

Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes – August 10, 2020

Call to order: 6:00pm

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members: Suzy dePeyster, Karen Dzialo, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup
Citizens: Sheila Kearns, Melissa Madison, Will Madison, Richard Tafoya

CITIZEN CONCERNS:

Melissa Madison, Will Madison, and Richard Tafoya, neighbors of Grogan on Chunks Brook Road, are concerned about garbage, including trash and plastic bread bags, from Grogan's property blowing onto their properties. They also complained about the excessive smell from cattle, ponies, goats and llamas that are confined in uncleaned pens. Roaming peacocks, chickens, goats and a potbelly pig that are not confined are defecating in neighboring yards and even on porches. The Board suggested that they send pictures of the various farm animals and dogs that are in small pens to Animal Control.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS:

Sheila Kearns reported to the Board that there is a program available to qualifying and eligible consumers who seek to extend telecommunication lines to their home. The Line Extension Customer Assistance Program (LECAP) provides up to \$3,000 in assistance. This is an opportunity to get funding to extend Comcast service in Sandgate. There would need to be 6 subscribers per mile. The funding will come from the Federal Government as part of the COVID-19 grant given to the State. Sheila Kearns will contact residents for possible extension of the Comcast line. The Board agreed that Sheila can use the Town's photocopier for this project.

MINUTES: July 20, 2020 minutes were reviewed and motion to accept as is by Karen Tendrup and seconded by Tom Santelli.

ORDERS WERE SIGNED.

TOWN HALL SECURITY:

There was a request asking the Board which people are allowed unsupervised access to the Town Hall. "Town Officers, elected and appointed, or those persons given permission by the Town Clerk needed no supervision." A list of Officers is in the Town Report. Current list is at the Clerk's Office.

ZONING UPDATE:

The ZA visited Mr. Grogan's property on Chunks Brook Road and found that there were less junk vehicles on the property but there were loose animals roaming around.

Mr. Koscinski on Tudor Road did not accept the registered letter that was sent to him concerning his need for a permit to comply with Zoning. The Town might have to take the matter to court.

PROPERTY RIGHT-OF-WAY:

The Board has received several complaints regarding Rights-of-Way being blocked. Residents are cautioned that they should not block a private road preventing emergency access for Fire, Ambulance, and Police.

ROAD RECLASSIFICATION:

The Select Board discussed changing Tate Road from a Class 3 to a Class 4 road. Mike will measure the distance. The public will be notified and adjoining landowners will get certified mailings.

CULVERTS AND DITCH AT THE NOTCH:

The Town will use the new blower in the Notch to remove leaves from the ditches. Mike will be renting a jackhammer to remove the ledge on West Sandgate Road across from Rebecca Bushee. Any waste material can be put on the Bushee property. A ledge on Beartown Road will also be removed by the jackhammer.

GRANTS:

The Town received notice that an Infrastructure Grant is available to the Town for \$8,000, with \$2,000 paid by Town. Mike will research what projects would qualify.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Town received a letter from the State Police asking the Town for input regarding priorities and concerns about policing in Sandgate. Karen Dzialo will draft a letter from the Board with a positive response. For more information visit their website at <https://vsp.vermont.gov/communityaffairs>.

A motion to adjourn was made by Karen Dzialo and seconded by Karen Tendrup. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

NEXT MEETING WILL BE AUGUST 24, 2020 AT THE TOWN HALL

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Dzialo