

## **TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE SELECTBOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday, April 9th, 2019**

**Present:** Gary Mullen, John O'Brien, Mike McPhetres, Rodney Hoyt, David Ainsworth, Kevin Barnaby, Dave Kimball, Jackie Higgins, Jillian Conner

Meeting called to order 6:05pm.

David Ainsworth came to express concern about the Chapman Family Farm, on Belknap Brook Rd. He's worried that eventually, the milk truck won't be willing take the long route along dirt roads, avoiding the Howe covered bridge, to pick up from Chapman's. He suggested the Board consider replacing the bridge, adding a second bridge, or finding another solution to ensure Tunbridge does not lose another dairy farm.

### **Road Foreman Report:**

- Truck #6 is at Lucky's having engine work done.
- There has been a complaint about class IV road conditions this mud season, and Hoyt feels bad that folks might not realize what they are getting into when they move onto a class IV road. There is a policy of no winter or mud maintenance on these roads.
- To expedite road maintenance in the height of winter and mud season, Hoyt would like permission from the Board to stockpile more material to prevent excessive time spent hauling. McPhetres asked how much it would cost to have someone haul material instead, Hoyt will look into it.

### **South Royalton Rescue Rep. Appointment**

Dave Kimball came to let the Board know that he would like to be re-appointed as a representative to the South Royalton Rescue.

McPhetres motioned to re-appoint Kimball to be the Tunbridge representative to the South Royalton Rescue. O'Brien seconded. So moved.

### **Recreation Update**

Kevin Barnaby came to give a Recreation Committee update to the Board. He's working on getting a simple water system set up at the cook shack at the baseball field this summer. Barnaby would also like to find something to build for younger children to play on. He has been looking at a tractor and wagon for \$1200 - \$1400 for the play area. The Board asked him to look into it. Barnaby is also planning to put grass down in the infield of the baseball field and build a mound. This will allow the little league to be able to host tournaments.

### **Executive Session**

McPhetres made a motion to enter executive session to discuss grievances with a towns person. O'Brien seconded. Time was 7:10pm.

McPhetres made a motion to exit executive session. O'Brien seconded. So moved. Time was 7:24 pm.

No decision was made.

### **Other Business**

Conner informed the board that a VLCT lawyer explained that since no one was elected to replace the 1st and 2nd constables at Town Meeting, that the former constables are still technically holding the position. In order for the Board to appoint two replacements, the current constables need to resign formally. Conner will ask them to do this.

Brenda Field left the new emergency management plan adoption form for Mullen to sign. She also asked the Board to approve a sum of money that would trigger the opening of the emergency operations center, and sum to purchase two digital cameras for documentation.

O'Brien motioned to set \$5,000 as the monetary amount spent or cost to trigger the opening of an emergency operations center. McPhetres seconded. So moved.

O'Brien motioned to allow Field to spend \$130.00 to purchase digital cameras for emergency documentation. McPhetres seconded.

Orders and Warrants Signed. Minutes signed.

McPhetres motioned to adjourn at 8:30pm.

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

Cemetery Commission: April and August

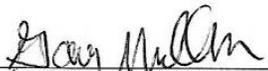
Planning Commission: April, August and November

Recreation Commission: January, April, July and October

Listers: May and November

Auditors: September and November

Library Directors: October

  
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Gary Mullen, Chair

  
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John O'Brien, Clerk