

SANDGATE VERMONT SELECTBOARD MINUTES - OCTOBER 7, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Board members: Joe Nolan, John Phelps, Charlie Pike, Linda Schmidt, Karen Tendrup. Also present: Jacob Gajewsky. Minute taker: Sandy Reidy.

DRY HYDRANT UPDATE: Linda Schmidt says the Arlington Fire Department returned to Sandgate on September 30 and tested two more hydrants—on Southeast Corners Road near the Jaffee house, and on Tate Hill Road near the West house—both of which passed. She says this brings the total of tested, functioning hydrants in Town to eight. Four have yet to be tested, as follows:

- West Sandgate Road near Erthein Drive: will be tested after the nearby culvert is replaced this fall
- West Sandgate Road near Tate Hill Road: the Road Crew must fix this hydrant (which was damaged by a falling tree) before it can be tested
- Sandgate Road near Southeast Corners Road: the Road Crew will try to clear silt from this hydrant so it can be tested
- Chunks Brook Road: the Fire Department is not testing this hydrant due to water contamination from upstream.

Linda says that if any of these remaining hydrants need redesign, that would be done in 2025.

MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MTAP) UPDATE: Linda says results of the water testing at Town Hall are being reviewed by Frank Parent, the engineer who has visited the site, and Janet Hurley of the Bennington County Regional Commission, so a plan for repairs can be created. Linda asks if anyone knows for sure where the leach field for the septic system is. Sandy Reidy says she thinks it is next to the well, but she will look in Town Hall for a map. Linda says the work on this MTAP project will likely extend into 2025.

CITIZEN CONCERNS: Karen Tendrup introduces Jacob Gajewsky, of Boy Scout Pack 330, and says he would like to ask questions of the Selectboard. He asks the following and is answered by the Board: How often does the Board meet? How many Board members are there? How do members get on the Board? Jacob then shakes the hands of the Board members, using the Cub Scout handshake.

John Phelps asks about **repair of the message board** on Sandgate Road near Southeast Corners Road. Joe Nolan says he checked the board yesterday to see what was needed. Sandy and Karen say they might have Plexiglass that can be used. John offers to help as well.

ROAD REPORT: Joe says that, after finishing work on Rupert Road last month, the Road Crew did not move to grading but instead began work on West Road (the September 16 meeting minutes will be corrected to reflect this). The Road Crew worked on washboarded spots around Town this past week. Jay Wilson asked about the clothing allowance for the Road Crew, and Joe says that will be made available. Joe says the Road Crew has found a mechanic to do a few oil changes and other routine maintenance on Town equipment on a part-time basis. Sandy says money is budgeted for this. Joe asks if FEMA money has come in; Sandy says she will check. Linda asks about the culvert work at Erthein Lane, and Joe says it will begin soon.

OTHER BUSINESS: Joe says Suzy DePeyster suggested planting a tree by the mailbox at Town Hall. She is ordering trees and offers to include that in her order; Sandy says there is money in the Town budget for this.

SIGN ORDERS.

REVIEW OF SEPTEMBER 16 MINUTES: The above correction regarding the Road Report will be made and the corrected minutes brought to the next meeting for review.

ADJOURN: Karen motions to adjourn; Charlie Pike seconds; all in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 6:20.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY OCTOBER 21 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.