

**TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE
SELECTBOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday, June 9th, 2020, 6:00PM
via Zoom**

**Present: Gary Mullen, Mike McPhetres, John O'Brien, Jillian Conner, Cathleen Gent - CVSWMD,
Rebecca Hoyt - Treasurer, Brenda Field**

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm

Road Update

Rodney Hoyt, Road Foreman, gave his update to McPhetres to pass on to the Board. The road crew has begun mowing roadsides and doing some ditching. They grade where and when they can, but every road is in good shape as of now. All machines have been working well also.

Updates on Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District from Cathleen Gent

Gent updated the Board on what CVSWMD has been up to in the last year or so. They have secured funding to build a permanent household hazardous waste (HHW) facility and are in the process of searching for property in the greater Montpelier area to build it. They hope it will be open by spring of 2022. CVSWMD held a HHW event at the Tunbridge Transfer Station this past Saturday and noticed fewer numbers this year. The ARCC in Barre partially reopened in mid-May and plans to open completely by July 1st. Gent noted that the state ban on food scraps entering the land fill goes into effect on July 1st. Lastly, Gent asked that the Board find a way to remove the electronic waste that is being stored in a shed at the transfer station. It likely is a result of people entering the transfer station after hours and dumping unpermitted items there. Board agreed they would take care of it.

FY21 Budget Discussion

While waiting for Rebecca Hoyt, Town Treasurer, to join the call, Orders and Warrants were discussed.

McPhetres made a motion to accept the orders and warrants. O'Brien seconded. All in favor. So moved.

Hoyt joined the call to discuss the upcoming fiscal year's budget. McPhetres proposed finding places to cut the town's budget further. Hoyt reminded the Board that there were already many cuts made when assembling the budget in early winter. She wasn't sure there was any more room for cuts, though she did propose getting a review instead of a full audit from outside firm this year. That would save the town about \$8,000.

Hoyt also proposed the idea of adjusting the interest rate for late tax payments, or not enforcing a penalty or interest until January. Another option could be offering a discount to taxpayers that pay on time. All agreed to make no decision and to invite Joe Paquin, Collector of Delinquent Taxes to the next meeting to discuss these ideas. It was also suggested that the Road Foreman inform the Board of any large expenses he foresees in the next fiscal year, as well as waiting to see if the school budget re-vote on June 20th passes or not.

Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Update from Emergency Management Director, Brenda Field

Field joined the meeting to check in with the Board. She reminded them that the Town should be stocking up on masks, sanitizer, cleaning supplies, etc. in case a “second wave” of the pandemic comes in the fall. Conner is working on this. She also encouraged the Town to not hesitate in purchasing whatever items we feel necessary that are eligible for FEMA emergency funds. Lastly, she plans to check with the Recreation Department to be sure they understand what guidance they need to be following if they are planning to host games all summer.

Other Business

McPhetres made a motion to appoint Brenda Field as Tunbridge Representative to the South Royalton Rescue Squad advisory board. O’Brien seconded. All in favor. So moved.

McPhetres made a motion to approve the minutes, O’Brien seconded. All in favor. So moved.

McPhetres motioned to adjourn at 7:34pm. O’Brien seconded. All in favor. So moved.

/s/ _____
Gary Mullen

/s/ _____
Michael McPhetres

/s/ _____
John O’Brien