

**TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE
SELECTBOARD MEETING- draft**

Tuesday, May 11th, 2021, 6:00pm via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 6:10pm

Present: Mike McPhetres, Gary Mullen, John O'Brien, Mariah Cilley, Kathi Terami, Mariah Lawrence, Brenda Field, Maureen McCullough, Todd Tyson, Daniel "Rudi" Ruddell, John Echeverria

Minutes from the April 27th meeting approved. McPhetres made a motion, O'Brien seconded. So moved.

Road Report: Fixed a culvert on _____ and will fix a culvert by Larry's. _____ Want Matt Loftus to come with an excavator for a longer reach. Dickerman project has been started. Ran the grader last Thursday and Friday (5/6 & 5/7). Took down weight limit signs since the roads are drying up. Larry's truck needs to be worked on. Rodney is going to work on constructing a concrete leaf bunker at the transfer station.

Brenda had asked Rodney about his stance on the legal trails and he said that he has none because it isn't anything to do with the highway crew. Thomas is keeping an eye on a dump truck safety stand. Will bid on it if the price is right.

Rodney wants to get his sand from Pickett's now. He thinks it will be better sand. Smith's was \$14.00/yd (5000 yards). Pickett's was \$14.75/yd (5000 yards). The road crew fixed up the Class 4 road by Ed and Nancy Howe's so that the hearse could get to the cemetery out the end of the road. They put in an old culvert they had at the shop and made it a little more passable. McPhetres made a motion to get the sand from Pickett's for \$73,750.00. O'Brien seconds. The town will pay for half of that now since it is still in this year's budget and the second half in the next fiscal year. Motion moved.

Outside Consumption Permit: Cilley put in front of the board an Outside Consumption permit for the Vermont Nanobrewery Festival on the Fairgrounds on Saturday August 21, 2021. Permit approved.

Town Meeting/Memorial Day: Pre-Town meeting has been moved to Tuesday 5/18 at 7:00pm. The Memorial Day will be held on July 5th. O'Brien will confirm with the fire department if the BBQ Chicken will be there. Lawrence confirmed that they will do something as a fundraiser that day as well, possibly a Book Sale. Will firm up the details during the next meeting and can discuss more during Town Meeting to get the word out. Terami noted that the church will ring the bell on Memorial Day for each resident who has passed this past year.

Transfer Station: Kathi Terami, our Recycling Fairy Godmother came to present what she found out about the Board Representative position that Tunbridge is able to be part of with our CVSWMD membership. Terami wants to see if there are other people who have more interest in being on the board before she decides if she wants to take on that role. Terami discovered Tunbridge hasn't had a representative on the board for ten years. Legally we are supposed to

have a Selectboard appointed representative. Part of the responsibilities of the Board Rep is employee and fiscal oversight of the CVSWMD. The CVSWMD has zero waste as its long term goal.

Terami discovered that a lot of stuff that we think are recyclable and put into the zero sort recycling bin actually gets thrown into the waste because it is not recyclable. Terami is going to meet on Monday 5/17 with someone from the CVSWMD board to discuss a list of questions she has. O'Brien asked Terami to get data on the amount of spoiled loads because of incorrect recycling.

Terami is going to work with Geoff Hansen to update the Town website to make recycling information more available and transparent for the Townspeople. There are graphics that we will be laminating to place at the transfer station as well. Tyson asked Terami to ask the Board during her meeting how much time each month the board member position requires.

Terami will report at the next Selectboard meeting on 5/25 her findings.

Recreation: Kathy Galluzzo informed the board that the dirt on the field will take longer to get. It is looking like the end of June. The cost will be a little bit more now, between \$3100 - \$3500 and will let us know when they get the estimate.

Luke Barnaby and Jeremiah Caron are new members of the Recreation Committee. Barnaby and Caron are looking into a different way to get water to the field instead of a sprinkler system that will be less expensive. They are working on completing the painting of the cook shack. The cook shack made \$734.00 the first weekend and around \$200.00 the second weekend.

The pool is clear and ready to put water in. Galluzzo is working with Geoff Hansen to put up a website with a good calendar. Many people are interested in renting the field and host events there.

Recreation will be at the Memorial Day gathering on July 5th with Cow Pie Bingo and ice cream. The estimate on the Volleyball field is under \$500.00 but will keep us posted.

There was some miscommunication between Loftus and Galluzzo on the parking space so they do not have an estimate, they will now receive an invoice and let us know the total cost after the fact. O'Brien reminded Galluzzo to let new members know to let the Selectboard know as soon as they have an estimate for a big item such as the driveway so there is no confusion again.

Luke Barnaby will be a member on the Trails Committee and will be taking Seth Johnsons place. Horse shoe pits are being updated for family use and will not be used for league use at this point.

Library: Mariah Lawrence came to discuss the fence at the library. Originally had been planning on just a fence around the back and a sandbox but with the donations coming in for Sue Barnaby's Memorial they are now considering more options. Ideas are fencing in the whole yard (front and back), a fire pit, picnic tables and an awning, a permanent story hour chair with a plaque in honor of Sue. Erin Barnaby, Elaine Howe, Mariah Lawrence and others are looking to form a committee to decide the best options for the outdoor space. McPhetres makes a motion to

set up an Outdoor Space Taskforce. O'Brien seconds, so moved. Discussion about moving the Town Bulletin Board to the library side.

Warrants: Motion made by McPhetres to let Mullen sign the warrants. O'Brien seconds. So moved.

Other Business: Ruddell informed the board of a bird watch scheduled for Saturday 5/15 at 7:30am of about 25-30 people. Ruddell asked the board if they can park at the flat spot by the Town Garage. Board approved. McPhetres will inform Rodney Hoyt about it on Wednesday.

Lawrence reminded everyone that at Town Meeting they will not be providing a lunch, but that they will be selling whole pies. The library is now open without an appointment.

Galluzzo said the School Board is doing an informational meeting immediately following the Town Meeting. There is an individual School Report that should be in the mail today.

Field has been looking more into Town Meeting logistics in regards to COVID. Nothing new to report.

McPhetres motioned to adjourn the meeting. O'Brien seconds. So moved. Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

Gary Mullen, Chair

Mike McPhetres, Vice Chair

John O'Brien, Clerk