

Tunbridge Selectboard meeting Oct.27, 2020

Present: Gary Mullen, John O'Brien, Mike McPhetres, Brenda Fields, Betsy Race, Dan Ruddell (Rudi), Aileen Lem, Jack Spicer

Meeting commenced at 6:14pm after Race went to aid neighbor McPhetres with zoom call.

Road report: (Gary) Rodney met with Pete Fellow of TRORC to discuss grant for Dickerman Hill earth slide. Possible \$19,000-\$25,000 grant to six. Deadline is June 30th, 2021

Jim Ware, road crew, had a small accident, backed into truck. Check on insurance claim.

EMD update on grants: Field and Race updated on progress to receive reimbursement to town from COVID related purchases. Purchases must be COVID related, or town is liable if audited. All purchases need to be up and running before Dec 31, 2020. Kim Canarecci from the state has been extremely helpful to the town given that we had vacant town clerk's office early in COVID. She has cc'd with TRORC and Field that Tunbridge is ok in pursuing this grant. Town pays for everything needed up front. Mullen said that the town has money to do that. Computer and overhead projector for emergency planning with social distancing qualifies. Long discussion on purchase of an electronic sign to post COVID public service information. Field was proposing a sign on a post next to town clerk's office. O'Brien mentioned that a mobile sign might be more useful in that it could be strategically located as needed. Questions about electronic sign in historic district were brought up.

Details of Field's sign: 3'x4', \$11,800 cost to get and install. One sided, 3 lines to write on, on a post, Simon Bradford volunteered to install for free if town bought materials. It has a good warranty. Six weeks to get it after ordered.

Mobile DMV type sign on a trailer is estimated at around \$18,000. Works off solar. Field will look into more details on trailer option.

Mullen said that he would rather the town spend the money first on computers for town employees that need to work from home if COVID spread flares up again.

Town Assessors: Ruddell reported that there are various tools for parcel map viewing. O'Brien wanted a link on town page to show parcel map of town. Ruddell will speak to Geoff Hansen about setting this up. Ruddell was also extremely responsive in providing a road number for a property in town when asked.

Past Minutes approved: Oct. 7th, 2020

Oct. 13th, 2020 McPhetres approved, O'Brien seconded, with noted corrections.

Visitors: new town residence Aileen Lem and Jack Spicer were on the zoom call and happy to be in be living in Tunbridge. The Selectboard welcomed them to town.

Warrants: McPhetres made a motion to pay all warrants, O'Brien seconded. McPhetres will look at Hook's bid and assess whether sending a letter is warranted.

Transfer station: Second road around back of recycling bin has helped the flow at the transfer station. A lot of folks not wearing masks. Palthey will get in touch with Janet Zug to have a sign made-3' sign "masks are required" and "keep 6-foot distance". This will be hung up at the transfer station. O'Brien said there were new signs about what does and does not go into each container.

Other: Mullen will email person who wants to post information at each cover bridge. You will be able to use your phone to access the information about the bridge.

McPhetres motioned to adjourn: 7:27pm