

SANDGATE VERMONT SELECTBOARD MINUTES - FEBRUARY 5, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Board members: Joe Nolan, John Phelps (by phone), Charlie Pike, Linda Schmidt, Karen Tendrup. Minute taker: Sandy Reidy.

GROGAN PROPERTY: Karen Tendrup says she has tried again to obtain written confirmation from the DEC of resolution of the complaint regarding the property but has not received the confirmation. Joe Nolan and Linda Schmidt say they were called by neighbors on Chunks Brook Road about a rat problem. Linda points out that Karen had earlier suggested the Town write an ordinance regarding locked storage of animal feed, to deter rats and other vermin. The Board will collaborate on language for a new ordinance.

OTHER BUSINESS: Sandy Reidy says Eleanor LaCross said the **mailbox at Town Hall** was hit by a car and must be replaced and the person who damaged it billed for the replacement. Sandy says the Road Crew fixed the post and remounted the box, but the latter is broken and must be replaced. Charlie Pike asks if the **generator at Town Hall** will be covered. Joe says it is designed to be outdoors and uncovered, and the work is complete or nearly so. Linda asks if Sandy has time this week to set up an account for the **tech hardware needed for Town Hall**. Once this is done, hardware can be approved and ordered, and rewiring can be scheduled. Linda says the **meeting for public comment on the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan** will be held at **Town Hall on Monday February 26 at 6:00**.

ROAD REPORT: Joe says the Road Crew **power washed and gave an oil undercoat to all Town trucks** last week. The Board reviews the Road Crew's report of work done this week. The Town received three bids for eight hours of **tree work** (including on a tree by the mailboxes at West Road), from Dan Buck, Ed Pike, and Blake Pike. The latter gave the best price. Joe excuses himself from the decision because some of the bidders are friends of his. Karen makes a motion to nominate Blake Pike to do the work; Linda seconds; all in favor.

Linda asks about **sick time for the Road Crew** for three days taken in 2023 after the final pay period closed on December 27. Sandy will record the three days as a Christmas bonus. Linda makes a motion to reinstate the sick time for 2024; Joe seconds; all in favor.

ORDERS WERE SIGNED.

ADJOURN: Karen makes a motion to adjourn; Charlie seconds; all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:35.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 19 AT 6:00 IN SANDGATE TOWN HALL.

Respectfully submitted by Sandra Reidy and Linda Schmidt.

A complete recording is available by request at Sandgate Town Hall.