

SELECTBOARD MINUTES – MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: 6:03 pm

ATTENDANCE: Board Members: Joe Nolan, John Phelps, Charlie Pike, Linda Schmidt and Karen Tendrup. Also present: BCRC Representative-Scott Grim-Lion, Elizabeth Daut, Suzy dePeyster, Bill Haggerty, Jessica Hill, Melissa Mattison, Roy McDermott; Minute Taker, Sandy and Alias Reidy.

BCSWA REPRESENTATIVE: Scott Grim-Lion introduces himself as a Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance representative. The Town of Sandgate and 12 other towns are members of “BCSWA”. One of the important roles of this organization is to keep the towns compliant with the State laws regarding solid waste disposal. The comprehensive plan they have in writing is the Solid Waste Implementation Plan. This plan is required to be revised every 5 years. One important aspect of the Plan deals with collecting and disposing of household hazardous waste. A new facility will be built by BCRC for household hazardous waste collection. The building will be open to Sandgate residents 16 weeks a year to collect and dispose of hazardous waste, such as paint and hazardous chemicals. Residents can call BCRC to reserve an appointment for drop off. Collectively the towns would be saving money with the new facility. The proposed annual budget for this facility is \$14,000. The facility is set to open in June. There will be a small drop off fee of \$5.00 for up to 15 gallons of hazardous chemicals. Scott provides a revised copy of the Solid Waste Implementation Plan to the board to read the additions. Joe Nolan makes a motion to accept the additions to the revised Solid Waste Implementation Plan. Linda Schmidt seconds. All in Favor. Scott states that the Board must decide who the new representative to BCSWA for Sandgate will be. Linda Schmidt volunteers.

SPEED STUDY UPDATE: Jim Henderson not present.

CITIZENS CONCERNS: Melissa asks the Board what authority Karen Tendrup has to approve the grant that Heath Grogan received to retain his property from being sold through the tax sale. She believes that it was inappropriate for town Selectmen to get involved with the property in question. Karen states that she has a right to help anyone. Melissa replies that she thinks it's fine to help, the problem is that the VHAP Grant requires approval from someone in the Town and Karen did not get a vote from the board to approve such a grant. Karen states that she did not approve any grant, she simply guided Mr. Grogan toward some grants to which he could apply. Melissa states that she and her neighbors have all spoken to the grant program directors and state legislatures and they have all said that they do not release grant money unless it is approved by the Town. Karen answers that she did not speak to anyone about approval of money, she simply told the resident where he could go to apply for help. Joe Nolan states that no one else on the board was contacted. Sandy Reidy states that the VHAP program director

had called the town office but they did not ask for any approval. They required the tax sale amount and stated that the tax sale was on hold, by law, being that the application was pending. Melissa Mattison states that Grogan's animals have been out including large boars. Suzy dePeyster states, as large animal control officer, that she will look into the regulations on fining property owners who continually have large animals at large. Bill Haggerty mentions that Steve Saltonstall had written an ordinance that covers this subject. The Board will research and discuss when they convene.

OTHER BUSINESS: Linda Schmidt states that she attended the Rupert Selectboard meeting and asked if the Sandgate would be able to borrow their speed cart. The Town of Rupert will decide at a later date. Suzy dePeyster states that Phoebe Sheres is selling her property and she feels it would be a good time for the town to look into purchasing the garage, small building and drive from her parcel. She continues that the curve around the small building is important for passing cars, as the drive is narrow on both sides. The Board will look into this. Green Up day will be this Saturday May 6. There will be a table set up and coffee at the old fire house until 12:00 pm.

ROAD REPORT: The Road Crew has been grading the roads. 3 weeks of completed work logs were turned in by the Road Crew. For any interested residents the Road Crew logs are available at Town Hall in the public records.

REVIEW APRIL 17, 2023 MINUTES: The Board reviews the minutes. Karen Tendrup makes a motion to approve the minutes. Linda Schmidt seconds. Minutes approved.

SIGN ORDERS: The Selectmen sign the orders.

ADJOURN: Charlie Pike makes a motion to adjourn. Karen Tendrup seconds. Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY- MAY 15, 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.