

Tinmouth Planning Commission
August 22, 2016
Minutes

Members present: Kim Harbaugh, Bob Lloyd, Grant Reynolds, Michael Fallar, Vito Macaluso, Denise (Tess) McGinley, and Kevin Ruane

Absent were Andy Gilmore and Amanda Vumbaco Chisamore

Others present: Sherry Johnson, Frank Sears, and Gail Fallar, Sec.

Michael called the meeting to order at 7:30.

Agenda was reviewed, no changes made; minutes of 7/2/16 were read and approved as written, all voted in favor.

Michael called the Hearing for Proposed Amendments to the Town Plan to order. Amendments are dealing with energy/solar development and flood resiliency. Bob presented a black and white version of the river corridor map. Grant moved and Tess 2nded to add the map to the amendments with the flood resilience element. All voted in favor.

Bob moved to close the Hearing and pass the amendments along to the Select Board for the next stage in the process. Grant 2nded. All voted in favor.

Should the PC/Town apply for a state planning grant? Discussion ensued – Town Plan needs updating and re-adoption in September of 2017. Michael suggested the PC review why a town needs a plan. Others raised concerns with statewide goals of encouraging development in a village center and protecting out lying areas. Tinmouth is not and has not been settled that way, a quick look at the 1869 Beers Atlas of Tinmouth shows nearly the same development pattern that exists today. Tinmouth is a typical mountain town. In the end, members decided to apply for the grant – the Select Board has included \$3,000 in the budget for planning work which may help get grant approval. Bob volunteered to draft an outline of an application.

Frank, as a new Select Board member, inquired about a recent series of emails to the Select Board regarding the affordable house on Sugar House Lane. Members explained the affordable house was created when a Planned Residential Development was permitted a few years ago. The Planning Commission does not have anything to do with it now.

Next regular meeting will be September 26, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar, Secretary