

# SANDGATE VERMONT SELECTBOARD MINUTES - MARCH 5, 2025

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

**ATTENDANCE:** Board members: Joe Nolan, John Phelps, Linda Schmidt, Rob Viglas.  
Also present: Jim Henderson, Sheila Kearns. Minute taker: Sandy Reidy.

**ORGANIZATION OF SELECTBOARD:** Sandy Reidy is appointed Board Secretary.  
Joe Nolan is appointed Board Chair.

## **APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS:**

**Conservation Commission:** Jim Henderson (Chair), Jack Blandford, Jean Eisenhart, Harry Rich, Dottie Sundquist, Rob Viglas

**Planning Commission:** Richard Zoppel (Chair), James Aschmann, Rob Viglas. Alternates: Jean Eisenhart, Brad Kessler. (**NOTE:** two permanent seats are vacant. Interested applicants should contact Town office.)

**Emergency Management Coordinator:** Joe suggests Jay and/or Skipper Wilson might be interested this position. There is discussion about the skills needed by an Emergency Management Director and Emergency Management Coordinator: firefighting, law enforcement, and military experience are especially helpful. The Board will discuss this with Jay and Skipper.

**BCSWA/ISWAP Representative:** Linda Schmidt

**Green Up Day Coordinators:** Jean Eisenhart, Sandy Reidy, Linda Schmidt, Karen Tendrup

All other appointed Town Officers remain as indicated in the 2024 Town Report.

Newly elected Board members sign their oaths of office.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Sheila Kearns asks that a **discussion of vacancies in the following positions** be listed on the agenda for the March 17 Selectboard meeting, to encourage anyone interested to attend: Listers, Planning Commissioners, Emergency Management Director/Coordinator.

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Sheila volunteers to compile information for the Board on how the Town can combine the elected **Lister positions** with someone hired to do the necessary administrative work. This would relieve the burden on elected Listers. Sandy will gather information on the people who supplied technical help during the recent reappraisal.

Sheila asks that the agenda for the April 7 Selectboard meeting include a **discussion of auditing** Town financial information, to follow up on suggestions made in the Auditors' Report in the Town Report.

Linda mentions two issues raised in Town Meeting that the Board should keep in mind when **preparing for the next Town Meeting**: the possibility of raising annual appropriations for community organizations whose appropriations are small and have not been adjusted for some time; and the inclusion of Articles allowing for discussion of the reports of the Town Officers and for general discussion on topics raised by citizens.

Linda says that in compiling the Selectboard Comments for the Town Report, she made a list of several items brought to the Board over the past year that should be revisited. At the March 17 Selectboard meeting, she will raise these and suggest adding an Old Business section to the **standard meeting agenda**.

Linda says the visit by Troy Dare of Rural Fire Protection to inspect the Town's **dry hydrants** has been moved from April 8 to April 15.

John Phelps, followed by the entire Board, thanks Sheila for being an excellent Moderator at Town Meeting, and Linda for keeping track of many details for the Board over the past year.

Sandy asks that our **State Representatives** be given a time limit for their presentations at Town Meeting. Sheila suggests asking them for their handouts well in advance of Town Meeting.

Jim says Jack Blandford has volunteered to be on the **Conservation Commission**.

Sandy tells the Board that Clayton Hayes passed away. Joe says the **Arlington Rescue Squad** has responded to calls in Sandgate four times this year. Our Road Crew has arrived quickly each time to help with access.

**ADJOURN:** Linda motions to adjourn; John seconds; all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:15.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY MARCH 17 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.*

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