

## **TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE**

Tuesday February 10<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, Mariah Cilley, Thomas Hoyt, Peter Hayden, Becky Hoyt, John Lincoln, Maryann Caron, Jeremiah Caron, Fred Pond, Anne Leeds, Rudi Ruddell, Dave Kimball

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

Ton truck is down getting worked on at Sabel's. It is a fuel problem, but we are trying to figure out what kind of fuel problem it is. We are getting one load of salt from VTrans. Hoyt thinks this is good enough. One way or another we will make it. Hoyt would like to start looking for a new truck and start pinning down some pricing. He thinks a new 10-wheeler is a good idea. Hoyt thinks that this is a good idea for hauling, but McPhetres believes that we should get other people to haul and the road crew should be cleaning ditches, grading roads and mowing in the summer. McPhetres asks Hoyt to call around and get some quotes.

The garage furnace stopped working. McPhetres gave the go-ahead last week to get the furnace fixed. The garage furnace got a new burner, filter, nozzle and blower on it today.

### **Opening of Bids for Jct. of Frye Road and Kibling Hill/ Grants Update**

Cilley presents the bids for the job. There are 15 bidders. The two low bidders are Lincoln AgriWorks at \$53,975.00 and Northwoods Excavation at \$52,747.00. The highest bidder was K. Bellavance at \$178,565.00. The decision comes down to the two lowest bidders. After much deliberation, the Selectboard chooses the least expensive vendor, Northwoods. McPhetres makes a motion to accept Northwoods Excavation bid of \$52,747.00. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Caron states that we have received the \$200,000 reimbursement for the Strafford Road Slide #1.

### **Certificate of No Appeal or Suit Pending- Listers**

This is the annual process that will close the grand list for the year. McPhetres makes a motion to accept the Certificate of No Appeal or Suit Pending. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

### **Transfer Station Price Update**

Discussion regarding "commercial" use of the transfer station. The larger issues come down to quantity of the rubbish versus whether it is commercial or residential. Potential of limiting it to a specific quantity of bags. McPhetres would like to limit it to 8 bags and have all the trash be required to be bagged. Discussions regarding transfer station stickers. The discussion leads to the creation of a policy regarding bagged or barreled rubbish, under 0 the transfer station will be closed, purchasing two gates for the transfer station and the creation of stickers for property owners, residents and renters. These new changes will take place on July 1, 2026.

### **Term Renewal for Conservation Commission Member- Peter Hayden**

Peter Hayden would like to renew Cheryl Metcalf's term. The Conservation Commission has unanimously recommended her for a second term. This is a 4 year term. O'Brien moves we

reappoint Metcalf to the Conservation Commission. McPhetres seconds. All aye. So moved. Let the minutes reflect McPhetres was shocked that O'Brien jumped to make the motion.

### **South Royaltown Rescue Representative Reappointment**

Dave Kimball would like to reappoint John Durkee to the SRRS Board for a three-year term. O'Brien moves. McPhetres seconds. All aye. So moved. McPhetres is worried he is about to be out of a job making the motions.

### **EC Fiber Representative Appointments**

Two representatives (Henry Swayze and Richard Dybvig) are both getting done. Cilley will post looking to get interest on Front Porch Forum, ListServ and Facebook. We will also bring this up at Town Meeting.

### **Certificate of Highway Mileage Approval**

McPhetres makes a motion to accept the certificate of Highway Mileage. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

### **Hazardous Waste Day Approval**

The Hazardous Waste Day requests to be held on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026. McPhetres makes a motion to approve. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

### **Other Business:**

Cilley brings up mowing for the spring. The Selectboard will talk with Mike Barnaby about mowing and will decide if they want to put it out to bid next meeting.

### **Approve Warrants:**

All warrants were signed and approved.

### **Approve Minutes:**

Cilley presents minutes from the January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026 meeting.

McPhetres makes a motion to adjourn. O'Brien seconds. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

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Gary Mullen, Chair

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Mike McPhetres, Vice Chair

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John O'Brien, Clerk

