

**Town of Tinnmouth
Select Board
May 21, 2015
Special Meeting**

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

Matt called the meeting to order at 4:40.

Gregg presented the quote from Trees, Inc. for removal of 21 dead and dying trees on Route 140 from Cobb Hill to the center of town, \$2350. They will cut the trees, leave the wood for the landowner and chip the brush. Hollis advised there were a couple more to add and a couple that Gregg had marked that were not in the town's right of way. He also noted that there were a couple of those the town crew could handle. It was also discussed that Gregg had only mentioned 4 trees on Cobb Hill at the last meeting that needed attention. After brief discussion, Gregg moved and Laurie 2nded to accept the quote from Trees, Inc., Gregg adding that he will work with Trees to address Hollis' concerns. All voted in favor.

Gail advised that Kate Kruesi had resigned as an auditor due to moving out of town, Board accepted with regrets and thanked Kate for her service.

Gail asked, on behalf of the Board of Listers, that the Town hire Douglas McArthur to help them with a statistical adjustment to the 2009 re-appraisal to bring the 2016 Grand List more in line with current property values. Estimated cost for Mr. McArthur is \$20,000. State has approved the process. Mr. McArthur was the appraiser/consultant for the 1997 and 2009 re-appraisals. A new land schedule, depreciation schedule, and time location factor will be created, as well as field review of at least 10% of properties to ensure data on file is correct. This will be for the 2016 grand list. Gregg moved and Laurie 2nded to approve, all voted in favor.

Gail advised that paving bids had not been sent out as the Agency of Transportation (AOT) had advised that a decision regarding the 2015 paving grants was forthcoming. They denied the Town's application for reconstruction on Rte 140 near Valentines. Board discussed this year's paving project – continuing on Route 140 from last year's ending point near the cemetery. There is need for ditching, but ledge and other obstacles will not allow for much change in the current condition, unless blasting is involved. Hollis will consult with AOT, town will do that work, paving bids will be sought for June 11th meeting.

Gail asked that the Board approve a request from the Listers for a 30 extension of the deadlines to prepare and file the 2015 Grant List, work is a bit behind schedule and she has to attend a 3 ½ day training at the beginning of June that is being required by the Secretary of State for all town clerks regarding a new system for the state wide checklist. Laurie moved and Gregg 2nded to approve, all voted in favor.

Hollis asked the Board to think about revising the Town's policy regarding replacing driveway culverts – in the past the land owner was required to install the culvert to town specifications and when and if it needed replacing, the town was responsible. He advised that the State no longer uses that policy. Should the Town adopt the State's policy? Should the landowner pay the Town? Should the Town maintain the culvert to ensure town road stability? Gail will research what other towns are doing for the next Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar Board Assistant