

**TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE
SELECTBOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, March 10th, 2020, 6:00 pm

Meeting called to order 6:03 pm

Present: Gary Mullen, Mike McPhetres, John O'Brien, Rodney Hoyt, Jillian Conner, Mitch Taylor – Casella, Brenda Field, Nancy Chapman

Casella Check In

Mitch Taylor, Tunbridge's Casella Sales Rep., first pointed out that the town's average tonnage per haul has gone down, suggesting we could be saving money by waiting until the containers are more full. The Board asked if Taylor could send a Casella mechanic to come verify that the gauges on the containers are functioning properly. If they aren't, they could be giving incorrect weights.

Hoyt asked why the town is paying for electricity to run the compactors on the containers when they don't work below a certain temperature. Taylor was surprised to hear the compactors still aren't reliable in the winter, as they have been for a number of years. He asked that the town please call him whenever the compactors aren't working. Conner suggested that maybe the reason our haul tonnage has gone down is because the compactors don't always work, so we are forced to have them emptied before they are truly full.

Road Foreman Report

Hoyt thought the roads were not too bad today, but the coming rain won't help their condition. The crew is continuing the patch spots that need it. The stone ordered in the fall from R.E. Tucker is proving to be better than last year's. He suspects we will run out of it before mud season ends, though, and asked if the Board was okay with him purchasing some from McCullough's. McPhetres asked if Hoyt can look into getting granite out of Barre to try out instead of sand. Hoyt will look into it. Hoyt also suggested the Board look into reviving the granite quarry on Brocklebank Road.

Hoyt's truck had an electrical problem and was towed to Freightliner to have it fixed. The repairs will most likely be covered by the truck's warranty.

Mullen told Hoyt that he was asked by Williamstown if they could borrow our roadside mower this summer in exchange for trucking. Hoyt will consider it, but he's wary of letting another crew use the town's machine.

Executive Session

O'Brien motioned to enter executive session on the request of Brenda Field and Nancy Chapman, to discuss a grievance. McPhetres seconded. Entered at 7:25pm.

O'Brien motioned to exit executive session. McPhetres seconded. 7:31pm. No action was taken.

Other Business

Conner had a number of things to tell the Board. First, Judy Howe was hoping for an event permit from Upper Pass Beer to have arrived by the meeting for approval. They are serving beer at an event at the Town Hall on 3/21 and this meeting was the last one before the event will take place.

McPhetres made a motion to allow Conner, as Town Clerk, to approve the permit should it arrive prior to close of business next Wednesday, 3/18. O'Brien seconded.

Brenda Field, Emergency Management Coordinator, suggested that the Board begin to think about how to direct town employees in light of the COVID-19 outbreak. She reminded them to make sure there is hand sanitizer and signage out asking the public to stay home if they are sick.

O'Brien made a motion to approve the Brocklebank Brewery festival permit for the Vermont Nanobrewery Festival to be held at the Tunbridge Fairgrounds on 8/15/2020. McPhetres seconded.

The Board approved a permit from Washington Electric Cooperative to install a new link on Brocklebank Road.

The Board verbally approved a draft letter written by 2nd Constable Katherine Adams to be sent to a dog owner whose dogs have been running at large consistently for a few weeks.

The Board received a complaint from a homeowner near the RT 110 bridge, saying that the replaced light bulbs are too bright. Conner contacted VTrans and was told that there are no dimmer bulbs that can be used. She will call the homeowner to convey that information.

Orders, warrants and minutes signed.

McPhetres motioned to adjourn at 8:35 pm. O'Brien seconded. So moved.

STANDING SELECTBOARD/ COMMITTEE MEETINGS SCHEDULE 1st Meeting of the Month:

- Cemetery Commission: April and August
- Planning Commission: April, August, and November
- Trustees of Public Funds: February and June
- Recreation Commission: January, April, July and October
- Listers: May and November
- Auditors: September and November
- Library Directors: October

/s/ _____
Gary Mullen, Chair

/s/ _____
Mike McPhetres, Vice Chair

John O'Brien, Clerk