

Sandgate Vermont Select Board Meeting - October 18, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: 6:08

ATTENDANCE: Karen Dzialo, Mike Hill, Joe Nolan, Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup

Also present: Sandy Reidy, treasurer; citizen Charles Pike; BCRC representatives, Pat Bryars, Callie Fishburn; Planning Board Chair, Sheila Kearns; and Jim Henderson, BCRC

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS: Charlie Pike stated that he did not think the Rupert Road was adequately fixed. He also expressed concern about the Notch. Mr. Pike also questioned the use and needed repair of the dump truck and asked if it was abused. Mike Hill responded that the truck was not abused and explained that the design of the frame extension was faulty because cast iron was used. This is an ongoing problem with the truck, not just in Sandgate.

Mr. Pike also asked what happened to the stone in the ditch along the hill going up SE Corners Road and why the leaf blower wasn't used to clean the ditch.

Mike explained that we only recently had use of a leaf blower and the ditch is also filled with gravel that is pushed to the side of the road when plowing. When the State of Vermont builds the stone screen/washers, then the Town will remove the stone, truck it to the facility, where it will be stored until Sandgate's turn. While waiting for the stone to be washed, the Town will need to put new stone into the ditch.

TREASURER'S REPORT – submitted by Sandy Reidy and reviewed by the Board.

ROAD REPORT – In order to receive Grant money certain culvert projects, need to be completed by Oct. 30. Since there is a shortage of culverts, as much work as possible will be completed and a partial amount submitted.

GRANT REPORT: Mike Hill reported that he looking into where the Town can purchase the Roller Compactor using the Grant money that was awarded.

DISASTER DECLARATION FEMA – Jim Henderson informed the Board that temporary fixes will be reimbursed by FEMA if over \$3,320 per site. This includes clearing debris in right-of-way – time frame within 6 months; Town will have 18 months for infrastructure repairs. Mike will submit a report for each site.

Jim also discussed Procurement Policy regarding bids put out to be in alignment with FEMA requirements.

PLANNING AND ZONING – Callie Fishburn and Pat Bryars from BCRC requested the Board to sign the Grant request for the Town Planning By-laws and Modernization. This grant will allow BCRC to help the Town with the project.

Sheila Kearns submitted her resignation from the Sandgate Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Adjustment (PC/ZBA). Her current term of 4 years would have been completed in 2024. The Town accepted her resignation.

Tom Santelli motioned to appoint Richard Zoppel to the Planning Board effective immediately, Mike Hill seconded. All in Favor.

Sheila Kearns will be hired as the replacement for Bill Henry as our new Zoning Administrator. Motion made by Tom Santelli, seconded by Karen Tendrup. All in favor.

ORDERS WERE SIGNED

REVIEW OCT. 4, 2021 MINUTES – Mike Hill motioned to accept, Karen Tendrup seconded; All in Favor.

OTHER BUSINESS: Joe Nolan questioned the policy of providing vacation pay to a sub-contractor. The Board voted last year to provide Willie Mattison with 20 hours holiday pay as gesture of appreciation. It was pointed out that since he was not an employee of the Town but was a sub-contractor/vendor and received a 1099 that it would be better to address that differently- not as a vacation/holiday pay.

Tom Santelli made a motion to adjourn; Karen Tendrup seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

NEXT MEETING IS NOVEMBER 1st AT 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Dzialo