

Tinmouth Planning Commission

April 27, 2015

Minutes

Members present: Michael Fallar, Vito Macaluso, Kim Harbaugh, Bob Lloyd, Andy Gilmore, Denise McGinley, Kevin Ruane, and Grant Reynolds at 8:00. *Absent was Amanda Vumbaco.*

Others present: Marshall Squier and Gail Fallar, Secretary

Michael called the meeting to order at 7:35. Agenda was reviewed, no additions.

Minutes of 3/23/15 were read and approved as written.

Members reviewed material sent by the RRPC regarding solar project siting – energy sections from the Danby and Proctor town plans and checklists for towns to use regarding a solar proposal. Bob noted that the Rutland Regional Plan has draft wording that would state that energy projects would have to comply with town plans and bylaws in the community where they would be located. Members also reviewed current Tinmouth Town Plan sections regarding industrial wind farms and energy.

Discussion ensued regarding adding an overlay district where solar projects would be allowed with conditions such as setback, visibility, bond for decommissioning, acreage requirement or amount of Kw allowed, etc. Members felt smaller installations should be permitted – home or farm, but commercial (greater than 150 Kw?) should have some regulation.

Kim and Vito volunteered to research acreage and usage requirements. Grant offered to re-write last fall's proposed language for the town plan. It appears both the town plan and zoning bylaws will need to be amended.

Marshall discussed a proposed one lot subdivision on his property on Rte 140. The new lot would be five acres from a 60+ acres parcel. There would be a shared driveway with the existing house and it would border Rte 140. After brief discussion, members advised a survey would be necessary, but foresaw no complications. Application may be submitted before the next meeting.

As the fourth Monday in May is Memorial Day, member moved the meeting to Monday the 18th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar, Secretary