

Sandgate Selectboard

Minutes for Meeting of May 21, 2012

1. Chair called meeting to order at 6:35 PM
2. All members were present. Judy Boehlert, Chair; Don Trachte, Vice Chair; Celeste Keel, Clerk; Tom Fierravanti and Eleanor LaCross
3. Motion to approve minutes of May 7, 2012 made by Eleanor LaCross, seconded by Don Trachte; approved unanimously.
4. Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors – Deedee Goebel, Treasurer and Ed Pike, Road Foreman. Tom Fierravanti brought a complaint to the board regarding the signage on the cupola of the barn across from Junior Bentley's yellow house on Sandgate Road does not comply with Sign Ordinance. Board will discuss at June 4, 2012 meeting. Bring ordinance and list of complainants to next meeting. Discussion on the Rupert Road littering complaint. Judy wrote letter to person that the garbage belonged to. They wrote letter back to Judy saying it wasn't their garbage and wanted copy of receipt found in garbage that showed it was theirs.
5. Announcements - Connect VT Initiative Meeting, Shaftsbury Cole Hall (61 Buck Hill Road), 5:30 PM, Wednesday, May 23. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies Meeting, Woodford, VT, 6/14/2012, 5:00 PM
6. Treasurer's Report – Deedee Goebel
 - a. Budget Update – Board asked Deedee to note which funds on the budget are restricted for future budget updates. Board informed that FEMA money has been received and deposited into the General Fund. She will email board what the exact deposit was. status of delinquent taxes brought to board. Deedee will send board an email on what has been paid and deposited and what is still delinquent.
 - b. Appropriations – add to June payments
 - c. Payroll issues – Marlene, Deedee and Rick are payed in the 2nd payroll warrant of the month. Road crew is paid weekly but board doesn't sign off on them until the board meetings. Motion to have Eleanor track road crew leave, approve their weekly timecards, and get this information to Deedee on a weekly basis made by Don Trachte, seconded by Celeste Keel; approved unanimously.
7. Roads Report – Ed Pike
 - a. Status of Road Plan, with Don Trachte and Tom Fierravanti – Tom is working on getting quotes from contractors. Ed needs someone to get in touch with Water Resources for permits for FEMA projects. Don Trachte will work on this. Guardrails have been fixed. Don still working on getting more information on who damaged the guardrail in order to contact their insurance company. Ed recommends the Board apply for the safety grant which will cover 50% of cost of safety items. Motion to apply for the grant in the amount of approximately \$3500 made by Celeste Keel; seconded by Don Trachte; unanimously approved. Safety survey that was done of the town garage recommends an alarm for break-ins and fire. Board will look into this further once report is received. Ed informed board that some paving needs to be done on a couple of areas on the Sandgate Road.
 - b. Fabric Order from Sheldon – discussion about why fabric was purchased prior to the board deciding on a plan for the Rupert Road. Ed said he got a good deal from Sheldon and that its good to have on hand to use as needed. Motion to send fabric back to Sheldon made by Celeste Keel; seconded by Don Trachte; approved 4-0 with Eleanor Lacrosse abstaining.
 - c. Woodard Invoice – invoice discussed and approved.

- d. Discussion on Reynolds invoice – grade replacement parts – okay to pay.
 - e. Vacation Forms – blank forms made available
8. Old Business
- a. Sandgate Participation in NFIP – Motion to participate in NFIP made by Tom Fierravanti; seconded by Celeste Keel; approved 3-1 with Don Trachte abstaining. Eleanor LaCross voted against.
 - b. Review Action List
 - b.i. Bridge/Culvert/Road Review – reviewed above
 - b.ii. Town Policies – Tom to give Overweight vehicle policy to Judy.
 - b.iii. Independent Audit – working on
 - b.iv. DFIRM – reviewed
 - b.v. Town Hall Maintenance – roof repaired. Dane Bishop determined that the ceiling in town hall can be easily fixed for approximately \$100. Motion to fix made by Tom Fierravanti; seconded by Don Trachte; unanimously approved.
 - b.vi. Dry Hydrants - work has begun
 - b.vii. Appropriations – release for payment in June
9. New Business
- a. Emergency Management Coordinator – need a replacement for Scott McCampbell – board suggested possible candidates for Judy to contact – Ron Weiler, Jack Quinn, Ron Larson, Greg Nilson.
 - b. Sign Ordinance – Correct date entry to 11/7/2011 vs. 201. Judy to fix and repost to website.
 - c. Animal Control Ordinance and Dogs and Wolf Hybrids Ordinance – Remove inconsistency regarding “running at large” and consider consolidation – board to review and discuss at June 18 meeting.
 - d. Education Property Tax Abatements for FY2012 and Final Cash flow to be discussed at June 4 meeting. Information from VT Dept. of Education – School Finance Team handed out to board by Celeste. Celeste will try and get more information for the June 4 meeting.
10. Review of Bills and Signing of Selectboard and Highway Orders – reviewed and approved
11. Motion to adjourn made at 8:34pm by Don Trachte, seconded by Tom Fierravanti; unanimously approved.

Next Meeting: June 4, 2012, 6:30PM