

**TUNBRIDGE SELECTBOARD MEETING**  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

6PM via ZOOM

**Present:** Gary Mullen (chair), Mike McPhetres (vice chair), John O'Brien (clerk), Becky Hoyt, Betsy Race, Brenda Field, Todd Tyson, Wendy Palthey

6:06 pm meeting commenced

**Road Report:** Town garage overhead door estimate to fix \$1400. Discussion on road grants and our percentage of cost and if the town should apply for them. Two grants will be combined for projects on Russell Rd. Town cost will be about \$10,000 or 20% of total cost of projects. Paperwork needs to be signed by Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>.

Motion made by McPhetres to go ahead with the grants. Seconded by O'Brien, so moved.

Selectboard will take a look at the town garage lean-to shed, in preparation for planning its upgrade in the next few years.

Time to trade in one-ton truck. Discussion on the predicted cost of diesel next year and how to factor a supposed increase into road budget.

**Town Meeting Discussion:** Plans for town meeting in time of COVID were discussed. Several scenarios were considered. It was decided to try to finalize the plan at the Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> Selectboard meeting. Will look into legal issues of moving meeting to outdoor venue at the fairgrounds in on a Saturday in May. Race spoke up concerning timing on town report. Tyson spoke in support of a public forum over Australian ballot.

**Budget:** Road budget for next year was discussed. Road budget will be level funded with a \$5000 decrease for road grader. 4% increase for road crew was added to encourage retention.

Trustees of Public Funds will be asked for \$15,000 to go towards town revenue and tax relief.

**Transfer station:** O'Brien made a motion to allow the treasurer to reconfigure the payment system at the transfer station, McPhetres seconded, so moved. Hoyt will devise a decal plan in hopes that during this COVID time there will be a better system for paying for trash and recycling disposal. It could be up and running by the end of January.

Selectboard and Field (EMD) addressed complaint from a towns person about people not wearing masks at the transfer station and getting close to other members of the public. O'Brien will speak with Barnaby (transfer station employee) about enforcing the Governor's public safety rules of wearing masks in public places. In lieu of policing, the rules are at the transfer station; that people without masks will be asked to wait until they can enter solo.

**LGER Grant:** It was announced that the town was awarded \$28,913 for reimbursements in COVID safety measures. Thank you to Brenda Field, Betsy Race, and Rebecca Hoyt in their hard work to secure this.

**Warrants:** McPhetres moved to accept the warrants as approved by Mullen, O'Brien seconded, so moved.

**Minutes:** O'Brien moved to accept the minutes from Nov. 24, 2020 Selectboard Meeting, McPhetres seconded, so moved.

**Other Business:** Updated library budget will be submitted by next Selectboard meeting. Special vote for School Petition on track.

8:30 pm McPhetres motioned to adjourn, O'Brien seconded, so moved.