

Sandgate Select Board Meeting - August 07, 2017

Called to order after BCA meeting

Select Board Meeting 7:05 pm

Board present – Mike Hill, Tom Santelli, Suzy dePeyster, Karen Dzialo, Karen Tendrup

Also present: Sandy Reidy, Treasurer

July 24, 2017 minutes reviewed. Suzy dePeyster motioned to accept minutes with one correction in the last paragraph, BCCD changed to BCA. Tom Santelli seconded. All in favor.

Orders signed

Tax Rate Set – Sandy Reidy provided final numbers regarding the Tax Rate. Increases in the school portion of taxes impacted the tax rate, as did a drop in the Grand List.

Homestead Tax Rate	2016/2017 (last year)	2017/2018 (new)	
Municipal	\$0.4796	\$0.5389	
School	\$1.4013	\$1.5285	
Local	<u>\$0.0035</u>	<u>\$0.0037</u>	
	\$1.8844 per thousand	\$2.0711 per thousand	0.1867 Difference
Non-Residential Tax Rate	2016/2017 (last year)	2017/2018 (new)	
Municipal	\$0.4796	\$0.5389	
School	\$1.4298	\$1.4544	
Local	<u>\$0.0035</u>	<u>\$0.0037</u>	
	\$1.9129 per thousand	\$1.9970 per thousand	0.0841 Difference

Dry Hydrant Grant – monies available for the grant, work should start in the Fall.

Salt Shed Grant – in process. The grant is actually only available if you are within a certain distance of a trout stream. Mike Hill is providing additional information to see if the town will qualify. Mike researched costs and reported that a shed 24 feet high, 50' x 60' at an estimated cost of \$49,800.

SE Corners Grant – Todd Eaton informed Mike that the Town could start on the SE Corners Hill project. The grant does not cover the cost of gravel.

Garage Shed – Bid from Mark Eaton for \$9,350 was submitted. Karen Tendrup motioned to accept the bid. Mike seconded.

Road Speed Ordinance – Mark Anders from BCRC will advise what needs to be done.

ROAD REPORT – culvert will be replaced by Green River Inn Annex building driveway.

Grading of West Sandgate RD

Mowing, Maintenance – Mowing continues weather permitting, concern expressed regarding the poison parsnip. Continued maintenance on ditches.

Dump Truck Update – There were ongoing problems last winter with the International 2012 Workforce dump truck. Although some costs were taken care of under warranty, not everything was covered. During one storm the town was left with only the old dump truck to take care of the roads. The Board put out requests for a replacement. Delurys was the best deal. Mike reported that the town could acquire the truck before this winter. Tom Santelli will contact The Bank of Bennington and ask what their rates would be for a 4 or 5 year, one payment per year payoff. The Key Bank will also be contacted. The town has two more payments on the grader. The cost of the new truck will be \$116,375. There will be 5 annual payments of approximately \$25,462, depending on which Bank provides the best terms for the loan.

Adjourn – Karen Tendrup motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:02. Mike seconded. All in favor.

Next meeting – August 21, 2017

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Dzialo