

## **TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE**

Tuesday July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 at 6:00pm via Zoom and Town Offices

Meeting called to order at 6:10pm

Present: Mike McPhetres, Gary Mullen, Rodney Hoyt, Mariah Cilley, Richard Barnaby, Brenda Field, Rudi Ruddell, Jonathan Bicknell, Thornton Hayslett, Todd Tyson, Bonnie McCrillis, Rebecca Hoyt, Anissa Morrison, Linda Hoyt

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

Up on Hoyt Hill there is a water problem with the runoff going into the side of Tammy Mullen's driveway. Hoyt thinks that Mullen needs to place a culvert in her driveway because the runoff goes off to the side of her driveway. Hoyt will wait until O'Brien is back to discuss further with her. Route 110 is going to be closed north in Chelsea/Washington for a month. Hoyt needs to continue getting sand so he might have to get some sand during Pike's if need be. McPhetres tells Hoyt to have them focus on hauling sand and not the ¾ inch stone. Currently our stone is up to 1000 tons. The grader is fixed now. Larry Wight still has a leak in his truck they are trying to fix. Hoyt is hoping to have Gordy Barnaby put in the posts for the new speed signs. Mullen and McPhetres say this is fine. Dickerman Hill job is done now.

### **Trail Update- Jonathan Bicknell, Rudi Ruddell, Thornton Hayslett**

Ruddell states Orchard trail is as dry as he has seen it. The bridges are in place and the trail is dry and is in good shape for use. Sean Ogle recommended against putting a board over the wet spot and Ruddell agrees with him. George White has been working on creating ramps up to the bridges. They will be created this coming weekend. There are still some trees down and obstructing the trails completely. Hayslett states that they would suggest removing the tree to allow a 4' minimum passage through the trail. The trail stewards are suggesting that the trail be open for all nonmotorized uses now. Mullen asks if it would be possible to put up stakes showing the right of way. Bicknell will add a note to the website stating that there are some obstructions in this path and if you use the path you may encounter the obstructions. McPhetres makes a motion to allow all nonmotorized uses on Orchard Trail effective immediately. Mullen seconds. All aye. So moved.

### **Auditor Update- Besty Race, Anissa Morrison, Linda Hoyt**

Morrison states that Bill Tarkulich reached out to offer to help with communication regarding the Town Report. Tarkulich is going to help look over the draft report. One of the notes that came from this conversation was the shift in pre-town meeting and if less questions are answered versus including it on our Selectboard meeting. Mullen states that now we are going to go back to looking at the appropriations prior to adding it to the appropriations request list.

### **Request for Safety Vest- Brenda Field**

Field is hoping to get five safety vests for any sort of town emergencies. This cost comes right in around \$125.00. McPhetres makes a motion to allow Field purchase Emergency Management Vests up to \$125.00. Mullen seconds. All aye. So moved.

**Treasurer Update- Becky Hoyt**

Tax rate has increased 0.22 cents compared to last year. McPhetres makes a motion to accept the tax rate for 2025. Residential rate is 2.7260 and Non resident rate is 2.9534. Mullen seconds. All aye. So moved.

**Personnel Policy Update**

McPhetres makes a motion to make the change to the Town of Tunbridge Personnel Policy floating holiday. Mullen seconds. All aye. So moved .

**Other Business:**

Ruddell met with two interested candidates for the open lister position. Ruddell recommends Chris Battcock to take the remaining portion of Darlene Miller's position until the March 2026 election. McPhetres makes a motion to appoint Chris Battcock as the lister to take Miller's position until March 2026. Mullen seconds. All aye. So moved.

**Approve Warrants:**

All warrants were signed and approved.

**Approve Minutes:**

O'Brien is on vacation and Cilley will present the minutes to O'Brien at his next meeting.

McPhetres makes a motion to adjourn. O'Brien seconds. Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

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Gary Mullen, Chair

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Mike McPhetres, Vice Chair

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John O'Brien, Clerk

