

**Town of Tinmouth
Select Board
November 12, 2015**

Board members present: Laurie Phillips, Matt Patry, and Gregg Casey
Others present: Hollis Squier, Kevin Ruane, Harold Hunter, Rob Noble, and Gail Fallar- Board Assistant.

Matt called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Board reviewed agenda, Gail asked to add request from the Conservation Commission for permission to install an information kiosk on the edge of the ball field on the Town Green and to discuss Vermont Local Roads presentation on when to pave. Board added.

Minutes of 10/8/15, 10/22/15, and 10/29/15 were read, Laurie moved and Gregg 2nded to approve all as written, all approved.

Hollis reported the blue tandem needed brake work, the oil pan had rotted but was covered by the warranty. The orange truck had work done on its electronic throttle – hadn't worked right since its purchase. Kevin had a question about the muffler on the loader – Hollis advised that Clifford Ricketts needed to be contacted to weld it.

Hollis also advised that he had removed all of his tools from the town garage (except the air compressor as it was needed to keep a tire from going flat) as the Select Board had decided not to buy them. He noted he had provided the Board with a list nearly two years ago; still no tools had been purchased. Board will need to prioritize what is needed ASAP. He also noted that Vermont Forest and Parks still had on loan to the Town a floor jack (that needs fixing) and chain falls. They do come to inspect them every now and then.

Hollis asked again if the Board had decided whether as a retiree he would be provided health insurance. Matt replied the Board would be discussing that later.

Gail asked if having Vermont Local Roads could present a program on when to pave at the Board's December meeting. Board agreed.

Board reviewed the Pavilion Exploration Committee's (PEC) information regarding the vote on whether to purchase the Parker property on Tinmouth Pond. Board felt PEC needed to add more concerns; with security, noise, condition of the Pavilion building, traffic and parking, loss of value to the Town's Grand List, and wanted the proposed budget included. Discussion also included a proposed boat wash and its cost, whether PEC had conversations with families in town to see if they would use the town beach, and whether it would be more cost effective for the Town to simply purchase season passes to Wallingford's Elfin Lake Beach.

Matt thanked the committee for its work and asked for revised information before it is sent to all voters.

Gail advised that the Conservation Commission is requesting permission to install an information kiosk for the Tinmouth Mountain Ridge Trail on the edge of the ball field on the Town Green, Board approved, though when asked where its location would be, was advised that it had already been erected. Location is okay with Board, it is visible from the parking lot of the Community Center.

Gail reported that there is a new battery collection program, no cost to the town, and is designed to keep all batteries that weigh less than four pounds out of the trash stream. There will be a box at the transfer station and the town office.

Electronic waste collection however is now a boondoggle – it is banned from the trash stream (can't be thrown into the dumpster) but the town is not longer licensed to collect it at the transfer station. It could, at a cost of 28 cents per pound, with amounts to \$560 per ton. The state is currently trying to work out a better system, will know more at the next meeting.

Laurie moved and Gregg 2nded to appoint Shirley Zandy Bucceri as a Lister until the election at town meeting. All voted in favor.

Board postponed discussion of proposed changes to the Personnel Practice/Policy to the December meeting.

At 7:55 Laurie moved that the Board enter executive session to discuss personnel issues, Gregg 2nded, all in favor. Present was the Board. Board exited at 8:20. Laurie moved and Gregg 2nded to set Kevin Ruane's hourly rate at \$21.00 per hour, all voted in favor. (This changed the amount determined at the October 29th meeting.)

Hollis advised the VTel had installed the fiber optic on Crow Hill Road, and was nearing completion of the cut over on Harrington Cross Road – one more that was scheduled for 11/11/15 and that Green Mountain Power had to install a special cap. He also noted that Trees, Inc. would be cutting and trimming on the East Road as part of the fiber optic project.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar Board Assistant