

Sandgate Selectboard Minutes of September 3, 2012

1. Judy Boehlert of those present - called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM.
2. Introduction of those present – Tom Fierravanti, Judy Boehlert, Eleanor LaCross, Don Trachte, Charlie Pike, and Ed Pike, and Marlene Roderick. Absent – Celeste Keel.
3. Motion to approve minutes of August 20, 2012 was made by Don Trachte and seconded by Eleanor LaCross. The motion was approved unanimously.
4. Appearance of local citizens and residents – Jessie and Greg Nielson,
5. Announcements:
 - a. Judy made announcements that VLCT property and casualty Intermunicipal Fund, Inc was holding and annual meeting event in Essex Junction on October 4, 2012. At the same event VLCT would hold an unemployment Insurance trust, Inc. annual meeting at the same time and location.
6. Town Clerk Report: Marlene reported on the following:
 - a. Marge Peff is now appointed as assistant Town Clerk.
 - b. Marlene requested that selectboard members assist in the up coming Election Day voter assistance and voter tabulation.
 - c. Marlene said that a bad odor was present in the back offices of the town hall. Marlene had prices from three septic contractors to locate and pump the septic system. Tom Fierravanti made a motion to accept the bid by Aqua Waste of Woodford, VT. The motion was seconded by Don Trachte and passed unanimously.
 - d. Marlene, Judy Boehlert and Deedee Goebel met with the Arlington treasurer to understand the NEMRC book keeping system. Marlene suggests that Sandgate purchase the payroll module which will allow Sandgate to utilize the full NEMRC system. In addition, Sandgate will need to incorporate the backup system for \$500/year and training for approximately \$98/hour. All total the NEMRC system will cost about \$2,800 - \$3,500 for full incorporation. Don Trachte made a motion to go forward and make the expenditure for this accounting system and the motion was seconded by Eleanor LaCross.
 - e. Marlene requested that the board consider micro-filming the town records at \$.12 cents a page. The records she wants to microfiche will total about \$ 1,500.00. The board had discussion, however tabled a motion until we could determine the budget for this line item.
7. Highway Report: Ed Pike
 - a. Ed Pike reported that the Lincoln Lane bridge abutment is undermined leaves the bridge in a more precarious situation. Ed requested the Rob Farley of the Bennington highway department come out for field inspection and make recommendations.
 - b. Ed has completed two more sections of road completing the FEMA sections on the Green River and West Sandgate Road. Among the contractors used was Jim Sheldon Excavating. Ed was previously told by

board chair Judy Boehlert not to use Jim Sheldon; however, Ed did use Sheldon for this FEMA work in spite of the previous admonishment.

- c. Sheldon was explicitly not to be used by the town of Sandgate because of previous resolutions passed by the selectboard. The board made it clear to Ed that Sheldon will not be used in the future. Tom Fierravanti reported on the Rupert Road. Tom has received estimates for five (5) proposed sites on the Rupert road for geo-textile upgrade and associated road bed improvements. Tom is still waiting on additional bids for these projects. This is a major step forward on the Rupert Road project.
8. Green Rover Debris Status –
 - a. Ed Pike is planning to meet with Ken Cox and Keith Hartline to review three sites during the week of September 10th. Ed will report on the results at the next meeting.
9. Overweight permit requests:
 - a. Veilleux & Son has requested an overweight permit for trucking in Sandgate. Don Trachte made a motion to accept the permit request and Eleanor LaCross seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
10. Review of Bills and signing of Selectboard and Highway orders was completed.
11. Meeting Adjourned:
 - a. With no further business, at 8 PM Tom Fierravanti made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Eleanor LaCross.

Respectfully Submitted,
Don Trachte