

TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE

Tuesday March 14, 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, Maryann Caron, Harry Falconer, John Echeverria, Dave Kimball, Fred Pond

Road Report- Rodney Hoyt

Hoyt would like to contact Hooks and let them know they can do the bridge on Belknap Brook Road. We have received a grant for this project. A box culvert was about \$30,000 more expensive than a complete bridge. O'Brien makes a motion to contact Hooks to let them know they can begin the project. Mullen seconds. All aye. So moved. Hoyt wants to get John Smith lined up for the Button Hill ditching project. Smith's bid was 50% cheaper than Daniel's Construction. Hoyt also wants to hire Matt Loftus to dig a deep ditch and fill with stone on Spring Road near the round house. McPhetres makes a motion to have Smith's do Button Hill ditching. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved. Hoyt has received a bid for \$165,734 for a new Freightliner 6wheel cab and chassis. McPhetres makes a motion to buy a Freightliner 6wheel and chassis from ATG Lebanon for \$165,734.00. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved. O'Brien asks Hoyt if a bridge engineer has gone out to look at Flint Bridge yet. Not yet. Caron will contact Rita Sito from TRORC to see when they will be out.

Grant Information- Harry Falconer

Falconer discusses the Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP) Grant. Up to \$500,000 is available to upgrade each municipal building that is awarded. There are different categories in the MERP grant. They include mini grants up to \$4000 which is for promoting engagement and outreach for an Energy Committee, Municipal Building Energy Assessments, and Project Implementation Program. Applications open in early 2024 for the large monetary grant. The Assessment phase applications open in the Spring of 2023. You can apply for multiple assessments for multiple buildings as long as they are municipal owned. MERP can count as a local match.

Caron updates us on two grants. The grant that we were working on to purchase Putnam Meadow may be cancelled; Putnam Meadow is under contract with another buyer. If the sale goes through the grant will be void.

We should be receiving our check of \$192,000 for the reimbursement of the Belknap Bridge construction.

Noise Ordinance

The Selectboard reads over the final draft of the Noise Ordinance. McPhetres makes a motion to accept the Ordinance for the Regulation of Noise as written. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved. Cilley will place the adoption notice in the Herald for 3/23/2023 and will place in five places around town. The Noise Ordinance will become effective on May 13, 2023 if no petitions are received.

Other Business:

McPhetres' opinion on event use of legal trails is to not allow the horse event. Echeverria believes that the landowner has the right to say what goes happens on their land, and the trail is on their land.

Fred Pond comments that Cilley should contact Casella's and CVSWMD for templates of allowable recycling to create posters for the transfer station.

Approve Warrants:

McPhetres motions to have Mullen sign the warrants when they are ready. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved. Warrants will be signed by Chair Mullen on 3/15/2023.

Approve Minutes:

Approved minutes were signed. O'Brien is reading minutes from December 27, 2022- current.

McPhetres makes a motion to adjourn. O'Brien seconds. Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.

Gary Mullen, Chair

Mike McPhetres, Vice Chair

John O'Brien, Clerk