

**TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE  
SELECTBOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday, March 12th, 2019, 6:00pm**

**Present: Gary Mullen, Mike McPhetres, John O'Brien, Jillian Conner, Barbara Kohn, Rodney Hoyt, Brenda Field,**

Meeting called to order at 6:10pm

Barbara Kohn came to the meeting to let the Selectboard know that Tammy Mullen, the town's Dog Catcher, has not been paid her stipend in at least two years, potentially one more. She was not there to place blame, just to inform the Board of the mistake.

O'Brien made a motion to retroactively pay Tammy Mullen \$1200 for three years of her "pound-keeping". McPhetres seconded. All in favor. So moved.

**Road Foreman Update**

- Rodney Hoyt, Road Foreman, noted that some towns people might notice a decrease in salt being spread on the roads. This is because the garage's supply is running low and will not be able to restock before the end of the winter.
- Truck #2 is at Mcleod's for a spring repair.
- Hoyt is waiting on a paving estimate from Blaktop to give to Jillian Conner, Assistant to the Selectboard, in order to apply for a state grant.
- Some folks have taken notice of the junk cars at the top of Potash. Hoyt says they are on the Strafford side of the boundary.

**Draft Burn Ordinance Discussion**

Brenda Field, Fire Warden, came in to discuss the new draft burn ordinance before the Selectboard decides to have a lawyer from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns review it. There were no questions or disagreements.

McPhetres made a motion to have lawyers at VLCT review the draft burn ordinance for \$450. O'Brien seconded. So moved.

Brenda also reminded the Board that they play a strong role in the town's emergency plan and preparedness.

**Appointments**

O'Brien made a motion to appoint the following officers to their respective positions: Betsy Race, Health Officer; Brenda Field, Fire Warden; Tammy Mullen, Pound Keeper; Mike McPhetres, Service Officer; James Ludwig, Tree Warden; Paul Harwood, Surveyor of Wood/Timber; Gary Mullen, John O'Brien and Jon Pease Jr., Fence Viewers; Ed Howe, Green Up Coordinator; Judy Tucker, First Branch Ambulance Rep. McPhetres Seconded. So moved.

There were questions about a few positions: Representatives to the South Royalton Rescue, the Chelsea Senior Center, the Two Rivers Regional Commission, and the Central Vermont Solid Waste District, as well as the Recycling Coordinator, Contables, Truant Officer and ADA Coordinator. These will be sorted out by the next meeting.

Gary Mullen will remain the Chair of the Selectboard, Mike McPhetres will remain the Vice Chair, and John O'Brien will remain the Clerk.

### **Other Business**

Mullen told the Board that the people who run the Fairgrounds are considering putting a solar array on one of the fair buildings. They are hoping the Town would like to partner with them in this project.

Mullen informed the Board that the town's lawyer, Tavian Mayer, advised that a member of the Board make another phone call to the former Collector of Delinquent Taxes (CDT) requesting a few records that were not left for the current CDT and cannot be located.

Orders and Warrants Signed.

Minutes signed.

McPhetres motioned to adjourn at 8:15pm. O'Brien seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Selectboard/Committee Joint Meeting Schedule 1<sup>st</sup> 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

  
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