

TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE

Tuesday September 26th, 2023 at 6:00pm via Zoom and Town Offices

Meeting called to order at 6:06pm

Present: Mariah Cilley, Brenda Field, David Gabriel, Elise Gabriel, Liz Williams, Rodney Hoyt, Karen Blow, Gary Mullen, Mike McPhetres, Daniel “Rudi” Ruddell, Elizabeth Brown, Maureen McCullough, Carin Pratt, John O’Brien, Masoud Arshadi, Fred Pond

Road Report-Rodney Hoyt

Grading is getting started. Gotten quite a ways done. Everything on the left hand side of Route 110 has been graded as long as Kelsey Mountain is in good shape. Bridge will be delivered for Strafford Road on November 6th. Bridge will be dropped off and assembled that week. Road closure will begin on October 30th so the preliminary work of taking the old bridge out and preparing for the new bridge can take place. Hoyt talked with Chris Bump on Monday and he was going to get back to him regarding detour signs. Since it is a town road Bump believes no detour signs need to be put up. Hoyt is continuing to work on how best to let people know about the road closure. The Chevy truck is still down at the shop waiting for parts.

The road crew dug the hole out for Hank Joseph. He wants to have three yards of concrete purchased and he will do the labor for the project. McPhetres makes a motion to pay for three yards of concrete for Hank Joseph’s property and he will do the labor. O’Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Strafford Road repair needs to have the road set over near the large slope failure, which requires digging out the bank on the Gabriel’s property. From the yellow center line they need to go 20 feet to the right. The slope failure work will most likely take place next summer, but in the meantime we need to address the one lane road issue. David Gabriel asks what the traffic on the Drew Road would look like with these two projects on the Strafford Road. Hoyt says the road shouldn’t see increased traffic when they widen the road. He will blacktop the new roadway and wanted to be transparent with the Gabriel’s.

Aldrighetti’s Excavating has been doing a great job on the Strafford Road. He is done on the Strafford Road and hopes to be back on the Hanson Road job on Friday.

Bridge Railing Approval- Whitney Hill Road/ VTrans

The Selectboard loved the new railing suggested by VTrans. McPhetres makes a motion that the Selectboard loves the railing and will accept it. O’Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Dehumidifier in Town Hall Basement Discussion

Cilley will ask Judy Howe how old the dehumidifier is. Cilley will also look into cost of a new industrial dehumidifier and bring it back to the Selectboard.

Liquor License Approval

The Selectboard approves the liquor license.

Executive Session-Legal Trails Discussion

The Board has determined that meeting in public would put us in peril. McPhetres makes a motion to go into executive session. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Executive Session entered at 7:09pm.

Executive Session ended at 7:58pm.

O'Brien makes a motion to allow Michael Tarrant to defend the appeal moving forward. McPhetres seconds. All aye. So moved.

Other Business

Mullen discusses the ARPA Funds to update the Town Offices. He would like to set up a time this winter to discuss the project and put bids out so the work could get done next summer.

McPhetres makes a motion to let John Spaulding use the Town Hall for free for a fundraiser for his son Kyle. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Karen Blow wanted to offer her support of the Town maintaining the legal trail. She felt as though she didn't have all of the information needed prior to now to make an informed opinion.

McPhetres makes a motion to accept the quote from Cargill for 250 ton at 86.50 a ton delivered. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Approve Warrants:

All warrants signed and approved.

Approve Minutes:

Minutes from 9/12/23 were signed and approved.

McPhetres makes a motion to adjourn. O'Brien seconds. Meeting ceased.

Gary Mullen, Chair

Mike McPhetres, Vice Chair

John O'Brien, Clerk

