

Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting  
Jan. 2, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM Sandgate Town Hall

Board Members present: Suzanne dePeyster, Karen Dzialo, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup.

Citizen Concerns – none

Dec. 19, 2016 minutes reviewed, one change was made: that the final review of the budget should read at the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in January 2017 (Jan. 16) Karen T motioned to accept, Karen Dzialo seconded. All in favor.

Select Board and Road orders were signed.

Other business:

Jean Zoppel is writing a letter to the state regarding re-assessment. The board was informed that there was a need to fill lister positions.

Mike Hill will arrange a meeting with the state engineers to discuss new plans for on the Lincoln Lane bridge.

Correspondence:

A bill was received from SVMC for Charles Pike. Karen Dzialo will look into it.

Road update: Tom Santelli will contact Casella regarding use of large trucks on dirt roads must they back up the entire length of the West Rd. thus causing damage to the road.

Tom moved to adjourn. Karen T. 2nd. All in favor

Meeting adjourned 7:30 pm

Next meeting Jan 16, 2017

Respectfully submitted by Karen Dzialo

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This 16 day of Jan. A.D. 20 17

Signed Karen Dzialo

Sandgate VT Select Board  
Special Meeting Sandgate Town Hall to review annual report and warning

January 26, 2017

Meeting called to order at 10:00 am

Board members present: Suzanne dePeyster, Mike Hill, Karen Dzialo, Karen Tendrup,  
Mike Santelli

*Tom*

Also present: Valerie dePeyster, Sandy Reidy, Katie Kinney, and Judy Boehlert

Judy Boehlert commented on the warning and stated that if an auditor is replaced/appointed, he/she is to complete said term that is in place. The appointed office is to the end of the term, then election.

Discussion on being consistent with the terminology in the report to eliminate possible confusion. To have all dates consistent, it was agreed to place in header (top of column) "ending December 31, 2016"

Discussion on how to notify about the Warning – it will be posted on bulletin board/ front porch forum, and included in the town report.

Discussed notice to be put out regarding the 2017 Annual Report, asking property owners whether they would prefer having the report mailed, read it on line, or pick up at the Town Hall.

Numbers reviewed and corrected. Include fixed asset report for Road Dept..  
Sandy will send digital files needed to complete the report to Katie.

Meeting will continue on Monday Feb. 6, 2017. Final review and proofreading.

Add Twyla Reidy-Keary to vital statistics 2017

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

MINUTES APPROVED

This 6 day of Feb A.D. 20 17

Signed Karen Tendrup

Sandgate Select Board Meeting

Feb. 6, 2017

Meeting called to order at 3:00 PM

Board Members present: Suzanne dePeyster, Karen Dzialo, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli.

Karen Tendrup

Also present to discuss Lincoln Lane Bridge project: Doug Bonneau<sup>u</sup> and David Peterson from VTRANS Structures Section, and Bill Barney.

Citizens present: Cathe J. Paz, Ed Seaton, Ashley Coones, Ricky Perez, Mike Barrieau, Lisa Robinsen

Lincoln Lane Bridge project

Doug Bonneau<sup>u</sup> and David Peterson showed the Board slides of the proposed project, explained the pros and cons of different alternatives and provided an approximate cost. The town requested a quote on the concrete slab bridge, with a 3 week closure, and wing walls made of cement, also price if slate is used for the walls. The town will remove the existing bridge. The new bridge should be scheduled for the summer of 2018.

Citizen Concerns

Mike Barrieau stated that the top of West Road was ice covered twice last month and he could not get to work. Mike Hill explained that on that particular morning the roads were very bad all over Sandgate and the town was down one truck. The road dept. focused on getting the school bus routes sanded first.

Cathy Paz commented on the bus that got stuck. The Board stated that the bus was traveling on a portion of the road that was not yet treated. Tony was dispatched to the area, he sanded and the bus was able to back up and continue on its way. Jamie Paustian said the bus should not have ventured onto the dirt road.

Ashley Coones commented that schools should have delayed opening that morning, and that citizens should realize this is Vermont, and it is winter. She stated that she too went off the road that morning, but it was her choice to go out in those conditions.

Lisa Robinsen<sup>o</sup> stated that in general not enough sand is being used and the roads are not being sanded as often as they should.

Ed Seaton suggests getting ahead of the storm and to do more.

Mike Barrieau complained that his driveway was being washed out. He stated that in the past the road was graded in such a way that the water did not wash his driveway out. The Board will look at the situation in the Spring. The Board also stated that it was illegal to dig a ditch across the town road and told him to stop. After mud season the Board will meet with Barrieau to address driveway water problem.

Mike Barrieau also said Casella's big garbage truck was damaging the road. Discussion regarding Casella using big trucks on West Road. The Board is addressing that issue. Tom Santelli said they should use a smaller truck.

Road report:

Discussion about how much sand was being used on Rupert Road, which roads to be sanded first, with priority given to school bus routes.

Mike will re-apply for grant money for SE Corners Road hill, and for Hamilton Hollow project.

Signed certificate of Town Highway Mileage for 2017. The Town Clerk will mail it in.

Signed "Warning" for Town meeting in March. It has been posted on the Town Website.

Signed Road Orders and Select Board Orders

Minutes from January 16, 2017 meeting reviewed. Accepted with one change – Mike Santelli changed to Tom Santelli. Karen motioned to accept, Mike Hill seconded.

2017 Census Bureau contact information updated

Correspondence received from Arlington Fire Company regarding amount requested. Since the amount requested was less than what was included in the budget, it will be brought up at the Town Meeting.

Other business:

Vacancy open for Zoning Administrator/. Position needs to be filled.

Tom Santelli moved to adjourn Mike seconded . All in favor adjourned at 7:35PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

Next meeting February 20, 2017

MINUTES APPROVED

This 20 day of Feb A.D. 20 17

Signed [Signature]

## Select Board Minutes - February 20, 2017

Meeting called to order at Sandgate Town Hall at 6:35 PM

Attending: Suzanne dePeyster, Tom Santelli, Mike Hill

Absent: Karen Dzialo, Karen Tendrup

Also Attending: Sandy Reidy, treasurer;

Treasurers' Report: Mike noted the line amount for Sand will be overspent.

Minutes February 6, 2017 and January 16, 2017 were approved with no changes. Tom Santelli moved. Mike Hill seconded. All in favor.

Zoning Administrator Vacancy will be filled by Hal Wilkins, who was recommended by John LaVecchia. He met with Judy Boehlert, Suzanne dePeyster, Karen Dzialo on February 16, 2017 at the Town Hall. He will attend Zoning Board Administration meeting March 15, 2017.

Select Board Orders and Road Orders were signed and given to the Treasurer.

Road Report:

Mike Hill and Bill Barney have discussed the culverts heaving by the Covered Bridge. Ann Pierce gave a \$50 check to the Town Garage in response to an article in the paper. Mike got quotes to replace the sander for the '02 truck. Luckys, \$4200; Fairfield, \$4400; and Loughberry, \$3300 for a new stainless sander. The old sander was completely worn out. The board favored Loughberry as it was less expensive and nearby (located in Greenwich NY).

Grants are being resubmitted for SE Corner Hill and Hamilton Hollow.

Stone and shoulder stone will be put on roads where mud is making travel difficult. Since the first Monday March 6, 2017 of the month will be the Yearly Town Meeting the next Select Board meeting will be Wednesday March 8, 2017. Tom Santelli moved to adjourn. Mike Hill seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned 7:20PM

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne dePeyster

**Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting - March 8, 2017**

**Called to order 6:35 pm**

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

Also present: Jason Dains, Geanna Trombley, James Peters, Charles Pike

**Citizen Concerns:** Geanna Trombley asked if the board had a cost analysis of the mower/tractor. The Board will make available documentation as soon as they have opportunity to gather the requested information. Discussion regarding value vs. cost of the mower. Geanna Trombley asked if the town was issuing permits for overweight trucks. Board responded Yes and provided CGC Logging and Trucking with application. Ms. Trombley stated that CGC Logging and Trucking LLC has not had a truck on the road since the posting regarding overweight trucks. Ms. Trombley expressed concern about safety on the road during culvert/road work and suggested better signage since it appeared that travelers did not realize that the road work was in progress. She also stated that the Rupert West Road culvert project was well done.

Jason Dains asked if the rescue/fire dept was notified when the road was closed. Mike stated that Rescue/Fire/Police are all informed of any road closing and added that he specifies where the work is being done, (between certain properties) using 911 numbers.

The Board spoke to Jason Dains about lowering the shoulder by Jasons' property to make plowing easier and neater. Excess dirt will be used to fill a low spot and the area will be seeded.

Discussion regarding the pros and cons of using a different type of gravel for icy roads. (James Peters brought a sample of the suggested gravel to a previous meeting) Mike Hill stated that he has gravel on hand and does not want to go over budget for this year. Board will consider sanding options next fall.

**Organization of Board:** Suzanne dePeyster as Chair, Karen Tendrup Vice-Chairman, and Karen Dzialo as Select Board Clerk. Motion to accept by Tom Santelli, seconded by Mike Hill. All in favor. — Tom Santelli - Will continue as Road Liaison.

**Filing of Appointed Offices** - changes are as follows: Planning Board /Zoning Board  
Judy Boehlert, Betsy LaVecchia are reappointed, Brad Kessler will replace Suzanne dePeyster who was removed from board

Karen Dzialo moved to accept appointments and Mike Hill seconded.

Noted that Hal Wilkins was hired to replace John LaVecchia

**Minutes:** Feb. 20 minutes reviewed and accepted as written. Karen Tendrup moved to accept and Tom Santelli seconded. All in favor.

**Dry Hydrant at Boyds' pond, Jct of Sandgate Road and West Sandgate Road** – work will start weather permitting.

**Road Report/Ditches and Culverts:** Mike Hill will investigate the fact that pavement is crumbling by culverts near covered bridge. Contractor has offered to cover cost of repaving.

Ditch maintenance is on going.

Mike Hill is putting together Grants to meet deadline for Hamilton Hollow and SE Corners Hill.

Silver maple in front of Town Hall needs to come down Mike has gotten bids. Discussion of replacement tree.

Mention that cleanup at the foot of Tudor Hill Road was well done.

Other Business: Children from Sandgate will participate in program to cleanup/collect trash on West Sandgate Road as part of community service.

8:10 pm Mike Hill motioned to adjourn – Tom S. seconded. All in favor.

Next meeting March 20, 2017 Town Hall 6:30 PM

respectfully submitted,

Karen Dzialo

**MINUTES APPROVED**

This 26 day of March A.D. 20 17

Signed Karen Tendrup -

**Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting - March 20, 2017**

**Called to order 6:30pm**

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

Also present: Sandy Reidy, Ed Gust

**Citizen Concerns:** none

**Treasurers Report:** Sandy Reidy reported that auditors were made aware of an error regarding monies being placed in the wrong account. Error has been corrected, and the money moved to correct account. The auditors were notified. Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report, under General Fund regarding Burdett Commons - amount budgeted was \$75 not \$150. Sandy will correct.

Discussion regarding Sheriff Patrol Expense – funds are almost exhausted for this year.

**Sherriff Chad Schmitt** will be asked to attend the April 3 meeting and the Board will discuss options and hours needed for patrol.

**ADA Self-Assessment:** Ed Gust reported that he called Michele at BCRC regarding the ADA Self-Assessment. The Town has no program and no plans. Ed will send document to ADA and will note on the document that Sandgate has handicap access to the the Town Hall thru the Town Clerks' office and a handicap compliant bathroom.

**Review of March 8 Minutes:**

**Organization of Board:** Noted that Tom Santelli was not listed as Road Liaison. Mike Hill motioned to add Tom as Road Liaison, Karen Tendrup seconded.

Minutes accepted with change under Organization of Board, adding Tom Santelli as Road Liaison. Mike Hill motioned to accept, Tom Santelli seconded.

**Select Board And Road Orders Signed**

**Dry Hydrant at Boyds' pond, Jet of Sandgate Road and West Sandgate Road –**

Willie Mattison will do excavating for dry hydrant.

**Grants:** Mike Hill has gotten estimates for bridge repair (Green River Bridge) will apply for a structure grant. SE CORNER Hill, Woodcock Rd, Hamilton Hollow Rd paperwork has been submitted.

**Road Report:** The Town has adequate stone and gravel on hand for the rest of the Mud season. He also noted that when hauling materials that it is cheaper to hire someone with a 12yd tandem truck as opposed to using the Towns' smaller 6yd truck.

Discussion regarding Casella using large, heavy trucks on the dirt roads, especially during mud season. The Chair will write a letter to Casella.

**Appointment to Arts Grant Committee:** Jean Eisenhart requested that Kathleen Hill be appointed to serve on the Wuerslin-Stuecklen Arts Grant Committee.

**Spring Clean-up:** Children from Sandgate will cleanup/collect trash on West Sandgate Road as part of community service on Saturdays, weather permitting. Karen Tendrup will place signs to alert drivers, and the children will wear bright clothing for safety.

**Other Business:** Discussion about the Crown Maple Syrup trucks parking in such a way that it made passing difficult especially if the road is snow covered/icy. Mike will ask them to park further off the road.

Mike Hill motion to adjourn – Karen Tendrup. seconded. All in favor.

Next meeting April 3, 2017 Town Hall 6:30 PM

respectfully submitted,

Karen Dzialo

**MINUTES APPROVED**

This 3 day of April A.D. 20 17

Signed Karen Tendrup

## **Sandgate Select Board Meeting - April 3, 2017**

### **Called to order 6:35 pm**

Board present: Suzanne dePeyster, Tom Santelli, Mike Hill, Karen Dzialo, Karen Tendrup

**Minutes:** March 20, 2017 minutes reviewed and accepted as written. Karen Tendrup moved to accept and Tom Santelli seconded.

**Sheriff:** Chad Schmitt will be asked to attend the next Board meeting to discuss options and costs. Susie will contact him via email.

**Select Board Orders:** signed

**Insurance:** Karen Dzialo will respond to the letter sent by Vermont Connect to let them know that we have fewer than 50 employees.

**Dry Hydrant-** project is underway. Fire Chief Jamie Paustian will meet with Mike Hill to discuss placement of fire hydrant.

**Road Report:** will need a stretch of dry weather before any grading can be done. Mike reported that the dirt roads were holding up very well in places that had work done last summer. In particular SE Corners Road, we eliminated the problem of water coming up from a spring in the middle of the road.

Mike will contact Green Mtn. Power regarding the need to move poles on Snow Road.

**Truck and Equipment Update:** Mike reported issues with the big dump truck. It was taken into the dealer shop for repair.

**Grants Update:** Grants were applied for and we will hear results in July.

**Other Business:** Susie will ask Eleanor LaCross, Sandy Reidy and Marge Peff to form a committee to discuss furniture/filing cabinets for Sandy's work area. Tom mentioned that he had an oak school desk that could be used.

Discussion regarding existing handicap access to town hall through the office, or should a ramp be installed at front door.

A letter was sent to Tam and Casella regarding use of large heavy trucks on dirt roads.

Mike Hill motion to adjourn at 7:35 pm - Tom S. seconded. All in favor.  
Next meeting April 17, 2017, Town Hall 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

*April 17- 2016*  
*Karen Tendrup*

## Sandgate Select Board April 17, 2017 Minutes -

Meeting called to order at the Sandgate Town Hall at 6:30 PM

Members Present: Suzanne dePeyster, Tom Santelli, Mike Hill, Karen Tendrup. Absent: Karen Dzialo.

Also Attending: Sandy Reidy and daughter Twyla

The Green River Inn submitted paperwork for a Liquor License. Mike Hill moved to approve the application. Tom Santelli seconded. All in favor. The paperwork was signed by select board members and left with the Town Clerk.

Treasurers' Report. Board accepted Treasurers' report.

Correspondence. The Bennington County Sheriff Department has a radar speed sign available for Town roads.

Minutes of April 3, 2017 reviewed. Tom Santelli moved to accept them. Mike Hill seconded. All in favor.

Select Board Orders signed.

Road Orders signed.

Boyd Pond Dry Hydrant is in place. The Arlington Fire Department checked out the layout and will bring up their signage. Willy Mattison did the excavating--the Town did the hauling. The bank area was seeded. The Town will get the paperwork to Troy Dare, VACD and should get the Grant money in June.

Road Report.

Tom and Mike checked out the telephone pole placement on Snow Road and decided it would not interfere with ditch maintenance. The Town has not yet received a bill from Delurys for the work done on the Truck.

Fitzgerald Environmental traveled the roads with Mike and will use their findings in the Storm water report. The report will help with future Grants.

The culverts near the Covered Bridge will be repaved. Mike spoke with several contractors and O'brian seems the best. He recommended a pavement mix by Fuller in Danby. Mike is getting more information.

Mike mentioned a need for another part-time helper for ditch cleaning in the notch. Tom offered to run the grader.

Karen moved to adjourn. Tom seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 7:40 PM

Next meeting May1, 2017 at Sandgate Town Hall 6:30PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne dePeyster

**MINUTES APPROVED**

This 1<sup>st</sup> day of May A.D. 20 17

Signed Karen Tendrup

Sandgate Select Board Meeting -- Sandgate Vermont

May 15, 2017

Call to order: 6:35

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

**Also present:** Marge Peff and Sandy Reidy

**Citizen Concerns:** none

### **Select Board**

**Minutes** of May 1, 2017 were reviewed and accepted with one change, reference to Cub Scouts changed to Boy Scouts. Tom Santelli motioned to accept, Mike Hill seconded.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sandy Reidy reported that the State Education School Tax payment of \$17,000 is due and asked the board which line item of the General Fund should she withdraw the money from. It was agreed that the amount needed should be taken from the Legal & Professional and Town Hall Building Fund. This money will be put back in the respective accounts when the balance of delinquent taxes are received. Sandy suggested that in next years budget there should be a separate line item designated for this expense. The State is unable to provide us with an amount until they determine if they have a shortfall and it is different each year.

**Green Up Day** - Marge reported that the Green Up Day was a success. A special thank you to Bob Donaldson (Campbell Road), and to the children (Tony, Alex, Ricky and Riley Perez; and Austin Hayes). Thank you to Willy Skidmore for repairing the lock on the Firehouse; And Thanks to Mike Hill and Tony <sup>Ennis</sup> for their help.

**Firehouse Report** – Marge Peff did an inventory of the contents of the Firehouse. There are 25 antique backpack pumps that need repair – maybe a museum would be interested.

**Woodcock Road outlet by Town Hall** – Discussion regarding the safety of traffic pulling out of Woodcock Road between privately owned buildings instead of continuing to the Town Hall outlet. The property is privately owned and should not be used as an outlet onto Sandgate road. It was suggested that grass could be planted there and a temporary barrier placed to keep traffic on the Town Rd .

**Grant Update** – The town received a letter confirming the Grant for the bridge repair project by the Green River Inn.

Dry Hydrant was checked and Invoices will be paid later this month.

**Select Board Orders** were signed

**Road Orders** were signed

**Road Report** – Lucille Kurasinski on W. Sandgate Rd requested that the culvert near her home be checked.

The state will not require ditch permits until January 2018. The company that paints the lines on the blacktop will be notified after the culverts are repaired. Mike Hill got comparison quotes from Peckham and Fuller to do blacktop maintenance of Sandgate Road. Obrien was recommended for paving culvert repair. Tom Santelli felt Peckam should be approached for compensation since the paving over culverts was not done properly last summer. The Board agreed.

The International 2012 Workforce truck needs to go back to the dealer for repairs of the same problem – not sure how much the warranty would cover. Town of Bennington had similar problems with that model truck and had replace it. Discussion on future replacement of the truck. Mike is getting specs and costs from several dealers.

Tom Santelli motioned to adjourn at 8:05, Karen Dzialo seconded.

**Next meeting will be June 5, 2017 6:30 Sandgate Town Hall**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Dzialo

**MINUTES APPROVED**

This June day of 5 A.D. 20 17

Signed Karen Tender

## **Sandgate Vermont Select Board Meeting - June 5, 2017**

Meeting called to order at 6:35PM Sandgate Town Hall

Board members present: Karen Tendrup, Karen Dzialo, Suzanne dePeyster, Mike Hill Absent: Tom Santelli

### **Correspondence:**

Elks will present American flag to town, Karen Tendrup will accept the flag.

Signed the listers form certifying "no appeals pending from action of the listers nor suits to recover taxes paid under protest" for the 2016 Grand List. The Town Clerk will attest.

### **Other Business:**

Hal Wilkins, Zoning Adm, appointed Health Officer for the town.

Discussed a propane pre-buy for the town hall. Will pay bill at next meeting.

Cemetery – Kathleen Hill contacted the Board to ask if the road crew could straighten the fence so that the Boy Scouts can paint it as part of their community service project. Also driveway to cemetery needs gravel.

Mike motioned to have the road crew do it when they had time. Karen Tendrup seconded, Board agreed.

May 15, 2017 Minutes were reviewed by Board. Karen Dzialo motioned to accept, Mike Hill seconded. All in favor.

LEOP 2017 Plan was approved by the Board, Mike Hill motioned to accept, Karen Dzialo seconded. All in favor.

Dry Hydrant at Boyd's pond <sup>excavation</sup> completed, the fire chief will inspect and Troy Dare will be notified. Invoices paid. *still need paint & signage*

### **Road Report:**

The Crew continued work on culverts, ditches, and mowing. Grading has been hard because of the rain.

Tom Wilson removed excess material in ditches between Hamilton Hollow Rd and Wuerslin Rd.

The pothole on SE Corners Road bridge will be repaired. The Green River Inn bridge will be done this summer. The Town is waiting for a permit from Water Resources. Dave Pendleton will do the job.

Mike Hill reported that Wade Masure from VLCT visited the Road Dept. garage to inspect and offer suggestions for compliance and safety. For example, Fire alarms, gates, miscellaneous OSHA requirements.

Signage Update: Federal Grant for signage on West Sandgate Road to the state line will be done this summer.

Karen Dzialo reported that she visited property owners Murry/Sullivan on SE Corners Road to discuss moving the mailbox and widening the road. Murray/Sullivan were agreeable to the widening of the road and also stated that they were considering moving their driveway gate back further. This will make it easier for the plow truck to turn around. Discussion continued from the June 5 meeting regarding changing the designation of that portion of road from class 4 to class 3. It was agreed that it would be left as a class 4 at this time. Murray mailbox will be moved to Class 3 road.

The tree in front of Town Hall was taken down and a replacement tree was discussed. Dot Sunquist said UVM recommends Acer truncating or Acer triflorium. The Board will ponder this. Planting won't take place till fall.

Mike Hill motioned to adjourn, Karen Dzialo seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Next meeting on July 3, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Dzialo

## **Sandgate Vermont Select Board Meeting - June 19, 2017**

Meeting called to order at 6.35

Board members present: Karen Tendrup, Karen Dzialo, Suzanne, dePeyster, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli

Also present: Brian Audy and Jim Henderson

Citizen Concerns: Brian Audy brought his concern about open trash burning at the bottom of Tudor Hill that included items such as an old couch and mattress as well as yard waste. The smoke from the fire was irritating neighbors on Tudor Hill. The Board agreed to send Johnson a letter stating the regulations for "NO" burning of trash. It was suggested that we have the Fire Warden deliver the letter. Tom Santelli moved Mike Hill seconded it. All in favor.

Treasurers Report was reviewed and accepted. Mike Hill motioned to accept and Tom Santelli seconded. All in favor.

Grants: Jim Henderson informed the Board that \$9200 was available to the town through the Municipal Roads Pilot Grant with 20% match. Paperwork needed to be signed and submitted in order to participate in the grant.

Mike Hill moved to send in the request for monies. Tom Santelli seconded. All in favor

June 5 Minutes were reviewed and accepted with the following change under the Dry Hydrant paragraph as follows: *Dry Hydrant at Boyd's pond excavation completed, but still needs paint and signage. The fire chief will test and Troy Dare will be notified. Invoices paid.* Tom Santelli motioned to approve the minutes, Karen Tendrup seconded. All in favor.

Hal Wilkins appointed to Health officer with a date change to July 1, 2017

Dry Hydrant update: The Chair signed an amendment to the grant, requesting \$5,000 instead of \$4,000. on June 12, 2017.

Road Report:

Grading will continue on roads weather permitting.

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Mike Hill motioned to adjourn, Karen Dzialo seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Next meeting on July 3, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Dzialo

**MINUTES APPROVED**

This 10 day of July A.D. 20 17

Signed Karen Teedman

## **Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting – July 10, 2017**

Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm

Attendance: Select Board - Suzy dePeyster, Tom Santelli, Mike Hill, Karen Dzialo, Karen Tendrup; also present Marge Peff

Correspondence: letter received from Dave Keel regarding condition of Rupert Road. (Constant rain has made grading tricky); Letter regarding estimated Tax Rates, listers might have accurate numbers by next meeting; BCRC Jim Henderson wrote the town will receive Municipal Road Grant Pilot Project funding. Jim advised the town to hold off doing anything until a site visits are completed.

Sheriff's Patrol: Town Clerk, Marge Peff will send certified copies of the Town's Traffic Ordinance. The Board discussed proper procedure to posting all dirt roads at 25 mph as other Towns do.

Storm Damage: The Town suffered a Microburst weather event (high winds similar to a tornado) July 1. Damage ranged from the Green River Inn to Purdy Brook. There was a good response from the community to help out. The Board would like to thank Mike Hill and his wife Kathleen for their quick response in checking on all their neighbors.

BCCD Meeting concerning Invasives: There will be a special meeting on July 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm with the Bennington County Conservation District to discuss Invasive plants.

Select Board orders were signed.

June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Minutes were reviewed. Tom moved to approve the minutes and Mike Hill seconded. All in favor.

Road Report: Dave Pendleton was awarded the Bridge Project (by the Green River Inn) total cost is \$43,525 it will be paid in 3 installments. Upon completion the town will collect Grant monies for the project.

Mike Hill received a check for \$473 for scrapped culverts. The check will be deposited into the Culvert Fund.

Mowing/ditching/maintenance: A new piston will be installed on the mower this week.

Wade Measure from the Insurance Company will revisit the Town Road Maintenance Building to check on what has been done to comply with codes and safety issues. Mike reported that the gates needed for the property will cost \$175. Each.

Dry Hydrant Report: A test will be completed by the Fire Department on July 11. Paperwork will then be sent to Troy Dare.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

*because of the July 4 holiday, the July 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting was postponed to July 10<sup>th</sup>*

The next Select Board Meeting will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month as usual **07/17/2017**

There will be an additional meeting to include the BCCD (Bennington County Conservation District) on **07/24/2017**

Karen Tendrup moved to adjourn the meeting, Tom Santelli seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Dzialo

**MINUTES APPROVED**

This 17 day of July A.D. 20 17

Signed Karen Tendrup

## **Sandgate Vermont Select Board Meeting – July 17, 2017**

BCA Meeting at 6:30: meeting tabled to reconvene July 24 at 6:00 pm

Call to order after BCA meeting at 7:03

**Attendance:** Suzy dePeyster, Tom Santelli, Mike Hill, Karen Tendrup, Karen Dzialo – also present: Sandy Reidy and Dona McAdams

**Treasurer Report / Tax Rate:** Report reviewed, discussion to rollover July 2017 unencumbered balances, carryovers in November after taxes are collected; Mike motioned to accept the Treasurers' Report, Tom seconded, all in favor.

**Citizen Concern:** Dona McAdams suggested that the town look into the purchase of the building that is for sale adjacent to the town hall. She will research and report back to the Board.

**Correspondence:** received notification from state that Hal Wilkins is officially our Health Officer.

July 10, 2017 minutes reviewed, Tom Santelli motioned to accept the minutes as is, Karen Tendrup seconded. All in favor.

**Grants:** Jim Henderson reported that the Grant in Aid for SE Corners Hill is up to \$12,000 with a 20% match by the town. It had been \$9,600. Jim will schedule a site visit with Todd Eaton there to provide engineering input.

An additional Grant from VT Agency of Transportation could provide funding for a Town Salt Shed. Mike Hill will determine the size that the town would need. Jim Henderson will help with the grant application.

Jim reported that the town of Shaftsbury's 50' x 60' clear span and fabric salt shed cost \$50,600

Highway Orders and Select Board Orders were signed. Wages paid included the 3% increase as voted by the Town for the 2017/2018 year.

**Speed signs update:** Traffic Ordinance update to be on the Agenda for August 7, 2017 meeting

Road report: the piston for the mower is not in yet. Tom will check on this; the poisonous parsnip needs cutting.

VLTC Insurance Inspector, Wade Measure is helping with compliance. When compliant, our insurance rates will go down.

The Town is accepting bids for a 55' x 16' open addition post structure with shed roof to store the grader.

**Green River Bridge:** Water quality needs to be tested before work can proceed.

**Other Business:** resident Cherves has two drives on Rupert Road. The drive leading to Sandgate culvert is too small and is constantly plugged. It needs to be replaced. Mike will talk to them about it. Also the driveway culvert by the Green River Inn annex building needs to be replaced. Mike will do this as work schedule permits.

**NOTE:** There is an extra meeting of Select Board July 24, 2017 at 6:30, to include the BCCD (Bennington County Conservation District) to discuss invasive plants. Also the BCA has continued its July 10th meeting to July 24, 2017 at the Town Hall at 6:00 PM

**The next regular Select Board meeting is August 7, 2017**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

**MINUTES APPROVED**

This 24 day of July A.D. 20 17

Signed Jaren Tondur

# **Sandgate Vermont Select Board Meeting – July 24, 2017**

**Called to order after BCA meeting.**

**BCA Meeting will reconvene @ 6:00 August 7, 2017**

**Select Board Meeting 7:05 pm**

**Board present** – Mike Hill, Tom Santelli, Suzy dePeyster, Karen Dzialo, Karen Tendrup  
Also present: Sandy Reidy, Treasurer

**Citizen Concerns** – Suzy will contact Dona McAdams regarding the building adjacent to Town Hall that is for sale. The Board discussed that since the Town did not have a definite use for the building, that it would be not in the best interest of the town to pursue the matter.

**July 17, 2017 minutes reviewed.** Mike Hill motioned to accept minutes. Karen Tendrup seconded. All in favor.

**Orders signed**

**Tax Rate to be set at the August 7 meeting.** The 2017 Grand List has not been finalized but increases in the School portion of the tax rate this year that will certainly affect the tax rate. The school portion is 77% of taxes raised with the balance of 23% going to run the town.

**Traffic Ordinance** – Still being reviewed. Suzy will contact BCRC Mark Anders for correct procedure to change speed on dirt roads.

**Dry Hydrant Grant** – grant money is available to put in a dry hydrant on Perra property on West Road. A pond already exists that could be enlarged if necessary. It will need access. Troy Dare VACD has been contacted and the grant paper work has been mailed.

**Salt Shed Grant** – in process. Mike Hill submitted some options and is getting prices.

**SE Corners Grant** – Todd Eaton from the state reviewed the SE Corner project. It's good to go but he told Mike not to start until the town gets the grant.

**Road Report** – Since Todd Eaton was in Town, Mike took him to look at Hamilton Hollow Road and Todd made suggestions on how to resolve drainage problems. Last spring it was awful.

Todd suggested culverts, stone ditch stone burrito, and tree cutting. The board hopes to get improvements done this summer.

**Mowing, Maintenance** – the piston has been replaced on the mower. Tony should be on it weather depending. Continued maintenance on ditches. Repairs will start on the Green River Bridge.

**Other business** – Mike has received one bid thus far for the shed addition to store the grader.

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

**Next meeting – August 7, 2017**

Please note: the BCA meeting will reconvene at 6:00 on August 7, 2017 with the Select Board meeting to follow.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

# 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.

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

**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

# Sandgate Select Board Meeting - August 21, 2017

## Call to order at 6:35 pm

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

Also present: Sandy Reidy, Treasurer and Kathy Wagner.

**Citizen Concerns** – Bill and Janice Garrison came before the Board. to ask the Board to enforce the Sandgate Dog ordinance. In particular “running at large”. Bill Walshs’ large dog, Buddy has been defecating in their yard; this problem has been going on for 2 years. They told the Board that they have tried talking to Bill Walsh over and over. There is no change in the situation. The Board will contact Erin McDermott, dog Warden, to speak to Mr. Walsh and give him a letter suggesting what options could be taken to keep his dog on his own property and what the consequences would be if he doesn’t.

**August 7, 2017 minutes reviewed.** Suzy dePeyster asked for a motion to accept minutes with 2 changes,. Mike moved. Under Dry Hydrant Grant – received the grant, work to start in the Fall is changed to *monies available for the grant, work should start in the Fall*. Under Dump Truck Update – Sentence stating that the town has one more payment on the grader is changed to - *The town has two more payments on the grader*. Tom Santelli seconded. All in favor.

**Treasurers’ Report** – discussion to remove the “Restricted Miscellaneous Fund” at the Budget Meeting before 2018 Town Meeting.

## Dry Hydrants

West Road Dry Hydrant – Working with Troy Dare to fill out necessary paperwork for the grant.

Boyd’s Pond Dry Hydrant needs fill on the west side of the pond. Mike Hill will take care of it this week.

**Road Report and misc. projects** – There was a bridge inspection, recommendation to have top of pavement ground off and a membrane put on, and then repaved. On bridge by Green River Inn and Prudy Brook

Garage Shed – work will start this week.

Signage Update – signs will be put up this Fall.

Lincoln Bridge closure will be 3 weeks instead of 3 days. Confirmed that the Town will remove existing bridge and guard rail (not the abutments)

Green River Inn bridge wing walls are 2/3 done– 2<sup>nd</sup> payment of \$14,525 paid. Town will be reimbursed with grant money when the bridge is done.

### **NOTICE**

SE Corners Road Hill will be closed Tuesday August 29 and Wednesday August 30 for fabric placement.

**2012 Dump Truck Replacement Update** – Three bids received: Delureys @ \$116,375; Reed @ \$120,497; Western Star @ \$128,936. It was agreed that the price from Delureys was the best. Tom Santelli is working with The Bank of Bennington to see if the town could get a better deal on a loan. Another option is The Key Bank.

It was noted that the Town has 2 more payments on the grader with the final annual payment due March 2019.

### **Orders signed**

**Adjourn** – Karen Tendrup motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:10. Mike seconded. All in favor.

**Next meeting – September 11, 2017** (no meeting scheduled on 1<sup>st</sup> Monday because of holiday)

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

# Sandgate Select Board Meeting – September 11, 2017

## Call to order at 6:35 pm

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

**Correspondence:** letter received from VLTC asking if we had any nominees for their Board. There was no interest.

Select Board Orders were signed.

Minutes from the August 21, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Tom Santelli motioned to accept the minutes as is, Karen Tendrup seconded. All in favor.

**Dog Warden Update** – the Board was informed that the Rottweiler dog, named Buddy, owned by Bill Walsh has continued to defecate on the Garrison property. A discussion followed about fines if the dog continues to run at large. Erin McDermott, dog warden, will be at the 18th meeting.

**Truck Update:** The Board discussed whether to purchase the 2018 International Dump Truck Model 4400, 4x2 w/plow and sander from Delurey Sales and Service located in Hoosick Falls, NY. They will take the very unreliable 2012 in trade. Tom Santelli motioned to accept the bid of \$116,375 to be paid in 5 annual payments. Karen Tendrup seconded. All in favor.

Tom Santelli researched financing and it was agreed to go with the Key Bank as they had the best rates and were recommended by Delurey (Key Bank at 3.7%, and The Bank of Bennington at 4.7%) The Key Bank also had experience in structuring loans to accommodate Towns. There was a question on the loan application regarding insurance and Tom Santelli will inquire what additional information they need.

**Dry Hydrant West Road** – no update, undecided access.

**Woodcock Road/Town Hall Intersection** – hay bales will be placed to guide traffic to the intersection closer to the Town Hall.

## Road Report:

Tom Santelli removed pot holes on West Rd.

The Town will install water bars on a portion of the class 4 road (West Road) to reduce water washing out the road.

Town Hall Drainage – a ditch was put in on the right side of the town hall parking area to help solve icing problems.

SE Corners Hill – work is continuing.

Suzy spoke with Mark Anders from BCRC regarding 25 mph speed limit on dirt roads.

He suggested hidden speed cameras for enforcement.

**Grants** – no update

**Other Business** – Shed addition on the Town Garage is completed.

Boy Scouts Alex Perez and Ricky Perez requested the use of the Town Hall for a Halloween Party. The event will be chaperoned. The Board granted permission.

Karen Tendrup motioned to adjourn at 7:35 PM and Tom Santelli seconded. All in favor.

**Next meeting - 6:30 PM at the Town Hall, September 18, 2017**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

# **Sandgate Select Board Meeting – September 18, 2017**

**Call to order at 6:35 pm**

**Attendance:** Suzy dePeyster, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli, Karen Dzialo, Karen Tendrup.  
Also present: Sandy Reidy, Janice Garrison, Mike Perra, Joy Kitchell, Tandra Reap

## **Citizens Concerns**

Janice Garrison reported that the Bill Walsh's dog Buddy is still trespassing and defecating on their property. The Garrisons have photos and evidence. The dog is on their property late at night around 1:30 AM. The dog warden will be asked to impound the dog and levy fines.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Sandy Reidy submitted the report. There were no issues brought up.

## **September 11, 2017 Minutes**

Reviewed with the following changes: Under Truck Update – first paragraph "...accept the bid of \$116,375 (add) *to be paid in 5 annual payments...*" Correct error on next meeting date change from September 25, to September 18. T Santelli moved to accept. Karen Tendrup seconded. All in favor.

## **Signed Select Board Orders**

changed check amount for John Grover from \$899.13 to \$1,300 as billed.

## **New Business**

Tandra Reap and Joy Kitchell from the Bennington County Children's Advocacy requested funding to be included in the next budget.

The W. Lomberg garage adjacent to the Town Hall has been sold. The Board will invite the new owner to a Select Board meeting to discuss access to his property. The public has been cutting through his land.

## **Correspondence**

Received a letter from the Red Cross requesting a donation which will be discussed at December budget meeting.

## **Old Business**

School House: Kathy Wagner submitted the contract from John Grover to paint the school house for \$3,900. The project will include scraping, repairing rotted wood on window sills and painting. Since the building dates earlier than 1970 there is most

likely lead paint. John Grover is certified to deal with lead paint. He requests payment in thirds.

### **Road Update**

Mike completed 90% of the requirements suggested by Wade Masur, VLCT. Mike and Karen Tendrup are currently working on the MSDS book. When all requirements are met the Town will be eligible for a discount on Insurance. Mike will continue to work on the grading throughout the Town and will remove berms and add gravel to Beartown Road.

Dry Hydrant: Mike Perra agreed to allow the flat approach to the dry hydrant, which is easier and cheaper to do.

Adjourned at 8:00 PM. Tom made the motion and Mike seconded. All in favor.

**Next Meeting: October 2, 2017 at 6:30 pm**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

# **Sandgate Select Board Meeting – October 2, 2017**

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

**Attendance:** Suzy dePeyster, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli, Karen Dzialo, Karen Tendrup also present Erin McDermott, Roy McDermott

Review of September 18 minutes – Tom Santelli motioned to accept as is, Karen Tendrup seconded. All in favor.

Select Board Orders signed.

It was noted that work on the schoolhouse was almost complete since the weather has been good. The balance due to John Grover will be paid, with an additional \$70 to replace a rotted sill.

**Dog Warden Report:** Erin McDermott briefed the Board on the status of the problem with Bill Walsh's dog, Buddy. Mr. Walsh has made no effort to prevent his dog from running loose. There was an attempt to remove the dog. Erin will meet with Tracy Mulligan to formally file a complaint. This will then go to Civil Court and Mr. Walsh will be served.

**Fitzgerald Environmental Update:** Mike Hill met with Fitzgerald and they travelled some roads. He will return to look at the rest of the roads. Fifteen to twenty sites were identified that needed improvements to eliminate water problems such as the Beebee Hill Culvert .

This information will be shared with Jim Henderson for Better Back Road grants.

Better Back Road Grants will be due by the end of November 2017 instead of in the Spring. Jim Henderson will help Mike with applications.

**Salt Shed Grant:** Request denied. Since Federal money it must be engineered and go out to bid.

**Road Report:** Continued roadside mowing. Mike reported that the 2012 truck broke down again and he lost 3 hours.

**Truck Loan:** The Bank of Bennington will hold the loan for the new truck. Key Bank did not think Sandgate had a high enough population to get a loan.

SE Corners Hill culvert by LaCroix driveway had a very deep hole. There is concern that if the road is snow or ice covered, it would be too easy for a vehicle to fall in. Mike will find out if additional stone could be added to the hole to make it safer.

Green River Inn entrance culvert will be completed.

**Maintenance:** Mike reported that the Septic needs to be pumped at the garage. The pump may need to be repaired or replaced.

Adjourned at 8:00 PM. Karen Tendrup made the motion and Tom seconded. All in favor.

**Next Meeting: October 16, 2017 at 6:30 pm**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

# **Sandgate Select Board Meeting – October 16, 2017**

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

**Attendance:** Suzy dePeyster, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli, Karen Dzialo, Karen Tendrup also present Sandy Reidy, treasurer, and Whitney Walsh

**Citizen Concerns** – none

Citizen Whitney Walsh attended the meeting as part of a school project on local government.

**Review of October 2, 2017 Minutes** – Tom Santelli motioned to accept with one change on page 2 – Green River Inn entrance culvert *is completed* changed to *will be completed*, Karen Dzialo seconded. All in favor.

Select Board Orders signed.

**Treasurer's Report** – Sandy Reidy presented the report – acknowledged by the Board.

## **Correspondence/Census/Insurance**

Received correspondence from Census Bureau – an invitation to participate in LUCA. The town declined. Suzy dePeyster amended and mailed paperwork to VLCT for continued insurance. “TWO full time employees” was changed to “ONE full time employee”. Mike will update the VLTC with information on the new truck when the purchase is complete.

## **Old Grant Updates**

West Road Dry Hydrant – Mike Hill will contact Tom Wilson to find out what materials are needed for the dry hydrant project.

SE Corners Hill project – paperwork was handed in to Jim Henderson, awaiting grant money.

## **Truck Loan/Truck Update**

Tom Santelli and Mike Hill will pick up the new truck when ready (before the end of October). Mike is authorized to sign for it. The truck loan will be held by The Bank of Bennington.

**Road Report**

Mike will change the culvert by the West Road Dry Hydrant - continued ditch maintenance. On October 23<sup>rd</sup> Mike Hill and Jim Henderson will go over the sites that were identified as needing improvements to eliminate water problems. Jim Henderson will be putting five grant applications on behalf of the Town to Better Back Roads.

**Amendment to the Pay-As-You-Throw Ordinance** was discussed by the Select Board. Tom Santelli motioned to adopt the amendment removing the requirement that haulers report quantities of materials generated. Karen Tendrup seconded. All in favor. The ordinance will be posted in five locations in the town, published in a local paper, and placed on the [town website](#).

**Other Business:**

Suzy will call Lynn Fielding, fire warden, regarding illegal burning on SE Corners Road. Karen Tendrup will contact resident Johnson on Sandgate Road to ask if he could park his vehicles sideways (parallel) to the road to make it safer for plowing. Tom Santelli will contact resident on Chunks Brook Road regarding unregistered vehicles.

Adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Karen Tendrup made the motion and Tom seconded. All in favor.

**Next Meeting: November 6, 2017 at 6:30 pm**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

# **Sandgate Select Board Meeting – November 6, 2017**

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

**Attendance:** Suzy dePeyster, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli, Karen Dzialo, Karen Tendrup.  
Also present: Erin McDermott, Melissa and Willie Mattison, and Jim Henderson

**Citizen Comment:** Karen Tendrup told the Board that the town children thanked the Select Board for the use of the Town Hall for a Halloween potluck.

**Dog Warden Update:** Erin McDermott reported that since an electric fence has been installed at the Bill Walsh residence no further complaints have been received. At the November 20th Select Board Meeting Erin will discuss problems of excessive barking at the Johnson residence on Sandgate Road. Erin will contact the neighbors about the meeting.

**October 16 minutes** – Tom Santelli motioned to accept as is.  
Mike Hill seconded. All in favor.

**Select Board and Road Orders were signed.**

## **2018/2019 Budget Requests:**

Not all the usual requests have been received to date.

Karen Dzialo will look at last years' budget to see who is missing.

**Truck Update:** The new truck is not ready. We expect delivery by mid-November.

**West Road Dry Hydrant** – A tree was removed and fill was added for access.

**Road Report:** Mike Hill reported he's getting ready for winter. The older truck (not the one being traded in for the new one) has been over at Delureys to have work done in order to have it ready for winter.

**Better Back Road Grant:** Jim Henderson and Mike Hill met with Fitzgerald, our storm water management plan engineer. Two projects were selected to have top priority and will be submitted for grants: Excessive water run-off on Wuerslin Road which will involve additional culverts and both grass line ditches and stone ditches to control and redirect water. Estimated cost will be \$16,085. The Town will be responsible for 20%. The second project is raising the road bed, adding ditches and

culverts at the Beartown end of the Sandgate Road. Estimated cost is \$16,970 with the town contributing 20%. A third project is the end of Hamilton Hollow Road where the road narrows and water drains from the Claire Merritt property to Hopper Brook.

The Storm Water Master Plan Report will be presented to the Select Board by Jim Henderson at the December 18, 2017 meeting. This report identifies all of the storm water issues throughout the town. Many of the problems can be corrected by the Town as regular maintenance.

### **Winter Maintenance**

Mike told the Board that Willie Mattison has agreed to work as a sub-contractor for winter plowing. He will start on November 15, 2017 until April 15, 2018. He'll be guaranteed 20 hours a week at 20 dollars an hour.

**Correspondence:** An email was received from residents Ge Trombley and Charlie Pike expressing concerns. *The email can be viewed in its entirety as an attachment to these minutes.*

The Board reviewed the concerns and responded as follows:

- Wind Storm 10/30/17 – Trees on power lines cannot be cut by the Town. Mike Hill had to wait for Green Mountain Power to cut those trees.
- Regarding the complaint that the town truck was parked in a residents' driveway: The resident needed assistance starting her generator so that she would have power for her mother's oxygen machine. Mike took care of it and, since it was urgent, used the town truck.
- Charlie stated that he called Tom Santelli 2 times and left messages, however there were no messages on the answering machine. The Board agreed that for whatever reason, if Tom Santelli is not available, residents should have other options. The best solution is to call the town garage at 375-8358. Also, a message can be sent via email directly to Mike at [mhillsangatehighway@gmail.com](mailto:mhillsangatehighway@gmail.com) (please note that there is no "d" in sandgate in the email address). Tom Santelli's number is 375-9297. When power is out answering machines don't work. Just keep calling.

- Regarding road signs advising residents of road conditions: The Town has 24 hours to do this. It was agreed by the Board that “Road Closed” signs should be appropriately placed. There will be safety grant in Spring 2018 that covers signage.
- Wood Chipper: The wood chipper was returned to Rupert because they called, needing it back. The town pays \$25 per hour to Rupert when the machine is in use. The Town has not addressed purchasing a wood chipper.
- Town Driver and Unprofessionalism: There is no cell service at that location and *service and the grader does not have a radio.*
- West Road Dry Hydrant: regarding the West Sandgate Road dry hydrant having to be done twice, the Town did not incur any extra expense. The contractor made all corrections needed. The West Road dry hydrant project is being closely monitored.
- Mower Repair and Maintenance: It was discussed by the board that making the costs of running equipment and maintenance easy to find was a possibility.

Adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Karen Tendrup made the motion and Tom seconded. All in favor.

**Next Meeting: November 20, 2017 at 6:30 pm**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

# **Sandgate Select Board Meeting – November 20, 2017**

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

**Attendance:** Suzy dePeyster, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli, Karen Dzialo, (absent, Karen Tendrup). Also present: Sandy Reidy, treasurer, and Bill Barney.

**Citizen Concerns** – Bill Barney from the Beartown Hunt Club asked the Board if they would consider changing the ruling regarding 4-wheelers traveling on a section of Beartown Road. The ruling currently allows 4 wheelers to travel the road from October 1 through Jan 1. Mr Barney asked the Board to make it year-round. The Board agreed. Documentation will be provided.

## **Correspondence**

- The Board received a letter from Jean Zoppel, thanking Mike Hill for his help in getting a new generator started during a power outage that occurred Oct. 30, 2017. Jean stated that “His help, at the very least, saved my mother and me a trip to the emergency room, and may have saved a lot more.”
- LUCA Local 2020 Census sent an invitation to attend a workshop in Manchester or Montpelier. Since the town is not participating, there is no need to attend the workshop.

**Review November 6, 2017 Minutes** – Tom Santelli motioned to accept three minutes as is. Mike seconded. All in favor.

**Orders were signed.**

**Truck Update** – The new truck should be ready next week. Mike and Tom will meet with the bank to complete the paperwork and have the closing on the loan.

**Excessive dog barking** will be addressed at the next meeting to allow all interested parties to attend.

**Objects in town’s right-of-way** – Constable Dahm will be asked to contact Beverly Bize and Anthony Johnson to inform them that the truck that is encroaching on the road right-of-way must be removed. The truck’s location will interfere with snow removal. If the truck is not removed, the town will have to remove it at the owners’ expense.

**Budget 18/19** – It was discussed to add a line item for the School Education Property Tax and to add a line item for a part-time clerk that will be needed in the future.

The Board will ask Sheriff Chad Schmidt to attend the December 4, 2017 meeting to discuss patrol before putting in a line item in the budget for the service.

**Treasurer's Report** – reviewed and accepted.

**Road Report** – Grants have been mailed out. Winter Sand is in. Mike Hill reported damage of the guard rail on the hairpin turn. He'll get estimate of damage.

**Other Business**

- A new energy efficient door will be purchased for the front of the Town Hall.
- It was agreed that the town will post signs regarding heavy trucks on the dirt roads from November to April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjourned at 7:45 PM.** Tom Santelli made the motion and Karen Dzialo seconded. All in favor.

**Next Meeting: December 4, 2017 at 6:30 pm**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo

# **Sandgate Extra Scheduled Select Board Meeting**

## **December 11, 2017**

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

**Board members present:** Suzy dePeyster, Mike Hill Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup, Karen Dzialo

**Also present:** Joe Nolan, Jason Dains, Charlie Pike, Ge Trombley

### **Citizen Concerns:**

Charlie Pike asked if there was a different phone number to contact Mike Hill, as he was unable to reach him. Mike explained that he might have been calling his cell phone and to call the town garage, 375-8358.

Ge Trombley and Charlie Pike complained that there was not enough sand on the Rupert Road during the last storm and that only one side of the road was sanded. As it was the first storm, Willy will get more familiar with the sander.

Budget discussed — The type of sand that is used and the need to perhaps increase the road maintenance budget to pay for an increase in the amount of sand used.

The Board invited the concerned citizens to attend the Town Meeting in March when the budget is voted on.

Jason Dains stated that the roads should be maintained 24/7 in case of an emergency.

Joe Nolan informed the town that Tudor Road was not mowed this past year. Mike Hill acknowledged the oversight and told Joe that it will be taken care of properly next year.

Ge Trombley expressed that she thought the response to her letter was incomplete. She did not think the town removed the trees during the Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> storm quick enough. She pointed out that the trees on Chunks Brook Road that were not covered with electric wires should have been removed faster.

Ms. Trombley complained about inappropriate language that she overheard that she was sure came from the person operating the town grader. Tom Santelli stated

that on that day he was having a quiet and serious conversation with his son and that she must be mistaken.

Ms. Trombley will work with the Highway Orders to determine the cost of the Town Mowing.

Jason Dains accused Suzy dePeyster of telling the trooper Wayne Godfrey a different statement regarding the large plywood sign that was on Woodcock Road at the beginning of hunting season. DePeyster said Dains called regarding the sign. She told him that the sign was in violation of the Town Sign Ordinance. She did not tell him to remove it.

**New Truck Report:** First time out, the new truck had an issue with the power take-off gasket. The company sent a mechanic immediately to fix it. Truck is ready to work now.

**Other Business:** Mike Hill mentioned that a patch repair of fabric on Rupert Road will be dealt with as part of summer maintenance.

Budget Appropriations will be discussed at the December 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30. Tom Santelli called to adjourn, Mike Hill seconded. All in favor.

**Regular scheduled meeting on December 18, 2017**

Submitted by,  
Karen Dzialo

# **Sandgate Select Board Meeting - December 18, 2017**

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

**Board members present:** Mike Hill, Tom Santelli, Suzi dePeyster, Karen Dzialo, Karen Tendrup. Also present: Treasurer, Sandy Reidy

Reviewed and approved Select Board minutes from December 11, 2017. Mike Hill motioned to accept minutes as is, Tom Santelli seconded. All in favor.

**Citizen Concerns:** none

**Signed Selectmen's orders**

**Signed Road Orders**

**Treasurers Report:** Sandy gave the Select Board the November Balances. This should help with our budgeting.

**Road Update:** Roads are in good shape, right now. More sand has been put on them. The new truck had the power take-off gasket promptly repaired, and is in service.

Jim Henderson was scheduled to present the Storm Water Report to the Board, but was unable to attend the meeting. The Board will reschedule Jim for the Wednesday, January 3, 2018 meeting.

**Correspondence:** received additional appropriation requests.

**Budget:** the Board reviewed appropriation requests and will finalize at the next meeting

**Adjourned at 7:30** – Karen Tendrup motioned to adjourn, Mike Hill seconded. All in favor.

**NOTE: The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 3, 2018, due to the holiday on January 1.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo