

# Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes – January 6, 2020

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

**ATTENDANCE:** Suzy dePeyster, Karen Dzialo, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup.  
Also Present: Citizen Margaretha Pero

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** Margaretha Pero felt that Rupert Road needs attention. Mike said certain stretches of Rupert Road are subject to excessive muddy conditions because of the constant freezing and thawing and poor foundation under the road. Town spends a lot of its road budget on the Rupert Rd. Better Back Roads has designated certain trouble spots and this information will help to acquire possible grants in the future. Discussion of long-term solutions utilizing additional ditching, fabric and— if we can get a grant—laying a bed of slate, followed by sand, fabric, and lots of gravel.

**BUDGET:** More requests for appropriations have come in. We will review them at the next meeting. Mike will have road budget ready for the Board. It was noted that Towns' contribution to the VCLT (Vermont League of Cities and Towns) Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund, Inc. has increased substantially. Some cost is from additional insurance on newly acquired equipment.

## **DECEMBER 16TH 2019 MINUTES WERE REVIEWED.**

Motion to accept as is by Karen Tendrup and seconded by Karen Dzialo. All in favor.

**FEMA UPDATE:** Waiting on bids for repairs of the Woodcock Bridge. FEMA is getting them for us. We might add additional funds to the grant money in order to get a longer lasting repair. Paperwork is finally completed and the Town will receive a check from FEMA for the repairs on South East Corners Road.

**GROGAN-TELFORD UPDATE:** Town is getting a ruling on whether or not wrapping inoperable vehicles in black plastic qualifies as a solution to removing the vehicles from view.

**ZONING:** Bill Henry will be contacted to research and verify the paperwork for prior camp now being used as residence on Tudor Road.

## **ORDERS WERE SIGNED.**

**ROAD REPORT:** Mike is checking on ledge removal on West Sandgate Rd to improve drainage.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** It was reported that Crown Maple will take care of the ice build-up on Sandgate Rd. Dave Pendleton has been contacted.

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

Motion to adjourn by Mike Hill, Tom Santelli seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

## **NEXT MEETING ON JANUARY 20, 2020**

Respectfully submitted, Karen Dzialo

# Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2020

## **CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:05 PM**

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

Also Present: Sandy Reidy, Treasurer; Citizens: James E. Smith, Charles Pike

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** James Smith presented to the Board a document signed by 14 concerned citizens regarding the use of an inferior clay product they thought to be from Bill Barneys Pit, on Rupert Rd. Mike explained that the gravel used was not from Barneys Pit. The product used was from Chaves and was a grade quality approved by the State. There was discussion of what more can be done for the Rupert Road. Mike will get prices for 3/8 inch gravel. Mike has been working on costs for more long-term solution such as digging down 2+ feet and laying a slate base, then covering with fabric, and gravel. Town consistently applies for whatever Grant money is available from the State. Highway Budget will need to be increased. This would be put before the voters at Town Meeting.

Charlie Pike referred to the minutes of Jan. 6. And asked the Board why, if such a large portion of the Road Budget was used by Rupert Road, why is the road in such bad condition? Mike explained that the road foundation was not good and added gravel disappeared into the base. Also, Charlie commented that the plowing sometimes pushed the stone off the road and suggested that the plow be raised up a bit to prevent this. He also asked if it would be possible to grade the high spots just before a temperature drop. It was agreed that was a good idea and Tom Santelli said he would be available to do that if needed.

**JANUARY 6th MINUTES REVIEWED:** Motion to accept with a change of the date to January 6, and next meeting to January 20. Motion made by Mike Hill and seconded by Karen Tendrup. All in favor.

**FEMA UPDATE:** There will be no FEMA money for the upper part of SE Corners because the January storm was not covered by FEMA. The April storm was covered and so the Woodcock Bridge repair was covered.

**BUDGET:** Board will meet on Wednesday, January 22nd at 5:30 pm to work on the Budget.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Sheila Kearns asked the Board to appoint Bill Henry as an alternate on the Planning Commission. The Board approved. Motion made by Mike Hill, seconded by Karen Dzialo. All in favor.

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

Meeting adjourned: 7:15pm

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 3, 2020**

Respectfully submitted, Karen Dzialo

# Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes – February 3, 2020

## **CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:05 PM**

**ATTENDANCE:** Suzy dePeyster, Karen Dzialo, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup.  
Also present: Citizen, Margaratha Pero

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** Margaratha Pero commented on the condition of Rupert Road. Mike explained that he was going to address the voters at Town Meeting about what would need to be done to properly fix Rupert Road. The cost would be about \$120,000 per ½ mile and Rupert Road has about 5 miles.

**THE WARNING** was read and signed by the Board and the Select Board Comments were reviewed.

**JANUARY 27th MINUTES REVIEWED:** Motion to accept by Mike Hill, seconded by Karen Tendrup. All in favor.

## **ORDERS WERE SIGNED**

**RADIO UPDATE:** New radios were installed. Includes a base radio at Town Hall, 3 portable radios, 3 truck radios. The base radio is at the Town Hall. The Town and Road Crew are now able to communicate with the Arlington Fire Company and the Arlington Schools.

**ROAD REPORT:** The Board discussed upgrading from our Belarus tractor/mower to a used 2016 John Deere 6120E tractor/mower. One of the advantages is that we can mount our new leaf blower to clean out ditches and mow at same time. The Towns' leaf blower is at Rupert Town Shed. We have their wood chipper here. Mike will work out details of a loan with The Bank of Bennington. Tom motioned to purchase the tractor and Karen Tendrup seconded. All in favor. The old mower will be advertised for sale.

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

Meeting adjourned: 7:20pm

## **NEXT REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 17, 2020**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

# Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2020

**CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:08 PM**

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

Also present: Sandy Reidy, Treasurer

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** none

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Sandy Reidy presented the Treasurer's Report for review.

**FEBRUARY 3, 2020 MINUTES WERE REVIEWED.** Tom Santelli motioned to accept the minutes as is. Mike Hill seconded. All in favor.

**ORDERS WERE SIGNED**

**TRACTOR MOWER UPDATE:** Mike Hill reported that the Loan was approved. We are waiting for the dealer to contact us. We should have the tractor by early Spring.

**RADIO UPDATE:** The radios are installed and working well.

**ROAD REPORT:** Mike reported that there are no issues. They are continuing to plow and sand as needed.

**GREEN UP DATE:** The State has not set a date. Sandy reported that we still have bags from last year. It was suggested that residents be signed up at Town Meeting. A Green Up road map should be made for Town Meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** The Certificate of Highway Mileage for the Town was signed by the Board and sent to the state. There were no changes.

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

**NEXT MEETING:** The March 1st Monday meeting will be rescheduled. Organizational Meeting for the Select Board will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2020. Appointments will be discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

# **Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes – March 4, 2020**

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

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

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** Exterior lights at the Town Hall need be checked out. Lighting needs to be working for night meetings.

**APPOINTMENTS AND BOARD REORGANIZATION** held over till next meeting. Julie Robertson and Robert Viglas will be contacted.

**FEBRUARY 17, 2020 MINUTES WERE REVIEWED.** Mike Hill moved to accept them and Tom Santelli seconded. All in favor.

**ZONING UPDATE:** No word from the Bennington Court on the Grogan matter or from Koscinski on Tudor Rd.

Trout Unlimited has applied for a grant to replace Upper SE Corner Rd culverts with Trout friendly ones. Also a culvert next to Matt Tudors on the Sandgate Rd. The Town will send letter of support.

**ORDERS WERE SIGNED.**

**ROAD REPORT:** A sinkhole has developed in the Beartown section of Sandgate Rd caused by Crown Maple runoff. Mike will see about Crown Maple covering the repair.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** \$69,900 Loan for the John Deere Tractor with boom mower from the Bank of Bennington was signed. The Belarus Tractor/mower will be advertised for sale. Asking price: \$15,000.

Karen moved to adjourn, Tom seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 7:10pm

**NEXT MEETING: MARCH 16, 2020 AT 6:00PM**

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzy dePeyster

# Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes – March 16, 2020

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

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

Also present: Sandy Reidy, treasurer.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** Mike Koscinski asked the Board what he would need to do to have his property conform to regulations. The Board responded that he should contact the Zoning Officer, Bill Henry, for guidance. The Town received a call from Adrienne Kimball regarding two pick-up trucks that were speeding on West Sandgate Road.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Sandy Reidy presented the Treasurer's Report

**MARCH 4, 2020 MINUTES WERE REVIEWED.** Karen Tendrup motioned to accept the minutes as is, Mike Hill seconded. All in favor.

## **ORDERS WERE SIGNED.**

**TRACTOR MOWER UPDATE:** Mike Hill reported that Town received the tractor/mower from Stevenson. They went over the operation and maintenance with Mike.

**ZONING UPDATE:** The Town paid a bill for legal services regarding the Grogan situation.

**BOARD ORGANIZATION:** Tom Santelli moved all members remain in the same positions. Mike Hill seconded. All in favor.

**APPOINTMENTS:** CUD Appointment was signed. Sheila Kearns and Betsy Rathbun-Gunn will be Sandgate's representatives for the Southern Vermont Communication Union District.

**ROAD REPORT/SPRING WORK PLAN:** A culvert on Sandgate Road near the Kessler's driveway will be relocated to improve drainage. Maintenance on West Sandgate Road will include getting rid of ledge near Bobergs. The Road Crew will rent a hammer/ho.

**ROAD IMPROVEMENT:** Ruocco suggested that the Town look into a company called Soil Stabilization Innovations. Mike stated that their product was similar to the Chloride that he currently puts on the roads. He will look at the website to see if it is suitable. He reminded the Board that cost to transport the product is a concern.

Tom motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mike seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

## **NEXT MEETING APRIL 6, 2020**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

# Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes – April 6, 2020

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

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

Also present: Eleanor LaCross.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** Eleanor LaCross reported that the hill on SE Corners was in need of attention.

**MARCH 16, 2020 MINUTES WERE REVIEWED.** Karen Tendrup motioned to accept the minutes as is, Tom Santelli seconded. All in favor.

## **ORDERS WERE SIGNED.**

**ROAD REPORT:** Discussion on grading techniques and how to minimize berms, and crowning the road to promote water sheeting off to the sides.

Mike reported that the Town received bids on the Belarus tractor that was placed on an auction site recently, Town will try to get a higher price. It was agreed that Mike would check with Salem Farm Supply about consignment possibilities. Also he will use Craigslist.

**COVID-19 TOWN OFFICE HOURS:** Until further notice—if anyone has any Town business—please call the Town Hall at 375-9075 and leave a message. Sandy Reidy, Town Clerk, will be checking messages and will call you to schedule an appointment, if necessary.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Karen Tendrup reported that she will be unable to attend future meetings until the COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions are over. As a nurse at the Veterans Home in Bennington, she is being exposed to COVID- 19 on a regular basis. Select Board expresses support for Karen and all residents that are essential workers in Town.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

## **NEXT MEETING APRIL 20, 2020**

Note that the Board practices social distancing, meets in the large meeting room and uses hand sanitizers.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Dzialo

# Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes – April 20, 2020

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

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Report was reviewed and accepted. It was noted that the breakdown of the salaries for the Select Board members is as follows, Chair: \$1,090; Clerk: \$1,090; Vice Chair: \$600; Road Liaison: \$990; Member: \$490.

**APRIL 6, 2020 MINUTES WERE REVIEWED.** Tom Santelli motioned to accept the minutes as is, Mike Hill seconded. All in favor.

## **ORDERS WERE SIGNED.**

**LEMP:** Local Emergency Management Plan was reviewed and re-adopted with one change. The Town Health Officer position will be filled by the Select Board. Motion to adopt by Suzy dePeyster and seconded by Tom Santelli, all in favor.

**ROAD RECLASSIFICATION:** Discussion will be postponed until mid-summer.

**ROAD REPORT:** Mike is keeping track of how much gravel is spread on specific town roads. Ditching, then brush clearing, and applying gravel on Lincoln Lane. Rupert Road will need slate to reinforce the edge of the road by Phil Frost property. Ditch work needed on the north side of West Rd by Pera's property.

**KNOTWEED UPDATE:** Dottie Sundquist shared a link to the [Master Gardener's Newsletter](#) about the Invasive Knotweed battle in Sandgate. To continue the effort to eradicate Knotweed, Tom motioned that we place 1/2 inch hard-wire fencing down on the knotweed beds. As the plant grows, the fencing will choke the stems. It was agreed to try it and the Board approved up to \$200 for the purchase of fencing.

**BELARUS UPDATE:** The Belarus tractor was sold for \$9,800.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Mike Koscinski from Tudor Hill Road reported to Tom Santelli that he received a letter from the Zoning Officer. Mr. Koscinski was advised to speak with Bill Henry regarding the matter.

Mike Hill motioned to adjourn the meeting. Karen Dzialo seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

**NEXT MEETING MAY 4, 2020** (social distancing will continue)

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo



# Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes – May 4, 2020

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

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

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** Karen Tendrup asked the Chair to say that citizens be reminded that Green Up bags are available at Town Hall.

**APRIL 20, 2020 MINUTES WERE REVIEWED.** Tom Santelli motioned to accept the minutes as is, Mike Hill seconded. All in favor.

## **ORDERS WERE SIGNED**

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE:** Lewis Jacobs, on West Sandgate Rd, is complying with clean-up; Mike Koscinski from Tudor Hill Road spoke with Bill Henry. Mike has 6 months to rectify the situation; The Grogan issue is not resolved yet.

**ROAD REPORT:** Lincoln Lane has been ditched, brush cut, and graveled where needed; SE Corners was graded. The Grader will be serviced (including oil and cabin filters) by Mike Hill. It will not void the warranty and will save Town money. The savings can be put toward the next tune-up that John Deere has to do.

**ROAD PLANS:** Crown Maple is hiring Dave Pendleton to take care of the water issue by the sap collection center on the Beartown Rd. Work will start in July.

Town has not received the road signs that were promised from the State and that were paid for with Federal money over five years ago.

**KNOTWEED UPDATE:** Dottie Sundquist will be placing ½ inch wire grid on selected patches of Knotweed. The grid will choke the knotweed as it grows. Last year's eradication so far has been successful.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Trout Unlimited has submitted a grant proposal for Trout-friendly culverts to be installed on tributaries that feed into the Green River. Trout Unlimited has identified three crossings on SE Corners. Mike suggested future improved culvert crossings on Terry Brook and Baldwin Brook.

Karen Dzialo motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mike Hill seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

## **NEXT MEETING MAY 18, 2020**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

# Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes – May 18, 2020

**Call to Order: 6:03 pm**

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

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** None

**REVIEWED MAY 4, 2020 MINUTES:** Tom Santelli motioned to accept as is, 2nd by Karen Dzialo. All in favor.

## **ORDERS WERE SIGNED**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Sandy Reidy presented the Treasurer's Report which was reviewed by the Board. There was discussion regarding the Computer and Software Upgrade needed for the office; Sufficient funds are in the Budget to cover the cost. The Select Board urged the Town Clerk to get the new computers the old ones' program are no longer supported.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE:** Regarding Grogan situation of excessive inoperable vehicles on property, the court determined that wrapping the vehicle in plastic will not satisfy the requirement to screen them from view. Also there was mention of many animals in small cages on the property.

**GREEN UP DAY:** Scheduled for May 30, 2020. The Town will place a sign designating where Green Bags are to be deposited till then.

**ROAD REPORT:** Continued grading and ditch work on Roads.

It was noted that a different gravel is being used that appears to pack down nicely and has less dust. On West Sandgate Road, the Road Dept. will remove a berm and put in a ditch near the Eisenhart Property.

**ROADS/BLOWER UPDATE:** The Road Dept. has not yet picked up the Blower from Rupert.

**ROAD SIGNS:** Nothing regarding the signs from the State. The Town will place "No Outlet" signs by the School House where it is safe to turn around for the benefit of travelers not familiar with the fact that Sandgate Road dead ends.

**KNOTWEED UPDATE:** Grids have been placed on Knotweed. Mike Hill mentioned that some grids next to a ditch may need a heavy stone to keep them from slipping and interfering with water flow.

**TOWN HALL TREE LIMBS/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE:** It was noted that the cost of mowing increased from \$35 to \$45. Discussion regarding that the dead tree next to the Town Hall building could be taken down. Mike will ask Rick Dahm if he would want the wood.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** The Listers presented a Tentative Grand List to the Board. Grievance Day is May 30.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mike Hill, seconded by Tom Santelli. All in Favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Karen Dzialo

# Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes – June 1, 2020

**Call to Order: 6:05 pm**

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

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** None

**REVIEWED MAY 18, 2020 MINUTES:** Karen Tendrup motioned to accept as is, 2nd by Mike Hill. All in favor.

## **ORDERS WERE SIGNED**

**GREEN UP DAY:** Karen Tendrup reported that Green Up Day was a success and thanks to all the kids that helped out. Mike reported that there was  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a ton of trash removed from Town.

**ROAD REPORT:** Mike reported that most of the roads in the town have been top-coated with gravel, and so far this year 1,400 yards of gravel has been applied. He will stockpile gravel as soon as he clears a spot behind the garage, or if feasible, place gravel at locations near where it will be needed. Work will continue on culverts this week, including the one by Kathy Wagner residence on Rupert Rd, and improving the drainage to the culvert between Ray Daniels and Sonja Jaffee's on Sandgate Road. Mowing has started.

**LANDSLIDE UPDATE:** Jim Henderson will have a meeting regarding the Landslide at 10:00, June 15 at the Town Hall.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE:** Grogan has been notified that the black plastic wrap will not work and that he must remove all inoperable/unregistered vehicles.

**TOWN CLERK COMPUTER UPDATE:** The Lister's computer is up and running. We are waiting on the purchase of the Town Clerk's computer.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** none

A motion to adjourn was made by Tom Santelli and seconded by Karen Tendrup. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm

**The next meeting will be June 15, 2020 6:00pm at the Town Hall**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

# Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes – June 15, 2020

**Call to Order: 6:06 pm**

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

Also present: Sandy Reidy, Treasurer.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** None

**REVIEWED JUNE 1, 2020 MINUTES:** Tom Santelli motioned to accept with one change—*Mike* Santelli will be changed to *Tom* Santelli; the motion was seconded by Karen Tendrup. All in favor.

## **ORDERS WERE SIGNED**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Sandy Reidy presented the Treasurer's Report which was reviewed by the Board. Sandy reported that the Town received a refund from the State of \$23,000 for the school tax.

**SIGNAGE INFESTATION:** It was noted that the proliferation of signs advertising internet connections was illegal according to the Town's ordinance. All signs will be removed. The people that put the signs up will be asked to dispose of them.

**FEMA UPDATE:** FEMA awarded \$5,400 to the Town for repair of the Woodcock Road bridge. The Town has until December 30 to prepare the site for the work to be done. The Town is responsible for 12% of the \$5,400.

**ROAD REPORT:** Mike reported that a new culvert has been installed on Hamilton Hollow Road; this week he will do ditching on the road. Mowing is continuing throughout the Town. There was discussion about putting water bars in on Class 4 Roads.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** none

A motion to adjourn was made by Karen Tendrup and seconded by Tom Santelli. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm

**The next meeting will be July 6, 2020 6:00pm at the Town Hall**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

# **Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes – July 6, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER: 6:03 pm**

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

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** None

**TAX RATE UPDATE:** None

**REVIEWED JUNE 15, 2020 MINUTES:** Mike Hill motioned to accept, Tom Santelli seconded. All in favor.

## **ORDERS WERE SIGNED**

**ROAD REPORT:** Tom is busy mowing the invasive parsnip plants that grow on the sides of the roads.

**ZONING REPORT:** Grogan put up a fence to hide the vehicles. There was a complaint regarding excessive animals on the property. The Zoning officer has not heard a response from Kozinski regarding a change of use for the property.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** The church is getting defibrillator. The town will contribute to half the cost and it will be kept at the Town Hall.

A motion to adjourn was made by Karen Tendrup and seconded by Tom Santelli. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm

**The next meeting will be July 20, 2020 at 6:00pm at the Town Hall.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

# Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes – July 20, 2020

**Call to order:** 6:00 pm

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

Also present: Sandy Reidy, Treasurer (and infant son Mathew Jr.)

**Citizen Concerns:** The Select Board received a letter from Susan R. Filipp, who owns property on Mountain View/Tudor Road. She was concerned about a resident who was blocking access to her property. Tom Santelli offered to research the deeds to both properties in question and provide that information to Susan Filipp. The Select Board does not get involved in disputes over “a right of way”. Karen Dzialo will send a letter to Filipp.

**July 6, 2020 Minutes:** Tom Santelli motioned to accept the minutes. Karen Dzialo seconded.

All in favor.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Sandy presented the report and it was reviewed by the Board.

**Tax Rate:** The Tax Rate was set as follows:

Homestead Tax Rate	Municipal	\$0.5909
	School	\$1.4585
	Local	<u>\$0.0037</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2.0531</b>

Non-Residential Rate	Municipal	\$0.5909
	School	\$1.4789
	Local	<u>\$0.0037</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2.0735</b>

Mike Hill motioned to set the Tax Rate, Tom Santelli seconded. All in favor.

**Orders were signed.**

**Zoning Update:** Regarding Grogan, Bill Henry reported that if you can see anything from the road, Grogan is not in compliance with zoning. He cannot simply cover cars in black plastic or fencing. There is also a health concern because of garbage on the porch. Reports of bears getting into bins used to store bread for animals are a concern. The bears are littering nearby residences with Grogan bread wrappers.

Bill Henry, Zoning Administrator, will notify Grogan. Bill will be given the letter the Board received from Susan R. Filipp. Koscinski is Filipp’s neighbor.

**Defibrillator Update:** Karen Tendrup will check with the Rescue Squad for detail of what brand they would recommend and also ask them for suggestions of how and where to store it so that citizens could have easy access.

**Invasive Plant Update:** We will be looking into a possible Grant for Poison Parsnip removal. There is a growing concern for another possible Invasive – Poison Hemlock. At the present time, the best way to handle the invasion is to mow before the plants go to seed. This has to be done constantly throughout the summer.

**Road Report /Paving:** There will be no paving this year. However, the Board discussed tarring cracks to seal or sealing with chips to minimize further damage. Mike will get prices on both options. He will also shim up culverts that have sunk.

**Ditching and Mowing:** Continued work on ditches and mowing.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:04pm.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Board usually meets the first and third Monday of the month. However, the next meeting will be August 10, 2020, instead of August 3. This will eliminate a gap of 4 weeks between the last meeting in August and the first meeting in September. We will not meet on Labor Day.

Meeting dates are as follows: August 10, August 24, September 14, September 28

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

# **Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes – August 10, 2020**

**Call to order: 6:00pm**

## **ATTENDANCE:**

Board Members: Suzy dePeyster, Karen Dzialo, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup  
Citizens: Sheila Kearns, Melissa Madison, Will Madison, Richard Tafoya

## **CITIZEN CONCERNS:**

Melissa Madison, Will Madison, and Richard Tafoya, neighbors of Grogan on Chunks Brook Road, are concerned about garbage, including trash and plastic bread bags, from Grogan's property blowing onto their properties. They also complained about the excessive smell from cattle, ponies, goats and llamas that are confined in uncleaned pens. Roaming peacocks, chickens, goats and a potbelly pig that are not confined are defecating in neighboring yards and even on porches. The Board suggested that they send pictures of the various farm animals and dogs that are in small pens to Animal Control.

## **TELECOMMUNICATIONS:**

Sheila Kearns reported to the Board that there is a program available to qualifying and eligible consumers who seek to extend telecommunication lines to their home. The Line Extension Customer Assistance Program (LECAP) provides up to \$3,000 in assistance. This is an opportunity to get funding to extend Comcast service in Sandgate. There would need to be 6 subscribers per mile. The funding will come from the Federal Government as part of the COVID-19 grant given to the State. Sheila Kearns will contact residents for possible extension of the Comcast line. The Board agreed that Sheila can use the Town's photocopier for this project.

**MINUTES:** July 20, 2020 minutes were reviewed and motion to accept as is by Karen Tendrup and seconded by Tom Santelli.

## **ORDERS WERE SIGNED.**

## **TOWN HALL SECURITY:**

There was a request asking the Board which people are allowed unsupervised access to the Town Hall. "Town Officers, elected and appointed, or those persons given permission by the Town Clerk needed no supervision." A list of Officers is in the Town Report. Current list is at the Clerk's Office.

## **ZONING UPDATE:**

The ZA visited Mr. Grogan's property on Chunks Brook Road and found that there were less junk vehicles on the property but there were loose animals roaming around.

Mr. Koscinski on Tudor Road did not accept the registered letter that was sent to him concerning his need for a permit to comply with Zoning. The Town might have to take the matter to court.



**PROPERTY RIGHT-OF-WAY:**

The Board has received several complaints regarding Rights-of-Way being blocked. Residents are cautioned that they should not block a private road preventing emergency access for Fire, Ambulance, and Police.

**ROAD RECLASSIFICATION:**

The Select Board discussed changing Tate Road from a Class 3 to a Class 4 road. Mike will measure the distance. The public will be notified and adjoining landowners will get certified mailings.

**CULVERTS AND DITCH AT THE NOTCH:**

The Town will use the new blower in the Notch to remove leaves from the ditches. Mike will be renting a jackhammer to remove the ledge on West Sandgate Road across from Rebecca Bushee. Any waste material can be put on the Bushee property. A ledge on Beartown Road will also be removed by the jackhammer.

**GRANTS:**

The Town received notice that an Infrastructure Grant is available to the Town for \$8,000, with \$2,000 paid by Town. Mike will research what projects would qualify.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

The Town received a letter from the State Police asking the Town for input regarding priorities and concerns about policing in Sandgate. Karen Dzialo will draft a letter from the Board with a positive response. For more information visit their website at <https://vsp.vermont.gov/communityaffairs>.

A motion to adjourn was made by Karen Dzialo and seconded by Karen Tendrup. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE AUGUST 24, 2020 AT THE TOWN HALL**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

# Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes – August 24, 2020

**Called to Order:** 6:05 p.m.

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

**Absent:** Karen Tendrup

**Also present:** Sandy Reidy, Treasurer; Matt Keary Jr.

**Citizen Concerns/Comment:** Eleanor LaCross expressed her approval and thanks for the fine job Willy and Mike did, making a cement ramp at the entrance of the Town Hall office.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sandy presented the Treasurer's Report which was reviewed by the Board.

**Minutes of August 10, 2020 Meeting** were reviewed and motion to accept as is by Tom Santelli, and seconded by Mike Hill. All in favor.

**Orders were signed.**

**Animal Control Report.** Erin McDermott reported that Grogan has fenced his animals. No livestock was loose when she checked on August 25, 2020. Erin spoke to Tofoya, Grogans' neighbor. Tafoya was concerned about the smell from the caged animal's manure. McDermott is contacting the Vermont State Animal Investigator about possible laws regarding stench.

**Trout Unlimited Grant:** no new information available

**Road Reclassification:** Discussion on the procedures necessary to comply with Vermont Statute 19 VSA and 709 in order to reclassify Tate Hill Road to a Class 4 status. Suzy dePeyster and Karen Dzialo will work on the Notice to be put in the paper and posted at the Town Hall. A certified letter will be sent to the property owners affected by the change in Classification. The Board scheduled a site visit to Tate Hill Road for 4:30pm on September 30, 2020.

**Road Report:** Mike Hill reported that he is looking into getting a combination of sand/gravel mixed with larger stone for the roads this winter from Peckham. Tom Santelli felt that using only fine sand was simply blowing off the road by vehicles and that this problem could be lessened if motorists would slow down. Adding larger stone to the mix will also help.

**Road Blower:** discussion to use the Blower to clear the notch ditches now even though it will need to be done again after leaves fall.

**Other Business:** The Board approved and signed the request from the listers on Errors and Omissions regarding the CVPS valuation of Comcast.

Motion was made to adjourn by Karen Dzialo and seconded by Tom Santelli. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm

**The first Monday next month is Labor Day, therefore the next meeting will be on September 14, 2020**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

# Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER: 6:07 PM**

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

Also present: Jim Henderson

**ROAD EROSION/DRAINAGE REPORT:** Jim Henderson from BCRC presented the Board with a review of the Clean Water Act and its impact on the Town. The Town applied for, and received, an \$8,000 grant pay for a \$10,000 study of Town roads. Town will pay the remaining \$2000. This study will identify and prioritize hydraulically connected roads and trouble spots on both class 3 and class 4 roads. It will be based on criteria such as: slope, gully erosion, road crown, drainage (vegetation or stone-lined ditches), erosion by bridges, and culvert size. It was noted that additional gravel is needed to raise the road beds. Unfortunately, gravel cost is not covered by grants and Town will need to budget for that need. The Select Board will contract with BCRC for this study to be completed before the end of the year and the information provided will enable Town to apply for grants to offset the cost of bringing the roads up to the Clean Water Act standards. Mike Hill motioned Tom Santelli seconded. All in favor.

**ORDERS WERE SIGNED.**

**MINUTES OF AUGUST 24, 2020 MEETING WERE REVIEWED.** Karen Tendrup motioned to approve the minutes with one change, adding her name as absent. Mike Hill seconded, all in favor.

**ROAD RECLASSIFICATION:** Karen Dzialo reported that the public notice went in the Bennington Banner on September 12, 2020. Certified letters were sent to property owners. Sandgate Planning Commission was notified. All paperwork is on file in the Select Board file cabinet.

As stated in the notice, the Board will visit the site on Tate Hill Road at 4:30 on Wednesday September 30, 2020, followed by hearing any testimony at the Town Hall at 5:30.

Board will also work on a class 4 road plan for all class 4 roads in Town.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATION UPDATE:** No new information. It was noted that Kozinski has had since May 4, 2020 to rectify the situation and have his property use changed. The Select Board expects to hear from the Planning Board by October.

**FEMA WOODCOCK BRIDGE:** Town got notice from Ross Nagy regarding the work to be done on the bridge. It was discussed that the Town should have FEMA handle the contract since they priced it out.

A motion was made by Tom Santelli to adjourn and seconded by Karen Tendrup. All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 28, 2020\***

**\*NOTE:** The meetings will return to the usual schedule of 6:00 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month in October, which would be October 5, and October 19 (meeting dates were changed in September because of the Labor Day Holiday)

Respectfully Submitted by  
Karen Dzialo

# **Sandgate, VT Select Board Meeting Minutes - September 28, 2020**

**Call to Order: 6:12 p.m.**

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

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** none

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Presented by Sandy Reidy to the Board, reviewed and accepted

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 MINUTES REVIEWED.** Motion to accept by Mike Hill, seconded by Karen Tendrup. All in favor.

## **ORDERS WERE SIGNED**

**ROAD CLASS IV ORDINANCE REVIEW:** Tom Santelli will bring VLTC Model Ordinance regarding Class IV Roads to the meeting following the Board's visit to the Tate Hill Road site on Sept. 30, 2020.

**BCRC COMMISSIONERS APPOINTMENT:** No action taken.

**FEMA WOODCOCK BRIDGE:** Ross Nagy, VT coordinator with FEMA reported that FEMA would not do the work on the bridge and that Town would need to hire a contractor to repair the headwalls. Sandy emailed Nagy to request the FEMA Specifications in order to bid out the job.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATION REPORT:** Bill Henry reported that Kastner, on Weldon Drive, is suing the Town over a zoning issue. Town Attorney has been notified.

## **ROAD UPDATE AND PLAN:**

A ledge on W. Sandgate Road across from Rebecca Bushee was removed to prevent ice buildup this winter.

On Wednesday, September 30, the Board will meet at 3:30 to inspect all Class 4 Roads in the Town. The Board will then meet at 4:30 at Tate Hill Road for the inspection and to meet with any concerned citizens regarding changing the site from Class 3 to Class 4. At 5:30 the board will return to the Town Hall to hear any testimony.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Diane O'Brian will look into Town Defibrillator.

Karen Tendrup motioned to adjourn the Meeting. Mike Hill seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE OCTOBER 5, 2020**

Respectfully submitted by  
Karen Dzialo

## Select Board Re-classification Site Meeting - September 30, 2020

Convened at 4:30 pm at West Driveway on Tate Hill Rd to Panteleon Lane (pvt) on Chunks Brook Rd.

At site: Select Board members: Tom Santelli, Mike Hill, Suzanne dePeyster  
Also: interested parties: Consie West, Maggie Hadleigh-West, John Whalen, Attorney.

At 4:30 pm Tom Santelli drove Tate Hill Rd to the West Driveway then down to Panteleon Lane where Tom met Mike and Suzy. John Whalen joined them.

At 5:30 pm Tom Santelli, Suzanne dePeyster and Mike Hill met at the Sandgate Town Hall to hear and receive testimony on the reclassification of the road.

Others Present: Lucas Pike, Joe Nolan, Jason Dains, Consie West, Maggie Hadleigh-West, John Whalen, Attorney.

Board received a letter from the Wests and from the Bishops.

Discussion of insurance ramifications, winter fuel delivery etc. Town will research adopting a Class 4 Town Ordinance that will allow the Town to maintain the Class 4 roads but not bring them up to costly Class 3 standards. Town Attorney will be consulted. John Whalen will be sent a draft copy.

Mike Hill motioned to continue the hearing at the Oct 5, 2020 Select Board Meeting 6:00pm, Sandgate Town Hall. Tom Santelli seconded. All in favor.

Meeting to be continued.

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne dePeyster

# Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes – October 5, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER: 6:12 P.M.**

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

Citizens Present: Charles Pike, Rick Dahm, Maggie Hadleigh-West, Consie West, John Whalen, Atty.

## **TATE HILL/CHUNKS BROOK ROAD RECLASSIFICATION HEARING CONTINUATION:**

September 30, 2020 meeting minutes were read. A motion to accept with the change of the spelling of “Hodleigh” changed to “Hadleigh” was made by Tom Santelli, seconded by Karen Tendrup. The Board heard comments from citizens: e.g. a concern over what could be expected regarding the condition of the proposed class 4 road; upkeep in case of emergency during a snow event; how often the road would be graded.

Rick Dahm gave a history of how the Town has handled Class 4 roads since 1981, using SE Corners Road as an example. SE Corners past the Kulmane property, was designated Class 4, whereas it was not plowed in the winter, and but kept passable for a 4-wheel drive vehicle.

Mike Hill explained how the State requires all Class 3 Roads to be brought up to standards by 2030; some of the requirements would be ditching that would be then filled with stone, cutting back trees 15 feet on each side, installing culverts as the State would determine. This would be very costly. The State also has rulings about sediment runoff on Town roads near trout streams. Almost all roads in Sandgate are next to streams. The Road Reclassification hearing is tabled to continue at the next regular meeting on October 19, 2020. A motion was made to continue road hearing at the October 19 meeting by Karen Tendrup, seconded by Tom Santelli. All in favor.

**CLASS 4 ORDINANCE CONSIDERATION:** Using an outline from the Vermont League of City & Town Model Class 4 Highway Policy and Guidance, The Board worked on a draft to submit to Town Attorney Merle Bent. Bill Henry, ZA and Suzy dePeyster will attend meeting with Merle Bent October 7, 2020.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE:** None

Minutes from the September 28, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept by Tom Santelli, seconded by Mike Hill. All in favor.

## **ORDERS WERE SIGNED**

**OTHER BUSINESS/FEMA UPDATE:** The Board received an email from Ross Nagy, the State Public Assistance Coordinator regarding the Woodcock Road bridge project. Town will be responsible for completing the project. Sandy Reidy and Mike Hill will get in touch with Ross Nagy this Wednesday to get the specifications needed to move forward.

A motion to adjourn was made by Karen Dzialo, seconded by Karen Tendrup. All in favor.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING AT THE TOWN HALL 6:00 PM OCTOBER 19, 2020**

Respectfully submitted, Karen Dzialo

# Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting - October 19, 2020

## CALL TO ORDER 6:10 PM

**ATTENDANCE:** Suzy dePeyster, Karen Dzialo, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup;  
Town Treasurer, Sandy Reidy.

**CITIZENS PRESENT:** Esther Jaffee, Diane Jaffee, Lucas Pike, Charlie Pike, Consie West, Jim Henderson,  
and John Whalen, Atty.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** Diane Jaffe O'Brian presented the Defibrillator that the Town and Church jointly purchased for all citizens to use. The unit will be located at the Town Hall. The defibrillator has voice prompts and pictures where to place pads. It will not shock a person unless they are in cardiac arrest. It has a 4-year battery and includes a spare battery. A demonstration of proper use will be conducted at the Town Hall at a future date.

## ROAD RECLASSIFICATION HEARING (CONTINUED)

Charles Pike expressed a concern about what would be the condition of the proposed Class 4 Road. Town will use the existing Class 4 Highway Ordinance as a basic guide. Town is working with John Whalen, Attorney for Consie West, home owner, for a contract between the West Family and Town for winter maintenance. Whalen will run the contract by Town Attorney Merrill Bent. Hopefully this contract will be presented to the Board at the next meeting.

Lucas Pike asked why not have the Town keep Tate Hill Road as a Class 3 since the Town has 10 years to bring the roads up to the standards required by the State during which time the Town could collect grant money and then change it to a Class 4 after 9 years. He stated that the Town would receive \$1,600 per mile; State Aid totals \$62,832 annually. Mike Hill explained that Town does have a lot of work to do in order make sure existing Class 3 roads are brought up to standards required by the State. There was discussion that maintaining a Class 4 Road would give the Town the flexibility to do what is needed and when, that would best serve all residents.

Jim Henderson explained his findings thus far on Tate Hill Road. His final report on all town roads should be available at the next meeting.

The Road Reclassification Hearing will continue at the next Select Board meeting. Nov. 2, 2020 6pm.

**MINUTES FROM THE OCT. 5, 2020 MEETING WERE REVIEWED.** Tom Santelli motioned to accept as is, Karen Tendrup seconded. All in favor.

## ORDERS WERE SIGNED.

**TROUT UNLIMITED GREEN RIVER ALLUVIAL SURVEY STUDY ON LANDSLIDE:** Trout Unlimited continues to study the river flow before and after the landslide.

**FEMA WOODCOCK BRIDGE REPORT:** No new information. Mike will contact Nagy about an extension.

**CLASS 4 HIGHWAY ORDINANCE UPDATE:** Town will use the existing Ordinance.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATION REPORT:** none

**BCSWA REPRESENTATIVE:** They are now doing zoom meetings.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** The Board agreed to give holiday pay to Willy Mattison. He has been working part time for the Town for three years.

**AN ERRORS AND OMISSION LETTER FROM THE LISTERS** with change \$1,022,658.61 to \$1,713,108.38, was approved, and signed by the Board.

A motion to adjourn by Karen Tendrup and seconded by Mike Hill. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

**THE NEXT MEETING AT TOWN HALL NOVEMBER 2, 2020 6PM**

Respectfully submitted by,  
Karen Dzialo



# Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes – November 2, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER: 6:05**

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

Also present: John Whalen atty, Jim Henderson, Consie West, Carolyn Kimball

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** none

**OCT. 19, 2020 MINUTES:** Approved, motion to accept as is by Tom Santelli, Mike Hill seconded. All in favor.

**ROAD RECLASSIFICATION HEARING CONTINUED:** the contract between the Town and Consie West was not available. Jim Henderson reported on the road erosion study on 29 segments (each 100 meters) of Tate Hill Road crowns, culverts, and ditches based on existing Class 3 designation as follows: 12 failed crown requirements; 5 culverts to be replaced – 18” size and 1 24” size; 6 segments would need stone ditching; 4 culverts would need headers; two stone turn-outs would help divert water off the road. Class 4 designation standards only concern gully erosion prevention. Mike Hill said the culvert by West driveway needs to be fixed before winter. Tom Santelli motioned to continue Road Reclassification Hearing to November 16, 2020 meeting. Mike Hill seconded. All in favor.

**ROAD EROSION REPORT:** Jim Henderson informed the Board that the Report is not completed.

**WEST ROAD DUMPING:** Town received an email from Jon Binhammer, Protection Director of The Nature Conservancy in Vermont, asking if Town would help with the dumping off West Road. Mike Hill will contact several individuals with winches that could remove the debris and ask them to contact Jon. Jon Binhammer thought removing pullouts on the road might eliminate dumping. Town will not alter the pull-off spots because the pull-off areas are necessary for safe passage of two-way traffic.

**ROAD REPORT:** Mike reported that potholes throughout Town will be addressed with spot grading. The culvert by Evelyn Buck will be shimmed to correct the bump along with other culverts. Beaudoin has given Town the best price. Mike also reported that he has negotiated with David Chaves for gravel in 2021. Chaves will give us last year's price if he can deliver on his own schedule. All Town equipment is in good working order and the Road Dept. is ready for the coming winter season.

**ZA UPDATE:** No report from Bill Henry. Carolyn Kimball stopped by and informed Board that she is moving and there will be a vacancy on the Zoning Board as of March 2021.

**DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATE:** It was suggested that we schedule a public information session to educate interested residents, either before or after a regular meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** none

Mike Hill motioned to adjourn. Karen Tendrup seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm

**NEXT MEETING ON NOVEMBER 16, 2020 AT 6:00 PM**

Respectfully submitted by  
Karen Dzialo

# **Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes—November 16, 2020**

## **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 6:02 PM**

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

Also: John Whalen, Attorney; Lucas Pike

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** none

**ROAD RECLASSIFICATION HEARING:** Wordage for contract is still being discussed between Town Attorney and John Whalen, West Attorney. Contract and additions to current Town Class 4 ordinance should be available by the December 7, 2020 meeting. Tom Santelli motioned to continue the hearing until the December 7, 2020 meeting. Karen Tendrup seconded. All in favor.

**NOVEMBER 2, 2020 MINUTES REVIEWED.** Tom Santelli moved to accept them. Mike Hill seconded. All in favor.

**ROAD AND SELECT BOARD ORDERS WERE SIGNED. APPROPRIATIONS PAID.**

**WEST ROAD DUMPING:** Trash on the Keuchenenis property has been cleaned up. Kudos to Scout Troop 334, Matt Granger's Resouceful Recycling Service and Nature Conservancy volunteers. Great job done.

**GRANTS FOR CULVERT BY ERTHEINS ON WEST SANDGATE RD.** Troy Dare, with the Dry Hydrant program, has been contacted. Troy will come down for a site visit. We will try to coordinate with the Better Back Roads Grant folks.

**ZA:** No report

**ROAD REPORT:** Change of Uniform Company discussed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT RECEIVED**

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Karen Tendrup discussed the possibility of a walk thru Santa at the Town Hall, "in the front door and out the back." She'll contact Jean Zoppel.

Karen Tendrup motioned to adjourn. Mike Hill seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned 6:55 pm.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING: DECEMBER 7, 2020 at 6:00 PM**

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne dePeyster

# Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting - December 7, 2020

## CALL TO ORDER: 6:02 PM

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

Also present: John Whalen, Attorney

**NOVEMBER 16, 2020 MINUTES REVIEWED:** Motion made by Karen Tendrup to accept with one change: "Tom" Whalen changed to John Whalen. Motion seconded by Tom Santelli. All in favor.

## ROAD RECLASSIFICATION HEARING CONTINUED.

John Whalen presented Class 4 Road Ordinance change per Town Lawyer and presented a draft copy of the contract with West regarding winter maintenance. Board will consider the drafts at the December 21, 2020 meeting. Karen Tendrup motioned to continue Road Reclassification Hearing to December 21, 2020 meeting. John Whalen will contact Consie West regarding the contract. He will also let her know of possible dry hydrant installation across from her house.

**ADF UPDATE:** (defibrator) Unit was installed at the Church. We are waiting for the one that will be installed at Town Hall.

**DRY HYDRANT REPLACEMENT UPDATE:** Troy Dare reviewed repair needed at Erthein dry hydrant on West Sandgate Road. Troy will draw up a plan. Town will be responsible for 25% of the cost (in-kind).

**NEW DRY HYDRANT SITE:** Mike Hill reported that grant money is available for Town to secure another dry hydrant. Land Owner Consie West will be approached to see if she would be interested.

**ROAD REPORT:** Chris Taft, District 1 Hydro Studies, will determine the type of culvert needed on West Sandgate Road near Erthein dry hydrant.

## ORDERS WERE SIGNED.

## OTHER BUSINESS:

1. BCWSA Contract: motion to accept Bennington County Solid Waste Contract by Tom Santelli, seconded by Karen Dzialo, All in favor. Contract was signed.
2. Listers asked Board to review 2nd option for parcel mapping. Board approved it.
3. Mike changed vendor for uniforms to Cintax. They will provide rugs for Town Office.

**911 COORDINATORS:** Mike Hill, Road Foreman, and Sandy Reidy, Town Clerk, have been appointed as 911 Coordinators. Notice will be sent to the State.

Motion made to adjourn meeting by Tom Santelli, seconded by Karen Tendrup. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05

## NEXT MEETING DECEMBER 21, 2020 AT 6:00 AT TOWN HALL

Respectfully submitted by Karen Dzialo

# **Sandgate Vermont Select Board Meeting - December 21, 2020**

## **CALL TO ORDER: AT 6:03 PM**

**ATTENDANCE:** Mike Hill, Suzy dePeyster, Tom Santelli, Karen Dzialo. Absent: Karen Tendrup. Also present: Sandy Reidy, Treasurer/Town Clerk; Consie West, Citizen; John Whalen, Attorney.

**ROAD RECLASSIFICATION HEARING CONTINUED:** Amendment to the Ordinance regarding summer and winter maintenance on Class IV Roads was reviewed. A motion to accept the change by Mike Hill and seconded by Tom Santelli. All in favor. Kate Kenny, Town Webmaster, will update the ordinance on Town website. A contract between the Town and Consie West regarding maintenance on Tate Hill Road was reviewed and accepted by the Board. Board authorized Sandy Reidy, Town Clerk, to sign the contract. The contract will be notarized by John Whalen and returned to Town for recording. Tom Santelli moved to reclassify Tate Hill from Wests' drive to Panteleon Lane intersection with Chunks Brook Rd to Class IV. Mike seconded. All in favor.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Sandy Reidy presented Treasurer's Report to Board.

**DRY HYDRANT REPORT:** The Town will apply for a grant for the dry hydrant. Troy Dare, VACD, will engineer the Consie West site.

**12/07 MINUTES WERE REVIEWED.** Tom motioned to accept, Mike seconded. All in favor.

**BUDGET:** Discussed proposed monetary changes, will continue on Jan. 4 and 18, 2021.

**FEMA WOODCOCK BRIDGE UPDATE:** Town requested a two-year extension. FEMA scope of work and cost allowed to fix the bridge are not compatible. Paul Holiday will give a quote to complete the work needed. Karen Dzialo will take over the paperwork/portal to the FEMA system.

**ARLINGTON TOWN FOREST PURCHASE:** Board received request from Arlington to help fund said purchase of Red Mountain property. Board will place it on the Warning to be discussed at 2021 Annual Town Meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** the ADF (defibrillator) is here. Installation at Town Hall and demonstration how to operate to follow.

Motion to adjourn made by Karen Dzialo and seconded by Tom Santelli. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE JANUARY 4, 2021 AT 6:00 PM AT THE TOWN HALL**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo