

TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE

Wednesday August 9th, 2023 at 6:00pm via Zoom and Town Offices

Meeting called to order at 6:09pm

Present: Mariah Cilley, Rodney Hoyt, Mike McPhetres, Gary Mullen, John O'Brien, Fred Pond, Brenda Field, Ellen Hosford, Betty Brown, Nate Stearns, John Echeverria, Daniel "Rudi" Ruddell, Susan Salster, Deb Mullen, Cal Heminway, George White, Maureen McCullough

Road Report-Rodney Hoyt

Bids for fixing Strafford Road and Hanson Road were opened and read. Five bids were received from Walters Excavating, Aldrighetti Excavating, J.L. Smith, Wards Excavating and Lamberts Excavating. Bids were opened and read aloud and discussed. The job was awarded to Aldrighetti Excavating. Brenda Field asked for more signs to be placed on Drew Road when the road are closed down for work. McPhetres makes a motion to award the bid for the four sites for Aldrighetti Construction. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved. Pickett is back to hauling sand. Hoyt would like to have George Elderer fix the three culverts on Clay White Road. Grader went up to Stone House Road and took a few loads up to patch up the worst spots. Could use another 10-wheeler load at some point, but it is in pretty fair shape at this point. Hoyt wants notice to go out to these new owners that these are Class 4 roads and they need to be maintained by the owners. The road crew welded the piston that was in the backhoe and it is holding and working now. Still waiting for FEMA to look at the bridge by Tuttle Road.

Policing Contract Discussion

Mullen and Cilley were both contacted by Orange County Sheriff's department wondering why we did not have a signed contract with them. Chief Stalnaker from Royalton is willing to take on Tunbridge as a contract, as is Windsor County. Cilley will contact Chief Stalnaker to see if she can help us in our policing.

Fair Road Closure

Signed by Chair Mullen.

Land Record Digitization Approval- Mariah Cilley

Cilley has done research on her ARPA approved Land Record Digitization and wants to hire NEMRC. McPhetres makes a motion to move forward with NEMRC. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Tax Rate Approval- Becky Hoyt

McPhetres makes a motion to approve the municipal tax rate of 0.8748 for FY 23/24. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Falls Hill Legal Trail Discussion

Nate Stearns briefly discusses his letter that was sent to the Selectboard. Ruddell states that under the provisions of the ancient roads process that the AOT has and the AOT has all the documentation. It was known as the Brookfield Road and it predates the trail. The laying out process is a different category due to the age and history of the road. The remainder of the trail

has never been officially laid out, but original documentation shows the existence of the road. Stearns adds that another issue is that there was never any communication given to the landowner about the laying out of the road. Cilley and Ruddell will look into finding minutes regarding if Heminway was at the meeting and was aware of the legal trail. Heminway asks if we are trying to create a roadway through the property and connecting to another trail on the other side of the property. At this point, we are not making any decision regarding adding further trail or getting rid of the current trail.

Other Business

Randy Hoyt sent in a bid to fix the 16 bad bids on the Foundry Bridge for \$6126.00. McPhetres makes a motion to award the Foundry Bridge project to Randall Hoyt for \$6126.00. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Hole under the road near the Mill Bridge needs to be fixed before winter. Mullen spoke to Joseph and he wants to have the road crew come in and dig it up and then he will form it with rebar and concrete. Mullen will talk to Joseph again.

McPhetres makes a motion to accept the Independent Contractor Agreement for Matt Loftus Construction. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Approve Warrants:

All warrants signed and approved.

Approve Minutes:

Minutes from July 11th and July 25th were signed and approved.

McPhetres makes a motion to adjourn. O'Brien seconds. Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.

Gary Mullen, Chair

Mike McPhetres, Vice Chair

John O'Brien, Clerk

