

SANDGATE VERMONT SELECTBOARD MINUTES - MARCH 20, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Board members: Joe Nolan, John Phelps, Charlie Pike, Linda Schmidt, Karen Tendrup and minute taker, Sandy Reidy. Also present: 34 members of the community.

EGG MOUNTAIN: Jim Henderson introduces Samantha Page (of the Bennington County Regional Commission), the first speaker in a 90-minute presentation on Egg Mountain and its possible future as a state forest. Donald Campbell (of the Vermont Land Trust), Gannon Osborne (of the VT Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation), Ethan Crumley (VT State Lands Forester), and Sally Manikian (of the Conservation Fund) also speak.

The following is a link to a story map for the presentation:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/b958609f304c45679706e6fcbb1d4117>

A recording of the discussion, including questions from and responses to the Selectboard and audience, is available at Town Hall.

The Selectboard will discuss Egg Mountain again at the June 3rd Selectboard meeting.

CITIZEN CONCERNS: Suzy dePeyster asks about **dry-hydrant testing** and says the Town should contact Troy Dare, Rural Fire Protection Program Manager, for help in fixing and testing the hydrants.

The Board decides unanimously not to reimburse John Grover for damage to his trailer he says was sustained when he drove Rupert Road while it was being graded. John said in the May 6 Selectboard meeting that signs were not posted when he drove the road. Karen Tendrup stresses that road signs must be posted when work is being done.

ROAD REPORT: Joe Nolan says the Road Crew has been working on Wuerslin Road. He notes that a recent payment by the Town to Woodard Construction was for the renting of a roller, not for road work itself. Jim says the Town should receive word soon, if it hasn't already, on a new Better Back Roads Grant.

OTHER BUSINESS: Linda Schmidt says rewiring of the **tech setup at Town Hall** has been finished. On May 29, the Town's NEMRC information will be moved to the Cloud, and on June 5 the rest of the planned tech updates will be made in the Town Office.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer distributes the report.

SIGN ORDERS.

REVIEW OF MARCH 6 MINUTES: Linda makes a motion to approve the minutes, Charlie Pike seconds. All in favor.

ADJOURN: Charlie makes a motion to adjourn; Joe seconds; all in favor. The meeting is adjourned at 8:15.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY JUNE 3 AT 6:00 AT THE SANDGATE TOWN HALL.

Respectfully submitted by Sandra Reidy and Linda Schmidt.

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