

**TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE
SELECTBOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, December 28, 2021 6:00pm, Town Offices and Via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 6:06pm

Present: Mike McPhetres, Gary Mullen, John O'Brien, Mariah Cilley, Ellen Thompson, Jodi Hoyt, Betsy Race, Becky Hoyt, Kristin Barnum, Janet Hunt

Road Report- Rodney Hoyt via Mike McPhetres

Larry's truck broke a radiator hose but is fixed now. They replaced a hydraulic hose on the grader. The new Chevy truck has a coolant leak and is getting fixed in Lebanon. Pickett's is bringing over the rest of the gravel. They owe us 27 more loads. The cars that were an issue on Gilley Road are now out of the roadway. Hoyt is working on getting bid proposals for shop upgrades. McPhetres will touch base with Hoyt to see if there was any resolution to the Strafford Road line painting.

Public Health Nurse Info- Kristin Barnum & Jodi Hoyt

Kristin Barnum works with Community Health Nurses. There are 9 communities which cover 15 towns between 13 nurses. The nurses are employed by the town or nonprofits such as church bases. It is a similar program set up to Neighbors Helping Neighbors and it is of no cost to the individual. The ARPA money can be used to offset the cost of hiring a community health nurse. The referrals the nurse would get would come from neighbors, friends, family, primary care etc. It is considered a "hands off" approach. The community nurse works on care management and coordination and helps to educate those they work with about medications, falls, etc. Sometimes these nurses have office hours. The Upper Valley Community Nursing Project which Barnum works for provides the community nurse with monthly meetings, reports, free electronic documents, private nursing portal, discounted nursing education, and funding to help the nurses to name a few. A community nurse typically makes between \$32-40/hr depending on experience and work around 30hrs/month.

O'Brien asks if a community nurse start a census based on the age and need of people to see who needs help and who will be needing help in the future? Barnum answers that yes and with their free electronic document services offered to the community nurse she can add people who don't need help right now, but they would be in the system. There are many pro's to a community nurse, even to have a mental health visit and check in with elderly patients. The UVCNP also offers applications, job descriptions, contracts etc. all for the town to use to get started.

Health Order Execution- Jodi Hoyt

Hoyt executed an Emergency Health Order on December 20th, 2021. It was hand delivered to Anthony Winters and sent via email with receipt request to Chase Emmons. They were told they

had 48 hours to fix the heat, electricity, and plumbing. They told Hoyt they were not going to pursue fixing.

The Health Order she brought forward today includes all the issues that did not pass in the RV Unit inspections. They have 30 days from issuance date to get these issues fixed or the tenants are to be evacuating the premises. The Selectboard is requested to sign the HO tonight to start this 30 day process. Unit 1 is currently out of the RV and living with a family member, but they are keeping their dogs there. Unit 2 is quarantining from Covid exposure. Hoyt reported the dogs in the camper to VSP and to Constable Bruce Jones. Jones went to the property on December 22nd and will reach back out to Hoyt with a follow up. Hoyt has been working with Emmons and two towing companies (Blakeman's and Sabel & Sons) to get quotes on the cost of removing the RV's from the property. The Health Order is to be delivered to the tenants as well as the owners.

McPhetres motions to sign and approve the Health Order and to have Hoyt get the Health Order served to the tenants and owners. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

North Tunbridge Store needs to have an inspection by Jodi Hoyt to get the Health Orders removed.

Transfer Station Policy Draft #3 Discussion

Brief discussion on this draft. No changes were made. The Selectboard requested Mitch Taylor to come in and discuss our transfer station at the next meeting.

Appropriations

Cilley gave the Selectboard a list of appropriations she has received so far. The full list will be coming from Anissa Morrison.

Draft Budget #2 Discussion

A line item for a community health nurse was added and budgeted at \$13,000. McPhetres would like to give the Road Foreman a 10% increase on top of the COLA increase. After more discussion McPhetres suggested another \$1.00 increase on top of Hoyts hourly pay as well to bring him up to \$28.40/hr. More discussion was had going line by line on the budget.

Other Business:

Cilley brings forth an email from Kevin Geiger of TRORC who said the Selectboard can ask for regional approval from the board, as well as a "determination of energy compliance." McPhetres makes a motion for Cilley to reach out to TRORC to request those two approvals. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Cilley brings forth another email received from Ellen Hossford requesting the approval of the Town to pay a \$50.00 membership fee for the Conservation Commission to join the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions. McPhetres motions to approve the membership fee. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Warrants: Warrants were signed and approved.

Minutes from November 23rd were signed. Minutes from December 14th were tabled until the following meeting.

O'Brien motions to adjourn. McPhetres seconds. So moved. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Gary Mullen, Chair

Mike McPhetres, Vice Chair

John O'Brien, Clerk