

Sandgate Selectboard Minutes of August 20, 2012

1. Judy Boehlert called meeting to order at 6:32pm.
2. Introduction of those present – Tom Fierravanti, Judy Boehlert, Eleanor LaCross, Celeste Keel, Don Trachte, Charlie Pike, Ed Pike.
3. Motion to approve minutes of August 6, 2012 made by Eleanor LaCross, seconded by Tom Fierravanti; approved 4-0 – Don Trachte abstained as he was not at the meeting.
4. Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors – Ron Larson, Jessie & Greg Nielson
5. Announcements
 - a. VLCT Town Fair 10/04/12 – see Judy for application if interested
 - b. Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – May 2012 flood and wind events but must be in the NFIP to participate– we are not yet
 - c. Martha Canfield Library Reception, 9/5/12, 5:00PM; Selectboard invited
 - d. Tax bills sent out today
6. Roads Reports - All
 - a. FEMA: Streambank stabilization and replacement of two stream crossings must be completed by October 1, 2012 – damage needs to be fixed to status prior to damage. Need to apply for more money through FEMA for culvert/pipe which needs to be replaced by 10/1/12 permit deadline. Work on other areas can start. Tom Fierravanti questioned if multiple bids were requested. Don Trachte said no. Greg Nielsen had a question on why bids were not requested when there are contractors available to do the work. Judy responded that the board can elect to decide on the contractor as needed. Work needs to be done right away. To move forward, Don will contact Ben Rose to confirm that the money we have received can be spent on the areas we need to work on. He will also make sure that bids don't need to be solicited for this work. Ed Pike and Eleanor LaCross will meet with Pete Woodard tomorrow at 9am to go over scope of work. Wants to get them done before school starts. Ed to get prices to Don Trachte for each section. Don will get back to Ed with approval to start.
 - b. Rupert Road Plan - including Zoppel property – dirt is needed on Tate hill near Zoppel property that was removed from around the trees. Ed will put dirt back around the trees but doesn't feel that it's needed. Don Trachte to look at the areas. Tom Fierravanti put together a scope of work for the Rupert Rd. plan. He spoke with Skip Wilson about the work done on the Rupert Town roads. Skip gave him information on where to get the slate for “free” - slate is free if we pay for the fuel on the loader. First section is near Lisa Robinson then Phil Frost then Greg Nielsen. Non-woven separator fabric is recommended for the project. Ron Larson is questioning why his end of the road is being done last when they have complained the most. DOT prioritized the sections for us. Greg Nielsen asked if the Rupert Road can be trenched at least on the straight away near Audy property.
 - c. Green River debris – approve participation in Grant Program – Ed met with Water Resources – wants to come 1st week in Sept. to look at 3 other sections to see if they qualify. Will look at all 7 sites again. Don't need permits on all – need one for Bear Town and area with big slide. Something will be coming in the mail. 90% funding for the slide area from USDA. Judy needs permission to sign on behalf of board. Have 60 days extension beyond August 26 deadline to participate in project. Motion to authorize Judy to sign on behalf of the board made by Don Trachte ; seconded by Eleanor LaCross; approved 5-0. Land owner permission slips are needed to do the work. Judy to give information to Eleanor so she can pursue with landowners. Ed said that the scope of work will have information on it to give to landowners. Judy to contact VLCT regarding bulk salt purchasing. Current salt provider (American Rock Salt) is very responsive to our needs and turn around is fast. Brakes on the grader are broken. Machine is at Wilson's in Rupert. Grade bad spots on Rupert Road on

way back through town after machine is fixed. Request from Jessie Nielsen to hit washboard at the start of Rupert Road.

d. Safety Audit and Grant Application for safety supplies – no update

7. Old Business

a. Review Purchasing Policy – Don Trachte made a motion to accept revised policy; Celeste Keel seconded; approved 5-0.

b. Review Action List – list reviewed. #11 Sign Compliance – Motion made by Celeste Keel to send another letter to comply with size and good order per Sign Ordinance; seconded by Don Trachte; 4-1; Eleanor LaCross abstained from voting.

8. New Business - None

9. Review of Bills and Signing of Selectboard and Highway Orders

10. Adjourn – Don Trachte made motion to adjourn; seconded by Celeste Keel. Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.

Next Meeting: September 3, 6:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Celeste Keel