

Sandgate Select Board Meeting – January 3, 2018

Called to order at 6:30 pm

Board members present: Suzie dePeyster, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli, Karen Dzialo, Karen Tendrup

Also present: Jim Henderson

Citizen Concerns

Jim Henderson told the Board about problem with his neighbors' dogs running loose. The dogs would come on his property and dig up his compost, go through his garbage, and were not very friendly. The town has a leash law effective if a dog is off its owners' property. The Board will contact Dog Warden, Erin McDermott regarding the matter.

Storm Water Plan

Jim Henderson presented the Master Plan for Storm Water that was prepared by Fitzgerald. There were 30 different problem areas identified, each one having a number designating most important to least important. He went over the top 5 in detail. Jim helped the town submit Grant requests for two of the most urgent projects. The Board will review the complete Master Plan and get back to him with any questions. The town will be able to add to the list in the future. Projects can be updated and moved to a higher priority as needed. There will be a formal adoption of the Storm Water Master Plan at Town Meeting in March.

Lincoln Lane Bridge Update

The town received notice from the State of Vermont Highway Division Project Delivery Bureau Structure Design Section regarding the proposed bridge over Terry Brook on Lincoln Lane. They re-advertised and received two new bids. The low bid is Miller Construction Inc. from Windsor, VT with a bid of \$336,758 – plus engineering and construction contingency of 5% brings the total estimated cost to \$544,009.60. The town's share will be \$13,600.22. Chair will reply with concurrence.

Reviewed Dec. 18, 2017 minutes: Tom Santelli motioned to accept as is. Mike Hill seconded. All in favor.

Signed Select Board Orders

Signed Road Orders

Budget – finalized appropriations and discussed salary increases. Mike will prepare the proposed Highway Budget for the next meeting.

January 8th 2018 meeting will be for finalizing the Budget only.

January 22, 2018 will be a regular meeting.

Karen Tendrup motioned to adjourn, Tom Santelli seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Dzialo

Sandgate Select Board Meeting – January 22, 2018

Called to order at 6:40 pm

Board members attending: Suzi dePeyster, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli, Karen Dzialo, Karen Tendrup

Also present: Sandy Reidy, Treasurer; Citizens Joe Nolan, Charlie Pike, Jason Dains, Valerie dePeyster

Meetings and Minutes:

The Board met on January 3, 2018 because of the holiday on the 1st. We met again on January 8 to get started on the budget. No minutes from January 8, 2018 meeting as it was a budget work meeting. The January 3rd meeting minutes were approved – motion to accept by Tom Santelli, Mike Hill seconded.

The January 15, 2018 meeting was cancelled, but orders were signed by Board members.

Citizen Concerns:

Charles Pike was concerned about the dump truck that was stuck on SE Corners Road. Mike Hill explained that the pin came out and it was quickly fixed and back in service. The new truck has been stuck twice—first on West Rd while turning around then second when the truck wheels broke thru the frozen surface of the Campbell Rd.

Joe Nolan asked about the signs that will be posted warning about weight restrictions on the roads during winter and spring. Mike explained that as long as the ground was frozen there should be no problem and that anyone that needed to travel the roads should check with him via a phone call. This will help preserve the roads during mud season. Large trucks must get permission from Mike Hill or Tom Santelli before traveling the town roads.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy Reidy presented the treasurers report for review.

Select Board signed road work orders and Select Board orders.

Other Business:

The new Lincoln Lane Bridge will be ready on 7/1/2018. The town will remove the old bridge.

Marjorie Peff, Town Clerk, submitted a letter stating that there will be a review of the Voter Checklist at 6:00 pm on February 5, 2018, before the next town meeting.

Next scheduled meeting will be February 5, 2018 at 6:30 (meeting to review Voter checklist at 6:00)

Karen Tendrup motioned to adjourn, Karen Dzialo seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Dzialo

Sandgate Select Board Meeting – February 5, 2018

Called to order at 6:35 pm

Board present: Suzanne dePeyster, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup, Karen Dzialo

Also present: Chad Schmitt, Sheriff

Citizen Concerns: none

Meeting with Sheriff: Chad Schmitt met with the board to discuss the best use of the monies allocated for police patrolling and protection for the town. The town currently has \$6,000 to use before July 1, 2018, and has \$6,000 budgeted for the rest of 2018. The cost for an officer is \$42.00 per hour and includes the cost of the vehicle. The town's foremost concern was speeding. Chad Schmitt stated that the Town could designate specific days and times in order to have the best impact. The Town asked to be put on the list to use the electronic speed limit sign offered which records speeds and times of travel. Any fines would provide a small percentage of revenue to the town. Chad will produce a contract for the town to consider.

Tom Santelli mentioned that the Town could look into partnering with other towns (Arlington and Sunderland) and share a full-time officer. The Board will check to see if this is a possibility

Reviewed Jan. 22, 2018 minutes approved as is, motion made to accept minutes by Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup seconded. All in favor.

Road and Select Board Orders were signed.

Correspondence: The State required a General Insurance Standard Provision for Contracts and Grants in order to enter into the Better Back Roads Project. The Board appointed Karen Dzialo, Select Board Clerk, as authorized person to sign the document. Marge Peff witnessed it and will send it to the State. Tom Santelli made the motion and Karen Tendrup seconded. All in favor.

Budget: The Board worked on the Warning for the Town Meeting. Also finalized details of the budget.

Other Business: Approved replacing the toilet in small bathroom.

Next meeting at 6:30 pm on February 19, 2018.

Karen Tendrup moved to adjourn the meeting.

Karen Dzialo seconded.

Adjourned at 7:30 pm

Sandgate Select Board Meeting – February 19, 2018

Called to order at 6:45 pm

Attendance: Suzy dePeyster, Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup, Karen Dzialo, and Treasurer, Sandy Reidy

Citizen Concerns: Karen Tendrup spoke on behalf of her daughter Ashley, regarding a complaint of Ashley's dog running loose. Erin McDermott, dog warden, was called 3 times to retrieve the dog. Discussion of involving Tracy Mulligan, the animal control person in Arlington/Shafsbury. The Town considered asking her to keep dogs.

Dog Retrieval Fee: The Board agreed that there should be a retrieval fee of \$10 per incident.

Review of February 5, 2018 Minutes: Karen Tendrup motioned to accept minutes with one change, Lincoln Lane Project changed to Better Back Roads Project.

Tom Santelli seconded. All in favor.

Correspondence: Contract with Sheriff's Dept. held over till next meeting

Select Board Orders signed. It was noted that the GMP bill was high.

Road Orders signed

Road Report:

A stretch of road after the notch and before the Rupert Road turn was very wet. This spring will need additional gravel. Also, adding fabric and maybe another culvert.

The electrical component on the snowplow on the small truck needed replacement. The part was ordered.

The tie rods were replaced by Mike on the back hoe. This was the second time in two years that type of repair was needed.

Grants: reported that the Town got the Beartown and Wuerslin Road Grant, not Hamilton Hollow Road. These were Better Back Road Grants.

NOTE: Next Meeting will be WEDNESDAY March 7, 2018 6:30 Town Hall

Motion to adjourn by Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup seconded.

Adjourned 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Dzialo

Sandgate Select Board Meeting – March 12, 2018

Called to order at 6:45 pm

Attendance: Board members Mike Hill, Tom Santelli, Suzanne dePeyster, Karen Tendrup, Karen Dzialo

Board Organization: Suzanne dePeyster as Chairperson, Tom Santelli as Road Liason, Karen Dzialo as Clerk/minute taker. Nominated by Karen Tendrup, 2nd by Tom Santelli, all in favor.

Appointed Officers for 2018: same as 2017 with two changes: Karen Tendrup added as Green-Up Day Coordinator, and Hal Wilkins as 911 Address Guru. Motion to accept by Mike Hill, seconded by Tom Santelli, all in favor.

Citizen Concerns: none

Review of February 19, 2018 Minutes: Motion to accept as is by Karen Tendrup, seconded by Mike Hill, all in favor.

Continued Discussion on Sheriff Contract: the Board agreed to accept and sign the contract for the time period of March 15 through June 30, 2018. It was requested that Sheriff contact Mike or Tom for the best times and days to patrol the roads.

Dry Hydrant Update: The Town is still waiting on the fire department for input on the Perra West Road site regarding hydrant height. If there is a fire, the pond can still be used for water.

Signed Select Board Orders

Signed Road Orders

Road Report: No issues regarding plowing and sanding. Pothole on paved road near Skidmore garage will be repaired as soon as weather permits.

Correspondence:

A second letter sent by Hal Wilkins to Grogan regarding excessive vehicles on property was read and discussed. Hal Wilkins will be asked to pursue the matter; fines should be imposed. Board will take action to enforce the Town law. All agree.

The Town will not purchase subsidized “dump” stickers to sell to the residents. Instead the Town will encourage people to take advantage of Green Up Day.

Other Business:

The Board reviewed the changes suggested on the last town audit and will check with town Treasurer Sandy Reidy to make sure the treasurer was aware of them .

The Board reviewed the application for the renewal of the liquor license for the Green River Inn. Tom Santelli moved to approve, Karen Tendrup seconded, all in favor. Application was signed and given to the Town Clerk.

Karen Tendrup motioned to adjourn, Karen Dzialo seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50

Next meeting March 19, 6:30 PM at the Sandgate Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Dzialo

Sandgate Select Board Meeting – March 19, 2018

Called to order at 6:45 pm

Attendance: Mike Hill, Suzy dePeyster, Tom Santelli, Karen Dzialo. Karen Tendrup, Sandy Reidy, treasurer

Review March 12, 2018 Minutes: Tom Santelli motioned to accept as is, Mike Hill seconded, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report: presented, reviewed, and accepted by Board

Grogan/Telford Junk Car Update: Hal Wilkins reported that he will continue to pursue the matter.

Signed Orders

Road Report:

Mike will clean out culverts to allow for water drainage from snow melt.

The bridge on SE Corners has a hole that will be fixed.

The town of Rupert wing-backed the snow on the sides of Beartown and Rupert Roads.

Other Business:

The Sheriff contract was sent out and Sheriff told of preferred dates/times and roads to be patrolled.

Other possible locations for additional dry hydrant were discussed.

Lincoln Lane Bridge contractor was contacted.

Eleanor LaCross will contact Hectic Electric to see if they can determine why the kilowatt usage has increased at the Town Hall.

The Dept. of Transportation/BCRC Allison Strohl requested that the Board determine a priority list for needed bridge repairs. Mike provided a map with designated bridges. He will contact district one Chris Taft, and Suzy will contact Allison Strohl.

Motioned by Tom Santelli to adjourn at 7:30, seconded by Karen Tendrup, all in favor.

Next meeting April 2, 2018 at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Dzialo

Sandgate Select Board Meeting – April 2, 2018

Called to order at 6:30 pm

Attending: Suzy dePeyster, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup.

Absent: Karen Dzailo.

Also attending: Eleanor LaCross, Delinquent Tax Collector

Reviewed March 19, 2018 Minutes. Tom Santelli moved to accept them as is, Mike Hill seconded. All in favor.

Select/Road Orders Signed

Delinquent Tax Collector Eleanor LaCross informed the Board that 4 properties have been sent to Kevin O'Toole, Atty for Tax Sale.

Road Traffic Control Course will be held in Bennington next week. Karen Tendrup will attend.

Road Report: Mike Hill is getting gravel and paving costs. Fuller and Peckham have both been contacted. The West Sandgate Road is due for 5 year 1" coat.

West Road Dry Hydrant Update: Jamie Paustian, Arlington Fire chief, hopes to approve the site this week on Thursday. Mike will call him Thursday morning with road outlook.

Motion by Tom Santelli to adjourn seconded by Mike Hill. All in favor.

Adjourned 7:15PM

Next Meeting will be April 16, 2018 at 6:30PM at the Sandgate Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,
Suzy dePeyster

Sandgate Select Board Meeting – April 16, 2018

Called to order at 6:30 pm

Attendance: Board members Mike Hill, Tom Santelli, Suzanne dePeyster, Karen Tendrup, Karen Dzialo. Also present: Sandy Reidy, Treasurer

Citizen Concerns: none

The Town Hall roof lost shingles in the wind storm. Mike Hill and Tom Santelli will get bids to replace the roof.

Treasurers Report—Sandy Reidy: Sandy will ask the auditors if they could audit bi-monthly.

Telford/Grogan Update: The State will proceed with the “junkyard” matter. This should save the Town legal expenses.

West Road Hydrant: The pond looks good, plenty of water. We are waiting for drier conditions to put additional gravel on the pull off.

Sign Orders

April 2, 2018 Minutes: reviewed and accepted as is. Motion to accept by Karen Tendrup, seconded by Tom Santelli. All in favor.

Traffic Control—Karen Tendrup: Karen attended a class to be certified. There was no cost to the town and the class was very informative.

Road Report: Signs will be installed this summer on West Sandgate Road. Town received a federal grant. Mike Hill reported that the town received \$75,000 grant to maintain paved roads. Notch area of West Sandgate Road will be a priority.

Other Business: The Town children will do a clean-up on the roadsides prior to Green-up day on May 5.

Tom Santelli motioned to adjourn, Karen Tendrup seconded.

Adjourned at 7:25 pm

Next meeting May 7, 2018

Sandgate Select Board Meeting – May 7, 2018

Called to order at 6:30 pm

Attendance: Board members present: Mike Hill, Tom Santelli, Suzanne dePeyster, Karen Tendrup, Karen Dzialo

Citizen Concerns: none

Minutes: Reviewed and approved April 16, 2018 minutes. Motion to accept as is by Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup seconded. All in favor.

Signed Orders

Dog Licenses: the Board will submit a list of unlicensed dogs to Erin McDermott

Dry Hydrant Update: nothing new to report

Invasive Info: there is a meeting that members of Road departments can attend if interested.

Dorset Leaf Blower Rental: Mike will check into renting the leaf blower for the town ditches.

Town Hall Roof Replacement: Mike has 3 estimates pending for repairs to the town hall roof that was damaged in a recent storm.

Green-Up Day Report: There was excellent participation. Mike will have a report as to how many bags were collected for the next meeting. There were 64 tires that were taken to Tam's.

The Select Board would like to thank the Town's children for their help in making Sandgate beautiful. All participants will receive a Certificate of Recognition. Sixteen hardworking kids volunteered their time to make Green-Up Day a success.

Roadside Downed Trees: Mike reported that Tudor Hill Road is done.

Road Report: the problem culvert at the beginning of West Road will be addressed.

Spring maintenance is in process. First the roads will be graded, then berms removed, and then any fallen trees removed.

Other Business: It was noted that Sandgate was not the best choice for Bike Tours. A letter will be drafted and sent to organizers of the bike tour events explaining the hazards to both the residents and the participants.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55. Mike hill motioned to adjourn, Karen Tendrup seconded.
All in favor.

Next meeting May 21, 2018

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Dzialo

Sandgate Select Board Meeting – May 21, 2018

Called to order at 6:45 pm

Attendance: Suzie dePeyster, Karen Dzialo, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli; absent: Karen Tendrup. Also present: Sandy Reidy, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report presented to the Board

Sandy Reidy reported that Willie Mattison will be covered by Workman's Compensation. The funds are already available in the budget.

Citizen Concerns: none

Orders were signed

May 7, 2018 Minutes were reviewed and accepted with no changes. Tom Santelli motioned to accept, Mike Hill seconded. All in favor.

Town Hall Roof: Mike reported that he is still waiting on estimates.

West Road Dry Hydrant: Troy Dare of VTACD informed the Board that there might be more money available for the West Road Hydrant. The Town needs to resubmit the application. The work should be completed by June 30th.

Boyd Hydrant: Dirt will be applied to fill a low spot on west side of pond.

2018 LEOP – Local Emergency Operating Plan: The Board will ask the new director who replaced Marty Irion of the Arlington Rescue Squad to be our 911 Coordinator.

Road Report: Grading is almost completed.

Road Mowing Cleanup: Mike has been removing stumps to make it easier to mow. Poison Parsnip will be mowed twice during the season to prevent it from going to seed.

Truck Repair: Driveshaft and axle joint were replaced on the 1 ton truck. This repair was under warranty. An electric component for the truck's ignition also had to be replaced. That repair was not under warranty and cost the Town approximately \$500.

Chloride: Mike reported that he has adequate chloride at this point. He also told the Board that the chloride tank is now housed on a trailer. A bill for the trailer will be submitted to the Board at the next meeting.

Culverts: Branches and debris were removed from culverts.

Paving: The Town did not get a grant this year for paving. There is approximately \$79,000 currently in the budget for paving/paving maintenance, and an additional \$30,000 available after July 1. Mike will get estimates for the section of blacktop on the top of the notch. Tom Fuller has the best price so far. Other sections of the Sandgate Rd scheduled to be done as budget permits: South East Corners to the Arlington town line, and Hamilton Hollow towards Beartown.

Other Business: Signs will be placed on West Sandgate Road, Rupert Road, Sandgate Road and Beartown to warn bicycles to keep to the right and use caution. Tom Santelli will look into getting the signs.

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. made by Karen Dzialo, seconded by Tom Santelli.
All in favor.

Next meeting at 6:30 PM June 4, 2018

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Dzialo

Sandgate Select Board Meeting – June 4, 2018

Called to order at 6:35 pm

Attendance: Mike Hill, Karen Tendrup, Suzy dePeyster, Karen Dzialo.

Absent - Tom Santelli

Citizens Concerns: None

Signed Orders

Rupert Road Signs: Celeste Keel questioned the placement of speed signs on the Rupert Rd. Mike explained that the Select Board had considered 25 mph signs at least two years ago. Mike acquired signs and will continue to install them before and after roads entering into Rupert Rd.

Reviewed 5/21/18 Minutes: Motion to accept as is by Karen Tendrup, seconded by Mike Hill. All in favor.

Bids on Town Hall Roof: No response yet. Karen Dzialo will follow-up.

Dry Hydrant Updates: Suzy submitted new contract to VACD Dry Hydrant Program with Troy Dare. West Road hydrant is waiting on Tom Wilson to finish dam. Mike will drop gravel and place block to protect hydrant.

Mowing and Guard Rail Trimming: Starting roadside mowing and trimming

Road Report: The entire Wilcox Road has been ditched, seeded and hayed, also removed trees to make mowing easier. Mike mentioned that adding additional culverts results in less water erosion. Added gravel and crowned road to have better water run-off. Some areas of Woodcock Road need ditching. Mike will be adding more culverts. The Logging operation across from the Tom and Carol Bausher residence is causing additional run-off.

Paving Update: No estimate received yet.

Chloride: Mike contacted the Chloride supplier to see if the town can purchase in larger quantities and save money.

Discussion about removing berms and using the blade on the grader to gently slope the side of the road, add grass to filter the water run-off and hold the soil. This process will make it easier to mow and plow. The chloride will be placed in the middle of the road and we will use less and get a better result.

Correspondence:

We received a bill from Blue Flame for gas. At the next meeting the Board will approve pre-buy and save 5 cents per gallon.

Received Sheriff's contract for time period 07/01/2018 to 06/30/2019. The Board will review and discuss how many hours we can afford.

Other Business:

LEOP (Local Emergency Operating Plan). Josh Williams will be the town's 911 coordinator replacing Marty Orion. Moved by Karen Tendrup seconded by Mike Hill all in favor.

Karen Tendrup will attend the Flag Day Ceremony that is held at the Elks Lodge in Bennington, representing Sandgate on Sunday June 10. The town will receive a flag that will be used in our Fourth of July Parade.

Karen Dzialo and Karen Tendrup will attend the Arlington Area Renewal meeting on Tuesday June 5th.

Karen Dzialo motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mike Hill seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

The next meeting is June 18th

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Dzialo

Sandgate Select Board Meeting – June 18, 2018

Called to order at 6:35 pm

Attendance: Mike Hill, Suzy dePeyster, Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup and Sandy Reidy, Town Treasurer. Absent: Karen Dzialo.

Citizen Concerns: None

Signed Orders

Treasurers Report:

A State check for \$4253.37, a portion of monies raised by the school tax, will be added to the General Fund. Treasurer is ready to switch over to the July 1st budget. Treasurer will put carryover funds into the next fiscal years' budget. The Town received a rebate check for \$750 for the truck purchased from Delury's. The rebate will go into the Equipment Fund. The scrap culvert metal at the garage went to TAM and after subtracting Green Up Day costs, the town received a check for \$257.43 which will go into the Culvert Fund. The Treasurer will send a check to Blue Flame for next year's fuel.

Reviewed June 4, 2018 Minutes:

Karen moved to accept as is. Mike seconded. All in favor.

West Rd Dry Hydrant: Mike will contact Jamie Paustian, Fire Chief, to get the Hydrant tested.

Sheriffs Contract: to be discussed in July.

Grants: The Town has sent a Grants-in-Aid letter to BCRC. This Grant should cover the cost of culvert erosion problems on West Rd.

Road Report: Ditching continues on Wilcox Road. Graveling and seeding are completed and that treatment will continue on Woodcock Road next, then West Road. Lincoln Lane Bridge will be removed by the Town on July 9, 2018 followed by construction of the replacement bridge.

Fuller Paving has submitted a bid of \$83,810.24 to place 1 inch coating of asphalt over paved portion of West Sandgate Road. Tom moved to accept Fuller quote. All agreed. The broken pavement at the top of the Notch will be fixed before the asphalt coating. Town will remove the ruined section, make drainage ditches and install culverts, then Fuller will put down 4 inches of base asphalt on top of that. The 4 inches of pavement on top of the culverts should prevent future damage. The 4" pavement cost is included in the bid. Mike will request that the State not paint the road lines until the asphalt job is done.

Other Business:

Haggerty's cows and sheep have been roaming again. Karen Tendrup has offered to talk to Bill.

As part of a community service project the Perez boys will be collecting trash dumped by inconsiderate people along the Sandgate roads. Road crew will take away.

Hal Wilkins, Zoning Administrator, informed the town that the Department of Environmental Conservation will pursue the "junk" car issue at Grogan's on Chunks Brook Rd. He is sending them photos of cars.

Tom Santelli motioned to adjourn. Mike seconded. All in favor.

Adjourned at 7:35 PM

NEXT MEETING IS JULY 2nd

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne dePeyster

Sandgate Select Board Meeting – July 02, 2018

Called to order at 6:30 pm

Attendance: Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup, Mike Hill, Suzy dePeyster, Karen Dzialo
Also present – Jan Hunkel, Rick Dahm, Bill Haggerty

Signed orders

Tax Rate: no information from the listers at this time.

Town wide reappraisal will be starting soon.

Reviewed June 18, 2018 minutes. Tom Santelli moved to approve, Karen Tendrup seconded. All in favor.

Haggerty's Cows: Rick Dahm reported that Dave Trachte complained that Bill Haggerty cows were getting out and trespassing on his property. At Dahm's most recent visit to Haggerty property, the cows were inside the fence. There has been no problem in the last few days. Haggerty explained that he did not realize his cows were getting out (it was happening at night), and that with the power outage his electric fence was not working. He also stated that he did not hear anything from Dave Trachte, and as soon as he realized that the cows were getting onto Dave's property, he fixed the fence. Bill Haggerty also stated that he felt that it was targeted enforcement.

There was discussion about cows tethered in field on Sandgate Road and noted that a fence was being installed.

Sheriff's Contract: The Board agreed to sign the Sheriff's contract. Patrolling will continue at 5 hours per week until funds were exhausted. It was suggested that an increase in the budget for the Sheriff might be considered at the next Town Meeting.

The Sheriff will check for overweight permits. Marge will provide a list of trucking operators who have filed permits with the Town showing proof of insurance.

Grogan Update - Hal Wilkins, zoning Administrator, reported that the State will initiate enforcement actions against Heath Grogan for his 12+ unregistered / junk vehicles.

The Town will serve as complainant and he will assemble the charge sheet, photos, etc. to support the case.

If there are any other, similar sites that should also be included in such an enforcement action, he wants to know.

Josh Williams, executive director for the Arlington Rescue Squad will serve as Emergency Management Coordinator. He might offer a CPR Course at the Town Hall this winter.

Road Report: Work on SE Corners and Woodcock Hollow ditching is done. Next on the list is ditching the Notch to prepare for paving, then Campbell Road with a fix to the soft spot that sucked in the Town truck last winter, then culvert on West Road. Lincoln Lane bridge will be closed on 7/9. Construction on the new bridge will start next week.

Mowing: West side is done, Sandgate Road done. SE Corners is next on the list.

Rick Dahm wanted it recorded in the minutes that he experienced how challenging it was to mow with rude speeding drivers, and he regretted his objection to Mike having an increase in salary at the last Town meeting.

A motion made to adjourn by Tom Santelli, seconded by Mike, all in favor.

Adjourned at 7:30PM

Next meeting: July 16, 2018

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Dzialo

Sandgate Select Board Meeting – July 16, 2018

Called to order at 6:35 pm

Attendance: Suzy dePeyster, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli, Karen Dzialo
Absent: Karen Tendrup. Also present, Sandy Reidy, treasurer

Treasurer’s Report: reviewed and accepted by the Board. The Board agreed to waive late filing penalty for the Homestead program.

Tax Rate: Sandy provided the final numbers to set the Tax Rate for 2018-2019. The Board agreed to roll over July 2018 unencumbered balances carryovers .In November after taxes are collected 2018 appropriations will be paid
Mike moved to set the tax rate as stated, Karen Dzialo seconded. All in favor.

Homestead Tax Rate

Municipal \$0.5913
School \$0.9878
Local \$0.0032
\$1.5823 per thousand
\$2.0711 FY17/18
-\$0.4888 difference

The Homestead Tax Rate went down

Non-Residential Tax Rate

Municipal \$0.5913
School \$1.5606
Local \$0.0032
\$2.1551 per thousand
\$1.9970 FY17/18
\$0.1581 difference

July 2, 2018 Minutes: reviewed and approved as is. Mike moved to accept minutes, Tom Santelli seconded. All in favor.

Dry Hydrant Grant: The town will receive \$7,500 instead of the \$5,000 originally thought. Paperwork was submitted to Troy Dare of VACD.

Lincoln Lane Bridge Update: The bridge replacement project is underway.

Select Board and Road Orders Signed

Road Report: Tate Mountain is ditched on both sides. Next, West Road ditching and culverts replaced, followed by work on Campbell Road.

Truck Recall: Mike reported that the parts still were not available at the dealership. The recall was sent out in early 2018.

Back Road Insurance Form: verified agreement.

Other Business: the Board approved James Gunn for Deputy Fire Warden at the request of the State. Marge will send in the signed paperwork.

Tom motioned to adjourn, Mike seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30

Next meeting will be August 6, 2018

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Dzialo

Sandgate Select Board Meeting – August 6, 2018

Called to order at 6:40 pm

Attendance: Suzy dePeyster, Mike Hill, Karen Tendrup, Tom Santelli, Karen Dzialo

LEOP: The Local Emergency Operating Plan was re-adopted for 2018. Josh Williams, executive director for the Arlington Rescue Squad serves as Emergency Management Coordinator. The email address for Town Clerk was updated. Mike Hill motioned to accept, Karen Tendrup seconded. All in favor.

BCIC is requesting \$500 to fund their economic development efforts. Board will request that Jim Sullivan from BCRC attend a Board meeting in September to explain the project in more detail before we make a decision. Karen Dzialo will contact Jim Sullivan via email.

Bedding Chopper (unit to chop hay for the side of the road): Suzy dePeyster sent a letter to the ERP Grant Committee supporting the acquisition and use of the bedding chopper by Sandgate. The town agrees to pay \$625 as a required match toward the purchase.

Grant Opportunity to upgrade diesel equipment: Mike will check to see if the town would be able to benefit from this grant.

Efficiency Vermont Report on Town Hall: The town hall passed ok.

Zoning Bylaw Review/Planning Commission is looking for new members. Anyone interested in serving, should contact the Town for more information.

Parcel maps will be ready for review this month

Signed Select Board and Road Orders

Review July 16, 2018 minutes: Accepted with change to the tax rate. Motion to accept by Karen Tendrup, Tom Santelli seconded. All in favor.

Tax Change: The tax Rate that was approved at the 7/16/18 Selectmen's meeting is no longer valid, due to a change of the Homestead Education Tax Rate set by the State. The Homestead Education Rate went from 0.9878 to 1.4951. The new Homestead Tax Rate reflecting this is 2.0902 which is 0.0191 more than last year. The table below shows the change:

Homestead Tax Rate

Municipal \$0.5913

School \$1.4951

Local \$0.0039

\$2.0902 per thousand

\$2.0711 FY17/18

+\$0.0191 more than last year

Non-Residential Tax Rate

Municipal \$0.5913

School \$1.5606

Local \$0.0039

\$2.1557 per thousand

\$1.9970 FY17/18

\$0.1587 difference

Road Report: West Sandgate Road paving is done and looks good. Mike reported that he will be adding stone edging.

Lincoln Lane Bridge Project is completed. The town received a check from Miller Construction for \$500 in appreciation of the help given by the town Road Department, that made their job easier.

Roads that have washed out in the recent heavy storms, such as the upper portion of SE Corners, will be fixed as soon as possible, as weather permits.

Mowing Update: Mike reported that much of the town is completed, and he will continue to mow areas that need attention as time permits.

Berm removal will be done in the fall.

Mike is working on additional grants.

The next meeting is August 20, 2018

NOTE: Board will meet on Sept 10 and Sept 24 because of Sept 3 holiday.

Tom Santelli motioned to adjourn and Karen Tendrup seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Dzialo

Sandgate Select Board Meeting – August 20, 2018

Call to order: 6:37

Attendance: Suzy dePeyster, Mike Hill, Karen Tendrup, Karen Dzialo, Tom Santelli.
Also present: Sandy Reidy, Treasurer, and Ginny Kauffman

Citizens' Concerns: Ginny Kauffman informed the Board that the culvert and ditch at the end of her driveway (581 West Road) needed attention. Mike will extend the ditch to alleviate the problem asap.

Treasurers Report: Sandy submitted the report and it was reviewed and accepted by the Board. The dry hydrant grant money will be placed into a line item when it comes in. The tax money is coming in and Sandy will keep a close watch on the bank balance. Mike Hill presented a check for \$500 from Miller Construction that will go into the Construction Fund.

8/6/2018 Minutes: reviewed and motioned to accept as is by Tom Santelli, seconded by Karen Tendrup

Zoning/Planning

Hal Wilkins, Sandgate Planning/Zoning officer sent an email to the Board regarding issues before the planning/zoning office:

1. **Grogan Matter:** 16 plus vehicles on the property as of last Friday. A \$50 per day penalty was agreed upon on by the Board. Tom motioned, Karen Tendrup seconded. Grogan will be given a notice of violation; 7 day letter; 8th day, if no compliance the town will proceed with the \$50 per day penalty. Hal will ask attorney about accruing fees.
2. **Carthusian Project:** Equinox Foundation and StarWind, LLC have submitted their certificate of Public Good application for several wind turbines to be located 100' below ridge line on the saddle just west of Lake Madeline. We'll be able to review the site information, provide comments, etc. when the Public Service Meeting is set.
3. **Madava Farms/Crown Maple:** Madava is considering (just preliminary at this time) a joint venture with the Equinox Foundation to purchase electricity from a solar PV field that might be installed adjacent to Lake Madeline. They claim it's not visible from any Sandgate location. Hal will keep us informed on this.

Correspondence: the Board received a questionnaire from the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation regarding developing the Economic Landscape. Most of the questions were about Internet/telephone cell service in the town. The Board referred the Corporation to Betsy Gunn.

NEMRC - Listers signed contract with NEMRC , starting July 2018 for 12 months.

Town Hall Roof: the town opened 2 bids to replace the Town Hall roof. One from Townsends General Home Repairs and another from Tom Santelli. The Board agreed to accept the lower bid from local business, Tom Santelli. Cost will be \$12,500.

Bedding Chopper grant was denied. We will be looking to reapply.

BCIC: Jim Sullivan will attend the September 17th meeting to explain their request for \$500

Road Report: Jim Henderson and an engineer from Fitzgerald will meet with Mike Hill to review the recommendations for improvements of the roads (based on the study done last year). One of the questions is whether we can move a project higher on the priority list. This will enable us to apply for grant money to resolve the on-going issue with the section of road by the Kauffman property on West Road. New grants can be applied for in the Fall (November).

Other Business: Tom Santelli brought up the issue of bicycle racing in the town. In particular through the Notch which has a recommended safe limit of 15 miles per hour. It was suggested that the town put up signs advising the racers/bikers to use caution. Karen Tendrup will try to find out what organization sponsors the races so we can inform them of the need for them to take measures to assure the safety of the town residents, other travelers, and the bikers.

Mike Hill motioned to adjourn, Karen Dzialo seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

Next meeting will be September 10, 2018.

We will not meet on the first Monday (Labor Day)

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Dzialo

Sandgate Select Board Meeting – September 10, 2018

Call to order: 6:35

Attendance: Suzy dePeyster, Mike Hill Tom Santelli, Karen Dzialo, Karen Tendrup

Citizens' Concerns: none

Town Hall Roof: The Board agreed to accept Tom Santelli's bid on the town hall roof. Total cost of \$13,000 (includes removal of 2 layers of shingles) Karen Tendrup will get a check for \$6,000 as deposit from Sandy Reidy. Motion to accept bid by Karen Tendrup, seconded by Karen Dzialo. All in favor.

Review August 20th Minutes: Note that the date for the next meeting will be on September 17th, NOT September 24th. Motion to accept minutes with that change by Karen Tendrup, seconded by Tom Santelli. All in favor.

Orders were signed

Board vacancies: There is a vacancy on the Zoning Board, and an opening for a Fence Viewer. Tom Santelli agreed to accept the position of Fence Viewer.

Grogan/Telford: Hal Wilkins sent paperwork to Grogan/Telford regarding excessive unregistered vehicles on the property. Hal will find out what the town is required to do next.

Haggerty's Cows: The state police contacted the town that the cows are getting out again. The Board will ask Marge to look up the last time the town took Haggerty to court.

Button Up Vermont: The Board reviewed the information received about Button Up Vermont and decided not to participate in the program. Button Up Vermont is a statewide effort to cut energy use.

Sheriff: The town will check on how much funding is available to finish out the year.

BCIC – Karen Dzialo will contact Jim Sullivan to ask if he could change the date that he will come to a Board meeting and speak to us about their request for \$500 to fund the economic development efforts program.

Road Report: Mike Hill reported that he was working on the Hamilton Hollow grant project – ditching, tree removal, and culverts.

Sand will be purchased at \$950/ton from Bill Barney.

Other Business: The Town will ask local youth if they would be interested in a Community Service Project of cleaning trash out of ditches and roadside.

Tom Santelli motioned to adjourn, Karen Dzialo seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm

Next meeting will be September 17th at 6:30 pm

(please note the change from September 24th as was stated in August 20th minutes.)

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Dzialo

Sandgate Select Board Meeting – September 17, 2018

Call to Order: 6:45 pm

Attendance: Suzy dePeyster, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli, Karen Dzialo, Karen Tendrup.
Also present: Sandy Reidy, treasurer and Bill Haggerty, resident

Citizens' Concerns: none

Treasurer's Report : Reviewed by Board. It was noted that the Town has \$4,488 left in the budget for the Sheriff to patrol the town.

Sheriff Patrol: It was agreed to stop the patrol in mid-October and restart in the Spring. Tom will contact the Sheriff. Discussion to ask at Town Meeting if residents would like to increase the amount allotted for the Sheriff patrol.

Planning Board and Zoning Board Vacancies: Town residents Carolyn Kimball, Stuart Stevens, and Shelia Kearns have shown interest in filling the vacancies.

Dog Warden: Note that Small Animal Officer, Erin McDermott has a new telephone number 802-379-9246

Haggerty's Cows: The town received another complaint that Bill Haggerty's cows are getting out. Bill explained that he is unaware of the cows getting out and does not check his phone very often for messages. He told the Board that he has worked on the fence the best that he could.

It was noted that Bill's sheep are also often in the road.

Road Report: Hamilton Hollow is almost done.

All grading has been completed in the town. It was noted that the addition of liquid chloride to all the dirt roads has resulted in less dust because after grading the road packs down much faster.

Mike reported that he is getting ready for winter and ordering sand and salt.

Mike told the Board that Mark Scanlon has been told that he needs to move his truck (Hamilton Hollow) so that a new telephone pole can be installed. It was suggested to tell Mr. Scanlon that Dorr will be contacted to move truck and that it will be at the truck owner's expense.

Willie Mattison will be available again this winter season for snow plowing. Tom Santelli will back up as needed.

Other Business: The Storm Water permit has been sent in

Minutes: The September 10, 2018 minutes were reviewed. Tom Santelli motioned to accept the minutes and Karen Tendrup seconded. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Karen Dzialo, seconded by Tom Santelli, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

Next meeting is October 1, 2018

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Dzialo

Sandgate Select Board Meeting – October 1, 2018

Called to order: 6:30pm

Attendance: Suzanne dePeyster, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup, Eleanor LaCross, Delinquent Tax Collector. Absent: Karen Dzailo

Citizen Concerns: Tom Santelli stated that the digging at the top of the notch might cause possible damage to town road and asked about driveway access and the need for a permit. Mike will keep an eye on the situation.

Sept 17, 2018 minutes were accepted Tom moved and Karen seconded. All in favor.

ZBA and PC vacancy was filled. Sheila Kearns was appointed. Other applicants will be asked to attend meetings as more vacancies are imminent.

No work done on Budget.

Road and Select Board Orders signed.

Road Report: Hamilton Hollow Road project is complete with the exception of telephone pole relocation. Consolidated told Mike they hoped to get it done in two weeks. Beartown project starts this week.

Other Business: Eleanor LaCross asked the Board if it would accept the delinquent tax sale property if there are no bids on it. Tom moved to bid it in. Karen seconded. All in favor.

Hal Wilkins, ZA, asked the Select Board to pursue the Grogan junk car problem. Tom moved to proceed. Mike seconded. All in favor. Hal will speak to the town lawyer.

Tom moved to adjourn . Karen seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 7:15PM.

Next Meeting October 15, 2018

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne dePeyster

Sandgate Select Board Meeting – October 15, 2018

Called to order: 6:35pm

Attendance: Suzy dePeyster, Karen Tendrup, Karen Dzialo, Tom Santelli; Absent: Mike Hill. Also present: Sandy Reidy, Treasurer, also: Bev Bice, Bill Colvin, Bill Haggerty, Donna Crawford.

Treasurers' Report: The Treasurers' Report was reviewed and accepted by the Board.

BCRC/BCIC Appropriation: BCIC representative, Bill Colvin explained the mission of BCIC (Bennington County Industrial Corporation) and how it could benefit Sandgate. BCIC is requesting an appropriation of \$500 from the town of Sandgate to continue and expand programs. The organization partners with BCRC (Bennington County Regional Commission). Its goals are to support businesses, communications, relationships, and more. For additional information visit their website BCIC.org. The Board asked BCIC to attend the meeting so that we could determine the value of their programs for Sandgate residents. The Board will review and determine if we want to include the appropriation request in the Budget.

Citizens' Concerns: Beverly Bice and Donna Crawford asked the Board what the town ordinance stated regarding noise. Beverly Bice received a complaint that her music was too loud. The Board will look into what other towns have for ordinance regarding "noise". It was suggested that the ordinance should be clear to specify time limits and decibel range. It will be discussed at next meeting.

Bill Haggerty stopped by to inform the Board that there was a recent false cow report. The police said cows were out were in the Tudor Road area. No cows were out.

October 1, 2018 minutes were reviewed. Motion to accept as written by Karen Tendrup, seconded by Tom Santelli. All in favor.

Grants: no update.

Grogan Update: Hal Wilkins not at the meeting

Budget: The Board will start work on the new budget next meeting.

Orders were signed

Road Report: emphasis on taking care of the potholes

Other Business: The Board appointed Carolyn Kimball to fill ZBA and Planning Board vacancy.

Motion to adjourn at 7:40 pm by Tom Santelli and seconded by Karen Tendrup.
All in favor.

Next meeting November 5, 2018

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Dzialo

Sandgate Select Board Meeting – November 5, 2018

Called to order: 6:30pm

Attendance: Suzy dePeyster, Mike Hill, Karen Tendrup, Tom Santelli, Karen Dzialo.
Also Present: Willie Skidmore, Beverly Bice, Kathy Wagner, Susan Corcoran, Tom Corcoran

Citizen Concerns

Kathy Wagner alerted the Board that an oak tree near her home on Rupert Road near the intersection of Snow Road had its roots exposed and was ready to fall on the road. Earlier some branches took down power lines. She suggested that the Road Crew take it down before it falls and takes out the power.

Noise Ordinance Discussion

Tom Corcoran inquired about the policy regarding noise. His complaint was about dogs chronic barking and loud music by his neighbor Beverly Bice. Willie Skidmore said that he heard the loud music from his residence. Beverly Bice has removed her outdoor speakers. There was discussion about what the State Ordinance said about noise; that it is difficult to determine what is excessive, and what level of noise would be considered to be detrimental. Regarding the dogs barking, the Town has a policy already in the Dog Ordinance. Tom Corcoran said he wants the Town Ordinance enforced. It was acknowledged that there was much less barking in the past few weeks.

Use of Town Hall request

Beverly Bice would like to use the Town Hall for a Christmas Bazaar. She hopes to have it the same time day as the party for the kids. She'll check with Jean Zoppel for the date.

Dry Hydrant Grant

The town received a letter from Mike Perra. Mike received a bill from Tom Wilson for dry hydrant costs and he wondered if the Town would cover them with part of the extra grant money that the Town received. The board will act on the matter after Mike Hill speaks with Tom Wilson.

October 15, 2018 Minutes reviewed, motion to accept as is by Tom Santelli and seconded by Mike Hill.

Orders Signed and 2018 Appropriations were paid.

Budget will be discussed at the next meeting.

Potholes: Mike is waiting for better weather. Pothole by the bridge on SE Corners will be taken care of.

Road Report: Mike expressed concern regarding Ash Trees and the Ash Borer infestation. There are many Ash Trees along the roadside in Sandgate within the Right-of-Way that should be removed before the trees are killed by the Ash Borer. The infestation is in the Bennington area and is heading north. Once the trees die they will drop limbs. This would be a safety issue on Sandgate Roads. He encouraged the Board to attend the informational meeting to be held at Arlington Town Hall next Wednesday 11/14/18 at 4:00PM. Karen Tendrup and Karen Dzialo plan to attend the meeting.

Tom Santelli moved meeting to be adjourned, Mike Hill seconded, all in favor.

Meeting Adjourned 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Dzialo

Sandgate Select Board Meeting – November 19, 2018

Called to order: 6:35pm

Attendance: Suzy dePeyster, Mike Hill, Karen Tendrup, Karen Dzialo, Tom Santelli, and Sandy Reidy, Treasurer. Also present, Sean Raphael.

Citizen Comment: Sean Raphael, who is familiar with FEMA Action Plans, offered to facilitate the Town LEOP; helping with grants that are available to the Town. He will have the title of Emergency Facilitator. The Board appreciates his input to help the Town become prepared for emergencies.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy Reidy presented the Treasurer's report which was reviewed and accepted. It was discussed that the 1st payment on the new 2018 International Dump truck will be taken out of the Construction Fund (\$10,000) and the Road Equipment Fund (\$16,000) for a total of \$26,000.

Budget: Preliminary discussion on the Budget. Sandy provided a mockup of 2018-2019 General Budget and also Highway Budget. The Town is still receiving appropriation requests. Budget discussion will be continued at the next meeting

Orders Signed

November 5, 2018 minutes reviewed. Motion to accept as is by Karen Tendrup, seconded by Tom Santelli. All in favor.

Grants: Request for reimbursement for the dry hydrant expense to be paid to Tom Wilson. Payment of \$695 will come out of the VACD grant money received by the Town.

Road Report: Mike reported that he is ready for winter. Once again signage for the West Sandgate Road has been delayed until next year because the Federally funded program is overwhelmed.

Other Business: Contract for the use of the Town Hall was discussed and a shortened version was agreed upon by the Board. Karen Dzialo will have a sample for the Board to approve at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm by Karen Tendrup, seconded by Karen Dzialo, all in favor.

Next meeting at 6:30PM on December 3, 2018.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Dzialo

Sandgate Select Board Meeting – December 3, 2018

Called to order: 6:30pm

Attendance: Suzy dePeyster, Mike Hill, Karen Tendrup, Karen Dzialo, Tom Santelli

Budget Discussion: Appropriations were discussed. There will be a full discussion of the Budget at the next meeting, December 17, 2018

Review of November 19, 2018 Minutes: Motion to accept as is by Mike Hill and seconded by Tom Santelli, all in favor.

Orders were signed

Road Report: Roads are soft and muddy. Mike is looking into a rubber cutting edge with a carbine insert for the plow. It's rumored that this rubber edge will not tear up soft dirt and turf when plowing.

The Town needs to replace the New Holland Backhoe with the same size machine. The New Holland dealer in Greenwich NY offered a \$30,000 trade-in that would bring the cost down to \$60,000 that could be paid over 6 years. Mike will have more details at the next meeting.

Mike reported that the Consolidated telephone bill was overpaid.

Ash tree removal was discussed. There is a video available from GNAT TV about the ash tree problem. Suzy will ask Sean Raphael, our emergency facilitator, if he could obtain a grant to get an ash borer resistant tree.

Other Business: Eleanor LaCross reported that water is not going into the gutter at the entry to the Town Hall. Tom will take care of fixing the roof edge with flashing to solve the problem.

The Town Hall and Schoolhouse No. 2 Use Contract was reviewed and finalized. Forms can be obtained at the Town Hall. After the form is filled out, it can be authorized by either the Town Clerk or a member of the Select Board.

Tom Santelli moved to adjourn the meeting, Karen Tendrup seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Next meeting at 6:30PM on December 17, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Dzialo

Sandgate Select Board Meeting – December 17, 2018

Called to order: 6:30pm

Attendance: Karen Tendrup, Karen Dzialo, Suzy dePeyster, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli.

Also present: Sandy Reidy, Treasurer

December 3, 2018 minutes reviewed: Karen Tendrup motioned to accept as is, Mike Hill seconded. All in favor.

Budget: The Board reviewed Town Budget appropriations and expenditures for 2019/2020 Fiscal year. Discussion on removing the Record Restoration Line from the budget. The Record Restoration Fund balance could be moved to Major Repairs and Improvements for the Town Hall Fund. The Select Board will place an article in the Warning for March Town Meeting.

The Highway Budget will be reviewed at the January 7, 2019 meeting.

Other Business: Dan Buck, who has taken care of the cemetery trees, will be contracted to negotiate taking down ash trees that are in the town roads right-of-way. This is to prevent damage of falling limbs as a result of the Emerald Ash Borer.

Road Report: Mike Hill reported that the Town backhoe has issues and loses power loading sand. The Board had hoped that the backhoe would not need major repair and would last until Spring. According to Tom the cost to repair the backhoe would be \$15,000 to \$18,000. Mike researched replacing the backhoe now, while we could still get a good trade-in.

New Holland offered \$30,000 in trade on a comparable machine at a cost of \$63,709 total. Their next size up, a 110, would be \$72,996 with delivery in 5-6 months.

In comparison, John Deere offered their Heavy Duty 310SL model, which is the same size as the larger New Holland 110 model, at \$81,750 with a \$28,000 trade-in. They would be able to deliver a 2019 model with a backhoe thumb in early January 2019. It comes with a 5-year or 2000 hours warranty. John Deere has a solid reputation and their backhoe is a better quality machine than the New Holland 110. The total cost for the John Deere is \$81,750. Financing for the balance due after the trade-in will be through John Deere Nortrax, a total of 7 payments (one each year). The first payment of \$14,441 is due on November 14, 2019. Funding is already in the budget to cover the first payment.

The Board agreed on the bid from Nortrax, Tom motioned to accept the bid, Karen Tendrup seconded. All in favor.

The Board authorized Mike Hill to do all the paperwork for the purchase.

Tom Santelli motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mike Hill seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Next Meeting January 7, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Dzialo