

## **TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE**

Tuesday June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:00pm via Zoom and Town Offices

Meeting called to order at 6:09pm

Present: Mike McPhetres, Mariah Cilley, John O'Brien, Gary Mullen, Peter Hayden, Rodney Hoyt, Sue Salster, Fred Pond, George White, Leah, Steve Libby, Darren Marcy, Dawn Juergens, Anissa Morrison, Fern Strong, Dave Kimball, Sarah Heminway, Maureen McCullough, Jonathan Bicknell, Nancy Chapman, Leland Whitehouse, Rudi Ruddell, Anne Leeds, Adam Kenyon, Amy Frost, Matt Frost, John Echeverria, Todd Tyson, Ryan Palmer

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

Ditching is getting done this week. The backhoe has an issue with a valve. The road crew are trying to determine what the issue is before they decide to take it apart themselves. The ton truck is back. They have reseeded Hard Scrabble today. Hoyt's truck got a wheel seal replaced. Flint Bridge is making noise again. Mullen wants Daniels Construction to look at it. Still waiting on more bids for Whitney Hill Bridge. Hoyt is feeding the rats at the Transfer Station. Ruddell states e911 is requiring him to update a private drive to a private road. The new road is off Button Hill and will be called "South Ridge Way".

### **Strafford Road Slide Update**

Cilley gives a brief update from Shawn Kelley at Sanborn Head. A survey has been done, and they are developing the scope of construction to be done. Once they have a plan they will put the project out to bid for fall construction. Steve Libby is working for VT Emergency Management and has an update that the state will now cover the 25% match that was owed by the town. They also have another grant program that will help cover the cost of the work. Pre-Application is due by August 16<sup>th</sup>. Libby will touch base with Maryann Caron.

### **Speed Study for Gifford Road Discussion**

Cilley discusses the 2022 speed study with the Selectboard. She will pull the road policy to see if there is a speed limit set for this road currently. Cilley will reach out to Rita Seto at TRORC to see the proper channels for moving forward to changing the Gifford Road speed limit to 30mph.

### **Adam Kenyon Discussion**

Kenyon states that the fence around the transfer station needs to be replaced. Kenyon has received a quote from Corner Rail Fence Co. There are also trees that need to come down by the back fence that are dead. Cilley will reach out to Isaac Sacca and get a quote from him regarding the trees. McPhetres has a trimmer and will get Kenyon a mower to start mowing the properties. Kenyon reiterates what Hoyt spoke about earlier regarding the rats. Mike Howe is going to fix the dock. Cilley will touch base with the Trustees of Public Funds regarding money for the fence.

### **Alcohol & Cannabis Policy Adoption**

McPhetres makes a motion to approve the policy. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

### **Cal Heminway Legal Trail #4 Discussion**

Sarah Heminway states that her father Cal has passed. The group gives our condolences, and the

discussion is tabled. Bicknell shares an update on an easement that the Chester family is proposing for Strawberry Hill. Cilley will add signing the easement to the next meeting. Ruddell updates that Orchard Trail is open for walking. He states that a water bar should be added to the O'Brien side. John O'Brien says he will work on this. A discussion on the ripeness of the court case ensues.

### **Policing Contract Discussion**

Dave Kimball and Anissa Morrison from the Emergency Services Committee comes forth with a contract they have been working on with VLCT. One of the updates they suggested was a two million dollar insurance policy versus a one million dollar policy held by the Sheriff's department. Sheriff Ryan Palmer states that he is working with his insurance agency and that his renewal is up in October and they are increasing their policy to match what is requested. Cilley will run this contract past an attorney and it will be signed at the next Selectboard meeting.

### **South Royalton Rescue Advisory Board Representative Appointment**

Dave Kimball nominates Bob Sponable for a three year term expiring April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2027. McPhetres makes a motion to appoint Bob Sponable. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

### **ARPA Fund Name Change**

Cilley states that we need to change our ARPA fund name to Special Projects Fund due to auditing requirements. Currently the funds in the "ARPA Fund" are actually surplus funds from our Highway Budget and not tied with the ARPA program. McPhetres makes a motion to change the name of the fund to the Special Projects Fund. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

### **Other Business:**

Liquor licenses are presented to the Selectboard. All are approved.

Cilley follows up on an email received from Scott Jensen at the Vermont DEC regarding Brent Lindstroms request for riprap in the river on his property.

### **Approve Warrants:**

All warrants were signed and approved.

### **Approve Minutes:**

No minutes from May 28<sup>th</sup> were signed and approved.

McPhetres makes a motion to adjourn. O'Brien seconds. Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.

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Gary Mullen, Chair

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Mike McPhetres, Vice Chair

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John O'Brien, Clerk