

Sunderland Selectboard
Regular Meeting
Date: August 4, 2014

SUNDERLAND TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Received for Record

Date: *August 5, 2014* Time: *1:00 PM*

Attest: *Rose M. Keough*

Board Members Present: Mark Hyde, Steven Bendix, James Ennis

Others Present: Rose Keough, John Stuermer, Marc Johnston, Patrick McArdle

Note: Session televised by GNAT-TV

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

Minutes of July 21, 2014

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

New Business

David Kiernan – Resignation Letter

The Selectboard received a letter of resignation, effective July 23rd, from David Kiernan who has taken the full-time position of Town Administrator for the Town of Shaftsbury.

Mr. Hyde hopes to have the Selectboard make an appointment at the next Selectboard meeting on August 18th. The position will be advertised in the Bennington Banner, the Front Porch Forum as well as the designated town locations.

Road Liaison and Highway Department

Mr. Hyde and Mr. Johnston have been discussing the road into the New Town Hall building and Mr. Johnston arrived at an estimate of approximately \$3,000 to install a 12” pipe in the wet spot on the driveway and putting in gravel in the middle of the road. Mowing is continuing as well as brush cutting by the covered bridge.

Kelley Stand Update

Mr. Ennis said that Kelley Stand should be open by September 1st. Mr. Ennis has received concerns about the condition of the Kelley Stand Road on the Stratton side and he will check on the condition of the road with Mr. Johnston and inform the board of what needs to be done.

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Town Hall Update

Weathervane Decision for the Cupola

After discussion it was the decision of the Selectboard to select the 34" Moose for the above.

Town Hall Building Color Selections

The Selectboard agreed to go along with Registered Architect Barry Hoeg's recommendations.

The vault walls have been poured and the plumbing for the radiant heat is ready for the floors to be set.

Police Contract Update

Mr. French has met with Sheriff Schmidt and the contract is set for doubling the time to 50 hours a month at \$25.50 per hour. It has been recommended to the Sheriff's Department to have better coverage for speeders throughout the town.

Employee Health Insurance Update

Mr. French has talked with the MVP health representative and all three town employees will be on the Platinum Plan, which is the best plan available and will save the town approximately \$500.00 per month.

Audit of Town Finances Required Because of Kelley Stand Project

Ms. Keough is following up on the above matter.

Interim Zoning Administrator

Mr. Stuermer has expressed interest in this position. Mr. Hyde made the motion and Mr. Bendix seconded the motion to appoint Mr. Stuermer to this temporary position until someone applies for the permanent position. Motion carried. Anyone interested should notify Mr. Hyde or Ms. Keough.

Haskins Gas Service

Mr. Hyde signed the contract with the above for propane usage at \$1.99 per gallon at 3500 gallons of propane.

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Mr. Bendix agreed to fill this position.

With no further business before the Selectboard, Mr. Bendix made the motion and Mr. Ennis seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Handwritten signature of Kay H. Kwasniewski in cursive script.

Kay H. Kwasniewski
Secretary to the Board