

Sandgate Selectboard Minutes  
October 6, 2014

Meeting called to order at 6:55pm.

All Board members present. Also present: Tom Kenney, Mike Hill

Motion to approve minutes of September 15, 2014 by Ed Gust, seconded by Pat Hall; unanimously approved.

Public Comment – Tom Kenney asked the Board if the gravel on the side of the road directly across from his house could be leveled out in order for him to maintain the property. Mike Hill will take a look at it. Tom also asked the Board about having the sand blocking the culvert in front of his house to be cleaned out as well. Mike will also look at this.

Selectboard orders were reviewed and signed.

Property Tax Resolution – Reviewed the Resolution for Sustainable Education Funding Reform in Vermont which would “support capping Education Property Tax rates at FY2015 levels for the next 2 years, to allow the Legislature to make the necessary funding reforms that will sustain our Education system into the future”. Motion to approve and sign the resolution by Pat Hall; seconded by Tom Santelli; unanimously approved.

Correspondence – Suzy mentioned that if Board members were interested in attending workshops relevant to the Town and Selectboard, there is money in the budget for these workshops.

Insurance Matters – Optional Additional Life Insurance is now available if we currently have a plan in place and offer this as a benefit to Town employees. Celeste will look into this and give board update at next meeting. BC/BS of Vermont is now offering full employee choice for the 2015 renewal period. This would mean that the Town would no longer decide which benefits to offer but would offer a contribution amount instead and the employee can select the Qualified Health Plan that best fits their needs and budget. Celeste will have more information on this at the next meeting also.

Budget – The Board will review work on a draft budget at the November 17 meeting. Celeste will draft a budget for the meeting based on this year's spending. Board also discussed added line items to the budget in order to have more detail in what is being budgeted and spent.

Highway report – discussion on stop signs and if one is needed at the end of every road – specifically mentioned SE Corners Rd. Also discussion on speed limit on roads if not posted. This will be investigated and discussed at a future meeting.

Rupert Road and West Sandgate Rd. Intersection – there has been a complaint that the intersection of the roads is too large – specifically the Rupert Road entrance is too large. Mike will contact the state to have them come look at it and determine what can be done, if anything, to change the intersection.

Road Orders Ordered reviewed and approved.

Motion to adjourn made by Celeste Keel; seconded by Tom Santelli; adjourned 8:37pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Celeste Keel

**MINUTES APPROVED**

This 20 day of Oct A.D. 2014

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