

## **TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE**

Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6:00pm via Zoom and Town Offices

Meeting called to order at 6:12pm

Present: Mike McPhetres, John O'Brien, Gary Mullen, Chris Battcock, Rodney Hoyt, Mariah Cilley, Becky Hoyt, Aileen Lem, Simon Bradford, Brenda Field, Michael, Todd Tyson, Anne Leeds,

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

Mud season is here. This weekend Hoyt expects to be in the plowing mud season without pulling out his hair. One of the trucks slid off the road yesterday due to the ice under the mud. Hoyt would like to have Chase bring in some  $\frac{3}{4}$  granite material. Hoyt is still working on getting some quotes for a new truck. He would like to get another 4-wheel drive truck if the town is open to it. The clutch needs to get fixed on the tractor. Someone ran into Larkin Bridge again. Hot spoke to Mike Howe and asked him to look at it. The bridge structure is not damaged, but the boards and a beam have been moved. McPhetres makes a motion to post the roads. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

### **Town Meeting Recap**

The Road Foreman is not retiring! The listers have reached out to two people regarding the remaining open position. Aileen Lem gives an update regarding CVSWMD.

Mullen makes a motion to reappoint all the incumbent officers to their respective positions. McPhetres seconded. All aye. So moved. Please refer back to Town Report 2025 to note incumbent officers.

Town Meeting went smoothly besides the missing childcare and it was noted that people enjoyed the Selectboard on the stage rather than the floor.

Todd Tyson is curious if we will reach out to our town attorney to see if we can recoup any of our legal fees from Echeverria and the legal trail lawsuit. Cilley emailed the Town Attorney.

### **Transfer Station Policy Adoption**

Simon Bradford states that limiting the number of bags of trash is hard for people because larger families sometimes have more trash and cannot go every week. The Selectboard lets Bradford know that based on the policies regarding the sticker, Bradford could get two stickers due to his rental and in theory take 16 bags.

Bradford also states that the Fire Department will be taking out the insulation from under the fire station and is wondering if they should take it to the transfer station or find another place to bring it. Mullen informs Bradford of a person who has a compacter truck who will come over and compact material right at the fire station.

McPhetres makes a motion to sign the Town of Tunbridge Cold Weather Closure Policy, Bag/Barrell Limit Policy and Transfer Station Access Policy. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

### **Continuity of Operations Cont. Discussion**

Becky Hoyt and Brenda Field give an update on their Continuity of Operations discussions they have been holding. They present a binder of what they have come up with to date.

### **Other Business:**

Simon Bradford asks that in the event of an emergency, is it okay for the Fire Department to call in the Road Crew to plow or sand, potentially even a personal driveway, to get access for services. The Selectboard believes this is a given, and they absolutely can call during an emergency. McPhetres makes a motion to allow the Fire Department to call the Road Crew for help any time they need it. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Brenda Field states that we should have smoke alarms that go to an alarm company in the Town Hall and the Town Offices, Town Garage etc.

McPhetres talked to Andrew Larosa who is an engineer regarding the Town Garage. He would be happy to join a Selectboard meeting to discuss. Michael Rhoades on Gage Road called stating they could smell sewer and didn't know what to do; McPhetres told them to call Jodi Hoyt.

Mullen states that all the stuff in the balcony has been moved in the Town Hall. There are a bunch of double folding chairs up there and asked if we wanted to get rid of them. O'Brien states he will call Judy and get them moved.

Cilley presents a Change Order for the MERP grant. It does not affect the timeline or cost, just an update to the removal of the approach they are taking to insulate the Town Hall attic.

Cilley presents a Letter of Intent to Participate in the SFY27 Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid Program on behalf of the Grants Manager. McPhetres makes a motion to participate.

Cilley presents a quote from Black Ox Roofing for the replacement of the Town Hall. The total cost is \$52,500.

Cilley makes note that we are waiting to hear back on a quote for glass replacement for the library window that was broken during a snow slide, but we have a \$1000 deductible if we file through insurance.

Cilley presents a mowing bid for the Town Offices, Library, Transfer Station, Welcome Signs and Historic District Signs from Devin Cilley for Summer 2026. Postponed until the next meeting.

### **Approve Warrants:**

All warrants were signed and approved.

### **Approve Minutes:**

Cilley presents minutes from the February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 meeting as well as Town Meeting Minutes.

McPhetres makes a motion to adjourn. 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