

**Town of Tunbridge
Planning Commission Meeting
February 5, 2019**

MINUTES

- 1. Called meeting to order at 6:45pm.** Members present – Dan Rudi Rudell, Gary Mullen, Mario Sacca, Shane Young, Ingrid Van Steamburg, and Nancy Chapman.

- 2. Old Business - Continue to work on Town Plan Forum/Potluck: who, what, where, when, why.**

We will work in shifts at Town Meeting to staff a table to present & collect our surveys. We need volunteers. Mario Sacca and Ingrid Van Steamburg volunteered to staff the table, but we may need one or two more people to cover the day. Gary suggested offering a prize to a lucky individual who completes the survey – Gary will donate a pie from Town Meeting. At our March meeting we will review the surveys and finish planning for our April Potluck – 4/2 @ 6pm.

- 3. New Business –**

Town Forest Committee – Harvest on Town Forest – David Paginelli, county forester has been working on this. This spring is the goal for a harvest on the forest behind the town garage and in winter 2020 harvest at the Drew Lot. In the long run there could be some nice harvests in future years behind the town garage. Gary suggested he would like to see improvements such as a pavilion built on the town garage lot to enable the town and school to continue with learning experiences like the curiousatorium. Using either and or the funds from the harvest or actual lumber from the harvest to construct the pavilion and other needed structures/items. Also make improvements to access (road/parking).

4 Town Forums:

The Vermont Council on Rural Development is facilitating a four town discussion over the next couple of months. There are eight topics of conversation/interest and two will be discussed concurrently at each meeting. In hopes that anyone can attend up to all four and have participated in up to four topics that interest them. Each of the four towns is hosting a discussion/free dinner. Dinners start at 6pm with the meeting starting 7pm and running until 8:30pm. Royalton will host on February 21st @ the High School topics are: Economic & Cultural Vitality and Affordable Housing & Senior Living. Tunbridge will host on March 14th @ the TCS topics are: Attracting & Supporting Young Residents & Families and Agriculture & Forestry. Strafford will host on March 21st @ Barrett Hall topics are: Infrastructure, Communication & Municipal Partnerships and Recreation, Trails, Environment and Natural Resources. Sharon will host on March 28th @ Sharon Elementary topics are: Education and Addressing Poverty.

Terms ending in 2019 – Brenda has indicated, via email, if we have someone else interested she would step down. Gary suggested Laura Ginsburg and suggested to her that she come to a meeting if she is interested. Laura didn't show up tonight. Ted and Ingrid would like to continue.

- 4. Approval of meeting minutes** – Gary made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as read. Rudi seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- 5. Next meeting scheduled for March 6 @ 6:30pm.**
- 6. Adjournment** – Gary made a motion to adjourn. Nancy seconded the motion and the motion passed. Meeting adjourned @ 7:16pm.