

Sunderland Selectboard

Special Meeting

Date: November 15, 2012

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Date: *November 19, 2012* Time: *12:25 PM*

Attest: *Rose M. Flough*

Board Members Present: Joseph Boutin, Judy Edmunds, Jon French, Mark Hyde

Others Present: John Williams, Sally Ayrey, Carl Graves, Michael Perra, David Kiernan,
Peter Luca, Dineen Squillante, Barry Hoag

Mr. Boutin, Chair of the Sunderland Selectboard, opened the meeting at 6:30 PM and encouraged those present to openly express their opinions and concerns regarding the subject of this meeting.

This meeting is a "Special Meeting", previously posted on the Front Page Forum, the Town Website, in the Bennington Banner and at the Town Clerk's Office, between the Sunderland Selectboard and the Sunderland Building Committee for the purpose of reviewing the proposed current building design and potential pricing options based on detailed information from the Architect, Mr. Barry Hoag. As are all meetings, this meeting was open to public attendance.

Mr. Williams, Chair of the Sunderland Building Committee, introduced Mr. Barry Hoag, Registered Architect of Quechee, Vermont, who led the conversation and gave those present a verbal and visual presentation, including preliminary design drawings and projected cost estimates. The following topics were discussed at great length –

- Sitework
- Concrete
- Wood/Plastics/Composites
- Thermal/Moisture Protection
- Doors & Windows
- Finishes
- Specialties
- Equipment
- Furnishings
- Plumbing
- Heating
- Electric
- Safety & Security

The above items were discussed with various concerns and suggestions considered. Placement of the proposed building, driveway construction, parking availability and building entrances and exits, were items of concern to those present as well as the pavement construction.

The size of the building, proposed floor plan and location and size of office spaces were discussed at length as well as thermal and moisture protection. Mr. Boutin has received input from some town residents regarding a general feeling of dissatisfaction with the exterior design of the building, which they feel does not reflect a New England architectural style.

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A local resident, Ms. Squillante, felt it was of great concern to Sunderland residents and taxpayers as to what extent the impact on property taxes would be in the future as a result of this project.

It is the wish of both the Sunderland Selectboard and the Sunderland Building Committee to receive as much public input as possible regarding this project. At present information regarding meetings concerning this matter is put on the Town Website and Front Porch Forum as well as being posted in the Town Clerk's Office and in the Bennington Banner. A master plan for additional means of communication was recommended and is being considered in order to receive more public participation regarding the finalization and construction of the Town Office Building for the Town of Sunderland.

With no further business before the Selectboard, Mr. French made the motion and Mr. Hyde seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kay H. Kwasniewski".

Kay H. Kwasniewski
Secretary to the Selectboard