

**Town of Tinnmouth
Select Board
October 29, 2015
Special Meeting
(2nd half with Pavilion Exploration Committee)**

Select Board members present: Gregg Casey, Matt Patry, and Laurie Phillips
Pavilion Exploration Committee (PEC) members present: Harold Hunter, Alan Held, Doug Fontein, Rob Noble and Gail Fallar
Others present: Carmen Fallar, Hollis Squier, Eric Buffum, Kevin Ruane, and Gail Fallar-Board Assistant.

Matt called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

At 7:01 Matt moved the Board enter executive session to discuss personnel issues (interview candidates for road foreman/road commissioner), Laurie 2nded, all voted in favor.

Board interviewed Kevin Ruane and then Eric Buffum, the third applicant Al Woods was not present.

Board exited executive session at 7:26.

Matt noted that the position was interim for four months, both applicants were excellent candidates, and it was a difficult decision.

Laurie moved to hire Kevin Ruane as road foreman/road commissioner, Gregg 2nded. There was much discussion concerning the process – some members of the public felt it was flawed and not fair; why the position was re-opened; why the Board wanted to change from elected to appointed road commissioner (main reason being that voters might elect someone not qualified – no CDL); etc.

Hollis asked Gregg to recuse himself as he felt there was a conflict of interest with regards to Kevin, Gregg having gotten Kevin work grinding brush twice on Cobb Hill (the second time when someone wanted to chainsaw and chip for a cost and aesthetic comparison) and wanting to split excavating work when Dan Allard bid lower than Kevin. Gregg advised that he could keep personal issues out of the process.

Matt advised that the hiring was only for four months, voters would elect a road commissioner in March to complete the two years remaining in the term. Those interested would need to submit a petition in January.

Discussion ceased, Board voted unanimously in favor of hiring. Rate of pay will be \$20 per hour.

Board met with PEC at 8:00 –

PEC members presented draft regulations for a town beach – one option with the town retaining ownership of the Pavilion and double wide, another with the town selling half of the property (including the Pavilion and double wide) and only managing a town beach. Recommendation was to create a Town Beach Board to oversee in either case. Rob volunteered to work on an informational sheet to be mailed to voters regarding this proposition explaining pros and cons.

Those present discussed this as a one time opportunity for town residents to gain access to Tinmouth Pond, for swimming, kayaking, canoeing, picnicking, etc. It will not be a public beach, only for town residents, property owners and their guests. Alan noted it was buying something for future generations.

Gail advised that the Board needed to sign a resolution regarding the vote and the need to borrow for 20 years. Bonding versus borrowing was discussed - the Town has more flexibility if the money is borrowed as it could subdivide the property to reduce the overall cost. In addition, borrowing and interest costs were lower borrowing from a local bank (Merchants Bank).

She also provided the Board with a warning for special vote regarding the purchase – set for Tuesday, December 8th, by Australian ballot with an informational meeting on Saturday, December 5th following the special town meeting regarding the school building and tax anticipation fund. (The School Board is also warning special school meeting for December 5th, which will happen first as the School Board wants voters to consider transferring ownership of the buildings to the Town – they are on the Town Green and may already be town buildings, but this will clarify ownership – and to transfer the balance in the School’s Tax Stabilization Fund to the Town to be used to maintain the school and community center in the event the school is no longer used for educational purposes.) If school voters authorize the transfers, town voters will need to accept them.

Laurie moved and Gregg 2nded to approve the Resolution regarding the purchase of the Parker property and the Warning for a special vote on December 8th, contingent upon the Parker family signing the Purchase and Sales Agreement. All voted in favor. Board determined they were unwilling to change the P&S already signed and authorized by the Board.

Board approved and signed Warning for a special town meeting on December 5, 2015 regarding school buildings and special funds.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar
Board Assistant