

TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE

Tuesday June 25th, 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, Rodney Hoyt, John Echeverria, Rudi Ruddell, Sarah Chester, Sue Salster, Darren Marcy, Ellen Hosford, Fred Pond, Maureen McCullough, Betty Brown, Tess Mix, Betsy Gaiser

Road Report- Rodney Hoyt

No big damage from the rain. A few places need some gravel. The crew has been ditching. There is about a half day left on Dairy Hill and then all the southern part of the town is done. They haven't used any stone that we have gotten in from Lebanon, NH yet. They are using the grader for ditching because the tractor is getting fixed. Howe Bridge needs work and Hoyt doesn't think that FEMA will cover it. Hoyt wants new guardrails put in. Mullen reminds Hoyt about the pine boards that are up by the Town Forest Pavilion. Hoyt states they are cut for Flint Bridge. The backhoe is hopefully going to be fixed this week. Waiting for someone to come to the garage and work on it. Not sure when the tractor will come back or when mowing will get done. Hoyt doesn't think it will be back until late summer. He has reached out to Strafford and is going to reach out to Royalton to see if they would be able to help us with the mowing. No paving grants this year. McCullough's Crushing also noted that they would make any material that we would like.

Gifford Road Speed Ordinance

Cilley spoke with Rita Seto at TRORC. Cilley will have an ordinance amendment ready for adoption on July 9th meeting. McPhetres makes a motion for Cilley to start the ordinance amendment process. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Easement for Strawberry Hill

Sarah Chester McCusick presents the Easement to the Selectboard. McPhetres makes a motion to adopt. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved. Tunbridge Trails Committee will manage the trail.

Conservation Commission New Member Appointment

Betsy Gaiser asks to appoint Tess Mix. Mix gives information about her background. McPhetres makes a motion to appoint Tess Mix to the Conservation Commission. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Policing Contract Approval

McPhetres makes a motion to sign the most up to date contract that was looked over by our attorney. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved. Cilley will send the signed contract to the Windsor County Sheriff's Department.

Treasurer Update

Treasurer Hoyt gives an update about the close of the fiscal year. There is a small deficit (\$11,000) in the highway fund and a small surplus in the general fund. \$120k needs to be moved to a different highway fund. Childcare contributions tax is increasing to 0.44%. The Selectboard

needs to determine if we pay 0.33% and have the employees pay 0.11%. McPhetres makes a motion to pay the 0.44% of the childcare contribution tax. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Hoyt presents the payroll increases/decreases for the upcoming fiscal year.

Approval of New Town Attorney

Cilley presents the letter given by Sarah Buxton, attorney at Tarrant and Gillies to be our new town attorney. O'Brien moves to hire Sarah Buxton. Mullen seconds. No vote from McPhetres. So moved.

Other Business:

The Selectboard gives Adam Kenyon the green light to get the mower going. The weedwhacker is here.

Cilley will reach out to Mike Howe to have him fix the dock.

Cilley will reach out to Wendy Palthy to see if she will fill in as the AA in December-March.

Approve Warrants:

All warrants were signed and approved.

Approve Minutes:

Minutes from June 25th, 2024 were approved.

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

Gary Mullen, Chair

Mike McPhetres, Vice Chair

John O'Brien, Clerk

