

## **TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE**

Tuesday April 22nd, 2025 at 6:00pm via Zoom and Town Offices

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm

Present: Mike McPhetres, John O'Brien, Gary Mullen, Rodney Hoyt, Mariah Cilley, Rita Seto, Drew Gingras, Jonathan Bicknell, Peters Hayden, Todd Tyson, Janet Wells, Richard Barnaby, Maryann Caron, John Echeverria, Sue Salster, Sean Ogle, Elizabeth Brown, Ellen Hosford, Brenda Field, Betsy Gaiser, Rudi Ruddell, Maureen McCullough

### **Road Report- Rodney Hoyt**

Hoyt has been out finishing packing up the roads and dealing with the dust. Richard Barnaby asks that chloride be put in front of his house to cut down on the dust. Hoyt states that it was out today putting chloride out. Hoyt needs to purchase some teeth for the hone- this will cost around \$1500. Hoyt is looking to repave some of Strafford Road, he and the grants manager have applied for a grant. Hoyt is going to go back to four 10 hour days a week starting May 1. McPhetres discusses gravel from a different pit which doesn't have fines in it which will hold water.

### **Sidewalk Scoping Final Report- Drew Gingras**

Gingras gives an overview of the total project. Currently he is presenting Alternative 1: 6-Foot Concrete Sidewalk. Janet Wells asks how we can phase in crosswalks? Do we need to talk to the state? Seto notes that there is a Bike and Pedestrian Grant coming out in the next few weeks that we can apply for that would potentially help cover those. These are four year grants that are 80/20 match. Gingras does not suggest a crosswalk that doesn't go to a specific destination. The Selectboard asks about the radar speed feedback signs and if we could put those in or if there are grant monies available for those. There is not grants available for this, but Seto can help put the paperwork together for the installing the signs. McPhetres makes a motion to endorse the scoping study as completed. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved. Caron will move to grant closure for this specific study.

### **Town Garage Discussion- Baxter Doty**

Tabled.

### **Trails Committee Update-Jonathan Bicknell**

Bicknell reintroduces Sean Ogle. Ogle has walked the trails and suggested what is necessary maintenance for the four legal trails. The maintenance that he is suggesting is the bare minimum maintenance to keep the trails from washing out and being unusable. The full trail maintenance suggestions can be seen on the town website. Field asks if the maintenance for these trails would accommodate horses. Sue Salster states that people have been using the Falls Hill trail in a vehicle and it has caused damage to the Heminway property and she is going to reach out to Sarah Heminway and show her the photos. She believes we owe a duty to the landowner to do something so their property doesn't get damaged. Echeverria asks that we keep the upper part of the Baptist Hill trail closed for agricultural purposes. Peter Hayden states that it is prohibited to occupy or obstruct a public right of way and that the public has a right to use the right of way.

Bicknell states that Orchard Road on the Landgoes side is a priority for maintenance, followed by Crossroads and Baptist Hill is more of a lower priority. Bicknell reads a note from Deb Mullen regarding concerns on the Crossroad regarding how frequently it washes out. O'Brien moves that pending funding the Trails Committee will work in conjunction with Upper Valley Trails to move ahead with the suggestions from Sean Ogle to maintain the trails. McPhetres seconds. All aye. So moved.

**Grants Manager Update- Maryann Caron**

McPhetres makes a motion to accept the contract with Northwood Excavation for Strafford Road Slope 1. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved. Caron updates on the remaining grants before she goes on her trip.

**Other Business:**

Cilley asks the board about the pay for the Constable. The total line item is \$800 for two constables. The Selectboard decides a \$400 stipend for each constable, but would like the constable to keep track of hours and work so if it is determined at the end of the year the budget should increase, it can.

**Approve Warrants:**

All warrants were signed and approved.

**Approve Minutes:**

Minutes were left for the Clerks perusal.

McPhetres makes a motion to adjourn. O'Brien seconds. Meeting adjourned at 8:54pm.

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Gary Mullen, Chair

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Mike McPhetres, Vice Chair

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John O'Brien, Clerk

