

TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE

Tuesday February 24th, 2026 at 6:00pm via Zoom and Town Offices

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm

PRE-TOWN MEETING

Present: Deb Mullen, Christine Battcock, Becky Hoyt, Thomas Hoyt, Gary Mullen, Mike McPhetres, John O'Brien, Mariah Cilley, Betsy Gaiser, Roger Clark, Baxter Doty, Margaret Rogers, Bonnie McCrillis, Nancy Rogers, Peter Hayden, Williams Family, Darren Marcy, Dave Kimball, Jeff Solsaa, Dave Kimball, Rudi Ruddell, Linda Clark

Gary Mullen reads the Town Report Warning. Mullen explains Article 5: Planning Fund. Every five years and seven years we must update the Hazard Mitigation Plan as well as the Town Plan. Previously there were grants available to help us pay for these plans, but there is not always any of these grants. So, we are establishing this fund to not pay a large lump sum every year.

Linda Clark asks a question regarding Article 6 where the total cost is \$924,977 but only \$510,627 is what is to be raised by taxes, where does the difference come from? Becky Hoyt states it comes from revenue such as transfer station, current use or the income from the Town Clerks office.

Baxter Doty asks how we are coming on the Town Garage? Mullen states that we would like to have it up and complete in the next five years. McPhetres found an engineer to help plan and design. We have a chunk of money set aside to start engineering studies and permitting.

Todd Tyson asks if we can amend the budget regarding the legal fees. Currently the proposed budget is \$20,000 but Tyson would like to see it go back down to \$15,000. This total lawsuit cost us over \$70,000 over the course of many years.

Gaiser asks what the Cannabis Fee is for? Hoyt states that it was a permit someone paid in for.

Mullen brings up the topic of the transfer station. We are going to give out stickers to make sure that only residents are using the transfer station. We are also going to increase the cost by \$1 per bag to have more competitive prices.

SELECTBOARD MEETING

Meeting called to order at 6:47pm

Present: Mike McPhetres, John O'Brien, Gary Mullen, Chris Battcock, Mariah Cilley, Becky Hoyt, Thomas Hoyt, Roger Clark, Becky Hoyt, Christine Battcock, Bonnie McCrillis, Peter Hayden

Road Report- Rodney Hoyt via Mariah Cilley

The Road Foreman is out sick. Cilley states that she spoke with Hoyt and he let her know they are still just plowing and sanding. They put the chipper on the tractor, but the weather will probably change before they get a chance to do that he assumes. Thomas Hoyts states that on Potash some of the trees will be cut and chipped so that they will not be in the line of sight.

Transfer Station Discussion

Becky Hoyt has been working on policies. The Selectboard looks over them and we will place the policies for adoption for the following meeting. McCrillis would like to see a bulletin board at the transfer station so that it was more centralized and able to be seen. We are also looking to increase the price of the tickets by \$1 each. Discussions are had regarding the cost of tires as well. Tractor tires are way underpriced, as are regular tires. O'Brien proposes increasing the price to \$5 for the large bags as well as the tires. And increasing the smaller bags to \$2 and the medium bags to \$3.

O'Brien asks if Roger Clark would be interested in being a sub for the transfer station. It would be good to have a second person trained in case we needed extra help. Clark said he would be interested.

Other Business:

Judy Howe brought up a good point regarding weatherization of the Town Hall- we need to be mindful of people who have rented out the space and notify them.

Sullivan Mullen came today to get us a quote regarding the Town Hall roof. Hoyt will pass this information along.

Bonnie McCrillis is hoping that the Town Crew can shovel by the medical closet so that it can be gotten into more easily. People are still donating to the Town Office.

Mullen states that he spoke with Mike Barnaby and he is not interested in mowing or weed whacking this year.

Approve Warrants:

All warrants were signed and approved.

Approve Minutes:

Cilley presents minutes from the February 10th, 2026 meeting.

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

Gary Mullen, Chair

Mike McPhetres, Vice Chair

John O'Brien, Clerk