

TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE

Tuesday October 10th, 2023 at 6:00pm via Zoom and Town Offices

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm

Present: Mariah Cilley, John O'Brien, Mike McPhetres, Gary Mullen, Janet Zug, Scott Beavers, Brenda Field, Tiffany Tucker, Rodney Hoyt, Carin Pratt, Liz Brown, Masoud Arshadi, Maureen McCullough, Todd Tyson, Peter Hayden, Sue Salster, Fern Strong, Fred Pond, Davis Cilley, Simon Bradford, Dave Kimball

Road Report-Rodney Hoyt

The road crew is working on hauling the sand for this winter. The new truck is almost here. Hoyt would like George White to replace four culverts for FEMA. McPhetres makes a motion to allow Hoyt to hire George White to replace four culverts. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Cilley has been looking into an easement for the Gabriels on Drew Road regarding the land that is outside of our Right-of-Way on Strafford Road. Cilley is unsure if we can do an easement since we are planning on making it permanent. A deed was suggested by an attorney at VLCT versus an easement, and after doing some research it was noted that to permanently change the roadway there would need to be a warning, hearing and survey done along with the deed. Hoyt needs to get the new roadway up and running before winter, so the Selectboard approved a temporary roadway, and a more permanent roadway will be looked into this winter.

Simon Bradford states that the Fire Department is looking into buying 8 new to them radios. There is 4 additional radios available for the road crew as well. All twelve could be purchased for \$4500. McPhetres makes a motion to purchase the 4 additional radios for the road crew for \$1500. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Peter Hayden addresses the Selectboard about Forsythe Road near his house. There is some work that he wants to do to the road. Hoyt will go look at the road on Wednesday.

Tiffany Tucker is here on behalf of parents worried about the bus route. There was discussion from a covered bridge historical group who was concerned after watching a bus cross the Flint Bridge which has a 3 ton weight limit on it. Tucker states if the bus can't go this way, which it has for many years, then there will be a number of students who won't be able to get transportation. Cilley will reach out to VTrans to see if we can get the weight limit changed. In the meantime, the Selectboard signs an overweight permit and allows the bus to cross.

SoRo Rescue Squad Advisory Board Appointment-Dave Kimball

The SoRo Rescue Squad Advisory Board would like to appoint John Durkee to replace Brenda Field. This term would go through April 30, 2026. McPhetres makes a motion to appoint John Durkee to the SoRo Rescue Squad Advisory Board. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Legal Trails/Class 4 Road Discussion

The Selectboard is considering their options around the Legal Trail maintenance issue. One of the options mentioned was upgrading a road from a Legal Trail to a Class 4 road. Cilley provided information for the Selectboard about the process that would take place if they decided to do this.

The Selectboard asks that the Trails Committee weigh in on their opinion from changing to a Class 4 from a Legal Trail. Cilley will have a timeline laid out at the next meeting if the Selectboard were to decide to do this.

Liquor License Approval

McPhetres makes a motion to approve the liquor license for Brocklebank Brewery. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Other Business

Janet Zug wanted to let the Selectboard know there was an issue at the Transfer Station with her nephew. He had Chelsea mail and was unable to use the Transfer Station. The Selectboard will reach out to the attendant to let him know that people have different mailing addresses in town.

Cilley lets the Selectboard know that the Royalton Police Department has sent over a contract for policing. Cilley will check with the treasurer regarding our budget to see how much we have to spend and will contact Chief Stalnaker to see if they can take us on for less money than we originally thought.

The Conservation Commission is hosting a clean up day for the river. They are asking permission for the town to cover the cost of tires and metal that they pull from the river. The Selectboard approves this.

The sidewalk scoping grant which we have received is unable to pay funds for a few months. Rita Sito from TRORC was wondering if the Selectboard would like to continue with the grant work we have started and just get reimbursed a bigger amount later, or if we would like to pause. Cilley will see how long the pause on the reimbursement will be.

Approve Warrants:

All warrants signed and approved.

Approve Minutes:

Minutes were signed and approved.

McPhetres makes a motion to adjourn. O'Brien seconds. Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Gary Mullen, Chair

Mike McPhetres, Vice Chair

John O'Brien, Clerk