

**TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE
SELECTBOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, January 22nd, 2019

Present: Gary Mullen, Mike McPhetres, John O'Brien, Rodney Hoyt - Road Foreman, Kevin Barnaby- Recreation Committee, Jillian Conner

Meeting called to order at 6:20 pm

Road Foreman Update

- The garage got some calls requesting the road crew sand their roads. Due to the extremely cold temperatures, many of the sanders were not working at that time.
- The ton truck is going back to the shop, again, for another recall repair and a new oil pan.
- Nothing broke and no one got stuck during this past storm.
- Hoyt thinks the Board may need to think about increasing the individual truck budgets as the years progress, because the newer models the Town has seem to be breaking more often. O'Brien asked if perhaps leasing trucks would be a good idea.
- Bert Tatro, transfer station attendant, said the trash compactors froze up again a couple weeks ago.

Recreation Committee Update

Kevin Barnaby, from the Recreation Committee, let the Board know that everything is going well with the Recreation Committee. Barnaby said he would like to get all of the Rec buildings buttoned up in the Spring. He would also like to potentially fix up the swimming pool. There have not been any Committee meetings as of late. O'Brien asked if the Recreation Committee would be willing to donate some money towards the Town Hall kitchen renovation. Barnaby replied yes.

Barnaby is responsible for clearing much of the snow away from Town Buildings. In light of that, he asked if the Board would be okay if he brought his tractor into town to remove snow from the Town Hall emergency exit if it was time sensitive and if the Road Crew had not gotten to it yet. The Board said yes, that would be fine.

Barnaby also asked if the Board would be interested in replacing the current snow blower with a smaller one, to make it easier for him to keep up with heavy snow fall at the different Town Buildings efficiently during a storm. McPhetres, who owns an equipment repair business, will look into good options for this.

CMV Driver Drug and Alcohol Policy Discussion

It was suggested by the Town's insurance provider that the Town adopt a CMV Drug and Alcohol Policy. No Board members had any changes or suggestions to the model CMV Driver Drug & Alcohol Policy provided by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns. Mullen suggested we submit it to the Town lawyer for review. Conner will do this.

Other Business

Conner, Administrative Assistant to the Selectboard, updated the Board on a couple of public comments.

As requested last meeting, Conner located the deed specifying the Town's agreement with the property next door to the Town Hall. It appears that the Town owns the driveway and permits access to it by the next door neighbors.

At this time, O'Brien left the meeting to assist his family with a frozen pipes crisis at home.

Charlotte Mullen emailed her to get more clarification on the Town Hall "policy" and who is in charge of altering it. Conner replied that if such a policy exists, the Selectboard would be in charge of it.

Judy Howe informed Conner that two recent events at the Town Hall were not cleaned up in accordance to the rental agreement, and that she had to do it herself, which is not normally part of her duties. She wondered if a cleaning deposit should be required. The Board instructed Conner to research other town's similar policies and report back.

Conner told the Board that Sullivan, Powers & Company have agreed to do a financial review of FY17/18.

Conner reminded the Board that the pre-town meeting falls on a standing Selectboard meeting night, so some schedule alteration may need to be made.

Orders and warrants signed.

McPhetres made a motion to accept the proposed general fund budget for FY 19/20 at \$602,365 with \$337,455 to be raised from taxes, and the proposed highway budget for FY 19/20 at \$889,845 with \$769,445 to be raised from taxes. Mullen seconded. So moved.

McPhetres made a motion to accept Amy Forst as the 1st alternate representative, and Jim Ludwig as the 2nd alternate representative to the EC Fiber Board. Mullen seconded. So moved.

McPhetres made a motion to adjourn at 8:50pm. Mullen seconded. So moved.

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

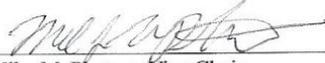
Listers: May and November

Auditors: September and November

Library Directors: October



Gary Mullen, Chair



Mike McPhetres, Vice Chair



John O'Brien, Clerk