

**TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE
SELECTBOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, November 9, 2021 6:00pm, Town Offices and Via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 6:09pm.

Present: Mike McPhetres, Gary Mullen, John O'Brien, Mariah Cilley, Mariah Lawrence, Rebecca Hoyt, John Echiverra, Daniel "Rudi" Ruddell, Fred Pond, Rodney Hoyt, Michael Dunican, Brenda Field, Aileen Lem, Elizabeth Brown, Kathy Galluzzo, Theresa Fitzgerald, Fern Strong, Laura Ginsburg

Road Report: Rodney Hoyt

Hoyt drew plans for what he was looking for in the garage. A heating system is necessary but we are unsure where it will go in the new building versus where it currently is now. There is a lot of equipment outside now that should all be undercover. He will try to get an estimate on the new size of the building as well as the cost of the building. The state painted the lines on the Strafford Road today and the culvert on the Strafford Road was paved. Hoyt is not 100% happy with the pavement job. They almost have all of the sand up for the winter and have 600 yards of two-quarter stone for mud season. Ditching is taking place. They are all finished with leaf blowing. Tires are on their way and should be here soon. They may need to get new tires for the ton truck. The ton truck will be looked at on November 24th regrading the shimmy it has. Discussion on Stone House Road (Class 4) improvements requested by a homeowner. Hoyt has already taken some fill up and fixed some spots. Mullen will call the residents at the end of Stone House Rd to discuss. Mariah Lawrence asked Hoyt if he would like to help with the 5K Turkey trot. He said that is not something the road crew are interested in doing especially because it is a state road and not a town road. The State is taking a while to get back to Rodney in regards to a culvert or bridge on Belknap Brook Rd. Rodney would like to move forward with Hooks as they already have put in a bid and the grant is set on the estimate that they have given. McPhetres makes a motion to have Hoyt contact Hooks and schedule the bridge project. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Vote on Town Plan

McPhetres makes a motion to accept the Town Plan as updated. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Dog Warden Discussion: Michael Dunican

Dunican had expressed interest in the dog warden position but came to the meeting to inform us that he is unable to fulfill that duty now. O'Brien asks Cilley to see if it is required for towns to have dog wardens and animal control officers or just one or the other. Dunican said that he will think it over and get back to us if it is something he is able to do again.

Recreation Summer Overview: Kathy Galluzzo

Lots of tournaments this summer. Most of the tournaments donated their money raised to good causes (Little League equipment, homeless veterans). The new parking lot has helped a lot. They have had an issue with people taking the returnable bottles which they donate to different causes. The large invoice that was received from Sandy's was an invoice for the whole summer, and not just for one tournament. Next year they will create an inventory sheet for each tournament. No Rec Breakfast's again this year due to COVID. They only had one issue this summer with the swimming pool's pipe coming out further up. It was an easy fix. The Recreation Committee would like to get wifi and camera's down there to keep a better eye on stuff when they aren't around. They will contact Comcast and EC Fiber. The field will get the final layer of dirt before the winter and the sand will be finished and the net put up for the volleyball court. Another item they would like would be lights for the ballfield and have started working on their budget.

Library Trustee Budget Discussion: Theresa Fitzgerald

Presentation of FY23 budget. It was presented to the Library Board and approved to bring forward to the Selectboard. New furnace was put in Wednesday/Thursday of last week. The furnace in 2012 needs service as it is not working right. Town on exterior maintenance: There are 11 windows in the brick building that are in desperate need of painting on the trim. Some of them are cracked. During the energy audit that was conducted Efficiency Vermont did suggest Portland Glass to fit an interior storm window. McPhetres states that painting the trim and outside storms would fall on the town to be updated. Discussions about the town crier and where it should go. Once the fence gets put up around the library Mariah Lawrence would love to have it go there. Lawrence also noted that the library received a \$3000 grant to train her to help discuss the project she chose for this grant which was the after school program. The library will receive their ARPA funds this week; discussions of an Owlet for the library and the town use is in that budget.

Transfer Station Policy: Mariah Cilley

Cilley brought forth a first draft of a transfer station policy regarding items we take and quantities of items that we take. Edits were made to this and Cilley will bring forth the new draft to the next meeting.

Fred Pond asks if he is still able to use the transfer station as a landowner but not a fulltime resident. The Board answered yes.

Orange County Sheriff Contract:

McPhetres makes a motion to accept the Orange County Sheriff's Policing Contract. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Other Business:

The Board discussed a letter to a property owner on Gilley Road regarding a vehicle too close to the road way for plowing. Approved Cilley to send the letter.

Cilley will draft an ordinance for the legal trails which will be sent to Paul Gillies. Cilley will bring forth the draft for the next meeting.

Warrants: Warrants were signed and approved.

Minutes from the October 26th meeting were sent back for edits.

McPhetres motions to adjourn. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved. Meeting adjourned at 8:49pm.

Gary Mullen, Chair

Mike McPhetres, Vice Chair

John O'Brien, Clerk