

# SANDGATE VERMONT SELECTBOARD MINUTES - APRIL 1, 2024

**CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.**

**ATTENDANCE:** Board members: Joe Nolan, John Phelps, Charlie Pike, Linda Schmidt, Karen Tendrup. Also present: Debra Alford, John Zak and Minute taker, Sandy Reidy.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** Debra Alford and John Zak ask if the last stretch of **Campbell Road** can be reclassified from Class 4 to Class 3 (to match the rest of Campbell Road). Joe Nolan and Karen Tendrup explain that reclassification is a town (not a state) function. The Selectboard will begin the reclassification process for this stretch of Campbell Road. In the meantime, the Road Crew will continue to plow to the end of Campbell Road, as agreed in the March 18 Selectboard meeting.

**DRY HYDRANTS:** Joe says that dry hydrants throughout Sandgate that draw from moving water (rivers, streams) rather than ponds are subject to silting, which can make them nonfunctional. The Arlington Fire Department is due to inspect dry hydrants throughout Town but will not begin inspection until the clogged hydrants are cleared. The Road Crew would do the work of clearing. Hydrant inspection is being delayed also because of a disagreement between the Arlington Town Manager and the Arlington Fire Department about charging Sandgate for inspection, which until now has been covered by Sandgate's annual appropriation to the Arlington FD. Karen will look into this issue and bring information back to the Board.

**PUBLIC MEETING FOR REVIEW OF REVISED ZONING BYLAWS:** The meeting for public review of the revised zoning bylaws will be held on **Monday May 6 at 6:00 at Town Hall**. Sandy Reidy will post the revised bylaws beforehand on the Town website and will post a warning for the meeting, as required by the state.

**ROAD REPORT:** Joe says a couple of minor breakdowns have been fixed, and the Road Crew is ready for the predicted storm. He says the Town is second in line to bid on a **tandem truck** that Washington County has put up for sale (and that Sandgate has recently been renting). Jay Wilson has told Joe that the truck is needed at least for work this summer to replace the culvert at Erthein Road. John Phelps asks about the condition of the truck, and Joe says it is sufficient for the work. Linda Schmidt makes a motion to allow Jay to bid on the truck; Joe seconds; all in favor.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Linda presents the final version of the proposed new **animal-feed storage ordinance. (Text of the ordinance follows these minutes.)** Sandy will post the ordinance as required by the state, to begin the process of public review and ultimate adoption. Linda says the Town's revised **Local Emergency Management Plan** is due May 1. She will update the current plan and bring it to the next Board meeting for review and approval. Linda says Janet Hurley has provided a list of engineers who can assess the state of the well and wastewater systems at Town Hall, as part of the MTAP program being used to outfit **Town Hall as an emergency shelter**. Linda will contact the engineers to see who is available to do the assessment. Joe asks Linda about the March 30 **Sandgate Community Table** event: Linda says it was a success, with at least 30 people attending. The next event will be held Saturday April 27 at 10:00 in Town Hall. John says he will not be at the next Selectboard meeting (April 15) but will be reachable by phone.

**SIGN ORDERS.**

**REVIEW OF MARCH 18 MINUTES:** The minutes are approved.

**ADJOURN:** Linda makes a motion to adjourn; Joe seconds; all in favor.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY APRIL 15 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.*

**TOWN OF SANDGATE**  
**Sandgate, VT 05250**  
**TITLE: Storage of Animal Feed**

**Document Type: Ordinance**  
**Document Number / Revision:**  
**Original Issue:**  
**Reissue:**

**SECTION I. PURPOSE:** The purpose of this ordinance is to reduce the chance of vermin and other wild animals gaining access to improperly stored animal feed, thereby creating a health hazard.

**SECTION II. RESPONSIBILITY:** All owners, lessees, bailees, and caretakers of animals must ensure that food for animals is stored in facilities that adequately protect such supplies against spoilage or deterioration and infestation or contamination by vermin. Food supplies shall be stored in containers with tightly fitting lids or covers or in the original containers as received from the commercial sources of supply.

**SECTION III. PENALTIES:**

- A. In the event of a violation of this ordinance, there shall be a civil fine of \$50.00 for a first offense, and a civil fine \$100.00 for each subsequent offense.
- B. Each instance of unsecured animal food on a given day shall constitute a separate offense.

**SECTION IV. ENFORCEMENT:** This ordinance will be enforced by the Town Health Officer and Town Constable.

**SECTION V. RIGHT TO A HEARING:** The property owner, lessee, bailee, or caretaker of the property shall upon 48 hours notice to the Selectboard be entitled to a hearing before the Board on whether animal food is now adequately secured per this ordinance.

**SECTION VI. SEVERABILITY:** In the event that a Court of competent jurisdiction declares a provision of this ordinance or portion thereof void or unenforceable, the remaining portions and provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Revision History:**

<b>Document Number</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Actions</b>
		Approved by Selectboard

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