

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

Approved 01/21/13

**Sandgate Selectboard
Minutes for Emergency Meeting of
January 10, 2013, continued to January 14, 2013**

January 10, 2013:

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00 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; Laurie Holmgren, Lisa Robinson, Tom Santelli; guests
3. Don Trachte moved to approve minutes of 01/07/13, as written; seconded by Tom Fierravanti; unanimous.
4. Old Business – Executive Session
 - a. The meeting was called to address the performance issue with Ed Pike that was brought to the Board's attention on 01/07/13. At that time Ed stated he would resign to save the Board taking further action. Don Trachte motioned to go into Executive Session, seconded by Tom Fierravanti, unanimous to discuss the issue. Ed was twice invited to join the discussion. A conclusion was not reached and the Executive Session was adjourned to be continued on Monday, January 14 at noon.
5. Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors: Laurie Holmgren requested that the town put more reflectors along the roads to improve visibility at night. She was particularly concerned with Rupert Road. The Board will look into her request.
6. Old Business
 - a. The Budget and Selectboard documents for the Town Report were reviewed for a final time.
7. Adjourned at 7:15 PM to be continued on 01/14/13 at noon.

January 14, 2013:

1. Meeting called to order at 12 noon by Judy Boehlert
2. Introduction of those present: Judy Boehlert, Chair; Tom Fierravanti; Eleanor LaCross; Celeste Keel and Don Trachte – absent; Ed Pike, Road Foreman
3. New Business – The Executive Session started on 01/10/13 to discuss performance issues was continued with Ed Pike present and participating. Eleanor LaCross motioned to close the Executive Session; seconded by Tom Fierravanti, unanimous. Ed Pike resigned from his job as Road Foreman effective 02/15/13. Mr. Pike discussed remaining sick, personal and vacation time. Tom Fierravanti motioned "in recognition of 16 ½ years of service to the Town, Mr. Pike will be paid for 9 days representing unused sick, personal and vacation time". The motion was seconded by Eleanor LaCross and was unanimously approved. It was noted and understood by all that this is an exception to the Personnel Policy.
4. Adjourn: Motioned by Tom Fierravanti, seconded by Eleanor LaCross, unanimous at 12:30 PM.

Next Regular Meeting: 01/21/13, 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Judy P. Boehlert

Approved: 02/26/13

Sandgate Selectboard
Minutes for Meeting of February 4, 2013

1. Call to order at 6:34 PM by Judy Boehlert
2. Introduction of those present: Judy Boehlert, Chair; Don Trachte, Vice Chair; Eleanor LaCross; Ed Pike, Road Foreman; Absent: Tom Fierravanti and Celeste Keel
3. Approve minutes of January 21, 2013: Approved as written, motioned by Don Trachte; seconded by Eleanor LaCross; unanimous.
4. Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors: Jerry Hall, Mike Hill, Charlie Pike. Charlie Pike read a statement acknowledging and thanking Ed Pike for the 16 ½ years of service to the Town. Jerry Hall and Mike Hill asked for information on the contract awarded for work on Rupert Road. It will be discussed at the next Selectboard Meeting.
5. Announcements
 - a. February 11, 2013: Selectboard Hearing on revised Zoning Bylaws. Members asked to attend.
 - b. Hazardous Waste Collection: May 11, 2013; location to be announced.
6. Road Report – Ed Pike
 - a. The request for an extension to the FEMA Grant was approved and paperwork needing signatures is forthcoming.
 - b. Cobra Forms. Ed indicated that he will not be requesting Cobra benefits. He was asked to sign the form and return to Judy.
7. Old Business
 - a. Energy Audit of Town Hall Update: Eleanor is making contact with possible contractors.
 - b. Town Meeting Warning – Need signatures: Done.
8. New Business
 - a. Road Foreman candidate; Don Trachte motioned and Eleanor LaCross seconded; unanimous to go into Executive Session to meet with an applicant for the Road Foreman's job. Interview was concluded and Don Trachte motioned and Eleanor LaCross seconded; unanimous to go into open session.
 - b. Overweight Permits – RK Miles, Judy approved and informed the Board. Judy explained the process to Eleanor who will be one of two members serving on the next Board.
 - c. Preparation for Town Meeting- Judy distributed copies of the final budget and a preliminary list of comments. Members asked to review closely and come prepared at the next meeting to finalize.
9. Review of Bills and Signing of Selectboard and Highway Orders: Reviewed and signed.
10. Adjourn at 7:40 PM; motioned by Don Trachte, seconded by Eleanor LaCross; unanimous

Next Meeting: February 18, 2013, 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Judy P. Boehlert

Approved 02/26/13

**Special Sandgate Selectboard Meeting
Minutes for Meeting of February 26, 2013**

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Judy Boehlert
2. Introduction of those present: Judy Boehlert, Celeste Keel, Eleanor LaCross, Don Trachte. Tom Fierravanti, absent
3. The minutes of 02/04/13: motioned by DT; seconded ELC, 02/11/13 (Hearing and Selectboard): motioned ELC, seconded DT; 02/17/13: motioned ELC, seconded JB, 02/18/13: motioned JB, seconded ELC; 02/26/13: motioned CK, seconded DT, were reviewed and approved.
4. The Selectboard signed the Resolution to Join the NFIP Intent Form. Approval of the new Zoning Bylaws containing the Flood Hazard Regulations was voted on 02/18/13: the form was not available at that time.
5. Pay Orders were reviewed and signed.
6. Adjourn at 6:50 pm: motioned by Don Trachte; seconded by Celeste Keel; unanimous.

Next Meeting: March 6, 2013

Respectfully submitted:

Judy P. Boehlert

To be approved at 4/15/13 meeting

Sandgate Selectboard

April 1, 2013

MINUTES

1. Call to order – 6:30pm
2. Introduction of those present – Full board
3. Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors – Allison Langsdale (BCRC), Mike Batcher (BCRC), Lisa Robertson (Delinquent Tax Collector), Mike Hill (Road Foreman). Mike Batcher gave an overview of what BCRC does. Allison is working with the Emergency Management plans. Tom Santelli will work with Mike Batcher on the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Our Emergency Management Plan needs to be adopted at the next meeting. Lisa asked about the status of the Rupert Road project. Tom Santelli explained that we are going to be having the road crew do the project.
4. Tom Santelli made motion to approve March 18, 2013 minutes, seconded by Ed Gust; unanimously approved.
5. Announcements – BC/BS luncheon on April 4 – no one on board is interested in attending
6. Reports – Delinquent Tax Collector – needs a print out of bills from the Treasurer in a timely fashion. Roads – bridge report from State showing only the Lincoln Lane bridge but needs someone to look at the Woodcock Rd. Dust control discussed – calcium chloride needs to be used more effectively. Mike wants to fix the water that crosses the notch road.
7. Old Business
 - (a) Appointments – Celeste motion to approve as below; Tom Santelli seconded; all approved.
 - a.i.A. Conservation Commission – Jane Gatlin, Phoebe Sheres, Jane Stueklin
 - a.i.B. Planning Commission/Zoning Board – Colleen Shultz, Jeanne Eisenhardt, Pat Hall
 - a.i.C. 911 Coordinator – Marj Peff, Mike Hill
 - a.i.D. Fire Wardens – Lynn Fielding, Jim Gunn
 - a.i.E. Pound Keeper – Suzanne dePeyster
 - a.i.F. Emergency Management Coordinator – Tom Santelli
 - a.i.G. BCRC Representatives – Judy Boehlert, Suzanne dePeyster
 - a.i.H. Inspector of Lumber, Shingles & Wood – Donna McAdams
 - a.i.I. Green-Up Day Coordinator – Jack Quinn
 - a.i.J. Fence Viewers – Ed Gust
 - a.i.K. Tree Warden – Mike Hill, Charlie Pike
 - a.i.L. Sign Control – Selectboard
 - a.i.M. Town Service Officer – to be determined at next meeting
 - a.i.N. Emergency Fuel Coordinator – to be determined at next meeting
 - (b) Personnel Benefits – discussion on benefits
 - (c) FEMA projects – Don Trachte working on organizing documents
8. New Business
 - (a) Furnace Quotes – nothing received yet
 - (b) Celeste Keel made motion to change meeting time to 7pm effective May 6, 2013; Eleanor Lacross seconded motion; unanimously approved.

9. Reviewed and Signed bills

10. Celeste Keel made motion to adjourn at 8:25pm; Tom Santelli seconded; unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Keel

Next Meeting: April 15, 2013, 6:30PM

Next Meeting: April 15, 2013, 6:30PM To be approved at 4/15/13 meeting

Sandgate Selectboard

April 1, 2013

MINUTES

Sandgate Selectboard

April 15, 2013

Minutes

1. Call to order-All present except Celeste Keel
2. Local citizens- Mike Hill, Pat Hall, Lisa Robinson, Ron Larson, Lucas Pike, Charlie Pike, and Gerald Tifft
3. Tom Santelli made motion to accept minutes of April 1, and April 10, 2013 and Ed Gust seconded.
4. Rupert Rd- Discussion of when this was going to be done. Worst spots to be done. Beartown Bridge needs to be replaced before.
5. Marge Skinner is sending pictures of Woodcock Rd Bridge to see if we qualify for a temporary bridge. Tom made motion to give Mike permission to set bridge if one is available and we qualify.
6. Tom made motion to have Rich Holton put in new furnace and Ed seconded.
7. Tom made motion for Eleanor to call Vermont Energy Works to see if their price is as stated.
8. Tom made motion to hire Mike Sherman and Ed seconded to have Mike Sherman new owner of David Trachte mowing, mow the Town Hall.
9. Tom made motion and Ed seconded that Cemetery Commission will hire for cemeteries.
10. Tom made a motion for Town Truck pick up Debris from the Church Ed seconded.
11. Eleanor made motion to adjourn and Tom seconded.

Sandgate Selectboard

May 6, 2013

MINUTES

1. Call to order – 7:00pm
2. Introduction of those present – Full board
3. Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors – Mike Hill, Charlie Pike, Lucas Pike, Jeanne Zoppel, Kayla Zopple, Jessica Nielsen, Janice Garrison, Valerie dePeyster, Suzie dePeyster, Donna McAdams
4. Eleanor Lacross made motion to approve April 15, 2013 minutes; seconded by Ed Gust; all approved.
5. Suzie dePeyster, Animal Control Officer came to the meeting with Janice Garrison whose dog was attacked by Lelia Kauffman's dog. The Garrison's and Kauffman's have talked and the Kauffman's will cover the vet bills incurred from the attack. Board discussed next steps to be taken. Board will send certified letter to Kauffman's stating that the dog must be muzzled and leashed when not in their home. If this is violated, dog will need to be euthanized.
6. Jessica Nielsen, Jeannie Zoppel & Kayla Zoppel brought to the boards attention that there is an issue with speeding and atv on road usage in town. Board will contact Bennington Sheriff's department to contract for services to patrol.
7. Discussion on Town Hall Energy Audit. Celeste Keel made motion to proceed with work per the energy assessment; seconded by Tom Santelli; unanimously approved.
8. Charlie Pike asked if board would buy back 2 weeks of vacation that he didn't use this year. Brief discussion. Tom Santelli made motion to approve paying for the 2 wks of vacation; seconded by Eleanor Lacross; approved 4-1 (Celeste Keel nay)
9. Discussion on road dust. Mike Hill looking into hiring Peckham to come and spray roads. Mike Hill has been using his vehicle to pull spreader. Asked to be compensated. Tom Santelli made motion to pay him \$10 per hour for a maximum of 40 hours for the summer; seconded by Jerry Hall; all approved.
10. Reviewed status of Woodcock Rd. bridge
11. Discussion on uniforms for road crew. Tom Santelli made motion to approve ordering uniforms for the road crew; seconded by Ed Gust; all approved.
12. Tom Santelli made motion to order box culvert from Fort Miller for the Beartown project (last FEMA project); seconded by Ed Gust; all approved.
13. Discussion on purchasing york rake to be pulled behind grader or town truck – price of approximately \$6500. Tom Santelli made motion to get rake; seconded by Celeste Keel; approved 4-1 (Eleanor Lacross abstained)
14. Reviewed and Signed bills
15. Eleanor Lacross made motion to adjourn at 9:00pm; Celeste Keel seconded; all approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Keel

Next Meeting: May 20, 2013

Sandgate Selectboard

May 20, 2013

MINUTES

1. Call to order – 7:00pm
2. Introduction of those present – Full board
3. Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors –
4. Ed Gust made motion to approve May 6, 2013 minutes; seconded by Tom Santelli; all approved.
5. Reviewed Treasurers Report with Deedee Goepel
6. New Business Reviewed and Signed bills
 1. National Geographic Wildlife Cabins to be built on land owned by Bonnie O'Shea and Reggie Tschorn – Rick Dahm questioning why this is being brought up at meeting. Jerry is saying people are complaining about the noise. Per Reggie Tschorn, the cabin will be a wilderness camp and will conform with specs per bylaws. He has applied for the permit. Reggie is providing materials, National Geographic will be building and filming – will last approximately 1 week. It is not definite that the project will happen. Letter from Star Brinckerhoff opposing the project. Reggie will give Jerry contact information for National Geographic. This is a Zoning Board issue.
 2. Rupert Road Project – VT Local Roads and Mike Hill are working on a plan for the road.
 3. Woodcock Road Bridge is closed
 4. Sheriff Services – Letter from Zoppels complaining about speeding and excessive traffic on Tate Hill. Service can start as soon as contract is signed. Add to next agenda for discussion. Chair to ask Chad Schmidt.
 5. Tool box for highway – discuss after July 1
 6. Kennel for animal control – Marge will donate crates.
 7. Delinquent Tax Collector asked for help getting information from treasurer. Board is not involved in the delinquent tax collection process.
 8. Discussion on Children Playing Signs
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8. Eleanor Lacross made motion to adjourn at 8:20pm; Celeste Keel seconded; all approved.

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Respectfully submitted.

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Celeste Keel

Sandgate Selectboard

June 3, 2013

MINUTES

1. Call to order – 7:00pm
2. Introduction of those present – Full board
3. Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors – Sheriff Chad Schmidt, Lucas Pike, Mike Hill, Jesse Neiman, Pat Hall
4. Tom Santelli made motion to approve May 20, 2013 minutes; seconded by Ed Gust; all approved.
5. Reviewed Treasurers Report with Deedee Goepel
6. New Business
 - a. Sheriff Chad Schmidt re: road coverage – last contract was for 5 hours per week. To make an impact, he would recommend 8 hours per week. This is combined with Arlington and Sunderland. Town gets money back from tickets written for speeding and stop sign violations. Charge is \$28 per hour. Contracts are on a yearly basis.
 - b. Road Report – Lincoln Lane bridge discussion. A lot of the roads need gravel. Mike will work on ditching the worst roads. Suggestion from Pat Hall to create spreadsheet of road including culverts, work done, dates, etc.
 - c. Discussion on Woodcock Road Bridge – Hoyle, Tanner & Associates will perform inspection and structural design services for the headwall and roadway repairs. Celeste made motion to accept proposal of \$14,490; seconded by Tom Santelli; all approved.
 - d. Letter from Chris LaCroix re: Woodcock Rd. bridge wanting to be kept aware of the bridge status. Mike Hill will stop in to see Chris.
 - e. Using Funds from Tax Stabilization Emergency Fund – discussion on the highway funds surplus transferred into this fund – Section 312 states that “funds raised from town highway taxes shall not be used for any other purpose other than that for which the tax was voted...”
 - f. Roadside mowing – having Skip Wilson do it? Mike Hill to contact Skip
 - g. Reality Hunting Camps – Jerry met with Nat'l Geographic – we don't have anything to do with process
7. Reviewed and Signed bills
8. Eleanor Lacross made motion to adjourn at 8:10pm; Celeste Keel seconded; all approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Keel

Next Meeting: June 17, 2013; 7pm

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Celeste M. Keel

Sandgate Selectboard

June 17, 2013

MINUTES

1. Call to order – 7:00pm
2. Introduction of those present – Full board
3. Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors – Mike Batcher, Mike Hill, Road Foreman
4. Eleanor Lacross made motion to approve June 3, 2013 minutes; seconded by Ed Gust; all approved.
5. Reviewed Treasurers Report with Deedee Goepel
6. New Business
 - a. Mike Batcher from Bennington County Regional Commission came re: ISWP. Celeste Keel made motion to approve resolution for zero-sort; seconded by Ed Gust; all approved. Also discussed solid waste implementation plan. We are part of a 9 town plan. All plans need to be revised. The process is starting now. Bennington and Woodford is looking to join our 9 town group.
 - b. Discussion on letter from Woodcock Road residents re: poor signage re: the bridge being closed. Board chair has gone to every house on the road and spoken to residents that were home. Garbage pickup companies and UPS drivers have been spoken to and their services haven't changed. Plan is to have bridge open by November 1, 2013 at the latest. Sign will be installed on Sandgate Road indicating traffic entering on right.
 - c. Road Projects – Tudor Rd. is still being worked on. Will work on West Road next as well as culvert replacements as needed. Notch project – will add culverts to divert water appropriately. Board will have discussion at next meeting as to where the money for this project will come from. Discussion on Kimball's pond that has blown out twice in last couple of months. Mike would like the board contact him. Jerry will contact attorney to see what can be done with the Tax Stabilization/Emergency Reserve fund.
7. Reviewed and Signed bills
8. Eleanor Lacross made motion to adjourn at 8:21pm; Celeste Keel seconded; all approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Keel

Next Meeting: July 1, 2013; 7pm

Sandgate Selectboard

June 17, 2013

MINUTES

1. Call to order – 7:00pm
2. Introduction of those present – Full board
3. Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors – Mike Batcher, Mike Hill, Road Foreman
4. Eleanor Lacross made motion to approve June 3, 2013 minutes; seconded by Ed Gust; all approved.
5. Reviewed Treasurers Report with Deedee Goepel
6. New Business
 - a. Mike Batcher from Bennington County Regional Commission came re: ISWP. Celeste Keel made motion to approve resolution for zero-sort; seconded by Ed Gust; all approved. Also discussed solid waste implementation plan. We are part of a 9 town plan. All plans need to be revised. The process is starting now. Bennington and Woodford is looking to join our 9 town group.
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7. Reviewed and Signed bills
8. Eleanor Lacross made motion to adjourn at 8:21pm; Celeste Keel seconded; all approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Keel

Next Meeting: July 1, 2013; 7pm

To be approved at 7/15/13 meeting

Sandgate Selectboard
July 1, 2013
MINUTES

1. Call to order – 7:00 pm
2. Introduction of those present – Eleanor Lacross Vice Chair, Ed Gust, and Tom Santelli , Celeste Keel and Jerry Hall absent.
3. Appearance of Local Citizens and Visitors – Mary Stroffoleno, Lucas Pike, Charlie Pike, and Mike Hill, Road Foreman.
4. Tom Santelli made motion to approve June 17, 2013 minutes, seconded by Ed Gust, all approved.
5. Mike Hill reported that Tudor Hill is done and will start West Road on 7/2 using Willy Mattison and his excavator. There are 242 culverts in town now and need 53 more. As new culverts are put in they are being dated on map. Posts with reflectors are being ordered and both end to be marked.
6. New Business - Mike is applying for grants to do the Hairpin turn on Rupert Rd., and Hamilton Hollow Rd.
7. Orders were reviewed and a bill for cleaning of School was rejected because who ever uses the School is responsible for according to the Policy of use of the School. All other orders were reviewed and signed.
8. Tom Santelli made motion to adjourn at 7:35 pm: Ed Gust seconded: all approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Lacross

Next Meeting: July 15, 2013; 7 pm

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Sandgate Selectboard
July 15, 2013
MINUTES

1. Call to order – 7:00 pm
2. Introduction of those present –Jerry Hall Chair, Ed Gust, Tom Santelli, and Eleanor Lacross, Celeste Keel absent.
3. Appearance of Local Citizens and visitors -- Dona McAdams, Lawrence Golub, Lucas Pike, Charlie Pike, Deedee Goebel, Lisa Robinson, and Mike Hill, Road Foreman.
4. Tom Santelli made motion to approve July 1, 2013 minutes, seconded by Ed Gust, all approved.
5. Dona McAdams came before the board wanting to have the policy changed to reflect who is responsible cleaning the school. The policy reflects that anyone wishing to use the school should come before the Selectboard in advance of wanting to use the building. This would eliminate anyone having the building cleaned and expecting the Board to pay the bill of \$140. The town clerk is the key holder and Dona turned over her key.
6. Treasurer reported the accounts that were over budget, selectboard expense over because of ads placed to hire a new road foreman. Discussion on the amount that can be spent out of restricted fund accounts. There is a credit of \$8.99 at Staples.
7. A stone wall is being built on the corner of West Road that needs to be moved. The pond that belongs to Adrienne Kimball's had the inlet pipe blocked. A letter will be sent to her because of the possibility to wash out the road.
8. Beartown bridge still waiting for proper paperwork. Woodcock road residents are questioning when repairs will be made.
9. Notch – Mike wants to dig out the side between the 2nd and 3rd turn and go back a couple of feet, and put in culverts and pave.
10. Rupert Rd -- An application for a grant to repair the ditch between Charlie's and Phil Frost. There has been no decision from the state if we will receive any aid.
11. Jerry is going to call the towns' attorney to see if we need a special Town Meeting to take the money from restricted accounts.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Lacross

Next meeting: August 5, 2013

Sandgate Selectboard

August 5, 2013

MINUTES

1. Call to order – 7:00pm
2. Introduction of those present – Full board
3. Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors – Mike Hill, Road Foreman; Jean Eisenhart; Jeanie Zoppel; Charlie Pike; Marg Peff, Town Clerk.
4. Eleanor Lacross made motion to approve July 15, 2013 minutes; seconded by Ed Gust; all approved.
5. Reviewed Treasurers Report with Deedee Goepel
6. New Business
 - a. Assistant Delinquent Tax Collector - the board said it did not have jurisdiction and that Lisa could appoint Marge Peff if she wanted. It was up to the elected delinquent tax collector.
 - b. Caretaker for School and Town Hall - Who is in charge of overseeing the School House and Town Hall as needed? Jerry Hall spoke with Willie Skidmore to see if he'd be interested in doing this. Board agrees.
 - c. Jean Eisenhart – School House – Recommends that the School House be cleaned once a year out of the School House Fund. Jeannie Zoppel recommended getting the Arlington High School students to do it during Community Service Day. Tom Santelli made motion to pay for this up to \$50; seconded by Ed Gust; approved 3-2 (Eleanor and Celeste voted nay). Also recommended that the Outhouse be looked at.
 - d. Tom Santelli to make motion to make Jean Eisenhart the Overseer of the Use of the School House; Celeste Keel seconded; approved 5-0.
7. Old Business
 - a. Right of Way for Lincoln Lane – the town right of way is approximately 25 feet on either side of the center of the road.
 - b. Special Town Meeting for Notch Finances – Marg Peff doesn't want the road to be changed. Jeannie Zoppel asked if the state said it was unsafe. Homeowners in the area concerned that if the ledge is blasted it will damage their wells. No blasting will be done. Jerry requested Mike get 2 estimates to have the work done. The work that needs to be done will be the road will get a ditch and some ledge will be hammered back to enable the ditch to be dug. Tom Santelli made motion to have Mike get 2 estimates to have the work done; seconded by Ed Gust; approved 5-0.
 - c. Road Report – Mike Hill questioned how far the town maintains on the SE Corners Road now that there are new people beyond the usual turnaround. Board says that its a town road and needs to be maintained all the way. Tom to talk to homeowner to move mailbox in order not to knock it when turning around. Will be finishing the section of the Rupert Road between the switchback and Frost's.
 - d. Bear Town Project – no update on this project. Waiting to hear back by the State.

- e. 2013-2014 Tax Rate – Celeste Keel made motion to accept the recommended municipality rate of \$0.3858; seconded by Ed Gust; approved 5-0.
 - f. Colleen Scholz resigned as Clerk of the Zoning Board.
8. Reviewed and Signed bills
 9. Eleanor Lacross made motion to adjourn at 8:21pm; Celeste Keel seconded; all approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Keel

Next Meeting: August 19, 2013; 7:00pm

To be approved at 9/3/13 meeting

**Sandgate Selectboard
August 19, 2013
MINUTES**

1. Call to order – 7:07pm
2. Introduction of those present – Full board
3. Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors – Mike Hill, Road Foreman; Charlie Pike, Suzie dePeyster, Lisa Robinson
4. Tom Santelli made motion to approve August 5, 2013 minutes; seconded by Eleanor LaCross; all approved.
5. New Business
 - (a) Suzie dePeyster wanted to let board know about a dog that was found and brought to the Second Chance shelter. Not sure how the dog got there but the shelter may try and pay and the dog owner should pay not town.
 - (b) Treasurers Report reviewed
 - (c) Wages for Highway crew -
6. Old Business
 - (a) Estimates for Notch Work – 3 estimates received to do work from 2nd turn to beginning of top turn on right side; hammer back ledge approximately 3 feet. Bids received from William Barney, Willy Mattison, and Beartown Building and Design. Lowest bid was William Barney at \$10,500. This price is for 100% of the work done by the contractor. If the town crew is available, the price would be less. Figuring that the road would be closed from 8am-2:30pm for approximately 5 days while work is being done. Tom Santelli made motion to go with William Barney to do the work; Ed Gust to second motion; 3-1-0 (Eleanor opposed, Celeste abstained)
 - (b) Road Report –
 - b.i. Beartown Project – no update from the State yet on when we can start
 - b.ii. Woodcock Road Bridge – Mike has meeting with Engineer and cement worker on Friday to go to the site.
 - b.iii. Rupert Road – no further major work will be done on the road other than general maintenance.
 - b.iv. Other – issue with illegal use of motor vehicles damaging Sandgate Road – Board will look into this.
7. Reviewed and Signed Bills
 - (a) Motion to allow Board Chair to approve Blue Cross Blue Shield bills each month to be paid in a timely fashion; second by Eleanor LaCross; unanimously approved.
8. Eleanor Lacross made motion to adjourn at 8:20pm; Celeste Keel seconded; all approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Keel

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 3, 2013; 7:00pm

MINUTES APPROVED

This 3 day of September A.D. 20 13

Signed Celeste Keel

To be approved at 9/15/13 meeting

**Sandgate Selectboard
September 3, 2013
MINUTES**

1. Call to order – 7:00pm
2. Introduction of those present – Full board
3. Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors – Mike Hill, Road Foreman; Charlie Pike, Greg Nielsen, Lisa Robinson; Jeanne Zoppel, Charlie Pike, Lucas Pike, Brad Kessler.
4. Tom Santelli made motion to approve August 19, 2013 minutes; seconded by Ed Gust; all approved.
5. New Business
 - (a) Greg Nielsen – Zoning in F2 section of town in reference to his property on Swearing Hill. Has gone to Zoning Board but he is not being taken care of. Jerry will look at what has transpired in this situation compared to another towns person's experience.
 - (b) Recommendation to replace Colleen Scholz with Michael Mazzola to the Planning Commission/Zoning Board. Tom Santelli made motion to agree to the appointment; seconded by Celeste Keel; unanimously approved.
 - (c) Listers – Tax Info – Penalty fee to taxpayers that didn't file homestead declaration by the April 15 deadline. Tom Santelli made motion to waive the fee the 2013-2014 tax year; seconded by Celeste Keel; unanimously approved. Jerry will follow up with Deedee to get the adjustment made and new tax bills out.
 - (d) Listers – corrections to be made to tax bills for veterans and a property that wasn't combined. Also, adjustment to grand list for property owner from Jr. to Sr.
6. Old Business
 - (a) People occupying house near Weurslin Road – no septic and no running water. John LaVecchia investigated the house. Family is not paying rent. Jerry will contact the John LaVecchia to discuss further.
 - (b) Road Report –
 - b.i. Woodcock Road Bridge – project will start in approximately 2 weeks
 - b.ii. Rupert Road – Greg Nielsen brought up the road project again. Jerry gave update on the work that has been done. \$10k grant received for work done at the switchback on the road.
 - b.iii. Notch Road project will start on Monday. Road will be closed Monday through Friday 8:30 – 4:30pm. Road will be open for the school bus to pass as needed.
 - b.iv. Discussion on private driveways without culverts – gravel is washing into road – repeated issue.
7. Reviewed and Signed Bills – Discussion as to why a warrant went through the last meeting without 2 board members signing it. It was an oversight on the Chairman's part.
8. Executive Session for Personnel Purposes – Jerry made motion to go into executive; seconded by Celeste Keel; entered executive session at 8:08pm. Came out of executive session at 8:22pm
9. Tom Santelli made motion to adjourn at 8:23pm; Eleanor LaCross seconded; all approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Keel

Next Meeting: Monday, September 15, 2013; 7:00pm

TO BE APPROVED AT 10/7/2013 MEETING

**Sandgate Selectboard
September 16, 2013
MINUTES**

1. Call to order – 7:00pm
2. Introduction of those present – Full board
3. Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors – Mike Hill, Road Foreman; Marge Peff, Town Clerk.
4. Ed Gust made motion to approve September 3, 2013 minutes; seconded by Tom Santelli; all approved.
5. New Business
 - (a) Marge having issue with new banking regs and depositing Town Clerk fee checks, etc. Board recommended trying the main branch in Manchester on this.
6. Old Business
 - (a) People occupying house near Weurslin Road was discussed. Looks like the house has been vacated.
 - (b) Road Report –
 - b.i. Notch Road project is done. Need to repave that torn up section. Waiting on quotes.
 - b.ii. Beartown Road bridge – bridge to be set Friday
 - b.iii. Woodcock Road bridge – project started
7. Reviewed and Signed Bills
8. Executive Session for Personnel Purposes – Highway Crew Contract – Tom Santelli made motion to go into Executive Session at 8:15pm; seconded by Celeste Keel; approved. Returned to open session at 8:45pm. Ed Gust made motion to increase hourly wage of Mike Hill to \$18.75 per hour effective 9/23/2013; seconded by Tom Santelli; approved.
9. Tom Santelli made motion to adjourn at 8:50pm; Ed Gust seconded; all approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Keel

Next Meeting: Monday, October 7, 2013; 7:00pm

Select Board Meeting
Monday October 7, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

Celeste Keel was absent due to weather.

Also present: Ron Larson, Mike Hill, Charlie Pike, and Roy McDermott.

Tom made motion to accept minutes, Ed 2d motion, carried.

Ratify decision of executive session of 9/20/2013 to offer Mike \$19 per hour. Tom, Ed and Jerry in favor. Eleanor abstained.

Health insurance will be addressed at next meeting when Celeste can be here.

Ron Larson wanted to know if Notch was finished.

Trees in ditch: Zoppels want the wood as it is on their property.

Rocks from Ron Pero's driveway are coming down the bank into ditch on Rupert Rd. Big holes where there are culverts.

Roy McDermott wanted to know the status of Woodcock Road Bridge. Mike gave an update.

Beartown bridge/culvert work is done except guardrails. Money to pay for Beartown culvert will be borrowed from the materials & hauling fund.

Have salt contract and have gotten first load.

Winter sand will be coming in the next week or so

Tree cutters dropped trees onto guardrails by Swearing Hill. Mike has been in contact with Fairpoint and Asplundh to have it repaired.

Vermont Energy Works has finished with the Energy Efficiency improvements so we will have to watch to see if the bills go down and the building is warmer.

Tom motioned to adjourn and Ed 2nd at 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted by Eleanor Lacross

Subject: 10/23/2013 minutes Sandgate Selectboard
From: eleanor lacross (elacross@yahoo.com)
To: sandgateclerk@live.com; celeste.keel@brsu.org; tabor1@myfairpoint.net;
tomsantellichevy@yahoo.com; pahall375@msn.com; elacross@yahoo.com;
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2013 10:31 PM

Meeting was called to order a 7:05 pm
All board members present except Celeste Keel.
Also present Mike hill, Charlie Pike, Deedee Goebel, and Lisa Robinson.
Tom S. made motion to accept minutes Ed G. 2nd all in favor.
Insurance information for Mike and Charlie put on hold until November 4th meeting.
Woodcock and Beartown Bridges done except for guardrails. Revised estimate from Lafayette.
Woodcock \$3234 and Beartown \$4951. When done Marge Skinner will come and inspect.
Bodine when in town will patch holes on corner by Kaplan and where culverts were replaced.
Notch will not be ground till November.
Tom spoke to Larry MacCauley about his drive and they have figured the best remedy
Mike has 350 tons of winter sand and have salt waiting for that first snow.
Orders were signed
Tom S made motion to not have Town Clerk open mail and Ed 2nd.
Jerry wants John Lavechia to attend next meeting.
Tom made motion to adjourn and Ed 2nd. Meeting closed at 7:40 pm

To be approved at 11/18/2013 meeting

Sandgate Minutes
November 4, 2013

Meeting called to order at 6:56pm.

All Board members present.

Audience: Mike Hill, Charlie Pike, Suzie dePeyster, John LaVecchia, Judy Boehlert

Motion to accept 10/21/2013 minutes made by Tom Santelli, seconded by Ed Gust; approved.

Road Foreman Job Description – the current job description and another example was handed out to board and road foreman. Everyone will review and this will be discussed at next meeting.

House at 5481 Sandgate Road – home that is doesn't have running water and septic. It was clarified by Suzie dePeyster that there is a septic. Water is being carried in. Incinerating toilet being used. Eleanor abstains from discussions on this. John LaVecchia at meeting. If the house was a rental (which it isn't), the fact that there is no water or septic, this would be an issue.

Road Foreman Report – Dump truck - engine light continuously coming on – repairs could be \$3670 or \$5000+ depending on what the problem is. Problem won't be determined until it's taken apart. Truck is 10 years old. Board agrees that it needs to be fixed.

Woodcock Road guardrails need to be installed. Final inspection by the state will be done after installation.

Rupert Road Grant - \$10,000 – work done before grant approved. Not sure if grant will be approved or not.

Budget planning to begin at the November 18, 2013 meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Celeste Keel; seconded by Tom Santelli; adjourned 7:57pm.

Next meeting November 18, 2013

To be approved at 12/2/2013 meeting

Sandgate Minutes
November 18, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:15pm.

All Board members present.

Audience: Mike Hill

Motion to accept minutes from the September 16, 2013 meeting made by Tom Santelli, seconded by Ed Gust; approved.

Motion to accept minutes from the October 4, 2013 meeting made by Tom Santelli, seconded by Ed Gust; approved.

Road Foreman Job Description – the current job description will remain the same.

Roads – guardrails on Woodcock Road installed and bridge open. Beartown Bridge is also done.

House at 5481 Sandgate Road – home that is doesn't have running water and septic.

Woodcock Road guardrails need to be installed. Final inspection by the state will be done after installation.

Preliminary budget planning work was done. More work to be done at future meetings.

Motion to adjourn made by Celeste Keel; seconded by Tom Santelli; adjourned 8:40pm.

Next meeting: December 16, 2013

To be approved at 12/16/2013 meeting

Sandgate Minutes
December 2, 2013

Meeting called to order at 6:57pm.

All Board members present.

Audience: Lucas Pike, Charlie Pike, Mike Hill, Suzie dePeyster, Valerie dePeyster, Rick Dahm

Motion to accept minutes from the November 18, 2013 meeting made by Tom Santelli, seconded by Ed Gust; approved.

Efficiency Vermont gave the Town of Sandgate a refund check of \$2750 towards the work done at the town office.

Suzie dePeyster questioned the budget planning process. Budget work has started and next budget meeting will take place on 12/16/2013.

Rick Dahm questioned the purchase of a new vehicle for the town. Tom Santelli has brought a request to the board to purchase a 2010 F350 1 ton truck with plow and sander. Truck new is approximately \$46k and town can purchase for approximately \$35k. There would be a savings of approximately \$6k a year in fuel instead of driving the big truck to check roads. Questioned if this truck would stand up to the town needs compared to a big truck like we have already. Also questioned if there is money in the equipment fund for this purchase. Jerry will talk with the treasurer to get this information. Tom Santelli will also get 2 comparable bids on a new truck per our purchasing policy. Motion by Tom Santelli to purchase a truck; no second to the motion.

Board chair calls a special meeting for Thurs., Dec. 5, 2013 to discuss the purchase of a new truck with a trade in of our older truck.

Road Foreman report – elect work needs to be done at the town garage to enable the door to be opened in case of power outage.

Motion to adjourn made by Celeste Keel; seconded by Ed Gust; adjourned 8:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Celeste Keel

Next meeting: January 6, 2014

To be approved at 12/16/2013 meeting

Sandgate Minutes
December 5, 2013
Special Meeting

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm.

All Board members present.

Audience: Derek Carson, Bennington Banner Report; Charlie Pike, Mike Hill, Suzie dePeyster

Discussion on whether to purchase a new truck vs. a used truck. Tom Santelli brought bids for 2014 1 ton trucks from Carbone (\$63250), Carmody (\$70,255) and Formula (\$61077). All truck prices include sander and plow. No dealer wants our trade in truck.

Discussion on replacing the International Truck that is 12 years old. Cost would be approximately \$149k.

Motion by Tom Santelli to purchase a new truck; no second to the motion.

Motion by Celeste Keel to wait until Town Meeting to add article on purchasing a new truck; Seconded by Eleanor LaCross; 2 yes (EL & CK) and 3 no (TS, EG, JH). Motion failed.

Discussion on whether there is money in the equipment fund for a purchase. Board Chair will work with Treasurer to get this information. He will ask if she can be at the 12/16/13 meeting to aid in the discussion.

Motion to adjourn made by Tom Santelli; seconded by Ed Gust; adjourned 6:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Celeste Keel

Next meeting: January 6, 2014