

Sandgate Selectboard Minutes for Meeting of September 17, 2012

1. Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
2. Introduction of those present – Tom Fierravanti, Judy Boehlert, Eleanor LaCross, Celeste Keel, Don Trachte, Charlie Pike, Ed Pike.
3. Approve minutes of September 3, 2012 – Tom Fierravanti made motion to approve as amended; Eleanor LaCross seconded; approved 5-0.
4. Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors - Cmd Sgt Major Lertola – Disabled Veterans came from South Burlington to talk with the Board. South Burlington has approximately 35 disabled veterans receiving property tax exemptions. He's asking the Board to have a vote brought before the town at March town meeting to increase exemptions from \$30,000 to \$40,000. The exemption would reduce the amount the property was taxed at. State shows that there are 4 qualified (50% or more) disabled veterans. The information comes from the VT Veterans Affairs to the Town Office. The Sandgate Listers should have this list. He will send us a document with the appropriate warning language. Ron Weiler was present. Greg Neilson brought it to the Boards attention that Sheldon is the least expensive supplier. Now that Sandgate is no longer using Sheldon as a supplier, we need to negotiate with other suppliers.
5. Announcements - Workshop – Using Compost Blankets and Filter Socks to Repair Eroded and Washed Out Banks, 10/15/12 in Jamaica, VT. This information is for Ed and Charlie. They are not interested in attending if Board doesn't want them to go.
6. Treasurer's Report – Funding for Records' Restoration. Marlene is authorized to go ahead and begin the records restoration using the budgeted funds along with the Records Restoration Fund.
7. Road Reports - All - Nationwide Insurance will be sending us a check for the guardrail replacement. Discussion on using American Rock Salt for our winter needs as we have in the past. Discussion on where to get the sand for this winter. Have used Sheldon in the past. Daly and Sheldon have washed sand vs. screened sand. Screened freezes easily. Needs appropriate 700 ton to start. Truckload is approximately 23 tons.
 - a. FEMA: Stream bank stabilization and replacement of two stream crossings must be completed by October 1, 2012 – 1 left each on Lincoln Ln., West Road and Beartown. Has pricing on material for the board to review.
 - b. Rupert Road Plan – Tom has met with all vendors except one and will meet with him tomorrow. Everyone has the scope of work and we are just waiting on quotes to come in. Looking to get 3 prices.
 - c. Green River debris – Status - Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) – met with Woodard Construction on this. Will get a sketch as to what is needed to be done. Waiting on bid on this. Anything that crosses the river needs to be cut up and left, anything that is in line with the river stays. Only need permit for the Beartown site. Looking at getting rip/rap from McLellan in Manchester but need to review and analyze what is the best price and how much materials might be needed. Board requests that Ed get prices from 3 companies to do the work and then get the information to Judy.
 - d. Safety Audit and Grant Application for safety supplies – Received approval on this grant. Covers everything on the list except gloves. Judy has asked Ed to verify that the quote is still accurate and to go ahead and purchase the items approved. Ed needs copy of the grant from Judy.
 - e. Tom Fierravanti asked Ed why he is directing vendors to call him. Ed will not have anyone call him in the future.
8. Old Business - Independent Audit – copies handed out to have board review for next meeting
 - a. Review Action List – list reviewed.

9. New Business - Vacation requests – all requests are to go to Eleanor. Eleanor will let the board know about the requests. This applies to both Ed and Charlie. Ed is asking for next week off for vacation. Charlie will be working.
 - a. Overweight Permit A. Johnson Company LLC: Have check, permit and insurance – Don Trachte made a motion to approve; Tom Fierravanti seconded; approved 5-0.
10. Bills Reviewed and Signing of Selectboard and Highway Orders
11. Adjourn – motion to adjourn at 8pm by Don Trachte, seconded by Celeste Keel; adjourned.

Next Meeting: October 1, 6:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Celeste Keel