

## **SANDGATE VERMONT SELECTBOARD MINUTES - OCTOBER 3, 2022**

### **CALL TO ORDER: 6:04**

**ATTENDANCE:** Board Members: Karen Dzialo, Joe Nolan, John Phelps, Charlie Pike, and Karen Tendrup. Also present: Linda Schmitt, Julie Robertson, Elizabeth Daut, Jean Eisenhart, Sheila Kearns, John Grover and Minute Taker, Sandy Reidy.

**CITIZENS CONCERNS:** Julie Robertson has a concern about the unsightliness of the old mailbox stand at the end of Southeast Corners Rd. She mentions that it has been there for at least 40 years. Julie would like to see it cleaned up. Julie also expressed her concern about the litter on the side of the roads in Town. She states that the Town should make a stronger statement that we do not tolerate littering. She suggests the Town have signs and enforce a fine. Jean Eisenhart asks why there are political signs on the historic schoolhouse lawn. She would like them to be removed. Joe Nolan and Charlie Pike will remove the signs following the meeting. John Grover would like to see his firewood access have a culvert put in ASAP. He has had to hold off on getting firewood because he cannot get past the ditching that the road crew is working on. John mentions that he has a 12" culvert the crew may use to put in for his access. John also needs access to his gravel pile. John mentions that the road crew knocked out a property marker and a fence post. He would appreciate if all was put back the way it was. Joe Nolan says he spoke with the Road crew today and they will be finished ditching on the Woodcock Road tomorrow. Joe continues that the crew needs to finish hauling and dumping the riprap then they will get several loads of smaller stone to fill the ditches to road level. The stone will allow for plenty of drainage and the access available to the property owner. Joe asks John if he could put a ribbon where he thinks the property marker was. John said he did not know where it was but he may be able to ask his surveyor. Joe will ask the road crew if they will clear up these concerns. John Grover asks if he would be able to see the FEMA specs for the road, as he feels the work done is a little excessive. Joe states that he will ask the road crew for the given specs.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Julie Robertson states that the BCA only has 2 days to meet for deliberation for the DeCristofaro tax appeal. The meeting has been set for 6:00 on Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. The BCA will purge the voter checklist at this meeting also. Sandy Reidy states that she has received a letter of resignation from Shelley Finn to be in effect immediately. Shelley is resigning from a Lister position. It is up to the Selectboard to appoint someone for this position. Sandy Reidy states that Shelley

recommends the Town hire an appraiser from the NEMRC program. Shelley believes that the Listing position is becoming more complicated with a lot of extra work being added. The Selectboard would like to know the cost of using a NEMRC consultant. The Treasurer will look into this.

**ROAD REPORT:** Josh Carvajal has been asked to visit riverside sites where the large boulders at the bottom of Tudor Hill Road will be placed. The boulders will be used to reinforce the riverbank. The road crew turned in 2 weeks of work reports which are available at the Town hall for any interested citizens.

**PLANNING COMMISSION/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:** Shelia presents the board with the final corrected version of the Town Plan and the BCRC review of the Town Plan. She states that the Selectboard must review the plan and then hold a public hearing. Shelia also proved a municipal planning tool that the Selectboard must review and sign off on. Shelia states that the timeline for the Selectboard to hold a Town Plan review would be between November 2<sup>nd</sup> and January 31<sup>st</sup>. Shelia states that in the Plan highlighted red areas represent additions or changes in the wording.

**REVIEW SEPTEMBER 19, 2022 MINUTES:** The Board reviews the minutes. Karen Dzialo makes a motion to approve the minutes. Joe Nolan seconds. All in favor. Minutes approved.

**SIGN ORDERS:** The total cost of painting the Town hall and fire house was \$17,580.76. The Selectmen sign the orders.

**ADJOURN:** Karen Tendrup makes a motion to adjourn. John Phelps seconds. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY OCTOBER 17, 2022 AT 6:00 IN THE SANDGATE TOWN HALL.**

Respectfully submitted by Sandra Reidy.

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