

## **TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE**

Tuesday January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6:00pm via Zoom and Town Offices

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm

Present: Mike McPhetres, John O'Brien, Gary Mullen, Chris Battcock, Mariah Cilley, Becky Hoyt, Jamie Roy, Chris Battcock, Jonathan Griffin,

### **Road Report- Rodney Hoyt via Mike McPhetres**

The ton truck coolant line for the transmission started rusting out. Hoyt is out of salt. He has a little left for an emergency but is going to be sanding Spring Road and Strafford Road.

### **Orange County Senator John Benson**

John Benson comes to speak with the Selectboard regarding his new position as a Senator. He is on the Institutions and Health Care Committees. Now that he has a few weeks under his belt, he has been going around the 13 towns he represents to discuss with them what is happening in Montpelier. He is hoping to create a weekly or bi-weekly post on front porch forum so that he can update the towns as to what is going on in his committees.

### **Bridge Update- Jonathan Griffin, VT Agency of Transportation**

Griffin gives an update regarding the bridge at the bottom of Monarch Hill Road. Currently they are trying to determine about moving the powerlines and determining where that needs to be moved. The bridge is small and overtops easily and is crumbling. Between 1896 and 1944 the current stream across the field was moved. The state is trying to reduce the amount of sediment that builds up so that the channel doesn't overtop across the road and this would be done by moving the stream. The new bridge will be a cast in place solid slab bridge. Trying to keep as much waterway as possible. There will be no road closure, it will only be down to one lane for the project. January of 2027 the project will be put out to bid. Utility relocation will begin in winter of 2027 and active construction of summer of 2027. Hoping to have the project finished in time for the Fair of 2027 but they do have until October.

### **Ambulance Contract**

Cilley presents the Selectboard with the First Branch Ambulance Contract for 2026-2028.

McPhetres makes a motion to approve the First Branch Ambulance Contract for 2026-2028.

O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

### **Other Business:**

Becky Hoyt spoke with Maryann Caron who states MERP work for this building will start February 16<sup>th</sup>. The basement needs to be cleared out before this. There are old electronics that SecureShred will take for us. On February 27<sup>th</sup> the spray foam will take place in the basement. The building needs to be completely closed this day and 48 hours after.

Hoyt and O'Brien met to talk about Continuity of Operations. Job descriptions are getting completed. Hoyt is working on an Operations Manual for all jobs so someone new could come in or so that someone could see how the Town runs.

Cilley presents a request from the Tunbridge Historical Society to have a page on the TunbridgeVT.org website. McPhetres makes a motion to allow the Tunbridge Historical Society to sell their Folk Life books

Cilley also states that Town Clerk Bonnie McCrillis is wondering if we can take out the wooden box in the town clerk's office to give us more storage space. This would be a good project to get done before the town office insulation takes place in February. Cilley will discuss with Mike Howe to see if it can be done prior to February 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mullen discusses Transfer Station prices again. He has heard from many people that we need to charge more for the station and we should have Tunbridge Resident stickers for use at the transfer station.

**Approve Warrants:**

All warrants were signed and approved.

**Approve Minutes:**

Cilley presents minutes from the January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026 meeting.

McPhetres makes a motion to adjourn. O'Brien seconds. Meeting adjourned.

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Gary Mullen, Chair

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Mike McPhetres, Vice Chair

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John O'Brien, Clerk

