

# SANDGATE VERMONT SELECTBOARD MINUTES - JANUARY 20, 2025

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

**ATTENDANCE:** Board members: Joe Nolan, John Phelps, Charlie Pike, Linda Schmidt;  
Minute taker: Sandy Reidy.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:** None raised.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** John Phelps asks about Arlington's upcoming purchase of an **electric school bus**, which was mentioned in the January 6 Selectboard meeting. The Selectboard needs information on this from the Sandgate School Board. Linda Schmidt asks if the Board is ready to sign the memo of agreement authorizing the BCRC to do the state-mandated **Road Erosion Inventory** that is due to be completed by the end of 2026. Joe Nolan says the Road Crew is considering doing this work itself. Linda says she was invited to attend the Arlington Fire Department's January 7 internal review of its response to the January 1 **Chunks Brook Road fire**. At this meeting, the fire department went through the event in great detail. Linda thanked the department on behalf of the Selectboard and the Town. Brian Hawley, the Arlington Fire Chief, told the department it was strongly commended as follows by the Vermont Division of Fire Safety and by Urban Search and Rescue, whose investigators worked at the scene: "These folks will have my undying gratitude for going above and beyond the call of duty. This group of men and women are the finest as exhibited by their actions during this event. To say I am proud to have been able to assist them doesn't even begin to describe the respect I have for all of them. They are professionals personified, and I only wish there is some way they can be acknowledged for what they have done for their community."

**ROAD REPORT:** Joe says the **truck the Town uses for plowing** was not originally equipped to carry a plow, and its frame has been modified three times already to support the plow itself. The frame is breaking now and cannot be repaired again. The Board will discuss what should be done about this and when. The Road Crew will gather quotes for a replacement truck. This subject will be addressed as well at Town Meeting.

**SIGN ORDERS.**

**REVIEW OF DEC. 16 AND JAN. 6 MINUTES:** Joe motions to approve; Linda seconds; all in favor.

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

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3 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.*