

## **TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE**

Tuesday April 25th, 2023 at 6:00pm via Zoom and Town Offices

Meeting called to order at 6:07pm

Present: Mariah Cilley, Rodney Hoyt, Mike McPhetres, Gary Mullen, Maureen McCullough, Elizabeth Brown, John O'Brien, Ted Hoyt, Baxter Doty, John Larson, Brenda Field, Fred Pond

### **Road Report-Rodney Hoyt via Mike McPhetres**

Transfer case went in Thomas's truck. It was going to be \$20,000 to buy a new one or \$9,000 to rebuild, so it will be rebuilt but it will take about a month. Hoyt will get George Elderred to do the Whitney Hill ditching job. The new truck is all set to be built. Button Hill project starts in June and will be completed by Smiths. The Strafford Road slide is going to get assessed by Chris Bump at VTrans to see the best way to fix it. O'Brien asks where we are on the Flint Bridge, still waiting on an engineer. Yes as far as we have heard.

### **Noise Ordinance Application/Permit Discussion**

McPhetres reads the letter from the fair discussion their opposition of the Noise Ordinance. Ted Hoyt asks why this wasn't brought up at Town Meeting and thinks it should be something that was brought about to the whole town to decide on. Hoyt thinks it is one more step towards zoning. McPhetres discusses that the reason this was started was because there was complaints about people making noise day and night on it. We have been discussing it two years in August to decide what we wanted to do. McPhetres states that it didn't even cross his mind to bring it up at town meeting. Mullen states that there has been quite a bit of people bringing complaints to the town regarding continuous noise and we wanted to have something set in place to have a leg to stand on. Hoyt thinks that it should be dropped for now until the townspeople can decide on it. Mullen states that it isn't about making noise at all, it's about not running your chainsaw at 2am next to your neighbor's house. O'Brien thinks that we can have a special town meeting after the Fair to discuss it and then bring it up to vote at Town Meeting in March.

McPhetres makes a motion to postpone the Noise Ordinance until further notice. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

### **Mowing**

O'Brien will check with Mike Barnaby to see if he wants to continue mowing this year.

### **Inclusion Initiative Adoption**

McPhetres feels that this letter feels like we have kept people from coming into town based off of discrimination. McPhetres felt that he was discriminatory when we didn't allow the New Vista in. McPhetres says he already feels that we are good people, and Mullen is worried that if someone moves into town and feels that they are being discriminated against then they can hold up this policy and what is the repercussion to the town. McPhetres makes a motion to table the Declaration of Inclusion Adoption until the next town meeting in 2024. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

**Appoint Tree Warden, Selectboard Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk**

McPhetres makes a motion to appoint Rodney Hoyt Tree Warden for the ensuing year. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved. McPhetres makes a motion to keep the Selectboard Chair (Mullen), Vice Chair (McPhetres) and Clerk (O'Brien) the way it is. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

**Liquor License Approvals**

O'Brien makes a motion to approve the liquor, tobacco and special event catering licenses. McPhetres seconds. All aye. So moved.

**Memorial Day Parade Discussion**

Tracy Amell is in charge of the parade arrangements. We do not have a Memorial Day Czar, but are looking for one to arrange the whole day. Elaine Howe is doing the service at the park and the bake sale. Kay Jorgensen is coordinating the media and the Library is doing book sales, bake sales etc. Recreation is doing Cow Pie Bingo, ice cream and a bounce house. The Fire Department are doing chickens lunches.

**Transfer Station Recycling Signs Approval**

This was previously approved at the last meeting.

**Other Business**

John Larson (4 Clay White Road) is hoping to get 3/10<sup>th</sup> of a mile of the road updated. The culverts are exposed and plugged. There are now more full time residents and new construction on that road. A culvert was replaced in 2018 because it completely collapsed. Larson has done what he can to maintain the road but now it has become more of a safety issue. The pipes that were removed in 2018 were left on his property and he would love to have those removed as well. The Selectboard will send the Road Foreman over to take a look. Ted Hoyt asks if they know that it was a Class 4 road when they moved in and if we start maintaining this road, how many other roads will need to be maintained. O'Brien wants Cilley to look into what the water maintenance requirements are on the Class 4 Road.

Baxter Doty- Wants to know what we are spending the ARPA money on. He wants it to be spent on a new Town Garage. McPhetres states that we have created a Highway Building Capital Improvement Fund and have put some money in it (about \$70,000) this year and have talked to a few different engineers and have not come up with a concrete plan yet. Doty asks if this has come out of the ARPA funds. McPhetres states that no this was surplus funds. Doty would like to be on a Garage Committee if we have one.

Janet Zug sent an email regarding more work that needs to get done at the Town Hall. Dave Eddy is working on rewiring the hall light. Zug would like to take on the project of updating the Green Room at the side of the stage. She states that if the Selectboard is on board with this then she could have a proposal ready for May 9<sup>th</sup>. Mullen thinks that there is a lot of wiring that needs to be updated there, so she can come up with an estimate and plan, but to wait until we do the wiring is done. O'Brien also states that it is a historical building so we should check and see what we need to do in accordance with that.

Becky Hoyt and Judy Howe have been talking about the fact that the Town Hall is being used outside of Howe's knowledge because everyone has the key code. Hoyt wonders if we should purchase a ring camera to have on the door to see who is going in and out of there. McPhetres makes a motion to buy a ring camera and change the code for the door. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Kathy Galluzzo emailed Cilley to get approval for a pitching machine for youth softball and baseball program. She found one for \$500 but thinks she can get one for less. She is also getting the sound system and PA system fixed so the connection works correctly for \$1200 and included in that is the wifi installation. Galluzzo mentioned that Recreation Breakfast made \$1275 last month and the cook shack will be up and running at kids sports and for the adult sports as well. Bob and Ed bucks will be back for Green Up Day. McPhetres makes a motion to purchase the pitching machine and to get the PA/sound system fixed along with wifi. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Darlene Miller and Judy Howe are wondering if we can purchase a utility sink to replace the sink in the bathroom to fill larger pitchers and mop buckets. Cilley will get more prices on sinks.

Maureen McCullough is calling in support of John Larson's road update. McCullough said her Horse and Buggy sign was stolen and would like it replaced closer to her house so they can keep an eye on it.

McPhetres spoke to Tim Angell and McPhetres brother about the Falls Hill trail abuttal. They both said that they have no problem to continue on the snow machine trail that is there and McPhetres said that as long as people stay on the old trail that would be fine. Next would be for the trails committee to come up with an agreement to have Tim Angell and Cal Heminway sign it.

**Approve Warrants:**

All warrants signed and approved.

**Approve Minutes:**

Minutes from last meeting were signed and approved.

McPhetres makes a motion to adjourn. O'Brien seconds. Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.

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Gary Mullen, Chair

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Mike McPhetres, Vice Chair

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John O'Brien, Clerk