

# Sunderland Selectboard

## Regular Meeting

Date: September 3, 2013

SUNDERLAND TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

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Date: September 5, 2013 Time: 1:50 PM

Attest: *Rose M. Keough*

**Board Members Present:** Mark Hyde, Steven Bendix, James Ennis, Jon French, David Kiernan

**Others Present:** Michael Batcher, Barry Hoeg

**Note:** Session televised by GNAT-TV

Mr. Hyde called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

### **Minutes of August 19, 2013**

Mr. Kiernan made the motion and Mr. Bendix seconded the motion to accept the minutes of this meeting. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

#### **Road Liaison and Highway Foreman**

Mr. Johnston informed the Selectboard the work on the walls on the Town Garage has been completed. The paving on Bacon Hollow Road has been completed. The work on Mill Brook area has been finished. Mr. Johnston and Mr. Anthony Ennis, Jr. have been using their personal vehicles for various tasks and the subject of possible liability might be considered. Mr. James Ennis said he felt the Town needed a pickup truck for these tasks and Mr. Ennis and Mr. Johnston will follow up on this matter and find out what the cost of a small pickup truck might be and Ms. Keough, Sunderland Town Clerk, will check on what the insurance would cost the Town. Once again the covered bridge has been damaged and Mr. Michael King, who is familiar with the construction of the bridge will repair the same.

#### **Proposed Town Hall Project**

Mr. Barry Hoeg, Principal Architect for the Town Hall Project, gave the Selectboard an update on the status of the above. Seven various contractors were represented at the time of the bidding process held at the Town Clerk's Office on Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. The deadline for the opening of the bids is September 12<sup>th</sup> to be held at 1:00 PM at the Sunderland Town Clerk's Office, after which Mr. Hoeg will check the references on the three lowest bidders. Mr. Hoeg will inform the Selectboard of his recommendation at the next Selectboard regular meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Kiernan is following up on the NFPA fire requirements. Mr. Hyde and Mr. Kiernan will be meeting with GMP regarding the utility agreement with Sunderland Hill LLC.

Bicycle Committee Update

Sunderland residents, Mike Healy, Marie Litowinsky, Scott Mason McGrath, Matt Vernon, Colleen and Scott York, are willing to volunteer their time and efforts to evaluate ways to make Sunderland's roads safer for our pedestrians and cyclists. They would like to explore the 2014 VTrans Bicycle and Pedestrian Program to improve road access and safety for Sunderland residents while walking, running or cycling. Ms. Litowinsky accepted the Chair position of the proposed Committee. The group would like the Selectboard to appoint them as an "Official" Committee. The conditions of the grant program available state that Selectboard approval is required in order for the Committee to apply for said grant. Mr. Kiernan made the motion and Mr. French seconded the motion to give the Committee authority to apply for the grant with no cost involved at this time and to be presented at the March 2014 Town Meeting. After a lengthy discussion regarding this matter, the Selectboard were in agreement that no final decision would be made regarding this matter until the consensus of the residents of the Town of Sunderland was considered. Motion carried.

Sheriff Contact Update

Mr. French is following up on this matter and plans to meet with the Sheriff's Department next week.

Municipal Planning Grant/Contract with BCRC

Mr. Michael Batcher, Regional Planner/Solid Waste Program Manager of the BCRC, discussed the above program with the Selectboard. BCRC is preparing for a municipal planning grant application to fund completion of a comprehensive materials management plan (also known as a Solid Waste Implementation Plan) for the Towns of Arlington, Bennington, Dorset, Glastenbury, Manchester, Pownal, Rupert, Sandgate, Shaftsbury, Stamford, Sunderland and Woodford to fulfill the requirements of Act 148. Manchester would be the lead for this consortium grant and would manage the funds. BCRC would assist the towns through the planning process. The goals of this process would be to:

1. Develop a plan that meets the requirements of the Vermont Materials Management Plan, Act 148 and other applicable laws and regulations.
2. Develop consensus among the participating towns on actions to implement the plan.
3. Develop an organization structure with sufficient resources to implement the plan.

After a lengthy discussion regarding the above, Mr. Kiernan made the motion and Mr. Bendix seconded the motion to apply for the above grant. Mr. Ennis voted nay. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Kay H. Kwasniewski  
Secretary to the Board