

Sandgate VT Select Board Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: 6:07 PM

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

Also present: Jim Henderson

ROAD EROSION/DRAINAGE REPORT: Jim Henderson from BCRC presented the Board with a review of the Clean Water Act and its impact on the Town. The Town applied for, and received, an \$8,000 grant pay for a \$10,000 study of Town roads. Town will pay the remaining \$2000. This study will identify and prioritize hydraulically connected roads and trouble spots on both class 3 and class 4 roads. It will be based on criteria such as: slope, gully erosion, road crown, drainage (vegetation or stone-lined ditches), erosion by bridges, and culvert size. It was noted that additional gravel is needed to raise the road beds. Unfortunately, gravel cost is not covered by grants and Town will need to budget for that need. The Select Board will contract with BCRC for this study to be completed before the end of the year and the information provided will enable Town to apply for grants to offset the cost of bringing the roads up to the Clean Water Act standards. Mike Hill motioned Tom Santelli seconded. All in favor.

ORDERS WERE SIGNED.

MINUTES OF AUGUST 24, 2020 MEETING WERE REVIEWED. Karen Tendrup motioned to approve the minutes with one change, adding her name as absent. Mike Hill seconded, all in favor.

ROAD RECLASSIFICATION: Karen Dzialo reported that the public notice went in the Bennington Banner on September 12, 2020. Certified letters were sent to property owners. Sandgate Planning Commission was notified. All paperwork is on file in the Select Board file cabinet.

As stated in the notice, the Board will visit the site on Tate Hill Road at 4:30 on Wednesday September 30, 2020, followed by hearing any testimony at the Town Hall at 5:30.

Board will also work on a class 4 road plan for all class 4 roads in Town.

ZONING ADMINISTRATION UPDATE: No new information. It was noted that Kozinski has had since May 4, 2020 to rectify the situation and have his property use changed. The Select Board expects to hear from the Planning Board by October.

FEMA WOODCOCK BRIDGE: Town got notice from Ross Nagy regarding the work to be done on the bridge. It was discussed that the Town should have FEMA handle the contract since they priced it out.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 28, 2020*

***NOTE:** The meetings will return to the usual schedule of 6:00 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month in October, which would be October 5, and October 19 (meeting dates were changed in September because of the Labor Day Holiday)

Respectfully Submitted by
Karen Dzialo