

**TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE
SELECTBOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 6:00pm, Town Offices and Via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm

Present: Mike McPhetres, Gary Mullen, John O'Brien, Mariah Cilley, Betsy Race, Cynthia Masterman, Ellen Hosford, Cheryl Metcalf, Billie Smith, Mick Maguire, Kathi Terami, Morgan, Tyler's iPhone, 802-763-3937, Aileen Lem, Michael Gross, Lois Gross, Fred Pond, Maureen McCullough

Road Report- Rodney Hoyt via Mike McPhetres

The crew is working on grading and washout's from Sunday. As of this meeting they were all caught up from previous storms or mud. 90% of the roads have been honed and they will go out and finish up tomorrow when its cold. Everything is in good working order, and they are hoping for no more snow.

North Tunbridge Store Update- Michael & Lois Gross

No hard opening date yet. Looking like it will be April. They are waiting on parts for equipment. The remodeling will be finished by the end of March and they have been bringing everything up to code with the Fire Marshall. Their business plan consists of four phases. Phase I: Get the store up and running as it used to be. They will have gas as well as off road diesel. Phase II: A baking room will be added on that will be separate from the kitchen. Phase III: Hardware and smallware's will be in the back room, such as nails, fasteners, nuts, and bolts. Phase IV: They will start by using the existing garage for grain, but have had many people interested in shavings and hay as well, which may require an addition or a separate building. They will be a reporting station as well, and Lois plans on having it be a place you can order food to go for an event or Friday night dinner; they will have a catering license as well.

Conservation Commission Addition of Three New Members- Ellen Hosford

The Conservation Commission is looking to add three new members: Scott Beavers for a term of 2 years, Jory Innes for a term of 3 years and Cheryl Metcalf for a term of 4 years. Metcalf attended the meeting and introduced herself and gave a little bit about her background which consists of education, as well as an amateur birder and photographer. Hosford describes how they were originally six members, but one member resigned leaving five. They had four names brought forward to become appointed members, but one decided he would rather just volunteer, so three were left which were brought forth today. The ideal number would be 9, but this puts them at 8 plus one volunteer.

McPhetres makes a motion to appoint the three new members to the conservation commission. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Posted Roads Notice and Motion

McPhetres makes a motion to post roads and approve the posting of the notice. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

CVSWMD Open Position Appointment/Discussion

Cilley tells the board that we still have an option position at the CVSWMD and to keep their ears open for an interested candidate.

Transfer Station Discussion

The compactor is working better. The Selectboard has decided on keeping the trash prices the same, keeping recycling free and getting a trailer the town crew no longer uses to have as an overflow for recycling so there is no need to limit the amount of recycling someone can bring. They have decided they wanted to start charging for appliances and bigger items, per the suggestion of Casella. They do not want to start by charging too high of prices that people will throw their appliances or items over a bank somewhere, but they do want to increase prices to help offset some of the costs.

Cilley will create signage that has the new price list, as well as items that are accepted for recycling and composting, a list of items not accepted for taking and that our transfer station is not for commercial use.

McPhetres makes a motion to allow Cilley to take care of transfer station signs. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Cilley will create a policy regarding the prices and what is accepted. Selectboard will look into a corkboard to keep at the transfer station with the most up to date information.

Other Business:

Betsy Race gives an Auditor update. The new due date is March 15th to get information in the Town Report. Cilley will provide the warning by 4/5/22. The Town Report will be mailed out the second week of April.

The TQ is due on March 15th as well. The Selectboard discusses topics that should be included in this edition of the quarterly.

Discussion of purchasing a piece of property across the river from the recreation field that was previously brought up. McPhetres is not in favor of this as it takes it off the towns tax roll. The Planning Commission is discussing and the Selectboard will leave it up to them.

Legal Trails Discussion- will be posted for next agenda.

ARPA Funds- Invite Sarah Wraight back for more discussion to get a more clear picture of what we can spend the funds on.

Mullen- Town Forest Committee is receiving money from Jim Welch for logging in the town forest. They plan to build a pavilion up behind the gravel pit with the lumber that was logged and

using the money from the checks they receive. McPhetres motions to allow the Town Forest Committee to build a pavilion behind the gravel pit pending design approval. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Warrants: McPhetres makes a motion to allow Mullen to sign and approve the warrants. O'Brien seconds. So moved. All warrants signed and approved.

Minutes from previous meetings were sent edits from O'Brien. Cilley will change and will be approved next meeting.

McPhetres motions to adjourn. O'Brien seconds. All aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Gary Mullen, Chair

Mike McPhetres, Vice Chair

John O'Brien, Clerk