

Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes March 18th 2019

Called to order: 6:35 pm

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

Also present: Sandy Reidy, treasurer.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy presented the Treasurer's Report, and stated that there were adequate funds to continue to the end of the fiscal year.

Minutes: Reviewed March 6, 2019 minutes, motion to accept as is by Tom Santelli and seconded by Karen Tendrup, all in favor.

Road Report: There are serious mud conditions throughout town. Mike will be using the Grader to knock down the mud ridges where appropriate. Crown Maple will be asked to help with the cost of stone and the application of fabric to offset the deterioration of the road.

Mike mentioned the need for pavement repair of Sandgate Road from Arlington town border to SE Corners and is working on a grant for this year. Crack sealant will be applied where needed. Cost estimates will be made.

Radios: Sean Raphael is checking into possible grants to help cover cost. So far the discussion is to purchase 5 radios that will be installed in the 3 trucks, the grader, and the backhoe at an initial cost of \$99 each with a monthly cost of \$29 per radio. Two more handhelds, one for the Road Liaison and one at the Town Hall, will allow us to communicate with the Fire Department and the Arlington school buses. The Town of Arlington will have the same type radios.

Zoning Board Report by Hal Wilkins, Zoning Administrator:

- 1. Grogan** - Action against the vehicle junkyard and domestic trash accumulation on Chunk's Brook Road is progressing. Current site photographs have been added to the file. Rob Woolmington has been asked to provide a cost estimate for his work in presenting this case to the Environmental Court.
- 2. Innovative Energy Plan - GMP/Crown Maple:** Crown Maple and Green Mountain Power will investigate the feasibility of eliminating the diesel generators that are used to power the numerous pumps and the reverse osmosis system at the sap house. The replacement power source could be either solar PV panels or small-scale (less than 100' above the ground) wind turbines. This project – in conjunction with the Equinox Foundation's small-scale wind project at Lake Madeline – should enable the town to satisfy the state-mandated energy conservation standards.

3. **Speeding on Sandgate Road** - The Crown Maple administration reminded its personnel about respecting the posted speed limits, especially during mud season.
4. **Town Maps** - The new town maps are online at sandgatevermont.org. Color copies of the map sets are now available for use by town personnel and for public inspection

Other Business:

Sandy asked where she could purchase carbonless orders. Karen D will send her the link.

Dottie Sundquist invited an expert to speak on invasive plants at the April 15th Meeting. If you have a concern about invasive plants, please attend.

Green Up Day May 4th – Karen Tendrup, coordinator, requests that any appliances be brought to the Town Hall on the 4th or 5th of May. Call the Town Hall if you need help transporting items. Tires will be accepted but monetary donations would be greatly appreciated to offset the cost of discarding.

Karen Tendrup motioned to adjourn, Karen Dzialo seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

Next meeting on April 1, 2019

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Dzialo