

SANDGATE VERMONT SELECTBOARD MINUTES - JUNE 2, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Board members: Joe Nolan, John Phelps, Linda Schmidt.

Also present: Sheila Kearns. Minute taker: Sandy Reidy.

CITIZEN CONCERNS: None raised.

ROAD REPORT: Sheila Kearns asks if an agreement has been reached with Crown Maple regarding their contribution to the cost of road maintenance. She says she has seen a great deal of material being hauled up Sandgate Road, and she asks how much of it is going into Beartown to address wear and tear by Crown's trucks. Joe Nolan says he has spoken with Crown Maple but has not received an answer; he will contact the company again. He also points out that this is agricultural use. Sheila suggests the company be asked to join a Selectboard meeting. Sheila then asks about a street sign for Walsh Road; Joe says it has been stolen repeatedly. Joe says the Road Crew has been hauling gravel for the past couple weeks.

REVIEW OF MAY 19 MINUTES: Joe motions to approve; John Phelps seconds; all in favor.

OLD / OTHER BUSINESS: Linda Schmidt then gives several updates. Per a discussion at the May 19 Board meeting, she revised the **Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP)** last week, submitted it to the State, and the plan has been accepted. Last weekend Linda met Brian Hawley, Arlington Fire Chief, and Mark Davis, a dry-hydrant engineer with GBW Associates, at the bridge on Southeast Corners Road near Sandgate Road; Mark determined that a **bridge-mounted dry hydrant** can be installed there. He will send an estimate for the work; a grant has already been applied for to cover the cost. Linda has been in touch with the Bennington Rescue Squad to take advantage of its current program to make certified refurbished **AEDs (defibrillators)** available at low cost. One of these will be purchased for the Town Garage. Linda says the Town has now received a quote from Rescue Essentials for **first-aid supplies for Town Hall**. She will meet with Sandy Reidy this week to arrange payment for this order using the Climate Catalyst grant the Town received last year. Linda heard from Jim Henderson this week that the **water-filtration system for Town Hall** discussed as part of the Municipal Technical Assistance Program (MTAP) grant would in fact not be covered by that grant. Jim will join a future Board meeting to discuss. Linda says one central contact for the upcoming **Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP)** work at Town Hall is needed; Sheila says she no longer wants to be that contact. Joe says he will ask Jay Wilson if he can take this on. Jay is already the contact at the Town Garage for the same project. Sheila says someone is needed, in particular, to traffic invoices and reimbursements.

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ADJOURN: Joe motions to adjourn; Linda seconds; all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:38.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY JUNE 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.