

SUNDERLAND SELECTBOARD

Meeting – May 18, 2015

1. Reception honoring Kay Kwasniewski at 6:30 pm
2. Selectboard meeting call to order by Mark Hyde
3. Flag dedication in memory of Louis Kwasniewski and speech by John Williams thanking Kay Kwasniewski for her many years of service to the Town of Sunderland
 - a. Presentation of formal letter of thanks
 - b. Flag dedication with VT Senator Brian Champion
4. Brief recess
5. Call to order for regular meeting
6. Those in attendance
 - a. Board members: Rick Timmerman, Jon French, Mark Hyde, Steven Bendix, John Williams
 - b. Citizens: Judy Edmunds, Peter Luca, Mike di Monda
7. Session recorded by GNAT-TV
8. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
 - a. Amendment of May 18, 2015 minutes
 - i. Under “New Business,” then “Correspondence,” “North Burlington Village” should be changed to “North of Arlington”
 - ii. Steven Bendix motions to accept amended minutes, Rick seconds, motion is passed
9. Reports from Road Liaison and/or Highway Foreman
 - i. Sunderland Hill and Hill Farm Bridge paving grant has been submitted and waiting for response
 - a. Will do ditch work to clean in preparation for paving
 - ii. Paving bids for town hall parking lot
 1. O’Brien best deal, Mark Johnston will schedule
 2. Mark and Tony will remove pavement already in place, and will paint parking lines and handicap signs
 - iii. Work being completed on Kelley Stand and Bentley Hill
 - iv. Start road-side mowing in about a week
10. New business
 - a. Update on BCSWA with estimated costs – Steven Bendix
 - i. Sunderland’s year 1 cost is \$5,353.44 which is more than anticipated, so the additional amount will come from the General Fund budget, which

Steven Bendix has confirmed with Rose will have no negative affect on the 2015-2016 budget. However, we will have to be mindful of this new unfunded state mandate next year.

- ii. Steven Bendix will also meet with Mrs. Troy, the principal of Sunderland Elementary pursuant to the Alliance recycling outreach program with local school(s)
- b. John Stuermer has identified a possible zoning violation, will write a letter to be reviewed by town attorney
 - i. Judy Edmunds raised the question of possibly charging the party who is in non-compliance with a zoning regulation the cost of lawyer fees for the town in addition to fines.
- c. Lilly Van Haverbeke to attend workshop regarding new position with Planning Board
- d. Green-up Vermont Day
 - i. Thanks to Orvis for taking the lead
- e. Tax sale
 - i. Town bought Harrington parcels
 - ii. May have another tax sale this fall
 - iii. Kathy is working on new policy based on knowledge gained during recent workshop

11. Executive session

- a. Motion to go into executive session made by John Williams, seconded by Steven Bendix, the motion carried.
- b. Mark made a motion to come back from executive session, Jon French seconded, the motion carried.
- c. Mark made a motion to contact the town lawyer to reach a settlement, Jon French seconded, the motion carried

12. More Old Business

- a. Efficiency VT – we will be getting over \$1,000 back
- b. Casella – green
- c. New appraisal for Town Hall

13. Review of bills and signing of selectboard's orders

- a. Casella – Green Up VT Day Charge, then credit.
- b. Bennington County Regional Commission (April 6, 2015 – May 3, 2015)
 - i. Sunderland Safe Roads Scoping Study, bill for \$789, John Williams motioned for it to be signed, John French seconded, and the motion carried.

- c. BCSWA markup packet to be submitted on Wednesday, given to Steven Bendix
 - d. New appraisal for Town Hall
 - e. Notice of change in appraisal for town property on Kansas Rd
 - i. John Williams will schedule an appointment to grieve appraisal
 - f. Hill Farm submitted an ACT250 form
 - i. Parking issues need to be addressed
 - ii. We will be kept informed of what happens at Planning Board meeting
14. Motion to Adjourn made by Steven Bendix, seconded by John Williams, motion passed, adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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