

TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE

Tuesday September 10th, 2024 at 6:00pm via Zoom and Town Offices

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm

Present: Mike McPhetres, Mariah Cilley, John O'Brien, Gary Mullen, George White, Peter Rude, Lindsey Trombley, Rudi Ruddell, Erika Hoffman-Keiss, Rodney Hoyt, Olivia, John Echeverria, Maureen McCullough, Darren Marcy, Todd Tyson, Betsy Gaiser, Michael Sacca, Fred Pond, Janet Zug, Amy Frost, Brenda Field, Peter Hayden

Road Report

Larry Wight's truck is at Viking in Burlington. The ton truck is going to Osgood's on Monday 9/16. The tractor is going back together as we speak. Hoping to get the tractor back soon to clear the fallen leaves from the roadway. Hoyt wants Pickett to put some crushed gravel up for us. If he can't, we will go to Tuckers. Matt Lincoln rolled his truck yesterday, so he is unable to haul for us.

Cilley gives the Selectboard the permits Shawn Kelly from Sanborn Head needs to move forward with the Strafford Road project. McPhetres makes a motion to have Gary sign the permits. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Legal Trails Discussion

Mullen would like to have the trail stewards hike all the trails and update the Selectboard by 10/22/2024 of hazards in the trail so we can create a maintenance plan. Karen Blow reached out to the Selectboard asking permission to use the Falls Hill trail for her horse event. Cilley will reach out to Blow and ask her to contact the landowners to see if she can get permission to use their land and not the trail. John Echeverria asks about the policy regarding events. Currently there is not a defined, written policy for Events on the Legal Trails. Amy Frost offers to have the planning commission update the event policy and also asks that we look at the trail usage and why it is not open to all uses right now. Ruddell states that the Crossroad Trail is currently closed. Orchard Trail is open for walking due to wetness and maintenance issues. Falls Hill is open to walking. Baptist Hill is closed due to wetness and deterioration. Peter Hayden wants us to look at what we do for maintenance on Class 4 roads and compare it to maintenance on the trails. Some Class 4 Roads are in worse conditions than legal trails and are open to motor vehicles. Betsy Gaiser states that the Selectboard previously approved to cut the trails on Orchard Trail and this hasn't happened. Gaiser believes there was a motion made. Mullen states that he recalls discussing it, but no motion was ever made. George White wants to know why we can't go ahead and maintain the trails now that the case is ripe. Andy ____ states that it wouldn't be responsible to just open the trails without maintenance and we should fix the issues first. Ruddell states its not as straight forward as just fixing it. These trails need more than one water bar. The Selectboard will look into joining the Upper Valley Trails Alliance so we could receive a free consultation on our trails. Michael Sacca asks since the trail is three rods wide, if we can just move it within our ROW to get around the water. Ruddell states it is wet on both sides. White states we can just build catwalks over the water, but Ruddell states that the landowner can use the trail for whatever they want and a catwalk would get in the way of a tractor passing

through. Gaiser states she has been in touch with the UV Trails Alliance and will schedule them to come out. Michael Sacca and Peter Hayden offer to pay for the membership fee. Todd Tyson states there are enough townspeople who will volunteer to maintain the trail.

Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation- Erika Hoffman-Kiess

Hoffman-Kiess comes to discuss the current project for an expansion of Orange County Parent Child Center in Randolph. This will open up 88 new spaces for childcare. If you are interested in a slot she encourages people to reach out to Lindsey Trombley to secure that spot.

Other Business:

Mike Howe is currently tearing apart the dock at the transfer station.

Isaac Sacca will cut down the trees on the Strafford Road after the cemetery.

Liquor Licenses are approved.

Cilley will post to look for a Transfer Station Sub.

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 postponed until next meeting.

McPhetres makes a motion to adjourn. O'Brien seconds. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Gary Mullen, Chair

Mike McPhetres, Vice Chair

John O'Brien, Clerk

