

SANDGATE VERMONT SELECTBOARD MINUTES - MAY 6, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Board members: Joe Nolan, John Phelps, Charlie Pike, Linda Schmidt, Karen Tendrup. Also present: Elizabeth Daut, Jessica Grover, John Grover, Sheila Kearns, Richard Zoppel and minute taker, Sandy Reidy.

CITIZEN CONCERNS: John Grover says that on April 29 he turned off West Sandgate Road onto Rupert Road, pulling his work trailer, and saw the road was being graded but assumed it was just spot grading. A large section of the road was being graded, however, and he says that as he drove on, his trailer was damaged when he tried to straddle the gravel in the middle of the road and avoid a hole to one side. He shows pictures to the Board of damage to the floor of the trailer. He says there were no road work signs posted. He has received an estimate of \$1,500 to \$2,200 for repairs to the trailer and wants to be reimbursed by the Town. He will hire a lawyer if necessary. He and Jessica Grover say the larger stone being used on the roads lately has caused flats on their tires and those of others they've spoken with. Joe Nolan says no one has come to the Board this year to complain about flats. Sandy Reidy says she has received calls about this at Town Hall. Charlie Pike says the larger stone is being used to prevent problems with mud. Joe summarizes the issues—the lack of signage, the damage to the trailer, and the material being used on the roads—and says the Board will investigate and respond.

REVIEW OF REVISED ZONING BYLAWS: Sheila Kearns asks if anyone has questions about the revised bylaws. She summarizes the most important changes: (1) two-family houses are now allowed in Rural Residential zones, and (2) river corridor protections are being extended to smaller streams. Linda Schmidt asks if any concerns regarding the revisions have been raised to the Zoning Board or Planning Commission, and Sheila says none have. Richard Zoppel says other towns appreciate the straightforward language of Sandgate's revisions and want to use them as an example. Joe asks how much land is affected by the revised protections to streams. Sheila says more area around Terry Brook and Chunks Brook will now be covered. Later in the meeting, the Board decides to vote immediately on the revised bylaws: Joe makes a motion to approve; Linda seconds; all in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS: Linda says the new **animal-feed ordinance** has been posted online and on message boards around Town, and a copy is available in Town Hall. The ordinance will go into effect 60 days from its adoption date, which was April 15. Linda says all **tech hardware for Town Hall** has now been received, and a date for the necessary rewiring will be scheduled within the next week if possible. Linda asks about the next steps on **reclassification of Campbell Road**; Joe says a portion of **Tate Hill Road** should be reclassified at the same time. Linda will gather the documentation required by the state. Joe and Linda sign the adoption form for the revised **Local Emergency Management Plan** for 2024, which is now complete. The Board signs a revised resolution in support of local celebrations for the **250th anniversary of the state**.

The Board thanks everyone who helped on **Green-Up Day**.

Linda says the **May 20 Board meeting will include a presentation by Jim Henderson, the Conservation Fund, and others on the potential sale of Egg Mountain to the state**. This is a follow-up to the meeting that was held at Town Hall on November 16.

ROAD REPORT: Joe says the Road Crew has been hauling gravel and working on Beebe Hill. They will then move onto Wuerslin Road. Joe says it is time to give the Road Crew their semi-annual clothing allowance of \$400 per person.

SIGN ORDERS: The Board signs orders.

REVIEW OF APRIL 15 MINUTES: Linda makes a motion to approve the minutes; Karen seconds; all in favor.

ADJOURN: Karen makes a motion to adjourn; Linda seconds; all in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 6:48.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY MAY 20 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.