

Sandgate Vermont Select Board Meeting - August 23, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00

ATTENDANCE: Karen Dzialo, Mike Hill, Joe Nolan, Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup,
Also present: Sandy Reidy, Treasurer

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS: Tim Fagan reported on the situation of the cars in Chunks Brook downstream from Grogan's property.

Mike Hill reported that the DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation) authorized that he could remove the cars. Josh Carvajal, VT River Management Engineer, told him that the town would not be responsible for any additional leakage of fluids from the cars into the stream. Mike said that he would need to rent a large piece of equipment that could pull the cars out and load onto a trailer to be taken to a scrap facility. The Town may be reimbursed for this expense through FEMA; if not, then the Town would put an additional lien on the Grogan property. The Grogan property is delinquent on paying taxes. The next tax bill is due in October. If his taxes aren't paid in full at that time, the Town will take action and put the property up for a Tax Sale.

Tom Santelli made a motion that the Town remove the three Grogan cars from the stream; Joe Nolan seconded. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sandy Reidy submitted the Treasurer's Report for review. She reported that tax payments are coming in and the Town is in good shape.

ROAD REPORT: Mike reported that the Road Dept. is currently working on Wilcox Hollow.

Mike stated that all roads will be repaired well enough to properly plow throughout the winter season. If FEMA comes through with funding, we can then upgrade to prevent future damage. If FEMA does not provide funding, the Town will have to look at other solutions.

REVIEW AUGUST 9, 2021 MINUTES: Mike Hill motioned to accept minutes as is.
Tom Santelli seconded; All in Favor.

ORDERS WERE SIGNED

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR SEARCH REPORT: Karen Dzialo reported that Sheila Kearns has a candidate for the position of Zoning Administrator, Jennifer Leigh Woolf. She is the Zoning Administrator for the Village of Manchester, VT. and is a qualified candidate for the Town to consider. Jennifer Woolf is requesting a rate of \$25.00 per hour. We currently offer \$20.00 per hour. The Board discussed raising the rate and agreed that it would be appropriate. Joe Nolan motioned to increase the rate to \$25.00 and Mike Hill seconded. All in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS: John Scianna stopped in to ask the Board about the 18% increase on his taxes, stating that other residents that he spoke with had a lesser increase. He said that he already paid the tax bill and was just curious why the difference with other residents. The Board pointed out that the increase is basically the result of the School Tax.

Karen Tendrup made a motion to adjourn; Joe Nolan seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 7TH AT 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted, Karen Dzialo