

TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE SELECTBOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 9th, 2022 6:00pm, Town Offices and Via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 6:09pm

Present: Mariah Cilley, Jonathan Bicknell, Fern Strong, John Echeverria, Daniel “Rudi” Ruddell, Betsy Gaiser, John O’Brien, Susan Salster, Mike McPhetres, George White, Todd Tyson, Janet Zug, Amy, Bryan Kalleberg

Road Report via Mike McPhetres

The new truck that we just ordered is still trying to get the frame and body length right for the hone. Chris Bump and his team of people is coming to Strafford Road to study it and decide what is best to be done. Bump found \$130,000 in grant money and is looking for more. This is going to turn into a big project to fix it correctly. Bump is also concerned about the brook by the Recreation Field. The Flint Bridge is still waiting to have an engineer come study it. Thomas Hoyt has been grading; most of the really bad roads are almost done. The road crew has started to pick up road posted signs. Rodney Hoyt and Larry Wight have looked at the quarry on Brocklebank and have photos of the stone. The road crew will be going down to a four day work week now.

Echeverria vs. Tunbridge Lawsuit Update- Gary Mullen

Mullen spoke with Tarrant who said things are moving along. Our filing states that Echeverria filed a suit previously and it wasn’t ripe and essentially, he is filing the same motion so we are asking for dismissal. Tarrant also stated that we have every right to use the trails as we see fit. The Selectboard asks Cilley to get a VAST landowner form and fit it to our needs for abutting landowners of the Falls Hill Legal Trail. The Trails Committee will take over with the new trails and landowner permissions.

Next meeting the Selectboard will be discussing who can use the legal trails for this upcoming season. Gaiser and Tyson both are concerned about throwing up a legal trail (Falls Hill) and having a year to year easement. George White- Suggests if we do this that part of the agreement would be if they ever want to cancel the use of the other trails that the town can retain their legal right to the legal trail.

Conservation Commission Appointment- Betsy Gaiser

Gaiser comes with new member Bryan Kalleberg. Kalleberg gives background information on himself: He has always been interested in conservation. He was a Park Ranger and manager of Main Conservation Corp for 25 years. He is filling Michael Saccas seat. McPhetres makes a motion to appoint Bryan Kalleberg to the Conservation Commission. O’Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Floodplain Discussion- Rudi Ruddell

The United States Geological Society (USGS) and FEMA are updating the flood maps. We currently are using hard copies from the 1980s, They will be compiling these new maps using

LIDAR. It is a five year project and we are now in year two. We should have working maps by next winter. By 2026 towns will need to update their Flood Hazard Bylaws. The current map for the bylaws are 1991. The issue is that there will be no base flood elevation and bench marks in the new maps. Hydrology study will need to be done by the landowner which is quite expensive. Rudi has noticed more things being built in the floodplain and it is becoming more of an issue.

Town Hall Update- Janet Zug

Zug has been working on updating the lighting in the Town Hall. There is only one more light that needs to be finished in the stairwell. O'Brien thinks it should be postponed because with the ARPA funds the town will be working on updating the wiring in this building and so it will get addressed when they are doing the larger wiring project.

Zug wants to update the Green Room (left of the stage). She is hoping to make it a lovely and hospitable place. Zug and Marty Young want to spearhead this project with paint, new table, seating, mirrors, first aid kit, guitar hooks, memorabilia and a good clean! Zug doesn't have an exact figure but is hoping that this project can be done more by donation and community involvement. McPhetres states that we are over budget in the repairs/maintenance for the Town Hall so if it is a costly project it will need to wait until July 2023. Zug also would like to clean up the balcony- but states that is for another time. McPhetres makes a motion for Zug to get started on the green room project as long as it does not cost a lot of money. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Painting/Pressure Washing Town Offices

McPhetres mentions that the building is looking dingy and dirty. Would like to get it looking better. Tyson recommends that we start with pressure washing. Cilley will look into it.

Fair Contract for Memorial Day

McPhetres makes a motion for Mullen to sign the contract with the Fair Grounds for Memorial Day usage. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Mowing Follow Up

Mullen spoke with Mike Barnaby and he will mow again this year. He will supply his own mower. Barnaby will be paid his regular hourly rate for the town.

Other Business:

Sound System- Cilley will send information to Seth Stoddard. McPhetres makes a motion to purchase a system for \$500 or less. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Mariah Lawrence would like to purchase an electric lawnmower for the library. Approved.

Tyson- Looked at the Town Garage for solar project. Plenty of room. The Belknap Solar project is now a no go.

Tunbridge General Store liquor license approved.

McPhetres makes a motion to buy eight new office chairs. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Warrants: Warrants were signed and approved by Chair Mullen.

Minutes were postponed until the next meeting.

O'Brien motions to adjourn. McPhetres seconds. So moved. Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

Gary Mullen, Chair

Mike McPhetres, Vice Chair

John O'Brien, Clerk