

Sandgate Select Board Meeting – August 20, 2018

Call to order: 6:37

Attendance: Suzy dePeyster, Mike Hill, Karen Tendrup, Karen Dzialo, Tom Santelli.
Also present: Sandy Reidy, Treasurer, and Ginny Kauffman

Citizens' Concerns: Ginny Kauffman informed the Board that the culvert and ditch at the end of her driveway (581 West Road) needed attention. Mike will extend the ditch to alleviate the problem asap.

Treasurers Report: Sandy submitted the report and it was reviewed and accepted by the Board. The dry hydrant grant money will be placed into a line item when it comes in. The tax money is coming in and Sandy will keep a close watch on the bank balance. Mike Hill presented a check for \$500 from Miller Construction that will go into the Construction Fund.

8/6/2018 Minutes: reviewed and motioned to accept as is by Tom Santelli, seconded by Karen Tendrup

Zoning/Planning

Hal Wilkins, Sandgate Planning/Zoning officer sent an email to the Board regarding issues before the planning/zoning office:

1. **Grogan Matter:** 16 plus vehicles on the property as of last Friday. A \$50 per day penalty was agreed upon on by the Board. Tom motioned, Karen Tendrup seconded. Grogan will be given a notice of violation; 7 day letter; 8th day, if no compliance the town will proceed with the \$50 per day penalty. Hal will ask attorney about accruing fees.
2. **Carthusian Project:** Equinox Foundation and StarWind, LLC have submitted their certificate of Public Good application for several wind turbines to be located 100' below ridge line on the saddle just west of Lake Madeline. We'll be able to review the site information, provide comments, etc. when the Public Service Meeting is set.
3. **Madava Farms/Crown Maple:** Madava is considering (just preliminary at this time) a joint venture with the Equinox Foundation to purchase electricity from a solar PV field that might be installed adjacent to Lake Madeline. They claim it's not visible from any Sandgate location. Hal will keep us informed on this.

Correspondence: the Board received a questionnaire from the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation regarding developing the Economic Landscape. Most of the questions were about Internet/telephone cell service in the town. The Board referred the Corporation to Betsy Gunn.

NEMRC - Listers signed contract with NEMRC , starting July 2018 for 12 months.

Town Hall Roof: the town opened 2 bids to replace the Town Hall roof. One from Townsends General Home Repairs and another from Tom Santelli. The Board agreed to accept the lower bid from local business, Tom Santelli. Cost will be \$12,500.

Bedding Chopper grant was denied. We will be looking to reapply.

BCIC: Jim Sullivan will attend the September 17th meeting to explain their request for \$500

Road Report: Jim Henderson and an engineer from Fitzgerald will meet with Mike Hill to review the recommendations for improvements of the roads (based on the study done last year). One of the questions is whether we can move a project higher on the priority list. This will enable us to apply for grant money to resolve the on-going issue with the section of road by the Kauffman property on West Road. New grants can be applied for in the Fall (November).

Other Business: Tom Santelli brought up the issue of bicycle racing in the town. In particular through the Notch which has a recommended safe limit of 15 miles per hour. It was suggested that the town put up signs advising the racers/bikers to use caution. Karen Tendrup will try to find out what organization sponsors the races so we can inform them of the need for them to take measures to assure the safety of the town residents, other travelers, and the bikers.

Mike Hill motioned to adjourn, Karen Dzialo seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

Next meeting will be September 10, 2018.

We will not meet on the first Monday (Labor Day)

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Dzialo