

## **SANDGATE VERMONT SELECTBOARD MINUTES - AUGUST 15, 2022**

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

**ATTENDANCE:** Board Members: Joe Nolan, John Phelps, Charlie Pike, and Karen Tendrup. Also present: Elizabeth Daut, Linda Schmitt, Suzy dePeyster, Lucas Pike and Minute Taker, Sandy Reidy.

**CITIZENS CONCERNS:** No citizen's concerns.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Lucas Pike addresses the Board about work he had done for the Constance West property dry hydrant area, so he could continue to mow through that area. He provided a detailed materials and labor breakdown to the Selectboard, for work and materials costing \$7,700. Lucas dug a ditch on top of the existing pipe that runs from the pond along with fill and topsoil to smooth the area. Joe Nolan asks Lucas why he did not notify the Board or Suzy dePeyster before going beyond the work that was agreed upon by the Selectboard. Joe continues to say a job that big needs to be put out to bid. Lucas states that he initially thought that a few loads of topsoil would smooth out the mowed area, but the area was in worse condition than expected. Charlie Pike states that the Board was told a couple loads of topsoil would be the only charges added to the completion of the Dry Hydrant job. Joe Nolan adds that when the dry hydrant was put in, the lawn was left in a mess that could not be mowed, but the Board did not realize that the damage left was so extensive. Lucas Pike asks the Selectboard how much they thought the topsoil job was going to cost. Joe Nolan answers that they thought between \$750-\$1500 a load or so. Lucas Pike states that the job took 3 loads of topsoil and the area that had to be filled was 9,200 feet, which means less than a half an inch of material on the whole thing. Lucas asks the Board to come up with an estimate they can agree on for the topsoil and the work done and he will submit the rest of the bill to Constance West. Suzy dePeyster asks Lucas if he had told Constance West that the job would cost around \$7,000. Lucas answers that they did not talk numbers. Suzy goes on to say that she has thought running a York rake across the area to remove some stones would work well enough, as the area dug was not in her lawn. Lucas states that the entire ditch and pipe were run down the lawn. He continues that if the pipe had been buried 10 foot the other way it would be in a field area that is bush hogged, according to the site map. Joe Nolan states that the design for the dry hydrant was done by an engineer from the state. Suzy says that she was told it would be put on the edge of the field. She continues that

the project cost \$13,000 and the invoice Lucas has submitted for smoothing the area is half the entire cost. Lucas states that he did not create the problem that was on the lawn, he just fixed it. He continues that it should be expected that the town returns the lawn to the way it was before the hydrant was put in. Joe Nolan states that the Board will need some time to decide how to handle this bill and come to an agreement in 2 weeks when all members are present. Suzy mentions that the dry hydrant must be tested again since the head has been replaced.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Sandy Reidy presents the Treasurer's Report to the Board.

**ROAD REPORT:** The road crew submitted 2 weeks of detailed daily work. The report is available at the Town Hall to any interested citizens.

**REVIEW AUGUST 1, 2022 MINUTES:** The Board reviews the minutes. Karen Tendrup makes a motion to accept the minutes. John Phelps seconds. The minutes are approved.

**SIGN ORDERS:** The Selectboard signed the orders.

**ADJOURN:** Karen Tendrup makes a motion to adjourn. Charlie Pike seconds. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.

**THE NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 6 AT 6:00 AT THE TOWN HALL.**

Respectfully submitted by Sandra Reidy.

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