

## **TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE**

Tuesday May 23rd, 2023 at 6:00pm via Zoom and Town Offices

Meeting called to order at 6:06pm

Present: Mariah Cilley, Mike McPhetres, Gary Mullen, John O'Brien, Jonathan Bicknell, Susan Salster, Bryce Stride, Tabor Stride, John Echeverria, Fred Pond

### **Road Report-Rodney Hoyt via Gary Mullen**

Hoyt can't find a truck that will accept a hone. The one that was ordered will not fit. He found one that we could get but it wouldn't be delivered for another two years. The road crew is almost done grading. The 10-wheeler needs a new bushing, but they ordered the part and will replace it themselves in the garage. The sand price quote that we received from Pickett's remains the same. Larry Wight is our longest serving town employee at 29 years and the Selectboard would like the minutes to reflect how much he is appreciated by the Selectboard and the town. Hoyt would also like to return to work after his long recovery of shoulder surgery. McPhetres makes a motion to allow Rodney Hoyt to return to work on light duty. O'Brien seconded the motion. All aye. So moved.

### **Legal Trail Usage**

Jonathan Bicknell was tasked with getting some information on different agreements that other towns use for trails on private landowner property. There are three main options that Bicknell has found. 1) Mike Hebb method of meeting with the landowners each year and having a verbal agreement. Hebb believes that if you need a written contract its not the right landowner fit. 2.) Similar structure to VAST with a written contract that is renewed yearly. 3.) VLCT recommended a written contract laying out liability coverage and would read over our agreement. VLCT also suggest a waiver for volunteers who work on trail maintenance. O'Brien asks if VLCT mentioned if the landowners have a right to say who can use the trails that they come to an agreement on? Bicknell says that did not come up. Hebb has the trails on private property as just non motorized use and no horses. John Echeverria states that Hebb has certain policies but it is also open to the landowner input.

Falls Hill Legal Trail- Mullen states that if we try to throw up the legal trail there will be a lot of pushback from townspeople. The Selectboard would like to continue the trail up through the Falls Hill property and onto the Angell's property. Ideally we would have a 5-10 year written contract so that we would know there would be a trail. McPhetres talked to the Angell's about a yearly contract for non-motorized use. Cilley will send an update to Cal Heminway that we are willing to negotiate on a through trail, to keep it a legal trail and continue it so that it stops trespassing.

May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 the trails will open again for walking only. McPhetres makes a motion to limit use to pedestrians walking only until further notice. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved. Cilley will also look into an event permit to notify of usage on the trails.

### **Tax Sale- Joe Paquin**

McPhetres makes a motion to allow the Collector of Delinquent Taxes Joe Paquin to move

forward with his quest of completing tax sales. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

### **Library Painting**

Todd Tyson was the only person to submit a bid for the painting at the library. His bid came in at \$3035. McPhetres makes a motion to approve the exterior painting of the library for a total cost of \$3035. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

### **Medical Equipment**

Pat Ladd has a ton of medical equipment that she is looking to get rid of. Our Town Nurse Jodi Hoyt will take a look at the equipment and give a list to the Selectboard so they can approve storing these supplies for townspeople's need.

### **Liquor License Approvals**

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

### **Other Business**

Conflict at the Transfer Station between the attendant Mike Barnaby and Bryce Stride. Tabor was accused of not paying for trash. Mullen spoke to Barnaby and is receiving a different story. Mullen will reach back out to Barnaby to discuss further. Cilley will reach out to VLCT for guidance.

McPhetres makes a motion to approve the two liquor license requests. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

McPhetres makes a motion to approve the Administrative Assistant Mariah Cilley as the head of the Town Hall and Town Offices weatherization project. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

### **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 7:31pm.

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Gary Mullen, Chair

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Mike McPhetres, Vice Chair

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John O'Brien, Clerk