

**TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE
SELECTBOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, October 12, 2021 6:00pm, Town Offices and Via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 6:13pm

Present: Mike McPhetres, Gary Mullen, John O'Brien, Mariah Cilley, Rodney Hoyt, Laura Ginsburg, Brenda Field, John Echeverria

Road Report: Road Foreman- Rodney Hoyt

The ton truck is finally at the garage. It was undercoated and the paint is powder coated to help fight the rust. There is a shake and Hoyt spoke with Key Chevrolet. He is going to try to drive it for another week and pinpoint what it is and then he will take it back down to be fixed. Hoyt is trying to figure out if the warranty started when they purchased it or when they received it. Waiting to hear back.

The tractor is working just fine now that they greased it. They are starting to put sand up for winter. Hoyt will call Pike again regarding the paving on Strafford Road. He is hoping it will be this week. Thomas Hoyt's truck is getting parts put in. Culverts are still hard to get. The project on Russell Road was completed with culverts that were the next grade down from the ones he wanted, but ones the state will still pass. Still waiting for guardrails on Dickerman, it will be this fall sometime. Mullen spoke with Faye Sherman regarding what he is looking for; he is wanting Hoyt to get rid of a few water bars.

Hoyt has heard from a bus driver regarding moving the school bus signs on Monarch Hill. Mullen asks if Hoyt has had a formal request from the school to move these signs to which Hoyt replies no.

Hoyt is hoping to get mud materials soon from Tuckers. Next meeting on October 26, the Selectboard will go to the Town Garage at 5:30 to see what Rodney is looking for regarding a garage expansion.

Conflict of Interest Policy:

McPhetres makes a motion to accept the policy as written. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Town Plan Approval: Laura Ginsburg

Town Plan revisions happen every eight years minimum. Our last revision was in 2017 to fix oversights from Two Rivers and the Planning Commissions and to update old maps. Revisions started in December of 2019. Kevin Geigher has been helping to write revisions, clean up the language and added a few bits of new language regarding recreation and transportation.

This is just a policy suggestion and not an adopted policy or ordinance. December 2020 was the final listening/input meeting from the public. The Planning Commission voted to bring it to the Selectboard in January 2021.

A question was asked about editing regarding the trails section as well as editing between the eight years. Yes, you can edit as often as you want. The Selectboard could provide the edits themselves. Mullen asks if this plan has all been okayed by Two Rivers. Ginsburg confirms that yes it has been. She reiterates again that this is not a policy document but more of a guidance document.

John Echeverria- He states that the language in the town plan is now much different than what was previously written for trail usage. He is asking the Selectboard relook at the language in the Town Plan regarding the usage of trails. He believes since we are in the process of the Trail Committee Policy/Ordinance adoption that we are premature in adopting the Town Plan language. Echeverria states he will close the Dodge Farm if the Selectboard adopts the Planning Commissions language.

The current language was added and can be seen on the website. The language was changed in the summer of 2020.

Ginsburg again reiterates that this Town Plan can be a vision in one area and then have a policy in another area. The Town Plan is not a policy. It is what was envisioned for the next eight years for the town and what we want to see.

Echeverria- He believes that the Planning Commissions position is that ebikes should be allowed. He opposed the language and wants the town to adopt his language.

O'Brien asks Ginsburg to add language regarding privately owned trail usage in the Town Plan. Ginsburg states that she could add under land use the goal of developing trail systems on private land.

Ginsburg clarifies that the Planning Commissions position was to allow bicycles. Language from the state regarding ebikes didn't come out until after the plan was approved by the Commission.

The Selectboard can make edits so Ginsburg will make edits which can be voted on at the next meeting.

Transfer Station Quantity Policy Discussion:

Cilley brings up to the board some discussion from the Townspeople and Transfer station attendant regarding quantities that are able to be dropped off per household. Cilley will start a draft policy to be looked at next meeting.

Other Business:

Cilley and Becky Hoyt will check to see if we are in contract with Irving for oil delivery at the Town Hall. If not, we will be checking with Kevin Rogers regarding fuel delivery for this winter.

Warrants: Warrants were signed and approved.

Minutes from September 14th were approved by the board. Minutes from the September 28th meeting were sent back for edits.

McPhetres motions to adjourn. O'Brien seconds. So moved. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Gary Mullen, Chair

Mike McPhetres, Vice Chair

John O'Brien, Clerk