

**TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE
SELECTBOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, August 24, 2021 6:00pm, Town Offices and Via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 6:08pm

Present: Mike McPhetres, Gary Mullen, John O'Brien, Mariah Cilley, Rodney Hoyt, Paul Harwood- Zoom, Daniel "Rudi" Ruddell- Zoom

Road Report: Road Foreman- Rodney Hoyt

They have been grading Kelsey Mountain Road. It wasn't too bad after the rain that happened the night of the grading.

The new truck is being built. They are getting it powder coated through the factory so it adds six weeks to the production.

Larry's truck is back at McLeods. They didn't actually fix the issue. They have no record of doing the work. The trunnion bar is what needs to get fixed. They will be picking up an extra chain to have as well for when they need it since parts have been taking a long time to get.

Hoyt has ordered a 2' culvert, a 1' culvert and a 15" culvert to have in stock in case a problem arises. They have had culverts on order since May for the Russell Road project and they still haven't come in.

Have received two quotes for paving on Strafford Road Culvert project. Precision Paving was \$6000. Blaktop came in at \$5000. Both can do the job within the next few weeks. McPhetres makes a motion to hire Blaktop to fix the patch on Strafford Road. O'Brien seconds. So moved.

Hoyt and crew cleaned up trees from Tropical Storm Henri (all big trees). Have been fixing potholes. Hard on the crew not to have a ton truck right now.

Sand is being delivered. Only 1400/yards away from having all the sand for the winter. May have to find a new sand purveyor for next year.

Matt Loftus will start the Russell Road project the first week of September.

The Town received a grant for a bridge on Belknap Brook Road. The State will come survey and determine if we need a box culvert or a real bridge. This will be a project we take on in the Summer of 2022.

Thomas's truck is in White River Junction getting fixed. Required two O₂ sensors and a ring around the axel for an ABS light so it could get inspected.

Health Officer:

Jodi Hoyt is the only candidate left for the position at this point. Before the Selectboard signs the Recommendation Form for the State the Selectboard would like to have Hoyt in for one more

meeting to discuss compensation. Cilley will reach out to other towns to see how they pay their Health Officer.

Community Wood Pile/Posting on Listserv & FPF: Paul Harwood

Harwood has 15 cords of split and seasoned wood that they want to get off the property and donate to a wood pile for those who need it. Harwood offered to bring the wood to the Town Garage. Selectboard would like the Fuel Committee to be in charge of need and who gets it. Cilley will reach out to Ben Wolfe and McPhetres will reach out to the Road Foreman to discuss a place to keep it.

Harwood also requests that the Selectboard post their minutes and agenda's on the Tunbridge Listserv and Front Porch Forum. Cilley will start doing this. The Selectboard has also requested The Herald to come to our next meeting to discuss how they decide what gets printed in The Herald.

Estimate for Lights at the Town Hall: Janet Zug

Postponed until next meeting.

Spring Road Closure for the Tunbridge World's Fair:

The Union Agricultural Society aka Tunbridge World's Fair has requested the ability to close the Spring Road access on the Route 110 side of the Mill Covered bridge to be used as Exit Only as well as the ability to remove cars which are in violation of the Parking Ordinance during the days of September 16th, 17th, 18th, and 19th. McPhetres makes a motion to have Mullen sign the documents. O'Brien seconds. So moved. Cilley will laminate the signs for the Fair.

Warrants: Warrants were signed and approved.

Other Business:

Mullen spoke with the woman who owns the Brocklebank Quarry and told her that Peter Hayden would be the one moving forward with the purchase of this property. Hayden and the owner have spoken. The Town may be able to get some of the material on the opposite side of the road from Peter Hayden next year.

Cilley will reach out with the Royalton Police Department Chief Stalnaker to see if she has spoken with her Selectboard about the ability to take on our Town's policing contract if we decided to change departments.

Ruddell wanted to mention that there was an issue the other night at the top end of Hoyt Hill and Morrill Road getting an ambulance up there due to E-911 issues. He thinks the best thing to do to get better response times up there would be to rename the section of Hoyt Hill where it comes from 3rd class to 4th class back to 3rd class. He wanted it to be on the radar of the Selectboard.

Minutes from July 27th and August 10th meetings were sent back for edits.

McPhetres motions to adjourn. O'Brien seconds. So moved. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Gary Mullen, Chair

Mike McPhetres, Vice Chair

John O'Brien, Clerk