

# Sandgate Vermont Selectboard Meeting – April 20, 2026

**Call to Order: 6:03 pm**

**Attendance:** Joe Nolan, Linda Schmidt, Jessica Pendleton, Rob Viglas, John Phelps.

Also in attendance: Jessica Lewis. Minute Taker: Jessica Lewis

**Citizen Concerns:** Eleanor Lacross expressed concern via phone call as to why the Town is going with a hot water tank at the Town Garage through the MERP grant as opposed to an on-demand hot water system. John explained to Eleanor that an on-demand system would not be able to heat water at the rate needed to wash the trucks.

**Audit update:** Peter is waiting to hear back from Sullivan & Powers, tentatively scheduled for late May.

**Drinking water at Town Hall:** Linda received a call back from the DEC ground water protection division. No monetary solutions were offered, but the rep did inquire as to whether at-the-well testing for lead had been conducted. She suggests testing at the well to confirm whether it's in the water or the pipes, and she suggests shopping around for appropriate treatment systems. We can get the water test from the State to do this testing, and test for the full panel of possible contaminants. John will order the test kit and we will arrange to draw the water for testing. If we are unable to resolve the water situation for drinking water, we could get a water cooler for accessible drinking water.

The Board agrees unanimously that the Town should have a Bank of Bennington **credit or debit card** for making authorized purchases. Jessica will ask about the process for this at the bank this week.

**Two new computers** were purchased last week for the Clerk/Treasurer and the Listers. We are waiting for a list and quote from Mike Oltedal for cameras for the Town Garage and other needed computer hardware.

**Window replacement:** Miles confirmed it will be 6 weeks before we get the windows, and Farrington states it will take about one week from that point to complete the work.

**Road Report:** No updates. The Board agrees the crew is doing a great job.

Jessica received an email from the State stating the **provisional reclassification of Tate Hill Road and Chambers Road** have been approved. We will now need to move forward with the full process of road reclassification to make the change permanent.

**Treasurer's Report:** No comment or questions.

**Review April 4 Minutes:** Mark Neff is considering becoming an auditor, no final decision has been made. Jessica will revise the minutes to be approved at the next meeting.

**Orders signed**

Joe motions to adjourn, Jessica seconds.

Meeting adjourned 6:35 pm

Next meeting is May 4 at 6 pm in Town Hall

*Respectfully submitted by Jessica Lewis*