

**TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE
SELECTBOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday, July 14th, 2020, 6:00PM
via Zoom**

Present: Gary Mullen, Mike McPhetres, John O'Brien, Jillian Conner, Kathy Galluzzo, Brenda Field, Todd Ballentine, Christina Madore, Marisa Osgood, Katie St. Martin,

Meeting called to order at 6:07pm

Road Update

McPhetres spoke to Rodney Hoyt, Road Foreman this morning. Hoyt conveyed that there was not much damage in town from the previous night's storm. There is an ongoing water issue on Russell Road, so Hoyt got permission from a landowner to install a culvert, which should solve the problem. J.L. Smith will begin hauling winter sand in a couple weeks. The mowing tractor got a flat tire, so McPhetres ordered one. The Road Crew will install it.

Casella and Transfer Station Discussion

No decision was made pertaining to transfer station signage, pricing, procedures, or the contract with Casella as the Board did not have enough time to review it. The board hopes Mike Barnaby, transfer station attendant, can attend the next regular meeting to discuss.

Discussion with Recreation Dept. about Tournaments at Rec Field

Kathy Galluzzo, leader of the Tunbridge Rec. Committee, and a number of softball players who utilize the Tunbridge field joined the meeting to discuss how to make improvements on the conduct at the field during large scale tournaments. In general, there was concern surrounding the Covid safety, as well as people spending time in the road, as well as general rudeness towards the town EMD.

Galluzzo started by saying that herself and her husband "bit off more than they could chew" and will recruit a lot more help to manage people, social distancing, mask wearing, etc. for the next tournament.

Christina Madore, Todd Ballentine, Katie St. Martin and Marisa Osgood are all players and team organizers of softball teams that use the Tunbridge field. They all agreed that the tournament from July 11th to July 12th could have been managed better. Ballentine suggested that they stake out sections for different teams. All agreed to help manage behavior, ask teams to leave once they are done playing, and continue having each individual participating in the event sign a waiver, etc. O'Brien asked about the State's rule that tournament style events cannot happen in Vermont due to Covid-19. Galluzzo replied that another rule states as long as there are less than 150 people, tournaments are allowed. Field, EMD, spoke to the State and relayed that they said tournaments are not permitted. Mullen and Field both shared the

negative reactions they received from community members driving to the transfer station on Saturday and reiterated that because we are experiencing a pandemic, use of the rec field is going to, and needs to, look different than it has in previous years. Madore mentioned that they are hoping to split the next tournament between the Chelsea and Tunbridge fields, which would cut down on the number of people at each field.

After lengthy discussion, Mullen said he was inclined to allow the next tournament, scheduled for the weekend of 7/25, go on as long as the organizers were meticulous about managing the protocols and behavior of participants. McPhetres said he feels the governor is asking for tournaments to not take place, so maybe the tournaments should discontinue.

Mullen suggested holding a special meeting next week to check in with Galluzzo on how the organization was coming together. Everyone agreed to meet again on 7/21 at 7pm via Zoom. Field asked Galluzzo if the waiver that all individuals participating in or at the games could be clarified a bit more. Galluzzo said yes.

Other Business

Sample alcohol ordinances were discussed, as well as noise and dumping ordinances. The Board agreed to read each sample carefully and come prepared with their opinions at the next meeting.

O'Brien temporarily exited the meeting to corral some escaped chickens.

McPhetres made a motion to approve the minutes from the 6/9 and 6/23 meetings, Mullen seconded. All in favor. So moved.

O'Brien returned to the meeting and was informed of the motion to approve the minutes.

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

McPhetres motioned to adjourn at 8:09pm. O'Brien seconded. All in favor. So moved.

Gary Mullen

Michael McPhetres

John O'Brien