

# Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes – July 20, 2020

**Call to order:** 6:00 pm

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

Also present: Sandy Reidy, Treasurer (and infant son Mathew Jr.)

**Citizen Concerns:** The Select Board received a letter from Susan R. Filipp, who owns property on Mountain View/Tudor Road. She was concerned about a resident who was blocking access to her property. Tom Santelli offered to research the deeds to both properties in question and provide that information to Susan Filipp. The Select Board does not get involved in disputes over “a right of way”. Karen Dzialo will send a letter to Filipp.

**July 6, 2020 Minutes:** Tom Santelli motioned to accept the minutes. Karen Dzialo seconded.

All in favor.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Sandy presented the report and it was reviewed by the Board.

**Tax Rate:** The Tax Rate was set as follows:

Homestead Tax Rate	Municipal	\$0.5909
	School	\$1.4585
	Local	<u>\$0.0037</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2.0531</b>

Non-Residential Rate	Municipal	\$0.5909
	School	\$1.4789
	Local	<u>\$0.0037</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2.0735</b>

Mike Hill motioned to set the Tax Rate, Tom Santelli seconded. All in favor.

**Orders were signed.**

**Zoning Update:** Regarding Grogan, Bill Henry reported that if you can see anything from the road, Grogan is not in compliance with zoning. He cannot simply cover cars in black plastic or fencing. There is also a health concern because of garbage on the porch. Reports of bears getting into bins used to store bread for animals are a concern. The bears are littering nearby residences with Grogan bread wrappers.

Bill Henry, Zoning Administrator, will notify Grogan. Bill will be given the letter the Board received from Susan R. Filipp. Koscinski is Filipp’s neighbor.

**Defibrillator Update:** Karen Tendrup will check with the Rescue Squad for detail of what brand they would recommend and also ask them for suggestions of how and where to store it so that citizens could have easy access.

**Invasive Plant Update:** We will be looking into a possible Grant for Poison Parsnip removal. There is a growing concern for another possible Invasive – Poison Hemlock. At the present time, the best way to handle the invasion is to mow before the plants go to seed. This has to be done constantly throughout the summer.

**Road Report /Paving:** There will be no paving this year. However, the Board discussed tarring cracks to seal or sealing with chips to minimize further damage. Mike will get prices on both options. He will also shim up culverts that have sunk.

**Ditching and Mowing:** Continued work on ditches and mowing.

A motion to adjourn was made by Karen Tendrup, seconded by Tom Santelli. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04pm.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Board usually meets the first and third Monday of the month. However, the next meeting will be August 10, 2020, instead of August 3. This will eliminate a gap of 4 weeks between the last meeting in August and the first meeting in September. We will not meet on Labor Day.

Meeting dates are as follows: August 10, August 24, September 14, September 28

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dzialo