

TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE

Tuesday December 13, 2022 at 6:00pm via Zoom and Town Offices

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm

Present: Rodney Hoyt, Mike McPhetres, Gary Mullen, Mariah Cilley, John O'Brien, Simon Bradford, Elizabeth Brown, Michael Sacca, Chase Ackerman- First Branch Ambulance, Brenda Field, Dave Kimball, Maureen McCullough, Jonathan Bicknell, Maryann Caron, Becky Hoyt, Fred Pond

Road Report- Rodney Hoyt

A little mud season happened this past week and they worked on getting them cleaned up. Five spots needed a little fill. Larry's truck came back today. Thomas's truck needs a reservoir for the radiator. All of the material that is needed for spring time is almost in. Getting ready to settle in for a long winter. Looking at 4-8 inches for the coming weekend. The stone that was put on the road for this "mini mud season" came from the quarry in Chelsea. Hoyt will give input about the budget.

SoRo Rescue Contract Update- Dave Kimball

South Royalton Rescue contract discussion for a three year term. Same terms as we have always have. Increase in \$2.50 which is an increase of 4%. They are fully staffed and give an update on their facility and services. Kimball gives an update on the progress of the new Rescue building they are pursuing. McPhetres makes a motion to accept the contract. O'Brien asks if the contract is exactly the same except for prices and dates. Kimball states it is. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Grant Updates- Maryann Caron

Caron has found two grants that we have not been paid for. She is collecting signatures tonight from Mullen to help finalize these grants. These two grants are the Whitney Hill/Hardscrabble Road and the paving of Strafford Road. Caron is also submitting a grant for Whitney Hill Better Back Roads and needs a signature from the chair to apply. Another grant is being applied for the enhancement to the Town Forest Trails. Caron is also looking to submit the BRIC grant for the "emergency corridor" and five different roads that are at a risk for major flood damage. Update on two ongoing grants. We have a grant on the Kibling Hill Bridge as well as the Grants-In-Aid for Button Hill and both will be happening next summer.

Grant Opportunity- Jonathan Bicknell

Discussed during the Grants Update with Maryann Caron. Bicknell updates with his information. The grant includes signage, kiosk, parking upgrades and fire pit. The Town Crew may be required for some help. May be needing up to \$4000 in match.

Procurement Policy Update

O'Brien makes a motion to sign the updated procurement policy. McPhetres seconds. All aye. So moved.

First Branch Ambulance Contract

McPhetres makes a motion to approve the First Branch Ambulance Contract. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Town Nurse Hourly Pay

Total number was \$12,000 in the budget. McPhetres makes a motion to pay the Town Nurse \$30 plus the IRS standard reimbursement for mileage not to exceed \$12,000 in a fiscal year. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Budget Meeting #1

Discussion of employee bonuses for this year. Cilley states that she would like to increase her assistant pay from \$15 per hour to \$20 per hour. Treasurer Hoyt and the Selectboard discuss the current budget and next years.

Other Business:

Simon Bradford is looking to up the Fire Department Equipment Fund from \$30,000 to \$40,000.

Michael Sacca states that there will be \$2000 given to the Town by the AVC but that they are asking a marker be put up stating where the funds and the wood came from. Sacca asks if the Selectboard would move the due date for the ARPA funds to January 16th, 2023. Selectboard decides that a letter of intent is due by January 1st, but would require that everyone get their completed applications in by January 16th, 2023.

Approve Warrants:

All warrants were signed and approved.

Approve Minutes:

Minutes postponed until next meeting.

McPhetres makes a motion to adjourn. O'Brien seconds. Meeting adjourned at 9:19pm.

Gary Mullen, Chair

Mike McPhetres, Vice Chair

John O'Brien, Clerk

