

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

Board members present: Laurie Phillips, Gregg Casey, and Matt Patry

Others present: Kevin Ruane, Grant Reynolds, Bob and Sue Lloyd, Andy Gilmore, Jo Reynolds, and Gail Fallar- Board Assistant. Hollis was plowing snow and unable to attend.

Matt called the meeting to order at 7:00. Board reviewed the agenda, added culvert inventory.

Minutes of January 8, 2015 and January 22, 2015 were approved as written.

Gail advised that the Rutland Regional Planning Commission inquired whether Tinmouth was interested in having them conduct a culvert inventory. Board accepted the offer – no cost to town. Inventory will locate culverts, determine GPS coordinates, size and condition.

Bob and Sue, on behalf of the Tinmouth Mountain Land Condominium owners, offered to give the town a 28 acre parcel adjacent to the Town's land in the Purchase, to expand the recreational area. It is not located near other lands of TMLC. It is conserved and so will need the approval of the Vermont Land Trust in order to be conveyed to the Town. Laurie moved to accept this gift of 28 acres, Gregg 2nd, all voted in favor. Board thanked the Lloyds and other land owners for their generosity.

Matt inquired about the status of the Roy dispute. Bob noted the court had determined that the town road goes through their property. There is a side agreement to establish a trail west of the road to include a deeded right of way, but no action has been taken in that regard.

Gail advised that Tracy Baker had requested a delay of a month in regards to the proposed tax sale of her property. She is working on getting a home equity loan. Board granted request.

Board discussed VTel's response to the Board's letter regarding safety concerns when the power is out, the new fiber optic phones don't work, and someone needs to call 911. VTel President, Michel Guite's recollection of events is much different than that of the Board – and mostly he sent copies of what other broad band providers advise their customers – buy more batteries. Board will respond as the issue has not been addressed and may ask for complete cell service as a back-up plan.

Board discussed Capital Planning and Budgeting – the Town has a reserve fund for highway equipment and another for major building repair or construction. Paving and major road construction projects need a plan for funding them. Board decided to meet with the Planning Commission to discuss further as the PC is statutorily required to create the plan for Select Board approval, but has refused to date to work on it. Gail advised there may be grant opportunities for assistance. A list of assets, projects, needs, should be compiled for starters.

Board discussed town meeting issues – special fund for paving, limiting constable duties, whether there is a need for a 2nd constable, sheriff's department patrolling, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar
Board Assistant