

Tunbridge Selectboard Meeting-DRAFT

March 9, 2021

Via Zoom

Present: Gary Mullen (Chair), Mike McPhetres (Vice Chair), John O'Brien (clerk), Brenda Field, Becky Hoyt, Joe Paquin, Jen Hayslett, Michael Sacca, Mick Maguire, Dan Ruddell, Wendy Palthey, Liz York

6pm commenced meeting, McPhetres motioned to approve Feb 23 minutes, O'Brien seconded, so moved

Road Report: Black Top came to assess for quote on 1 mile of Strafford Rd and Recreation Rd to Town garage. These projects would be part of a grant. Pat Ross, engineer came to assess Belknap bridge/culvert for a quote for a grant. Matt Loftus had his backhoe down at the Town garage and was asked to dig into the frozen stone pile so the town could access it.

Transfer Station: Mick Maguire is working with Becky Hoyt to put the finishing touches on the online transfer ticket sales. Tickets will continue to be sold at the library even after the online sales commence.

Prices at transfer station:

\$2 up to 15 gallon trash bag

\$3 up to 30 gallon trash bag

\$2 each car tire/light vehicle

\$3 each truck/SUV tire

Large items-sofas, mattresses dependent on size

Recycling- free for Tunbridge residents only

Metal- free

Tax collection: Joe Paquin gave an update on delinquent taxes. They are down from last year. Selectboard had extended payment from Nov. 1, 2020 to Feb. 1, 202. Anyone with a concern is directed to write a letter and to reference the Secretary of States website, abatement rules.

Trustees of Public Funds: Liz York gave a report on the Town Funds. The market has been kind to them this year. The funds were reviewed, and questions asked about restrictions and access.

4 Town Coalition Request: Michael Sacca and Jen Hayslett sought a pledge of \$1000 from the Town of Tunbridge to support hiring an Americorp worker to facilitate the joint efforts of the 4 town coalition made up of: Tunbridge, South Royalton, Strafford, and Sharon. This was part of a matching grant. To date both Strafford and Sharon have made their pledges. The Coalition works together to support community and economic development in the area, ag/forestry

projects, housing and recreational opportunities. McPhetres moved to pledge \$1000, and O'Brien seconded, so moved.

Emergency prep: Brenda Field requested that having a WIFI router in the Town Hall would allow the Town Hall to be used as an emergency facilitations place. Ruddell and Field will look into options and be prepared for the next grant opportunity on emergency preparedness.

Town Clerk Position: Selectboard discussed the benefits of appointing treasurer and town clerks over having the position as an elected one. Both positions, but especially treasurer is now more involved and would benefit from appointments based on skill. Selectboard will address this in their report to the Town.

8:05 McPhetres moved to adjourn, O'Brien seconded, so moved.