

**Town of Tinmouth
Select Board
September 10, 2015**

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

Others present: Hollis Squier, Eric Buffum, Heather McMahon, Bob Lloyd, and Gail Fallar-Board Assistant.

Matt called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Members reviewed agenda, added safety concerns. Minutes of 8/13/15, 8/29/15, and 9/3/15 were read and accepted as written – with the correction to date of the 9/3/15 meeting.

Hollis advised Fuller Paving would begin work on Tuesday next, had been delayed due to weather. Hollis reported on his meeting with Joe Harbeson from VTel; VTel will now cover the cost of running fiber optic up Crow Hill Road, design is in the works; Joe was upset with how the fiber optic lines had been hung near the Brayton Place, Trees Inc. will be hired to trim; Joe will write orders for work on Gulf Road and on Mountain View past Merrill Spring Road; and he will look into obtaining the bore profiles requested by the Select Board and Hollis.

Hollis noted that he will put a rugged post with reflectors at the new culvert near the cemetery.

He also advised that with his vacation time he will be done working about November 1st. He asked the Board if the Town wanted to buy his tools at the town garage or should he keep them? Board made no decision in that regards.

Board discussed road to be paved this year, Gregg wanted to pave from Rte 133 toward the Gulf Road, expressing concern about paving over metal culverts and the newly installed culvert (should wait a year). He felt all culverts should be non-metallic as plastic lasts forever. Hollis advised that there was no time to prepare that stretch of road for paving and that the state had advised that the culvert be installed (after the Select Board had requested the State take a look at the proposed paving project). He noted that not all plastic culverts were of equal quality, and that he'd had trouble with some of the black ones (gray ones are more rugged, but cost more), and that some towns had gone back to using metal culverts. Gail advised that the Rutland Regional Planning Commission was in the midst of a culvert survey for the town (as well as a road condition survey) and that information should be available before budget time.

Board discussed road commissioner position, whether it should be elected or appointed by the Select Board. They felt there is a need for someone to tackle paperwork coming down from the state regarding water quality issues, permitting, grants, etc, and that a road foreman hired by the Select Board should be working on the roads not doing paperwork, that the road commissioner's job description should be changed to be administrative. After discussion, Gregg moved to go forward with hiring a road foreman using the job description from the Town of Pomfret, Laurie 2nded, all voted in favor. (It was purloined with permission.) Board decided that October 8th would be the application deadline, job would be temporary for four months, until town meeting, \$20 per hour depending on experience.

Bob, regarding the donation of 28 acres to the Town that is adjacent to the Town's property in the Purchase, and speaking on behalf of the Vermont Land Trust, asked the Board if the Town would agree to language in the deed from the Tinmouth Mountain Land Condominium to the Town that the 28 acre parcel could not be separated from the Town's other land. Board was happy to accept that condition. Matt moved to accept with the condition that the Town will not separate the parcel once it is in the Town's possession. Laurie 2nded, all voted in favor.

Gail advised that Michael Fannin, Emergency Management Coordinator, was working on acquiring an on-demand generator for the school/community center, cost is estimated at \$12,000. Town, School Community Center and Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department have all been a part of the discussion. Board requested Michael present information to the town before committing an amount.

Matt expressed concern from a town resident regarding kids being driven to school by parents without licenses and possibly under the influence. Board felt this was a school concern, and the issue should be brought to their attention.

Laurie moved to waive the penalty for late filed homestead declarations, Gregg 2nded, all voted in favor.

Laurie moved and Gregg 2nded to authorize Matt to sign any documents necessary regarding the Town's quitclaim deed to the Vermont Land Trust concerning the former Maida/Inkley lot. All voted in favor.

Board read letter from "Citizens for Property Rights" regarding their concern for GIS mapping and property rights of landowners. Board took under advisement.

Gail reported the Pavilion Exploration Committee was working on a plan.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar
Board Assistant