

SANDGATE VERMONT SELECTBOARD MINUTES - JUNE 17, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Board members: Joe Nolan, John Phelps, Charlie Pike, Linda Schmidt, Karen Tendrup. Also present: Jim Henderson, Sheila Kearns, Ed Pike. Minute taker: Sandy Reidy.

CITIZEN CONCERNS: Sheila Kearns says Bill Henry has asked what the Selectboard requires as notification for a **new sign for the church**. She will ask Bill to send a mockup of the proposed sign to the Board for approval.

EGG MOUNTAIN VOTE: Linda Schmidt presents draft language for a ballot question regarding the Town's position on the potential sale of the Egg Mountain property by the Conservation Fund to the state as a new state forest. The Board reviews the draft. Linda makes a motion to approve the language; Karen Tendrup seconds; all in favor. The question will appear on the August 13 primary ballot.

ANIMAL-FEED STORAGE ORDINANCE: Linda says the required 60 days of review have passed since the ordinance was posted, and it is now in effect. It is posted on the Town website and is available in Town Hall.

WATER AND SEPTIC SYSTEMS AT TOWN HALL: Linda will meet with Frank Parent, the engineer chosen to assess these systems, at Town Hall on June 19. Dara Zink from the BCRC will join.

DRY FIRE HYDRANTS: Sheila took a message at Town Hall from Mike King, chief of the Arlington Fire Department. Mike spoke recently with Troy Dare of the Rural Fire Protection Task Force, who says Mike, members of the Selectboard, and Jay Wilson should tour and assess the condition of all dry hydrants in Town so a plan can be created for testing, repair as needed, and future routine maintenance. There is financial assistance available to the Town for this work. Linda will start an email thread with all involved to coordinate a meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS: Karen says there is another person at the **Grogan property** to help with cleanup. Karen presents to the Board the flag that Joey Gajewsky accepted on behalf of the Town at the **Flag Day ceremony** in Bennington on June 14. John Phelps asks about **repairs to the message boards** around Town. The boards at West Road and Southeast Corners Road need repair. Joe Nolan offers to fix them when time allows, and John offers to help. Jim Henderson asks if the recent **Better Back Roads grant contract for work on West Road** has been signed. Sandy and Joe will handle this. Linda attended the **Bennington County Solid Waste Administration** quarterly meeting on June 5 and says the BCSWA's annual charge to the Town will increase by 4.5% in 2025. Linda says the Town's application for a grant from the Vermont Historical Society to help celebrate the **250th anniversary of the state** was turned down.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer presents the report to the Board.

SIGN ORDERS.

REVIEW OF JUNE 3 MINUTES: Minutes are approved.

ADJOURN: Joe makes a motion to adjourn; John seconds; all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:45.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY JULY 1 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.