

**Town of Tinmouth
Select Board
June 11, 2015**

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

Others present: Hollis Squier, Mike Mullin (Pike Industries), Tom Fuller's sister (Fuller Sand and Gravel), Frank Sears, Hilary Solomon (Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resource Conservation District – PMNRCD), Tim Lonergan and Gail Fallar- Board Assistant.

Matt called the meeting to order at 7:05, added Hilary to the agenda.

Board opened paving bids, Fuller bid \$57.00 per ton; Pike bid \$57.85 per ton; and Wilk bid \$63.82 per ton. Gregg moved and Laurie 2nded to contract with Fuller – low bidder. All voted in favor. Gregg expressed concern with ditching, ledge removal, etc. Hollis advised that problem areas will be taken care of by the road crew prior to paving beginning – as he usually does.

Minutes of May 11, 2015 and May 21, 2015 were approved as written, Gregg moved, Laurie 2nded, all voted in favor.

Members tabled the driveway replacement policy until July meeting, instructed Gail to compile more information.

The State has already taken action to close the pull-off on Rte 133 near the intersection with Rte 140. Neighbors are reportedly happy. Board did not officially request action – only made an inquiry about the process.

Hollis reported the repairs to the big truck's transmission is covered by the warranty; it's back in action. The one-ton needed its water pump replaced (covered under warranty) and an early oil change due to idling, it was in the shop for a day.

He also discussed the fiber optic project – Mastec (the company doing the majority of the construction) is done the end of June. They still have not determined how to provide service to Crow Hill. They would need to amend their underground burial permit if they want to run it up the road. Hollis advised that they should run it aerial or use the existing telephone line conduit that is buried across private property with a right of way.

He also advised that a month ago he had stopped in to the VTel office in Springfield to inquire about two areas that need ditching to see if the fiber optic line was all cut-over and to insure that no one was still using the old copper lines. He has not heard from them yet. Gregg suggested he just call Dig Safe and they will mark it. Hollis tried to explain that he does not want to hand dig 500 feet of road, that once VTel says the copper line is no longer in use, he can ditch with equipment, not worry about the copper line, and save the town money. The fiber optic lines are all aerial where he needs the ditching done.

Hilary explained that the PMNRCD does education and outreach, storm water master planning, helps towns write grants, watershed monitoring, tracks rainfall patterns and land use changes, etc. Flower Brook is an impaired waterway that ends up in Lake Champlain and may not meet TMDL standards. PMNRCD is applying for a grant for a proposed flood resiliency project involving the towns of Tinmouth, Danby and Pawlet and the Flower Brook watershed. The grant will involve working with the towns on an overall plan to address watershed issues, including erosion problems, and to help them prioritize projects. She will meet with the Conservation and Planning Commissions to advise them of the project as well.

Hilary advised that monitoring has been done on Flower Brook and on the Mettowee Brook for several years. The phosphorus level is increasing. The grant will run for 18 months, there will be meetings to educate the public and property owners about rainfall pattern changes, meetings between towns to acknowledge what one town does effects other towns farther downstream, and developing a checklist for towns to use to help them understand flood resiliency and steps that can be taken to address problems areas.

Laurie moved and Gregg 2nded to support the PMNRCD grant and project. All voted in favor.

Matt inquired about the number of tires at the Transfer Station, asked that something be done before June 30th. Hollis advised he will take care of them.

Board created Solid Waste and Recycling Committee, to consist of five members to deal with compliance with Act 148 – the state’s universal recycling law, and other waste/recycling disposal issues. They then appointed Gregg Casey, Rick LaCroix, Leonard Morris, Wheaton Squier and Helen Mango. Term shall be an annual appointment.

Frank inquired about trash that had been found on the western end of the Gulf Road. Gail advised that Bob Emerick, 1st constable, had been contacted and that he found a name of someone in Granville, he is working on it.

As the second appraisal for the Parker property is due next week, Board set a special meeting for June 29th to discuss it and next steps.

Hollis reported that the old lawn mowers and rototillers removed from the basement of the old creamery were tossed into the metal dumpster without removing the gas and oil.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar Board Assistant