

SANDGATE VT SELECT BOARD MEETING – MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: 6:02 pm

ATTENDANCE: Board Members: Joe Nolan, John Phelps, Charlie Pike, Linda Schmidt and Karen Tendrup. Also present: Elizabeth Daut, Suzanne dePeyster, Jim Henderson, Jessica Hill, Melissa Mattison, Roy McDermott, Lucas Pike, Jay Wilson, Skipper Wilson, & Minute taker, Sandy Reidy.

CITIZENS CONCERNS: Melissa Mattison asks who from the Town approved the grant for the Grogan property. Karen Tendrup as Health Officer answers that she had assisted Grogan with the grant he received. Jim Henderson asks if Heath Grogan's unregistered vehicles are still parked on the side of the road. The answer is yes. He states that something needs to be done to get the vehicles moved and the place cleaned up. Karen Tendrup states that she has been over there helping to clean up the garbage in the yard. She will continue to make sure that progress is moving in cleaning his property. Richard Zoppel states that he would like the Town to have a speed study done, as this will help in determining when we should have officers patrol. Linda Schmidt has called the Rupert Town clerk to ask how they deal with speeding. The Rupert Clerk has told Linda that they are not planning on getting a contract with the County Sheriff's office and pay \$4,000 a year to the State Police. Rupert owns a speeding cart, that they paid \$4,000 for. She continues that these options help some with speeding. Linda adds that if we went with a contract with the County Sheriff's, 5 hours a week at \$70/hr., would cost the Town over \$18,000 for the year. Jessica Hill would like to see action taken immediately. She continues that the speeding in Town has gotten so bad and a life taken is worth more than \$18,000. Karen Tendrup states that she would like to see a speed study done before deciding. Jim answers that he can have the study conducted in various places in Town. He continues that there is no cost to the Town, it comes out of the BCRC Transportation program. Joe Nolan asks how soon Jim can set it up. Jim can set it up immediately and have some data prepared for the next meeting.

ROAD REPORT: Joe Nolan states that at the last meeting John Grover was present and concerned about the Highway Department digging up a corner pin. He continues that Jay, Charlie and himself went to the boundary line with an app and followed the line. The pin was in the place it should be and had never been removed. They had also taken a picture of the fence post that John claims had been broken by the Road Crew when they were digging ditches in the fall. Jessica states that she doesn't believe that the pin is where it belongs and the Road Crew did in fact break the fence post. She continues that she had taken pictures of the damage last fall when it occurred. She will send the pictures to the Board to be printed and viewed at the next meeting. Joe Nolan states that they have found an excavator to purchase, the cost is \$107,000 for a 2019. Melissa Mattison asks if the Town is going to buy a trailer to move the machine. Jay Wilson states that he has a trailer, which is not being used and he would be willing to use it. John Phelps makes a motion to buy the excavator in question using the ARPA funds

the Town received, which sits in the Town Recovery Fund. Karen Tendrup seconds. All in favor. Lucas Pike asks if the Board is planning on reclassifying the Tate Hill Road back to a class 3. Joe Nolan states that the board would like to reclassify to class 3, as the Town maintains this road, in a contract due to the Dry Hydrant located at Constance West's residence.

REVIEW MARCH 20, 2023 MINUTES: The Board reviews the minutes. Charlie Pike makes a motion to approve the minutes. Linda seconds. Minutes approved.

SIGN ORDERS: The Selectmen sign the orders.

OTHER BUSINESS: none.

ADJOURN: Linda Schmidt makes a motion to adjourn. Charlie Pike seconds. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY- APRIL 17, 2023 AT 6:00
IN THE SANDGATE TOWN HALL.**

Respectfully submitted by Sandra Reidy.

A complete recording is available by request at the Sandgate Town Hall.