

# Sandgate Vermont Select Board Meeting - January 4, 2021

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 6:05 PM**

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

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** A letter to the select board about Bill Haggerty's cows roaming on neighbors' property and damaging shrubs was received. Karen Tendrup will speak to Bill.

**THE DEFIBULATOR** is at the Town Hall. Wm. Skidmore will be asked if he would install it.

**DECEMBER 21, 2020 MINUTES** were reviewed and Tom Santelli moved to accept them. Karen Tendrup seconded. All in favor.

**ORDERS WERE SIGNED.** Select Board will sign Hydrant and Truck orders on Thursday, January 7, 2021 at the Town Hall.

**ROAD REPORT:** Discussion of the repair or replacement of the Town's six year old, 70,000 mile one-ton diesel truck. Tom Santelli and Mike Hill suggested that a new truck would cost approximately \$38,000. If it were fitted with a stainless sander box and plow hardware it would cost about an additional \$8,200. Old truck would be sold to offset cost of new one.

**DRY HYDRANT:** Troy Dare will inspect the West site on Tate Hill for a Dry Hydrant on January 12th. We'll meet at Town Hall around 11:00 am.

**ZA REPORT:** None

**BUDGET:** Equipment Fund should be increased. Budget will be discussed at next meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** The Town got a quote of \$45,725 to fix FEMA Woodcock bridge repair. Garbage hauler registration papers will be sent out to haulers by next week.

Mike Hill motioned to close the meeting. Karen Tendrup seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

**NEXT MEETING JANUARY 18, 2021 6:00 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzy dePeyster

# Sandgate Vermont Select Board Meeting - January 18, 2021

**Call to Order: 6:10 pm**

**ATTENDANCE:** Suzy dePeyster, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli, Karen Dzialo, Karen Tendrup  
Also present: Sandy Reidy, Town Clerk/Treasurer; Julie Robertson, Cemetery Commissioner

Sandy Reidy presented the Treasurer's Report to the Board.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** none

**REVIEW OF JANUARY 4, 2021 MINUTES:** Karen Tendrup motioned to accept the minutes as read. Karen Dzialo seconded the motion. All in favor.

**ORDERS WERE SIGNED.**

**ZBA QUORUM:** Bob Viglas was appointed as alternate to the ZBA. Legal Expense: not discussed.

**DRY HYDRANT UPDATE:** Troy Dare, with VACD, examined a site for a dry hydrant on the Consie West property so the Town can move forward with a Grant request. The Town received a Grant to repair the Erthein Dry Hydrant, the road crew did the repairs and the hydrant is now working.

**TOWN TRUCK UPDATE:** A new 2021 Ford F350 1 ton pickup with full warranty was purchased from Auto Saver Ford for \$37,990. It will be outfitted with a plow and sander (\$2,270). The sander will be in a slide-in poly box insert (\$6,545). The older 2013 truck will be detailed and put up for auction. Mike had priced the basic truck from Langway Chevy at \$40,618 and Stevenson Dodge at \$42,635.

**LANDSLIDE UPDATE:** Trout Unlimited is applying for a grant to cover 30% of the design cost to repair the landslide.

**BUDGET:** Because of COVID, the State of Vermont wants all items to be voted by Australian ballot. Any Appropriations over \$1,000 will be put on the Warning individually. Appropriations under \$1,000 will be listed and the total lumped together in one article. Karen Dzialo and Suzy dePeyster will meet on Thursday Jan 21, to go over the Warning. Mike Hill went over the figures for the Highway Department Budget. Sand/Salt/Gravel amounts to increase. He will have final numbers ready for the next meeting. Board discussed General Fund line items to be changed for the budget.

**ROAD UPDATE:** none.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** The Haggerty cows have been loose again. Karen Tendrup will call Haggerty's neighbors to let them know that the Town is not responsible.

Julie Robertson presented the request for \$6,000 for the Cemetery Commission's ongoing work of maintaining Sandgate's Cemeteries.

Willie Skidmore will install the defibrillator in Town Hall.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE FEBRUARY 1, 2021**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

# **Sandgate Vermont Select Board Special Meeting**

**January 28, 2021**

Meeting opened at 10:30 am

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

Agenda: Change the date for the Town Meeting

The Board discussed the advantage of changing the date from March to May. The Covid restricts how many individuals can be in our meeting room and be properly social distanced. A later date might allow us to meet outdoors or have the windows open. There will be an informational meeting on Monday, May 3, 2021 and the Town Meeting will be Tuesday, May 4, 2021. Voting will be by Australian Ballot.

Tom Santelli motioned to change the Town Meeting date to Tuesday, May 4, 2021 and the Information Meeting on Monday, May 3, 2021. Mike Hill seconded. All in favor.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

# Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting February 1, 2021

**Call to Order:** 6:18 pm

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

**Citizen Concerns:** None

**Change Town Meeting Date and Balloting:** Town Meeting Date was changed to May 4, 2021, with an informational meeting the night before on May 3, 2021. Voting will be done by Australian Ballot. Citizens may request an absentee ballot, or vote in person on Town Meeting Day. (See Special Select Board Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2021)

**Minutes were reviewed:** Tom Santelli motioned to accept the January 18 minutes as is, Karen Dzialo seconded. All in favor. Tom Santelli motioned to accept the Special Meeting minutes from January 28, Mike Hill seconded. All in favor.

**Orders were signed**

**ZA Report:** none

**Budget/Warning:** The Board worked on the final figures for the 2021/2022 Budget. All salaries were increased by 3%. Mike Hill provided the numbers for the Highway Dept.

The Warning will include a breakdown of appropriations over \$1,000 to be voted on in separate Articles. The balance of appropriations under \$1,000 will be listed as one Article.

The Town will contribute to a retirement fund for Sandy Reidy, Town Clerk/Town Treasurer

**Sign Certificate of Milage:** will be done at the next meeting.

The Radio is working properly.

**Road Report:** The new truck is in service with plow and sander.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

**THE NEXT MEETING IS FEBRUARY 15, 2021**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

# **Sandgate Vermont Select Board Meeting**

**February 15, 2021**

**Called to Order: 6:00 pm**

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

**Also present: Sandy Reidy, Treasurer, and Julie Robertson**

**The Board was unable to gain access to the building.**

**No business was discussed. Tom Santelli moved to continue the meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall. Mike Hill seconded. All in favor.**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Suzy dePeyster**

# **Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting - February 16, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER: 6:15 PM**

**ATTENDANCE:** Suzy dePeyster, Mike Hill ,Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup, Karen Dzialo (on speakerphone); Sandy Reidy, Treasurer

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** None

**ORDERS WERE SIGNED**

**REVIEWED FEBRUARY 1, 2021 MINUTES** – a motion to accept as read by Tom Santelli, seconded by Mike Hill.

**REVIEWED FEBRUARY 15, 2021 MINUTES** (the meeting was continued to February 16, 2021) motion to accept as read by Tom Santelli, seconded by Mike Hill.

**TREASURER’S REPORT PRESENTED BY SANDY REIDY**

**TRUCK PAYMENT:** The Town borrowed \$46,203 from the Town Fund to pay for the new plow truck, thereby saving bank interest charges. The funds will be replaced with any lost interest to the Town Fund.

**ZA REPORT:** Brian Audy received an access permit for a driveway on Rupert Road.

**DRY HYDRANT:** Arlington Fire Department is still working on the Flow Test at Erthein dry hydrant site on West Sandgate Road.

**ROAD REPORT:** Mike Hill reported that the old truck that was replaced is on an auction site.

**MAY 4, 2021 TOWN MEETING/WARNING/ BUDGET**

Postcards were mailed to residents announcing that the Town Meeting was postponed. The Warning was reviewed and will be ready to signed by the Board Wednesday. Budget was a finalized.

**CERTIFICATE OF HWY. MILAGE:** Ready to be submitted. The Town reclassified 3 miles of road from class 3 to class 4, located from the West property driveway to Panteleon Road. Mileage is now 25.4 miles of Class 2 and 3, and 8.33 miles of class 4.

Motion to adjourn made by Karen Dzialo, seconded by Tom Santelli, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

**THE NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 1, 2021 AT 6:00 PM AT THE TOWN HALL**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

# **SANDGATE VT SELECT BOARD MEETING - MARCH 1, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER: 6:15 PM**

**ATTENDANCE:** Suzy dePeyster, Karen Dzialo, Mike Hill (on speakerphone), Karen Tendrup (called in, but we were unable to have more than one person on speakerphone), absent: Tom Santelli. Also present: Jean Eisenhart

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** Jean Eisenhart reported that the notice on the bulletin board had the wrong time for the Select Board meeting. Meetings start at 6:00 pm, not 6:30 pm.

**ZA REPORT** – Discussion regarding openings on the Zoning Board.

**APPOINTMENTS TO TOWN BOARDS** – Jean Eisenhart requested that Phoebe Sheres be removed from the Conservation Commission and suggested that Dona McAdams and Dottie Sundquist be appointed. The Select Board will continue appointments at the next meeting.

Defibrillator sitting in the Town Hall closet but signage not installed.

**GRANT UPDATE DRY HYDRANT:** Mike spoke with Arlington Fire Department; they have not yet provided the flow test needed to process the grant.

**MINUTES REVIEWED:** The February 15, 2021 minutes were reviewed. Karen Dzialo motioned to accept the minutes as read, Mike Hill seconded. All in favor.

**ORDERS WERE SIGNED** by Suzy dePeyster and Karen Dzialo – Town/Highway Orders will be left on the Town Hall counter for additional signatures.

**ROAD REPORT:** Mike reported that all equipment was working properly.

**FORD TRUCK STATUS:** The Town's old 1-ton diesel truck was sold at auction. The Town share of the proceeds, \$21,200, will be the first payment back to the Town on the new ¾-ton truck which cost \$37,990 (additional costs of \$6,545 for the sander and insert, and \$2,270 for the plow brings the total cost to \$46,805). After the payment of \$21,200, the balance of \$25,605 will be paid back to the Town after the Oct 1 tax deadline but before November: \$1,2021 plus any interest lost to that Fund.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** It was noted that the Road Foreman and Town Clerk will determine 911 addresses.

It was reported that Sandgate resident Mike Koscinski died at his home on Friday February 26.

Motion to adjourn was made by Karen Dzialo and seconded by Mike Hill. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MARCH 15, 2021**

Respectfully submitted by Karen Dzialo

# Sandgate Vermont Select Board Meeting - March 15, 2021

**CALL TO ORDER: 6:15**

**ATTENDANCE:** Suzy dePeyster, Karen Dzialo, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli. Absent: Karen Tendrup.  
Also present: Sandy Reidy, Town Treasurer; Jim Henderson, BCRC; Jacob Fetterman, Trout Unlimited.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** none

**TREASURER'S REPORT** was presented to the Board and reviewed. Sandy Reidy reported that the Town's Legal Fees were exceeding the amount budgeted which was \$1,000. The Treasurer will draw on the Legal and Professional Fund to pay the \$5,600 fees that are due.

**MARCH 1, 2021 MINUTES WERE REVIEWED.** Mike Hill motioned to accept, Tom Santelli seconded. All in favor.

**ZA REPORT:** None

**DRY HYDRANT:** Arlington Fire Department is still working on the Flow Test.

**BALDWIN BROOK CULVERT/TROUT UNLIMITED** – Jacob Fetterman suggested that he could do design using the data he already has and come up with an open-bottom box culvert. There was discussion of what would be available in grant money, and the advantage of closing the road during any construction. The Town would need to adopt new Bridge and Road Standards, then apply for a Structures Grant in order to have the lowest percentage of the structure cost. Jim Henderson will handle the structure Grant application. It needs to be completed by mid-April.

**LAND SLIDE/GREEN RIVER** – The Town did not get a grant for fixing the Landslide across from the Town Hall. Jim Henderson said one solution would be to prevent further damage by punching holes in the berm to alleviate water pressure. By placing some large boulders, tree trunks with root ball in the river upstream from the slide, the flow would be slowed allowing the stream bed to rise. This would help stop the erosion at the base of the landslide. After the landslide stabilizes, vegetation could be planted on the slope. Jacob Fetterman said that the Town would need a Water Alteration Permit.

**ZBA/PC BOARD APPOINTMENTS:** It was suggested that Robert Viglas replace Carolyn Kimball who's moved to Pawlet. Also James Aschmann will be asked to serve. At the last meeting Jean Eisenhart said Phoebe Sheres has retired from the Conservation Commission and that Dona McAdams and Dottie Sundquist would like to be appointed.

**ROAD REPORT:** Mike Hill reported that they were doing what they could with the mud. Rupert Road was reported to have some soft spots. He will put down stone on the Rupert Rd and SE Corners Road and patch the pot hole at the SE Corner Bridge.

Mike Hill motioned to adjourn. Karen Dzialo seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE APRIL 5, 2021**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

# Sandgate Vermont Select Board Meeting - April 5, 2021

## **CALL TO ORDER: 6:05**

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

Also present, Jim Henderson, BCRC

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** It was reported that Grogan's pig was loose and had frightened his neighbor's children. The Haggerty dogs were unleashed and bothering Steeves/Boeys' dog that was being walked on the West Sandgate Road. Small Animal Control handled the matters.

## **ORDERS WERE SIGNED**

**LEMP RE-ADOPTION:** The Local Emergency Management was readopted. Karen Tendrup volunteered and was appointed Emergency Management Director.

**ROAD REPORT:** RE: Baldwin Brook Culvert Grant, Jim Henderson will handle the grant application that needs to be completed by mid-April. There will be a 20% match for the Town. This could be lowered to 10% by incorporating in-kind work done by the Town. Jim will be provided with the DUNNE #. The Board authorized Mike Hill or Sandy Reidy to sign the Grant Application as necessary. Mike Hill made a motion to apply for the Grant in Aid and Jim Henderson will help with the application. Tom Santelli seconded, all in favor.

**ROAD EROSION:** Jim will work with Mike Hill, based on the Road Erosion Inventory Report of 2020. Jim noted the study called for more crown on all roads throughout Town providing better water run-off. The Town can use the Better Back Roads Grant to replace culverts from the Notch to Santelli's on the West Sandgate Rd after which the Grant in Aid can be used to replace the rest of culverts to the NY line.

**GREEN-UP DAY IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 1, 2021.** There will be bags available at the Town Hall. Karen Tendrup will work with Sandgate children, Cub Scouts, and 4-H members who are interested in volunteering during their spring break to start on the clean-up. Karen will put up a flyer at the school. They will work on April 12, 13, and 14. Call Karen at 375-6058 or the Town Hall at 375-9075. The Town of Sandgate 2020 Road Erosion Inventory Report prepared by BCRC is available [here](#).

**ZONING BOARD REPORT:** It was determined that since the Town has been picking up the cost for the publishing of Warnings, that the fees for Hearing Application Fee, Appeal Application Fee, Variance Application Fee, Conditional Use Permit Fee (anything requiring a published warning) will increase by \$100. Mike Hill motioned to increase the fee, Karen Dzialo seconded. All in favor.

**ZBA/PC BOARD APPOINTMENTS:** Robert Viglas will replace Carolyn Kimball who's moved to Pawlet. Also James Aschmann is appointed. All in favor.

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION:** Dona McAdams and Dottie Sundquist are appointed. All in favor.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** The thermostat at the Town Hall is not working properly. Eleanor LaCross will be asked to call John Bushee.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Karen Tendrup, seconded by Karen Dzialo. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

**THE NEXT MEETING IS APRIL 19, 2021 AT THE TOWN HALL AT 6 PM**

Respectfully submitted by Karen Dzialo

# **Sandgate Vermont Select Board Meeting - April 19, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER: 6:10 PM**

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

Also present: Sandy Reidy, Treasurer; Julie Robertson.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** Julie Robertson inquired about the recent fires in Town. The four calls were all brush fires. No one was hurt and Arlington Fire Dept and Sandgaters responded quickly.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Sandy Reidy presented her report to the Board. It was noted that it may be necessary to add additional funds to some items for next year.

**ORDERS WERE SIGNED**

**MINUTES FROM APRIL 5, 2021 WERE REVIEWED.** A motion to accept as read by Karen Tendrup and seconded by Tom Santelli. All in favor.

**CUD (Communication Union District):** Appointments were made as follows: Sheila Kearns, representative; Betsy Rathbun-Gunn and Logan Wuerslin, alternates. All in favor.

**DRY HYDRANT (WEST) UPDATE FLOW TEST:** Troy Dare of VACD will meet Mike at the West site on Tate Rd at noon regarding the Erthien dry hydrant flow test. The Arlington Fire Dept. will be able to perform the test now that the fire trucks gauge is replaced.

**WEST SANDGATE ROAD/BALDWIN BROOK STRUCTURES GRANT:** In process

**BETTER BACK ROADS GRANT:** in process

**MILAGE CERTIFICATE:** no new information

**FEMA UPDATE:** Risk Survey? They need the renewed Dunnes # to process. Town Clerk is getting it to them.

**ROAD REPORT:** There is some grading that still needs to be done. Mike is waiting for the frost to stop heaving the Rupert Road. Mike applied for a paving grant. Shoulder stone will be applied by Trachte's.

**NOTE: THE NEXT SELECT BOARD MEETING WILL BE 6 PM MAY 3, 2021 AT THE TOWN HALL. AN INFORMATION MEETING WILL FOLLOW AT 7:00 PM AT THE TOWN HALL. CITIZENS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.**

**2020 TOWN REPORT** is available on Town website, sandgatevermont.org. All Town Meeting information is in the report.

**TOWN VOTING ON ARTICLES WILL BE MAY 4, 2021 AT 10AM TO 7PM. VOTING WILL BE BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT.**

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:55

Respectfully submitted, Karen Dzialo

# Select Board Meeting - May 3, 2021

Meeting Called to Order at 6:05 pm

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

Absent: Karen Dzialo

**Citizen Concerns:** None

**April 19, 2021 Minutes:** Tom Santelli moved to accept the minutes as written.

Mike Hill seconded. All in favor.

**Dry Hydrant on Tate Hill:** There will be a phone conference with Troy Dare at 9am, Wednesday morning, May 5, 2021.

**Green Up Day** was a success—1.8 tons of trash was removed from Town roadsides and banks. Thanks to Cub Scouts, 4-H'ers and Sandgaters.

**Road Report:** Ash trees are being removed from West Sandgate Rd.

**Other Business:** Mike Sherman pointed out the gravel left over from sanding the Town Office needs to be moved. Mike Hill will smooth it out with backhoe.

Mike Hill moved to adjourn. Karen Tendrup seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzy dePeyster

# Sandgate, Vermont Select Board Meeting - May 17, 2021

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

**ATTENDANCE:** Karen Dzialo, Mike Hill, Joe Nolan, Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup  
Also present: Sandy Reidy, Treasurer

**ORGANIZATION MEETING/APPOINTMENTS:** The Board welcomes Joe Nolan to the Board. Paperwork to swear-in members was submitted to Sandy Reidy, Town Clerk. Appointments: Karen Dzialo, chair; Karen Tendrup, co-chair; minute-taker, Karen Dzialo; Road Liaison, Tom Santelli.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Sandy Reidy presented the Report to the Board. There is adequate money to cover expenses through the end of the fiscal year. Auditors will be at Town Hall on Thursday. It was reported that the decrease in the school budget will result in a refund to the Town.

## **ORDERS WERE SIGNED**

**MAY 3, 2021 MINUTES WERE REVIEWED** and a motion to accept made by Mike Hill, seconded by Tom Santelli. All in favor.

**DRY HYDRANT REPORT:** Regarding the West property on Tate Hill Road, there will be another phone conference call with Troy Dare at 9:00 am Wednesday, May 19 to talk with Ms. West. Mike Hill will bring the Flow Report from the Arlington Fire Dept to the Town office. Sandy will forward it to Troy Dare.

**BCSWA BENNINGTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE:** Karen Dzialo attended the BCSWA meeting via zoom on April 28. The contract with Casella was discussed. Towns will pay for food scraps – residents can drop off for free. HHW Household Hazardous Waste facility and the Asphalt Shingle facility will be discussed at the June 23, 2021 BCSWA meeting.

**BCRC TAC MEETING:** Karen Dzialo attended the zoom meeting that was held on April 28, 2021. This year the focus was on highways/paving. Next year will be bridges. Bridges are inspected every two years. The Town is concerned that if anything happened to the bridge on Sandgate Road just past the Town Hall, that there would be no access for residents.

**GARAGE IPAD SET UP:** all set

**ROAD REPORT:** Tudor Hill is the next to be graded, then Mike will go back over all roads for the second round. He has enough calcium chloride, which is used to keep the dust down, to last until the end of June. West Sandgate Road from the top of the notch to the state line is being graded, ash trees are being cut down, and gravel added to build up the crown of the road.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Karen Tendrup reported that Erin McDermott, Dog Warden, requested that the Town provide a dog pen to house stray dogs. The town will pay for a pen. The Board agreed that there should be a stipend for the dog warden and will put that into the next budget.

Tom Santelli motioned to adjourn the meeting. Joe Nolan seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE JUNE 7, 2021 AT THE TOWN HALL AT 6:00 PM**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

# Sandgate Vermont Select Board Meeting - June 7, 2021

**CALL TO ORDER: 6:08 P.M.**

**ATTENDANCE:** Karen Dzialo, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup. Absent: Joe Nolan

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** Valerie dePeyster asked the Board for a list of current appointed and elected officers

**REVIEWED MAY 17, 2021 MINUTES:** Tom motioned to accept, Mike seconded. All in favor.

## **ORDERS WERE SIGNED**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Received a 2021-2022 heating season program option plan from Blue Flame. Before deciding on which option to take we will check with Sandy Reidy to see if we have any credit from last year.

The Town received a notice that the State of Vermont Department of Health is reopening the Public Health labs effective May 10. Water testing kits are available. Contact the Town Office for information.

**DRY HYDRANTS:** no report

**TAC TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT:** Karen Dzialo attended the zoom meeting. The Town's only concern is the Bridge north of the Town Hall. TAC will focus on bridges next year.

**COVID FEDERAL GRANT TO VERMONT TOWN REPORT:** The Town will receive approximately \$100,000 to help with expenses related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Karen D and Karen T met with Nick Zaiac from Arlington to learn the restrictions on how the money is to be spent.

**LISTERS:** The Board approved a request from the Listers for permission to file for an Extension of 30 days for the Grand List. Tom motioned to approve, Karen Tendrup seconded. All in favor.

**ZONING REPORT:** none

**ROAD REPORT:** Working on Woodcock Road doing ditches and trees. 30 hours of mowing thus far throughout the town. Mike told the Board that Tim Fagan will be hired to do weed whacking again this year.

**GRANTS:** Mike will check with Chris Taft, District 1, regarding the email Karen received about a Grant money deadline. Mike applied for all that was available but will check to see if this is a different grant program.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** there is a Vermont Local Emergency Management Director Course (7/20/21 and 7/21/21). It is 8 hours long, held over two days and will be virtual. Karen Tendrup will look into signing up for the course.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

**THE NEXT MEETING IS JUNE 21, AT 6:00**

Respectfully submitted, Karen Dzialo

# Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting — June 21, 2021

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

**ATTENDANCE:** Karen Dzialo, Mike Hill, Joe Nolan, Karen Tendrup; absent, Tom Santelli

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Sandy Reidy left copies of the Treasurer's Report for the Board to review. No issues reported.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** Karen Tendrup will provide the 2021 elected officers list for Val dePeyster

**REVIEW MINUTES:** The June 7, 2021 Minutes were reviewed and a motion to accept as is was made by Karen Tendrup, seconded by Joe Nolan

**ORDERS WERE SIGNED**

**DRY HYDRANTS:** no new information

**ROAD REPORT:** Mowing continued, Mike will start West Side of Sandgate, from the Notch to the state line. The Town received a grant from Better Back Roads to improve the road. Work will include ditching, culverts replaced, tree removal, and increasing the crown by adding more gravel.

Joe Nolan asked if Tim Fagan, who will be string-trimming for the Town, has proper insurance. The Board will check on whether he has his own insurance, or if he is covered under the Town's Insurance.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The town received an invitation to participate in the raffle fund raiser for Arlington Fire Company. The Board agreed to purchase 6 raffle tickets for \$10.

**ERAF EMERGENCY RELIEF AND ASSISTANCE FUND:** The Select Board voted to adopt The Town Road and Bridge Standards which shall apply to the construction, repair and maintenance of Town roads and bridges. Mike Hill made the motion, Joe Nolan seconded. All in favor.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Karen Tendrup reported that the Cub Scouts received the American Flag on Flag Day. It will be used in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

**ANIMAL CONTROL:** Erin McDermott (375-2201) contacted the Board to report that a dog that was being fostered in the Town, had gotten loose and asked residents to keep an eye out.

**SUMMER HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR MEETINGS:** The Board discussed changing some of the meeting dates because the usual first Monday of the month is on a holiday which impacts the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday weekend and Labor Day. **Meetings will be held: July 6<sup>th</sup>, July 19<sup>th</sup>, August 9, August 23, Sept. 7 and Sept. 20.**

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

**NEXT MEETING IS JULY 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

# Sandgate Vermont Select Board Meeting — July 6, 2021

**CALL TO ORDER: 6:15**

**ATTENDANCE:** Karen Dzialo, Mike Hill, Joe Nolan, Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** none

**RPA/CLFRF CORONA VIRUS FISCAL RECOVERY FUND CERTIFICATION:**

Joe Nolan moved that the Town of Sandgate accept its allocation of Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funding (CLFRF) from the US Treasury, along with the Award Terms & Conditions and Assurances of Compliance with the Civil Rights Requirements that are requirements of accepting these funds. Karen Tendrup seconded the motion. All in favor.

Tom Santelli moved that we appoint Karen Dzialo to serve as the Town of Sandgate “Authorized Representative” as required by the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funding (CLFRF) from the US Treasury, to sign the Award Terms & Conditions and Assurances of Compliance with the Civil Rights Requirements by 07/06/2021. Mike Hill seconded the motion. All in favor.

Joe Nolan moved that we name Sandy Reidy (Town Clerk) to be the “Contact Person” for the Town of Sandgate CLFRF Award from U.S. Treasury. Mike Hill seconded the motion. All in favor.

For information about the program visit the website:

<https://www.vlct.org/resources/american-rescue-plan-information>

**REVIEW JUNE 21, 2021 MINUTES:** Mike Hill motioned to accept the minutes as read. Karen Tendrup seconded. All in favor.

**ORDERS WERE SIGNED**

**DRY HYDRANTS** – no report

**ROAD REPORT:**

Mike Hill reported that weather permitting he will be starting on the culverts and berms on the West side (this project is part of the grant programs) The road crew will also continue mowing. Karen Tendrup reported that in answer to Joe Nolan’s concern regarding insurance for Tom Fagan – he is fully covered by the Town’s insurance.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

The Town received the Hold Harmless Estimate – FY22 Estimate. The payment for land enrolled in Current Use is estimated to be \$70,648. It was noted that the numbers are estimates and subject to change if more information becomes available.

The Town received the Notice of Education Tax Rates for Fiscal Year 2022 (prepared July 1, 2021)

The homestead tax rate to be assessed: 1.3790

The non-homestead tax rate to be assessed: 1.5770

Joe Nolan made a motion to adjourn, Karen Tendrup seconded. All in favor.

Adjourned at 6:55 pm

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE JULY 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2021**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

# Sandgate Vermont Select Board Meeting - July 19, 2021

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

**ATTENDANCE:** Karen Dzialo, Mike Hill, Joe Nolan, Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup,  
Also present: Sandy Reidy, Treasurer/Clerk

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** none

**REVIEW JULY 6, 2021 MINUTES:** Tom motioned to accept as is, seconded by Karen Tendrup. All in favor.

Tax Rate Set: Sandy Reidy explained to the Board the details of how the Tax Rate was determined, using the information the Listers provided along with the rate for the school tax portion.

## **Homestead Tax Rate**

Municipal	\$0.8893
School	\$1.3790
Local	<u>\$0.0037</u>
	<b>\$2.2720</b> per thousand
	<i>2.0531 FY20/21</i>

## **Non-resident Tax Rate**

Municipal	\$0.8893
School	\$1.5770
Local	<u>\$0.0037</u>
	<b>\$2.4700</b> per thousand
	<i>2.0735 FY 20/21</i>

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

COVID Federal Grant to Vermont Towns Report: Karen Dzialo reported that the application was submitted on the State's Portal and the Town will be receiving \$38,000.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR** – Possibly advertising on the Front Porch Forum was discussed. Joe Nolan suggested that we contact surrounding towns to ask if their zoning administrator might be interested in adding Sandgate to their work load.

**ROAD REPORT:** Mike reported that the road dept. is working on the West Side.

**GRANTS:** The Board acknowledges that the work being done on the West Side is because of the Grant-In-Aids that Mike has secured. Thank you for your hard work Mike! Some of the other Grants that Mike worked on and received this past year are the \$175,000 State Paving Grant; \$225,000 State Structures Grant; \$10,000 Better Back Roads Grant; and the Grant-In-Aids for \$14,000. The Total for the year is \$400,000 (that taxpayers don't have to pay). We also want to thank Jim Henderson for his tireless and valuable help that he gave Mike in this endeavor. Mike added that over the past nine years the Town has received over a million dollars in Grants.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** The Bennington County Solid Waste Administration BCSWA is holding their hearing to finalize the contract. The meeting will be held at the Arlington Town Hall on August 4, 2021 at 4:00 pm

There will be a Purge of the Voter list prior to the next meeting on August 9, 2021

Tom Santelli motioned to adjourn the meeting and Joe Nolan seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:19

**Please note!!**

*The next meeting will be on August 9, 2021. The change from our usual 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month is so that we would not have a four week gap between meetings. We will go back to the regular schedule in October.*

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Dzialo

# Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting - August 9, 2021

**THE VOTER LIST PURGE THAT WAS TO BE HELD PRIOR TO THE MEETING WAS  
POSTPONED TO THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, AT 6:00 pm**

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

**ATTENDANCE:** Karen Dzialo, Mike Hill, Joe Nolan, Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup  
Also attending: Donald Piersen, Melissa Mattison, William Mattison, Sheila Kearns, Nancy Tschorn, Julie Robertson, Myron Lutzke, Anca Nicolau

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** (other than related to the flooding): none

## **ROAD REPORT:**

Mike Hill reported that the emergency response to the flooding was to give access to residents by clearing debris and dumping gravel. This was done as quickly as possible throughout the town. Once the initial work was completed, they are revisiting sites to determine what else would need to be done. Mike is working with FEMA, BCRC, and others to find out what grant money would be available to fix and prevent any future issues. All roads were made passable, more work to be done. The crew will be working at the Notch on Tuesday and then the bottom of Southeast Corners.

Mike asked residents to call the garage at 375-8358 to report if any culverts are blocked. You may also call Tom Santelli at 375-9297.

## **ROAD PAVING GRANT:**

Mike reported that he has received \$175,000 Paving Grant. The Town must match 20%. He reported two estimates, one from Peacham at \$165,000 and one from Fuller Sand and Gravel at \$199,000. This grant will allow paving from the Town line to where the Sandgate Road turns to dirt.

## **IMPACT OF FLOOD DAMAGE IN SANDGATE:**

Regarding damage to private property such as Sophie's Way (a private road), Property owners were advised to dial **211** which will connect them with the EWP Emergency Watershed Protection Program (implements emergency measures to relieve imminent hazards to life and property created by natural disasters).

Jim Henderson from BCRC visited the site on Saturday. He then sent out information regarding the Natural Resource Conservation Service program that provides residences with disaster relief for river erosion issues. Jim Henderson visited other sites and told any residents that if they need help they should contact the Town Clerk, who is compiling a list of folks in town that would like the Town to sponsor them in their applications.

Another possible source of help for property owners on Sophie's Way may be through the organization Trout Unlimited. Josh Carvajal, VT River Management Engineer, stated that Trout Unlimited was interested in all tributaries of the Battenkill and grants were available. However, grants for private roads would be difficult to obtain.

Rep. Kathleen James was contacted regarding the situation the residents of Sophie's Way were facing.

Residents on Chunks Brook Road, Melissa and William Mattison, reported to the Board that 3 cars were stacked up against a bridge near their home. The cars were from the property owned by Grogan, a resident who has been cited with many violations of cars and debris, and trash on his property. He has been served summons and the Town took legal action against him, and have a lien against his property. It was suggested that the Mattisons contact the State Police Officer Todd Williams. The cars must be removed from the stream immediately. Josh Carvajal, VT River Management Engineer visited the site. There was also much debris such as plastic bags and trash from Grogans property that is polluting the stream.

Pantaleon Road residents Myren Lutzke and Anka Nicolau, reported on flood damage. Tom Santelli explained that class four Pantaleon Road, was passable. Mike will check the portion from LaPanta's driveway to gate.

Citizen Tom Kenny dropped off pictures at Town Hall of damage near his home by the Notch.

A nice compliment was given to the Road Department by Nancy Tschorn, who told the Board that the bridge that was recently installed held up nicely and that her road was as good as could be expected after such a storm.

**DRY HYDRANT GRANT:** Mike received an update for the dry hydrant with a few changes.

**BENNINGTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE:** Karen Dzialo attended the BCSWA public hearing.

**CONTRACTS SIGNED:** Household Hazardous Waste Agreement voted on/signed by the Select Board. The ISWAP contract between Casella and the Town of Sandgate voted on/signed by the Select Board. Copies will be mailed to Michael Batchner at BCRC.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR SEARCH REPORT:** Karen Dzialo reported that she has contacted surrounding towns to see if another Zoning Administrator would like to take on the Town of Sandgate. There was no interest. Sunderland is also searching for a Zoning Administrator.

**SANDGATE PLANNING COMMISSION:** Sheila Kearns, Chair, presented a Funding Request for Town Plan and Bylaw Update.

The Planning Commission requests funding totaling \$1,482 as partial funding for an update of the Town Plan and the Zoning Bylaws. The Town Plan was last updated in 2015 and the Zoning Bylaws were last amended and adopted in 2013. The specifics of the updates to be undertaken are available in draft minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held on July 21, 2021.

**TOWN PLAN UPDATE:** Total cost of 6,156.00 funded by BCRC, Energy Implementation Funds from the State of VT requirement to develop an Act 174-compliant energy section with maps, and a \$1,000 contribution from the Town of Sandgate.

**BYLAW REVISIONS:** Total cost of \$4,817.08 funded by Municipal Planning Grant Program FY 2022, EMPG Funds, Bylaw Modernization Funds and a \$482.00 match from the Town of Sandgate.

A motion to agree to pay \$1,482.00 as requested was made by Joe Nolan, seconded by Karen Tendrup. All in favor.

**REVIEW JULY 19, 2021 MINUTES** – A motion to accept the minutes as reviewed was made by Mike Hill and seconded by Tom Santelli. All in favor.

#### **ORDERS WERE SIGNED**

**VOTER LIST PURGE** is scheduled for September 9, 2021 at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall

A motion to Adjourn was made by Karen Tendrup, seconded by Joe Nolan, All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

**NEXT MEETING AUGUST 23, 2021 AT THE TOWN HALL AT 6:00**

Respectfully submitted by Karen Dzialo

# Sandgate Vermont Select Board Meeting - August 23, 2021

## **CALL TO ORDER: 6:00**

**ATTENDANCE:** Karen Dzialo, Mike Hill, Joe Nolan, Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup,  
Also present: Sandy Reidy, Treasurer

**CITIZEN'S CONCERNS:** Tim Fagan reported on the situation of the cars in Chunks Brook downstream from Grogan's property.

Mike Hill reported that the DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation) authorized that he could remove the cars. Josh Carvajal, VT River Management Engineer, told him that the town would not be responsible for any additional leakage of fluids from the cars into the stream. Mike said that he would need to rent a large piece of equipment that could pull the cars out and load onto a trailer to be taken to a scrap facility. The Town may be reimbursed for this expense through FEMA; if not, then the Town would put an additional lien on the Grogan property. The Grogan property is delinquent on paying taxes. The next tax bill is due in October. If his taxes aren't paid in full at that time, the Town will take action and put the property up for a Tax Sale.

Tom Santelli made a motion that the Town remove the three Grogan cars from the stream; Joe Nolan seconded. All in favor.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Sandy Reidy submitted the Treasurer's Report for review. She reported that tax payments are coming in and the Town is in good shape.

**ROAD REPORT:** Mike reported that the Road Dept. is currently working on Wilcox Hollow.

Mike stated that all roads will be repaired well enough to properly plow throughout the winter season. If FEMA comes through with funding, we can then upgrade to prevent future damage. If FEMA does not provide funding, the Town will have to look at other solutions.

**REVIEW AUGUST 9, 2021 MINUTES:** Mike Hill motioned to accept minutes as is.  
Tom Santelli seconded; All in Favor.

## **ORDERS WERE SIGNED**

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR SEARCH REPORT:** Karen Dzialo reported that Sheila Kearns has a candidate for the position of Zoning Administrator, Jennifer Leigh Woolf. She is the Zoning Administrator for the Village of Manchester, VT. and is a qualified candidate for the Town to consider. Jennifer Woolf is requesting a rate of \$25.00 per hour. We currently offer \$20.00 per hour. The Board discussed raising the rate and agreed that it would be appropriate. Joe Nolan motioned to increase the rate to \$25.00 and Mike Hill seconded. All in favor.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** John Scianna stopped in to ask the Board about the 18% increase on his taxes, stating that other residents that he spoke with had a lesser increase. He said that he already paid the tax bill and was just curious why the difference with other residents. The Board pointed out that the increase is basically the result of the School Tax.

Karen Tendrup made a motion to adjourn; Joe Nolan seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

**NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:00 PM**

Respectfully submitted, Karen Dzialo

# **Sandgate Vermont Select Board Meeting — September 7, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER: 6:00**

**ATTENDANCE:** Karen Dzialo (via phone), Mike Hill, Joe Nolan, Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup.

**CITIZEN'S CONCERNS:** none

**ROAD REPORT:** Mike reported that the Road Department will be working this week hauling gravel to Lincoln Lane, Campbell Road and Tudor Road. They will be securing two guardrail posts on Tudor Road where the gravel had washed away. Other maintenance to repair flood damage on Tudor Road will be completed.

**GRANT REPORT:** Karen Dzialo received an email from Carolyn Massa that paperwork needed to be completed for a Grant that was approved from Better Back Roads. Mike Hill reported that he had already taken care of it.

## **ORDERS WERE SIGNED**

**REVIEW AUG. 23, 2021 MINUTES:** Mike Hill motioned to accept; Tom Santelli seconded; All in favor.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR SEARCH REPORT:** Karen Dzialo reported that she will contact Sheila Kearns to ask if she has an update on candidate Jennifer Leigh Woolf for the position of Zoning Administrator.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Grogan's three cars were removed from Chunks Brook. Neighbors are happy.

***Election List Purge – The Board will meet at 6:00 pm on Thursday to purge the voter list***

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm

**Next meeting September 20, 2021 at 6:00 pm**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

# Sandgate Vermont Select Board Meeting - September 20, 2021

## **CALL TO ORDER: 6:04**

**ATTENDANCE:** Karen Dzialo, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup. Absent; Joe Nolan.

Also present: Sandy Reidy, Treasurer

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Sandy presented the Report that was reviewed by the Board. No concerns.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** The Select Board will respond with a letter to Tom Kenny regarding his complaint. The Board apologizes for any inconvenience incurred.

**ROAD REPORT:** Mike reported that the Road Department will be continuing with repairs and maintenance throughout the Town. VT Gov. Phil Scott has requested funds and contacted President Biden. The damage from the recent storm was designated a major disaster. FEMA will provide 75% of the monies that the Town spent.

**GRANT REPORT AND PAVING:** The Town will receive a \$175,000 grant to pave Sandgate Road from the boundary to the existing end of the pavement. The Town is responsible for 20% of the \$175,000. The total cost quoted by Peckham was \$172,296. The Town will add the cost to have additional stone on the shoulder. This will build up the strength at the edge of the road, thus preventing cracks and making the paving job last longer. Additional Funds will be taken from the Bridge and Culvert Fund. Tom Santelli made a motion to proceed with the project. Karen Tendrup seconded. All in favor.

## **ORDERS WERE SIGNED**

**REVIEW SEPT. 7, 2021 MINUTES;** Mike Hill motioned to accept; Tom Santelli seconded; All in Favor.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR SEARCH REPORT:** Karen Dzialo reported that Sheila Kearns, as chair of the Zoning Board, will answer any questions that come up while we continue our search for a new Zoning Administrator. Sheila Kearns responded to an inquiry regarding the Gunn property.

**DRY HYDRANT REPORT:** Work on the Consie West Tate Hill dry hydrant will start soon.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** The Election List Purge was completed on September 9, 2021.

Co-chair Karen Tendrup will participate in the Vermont League of Cities and Towns meeting in Burlington, VT

Tom Santelli made a motion to adjourn; Karen Tendrup seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm – **NEXT MEETING WILL BE OCTOBER 4, 2021**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Dzialo

# Sandgate Vermont Select Board Meeting – October 4, 2021

**CALL TO ORDER: 6:04**

**ATTENDANCE:** Karen Dzialo, Mike Hill, Joe Nolan, Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup  
Also present: Charles Pike

**CITIZEN'S CONCERNS:** Charlie Pike reported that the Rupert Road had a washboard surface and wondered when the grader would be back to that side of town. He also expressed concern about a "hole" in the Notch road.

The Board received a letter from Citizen Thomas Kenney, which was read by the Select Board. The letter expressed complaint about the work that was done on culverts at the Notch recently and that he felt he was spoken to inappropriately.

**ROAD REPORT:** Mike reported that paving of Sandgate Road will start next week weather permitting. Discussion regarding the hole in the Notch road: It was scheduled to be paved at the same time that Sandgate Road would be done for an additional cost of \$7,000. Mike explained that he dug up/smashed the pavement at the hole and patched it, but was unable to determine where the water is coming from that is causing the damage. It was agreed by the Board that paving it now without finding and fixing the problem would be a waste of money. It will be "cold-patched" and monitored throughout the winter. Next Spring the Road will need to be dug up more to find the source of water and divert it.

Joe Nolan reported that he was contacted by Bill Hagerty about a mound of dirt and grass by an access point to his property. Also Joe suggested a culvert marker reflector be placed on the west side of Irene Martin's driveway.

Mike Hill reported that ditching, de-berming, adding additional culverts and replacing worn culverts is scheduled from Lucille Korycinski property to the state line.

**GRANT REPORT:** Mike Hill reported that he submitted a request to Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid's Equipment Purchase. The Town will receive a \$6,000 grant to purchase a Roller Compactor. The Town will pay a match of \$1,500 or 20%.

## **ORDERS WERE SIGNED**

**REVIEW SEPTEMBER 20, 2021 MINUTES:** Karen Tendrup motioned to accept minutes; Tom Santelli seconded; All in Favor.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR SEARCH REPORT:** Ongoing. The Town will be more aggressive in advertising.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** none.

Tom Santelli made a motion to adjourn; Karen Tendrup seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

**Next meeting is October 18, 2021**

Respectfully submitted, Karen Dzialo

# Sandgate Vermont Select Board Meeting - October 18, 2021

## **CALL TO ORDER: 6:08**

**ATTENDANCE:** Karen Dzialo, Mike Hill, Joe Nolan, Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup

Also present: Sandy Reidy, treasurer; citizen Charles Pike; BCRC representatives, Pat Bryars, Callie Fishburn; Planning Board Chair, Sheila Kearns; and Jim Henderson, BCRC

**CITIZEN'S CONCERNS:** Charlie Pike stated that he did not think the Rupert Road was adequately fixed. He also expressed concern about the Notch. Mr. Pike also questioned the use and needed repair of the dump truck and asked if it was abused. Mike Hill responded that the truck was not abused and explained that the design of the frame extension was faulty because cast iron was used. This is an ongoing problem with the truck, not just in Sandgate.

Mr. Pike also asked what happened to the stone in the ditch along the hill going up SE Corners Road and why the leaf blower wasn't used to clean the ditch.

Mike explained that we only recently had use of a leaf blower and the ditch is also filled with gravel that is pushed to the side of the road when plowing. When the State of Vermont builds the stone screen/washers, then the Town will remove the stone, truck it to the facility, where it will be stored until Sandgate's turn. While waiting for the stone to be washed, the Town will need to put new stone into the ditch.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – submitted by Sandy Reidy and reviewed by the Board.

**ROAD REPORT** – In order to receive Grant money certain culvert projects, need to be completed by Oct. 30. Since there is a shortage of culverts, as much work as possible will be completed and a partial amount submitted.

**GRANT REPORT:** Mike Hill reported that he looking into where the Town can purchase the Roller Compactor using the Grant money that was awarded.

**DISASTER DECLARATION FEMA** – Jim Henderson informed the Board that temporary fixes will be reimbursed by FEMA if over \$3,320 per site. This includes clearing debris in right-of-way – time frame within 6 months; Town will have 18 months for infrastructure repairs. Mike will submit a report for each site.

Jim also discussed Procurement Policy regarding bids put out to be in alignment with FEMA requirements.

**PLANNING AND ZONING** – Callie Fishburn and Pat Bryars from BCRC requested the Board to sign the Grant request for the Town Planning By-laws and Modernization. This grant will allow BCRC to help the Town with the project.

Sheila Kearns submitted her resignation from the Sandgate Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Adjustment (PC/ZBA). Her current term of 4 years would have been completed in 2024. The Town accepted her resignation.

Tom Santelli motioned to appoint Richard Zoppel to the Planning Board effective immediately, Mike Hill seconded. All in Favor.

Sheila Kearns will be hired as the replacement for Bill Henry as our new Zoning Administrator. Motion made by Tom Santelli, seconded by Karen Tendrup. All in favor.

**ORDERS WERE SIGNED**

**REVIEW OCT. 4, 2021 MINUTES** – Mike Hill motioned to accept, Karen Tendrup seconded; All in Favor.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Joe Nolan questioned the policy of providing vacation pay to a sub-contractor. The Board voted last year to provide Willie Mattison with 20 hours holiday pay as gesture of appreciation. It was pointed out that since he was not an employee of the Town but was a sub-contractor/vendor and received a 1099 that it would be better to address that differently- not as a vacation/holiday pay.

Tom Santelli made a motion to adjourn; Karen Tendrup seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

**NEXT MEETING IS NOVEMBER 1st AT 6:00 PM**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

# Sandgate Vermont Select Board Meeting - November 1, 2021

## **CALL TO ORDER: 6:02**

**ATTENDANCE:** Karen Dzialo, Mike Hill, Joe Nolan, Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup.

Also present: citizens Charles Pike and James Peters

**CITIZEN'S CONCERNS:** James Peters brought to the attention of the Board that there was a ditch that crossed the road by Bentley's house on South East Corners Road. Mike Hill responded that it was a repeating situation. The road dept. is considering putting a small culvert to divert water from the parking area by the house. Charlie Pike said that he heard a rumor that police were involved in taking pictures, investigating up on the notch. And that he and another individual were accused of spinning out to dig up the gravel. Tom Santelli responded that no police were there, and that he was the one who took pictures of the tire tread. Charlie Pike also complained about a waterboard effect on Rupert Road. Pike also asked if the grader was ever going to get over to Rupert Road. The Road Dept. will have the grader over there as soon as weather permits. Tom Santelli explained that if he graded right before rain it would just turn to mush. Pike also stated that he wanted it put in the minutes that he was a taxpayer in Sandgate. It was pointed out by the Board that any citizen can express a concern.

**DELINQUENT TAX REPORT:** Eleanor LaCross reported that three properties have been submitted to a lawyer for a pending Tax Sale. Discussion regarding a Lien on the Grogan property for expenses that were submitted by the previous zoning administrator.

**ROAD REPORT:** Mike Hill reported that in order to meet the deadline to receive Grant money for culvert projects, he put the stretch of road (approximately 3 miles between Kurasinski and Erthein), at high priority.

Mike is still looking into where the Town can purchase the Roller Compactor using the Grant money that was awarded. This will help eliminate the washboard effect by compacting down the road after grading.

Some residents are concerned about the high edge of the road after the recent paving job. Mike reported that we are next on the list for the company to do the stone edging.

Mike will be putting in a culvert from the pond to the dry hydrant at the Consie West property.

## **ORDERS WERE SIGNED**

**OCTOBER 18 MINUTES WERE REVIEWED.** A motion was made by Tom Santelli to accept with one change. The date for the next meeting should have been November 1, not November 8. Seconded by Joe Nolan. All in favor.

Tom Santelli made a motion to adjourn; Joe Nolan seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm

## **THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE NOVEMBER 15, 2021**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

# **Sandgate Vermont Select Board Meeting - November 15, 2021**

## **CALL TO ORDER: 5:55**

**ATTENDANCE:** Karen Tendrup, Joe Nolan, Tom Santelli, Mike Hill, Karen Dzialo  
Also present: Sandy Reidy, Treasurer; Citizen, Charles Pike

**CITIZEN'S CONCERNS:** Charlie Pike asked when stone would be put down at the edge of the new pavement especially by driveways. He stated that it was bad by the church. Mike explained that Peckham told him that it would be later this week. It was agreed that if Peckham did not do the edging with stone by Thursday, the Road Dept. would take care of any really bad ones. It was noted that Peckham has already been paid for that part of the job.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – submitted by Sandy Reidy and reviewed by the Board. It was noted that appropriations are to be paid in November.

## **ORDERS WERE SIGNED**

**SUBRECIPIENT ANNUAL REPORT (2021 SAR):** Mike will provide Sandy with details on the grants Sandgate received this past fiscal year. Sandy will submit the paperwork.

**ROAD REPORT:** It was noted that the guardrail was damaged on the curve on Rupert Road referred to as Waters Turn. Hunter Excavating and Transport was responsible for the damage. Lafayette Guard Rail Company will repair the damage and send the bill to Hunter Excavation and Transport.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Lien on Grogan Property - The Town will contact the Town's lawyer regarding an additional lien on the Grogan Property. This lien will be to cover expenses incurred by the Town for the removal of the cars that were swept down Chunks Brook from Grogan's property.

**REVIEWED NOV. 1, 2021 MINUTES:** Tom motioned to accept and Joe Nolan seconded; All in Favor.

Joe Nolan made a motion to adjourn; Tom Santelli seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm

## **NEXT MEETING AT 6:00 PM, DECEMBER 6, 2021**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

# **SANDGATE VT SELECT BOARD MEETING – DECEMBER 6, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 PM**

**ATTENDANCE:** Karen Dzialo, Mike Hill, Joe Nolan, Tom Santelli;

Absent: Karen Tendrup.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** none

**BRIC DIRECT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:** Through the BRIC program, FEMA will provide non-financial Direct Technical Assistance to Sandgate. Mike will ask Jim Henderson if he would be willing to be the contact person for the BRIC Funding Opportunity. Jim has been involved in the process with EMA regarding the damage resulting from the July 2021 storms.

**ROAD REPORT:** The Road Department is monitoring all the town roads for any issues. They will look into a potential problem at SE Corners culvert by the Richard Kulmane residence.

**REVIEW OF NOVEMBER 15, 2021 MEETING MINUTES:** Tom Santelli motioned to approve the minutes as is. Joe Nolan seconded. All in favor.

**SPECIAL SELECT BOARD MEETING:** The Board will meet on Wednesday Dec. 8, 2021 to start work on the Budget for 2022-2023.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** It was noted that the funds borrowed from the Town that was used to pay for the recent purchase of a truck was replaced with added interest.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

**NEXT MEETING: December 20, 2021**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Dzialo

# Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting - December 20, 2021

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

**ATTENDANCE:** Karen Dzialo (via phone), Mike Hill, Joe Nolan, Tom Santelli.

Absent: Karen Tendrup. Also present: Sandy Reidy, treasurer

Treasurer's Report was submitted by Sandy Reidy. All in order, no issues

**BUDGET NOTES:** The preliminary budget was shown to Sandy Reidy and she cleared up any questions the Select Board had. More appropriations have come in, for the same amount requested as last year.

**ROAD REPORT:** no issues, equipment all functioning well

Mike reported that the Road Dept. has purchased a 500-gallon fuel tank from Wilcox Lumber for \$500. The tank has a catch basin and pump and is in excellent condition. The tank needs to be protected from the elements or the catch basin will fill with water. He suggested a structure be built on an existing concrete slab. The Town will put it out for bids. The bid is to include two options: one with an open storage area and closed area, and the second with only the closed area.

**ROADS/GRANTS:** Mike submitted a grant request for Better Back Roads for \$20,000 for repairs to be done on Rupert Road from the intersection of Snow Road all the way to the Rupert/Sandgate border. The work will include 10 culverts and 1,000 feet of stone line ditching. The grant is for 2022.

The Town received the Grants-In-Aid reimbursement for work done on the West Side.

## **ORDERS WERE SIGNED**

**MINUTES** for the 12/6/2021 minutes were reviewed and a motion to accept made by Joe Nolan, seconded by Tom Santelli. All in favor.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Mike will meet with Sandy on Wednesday and call the town lawyer to ask the procedure for submitting a bill for removing the junk cars from the stream. The lawyer will put a lien on the Grogan property for \$612.

We are waiting on the Arlington Fire Department to do the Flow Test on the dry hydrant.

Joe Nolan motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mike Hill seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE JANUARY 3, 2022**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo