

**Town of Tinnmouth**  
**Select Board and Pavilion Exploration Committee**  
**August 29 2015**  
**Location: Pavilion on Tinnmouth Pond**

Board members present: Matt Patry, Gregg Casey, and Laurie Phillips  
PEC members present: Rob Noble, Harold Hunter and Gail Fallar

Others present: Laurie Bepler, Kevin Bersaw, Austin Burbank, Lydia Cannon, Jordon Carrison, Sue Crosby, Deb DuPont, Bart Eaton, Joe Frankiewicz, Steve & Carol Hawley, George Herrick, Pat Dawson Hunter, Bob & Cynthia Johnson, Sherry Johnson, Kim Kachougian, Lenny Klinger, Martin & Janet Kushnick, Diana Link, Nancy Lollie, Ken MacLeod, Newton & Ellen Meiselman, Tom Miles, Linda O'Leary, Bob Noble, Holly Noble, MaryAnn Reinholdt & daughter & grand daughter, Grant & Jo Reynolds, Annie Robbins, Charles & Carol Robbins, Ian and Stephanie Sinclair, Bob & Cynthia Thomas, Fred Wagner, Alicia Wuesthoff,

Matt called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. He welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming, noting this was an opportunity to express concerns regarding the town purchasing the Pavilion property.

There were concerns raised about: expenses to maintain (trash, lawn mowing, building maintenance); motor boats gaining access and concern for milfoil and other invasives; after hour use/abuse; increase in taxes; loss of tax base; inability to vote unless a resident; liability; lack of a plan; increase in number of people using the lake; opportunity to be heard; no life guard; changing the nature of the lake (it's private now); environmental changes; how it could be used if the town didn't buy it; whether the town could provide access to swimming with a deal with Elfin Lake or Emerald Lake; change – like it like it is; town paying more for milfoil help; value of lake properties decreasing; whether someone could buy it and give it to the town; condition of the Pavilion, its water and septic; how much use a town beach would generate; enforcement of rules (such as not allowing any motorized boats access); that it would turn into a Dorset quarry situation requiring state troopers all the time; town purchase would allow for some say in its use - private owner could open the beach to the public; many camps are rented now with boats coming in; town folks should have an opportunity to use the lake; and other towns have town beaches.

Board explained that voters at town meeting instructed them to investigate the possibility of the town purchasing the property because the Board had declined to do so on its own. They appointed a committee of five who are gathering information. The Board is still negotiating with the Parker family; any contract will be contingent on voter approval at a special town meeting, it's not a done deal.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar  
Board Assistant