

Approved 01/10/13

Sandgate Selectboard Minutes for Meeting of January 7, 2013

1. Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by Judy Boehlert
2. Introduction of those present: Judy Boehlert, Chair; Don Trachte, Vice Chair; Tom Fierravanti; Eleanor LaCross; Celeste Keel - absent, Ed Pike, Road Foreman; Jerry Hall – Guest.
3. Don Trachte moved to approve minutes of December 17, 2012, as written; seconded by Eleanor LaCross; unanimous.
4. Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors: Jerry Hall was concerned that the Town was not treating the repair and upkeep of all roads in the same manner, in particular, that Rupert Road was getting all of the attention. He was assured that the Selectboard does monitor all roads in Town and assigns resources based on the greatest need. He inquired about how the Town makes meeting notices and minutes available. Minutes are available from the Town Clerk and on the website and meeting notices are posted on the Bulletin Boards. He suggested adding newspaper notices.
5. Announcements
 - a. Town Meeting Deadlines: 01/15/13 - Budget and Reports to the Auditors; 01/24/13-2/03/13 – Post Warning on Bulletin Boards; 01/28/2013 – Petitions due for all open positions
 - b. Time Extension – FEMA – due 2/1/13; Don Trachte will handle.
6. Road Report – Ed Pike
 - a. Road Signs that were ordered have come in but no invoice has been received.
 - b. Sanding Practices were discussed and Ed was asked to pay attention to those areas needing more sand, particularly hills.
 - c. Performance Issues – It was reported by a resident, Jim Link, that he and Ed had a heated discussion about sanding practices which led to an incident in which Ed got out of his truck and attacked him while he was seated on his SUV. Ed admitted that the incident had happened and apologized for losing his temper. He stated that he would “resign and make the Board’s job easier”. (Note: After the meeting, Ed was asked to write a letter of resignation if resigning was his intent.)
7. Old Business
 - a. Finish Budget discussion: All line items were reviewed.
 - b. Review Warning: Not completed due to time constraints.
 - c. Review Selectboard Reports – Not completed due to time constraints.
 - d. Energy Audit of Town Hall – Deferred to 01/21/13.

8. New Business
 - a. Outreach letter for NFIP – Deferred to 01/21/13.
 - b. Certificate of Highway Mileage: No changes – Signed by Selectboard Members.
 - c. Selectboard Salaries: Judy Boehlert stated that she had made a calculation error and overpaid Celeste Keel and Eleanor LaCross covering through the end of June. Motion by Trachte, seconded by Fierravanti, unanimous, to not request a refund unless there is a resignation and to not count absences against a member since work is performed outside of meetings.
 - d. Minimum Wage: \$8.60/hour – effective 01/01/13 in Vermont.
 - e. “Tour of the Dragons” Request – Use of Sandgate Roads for this bicycle race was discussed and approved. Motion by Trachte, second by Fierravanti, unanimous.
9. Bills and Selectboard and Highway Orders were reviewed and signed.
10. Adjourned at 8:30 PM: Motion by Trachte, second by Fierravanti, unanimous.

Next Regular Meeting: 01/21/13, 6:30 PM; Emergency Meeting 01/11/13, 6:00 PM to discuss Personnel Issues and complete Town Meeting documents.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy P. Boehlert