

Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2020

CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:05 PM

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

Also Present: Sandy Reidy, Treasurer; Citizens: James E. Smith, Charles Pike

CITIZEN CONCERNS: James Smith presented to the Board a document signed by 14 concerned citizens regarding the use of an inferior clay product they thought to be from Bill Barneys Pit, on Rupert Rd. Mike explained that the gravel used was not from Barneys Pit. The product used was from Chaves and was a grade quality approved by the State. There was discussion of what more can be done for the Rupert Road. Mike will get prices for 3/8 inch gravel. Mike has been working on costs for more long-term solution such as digging down 2+ feet and laying a slate base, then covering with fabric, and gravel. Town consistently applies for whatever Grant money is available from the State. Highway Budget will need to be increased. This would be put before the voters at Town Meeting.

Charlie Pike referred to the minutes of Jan. 6. And asked the Board why, if such a large portion of the Road Budget was used by Rupert Road, why is the road in such bad condition? Mike explained that the road foundation was not good and added gravel disappeared into the base. Also, Charlie commented that the plowing sometimes pushed the stone off the road and suggested that the plow be raised up a bit to prevent this. He also asked if it would be possible to grade the high spots just before a temperature drop. It was agreed that was a good idea and Tom Santelli said he would be available to do that if needed.

JANUARY 6th MINUTES REVIEWED: Motion to accept with a change of the date to January 6, and next meeting to January 20. Motion made by Mike Hill and seconded by Karen Tendrup. All in favor.

FEMA UPDATE: There will be no FEMA money for the upper part of SE Corners because the January storm was not covered by FEMA. The April storm was covered and so the Woodcock Bridge repair was covered.

BUDGET: Board will meet on Wednesday, January 22nd at 5:30 pm to work on the Budget.

OTHER BUSINESS: Sheila Kearns asked the Board to appoint Bill Henry as an alternate on the Planning Commission. The Board approved. Motion made by Mike Hill, seconded by Karen Dzialo. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn by Tom Santelli, seconded by Karen Tendrup. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned: 7:15pm

NEXT REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 3, 2020

Respectfully submitted, Karen Dzialo