

**Town of Tinnmouth  
Select Board  
July 9, 2015**

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

Others present: Hollis Squier, Grant Reynolds, Kevin Ruane and Gail Fallar- Board Assistant.

Matt called the meeting to order at 7:00, reviewed the agenda, no changes.

Minutes of June 11, 2015 were approved as written, Laurie moved, Gregg 2nded, all voted in favor. Gregg expressed concern that the minutes did not specify where the paving project would be this year, Gail responded that the Board decided in May, before bids went sent out.

Hollis reported that the grader had an injector break, and that roadside mowing will wait until after prep work for paving is done. He relayed conversation with state transportation engineers who looked at proposed paving site, made suggestions regarding a culvert to divert spring run off and advised to just fill the hole near the bridge with pavement. He noted he will ditch as much as possible, though the cemetery fence and ledge will make it more difficult.

Hollis reported the tires are gone from the transfer station, two tandem loads were taken to Hubbard Bros. for recycling. Board discussed how to keep tires from accumulating – seems there are always some brought in Green-Up day. Official position is that tires are not accepted at the transfer station. Most tire stores now keep old tires when one purchases new ones.

Hollis also reported the paper recycling pick-up had been a real fiasco as the transport company came unprepared - didn't bring more pallets or gaylords, town didn't have any left, but it worked out eventually, as he gave up holiday time off when the company offered to make a special trip.

Hollis noted he had called VTel to request boring profiles for the buried fiber optics near culverts, and he was told they don't have them. But he had been promised them by the contractor and knows they were done. They (the profiles) would be handy to have when a culvert needs replacing. He's also waiting for VTel to provide information regarding who on Harrington Cross Road is still on the copper wire or if everyone has been cut-over to fiber optic. He's not sure that VTel really knows.

Gail advised that Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Fannin was organizing a group to oversee installation of a new generator for the Community Center, and wanted a member of the Select Board to be a part of it. Gregg volunteered for the Select Board. Kevin volunteered for the Fire Department. Select Board, School Board, Fire Department and Community Center Board will all be represented. Community Center is emergency shelter if needed, and the school will use the generator if power is out in order to stay open.

Board decided to hold a special meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup> to set the town tax rate for 2015, as the Listers are holding Grievance hearings on July 13<sup>th</sup>.

Laurie moved and Gregg 2nded to grant Tracy Gioffi-Baker 60 days grace (to obtain financing) before property goes to tax sale. Board of Tax Abatement did not abate any taxes, but recommended the Select Board grant additional time. All voted in favor.

Board appointed Laurie Phillips as Health Officer, Deputy H.O. is still needed.

Grant advised that the School Board is concerned with who actually owns the school building – it sits on the Town Green which is owned by the Town. Does it belong to the School District or to the Town? He will have more to report at the next Board meeting. There is concern with this in regards to the new school consolidation law and what might happen to the structure.

Laurie raised concerns with emergency services dispatching changing from the Vermont State Police in Rutland to a 911 dispatch facility in Rockingham. There is lots of local knowledge by current staff that helps fire, police and ambulance staff find the right location in an emergency. The Rutland County Sheriff's Department is working on a proposal.

Board moved into executive session at 8:00 to discuss real estate negotiations regarding the Parker property, exited at 8:35. Board instructed the Select Board Assistant to begin negotiations with the Parker family.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar  
Board Assistant