

TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE

Tuesday January 10, 2023 at 6:00pm via Zoom and Town Offices

Meeting called to order at 6:06pm

Present: Mike McPhetres, Mariah Cilley, John O'Brien, Maryann Caron, Gary Mullen, Brenda Field, Simon Bradford, Todd Tyson, Maureen McCullough, Dawn Juergens, Becky Hoyt, Mike Barnaby, Jonathan Bicknell, Bob Frenier, Sigrun, "A Simple Life", Jodi Hoyt, John Echeverria

Road Report- Rodney Hoyt via Mike McPhetres

The Town Crew are repairing the worst of the ruts by putting stones in them. They have stopped because they don't to use all the stones up before the next mud season. Matt Loftus is working part time as they need it. The vents in the fuel tank of the Chevy got ruined by the undercoating that was given to it. The town needs to buy a fuel pump for one of the fuel tanks, but the other is covered under warranty. Hoyts biggest budgeting concern is the trucks that will need replacing.

ARPA Application Discussion #1

Caron states that we received a reimbursement from the Strafford Road paving grant and also Whitney Hill Part 1 grant was reimbursed as well. This totals around \$140,000. The BRIC grant was selected to be pushed on. The Vermont Emergency Management will pay the match if our BRIC grant is selected.

We have received written conservation that we will receive funding for the generator, base station and pad for the Emergency Management Grant.

Caron goes over grants that are works in process and have been applied for. Simon Bradford speaks that he and Caron are working together to apply for a grant to cover the cost of a new firetruck.

Caron has created a spreadsheet which includes a ballpark figure of each application and the rough estimate is around \$500,000. She has also looked at the applications to see if there is grant that would match with each project.

The Selectboard goes through the applications one by one and discuss.

Transfer Station Issue

Mike Barnaby states that he has had issue with Bryce coming to the transfer station not paying for trash, bringing huge loads of trash and throwing trash in the recycling as well.

Sigrun tells her side of the story and states that Barnaby has not been professional and could have handled it different. She states that there have been issue many times. She feels that it is harassment and singled out. She is happy to adjust and do whatever needs to be done to solve this issue.

Jonathan Bicknell states that he was there during the first altercation. He saw the recycling that should have been deemed trash and that Barnaby had made the right call. He stated that Barnaby maintained professionalism even though it seemed like a tense situation.

The Selectboard states that this is one of those things where if you are caught once then you need to be careful and make sure that you are working hard to make sure you are doing the right thing. The Selectboard states that the call that was made was Barnaby's to make and to put this behind us but not forget the past. Barnaby states what he can accept in a day and what he can do moving forward.

Health Order- Jodi Hoyt

509 VT RTE 110: Came to Hoyt in August. Hoyt went into Apartment B and found some issues with the apartment. Spoke with tenants in Apartment B and helped them find alternative housing. She continued following up on the water and the lead issues. Hoyt has continued following up on the property and is issuing a health order on the building. The Selectboard sign the Health Orders. Hoyt gives updates on the Town Nurse.

Budget Meeting #3

McPhetres makes a motion to propose a general fund budget of 741,554.96 of which 450,253.96 to be raised by taxes and highway budget we propose 1,114,593.75 of which 969,243.79 be raised by taxes. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Other Business:

John Echeverria- Discussed his position on the litigation stating that he is filing a revised and updated complaint that the judge will look upon and decide that the case is ripe. He also states that he still does not believe bicycles should be allowed on the trails.

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 9:25pm.

Gary Mullen, Chair

Mike McPhetres, Vice Chair

John O'Brien, Clerk