

## **SELECTBOARD MINUTES – MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:02 pm

**ATTENDANCE:** Board Members: Joe Nolan, John Phelps, Charlie Pike, Linda Schmidt and Karen Tendrup. Also present: Julie Robertson, John Grover, Jessica Hill, Karen Dzialo, Jim Henderson, Jay and Skipper Wilson and Vonda Grogan.

**APPOINT COLLEEN SCHOLZ AS INTERIM LISTER:** Linda Schmidt makes a motion to appoint Colleen Scholz as Lister until the next town election. Karen Tendrup seconds. All in favor.

**SPEED STUDY UPDATE:** Jim Henderson hands out a report for his speed study and a comparison report from 2020. The area in which he has tested is Sandgate Road, a little south of S.E. Corners Road. The average speed collected was 39 MPH. 65% of the vehicles were going over 35 MPH. The times in which the most speeding occurs is from 7:00-9:00 am and 3:00-5:00 pm on the weekdays. The fastest speeding car was going 73 MPH at 4:00 pm. In comparison to the 2020 speed study there is less speeding currently by about 20%. Jim will conduct more speed studies at different spots around town and keep the Board updated.

**DISCUSS SPEED PATROLLING OPTIONS:** Joe Nolan states that Sheriff Gulley mentioned most towns would like patrolling for the times when people are going and coming from work. Julie Robertson asked if we have considered using the Town Constable for patrolling. Joe Nolan states that we have discussed this topic at a couple meetings and it would cost too much in infrastructure and training to be worth it. Joe continues that it is a small town and we all know who the speeders are. Julie adds that the Constable could pull people over and warn them to slow down. Jim Henderson asks Skipper Wilson if the speed sign in Rupert is effective in keeping the speeders down. Skipper says that people hit the gas when they see the speed flashing. Jim Henderson will ask Rupert if we can borrow their speed sign to conduct another speed study and see if this makes a difference. Rupert owns their speed cart and paid \$3,200.

**CITIZENS CONCERNS:** Jessica Hill states that she would like to discuss her fence post that she thinks was broken by the Road Crew. She continues that Karen Tendrup was the only Select Member to meet Jessica at her house and inspect the fence post in question with her. She has taken and brought more pictures of the damage. She continues that too much time and energy has been wasted on this issue and all she needed was a fence post hole dug. Jessica Hill continues with the other issue being the property marker. Karen Tendrup asks why Jessica called the police on Joe and Jay. Jessica Hill states that she did not appreciate Joe and Jay trespassing on her property without telling her. Joe states that he had told Jessica at the last meeting that he and Jay would go and check out the property marker in question. John Grover states that it is common courtesy to call before going to someone's property and he would have walked the property with them if they had given him a time and date. Karen Tendrup

thinks that the Road Crew out of common courtesy should fix her fence. Joe Nolan states that he believes the fence post rotted at the ground and fell over. Karen Tendrup states that she has been over at the Grogan residence helping to clean up. Vonda Grogan states that she knows the town has been receiving calls about their animals getting out. She wanted the Selectboard to know that someone has been cutting their fence and releasing the animals. She has bought a new fence. Sandra Reidy asks Vonda to take pictures of the damage to their fence.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Julie Robertson representing the Cemetery Commission is inquiring about the culvert for the Centerville Cemetery that she had mentioned before. She would like to know when that could be addressed by the Road Crew. Jay Wilson states that he will get to it ASAP.

**ROAD REPORT:** Jay Wilson states that they have been grading and graveling roads. Joe Nolan states that there has been some talk about removing trees on the Rupert Road. He continues that the advantages being more sunlight on the Rupert Road and the timing as GMP will be putting in new poles. The quote the Board has received from a tree cutter who can begin the job immediately is \$40,000. Joe continues that this tree crew can grind and clean up all the cut trees on the Rupert Road. Linda Schmidt asks Treasurer Sandy Reidy if the town has the funds to swing for a bulk tree removal. Sandy answers that the Reserve Fund for construction has \$24,500 and the budgeted amount for construction is \$20,000. The new Excavator cost the town \$109,900 and the funds were taken from the ARPA money.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Sandy Reidy presents the Treasurer's Report to the Selectboard.

**REVIEW APRIL 3, 2023 MINUTES:** The Board reviews the minutes. Joe Nolan makes a motion to approve the minutes. Linda Schmidt seconds. Minutes approved.

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

**ADJOURN:** Linda Schmidt makes a motion to adjourn. Karen Tendrup seconds. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY- MAY 1, 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.*