

TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE

Tuesday October 8th, 2024 at 6:00pm via Zoom and Town Offices

Meeting called to order at 6:07pm

Present: Mike McPhetres, Mariah Cilley, John O'Brien, Gary Mullen, Rodney Hoyt, Rudi Ruddell, Bill Crouse, Maryann Caron, Rick Barnaby, Maureen McCullough, Brenda Field, Susan Salster, Scott Beavers, Shawn Kelley, Amy Frost, Steve Libby, George White, Sean Ingoldsby, Sean Ogle

Road Report- Rodney Hoyt

Finishing up grants on Kelsey Mountain and Angell Road. Selected two new ones today on Dickerman Hill Road. Rita Seto says we are looking good getting the ditch work done for the grant work. Pickett's is still moving along with the sand. Up around 3000 yards now. Hoyt told Pickett we really need to finish up the sand. Pike is going to pave the section on the Strafford Road where the bridge was replaced this month. McPhetres makes a motion to have Mullen sign a salt quote at \$87.25 a ton at an estimated 250 tons delivered with Cargill. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved. The tractor is still being fixed. It has been moved to a different location so the mechanic could stay in his own shop and put it together. Currently using Thomas Hoyts tractor to blow leaves. The dump truck has been fixed and a restrictor valve has been put in the line. The dump body goes up fast enough but it now goes down really slow. Stone has been put down on the Recreation Road. Rick Barnaby asks how much was dug down and if we are just testing this out to see how well this holds up. Hoyt states that yes, we are trying to see if this maintains and then we are going to try another section next year. Matt Lincoln has purchased another truck and is going to get another trailer. Rick Barnaby is wanting to get a meeting with the three Selectboard members and Rodney Hoyt at his house. Barnaby states that in May Hoyt graded the road but didn't put chloride down and it was dusty. He purchased his own chloride and put it down on the road and states that even when it rained it didn't get muddy. Barnaby would like to have less mud seasons, but also less dust. Hoyt is trying to do this, but we cannot have both with what we are currently using for chloride and would like to hold back on using a lot of chloride to reduce us down to the amount of mud seasons we have. The Selectboard will meet with Rick Barnaby at his house on Tuesday 10/15 at 12:00pm.

Sean Ingoldsby lives on Goodwin Hill and his neighbor cut twenty-five trees down on the Class 4 road above his mailbox because he deemed it necessary to get the logging truck up the road. Ingoldsby is wondering if there is a permit requirement for updating the Class 4 road. Hoyt states that he previously spoke with the Selectboard a few years ago and was given permission. Hoyt went up there and said that the work that he has done does not seem outside the width of the Right-of-Way. Ingoldsby is requesting that his neighbor does not widen the road anymore or remove any more trees.

Strafford Road Slide #1 Update- Shawn Kelley

Kelley shares his screen and discusses where are currently are in our project on Strafford Road. Kelley is proposing adding stone in the river upstream from the slope failure to prevent further erosion. This will increase the total cost of the grant, but it will be more cost effective in the long

run to do now. Kelley wanted to run this proposal by the Selectboard to make sure they were in agreement with the plans they wanting to work on.

Steve Libby states that he works for Vermont Emergency Management and is wondering what the timing for Slope #2 work is for the FEMA funding deadlines. Libby is hoping that the schedule for the conceptual design could get moved up so this could get funded under DR-4720 FEMA Grant. If we get into this grant round the 25% match will be covered by FEMA. Libby is hoping for this information by November 18th if possible. Kelley said he is aware of the November 18th deadline and is working to get this information in for that deadline. McPhetres makes a motion to move forward with the design plans to be put out to bid. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Planning Commission Member Appointment- Amy Frost

Would like to add Katherine Maguire for a three year appointment to the Planning Commission. McPhetres makes a motion to have Katherine Maguire join the Planning Commission. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved. Frost also discusses sponsoring a Town Volunteer Fair including all of the organizations in town that include volunteers and everyone can come and set up a table and then people would come around to see where they are able to help out.

Upper Valley Trails Alliance

Sean Ogle comes to discuss what the UV Trail Alliance is. By joining we have 6 hours of time that we can spend on just about anything. Ogle can help us assess and design trails. The UVTA has a lending tool shed which will allow our volunteers to use the tools to maintain and update the trails. We can put our trails on Trail Finder website to promote them. There is a resource library on the website and there are also a few other people who can offer legal advice. You can also hire them to work on your trails at \$40 per hour.

Errors and Omissions- Rudi Ruddell

Ruddell asks the Selectboard to sign the errors and omissions. McPhetres makes a motion to sign the Errors and Omission form. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

EOC Flow- Brenda Field & Maryann Caron

Each year before the Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP) is signed and submitted Field would like the Selectboard to assign someone to go to the Emergency Command Center (EOC) when Field opens the EOC to be the go to person to work with the Road Crew and FEMA.

Caron states that we are almost ready to get a check from FEMA for the Strafford Road Bridge for the total amount of \$208,000. She also states that we have \$20,000 for radios for the Road Crew.

Other Business:

Cilley presents a line construction proposal for Washington Electric Cooperative. McPhetres makes a motion to sign the line extension permit. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Cilley presents a 2025 preventative maintenance agreement for the Brook Field Service generator. McPhetres makes a motion to approve the Major Service maintenance agreement. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Cilley has Mullen sign a contract amendment for the Tunbridge Village Sidewalk Scoping. McPhetres makes a motion to have Mullen sign the contract amendment. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

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 8:55pm.

Gary Mullen, Chair

Mike McPhetres, Vice Chair

John O'Brien, Clerk