

TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE

Tuesday August 27th, 2024 at 6:00pm via Zoom and Town Offices

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm

Present: Mike McPhetres, Mariah Cilley, John O'Brien, Gary Mullen, Rodney Hoyt, James McGuire, Pam Steiner, Peter Hayden, Elizabeth Brown, Rudi Ruddell, Amy Frost, John Echeverria, Darren Marcy, Kirt Mayland

Road Report- Rodney Hoyt

Ton truck is headed to Lucky's to fix the lift piston on the body. It has been replaced once but isn't holding. No longer under warranty. The tractor is finally getting put back together. Pickett is up to 2000 yards and has it almost all hauled. Matt Lincoln can haul 24 yards of material. He is \$165 an hour; Rodney wants to try him for a few trips for hard pack from Williamstown. Shawn Kelley from Sanborn Head isn't sure that Strafford Road will be completed in time for paving this year. Hoyt has called Pike to get the Strafford Road Bridge repaved- they will be here in October. Truck #2 is going back to Viking before the one year is up to get a few things taken care of. This leaves on September 9th. Hoyt would like to take a weeks' vacation starting September 16th. The road crew is back trying to get some grading done before fall comes. O'Brien asks if Hoyt had talked with Tammy Mullen about a water issue at her house- Hoyt states he hasn't heard from her, but will see what the problem is.

Rudi Ruddell asks what the process is or if we should develop a policy on road signs. Ruddell states once there are three or more dwellings on a private driveway it is supposed to be deemed a private road. There is another request for a private drive sign off Potash.

BRIC Proposal Review and Approval

Cilley shares the proposal we received for the BRIC Grant from VHB. This is the only proposal we have received after many attempts at getting a bid for this project. The total bid came in at \$48,931. The total bid is \$8,000 over the total cost of the grant award. The timeline to get this project done is by the end of November. Once the scoping study is done, there will be other grants available to get the work done. McPhetres makes a motion to approve the proposal for \$48,931 from VHB. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Executive Session- Legal Trails

John O'Brien moves that discussions about moving forward with the legal trail case with the general public puts us at a disadvantage. McPhetres seconds. All aye. So moved. O'Brien moves to go into executive session. McPhetres seconds. All aye. So moved.

Executive Session is entered at 7:02pm.

Executive Session ended at 8:04pm

No decisions were made during executive session.

Todd Tyson- Solar Array Expansion at Town Garage

There are 12 panels at the Town Garage that are 395 Watt panels generating 4 ¾ kW hours. Tyson is hoping to expand it to a 30kW to 50kW array. The town owns five buildings and there is room for expanding our solar array. Kirt Mayland of the VLS is here to help us along with VLS students. Essentially he and the students will be a project manager and will help fill out the CPG application which is due by the end of the year. He thinks there is a lot of money available in grant money for expanding a solar array. The Selectboard agrees that Mayland and his students can move forward with looking into this project.

Health Officer Jodi Hoyt

Health Officer position has been a lot lately with doing both. Bethel and Royalton both increased their budget for their Health Officer pay to \$10,000. Health Officer and Town Nurse have a lot of interweaved duties and roles so it makes the most sense for her to do both, but she cannot volunteer to be the Health Officer as well as being the Town Nurse.

Other Business:

Rudi Ruddell wanted to discuss with the Selectboard and John O'Brien as a State Representative the issue he has been running in to with deeds referencing surveys and then no survey getting recorded. Currently statute states that a survey is required for a subdivision, but then also states that the lack of a recorded deed does not nullify the deed. O'Brien states that he will run this by legislative council.

Tess Mix has reached out with a request to start a fundraiser to fix up the Recreation Playground. The Selectboard feels that the Rec Department has enough money in their account and it is their responsibility to clean it up. Cilley will request Kathy Galluzzo and Tess Mix to come in to the next meeting so they can work together to come up with a plan.

Cilley provides the Selectboard with a liquor license needing approval. The Selectboard unanimously agree to approve the license request.

Mariah Lawrence has received a window cleaning quote for the library. It is for cleaning inside and out. She is curious if she needs Selectboard approval or if she can go ahead with the quote. She can go ahead, and the Selectboard has offered to pay their outside portion half.

Todd Tyson asks if there is an update on weatherizing the Town Offices using the approved ARPA Funds. Mullen states that currently there is nothing happening but we will get back to it.

Approve Warrants:

McPhetres makes a motion to let Mullen sign the orders. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved. All warrants were signed and approved.

Approve Minutes:

Minutes signed and approved.

McPhetres makes a motion to adjourn. O'Brien seconds. Meeting adjourned at 8:36pm.

Gary Mullen, Chair

Mike McPhetres, Vice Chair

John O'Brien, Clerk