

## **TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE**

Tuesday January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6:00pm via Zoom and Town Offices

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm

Present: Mike McPhetres, John O'Brien, Gary Mullen, Chris Battcock, Rodney Hoyt, Roger Clark, Becky Hoyt, Mariah Cilley, Betsy Race, Brenda Field, Rudi Ruddell, demib

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

Tomorrow morning Hoyt will have a site meeting at Kibling Hill for a new culvert. The sand pile is about 1/3 gone, but we are about a 1/3 into the winter so Hoyt thinks we are okay. Hoyt thinks that we might need to add a vibrator to the other trucks to spread sand a bit better. The price of cutting edges has dramatically increased. Hoyt thinks that we will need to put more money aside for cutting blades and plows. It used to be around \$30/ft and it is now around \$200/ft. If we like the sand this year and decide to go ahead with them next year, we can get it for at least another year from Pickett's. Discussion about the southern speed sign. McPhetres makes a motion to have Vermont Tree Company cut the tree down and around the speed sign by Tuckers for \$1,200. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved. Food for thought- Hoyt says his truck is very strong and doing well. He says we should think about putting money into a new mower instead of a new truck. O'Brien asks if Hoyt has any thoughts about the future garage. Hoyt would like to see it be a metal, four-bay building.

### **Errors and Omissions- Listers**

There was a late change in Current Use. There were many homestead filings that happened as well- these do not need to be signed off on, but require that they be brought to the attention to the Selectboard. O'Brien asks if this changes the tax rate and it does not. McPhetres makes a motion to accept the Errors and Omissions Certificate. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

### **Final Budget Meeting**

The budget is presented for final judgement. Discussion is had regarding the creation of a new fund. Discussion also ensues about position of the Administrative Assistant and the increase for this position. McPhetres makes a motion to approve the General Fund budget of 924,977.00 of which 510,627.00 will be raised by taxes and the Highway Budget of 1,313,318.00 of which 1,163,968.00 to be raised by taxes. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

### **Final Town Meeting Warning Approval**

Cilley presents the final draft of the Town Meeting Warning for 2026. McPhetres makes a motion to accept the Town Meeting Warning for 2026 as presented to the Board. O'Brien makes a few edits. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

### **Other Business:**

Discussion was had regarding the snowbanks in the village. There have been a few requests for the snowbanks to be moved since we do not have a large parking area.

Brenda Field comes in regarding water for the fire department drafting sites as well as the water for townspeople when the wells go dry.

**Approve Warrants:**

All warrants were signed and approved.

**Approve Minutes:**

Cilley presents minutes from the December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting.

McPhetres makes a motion to adjourn. O'Brien seconds. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

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Gary Mullen, Chair

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Mike McPhetres, Vice Chair

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John O'Brien, Clerk