

# **SANDGATE VERMONT SELECTBOARD MINUTES - AUGUST 1, 2022**

## **CALL TO ORDER: 6:00**

**ATTENDANCE:** Board members: Karen Dzialo, Joe Nolan, John Phelps, Charlie Pike, Karen Tendrup. Also attending: Vonda Grogan, Bruce Pickering, Elizabeth Daut, Linda Schmitt, Suzy dePeyster, Valerie dePeyster and Minute Taker, Sandy Reidy.

## **SUZY DEPEYSTER REQUESTS AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE DRY**

**HYDRANT:** The Selectboard agrees to have an executive session.

**SET DATE FOR BCA APPEAL:** The Selectmen must set a date for a BCA appeal in reference to one resident who is appealing the reappraisal value on their property. Joe Nolan motions to set the BCA meeting on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 in the Town Hall. Karen Tendrup seconded. All in favor.

**CITIZENS CONCERNS:** Joe Nolan calls on Vonda Grogan to speak. Vonda Grogan is living with her brother, Heath Grogan, on Chunks Brook. She has been cleaning up the place and selling some of the animals. The Health Officer, Karen Tendrup, has made a couple visits to the Grogan residence and states that conditions are improving. She looked around and saw no evidence of rats. Karen Dzialo mentions that the neighbors are upset about the garbage being blown into their yards. Vonda Grogan replies that the bears are dragging garbage away at night and she has been taking several loads of garbage to the dump. Karen Dzialo asks if they can remove the junk cars, as this has been a concern in the past and use the money to get a dumpster. Vonda states that while her brother was registering his dogs at Town Hall 2 weeks ago, the residence was vandalized while he was gone. She claims that the lock was broken and several animals were let out of the fences. She states that upon Heath arriving home, he saw 3 of his animals hit dead in the road and several other animals were never found. Joe Nolan comments to Vonda that another major concern of the neighbors is the water quality. Vonda states that she is doing her best to clean up the place and remove more animals.

**SET THE TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023:** Treasurer Sandy Reidy presents the Selectmen with a tax calculation based from the education rates set by the state, the municipal budget and local agreement. The rates to be approved are:

<b><u>HOMESTEAD TAX</u></b>	
<b><u>RATE</u></b>	
Municipal	\$0.7329
School	\$1.2597
Local	<u>\$0.0027</u>
Rate to Set	<b><u>\$1.9952</u></b>
<b><u>NON-RES</u></b>	
<b><u>TAX RATE</u></b>	
Municipal	\$0.7329
School	\$1.3366
Local	<u>\$0.0027</u>
Rate to set	<b><u>\$2.0721</u></b>

Last year rates were \$2.272 for homestead and \$2.470 for Non-Residential.

Charlie Pike makes a motion to approve the tax rate. Karen Dzialo seconds. All in favor.

**ROAD REPORT:**

7/18/22 - Cleaned up storm related trees and branches along Sandgate Rd.

7/19/22 - Picked up tandem dump truck from Washington County. Delivered 4 loads of riprap from SLC to Tudor Road for FEMA project. Roadside mowed Hamilton and Wilcox Hollow.

7/20/22 - Delivered 1 load of riprap to Tudor Rd. Dumped the stone into ditch on Tudor Road with backhoe. Roadside mowed Wuerslin Road and the dirt portion of Sandgate Rd.

7/21/22 - Delivered 5 loads of riprap to Tudor Rd. Moved more stone into ditches on Tudor Rd. Patched holes with cold patch on South East Corners Rd.

7/25/22 - Delivered 5 loads of stone from Wallingford to Tudor Rd. Mowed and used loader to move stone into ditches on Tudor Road. Mowed roadsides on Woodcock Rd.

7/26/22 - Delivered 5 loads of stone from Wallingford. Mowed roadsides on Southeast Corners Road.

7/27/22 - Delivered 4 loads of stone from Wallingford to Tudor Road. Mowed roadsides on Southeast Corners Road.

7/28/22 - Delivered 3 loads of stone from Wallingford to Tudor Road. Moved stone into ditches with the loader. Received used tandem truck from Sheldon Mack.

**REVIEW JULY 18, 2022 MINUTES:** The Board reviews the minutes. Karen Tendrup makes a motion to accept the minutes. Karen Dzialo seconds. The minutes are approved.

**SIGN ORDERS:** The Selectmen sign the orders.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Joe Nolan mentions that the road crew should be given a uniform allowance. Joe states that we could have some t-shirts made with the Town's name, for the road workers. Sandy states that she knows a lady in town who prints custom vinyl t-shirts and she will ask prices. The Town has a line item in the budget to pay for uniforms. Nothing was decided or voted on this matter.

**ADJOURN:** Karen Tendrup makes a motion to adjourn. Charlie Pike seconds. Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL ON MONDAY AUGUST 15, 2022 AT 6:00 PM AT THE SANDGATE TOWN HALL.**

Respectfully submitted by Sandra Reidy.

*A complete recording of these minutes is available upon request.*