

# Sandgate Select Board Meeting – December 17, 2018

**Called to order: 6:30pm**

**Attendance:** Karen Tendrup, Karen Dzialo, Suzy dePeyster, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli.

Also present: Sandy Reidy, Treasurer

**December 3, 2018 minutes reviewed:** Karen Tendrup motioned to accept as is, Mike Hill seconded. All in favor.

**Budget:** The Board reviewed Town Budget appropriations and expenditures for 2019/2020 Fiscal year. Discussion on removing the Record Restoration Line from the budget. The Record Restoration Fund balance could be moved to Major Repairs and Improvements for the Town Hall Fund. The Select Board will place an article in the Warning for March Town Meeting.

**The Highway Budget** will be reviewed at the January 7, 2019 meeting.

**Other Business:** Dan Buck, who has taken care of the cemetery trees, will be contracted to negotiate taking down ash trees that are in the town roads right-of-way. This is to prevent damage of falling limbs as a result of the Emerald Ash Borer.

**Road Report:** Mike Hill reported that the Town backhoe has issues and loses power loading sand. The Board had hoped that the backhoe would not need major repair and would last until Spring. According to Tom the cost to repair the backhoe would be \$15,000 to \$18,000. Mike researched replacing the backhoe now, while we could still get a good trade-in.

New Holland offered \$30,000 in trade on a comparable machine at a cost of \$63,709 total. Their next size up, a 110, would be \$72,996 with delivery in 5-6 months.

In comparison, John Deere offered their Heavy Duty 4120 model, which is the same size as the larger New Holland 110 model, at \$81,750 with a \$28,000 trade-in. They would be able to deliver a 2019 model with a backhoe thumb in early January 2019. It comes with a 5-year or 2000 hours warranty. John Deere has a solid reputation and their backhoe is a better quality machine than the New Holland 110. The total cost for the John Deere is \$81,750. Financing for the balance due after the trade-in will be through John Deere Nortrax, a total of 7 payments (one each year). The first payment of \$14,441 is due on November 14, 2019. Funding is already in the budget to cover the first payment.

The Board agreed on the bid from Nortrax, Tom motioned to accept the bid, Karen Tendrup seconded. All in favor.

The Board authorized Mike Hill to do all the paperwork for the purchase.

Tom Santelli motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mike Hill seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

**Next Meeting January 7, 2019**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Dzialo