

Sandgate Vermont Selectboard Meeting- March 7, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: 6:05 PM

ATTENDANCE: Karen Dzialo via phone, Mike Hill, Joe Nolan, Charlie Pike, Karen Tendrup, Sandy Reidy, Tom Santelli, Willy Mattison, Melissa Mattison, Bill Haggerty, James Peters, Jim Henderson, George Dyke, and Jean Eisenhart.

ORGANIZATION OF THE SELECTBOARD AND APPOINTED OFFICERS: Election Results of Board Members: 3-year term Joe Nolan and 1-year terms Karen Tendrup and Charlie Pike. New Offices were sworn in by Sandy Reidy.

BOARD ORGANIZATION: Charlie Pike motions that Joe Nolan be appointed Chair, Karen Tendrup seconded. All in favor. Karen Tendrup offered to help but not in the position of “co-chair”. The position of Minute Taker was dissolved and a new position of Secretary to the Board formed. This position would assist the Chair and also takes minutes at any meetings. Karen Tendrup motioned to appoint Sandy Reidy as Secretary to the Board, Joe Nolan seconded. All in favor. Finances will be reworked for Sandy to be paid for her hours as Secretary to the Board.

Mike Hill submitted his resignation from the Select Board orally and in writing effective immediately.

The Select Board will post a notice within 10 days that there is a vacancy on the Board. Interested persons may contact the Board and the Board will then appoint an individual to the position in writing, until an election is held, either at a special meeting or the next annual town meeting.

Joe Nolan nominated Karen Tendrup for Health Officer and Carlie Pike seconded. All in favor.

The Selectboard will contact some of the previous appointed officers to see if they would like to remain in the appointed position. Further discussion and appointments will take place at the next meeting.

CITIZENS CONCERNS: Melissa Mattison asks who the newly appointed Health officer is. Karen Tendrup replies that she is filling the position. Melissa and Willy Mattison are asking if the Health Officer can take the steps to condemn the Grogan residence as it is deemed by them a health hazard. Melissa mentions her concern regarding potential pollution of ground and well water due to the confined living conditions of the many animals at this residence, also concerning the rubbish left on the grounds. Joe Nolan states that the Health Officer and Selectboard will organize a site visit to ascertain the conditions of the property. Karen Tendrup as Health Officer states she will call the health department and find out the proper steps to take in that direction.

Jean Eisenhardt expressed a concern regarding the bottom of her driveway that is washed out. Mike Hill states that there is a fallen apple tree on her property across the brook which has diverted water and is creating the washout. Jean Eisenhart said it is not the first time that this has happened and she would like to see the problem fixed as soon as possible. Mike Hill will come with gravel and fix the wash out.

James Peters would like to know when the ditch running across the road on S.E Corners will be fixed. Mike states that there needs to be a catch basin installed there to remediate the drainage problem.

COMMENTS ON TOWN MEETING: The Board discussed the Town Meeting and the passing over of Article 3, which states: Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to spend budget surplus funds (if there are any) in the next fiscal year? Karen Tendrup mentions that the Article should have been discussed again before the Annual Town Meeting was adjourned. Bill Haggerty states that the Selectboard must call a special town meeting to discuss this matter and either pass or deny the article, as stated in the Robert's Rules. The new Chairman of the Board, Joe Nolan, and the Selectboard Secretary Sandy Reidy will look into the proper proceedings to call a special meeting for the discussion of Article 3.

Jean Eisenhart thanked Joe Nolan for being at the town meeting and answering a myriad of questions. Jim Henderson comments that there was much discussion of the town purchasing a generator and he would like the Selectmen to keep this in mind. It is possible to purchase one right away using the ARPA funds given to the

town. Karen Tendrup says the town's electrician needs to oversee the installment of a generator so everything is to code in the building. She will call him this week.

ROAD REPORT: Mike Hill mentions that we are coming into mud season and to take a look at the Treasurer's report when people start asking for stone and see how we're going to pay for it. Jim Henderson had a quick update for the FEMA road grants. The grant applied for debris removal on the Sandgate Rd. between Tudor Rd. and Matt Tudors residence has been denied due to not meeting the threshold on the expenses accumulated for that project. Tomorrow Jim Henderson and Mike Hill will be meeting with FEMA to discuss a grant called Completed Roads, which is a grant where the road crew has worked on the roads damaged during the storm and has them in the condition they were in before the storm. Another category of grants that are applied for is river banks. There are 5 river banks that need remediation and the permits have been issued. We are waiting for FEMA to come for a site visit and give an idea of the design they would approve. Jim Henderson reads a statement he will send to FEMA regarding the seasonal maintenance of Sandgate roads. Mike Hill asks that someone from the Board attend the FEMA meeting. Karen Tendrup will attend.

The Board reviews February, 21 2022 minutes. Minutes approved.

The Highway and Town Hall orders signed.

NO OTHER BUSINESS.

Joe Nolan makes a motion to adjourn and Charlie Pike seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

THE NEXT MEETING WIL BE HELD ON March 21, 2022.

Respectfully submitted by Sandra Reidy.