

# Sandgate Select Board Meeting – January 7, 2019

**Called to order: 6:30 pm**

**Attendance:** Suzy dePeyster, Mike Hill, Karen Tendrup, Karen Dzialo, Tom Santelli

**Citizen concerns:** none

**Budget:** The Board reviewed Highway Budget. Mike Hill, road foreman, figured that that most road expenses will remain the same as last years. The Board will continue to work on the budget at the next meeting. We are still receiving appropriation requests.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sandy Reidy will provide updated Treasurer's Report and proposed Town and Highway Budget at the next meeting.

**Warning:** New article: "Will the Garage Maintenance line item to be rolled over". Also should reword restoration fund be placed in Town Office Fund.

## **Orders were signed**

**December 17, 2018 meeting minutes were reviewed.** Tom Santelli motioned to accept the minutes as is and Karen Tendrup seconded. All in favor.

**New Backhoe Update:** Mike reported that the new backhoe will be delivered early next week after the thumb is welded on.

**West Road Grant:** The West road needs extensive work. Mike will apply for a grant for next year. In the meantime, the road department will continue to maintain, remove trees and work on ditches.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Grogan Update:** Hal reported that there has been no effort by Grogan to remove any of the many vehicles from his property. He has been advised that both the town and the state will take action. The town will fine him and if the request is still ignored there will be a lien placed on his property. Select Board concurred. Tom Santelli moved to proceed with the lawyer. Karen Tendrup seconded. All in favor.

Mike Perra informed the Board that gravel is running into the pond on West Road. Mike will look into the problem.

**Ash Borer problem:** Suzy will contact Sean Raphael to ask if he can research a grant for disease resistant trees. Also inquire about upgrading the town radios.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Karen Tendrup at 7:50, Tom Santelli seconded.

**Next meeting January 21, 2019**

Respectfully submitted by Karen Dzialo

# **Sandgate Select Board Meeting – January 21, 2019**

**Called to order: 6:30 pm**

**Attendance:** Suzy dePeyster, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli, Karen Dzialo. Absent: Karen Tendrup.  
Also present: Treasurer, Sandy Reidy.

**Citizen Concerns:** none

**Treasurer's Report:** Sandy Reidy presented the December Treasurer's Report. Sandy will have the Warning ready for Select Board signatures this coming week. The Warning needs to be published no less 30 days or more than forty days before Town Meeting on March 5, 2019.

**Budget:** Town and Highway budget settled.

**Reviewed January 7, 2019 Minutes:** motion to accept by Mike Hill, seconded by Tom Santelli

## **Signed Orders**

**Highway Report:** New 2019 John Deere backhoe was delivered and 2008 New Holland traded in. The road crew was busy sanding and plowing the roads during the storm, starting at 3:00 am on Sunday morning.

Motion to adjourn meeting: by Karen Dzialo, seconded by Tom Santelli, All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

**Next Meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019** at the town hall at 6:30 pm

**NOTE: Annual Town Meeting on March 5**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

# Sandgate Select Board Meeting – February 4, 2019

**Called to order: 6:30 pm**

**Attendance:** Board members Karen Dzialo, Suzy dePeyster, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli; Absent – Karen Tendrup. Also present: Sean Raphael, Emergency Facilitator, and Hal Wilkins, ZA

**Zoning and Planning Update:** Hal Wilkins spoke with Grogan about Grogan’s violation of state and local junk yard statute. He is hopeful that it will be resolved without taking legal action. Grogan came in to the Town Office and discussed the situation and possible solutions with Hal.

Hal provided the Board with information/literature from Star Wind Turbines LLC. The Board reviewed the site plan and technical information concerning the proposed installation of three Star 72-6 30 kW wind turbines on the northwest side of Lake Madeline in Sandgate. Hal pointed out that the proposed location of the turbines was changed and is now lower on the mountain instead of at the summit. It will not be visible except looking down from Equinox Mountain toward Lake Madeline.

Mike Hill moved to send an approval letter supporting the application to the Vermont Public Utilities Commission. Tom Santelli seconded. All in favor. It was noted that by supporting this project, Hal felt the Town would achieve the state suggested goal towards renewable energy.

**Radio Report:** Sean Raphael reported that he researched options for the town to obtain new digital Radios to be used in emergencies. He will be contacting Jamie Paustian, Arlington Fire Chief, to ask if Sandgate could tie into the satellite setup that the fire department currently uses. Otherwise Repeaters are necessary for coverage. The radios currently being used by the road department could be traded in for credit to acquire the new radios. Sean will provide additional information regarding cost.

**SE Corners Road Damage:** Mike Hill reported that there would not be any FEMA money for damage from the storm that washed out and closed the upper portion of SE Corners Road. The road was quickly repaired and reopened. It took 200 yards of material to fix it.

**2019 Boundary Survey:** Karen Dzialo reported that the survey was completed and submitted. There were no changes in boundaries.

**Minutes:** The January 21, 2019 minutes were reviewed and a motion made to accept by Tom Santelli, seconded by Mike Hill. All in favor.

**Orders were signed**

**Other Business:**

Certificate of mileage was signed. The town has a total of 28 miles of roads.

It was noted that the Board recognizes that some road names were changed on the new map.

Tom Santelli will look into acquiring Bicycle signs in response to safety issues with last year's Bicycle Races in the town.

**Road Report:** The town will post weight limit signs for the dirt roads during mud season. Mike will contact Chris Taft.

**Adjourn:** Tom Santelli motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. Mike Hill seconded. All in favor.

**The next meeting will be February 18, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall.**

Respectfully submitted by Karen Dzialo

# Sandgate Select Board Meeting – February 18, 2019

**Called to order:** 6:45 pm

**Attendance:** Suzy dePeyster, Karen Tendrup, Karen Dzialo, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli  
Also present: Treasurer, Sandy Reidy

**Citizen Concerns:** None

**Watershed Management Permit:** Due June 1, 2019; Municipal Roads General Permit is due June 1, 2019, Sandgate's fee is \$900. MRGP offers training, grant funding opportunities, and other resources available to assist municipalities. Mike is working on filling out the permit.

## Orders Signed

**Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Sandy Reidy

**Review of February 4, 2019 Minutes:** Motion to accept by Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup seconded. All in favor.

**Road Report:** Recent washout on SE Corners Road, clogged "not in Town right of way" culverts discussed; actions by the Town to mitigate future water problems.

**Dry Hydrant:** Discussion if grant money would cover repair of older hydrants in the town. Mike said the Erthien dry hydrant needs reworking because the pool created by the culvert under the West Sandgate Rd was damaged by flooding. Suzy asked the Board for possible locations for new hydrants. Arlington Fire Department will also be asked. Dry Hydrants can lower insurance rates.

**Grogan Property:** Hal Wilkins reported that Grogan did not seem to be making any effort to remove junk cars from his property on Chunks Brook Road. Mike Hill motioned that Hal contact Woolmington, Town lawyer, to get an estimate of the cost to bring this matter before the District Environmental Conservation Court and Karen Tendrup seconded. All in favor.

**Fire Warden:** The Board signed State paperwork to reappoint Lynn Fielding as Forest Fire Warden in Sandgate. The appointment will be valid through June 30, 2023. Jim Gunn will be contacted to see if his paperwork is up to date.

**Zoning/Planning Board:** Caroline Kimball may be unable to continue her position on the Planning/Zoning Board. The board appointed Stuart Stevens to replace her if necessary.

Motion to adjourn by Karen Tendrup, seconded by Mike Hill. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 pm

**NOTE:** The annual Town Meeting is Monday March 4, 2019 at 7:00 at the Town Hall; School Board meeting is Tuesday morning, March 5, 2019. Balloting Tuesday, March 5, 2019 10:00 am to 7:00 pm.

**Next Select Board meeting will be on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 6:30 at the Town Hall.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

# Sandgate Select Board Meeting – March 6, 2019

**Called to order: 6:40 pm**

**Attendance:** Suzy dePeyster, Mike Hill, Karen Tendrup, Tom Santelli, Karen Dzialo. Also present, Emergency Management Coordinator, Sean Raphael.

**Board Organization:** Suzy dePeyster will continue as Chair, Karen Dzialo as Minute Taker, and Tom Santelli as Road Liaison. All in favor.

**Appointments:** The Board would like to thank all who serve as appointed officers for the Town. Sonja Jaffee will be retiring from her position on the Conservation Commission and we are looking to fill that vacancy with Rob Viglas. He will be notified by email. New appointments are as follows: Sean Raphael has accepted positions as Emergency Management Coordinator, Town Service Officer, Emergency Fuel Coordinator, and the Green Up committee. Karen Tendrup will continue to serve this year as Green Up Day Coordinator. Tom Santelli will join the Fence Viewers.

## **Select Board Minutes February 18, 2019:**

Tom Santelli motioned to accept minutes. Mike Hill 2nd. All in favor.

## **Road & Select Board Orders were signed.**

**Road Report:** The Town will put a rock lined swale along SE Corner Rd to prevent further erosion by Tidd Brook should the private culvert to Tidd Hollow get plugged up. A four wheel drive vehicle should be able to cross over the swale. Pavement eruption in the notch has been filled—more to be done after winter. Water Resource official, Josh Carvonhall, will advise Mike on replacing the Erthein Drive culvert on the West Sandgate Road. The Town would like to have the Dry Hydrant water source improved at same time.

**Dry Hydrant:** Sean Raphael will ask Jamie Paustian, AFD for needed location for Dry Hydrants, possibly in Beartown. Suzy will prepare Dry Hydrant Grant for VACD, Troy Dare.

**Radio Report:** Emergency Management Coordinator Sean Raphael reported that the Arlington Fire Dept. will allow the Town access to their digital radio system. Sean hopes to drive around Town Roads with Jamie Paustian to verify good reception. The potential cost for the emergency radio system will be an initial cost of \$100 for each radio and \$29 service charge per month per radio. The Town will turn in the existing radios as part of the deal.

**Other Business:** Tom Santelli reported that bike signs were ordered. Karen Tendrup, the Coordinator for Green Up Day on May 4<sup>th</sup>, needs volunteers to take responsibility for sections of road that they live on. Green Clean Up Bags are available at the Town Hall. Appliances and tires will be hauled by the Town Truck. Nothing should be brought to the Town Hall until May 4<sup>th</sup>. Anyone needing help to transport items should call the Town Office at 375-9075.

**Town Meeting Note:** Chris Barlow did an excellent job as Moderator.

**Next Meeting will be March 20, 2019**

Karen Tendrup motioned to adjourn the meeting. Tom Santelli seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo



# Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes March 18<sup>th</sup> 2019

**Called to order: 6:35 pm**

**Attendance:** Suzy dePeyster, Karen Dzialo, Karen Tendrup, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli.

Also present: Sandy Reidy, treasurer.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sandy presented the Treasurer's Report, and stated that there were adequate funds to continue to the end of the fiscal year.

**Minutes:** Reviewed March 6, 2019 minutes, motion to accept as is by Tom Santelli and seconded by Karen Tendrup, all in favor.

**Road Report:** There are serious mud conditions throughout town. Mike will be using the Grader to knock down the mud ridges where appropriate. Crown Maple will be asked to help with the cost of stone and the application of fabric to offset the deterioration of the road.

Mike mentioned the need for pavement repair of Sandgate Road from Arlington town border to SE Corners and is working on a grant for this year. Crack sealant will be applied where needed. Cost estimates will be made.

**Radios:** Sean Raphael is checking into possible grants to help cover cost. So far the discussion is to purchase 5 radios that will be installed in the 3 trucks, the grader, and the backhoe at an initial cost of \$99 each with a monthly cost of \$29 per radio. Two more handhelds, one for the Road Liaison and one at the Town Hall, will allow us to communicate with the Fire Department and the Arlington school buses. The Town of Arlington will have the same type radios.

## **Zoning Board Report by Hal Wilkins, Zoning Administrator:**

- 1. Grogan** - Action against the vehicle junkyard and domestic trash accumulation on Chunk's Brook Road is progressing. Current site photographs have been added to the file. Rob Woolmington has been asked to provide a cost estimate for his work in presenting this case to the Environmental Court.
- 2. Innovative Energy Plan - GMP/Crown Maple:** Crown Maple and Green Mountain Power will investigate the feasibility of eliminating the diesel generators that are used to power the numerous pumps and the reverse osmosis system at the sap house. The replacement power source could be either solar PV panels or small-scale (less than 100' above the ground) wind turbines. This project – in conjunction with the Equinox Foundation's small-scale wind project at Lake Madeline – should enable the town to satisfy the state-mandated energy conservation standards.

3. **Speeding on Sandgate Road** - The Crown Maple administration reminded its personnel about respecting the posted speed limits, especially during mud season.
4. **Town Maps** - The new town maps are online at [sandgatevermont.org](http://sandgatevermont.org). Color copies of the map sets are now available for use by town personnel and for public inspection

**Other Business:**

Sandy asked where she could purchase carbonless orders. Karen D will send her the link.

Dottie Sundquist invited an expert to speak on invasive plants at the April 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting. If you have a concern about invasive plants, please attend.

Green Up Day May 4<sup>th</sup> – Karen Tendrup, coordinator, requests that any appliances be brought to the Town Hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> of May. Call the Town Hall if you need help transporting items. Tires will be accepted but monetary donations would be greatly appreciated to offset the cost of discarding.

Karen Tendrup motioned to adjourn, Karen Dzialo seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

**Next meeting on April 1, 2019**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

# **Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes - April 1st 2019**

**Called to order: 6:35 pm**

**Attendance:** Suzy dePeyster, Karen Tendrup, Karen Dzialo, Tom Santelli  
(absent, Mike Hill)

**Citizens' Concerns:** none

**Treasurer's Report:** none

**Zoning Administrator's Report:** The Board signed a Letter of Agreement involving Crown Maple/ Green Mountain Power, Star Wind/Equinox Wind Turbines.

**March 18, 2019 Minutes Reviewed.** Tom S. motioned to accept as is, Karen T. seconded. All in favor.

**Orders were signed**

**Erthein Dry Hydrant:** no update

**Road Report:** Spot grading where needed. The 2003 International truck needed air can, rear springs and fuel injectors.

**Mud Remediation Costs:** Mike will provide costs of stone etc. to maintain Sandgate Road bus run towards Beartown. Crown Maple will be asked to help with repairs to damage.

**Other Business:** Green Up bags arriving the last week of April. Karen T. will put out a sign in front of the Town Hall. **Green Up Day is May 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Dottie Sundquist arranged to have a talk about **Invasive Plants** at the next Select Board meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Signs will be posted. All are invited to attend.

Motion to adjourn by Karen Tendrup, Karen Dzialo seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

**Next meeting on April 15, 2019**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

# Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes - April 15, 2019

**Called to order at 6:25 pm**

**Attendance:** Suzy dePeyster, Karen Tendrup, Karen Dzialo, Tom Santelli, Mike Hill.

Also present: Sandy Reidy, treasurer.

**Citizens' Concerns:** none

**Treasurer's Report:** OK except for concern on amount of line item for Salt under General Fund. According to Mike Hill's records, it should be \$4,270.00 not \$17,592.53. Sandy will verify amounts.

**Minutes from April 1, 2019 meeting reviewed,** motion to accept as is by Karen Tendrup, seconded by Tom Santelli. All in favor.

**Orders were signed**

**Zoning Update:** Town Attorney Rob Woolmington advised Hal Wilkins about how best to proceed regarding the Heath Grogan situation. Woolmington provided Hal with a better violation notice than appears in the standard ZA manual and Hal will proceed with a certified letter this week.

Woolmington estimated it would cost about \$2,000 to take the Grogan matter thru Environmental Court. It was noted that Grogan has added 3 more cars to the 17 already on the property. Several of the cars are located next to Chunks Brook.

**Local Road Education in Arlington, Shaftsbury:** The Select Board / Road Foreman is invited to attend on June 18<sup>th</sup> an Invasive Plants program; and on May 15<sup>th</sup>, a Grading and Crowning Program.

**Road Report:** The Woodcock Bridge stone foundation was damaged when excessive rainfall and rising water in Tidd Brook overwhelmed the 5' culvert. Culverts around Town have been cleaned out as needed and grading will proceed when it dries out. Mike will get a price from Tom Fuller for the repairs needed at the Notch, for shoulders of the road to be shimmed, and for loose pavement at culverts. Particular attention will be paid to the stretch of road by Don Trachte's house. Mike will apply for a blacktop grant.

**Correspondence:** The Board received an invitation to the Fire Company Banquet on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Karen Tendrup and Karen Dzialo will attend.

Tom motioned to adjourn, Mike seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05

**Next meeting on May 6, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

# **Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes – May 6, 2019**

**Called to order at 6:25 pm**

**Attendance:** Suzy dePeyster, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli, Karen Dzialo

**Citizen Concerns:** none

**Federal Funded Signage:** The town has been waiting for the signage for 3 years (maybe this summer). Bike caution signs by Santelli Signs are on the way.

**Grogan Update:** Hal will send out a certified letter, as well as a regular mail delivery letter, stating that Grogan will have a legal specified time from the receipt of the letter to eliminate the excess junk cars from his property. If no response, the constable will serve a letter to Grogan. It was noted that there were more cars added in the past few weeks. Grogan will be fined \$100 per day after the 30 day notice.

**Orders were signed.**

**Minutes from April 18, 2019 meeting reviewed.** Motion to accept as is by Tom Santelli, Mike seconded. All in favor.

**Road Report:** Mike Hill will be meeting with the Water Resource Agency and the Historical Society regarding the Woodcock Bridge which received water damage from recent storms.

Mike is getting prices for a new box blade for the old dump truck.

Mike is keeping track of the cost of culvert replacement by Trachte's, in case FEMA pays.

**Paving:** Fuller will shim the road from the Town of Sandgate welcome sign to SE Corners and do necessary repairs to pavement by other culverts. Fuller will also repair the paving on the Notch. We will try to not exceed the \$30,000 that we have, since there is no grant money available this year.

Tom motioned to adjourn, Mike seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm

**Next meeting on May 20, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

# Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes – May 20, 2019

**Called to order at 6:37 pm**

**Attendance:** Suzy dePeyster, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup, Karen Dzialo.

Also present: Sandy Reidy, treasurer; Valerie dePeyster, citizen

**Citizen Concerns:** none

**Treasurer's Report:** Sandy submitted the report, which was reviewed. The Listers are expected to provide the new Tax List by mid-July.

**Orders were signed.** There was a discussion about ordering generic Town of Sandgate NCR forms that could be used by all departments.

**Minutes from May 6, 2019 meeting were reviewed.** Tom Santelli motioned to accept minutes as is, Mike Hill seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Road Report:** A Municipal Road General Permit Order Planning Report is due June 1<sup>st</sup>. Mike signed the paperwork. The permit is needed in order to apply for grant money. The ledge by Tudor Hill will be taken care of asap. Chris Taft will be contacted to check on the stability of the ledge and advise the road department on what needs to be done. Paving has been held up because of the wet weather. Tom Fuller will repair the Notch first then Sandgate Road. Suzy will contact Stu Johnson, who is the local roads advisor, and ask if he can help us determine the best way to handle our ditches and berms.

**Sheriff:** Discussion about best hours and days to have a police presence in the town. A determination will be made at the next meeting and a proposed schedule sent to the Sheriff.

**Other Business:** Karen Tendrup will attend the Annual Flag Day on June 9 in Bennington as the presentative from Sandgate. The town will receive a Flag. The Town will be checking prices on a Propane Pre-Buy.

**Grogan Update:** Regarding removal of his 20 plus junk cars, Heath Grogan signed the certified receipt notification informing him of the \$100/day fine. We've started the countdown to violation notification. Hal Wilkins will check with Rob Woolington about enforcement.

Karen Tendrup motioned to adjourn the meeting. Tom Santelli seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

**Next meeting on June 3, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

# Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes – June 3, 2019

**Called to order at 6:35 pm**

**Attendance:** Suzanne dePeyster, Mike Hill, Karen Tendrup. Also present: Dot Sundquist, Citizen.  
Absent: Karen Dzialo, Tom Santelli

**Correspondence:** Tom Kenney wrote the Town a letter expressing concerns about road maintenance, the notch paving and culvert sinking in particular. Mike said Robert Farley came down from the state to speak with Tom Kenney about the road.

**May 20, 2019 Minutes:** Karen Tendrup moved to accept. Mike Hill seconded. All in favor

**Orders signed.**

**Notch Pavement:** Tom Fuller, paving contractor, was finally able to pave the notch hole and fixed the new culvert below Trachte's on the Sandgate Road on May 31st. He was held up by the wet weather. Fuller hopes to shim and pave the rest of the culverts that have sunk this week. Stuart Johnson will be contacted about "grading". He had dates available; but no time has been fixed yet.

**Road Report:** Mike hopes to start mowing tomorrow. The Town has the use of Rupert's chipper and Mike plans to clean up branches from ash tree removal on Tudor Rd and Sandgate Rd. Mike noted the board should consider increasing the budget for paving.

## **Zoning Board and Planning Commission Changes**

Judy Boehlert Chair of ZBA/PC has resigned. Sheila Kearns will be Chair; Stuart Stevens, voting member of the Board. The Select Board wants to acknowledge Judy Boehlert's great contribution to the Town. Thank you, Judy.

**Other Business:** Dot Sundquist addressed the Board about knotweed removal. She hopes to target four spots in Town for eradication on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 6:00 PM. Board members and townfolk of all ages will meet at the dry hydrant parking area near SE Corner Rd. and the Sandgate Rd. to tackle the loathsome plant.

Mike Hill moved to adjourn Karen Tendrup seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 7:35PM.

**Next meeting is June 17, 2019**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Tendrup

# Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes – June 17, 2019

**Called to order at 6:30 pm**

**Attendance:** Suzy dePeyster, Karen Tendrup, Karen Dzialo, Tom Santelli, Mike Hill.

Also present: Sandy Reidy, Treasurer

**Citizens' Concerns:** none

**Treasurer's Report:** submitted and reviewed. No issues.

**Review June 3, 2019 Minutes:** motion to accept by Tom Santelli, seconded by Mike Hill. All in favor

**Orders were signed.**

**Blue Flame Gas Offer:** the Board agreed to select the fixed prepaid offer.

**Justice of the Peace:** there is an opening. Sandy Reidy will contact Phoebe Sheres to ask if she will be willing to fill the vacancy. Justice of Peace serves on the Board of Civil Authority

**BCRC Commissioner Vacancy:** Suzy will contact Sheila Kearns to ask if she would be willing to fill that vacancy.

**Sheriff:** discussion regarding dates/hours of patrol postponed to next meeting.

**DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation):** a letter was signed by board members to participate in Grants-In-Aid Program.

**Road Report:** Continued work on culvert-cleanout, ditching. Tom Santelli stated that he will start mowing this week. Discussion about invasive Poison Parsnip plants going to seed. Discussion on de-berming roads; Stu Johnson, from the State, was invited by Suzy dePeyster to meet with Mike Hill and Tom Santelli regarding different techniques to lower the shoulder of the road to allow for better drainage. Tom Santelli, speaking for the Road Department, stated that they did not need to attend because they are already well-experienced in how to deal with berms and drainage and it would be a waste of their time.

**Paving Update:** Good job on the recent paving project. Discussion on the possibility of reclaiming a portion of Sandgate Road by the Yellow Farmhouse. Over the years additional paving material has added more than ten inches. This is making it difficult to see traffic coming up the hill and is a safety issue for residents. Mike will look into the cost.

**Zoning:** Hal Wilkins provided a report to the Board. There are several zoning permits in the works: a barn at the bottom of Stannard Road and a replacement of aged camp on Sandgate Road by Rick Hansen. Access across Green River was discussed. Hal updated the Board on enforcement of current regulations and his continuing work with Crown Maple and GMP. He also stated that there will be a reorganization meeting Wednesday June 19.

A motion to adjourn by Karen Tendrup, Tom Santelli seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm. **The next meeting will be July 1, 2019**

Respectfully submitted by Karen Dzialo



# Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes – July 1, 2019

## **CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:34 PM**

**ATTENDANCE:** Suzy dePeyster, Karen Tendrup, Karen Dzialo, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** Lynn Fielding requested signatures approving his appointment as Fire Warden. The full select board signed the letter.

**LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN ( LEMP):** Suzy dePeyster signed the document adopting the LEMP. (If anyone wants to read the 6 page document, contact [karendzialo@gmail.com](mailto:karendzialo@gmail.com) and it will be emailed to you.)

**FEMA MONIES REPORT:** Suzy attended the 2 hour information meeting 53 miles away in Mendon, VT. The Town is in the process of opening the FEMA Grant portal.

**REVIEW JUNE 17, 2019 MINUTES:** The minutes were approved with the last sentence of the Road Report stricken. Karen Tendrup motioned to accept the minutes with the change, Karen Dzialo seconded. All in favor.

**ZONING UPDATE, GROGAN:** The District Environmental Court will deal with the ongoing problem of junk cars. Tom motioned to pursue the matter, Karen Tendrup seconded the motion.

## **ORDERS WERE SIGNED.**

### **ROAD REPORT:**

—Better Back Roads Grant for the Rupert Road Bank is for \$6,753.00, below Evan’s estimate of \$8,442.00.

—Ditching is done on SE Corners Road. Next will be West Side Main Road and Rupert Road. Some culverts have been replaced and a new one will be added to SE Corners Road.

—The Board was contacted by Jeremy Peters regarding installing a culvert on his driveway off SE Corners Road. The recent ditching made it difficult to the access the driveway. Mike will speak with Jeremy.

—Discussion on stainless box and plow blade for the older plow truck. The box and blade could be removed if or when the truck is traded in for a newer truck. Mike will do research on cost and report to the Board for a vote in August.

—The Bike Safety Signs from Santelli Signs are here and will be put up shortly.

—The Town is still waiting for the Updated Regulatory signs for West Sandgate Road which was part of a 2015 Federal Grant. Maybe by 2020.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Mike is in contact with Workman’s Comp. Mike was injured in January of 2018 when he slipped on the ice-covered step of the truck. He has been going for physical therapy but may require microscopic surgery to fix the problem.

Motion to adjourn by Karen Dzialo, seconded by Karen Tendrup. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

## **NEXT MEETING IS JULY 15, 2019**

Respectfully submitted by Karen Dzialo

# Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes – July 15, 2019

**CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:35 PM**

**ATTENDANCE:** Suzy dePeyster, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup. Absent: Karen Dzialo. Also present Sandy Reidy, Treasurer

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** Kayla Zoppel asked for "Single Lane Only" signs to be more prominent on the West Sandgate Rd.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Tax Rate has been calculated. 2019 Grand List is completed and the State sent down School figures. The Tax Rates are:

## Homestead Tax Rate

Municipal	\$0.7603
School	\$1.1236
Local	<u>\$0.0032</u>
	<b>\$1.8871</b> per thousand (July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020)
	<i>\$2.0903 last year FYI</i>

## Non-residential Tax Rate

Municipal	\$0.7603
School	\$1.3997
Local	<u>\$0.0032</u>
	<b>\$2.1632</b> per thousand (July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020)
	<i>\$2.1558 last year FYI</i>

Tom Santelli moved to accept the Tax Rate. Karen Tendrup seconded. All in favor.

## ZA REPORT:

- **Grogan/Telford Enforcement**  
Richard Dahm will serve (or possibly has done so) Heath Grogan / Crystal Telford with the court documents that Rob Woolmington's office prepared. Attorney Merrill Bent will be handling the matter for the town.
- **190 Swearing Hill Road**  
Unpermitted residential construction. The Lister's provided information about a real estate listing for this property, specifically advertising a "second house" on the property. We could find no zoning permits for this "second house" and have advised the property owner of the local and state regulations.

- **Karen Woods Property, 3767 West Sandgate Road**

The conveyance of this property to a family from NYS is a work in progress. The buyer and seller have agreed to a plan to remove the junk/abandoned autos/trash/etc. within 30 days of the closing. If this remediation is not satisfactorily completed in the agreed-upon time, we will proceed with a violation notice.

- **Doucette Property, 954 Hamilton Hollow Road**

Zoning application is in progress for major renovations / new construction to this former camp. Work will include repairs to the bridge surface. The property owner is aware of his obligation to obtain state permits for some of these tasks.

- **Schonberg Property, Sandgate Road**

Zoning application is in progress for a residential addition and new decks at this house just past the church (the former Cook residence)

**MINUTES:** Tom Santelli moved to approve the July 1, 2019 Minutes.

Karen Tendrup seconded. All in favor.

**GRANT UPDATE:** Suzy had a conference call with FEMA July 16, 2019 at 10:00 AM about Woodcock bridge damage.

**ORDERS WERE SIGNED**

**ROAD REPORT:** Ditching and mowing continues

Tom moved to adjourn. Mike seconded. All in favor. Adjourned 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted, Suzy dePeyster

**NEXT MEETING: August 5, 2019 at 6:30 PM, Town Hall**

# **Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes – August 5, 2019**

**CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:30 PM**

**ATTENDANCE:** Suzy dePeyster, Mike Hill, Karen Dzialo, Tom Santelli. Absent: Karen Tendrup.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** none

**MINUTES:** July 15, 2019 minutes reviewed and accepted by Tom Santelli, seconded by Mike Hill

## **ORDERS SIGNED**

### **APRIL 15, 2019 FEMA DAMAGE UPDATE:**

Chris Taft (District 1 State) and Josh Carvajal (State Water) will meet with Town to review the damage to the Woodcock Road bridge and determine the cost of replacing the bridge. Date of meeting is still undetermined. Work continues on the SE Corners Rd to fix April 15th damage; trees/stumps have been removed on SE Corners Road (R. Kulmane property). A ditch will be placed on the bank side of the road and gravel will be added over the bank run. The road should be much more user friendly.

### **ZA GROGAN/TELFORD UPDATE:**

Richard Dahm served the court notices to the Grogan/Telford folks. Merrill Bent will check if there are any responses from the property owners. It was noted that cars are being removed from the property.

Zoning Administrator Hal Wilkins will be stepping down from his role as the Town Zoning officer. Suzy will ask Bill Henry, who is serving on the Arlington Zoning Administrator, if he would be interested in filling the position, at least temporarily.

### **ROAD REPORT:**

Mike received a call from Tom Bausher regarding a plugged culvert on Woodcock Road. Mike will take care of it when he is in the area, by the end of August.

### **TRUCK UPDATE:**

Mike will look into the purchase of a new blade for the old 2004 International truck.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Berkshire Bank contacted Town about an inactive school account that was about to be closed. Board signed a note authorizing Sandy Reidy to handle the matter.

### **THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AUGUST 19, 2019.**

*NOTE: Since the first Monday in September is Labor Day, the Select Board will meet on September 9 and September 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

Karen Dzialo motioned to adjourn. Tom Santelli seconded. All in favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 pm

Respectfully submitted by Karen Dzialo

# Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes – August 19, 2019

**CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:35 PM**

**ATTENDANCE:** Suzy dePeyster, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup. Absent: Karen Dzialo.

## **CITIZEN CONCERNS:**

A misplaced sign on Rupert Rd was removed.

Phyllis Skidmore, Martha Canfield Librarian, requested input on the placement of lending book boxes in Town. The Library will maintain them. The Board felt it would be a great idea.

## **ORDERS SIGNED**

## **MINUTES**

T. Santelli moved to accept with the change of Bill Henrys' title from Arlington Zoning Board member to Zoning Administrator. Karen Tendrup seconded. All in favor.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT ACCEPTED**

## **FEMA UPDATE:**

Mike spoke with Josh Carvajal. Josh told Mike the hydrology study done a few years ago for the Woodcock Road bridge repair is still a sound plan and either poured-in-place concrete or preformed concrete pinned in place would work. Chris Taft told Mike he will rough-out cost figures for both types of bridge work and get the figures to Mike who will then pass them on to FEMA officials. Sandy will update the Grant portal. Josh and Chris did not think an onsite meeting would be necessary as they are both familiar with the Woodcock Bridge. The storm damage work on SE Corner Rd has been completed. Trees were removed, a ditch put in, and good gravel added to cover the existing bank run gravel. Mike will send costs to FEMA.

## **ZA - GROGAN/TELFORD UPDATE:**

Some vehicles have been removed. Hal Wilkins plans to be in the office Wednesday, the 21st to meet with Bill Henry, Arlington Zoning Administrator. The junk car situation will be discussed along with other ongoing zoning matters.

## **ROAD REPORT:**

Over 250' of culvert has been installed on the SE Corner Rd. Bausher's plugged culvert has been fixed on the Woodcock Rd. Work has started on the hairpin turn on the Rupert Road with Better Back Road Grants funding that project. A check for last years' grant for Hamilton Hollow Road was received this week. The new plow for the 2004 International truck will cost \$7,600. The Board will vote on the purchase at the next meeting. Mike will have information at the next meeting about a possible grant funding for debris blowers. Radios for the trucks compatible with AFD will be discussed at the next meeting also.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Since the first Monday in September falls on Labor Day the Select Board will meet

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 and SEPTEMBER 23, 2019.**

Karen Tendrup motioned to adjourn. Tom Santelli seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

Respectfully submitted by Suzy dePeyster

# Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes – September 9, 2019

**CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:32 PM**

**ATTENDANCE:** Suzy dePeyster, Karen Dzialo, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** Lucille Kurasinski reported that a tree was leaning over on West Sandgate Road. Mike will look at it. Mike will be cutting trees in the Notch in the near future.

**MINUTES FROM AUGUST 19 WERE REVIEWED.**

Tom Santelli motioned to accept the minutes as is, Mike Hill seconded. All in favor.

**FEMA PORTAL UPDATE:** Nothing reported back from Chris Taft regarding Woodcock Road bridge cost. Discussion about pin/pour and place method. The board felt that would work the best. Mike will follow up with Chris to get the figures to FEMA. Sandy Reidy is working with Mike on a spreadsheet to keep track of maintenance on Town roads.

**ORDERS WERE SIGNED**

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE:** The Board appointed Bill Henry as full time Zoning Administrator. Mike made the motion, Tom Seconded, all in favor.

**RADIOS:** Radios were ordered: 3 (one for each truck) and 2 hand held (one for Town Hall, one for Road Liaison). New radios will be on same frequency as the radios used by Arlington Fire Company, Rescue Squad, and the Arlington School System.

**ROAD REPORT:**

Bike Signs are not yet in place.

Work to be finished on Rupert Road, culverts, and tree work to be done in October.

A Grant is possible for a unit to blow chaff on grass planted where the dirt has been exposed to the elements.

Mike will place slate on Bell Road to prevent erosion.

The plow for the old truck has been ordered.

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 23, 2019**

**TAKE NOTE, NEW MEETING TIME:** It was agreed by the Board to meet at **6:00 pm instead of 6:30 pm**

Motion to adjourn made by Karen Tendrup, Mike Hill seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned 7:15pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

# Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes – September 23, 2019

## **CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:30 PM**

**ATTENDANCE:** Suzy dePeyster, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli, Karen Dzialo; Absent: Karen Tendrup.

Also present: Sandy Reidy, treasurer

**LISTER ERRORS AND OMISSION:** The MacDonald property was inadvertently left off the 2019 Grand List. Regarding Craig Clark property at 1618 West Sandgate Road, an error in property value due to loss caused by a fire was addressed by the Board. Mike Hill motioned to accept the change to \$67,400. Tom Santelli seconded, all in favor.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Board reviewed and accepted the Treasurer's Report.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** The Board read and responded to a letter from Katie Kenny regarding the difficulty that citizens are having receiving their Homestead Rebate. This issue will be addressed when the Lister's are back in town on Wednesday, Sept. 25. Mike moved that the Town waive the 8% penalty if, through no fault of their own, a taxpayer who had properly submitted the necessary documents to the State to receive a Homestead Rebate and does not receive his/her rebate figure in time, and thus unable to pay their tax bill. Tom Santelli seconded the motion.

**FEMA UPDATE:** The Town must submit a damage inventory by September 28, 2019 for SE Corners Road washout damage and for damage to the Woodcock Road Bridge. Mike Hill will provide receipts for the SE Corners washout repair. Estimate for Woodcock Bridge by District One [Chris Taft] is coming.

**REVIEW SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 MINUTES:** Minutes reviewed and accepted with one change. Under Road Report, change "plow and box ordered" to "plow ordered". Karen Dzialo motioned to accept, Mike Hill seconded. All in favor.

## **ORDERS SIGNED**

**ZONING MATTERS - GROGAN:** Bill Henry will sign the affidavit for Grogan issue. As of now some cars have been removed from the property. Hal Wilkins, who recently passed, did not send a final bill for his services. This will be looked into by Treasurer. The Board agreed that it would be a good idea to get a Town owned computer for the Zoning Administrator. This should keep paperwork files and other zoning records accessible when the Zoning position is refilled.

**ROAD REPORT & PLAN:** Mike reported that he is building up the supply of sand for the coming winter. Town finished the work on Rupert Road from Larson's to Pero's for the Aid and Pilot Grant. That work included ditching with stone, adding culverts, seeding and spreading 65 bales of mulch.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Eleanor LaCross will check into Drug Testing Requirements for Town employees operating equipment.

Motion to adjourn by Karen Dzialo, seconded by Tom Santelli. All in Favor.

Adjourned 7:15

**Reminder: meeting time for the Select Board was changed from 6:30 to 6:00 for the winter.**

**NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 7, 2019 AT 6:00 PM**

Respectfully submitted, Karen Dzialo

# **Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes – October 7, 2019**

**CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00 PM**

**ATTENDANCE:** Suzy dePeyster, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup; Absent: Karen Dzialo. Also present: Ginny Kauffman, Janice Garrison.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** Janice Garrison hoped something could be done about road runoff into her driveway. Mike will check into it this week. Ginny Kauffman brought concerns of winter ice on the West Road to the board.

**FEMA UPDATE:** There will be a meeting with FEMA officials at the Woodcock Bridge site on Oct 8, 2019 at 10:00 am.

**SEPTEMBER 23, 2019 MINUTES REVIEWED.** Lister's' request for select board signature for Lister Errors and Omissions should include MacDonald property. Tom Santelli motioned to approve the minutes with addition to MacDonald Omission and Error request. Mike Hill seconded. All in favor.

**ORDERS WERE SIGNED.**

**ZONING UPDATE:** Bill Henry signed the Grogan affidavit. The Judge hasn't issued judgement yet.

**ROAD REPORT:** Radios for the Town Road Crew and Town Clerks' Office are here. Bicycle Signs should be up this week. The new plow should be here by October 23rd. Tudor Rd curve at Lynne Fielding's will be cleared off so that that oncoming traffic can be seen better.

Tom moved to adjourn Mike seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm

Respectfully submitted, Suzy dePeyster

**NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 21, 2019 AT 6:00 PM**



# **Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes – October 21, 2019**

## **CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00 PM**

**ATTENDANCE:** Mike Hill, Suzie dePeyster, Karen Dzialo, Karen Tendrup, Tom Santelli.  
Also present: Sandy Reidy, Treasurer.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** The Board received a letter from Chris LaCroix regarding the late tax payment by his father, Gideon LaCroix. The Board discussed the issue and agreed that the matter is to be handled by the Tax Collector, who has the authority to set late payment amounts up to the state's limitation of 8%. Chris felt the amount charged was disproportionately too high. He suggested proration like Arlington. Arlington charges 4% the first month of delinquency then 8% after that. The Board explained to Chris that the amount charged was set by the delinquent tax collector and was out of the Boards' jurisdiction.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Sandy Reidy presented the report. Board reviewed it.

**BUDGET CONSIDERATION:** There will be a demonstration of a leaf blower, used for blowing the leaves out of ditches, in Rupert. Mike will go to the demo and report back to the Board regarding the feasibility of purchasing one for the town. Mike suggested possibly sharing the cost with the Town of Rupert.

**FEMA UPDATE:** The on-site visit to the Woodcock Bridge took place and Town is waiting on phase 3.

**THE OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup> MEETING MINUTES WERE REVIEWED.** Motion to accept as is by Tom Santelli; seconded by Mike Hill. All in favor.

**ORDERS WERE SIGNED.** A motion was made to send payment for the work done by Hal Wilkins, ZA prior to his passing, to his family. Mike made the motion to round up the payment to \$300, Karen Tendrup seconded it. All in favor.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Grogan Heath Update: Town will pay the legal fees for the zoning violations as requested.

**ROAD REPORT:** Mike will take care of the asphalt below Lucas Pike's driveway that crumbled into the ditch. He will cut brush on the first turn of Tudor Road to improve the line of sight, shave off some dirt and put down mulch hay.

Karen Tendrup motioned to adjourn, Tom Santelli seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05

**NEXT MEETING AT 6:00PM ON NOVEMBER 4, 2019**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

# **Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes – November 4, 2019**

**CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:04 PM**

**ATTENDANCE:** Suzy dePeyster, Karen Dzialo, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** None

**DOG ORDINANCE UPDATE:** The Dog Ordinance will be updated to reflect the current License Fees.

**OCTOBER 21, 2019 MINUTES:** Minutes were reviewed. Karen Tendrup motioned to accept minutes and Tom Santelli seconded. All in favor.

**ORDERS:** Orders were signed including appropriations for 2019. The board agreed to pay the Arlington Fire Dept. 2019 invoice. All other appropriations were paid in the amounts voted at Town Meeting.

**FEMA UPDATE:** There will be a meeting with Eric Arnold at 10:00 am on Tuesday Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> concerning the Woodcock Road bridge. A representative from Trout Unlimited will be there. Trout travel would be much improved by replacing the current culvert/boiler with a bridge.

**DITCH LEAF BLOWER REPORT:** Mike Hill attended the demonstration of a leaf blower in Rupert. He made a motion that Sandgate purchase the leaf blower and Karen Tendrup seconded. All in favor. We hope to have the leaf blower within a week and will be sharing it with Rupert, just as we currently share the use of Rupert's chipper.

**ROAD UPDATE:** Culverts are being cleaned and the road crew is preparing for the winter season. Culvert to be installed on West Rd.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Bushee Plumbing & Heating cleaned the furnace at the Highway Garage. Green Mountain Safe Company will open and repair the office safe that is in the vault and currently locked. The Town Hall furnace thermostat is not working properly. Eleanor LaCross will be consulted.

Karen Tendrup motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Mike Hill seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

**Next Meeting will be November 18, 2019 at 6:00 pm**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

# **Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes – November 18, 2019**

## **CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:10 PM**

**ATTENDANCE:** Suzy dePeyster, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup.  
Absent: Karen Dzialo. Also Present: Sandy Reidy.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** None.

**TREASURER SUBMITTED OCTOBER REPORT.** Next meeting she will have budget sheets for Select Board. Also Sandy printed out FEMA paperwork for Mike to sign for SE Corner Road washout and Woodcock Bridge.

**GROGAN UPDATE:** Bill Henry, ZA, has contacted Brownell Auto Wrecking who will remove unregistered vehicles per Judge's order.

**NOVEMBER 4, 2019 MINUTES** accepted by the Board with the change of "Mike" Santelli to Tom Santelli. Tom moved the motion and Mike seconded.

**BROADBAND AND CELL TOWER**— Sheila Kearns is checking into both possibilities.

## **ORDERS WERE SIGNED.**

**ROAD BUSINESS:** Tom Santelli suggested paying Willy Mattison \$26/hr. with no benefits, part time. Karen Tendrup seconded. All in favor. The new leaf blower is currently in Rupert. Should the right weather come about we might get a chance to use it in Sandgate. Rupert has used it and reports that it works very well.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Thermostats for Town Hall furnace still seem to be giving uneven heat. Suzy attended FEMA procurement meeting in Rutland from 1-4pm Nov 13th.

Tom moved to adjourn, Mike seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

## **NEXT MEETING DECEMBER 2, 2019 AT 6 PM, SANDGATE TOWN HALL**

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzy dePeyster

# Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes – December 2, 2019

## **CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:58 PM**

**Attendance:** Suzy dePeyster, Karen Tendrup, Karen Dzialo, Tom Santelli, Mike Hill.  
Also present: Citizen Sheila Kearns

**Citizen Concerns:** Town Clerk received a message that the private Littman Drive sign was missing. Board noted that if the new owner wanted a sign, they would have to pay for it. If they want to change the name, the name would be reviewed by Board.

Eleanor LaCross left a note that Town Hall needs a snow shovel and sand in the barrel outside Clerks Office door.

**Communication Czar Report:** Sheila Kearns presented information about Broadband Task Force. Task Force members are working with their towns to put a Communications Union District (CUD) article on 2020 Town meeting warning. In anticipation of the formation of a CUD, Task Force will create and submit a proposal to the Public Service Department for Broadband. Towns currently on the Broadband Task Force are Arlington Bennington, Dorset, Manchester, Rupert, Sandgate Shaftsbury, Sunderland, Middleton Springs and Wallingford. The proposed Article, to be included in the March Town Meeting Warning, will read as follows: “Shall the Town of Sandgate enter into a Communications Union District to be known as Southern Vermont Communications Union District, under the provisions of the Vermont Statutes Title 30 Chapter 82.” The Board voted to include the Article in the Warning; Mike Hill moved, Karen Dzialo seconded, All in favor.

**Animal Control:** A complaint was received of an aggressive turkey savaging chickens on the Chunks Brook Road (both turkey and chickens owned by Grogan). The Board stated that Animal Control does not handle poultry complaints. Poultry can free range.

**FEMA Update:** The Town sent a permission letter to FEMA to scope project repairs for 103720 Woodcock Road Bridge. Town does not have an official employee pay policy and is in the process of adopting VLCT suggested procurement policy that would comply with FEMA guidelines.

**Budget:** Board will start working on Budget at the next meeting. Thus far only two appropriation requests have come in.

**Review November 18, 2019 Minutes:** Motion to accept as is by Tom Santelli, Mike Hill seconded. All in favor.

**Orders were signed.**

**Road Report:** Mike reported, so far no breakdowns. He is making note of areas that need future attention in order to properly plow. New radios are working well. Tom will get hand-held radio to Town Clerks Office.

There was discussion regarding re-classifying the Class 3 upper portion of Chunks Brook Road to a Class 4. This would extend the current Class 4 from above Fred West driveway to private. Pantelone Lane. Further discussion at next meeting.

**Other Business:** Eleanor LaCross spoke to Novotny about an emergency shutoff switch for the furnace. Board will ask Eleanor to check into updating smoke detectors.

The Board asks that the door be left open between the small meeting room and Clerk's Office, to let the warm air reach the thermostat. Sign has been posted on the door.

Karen Tendrup motioned to adjourn, Tom Santelli seconded, All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

**The next meeting is December 16, 2019**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

# Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes – December 16, 2019

## **CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:10 PM**

**Attendance:** Suzy dePeyster, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup. Absent: Karen Dzialo.  
Also: Sandy Reidy, Treasurer; Julie Robertson, Cemetery Commissioner; Rick Dahm, Constable.

**Citizen Concerns:** Karen Tendrup spoke about ice build-up from the maple sugar operation in Beartown. The owners are aware of the problem and told Mike they were hoping to get it fixed. Mike will call to find out what's happening with the fix. A caution sign was suggested.

**Treasurers Report & Budget:** Sandy gave the board the November report and also some budget sheets. Line items were discussed. Appropriations will be discussed at the next meeting when the Cemetery request should be in.

**FEMA Update:** The Select Board adopted VLTC suggested procurement policy. Mike moved, Tom Santelli seconded, all in favor. Sandy is sending the policy to Eric Arnold along with pay rate for Mike.

**Grogan-Telford Update:** Rick reported that Brownell removed vehicles on 12/ 13/19. On 12/16/19 Brownell came to Grogan /Telfords but didn't remove any vehicles—Grogan had wrapped them neatly in black plastic. Bill Henry, Zoning Administrator is checking with Town attorney to see if wrapping in plastic qualifies as screening from view.

## **The December 2, 2019 Minutes were reviewed.**

Karen moved to accept them. Tom Santelli seconded. All in favor.

**Orders were signed.** A Christmas bonus of \$100 for Mike and \$50 for Willy was moved by Tom Santelli and seconded by Karen Tendrup. All in favor.

**Road Report:** Rupert Road was graded twice because the warm weather brought out the ruts.

**Other Business:** Suzy dePeyster signed a grant request for a road erosion plan. The Town share will be \$2000. The plan is necessary for State funded grants.

Tom made a motion to adjourn. Mike seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned 7:15pm.

## **The next meeting is January 6, 2020**

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzy dePeyster