

TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE

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

Meeting called to order at 6:12pm

Present: Mike McPhetres, John O'Brien, Gary Mullen, Cierra Ford, Joe Airoidi, Rudi Ruddell, Brenda Field, Adam Kenyon, Rebecca Hoyt, Dave Kimball

VHB- Tunbridge Emergency Corridor Update- Cierra Ford

Ford gives an update on the project scoping study. They have been defining the “purpose and need” of this project. They determined that the “purpose of this project is to investigate the Town of Tunbridge Emergency Corridor, which includes VT-110 and adjoining roadways, to identify vulnerable areas and propose solutions that yield a benefit-cost ratio greater than 1. The project is necessary to ensure reliable access for emergency services in the event of a disaster, thereby enhancing community safety and resilience.” VHB is currently putting together a packet with cost analysis which would then be put into FEMA’s framework which would determine if it would be cost-effective to pursue a particular solution at a site that would be vulnerable. Six sites have been identified as the most critical: Spring Road Slide #1 & 2, Recreation Road, VT 110 Slide, VT 110 Culvert #0003, and Strafford Road Culvert #128238. If there was an impact to our emergency corridor, there would be a 9-mile detour avoiding Taylor Road and Class IV roads, and coordination with Chelsea, Royalton and others would be required. McPhetres feels that the Town Garage Road is one of the highest level ones to work on, as well as the instances on RTE 110. Field feels that the items on VT RTE 110 should be encouraged to be fixed by the state since the state owns it. Field believes that Strafford Road should be of high importance.

(All slides from this presentation are available on our Zoom Link at tunbridgevt.org/selectboard).

Transfer Station Update- Adam Kenyon

Kenyon starts a discussion about getting stickers for residents for recycling so that people who are not in town cannot use our recycling. He has seen many people coming from other towns to take advantage of Tunbridge’s free recycling. Kenyon thinks we should charge residents \$50 per year for this sticker since we lose so much money at the transfer station. Kenyon asks if there is an update on the tree work or the fence work? We have received bids from Corner Rail Fence for the fence work and have had a few people look at the trees. Kenyon thinks the frame of the shack that is there is fine, but he would like to tear out the insulation and redo it. He brought his own heater down for the shack. He would like to insulate it and would like permission to upgrade it properly. Kenyon is also hoping to get solar flood lights to mount at the transfer station for better lighting after dark. Kenyon wants to look at increasing prices as well, because we are the cheapest place around and we are losing so much each year. Kenyon also believes we should have a camera down there because people are dumping stuff outside of hours. The rats are back, but Kenyon has filled in the holes and put down more decon. Kenyon will get the Selectboard an estimate for updating the shack.

Cemetery Commissioners Budget Information

No update given at this time.

Town Meeting Warning Approval

The Selectboard looks over the Town Meeting Warning Draft.

Budget Meeting #3

Budget is discussed. A meeting for 12/23/24 was set up at 7pm for the final budget meeting.

Other Business:

Dave Kimball discusses the appropriation request for South Royalton Rescue. Staffing issues have been resolved.

Liquor license was signed and approved.

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.

Gary Mullen, Chair

Mike McPhetres, Vice Chair

John O'Brien, Clerk

