

**TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE
SELECTBOARD MEETING
Tuesday, November 19th, 2018**

FINAL MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm

Present: Gary Mullen, Mike McPhetres, John O'Brien, Baxter Doty, Brenda Field, Becky Hoyt, Judy Tucker, Dave Kimball, Chase Ackerman, Ingrid Van Steamberg, Rudi Ruddell, Helen O'Donnell, Janet Wells, Jillian Conner

Called to order 6:10pm

Update from Baxter Doty on behalf of Tri Town Travelers

VAST trails open up on December 15th. Baxter said nothing is new with the association. He asked Selectboard to sign a landowner permission form, as he does yearly, so the travelers can use a 1 mile portion of Dickerman Hill Rd. Gary signed the form. Baxter said in general, the club numbers around the state are shrinking.

Emergency Services Discussion

Rudi started by explaining that the state coordinator made the decision to change the E-9-1-1 emergency services line after speaking with someone from First Branch Ambulance. She was under the impression that she was correcting a mistake that had been made. Gary asked Rudi if he had a suggestion as to what should be done about it. Rudi said it's a complex issue, and the worst part of it is how the proper procedure was not followed. Since there is only one year left on both contracts, he said he isn't sure if it makes a difference either way. Hardest part for him was that process was not followed. He thought this could be a good opportunity to look at the big picture and future viability.

Dave Kimball reiterated that for the South Royalton Rescue, this is not a matter of finances or territory. Both services want what's best for the community. He recommended that the line be put back to where it was when the contracts were signed. Ingrid recommended putting the line back to the way the town voted to have it as well, but use this situation as an opportunity to work on the emergency services logistics further. Formation of a designated emergency services committee was suggested. John asked Rudi what it would take to return the line to how it was, Rudi responded that he just needs signatures from the Selectboard and the service providers. John asked the representatives if that was something they could agree to. They agreed. Selectboard agreed too.

John moved to restore the emergency services response line across the fairground to its pre-July placement, found in the map book, and to create a committee to discuss the line placement before contracts expire. Mike seconded. So moved.

Each ambulance service will put forth a person to serve on the new emergency services committee.

Old Business

Becky had Gary sign the letter from Batchelder and Assoc. in order to receive the final audit materials. She also presented a letter from a tax payer who has had consistent tax raises and is upset about it. Being a Lister, Helen O'Donnell offered to respond to the letter.

The Listers presented their budget for FY 2019/2020. Rudi explained the spreadsheet in everyone's hand basically shows that the Listers exceeded their budget by about \$1,000 last year. The 18/19 budget was for \$26,900, \$28,846 was actually spent. This year, they are hoping to add an extra hour of work per week for each Lister. This year they are proposing a budget of \$29,439.05.

Rudi also updated the Board about the IT situation at the Town Office. Systems Plus has quoted \$6,000 to rework the entire network, add in a server, a new computer for the Administrative Assistant. The work will dramatically increase the internet speed for the whole building. The work is within the budget, so Rudi will go ahead and schedule that. Jillian relayed Geoff Hansen's suggestion to put town official's emails under one domain.

Rudi also updated Board that the town received funding from VTrans to update parcel maps. Atlas Geographic was hired to do the work and will be sending updated maps soon.

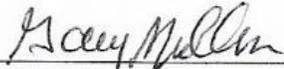
Janet Wells came in to talk about snow removal and septic at her house, which is next to the Town Hall. Her only complaint was that last year snow was piled up in a way that made it hard for her to see North on Rt. 110 and pull out of her driveway. Mike said the road crew can come and clear this away. More research needs to be done about septic easement. Book 31, pg. 260 in land records should have pertinent information. The Selectboard will draw up a new agreement about snow removal and have Janet sign it.

John noted that the damaged sidewalk in front of the Post Office is not the town's responsibility to fix, it is the landowner's.

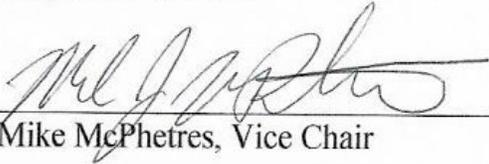
Orders and warrants signed.

Mike motions to adjourn, John seconds. Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

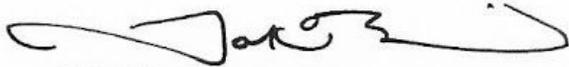
Selectboard/Committee Joint Meeting Schedule 1st Tuesday of the Month
Cemetery Commission: April and August
Planning Commission: April, August and November
Recreation Commission: January, April, July and October



Gary Mullen, Chair



Mike McPhetres, Vice Chair



John O'Brien, Clerk