

**Town of Tinnmouth  
Select Board  
December 10, 2015  
Minutes for Regular Meeting and  
Hearing Regarding Conveyance of Conservation Restrictions**

Board members present: Matt Patry, Laurie Phillips, and Gregg Casey  
Others present: Hollis Squier, Tim Lonergan, Grant Reynolds, Kevin Ruane, and Gail Fallar-Board Assistant.

Matt called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Board reviewed agenda and added tool replacement under highway business. Minutes of 11/9//15 were read, Laurie moved and Gregg 2nded to approve all as written, all approved.

Matt read the warning for the hearing regarding the conveyance of the conservation restrictions held by the Town on the property now owned by Tinnmouth Properties, LLC on the trail portion of TH20. The conveyance to TP, LLC will allow them to convey the restrictions to the Vermont Land Trust which holds conservation restrictions on other property of Tinnmouth Properties and so VLT will be able to enforce the restrictions for the entire property. The Tinnmouth Land Trust is also conveying its rights and will no longer be responsible for enforcement. Board approved the transfer and signed a Certificate of Appointment authorizing Matthew Patry, Board Chair to sign any necessary paperwork needed for the transfer. Laurie moved, Gregg 2nded, all voted in favor.

Kevin reported the grader was fixed, needs a spare tire and rim (the spare tire had recently been mounted to replace a damaged tire, but there is no spare rim), replacement cost for the rim is \$725 and \$1000 for a new tire. Board decided to postpone the purchase until after July 1<sup>st</sup> – the start of the next fiscal year. Board authorized the purchase of a spare tire and rim for the blue tandem – there are sets of summer and winter tires, but the winter tires are slightly bigger and have to be the same. Laurie moved and Gregg 2nded to spend up to \$400, all voted in favor.

Hollis reported that the oil pan replacement was not covered under warranty – that part was covered by a five year warranty, other parts of the truck are under a seven year warranty. Board discussed constructing a roof over the diesel fuel tank, do we need another for off road fuel or a larger one? No decision. Kevin requested the Town obtain a charge account at White's Fuel stop for gasoline or diesel fuel in a pinch (Hollis used to pay cash and get reimbursed), Gregg moved and Laurie 2nded to approve. All voted in favor.

Kevin advised the old back hoe is in pretty rough shape, Hollis noted it's not used much, mostly to squish trash in the dumpster.

Laurie reported on the highway department tool replacement process – she's obtained several quotes -for an air compressor and hoses, torch set, tool set packages, tow chains, a welder and chain saws, total is around \$8,000. Board discussed immediate needs, Hollis offered to bring back his welder until the town could purchase one. Board discussed using the Equipment Fund for purchase of tools – Gail advised it was created to replace equipment like trucks, loaders, graders, etc. Gregg moved and Laurie 2nded to authorize Laurie to negotiate with the various vendors for tools, the compressor and torches and report back at a special meeting, not to exceed \$5,500 in total. All voted in favor.

Kevin noted his step-son Patrick Evans was willing to sell a used Snap-On tool box to the town for \$600. Gregg moved, Laurie 2nded and all approved the purchase of the tool box for \$600.

Members discussed draft highway budget- should the loader be replaced or repaired, culvert repair for a large culvert on Rte 140 near Gulf Road – Gregg will get an estimate to sleeve it as it is larger than needed – the bands have broke so it is separating. More discussion in January.

Grant, as Chair of the Old Creamery Committee, reported that work continues - the west sill is being replaced so the appearance of the building will be enhanced. The next step is to build the porch (fund raising is needed for that) and then to replace the carrying beam and the sills on the north and south walls. South wall foundation is also in great need of replacement. These also needs fund raising efforts. He thanked Gregg and Kevin and Ken Krantz and crew for their work on the east wall. He inquired whether the Board would consider contributing money from the Town's Building and Repair Fund to help with these repairs. Board took the matter under advisement.

At 8:15 Gregg moved and Laurie 2nded to enter executive session to discuss personnel issues, all voted in favor. Tim expressed support for health insurance coverage for the retiring road commissioner, noting it was the right thing to do, and that many folks felt that way as Hollis had spent 30 plus years working for the town and has done an exceptional job. Grant also expressed support for paying retiree health insurance. Board then entered executive session. Hollis asked to speak with them. Present was the Board and Hollis Squier-for a brief time. Board exited executive session at 9:00. Matt reported the Board had talked at length about Hollis's request; they had concerns with setting a precedent and property taxes, but felt something needed to be done for the many years of his service. Matt moved and Gregg 2nded to give Hollis a \$3,600 bonus. All voted in favor. The request for continued health insurance was denied.

Hollis reported that the VTel line going up Crow Hill Road was not working – has a break in the line, 1000 feet will need to be replaced.

Board discussed holiday bonuses - \$65 each for road crew (Hollis, Ronnie, and Kevin), transfer station crew (Rick, Charlie and Gunner) and town office staff (Gail, Ruth, Ann, and Nancy). Laurie moved, Gregg 2nded to approve, all voted in favor.

Board set December 17, 2015 for a special meeting to discuss tools and personnel policy changes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar Board Assistant