to adjourn made by Jon, seconded by Rick, motion passed, and adjourned

Respectfully submitted,



Stephanie Muñoz Wells