

**TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE
SELECTBOARD MEETING
Tuesday, October 23rd, 2018**

DRAFT MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm

Present: Gary Mullen, John O'Brien, Mike McPhetres, Rodney Hoyt, Jackie Higgins, Jillian Conner, Simon Bradford, Mitch Taylor, Becky Hoyt, Vicki Weiss, David Eggum

Road Foreman Report:

- Jackie started by updating Rodney on various grants pertaining to the highways and roads. The Better Back Roads grant is submitted for phase 2 of the Monarch Hill Rd. repairs. The structures grant was received. Jackie sent in the final documents to FEMA today to get \$28,571 for the 2017 July flooding. More funding will be coming from the state as well. The Hanson Rd. repair will hopefully be grant-funded next year.
- Jackie also did a two hour speed survey on Monarch Hill Rd. (after bridge completion), Spring Rd. and Drew Rd. She recommends the speed limit be set to 30 MPH on Monarch Hill and 25 MPH on Drew Rd. Mike motions to accept the recommended speeds for Monarch Hill Rd., Spring Rd. and Drew Rd. An official Amendment will need to be signed at the next meeting.
- Jackie explained the increase in the proposed draft highway budget for next year; it is because the garage doors need to be re-pinned. There is also an increase in the proposed highway phone budget because they are looking into getting TV and internet at the garage for the weather updates.
- Rodney let the board know that a new grader is going to be needed in the next few years, which he has been told could cost about \$300,000. A new truck will also be needed in 2021.
- Water is back running over the mill dam.
- The windows are being installed in the garage.
- The last load of sand was delivered today.
- The ten wheeler and ton truck got new tires.
- Rueben Hook suggested some cold patch be put at the end of the cracked ramp going into the Town Office until next summer when it can be fixed properly.
- For the culvert repair he did, Rueben would like to be paid with 10 loads of fill from the town. Mike motions to pay Rueben with 10 loads of fill, John seconds. All in favor.
- Mitch Taylor, sales representative for Casela, asked Rodney how the trash compactors have been faring. Rodney said they have been fine since everything thawed in the spring, but they consistently froze up last winter. He suggested the heaters in it be hooked up to thermostat to detect when to turn on and off. Mitch said he would look into fixing them again.

Casela Update

Mitch Taylor of Casela updated the board on recycling costs which have increased to \$55/ton. He also suggested Tunbridge could save some money on hauling costs by letting compactors fill up more and hauling larger loads less often. He also suggested that Tunbridge could purchase another compactor for cardboard only, which is more valuable, and could be baled in White River Junction to be sold. Simon Bradford added that there is probably not enough power supply at the transfer station to add another compactor.

Assistant County Judge Candidates

Vicki Weiss and David Eggum came to tell the board about the role of Assistant Judges and the work they do. Vicki and David also wanted to encourage Orange County residents to attend their budget hearings in December and January. They also mentioned they are looking into creating a website so information regarding Orange County could be easily accessed.

New Business

Simon Bradford (Tunbridge Fire Chief) came to ask the board if they had any questions for him or wanted his neutral opinion on the E-9-1-1 emergency services line change. He felt that both the current line and the one before it were not the most logical places for it to be. He also felt that whichever ambulance service can get to a given place in town faster is the service that should cover that area. Mike explained that the board plans to stay with the line as it is now to avoid needing to go through the E-9-1-1 Board's process to have it switched back.

Simon also updated the board on Fire Dept. business. They have a new dispatch line as of 10/22, along with their backup dispatch system. They are also running low on memberships.

Becky Hoyt gave the Board a letter from Batchelder Associates regarding the recent audit they did for the town. The letter needs to be read, signed and returned to them before final audit report will be received.

Mike said he has heard concern about the sidewalk in front of Post Office. It needs repair.

Jillian will investigate agreement between past owner of house beside Town Hall and contact new owner about snow removal, contact Judy and Mike Howe again for clarification on Town Hall exterior lighting, and work on getting the RFP for the kitchen renovation back out.

Gary will send a note to the Vermont Council on Rural Development asking them to come talk with the town.

Orders and warrants signed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06pm.

Selectboard/Committee Joint Meeting Schedule 1st Tuesday of the Month

Cemetery Commission: April and August

Planning Commission: April, August and November

Recreation Commission: January, April, July and October

Listers: May and November

Auditors: September and November

Library Directors: October

Gary Mullen, Chair

Mike McPhetres, Vice Chair

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