

## **TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE**

Tuesday September 13, 2022 at 6:00pm via Zoom and Town Offices

Meeting called to order at 6:07pm

Present: Rodney Hoyt, Mike McPhetres, Gary Mullen, Mariah Cilley, John O'Brien, Betsy Gaiser, Lynne Hadley, Sarah Wraight, Mariah Lawrence, A. Macilwaine, Susan Knapp, Amy Frost, Fred Pond, Michael Sacca, Sarah Wraight, Scott Beavers, Susan Salster, Janet Zug, Elizabeth Brown

### **Road Report- Rodney Hoyt**

Sand is moving right around. Down to 700 yards left to come. Sand should be finished up by the end of next week. Hoyt would like the Selectboard to allow the town crew to go to Barre to get some yards of the granite mix to see how it goes this winter. The Selectboard asks how much each yard costs. Hoyt is unsure but will check on it. Hoyt believes we keep around 8000 yards of sand stockpiled for the winter. Hoyt and his crew are taking Thursday off for the fair. We need to begin thinking about another truck since there is a two year lead time. He would like to replace the 4-wheel drive and he does not want to downgrade to a simple 2-wheel drive. Hoyt is wanting to get a load of asphalt and a roller and fix \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves. Mullen says to go for it.

### **Little Free Library- Susan Knapp**

Meeting moved to outside to look at the location proposed for the Little Free Library. Knapp will be talking with Jeff Porter who will construct the free library and hopes to have it in place before the ground freezes this year. The location was agreed upon near the handicapped parking sign. All of the materials will be donated as well as the books and the work.

### **Town Bulletin Board- Mariah Lawrence & Lynne Hadley**

Jeff Porter will also build a bulletin board. A quote of \$2500 was given for the bulletin board. The Sponables are happy to have it on their lawn again, but want site work done to include gravel underneath so not to mow over tacks. Michael Sacca will be bringing this to the board of the Alliance of Vermont Community to ask for \$1000. Sacca states there is also locust posts and AVC has offered to provide posts for these projects. Gordon Barnaby will dig the posts for free, as well as roofing donated and posts from the Tunbridge town forest. The posts will be in and the building will take place after frost. We are looking for \$2000 to get this done. The Selectboard asks Sarah Wraight if we could spend town money on this and then reimburse it with ARPA funds. She states that yes, we can do this at a later date as long as we keep a lot of the receipts.

### **ARPA Meeting Discussion- Sarah Wraight**

Discussion of logistics of next week's meeting. How much of our award are we communicating about with the town? The Selectboard states that we have an ongoing list going of ideas that we have, which will be discussed but we are also looking for community input as well. The entirety of the award will be on the table for all these different ideas to be considered. Wraight asks what the vision moving forward after this meeting would be. Would we create a committee or will it be the Selectboard to decide moving forward? Wraight states that it would depend on how fast we want to move forward. Some towns are creating committees and other towns are having

multiple town meetings and then making a committee after that. There are many different options. She goes on to say that there are ways to help create criteria in order to determine what projects to move forward on. We can come up and have community discussion generate the criteria. She states that the Selectboard makes the final decision. O'Brien states that we should have this meeting next week, the Selectboard would discuss the ideas generated and then have another town meeting to discuss the smaller list that meets the criteria decided upon and then the Selectboard would make the final decision by budgeting time. If you pay salaries and benefits with ARPA monies there is no longer a wall up between the two different funds.

Michael Sacca would like the Selectboard to come up with criteria up front prior to the meeting. He also hopes that the list that we have come up with does not get priority because right now it should be the dreaming phase and money should have nothing to do with it at this point. He thinks that there should be a committee made to sort through the information so that the Selectboard wouldn't be tied up with the busy work of it. Sacca thinks that there should be a 50% 50% split to the funds with 50% to community generated ideas and 50% to the list that is on the website. O'Brien states that he believes that what gets monies will ultimately be projects that are important and that the community will be able to get behind. Mullen wants to do what is best for the Town of Tunbridge and not depend on percentage splits. Todd Tyson hopes that the public and Selectboard look at the long term ramifications of our decisions that we make. Janet Zug agrees with putting money into the infrastructure of Tunbridge and things that will help in the future.

#### **Sawyer Hill- Andy Macilwaine**

Andy Macilwaine, Goulet's attorney presents on behalf of Goulet and presents the Improvements Application. Macilwaine states that Goulet has spoken to the members of the Pease Family Farm and they have no issues with the work moving forward. O'Brien wanted to put the decision on the agenda the next meeting. Mullen would like to discuss with the Road Foreman and push the decision making to the next meeting.

#### **Soundproofing Estimate- Janet Zug**

Zug proposes an estimate of \$4818.00 for soundproofing of the Town Hall. This estimate is for covering 30% of the ceiling. Mullen asks Zug to look for another estimate.

#### **Other Business:**

Todd Tyson asks the Selectboard if they have decided if they will reopen the Trails to additional use beyond walking only. Mullen states that opening it up wouldn't affect the lawsuit. Tyson asks if there would be a future date that the Selectboard would update the public on the litigation. Mullen states that there is no update.

McPhetres makes a motion to move into executive session. O'Brien seconds. Executive session was entered at 7:55pm. Executive session closed at 8:02pm. The Selectboard has made a decision to hire Maryann Caron as Grants Manager.

O'Brien will contact Cal Heminway to let him know that we have not forgotten about him. He will also contact Ben Wolfe about the Fuel Assistance Program.

McPhetres will call Nonemacher's again to service the boiler.

**Approve Warrants:**

All warrants were signed and approved.

**Approve Minutes:**

Minutes postponed until next meeting.

McPhetres makes a motion to adjourn. O'Brien seconds. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

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Gary Mullen, Chair

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Mike McPhetres, Vice Chair

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John O'Brien, Clerk