

# SANDGATE VERMONT SELECTBOARD MINUTES - DECEMBER 2, 2024

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

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

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** Sheila Kearns asks if the Board is ready to sign the grant agreement for the **Municipal Energy Resilience Program**, acknowledging acceptance of the grant for energy-related improvements at Town Hall and the Town Garage. Joe Nolan signs the form. Jim Henderson explains the memo of agreement (MOA)—concerning the upcoming state-mandated **Road Erosion Inventory**—he recently shared with the Board. The MOA confirms that the BCRC will perform this work for the Town; Joe signs the memo. The Town has already received a grant to pay for this project.

**MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MTAP):** Linda Schmidt has been in touch with Janet Hurley, who has worked with the Town on this project, which is intended to better equip Town Hall as a temporary emergency shelter. Work so far has concerned the well, which has multiple contaminants including E. coli. Linda has asked that Janet and Frank Parent, the consulting engineer, attend a Board meeting to explain the Town’s options, which include drilling a new well. Jim has volunteered to take over from Janet as a more local BCRC contact for the project, and the Board endorses this. Joe suggests contacting the original well driller to ask his advice, and the Board agrees this should be pursued, to determine if the well can be repaired rather than replaced. Linda says Janet recently secured a Climate Catalyst grant, adjacent to MTAP, to fund improved first aid supplies at Town Hall.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Charlie Pike asks about dwindling **space in the Town vault**. Linda says she asked the Rupert town clerk for advice and was told Rupert bought a gun safe to hold overflow from their vault. Linda asks about replacing the central table with shelves; Sandy will look into prices for this. Joe, Jim, Sandy Reidy, and Jay Wilson (by phone) discuss documentation of the pending **2024 Grant-in-Aid** for the work on West Road: Jim and Jay will meet to compile the invoices. Linda says the deadline for the Town’s **Hazard Mitigation Plan** has been extended through September 2025, due to a backlog in the state-review process. Karen Tendrup says she received no answer to her calls to several companies to refinish the **floors in Town Hall**. Joe suggests Erin MacDermott first try using a different cleaning solution. Karen will see if someone needing community-service hours could help with the floors. Linda says there will be a **wilderness first-aid class** at Town Hall on Saturday December 7 at 10:00, and a **piano concert** on Sunday December 15 at 3:30.

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**SIGN ORDERS.**

**ROAD REPORT:** Joe says West Sandgate Road will be regraded. The Road Crew patched potholes in Beartown this week. Joe and Jay are taking a multiday class next week on tree-related issues municipalities must handle, particularly after storms.

**REVIEW OF NOVEMBER 18 MINUTES:** Charlie motions to approve; Karen seconds; all in favor.

**ADJOURN:** Karen motions to adjourn; Charlie seconds; all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:58.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY DECEMBER 16 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.*