

SANDGATE VERMONT SELECTBOARD MINUTES - JUNE 16, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

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

Also present: Jim Henderson, Paula Kamperman, Sheila Kearns, Bill Mitchell, Phyllis Skidmore.

UPDATE OF BENNINGTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (SWIP): Paula Kamperman, Outreach Program Manager for the Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance, presents the draft updated plan to the Board for signature. The plan is updated every five years. The most significant update this year is the addition of planning for collection areas in each town or area for debris that would accumulate after a major storm or other catastrophic event. The Board signs the adoption form.

MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MTAP): Jim Henderson says he is filing a grant amendment that will allow for water testing at the Town Garage and the church, as well as retesting at Town Hall. A testing date for all three properties will be scheduled. Jim has learned that the water-filtration system and expansion tank proposed earlier to address contamination and other water issues at Town Hall would in fact not be covered under this grant, which cannot be used for capital improvements. The Board says the expansion tank will be replaced using existing Town funds.

ROAD REPORT: Joe Nolan says the Road Crew has been moving and hauling gravel for the past several days.

OLD / OTHER BUSINESS: Sheila Kearns asks Joe if he has spoken with Jay Wilson about being the Town Hall (as well as the Town Garage) contact for **Municipal Energy Resilience (MERP)** work on both buildings. Joe says Jay has accepted and needs more information about what is involved. Sheila says she is stepping back from her role with this project and will turn all communications over to Jay. Among the current items to be addressed are an invoice, a quarterly report, and an application for advance funds to cover immediate costs. Linda Schmidt says an estimate for a bridge-mounted **dry hydrant on Southeast Corners Road** has been received, and she asks the Board if this work should move forward; the Board agrees. The cost will be \$6,150, 75% of which will be covered by a grant from Rural Fire Protection. Linda says invoices are included in the current set of orders for both a **defibrillator for the Town Garage** and **first-aid supplies for Town Hall**. These items should arrive soon. Phyllis Skidmore says the next **Town-wide tax reappraisal** is scheduled for 2028.

REVIEW OF JUNE 2 MINUTES: John Phelps motions to approve; Joe seconds; all in favor.

SIGN ORDERS.

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

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY JULY 7 AT 6:00 IN SANDGATE TOWN HALL.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Schmidt.

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