

Sandgate Select Board Meeting – February 4, 2019

Called to order: 6:30 pm

Attendance: Board members Karen Dzialo, Suzy dePeyster, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli; Absent – Karen Tendrup. Also present: Sean Raphael, Emergency Facilitator, and Hal Wilkins, ZA

Zoning and Planning Update: Hal Wilkins spoke with Grogan about Grogan’s violation of state and local junk yard statute. He is hopeful that it will be resolved without taking legal action. Grogan came in to the Town Office and discussed the situation and possible solutions with Hal.

Hal provided the Board with information/literature from Star Wind Turbines LLC. The Board reviewed the site plan and technical information concerning the proposed installation of three Star 72-6 30 kW wind turbines on the northwest side of Lake Madeline in Sandgate. Hal pointed out that the proposed location of the turbines was changed and is now lower on the mountain instead of at the summit. It will not be visible except looking down from Equinox Mountain toward Lake Madeline.

Mike Hill moved to send an approval letter supporting the application to the Vermont Public Utilities Commission. Tom Santelli seconded. All in favor. It was noted that by supporting this project, Hal felt the Town would achieve the state suggested goal towards renewable energy.

Radio Report: Sean Raphael reported that he researched options for the town to obtain new digital Radios to be used in emergencies. He will be contacting Jamie Paustian, Arlington Fire Chief, to ask if Sandgate could tie into the satellite setup that the fire department currently uses. Otherwise Repeaters are necessary for coverage. The radios currently being used by the road department could be traded in for credit to acquire the new radios. Sean will provide additional information regarding cost.

SE Corners Road Damage: Mike Hill reported that there would not be any FEMA money for damage from the storm that washed out and closed the upper portion of SE Corners Road. The road was quickly repaired and reopened. It took 200 yards of material to fix it.

2019 Boundary Survey: Karen Dzialo reported that the survey was completed and submitted. There were no changes in boundaries.

Minutes: The January 21, 2019 minutes were reviewed and a motion made to accept by Tom Santelli, seconded by Mike Hill. All in favor.

Orders were signed

Other Business:

Certificate of mileage was signed. The town has a total of 28 miles of roads.

It was noted that the Board recognizes that some road names were changed on the new map.

Tom Santelli will look into acquiring Bicycle signs in response to safety issues with last year's Bicycle Races in the town.

Road Report: The town will post weight limit signs for the dirt roads during mud season. Mike will contact Chris Taft.

Adjourn: Tom Santelli motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. Mike Hill seconded. All in favor.

The next meeting will be February 18, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Dzialo