

TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE

Tuesday February 13th, 2024 at 6:00pm via Zoom and Town Offices

Meeting called to order at 6:07pm

Present: Mike McPhetres, Mariah Cilley, John O'Brien, Gary Mullen, Rodney Hoyt, Fred Pond, Darren Marcy, Liz Williams, Kathi Terami, PUI Desvalidos, Robert Childs, Chief Loretta Stalnaker, Brenda Field, Amy, Deb Mullen, Dave Kimball, Daniel "Rudi" Ruddell, Joseph Paquin

Road Report- Rodney Hoyt

Have been working hard to fix the roads since it's been so muddy. Have the roads pretty much done. Matt Loftus is a hired truck for now. Today was the last day they were going to be able to fix some of the roads before it freezes. Wished that we had some pure stone which would work well in these bigger holes. Getting worried about putting all the hours we do on that four wheel drive. The new truck has been ordered, not sure when they are thinking it will be in. Viking is supposed to work a date out with us but we haven't heard anything. Sand seems to be holding up. Hoping to get good results with the sand we have been putting out. Lots of fine dust from the stuff in Chelsea; hoping that this will be it.

Sheriff Ryan Palmer Policing Discussion

Sheriff Palmer gives an overview of his background in policing as well as his professional background. "If you want better cops, you have to make them." Sheriff Palmer gives information on his policing department and what they are able to offer. He gives options for how many hours per week we will receive versus cost. Sheriff Palmer states that he is interested in regional policing and is really pushing for this. His hourly rate is set at \$65.00. Dave Kimball asks how dispatching works; will they contact Windsor or will they just call the state police? It used to be that it was up to the discretion of the dispatcher if they called the sheriffs. Windsor Sheriff's Department is dispatched through Woodstock, but is working on stream lining the process to make sure the calls get sent to him. Would be open to a four town policing with Vershire and Strafford as well. Robert Childs is still encouraging the four town policing.

Delinquent Tax Collector Joe Paquin Tax Sale Approval

2023 Tax Sale is happening next week. Paquin is looking for approval for Stitzel Paige and Fletcher to conduct the tax sale for 2024. McPhetres makes a motion to use Stitzel Paige and Fletcher to conduct the tax sales. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Certificate of No Suits or Appeals Pending- Rudi Ruddell

Ruddell asks the Selectboard to sign a Certificate of No Suits or Appeals so the listers can close the grand list for 2023. McPhetres makes a motion to sign the certificate of no suits or appeals. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Vermont Tree Company Estimate- Falls Hill Road

McPhetres makes a motion to accept the bid from Vermont Tree Company LLC for the removal of eight trees on Falls Hill Road. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Purchasing Policy Update

The policy was not updated.

Chief Loretta Stalnaker Policing Discussion

Chief Stalnaker stops in to ask how the Selectboard is liking the service, if they have any questions for her. She has been doing VIN verification, speed stops, being a presence on the back roads. She has been averaging three hours a week. Chief Stalnaker hired a new woman and has a new officer who will be starting the academy in March. Cilley asks her about a Traffic Ordinance.

Brook Field Service Preventative Maintenance Agreement

McPhetres makes a motion to go with Program #2 on the service agreement with Brook Field Service. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Other Business:

- Transfer Station Gate Discussion: Cilley will call Mike Howe to fix the gate.
- John Freitag Representative Request: Gary Mullen asks Dave Kimball to consider joining as a representative.
- Cilley asks if it would be possible to shut down the Cilley Bridge for a wedding in August for a few hours. The Selectboard said yes, they will approve it as it gets closer and notice is made for the road closure.

Approve Warrants:

McPhetres makes a motion to let Mullen sign the orders. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved. All warrants were signed and approved.

Approve Minutes:

Minutes signed and approved.

McPhetres makes a motion to adjourn. O'Brien seconds. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Gary Mullen, Chair

Mike McPhetres, Vice Chair

John O'Brien, Clerk

