

# SANDGATE VERMONT SELECTBOARD MINUTES - NOVEMBER 4, 2024

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

**ATTENDANCE:** Board members: Joe Nolan, Charlie Pike, Linda Schmidt, Karen Tendrup. Minute taker: Sandy Reidy.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** Linda Schmidt says she was asked by a resident that any future **road closings** be posted beforehand on the Town website.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Karen Tendrup and Charlie Pike met Ed Hodges to decide what must be done to clean the **Town Hall floor**. Ed said it has deep gouges and must be stripped. Karen will gather at least two more quotes for the work. Joe Nolan asks to be added to the **highway orders** for his 40 hours of work on the box culvert near Erthein Drive. Linda says at least 20 Sandgate Community Table attendees have signed up for **CPR training**. Karen plans to be among the trainers. Attendees also compiled a list of **first-aid supplies** that would be helpful to have in Town Hall. Linda contacted Janet Hurley, who is working with the Town on the Municipal Technical Assistance Program to outfit Town Hall as a temporary emergency shelter. Janet has applied for an ancillary grant that could cover the cost of basic first-aid supplies. Sandy Reidy says Town Hall recently received a supply of Narcan. Joe signs a **revised Statement of Work for MTAP** that will extend that project through 2025. Linda says she attended the **Binary Blizzard emergency-planning exercise** at the Bennington Firehouse on October 23, where three points stood out: (1) the importance of the Town and individual residents signing up for the **VT-Alert system** ([vem.vermont.gov/vtalert](http://vem.vermont.gov/vtalert)), which automatically notifies participants of emergencies, road closures, and other important events via email, text, and phone; (2) the importance of documentation of **mutual-aid agreements** between towns; and (3) most important, the necessity for **individual preparedness** (fuel, water, food, etc.) in advance of emergencies. Joe fixed the door frame on the **message board at Southeast Corners Road** and will replace the Plexiglas.

**ROAD REPORT:** Joe says the box culvert near Erthein Drive is largely done and the road is reopened. Starting when Jay Wilson is back, on November 11, the work will be completed. Meanwhile Skipper Wilson is grading roads. When that is complete, the Road Crew will begin to haul winter sand.

**REVIEW OF OCTOBER 21 MINUTES:** Joe moves to approve the minutes; Linda seconds; all in favor.

**SIGN ORDERS.**

**ADJOURN:** Charlie motions to adjourn; Joe seconds; all in favor.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 18 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.*