

Approved: 11/19/12

Selectboard Meeting Minutes, November 5, 2012

1. Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM.
2. Selectboard members: Eleanor LaCross, Don Trachte, Judy Boehlert; Absent: Tom Fierravanti, Celeste Keel; Road Crew: Ed Pike, Charlie Pike; Guests: Representatives Cynthia Browning and Jeff Wilson
3. Approval of minutes of 10/15/12 and 10/31/12 deferred to 11/19/12 Meeting as a quorum of members at that meeting was not present.
 - a. Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors: Representatives Cynthia Browning and Jeff Wilson attended to introduce Jeff to Sandgate. The change in districts at the state level put Sandgate in a two-person district that also includes Manchester, Arlington and part of Sunderland. They briefly discussed current issues including property taxes and education funding.
 - b. Announcements: FEMA Audit Seminar November 8 in Fairlee or November 9 in Rutland; Effective Collection of Delinquent Taxes, December 13, Middlebury; Better Back Roads Grants to fund erosion related road inventory with a water quality benefit – Grant funding is delayed but towns should gather information now in anticipation of future funding.
4. Road Reports:
 - a. FEMA Projects: Don and Ed will go over the projects, looking at the need for any Scope Changes (e.g. Beartown culvert size – the culvert has been brought back to pre-disaster condition); work still remains on Wilcox Hollow Road and Lincoln Lane.
 - b. Rupert Road Plan, including Zoppel property – No update available.
 - c. Lincoln Lane Bridge – Project completed. Ed and Don were asked to work on a response to the State Letter regarding the condition of the bridge.
 - d. Top Kote road patch – Ed in contact with Top Kote regarding the poor quality of the work recently performed.
 - e. Safety Audit – Ed and Don were asked to work on outlining Action Plan items including approximate costs.
 - f. Highway Plan – Ed and Eleanor were asked to put together a Plan on work that needs to be performed; all members should participate.
5. Old Business
 - a. Review Action List – Discussed action on unlicensed dog, including possible impoundment.
 - b. Subrecipient Annual Report – Delinquency notice received – Judy will evaluate.
6. New Business
 - a. Authorize Selectboard Chair to sign recurring bills, when necessary to expedite payment; and overweight permit requests. All bills or permits signed to be presented at the next Selectboard Meeting. – deferred to 11/19/12 Meeting.
 - b. Planning Commission Hearing 11/29/12: revised Zoning Bylaws and proposed Flood Hazard Regulations
 - c. Private Road Sign for Frank McDonald – “Madeleine’s Way” – Judy will contact Frank
 - d. Budgeting discussion for 2013-2014 will begin 11/19/12 – members should review in advance.
 - e. Defer to 11/19/12 discussion of Arlington letter re: Fire Department and Recreation Park funding.
7. Review of Bills and Signing of Selectboard and Highway Orders
8. Adjourn

Next Regular Meeting: November 19, 6:30 PM; Interim Meeting: November 28, 2012 at 5:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy P. Boehlert