

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

Board members present: Laurie Phillips, Gregg Casey, and Matt Patry
Others present: Hollis Squier, Grant Reynolds, Deb Thompson, and Gail Fallar- Board Assistant.

Matt called the meeting to order at 7:00. Board reviewed the agenda.
Minutes of February 12, 2015 were approved as written.

Board re-organized for 2015 as follows:

- Chair - Matthew Patry
- Regular Monthly Meeting - 2nd Thursday at 7:00
- Authorized to Sign Orders – Matthew Patry (Chair)
- Newspaper of Record – Rutland Herald
- Notices/Agendas to be Posted – Town Office, Community Center, Community Church, Front Porch Forum
- Adopted Robert’s Rules for Small Boards
- Overweight Truck Permits – Matthew Patry (Chair)
- Member of Community Center Board – Matthew Patry

Hollis reported the Carabeaus ran a sap line through a culvert without permission on the former Valentine property. They will have to pull it out after the season. Board advised they will have to request permission.

He advised that the winter sand pile will make it; winter salt is a bit over budget; his big truck has a problem with a slow leak in a transmission line, he patched it and will get it repaired come Spring. Road crew has been opening up ditches to allow for snow melt to go where it should. One ton truck gelled up, Stewarts was able to provide quick service to get it back on the road.

Deb asked if it was possible to be buried in the Sawyer Cemetery? Grant advised that it was an early town cemetery and that it is difficult to determine how many and where folks are buried. There were cows allowed in there at one time that made a mess. Last burial was 1863, he felt it should be left as it is. Board concurred, will continue to work on old cemetery policy which will preclude any more burials in them. Question of allowing cremains to be buried was taken under advisement.

Gail advised that VTel had finally agreed to pay the invoice the Town sent regarding the road commissioners time overseeing the fiber optic project. Invoice was sent in October.

Board discussed process to bring attention to the problem of no 911 availability when there is an extended power outage. Need to develop a media campaign as this is not just a Tinmouth issue.

Board discussed solid waste management – need to have a plan, think about the transfer station and its functions in relation to the town garage.

Gail advised that the Transfer Station and Town Garage replacement or expansion should be included in a Capital Plan.

Board made annual appointments – please see attached for complete list. Board discussed several – David Birdsall offered to serve as Tree Warden – Gregg noted he wanted the roadside tree work started last year to continue; the Energy Committee has not met, Board wants to address that; Pavilion Exploration Committee was appointed – Rob Noble, Doug Fontein, Harold Hunter, Alan Held, and Gail Fallar – all had volunteered – Board may appoint more if interest is expressed; Board suggested several folks to be contacted to see if they would be willing to serve in a variety of offices. Need more information regarding 2nd Constable.

Board approved request from the Tinmouth School Parents Club for a transfer station ticket as a prize in their upcoming raffle.

Gregg expressed interest in a posting to Front Porch Forum suggesting that Town Meeting be moved from Saturday afternoon to Monday evening – Board will seek input from voters.

Matt thanked Laurie and Gregg for their work the past year.

Grant, as School Board Chair, invited the Select Board to the School’s Visioning meeting on the 25th, purpose of which is to talk about the school and its future.

Board scheduled a special meeting on March 26th to meet with the Tinmouth Community Fund Board (at their request) to discuss how the TCF funds are held at the Vermont Community Foundation. And to meet with the newly appointed Pavilion Exploration Committee to discuss topics and process regarding whether the town should purchase the Parker property on Tinmouth Pond (Chipman Lake). They deferred meeting with the Planning Commission regarding a Capital Plan until a future date.

Board referred a request from the Rutland Town Select Board regarding solar siting to the Planning Commission for consideration.

Grant advised that at the last Planning Commission meeting, a representative of Green Mountain Power had advised that as Tinmouth had no 3 Phase power lines, a sub-station costing \$1.5 to \$3 million would be needed to even consider using the transmission line that currently run from Proctor to the quarry in Danby.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar
Board Assistant