

## **Tunbridge Selectboard Meeting -draft**

April 27<sup>th</sup> via ZOOM

**Present:** Gary Mullen (chair), Mike McPhetres (Vice Chair), John O'Brien (clerk), Mariah Cilley, Eliza Minnucci, Kathi Terami, Richard Dybvig, Elizabeth Brown, Laura Ginsburg, John Echeverria, Dan Ruddell, Kathy Galluzzo, Brenda Field

6:06 meeting commenced April 13<sup>th</sup> minutes accepted, McPhetres moved, O'Brien seconded so moved.

**Road Report:** Rodney has been counting missing road signs, will reorder new ones. Trees on Dickerman Hill will be cut and removed, road will be closed for a short time. Matt Loftus working on road to Town Forest behind garage. Road crew will be down to a four-day week soon.

**Recreation Committee:** Kathy Galluzzo gave a report about all the improvements in the works for the rec. field: new dirt and sprinkler for infield. Sprinkler should help to keep dirt from blowing away. New banners to be hung. Looking into opening the swimming pond. Possibility of resurrecting the horseshoe pits. Possible volleyball court in the works. Looking into wifi, and lights for night games.

McPhetres motioned to allow Rec. committee to spend up to \$3100 on new infield dirt. O'Brien seconded so moved. Galluzzo will be reporting next meeting on sprinkler quotes. Galluzzo will be looking to stock up food shack for fund raising sales.

Leagues will be starting up again following state covid protocol. Team captains will be responsible for their team following the rules and staying out of the road.

Burgers to be sold this Saturday from Rec. shack on Green Up Day.

**EC Fiber Board:** McPhetres made a motion to appoint Henry Swayze as the voting member, Amy Frost as first delegate, Richard Dybvig second delegate. O'Brien seconded, so moved.

**Trails Committee:** McPhetres motioned to appoint trails committee members as suggested by Planning Commission (PC). O'Brien seconded so moved. Following members appointed:

Rudi-PC rep.

Betsy Gaiser-Conservation Commission rep.

Seth- Recreation rep.

Johnathan Bicknell

Isaac Sacca

Kevin Rose

Ann Linahan

Susan Solster

Ellen Husford

In the short term this committee will work with PC and landowners to recommend a trails policy. Laura Ginsburg will connect with new members and organize initial meeting and charge. Ideally have a report for the PC by July 15<sup>th</sup>. In the long term, this committee will steward the trails and look into creating trails in the Town Forest to support educational efforts. Volunteers will be welcomed as the trail committee works to maintain/create public access trails.

**Tunbridge Selectboard Admin. Assist:** Mariah Cilley was hired as the new Admin. Assist. For the Tunbridge Selectboard. She is also the Town Clerk.

**Town Plan:** The Town Plan was submitted to the Selectboard on Jan. 15, 2021. They have a year to accept it. There will be a warned meeting for public comment. The town plan is a suggestion that follows state guidelines that can be referenced as a road map for the community vision. It is a guidance document created through a public comment period via the PC. There is a copy on the PC page of the Town Website. Looking to have hold meeting in late August/September.

**Transfer station:** Prices still under discussion. Mick Maguire has created an online sales market for Transfer ticket purchases. These can be purchased by Tunbridge residents, or those staying in town. There will be a link on the Transfer station page on the website.

**Town Meeting:** Selectboard guided by the Town COVID czar Brenda Field will be holding Town Meeting May, 22 nd at the Fair Grounds. Plans as of now will be to hold the meeting in the pulling shed. Folks will be asked to sit with their family/groups at recommended distances from others. Field mentioned that you cannot assume everyone is vaccinated so you have to follow protocols for unvaccinated people. A disposable glove will be placed over the microphone for each person who speaks. Plans for safe ballot voting are in the works. Volunteers needed to help inform folks of protocols. Safe food sales are being discussed.

**Memorial Day celebrations** will take place Monday July 5<sup>th</sup> at the fair grounds. More details to follow.

**Green Up Day- May 1<sup>st</sup>,** Eliza Minnucci is the Green Queen. She is enthusiastically leading the effort to reclaim the sides of the roads from those who think that is an appropriate place to leave their trash. You can bring green trash bags and other roadside refuse to the transfer station anytime it is open in the next two weeks. Eliza will be at the Transfer station on Saturday.

**Mowing:** The Town is solicitating bids for mowing around the Town buildings and the Transfer station.

Alex Buskey spoke with the Selectboard about his plans for the Ranger bike ride this year. It donates funds to the Alliance for Vermont Communities. He submitted a letter with his COVID protocols plans which were conservative based on VT recommendations.

**Warrants:** McPhetres motioned to have Gary approve warrants, O'Brien seconded, so moved.

8:17 meeting adjourned.