

TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE

Tuesday May 12th, 2026 at 6:00pm via Zoom and Town Offices

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm

Present: John O'Brien, Gary Mullen, Chris Batcock, Becky Hoyt, Rodney Hoyt, Bonnie McCrillis, Jan Fifield, Brenda Field, Aileen Lem, Thomas Hoyt, Kathy Galluzzo

Road Report

The junction of Frye Road into Strafford will be closed the second week of June and Whitney Hill Road will have delays. Cilley will post on the electronic board. Discussion on a new truck continues. Hoyt is ordering new road signs for the ones that are missing. There are 15 or 18 missing signs in town. Much discussion regarding culvert replacement. We have over 900 culverts in town and many need replacement.

Assistant Town Clerk Introduction-Bonnie McCrillis

Bonnie McCrillis introduces her new Assistant Town Clerk Jan Fifield. Fifield had been a nurse for her career and retired in 2023. She decided she wanted to start being more involved in the community, so she started doing some community nursing and joined the Lions Club. She had a liver transplant last year, and decided to try a different field and has always been interested in a clerical position and has heard good things about Tunbridge, saw the ad in the paper and the rest is history. McCrillis and Fifield will take election training at the end of June to get ready for the upcoming elections. McCrillis is going on vacation at the end of May and Fifield will keep the office open while McCrillis is gone.

Class IV Road Improvement Application- Rudi Ruddell

Ruddell comes to discuss his application to cut the trees down on the Orchard Legal Trail. Ruddell would also like a ditch cleaned out up there- it would take 20 minutes with a rake. The Selectboard is interested in hearing if they want volunteers to do this work or if they were wanting the road crew to do it. Ruddell says there are pros and cons for both. Wondering if there is a waiver to let the volunteers do the work since it includes a chainsaw and is a somewhat dangerous activity. The Selectboard agrees a waiver would be a good thing. The Selectboard would like the Trail Committee to come up with a list of people who have chainsaws and experience and would like to volunteer to clean trails and then the Selectboard can decide who they would like to cut the trees. Signage for Strawberry Hill is discussed as well. The signs would cost around \$200. The Trails Committee has around \$2000 right now. There is a spot where if you smoothed it out and put hardpack you could park 2-3 cars on the side of the road. The Selectboard agrees to have the road crew go up and smooth out a few spots for parking. O'Brien makes a motion to allow the Trails Committee to use their funds to buy signs and posts for the Strawberry Hill signage. Mullen seconds. All aye. So moved.

Drug and Alcohol Policy Adoption

Hoyt presents the Drug and Alcohol Policy. A supervisor or someone is required to take a class to be able to notice if someone is under the influence of drugs or alcohol. If someone comes in under the influence of drugs or alcohol, then the issue gets brought to the Selectboard to discuss

further. O'Brien makes a motion to adopt the Drug and Alcohol Policy. Mullen seconds. All aye. So moved.

AA Job Description Adoption

The Continuity of Operations Committee met to finalize the AA job description. The Selectboard approves the description.

Recreation Committee Update

Galluzzo updates the Selectboard on the Recreation Committee and their plans for the summer. New ideas for this summer include a blow up movie screen and projector and do movies at the field. Breakfasts are going strong and raising over \$1,000 a month. There are a few tournaments scheduled, along with fall ball and a summer league for the teams. The ice rink was a hit this winter. Co-Ed Softball uses the field, as well as little league, t-ball, minors softball, rookies, minors and majors. During the softball tournaments the cook shack is open and they can now accept credit and debit cards. Still looking at updating the playground in some way. Memorial Day they are doing cow pie bingo, the bounce house, and ice cream at the fairgrounds.

Other Business

Hoyt presents a design for the transfer station sticker.

Bonnie McCrillis discusses the Spring Road Nursery sign that is requested to for pointing to the Nursery.

Mike Barnaby hurt his knee at the transfer station on Saturday. More discussion regarding this.

Brent Lindstrom left a message opposed to the brook being moved across the field.

McCrillis is the Memorial Day Czar. Tracy Amell is still coordinating the parade, but McCrillis is being pointed as head contact person.

Approve Warrants:

All warrants were signed and approved.

Approve Minutes:

Cilley presents minutes from the April 28th, 2026 meeting.

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

Gary Mullen, Chair

Mike McPhetres, Vice Chair

John O'Brien, Clerk