

Tinmouth Planning Commission

July 20, 2015

Minutes

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

Others present: Hilary Solomon, District manager of the Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District (PMNRCD) and Gail Fallar, Secretary.

Michael called the meeting to order at 7:30. Agenda was reviewed, no additions.

Minutes of 6/22/15 were read and approved as written.

Members discussed planning grant application – Amanda volunteered to write it, Grant and Bob will assist.

Hilary explained the grant from the High Meadow Fund (HMF) regarding storm and flood resiliency for the Flower Brook watershed. After Tropical Storm Irene, HMF is looking for solutions to prevent similar damage. PMNRCD will work with the Rutland Regional Planning Commission and the towns of Tinmouth, Danby and Pawlet, gathering and analyzing information to help the towns and landowners take steps to prevent erosion, and to protect wetlands and forestlands. There will be speakers, educational events, development of a list of potential projects, discussions amongst the towns to encourage working together so that what one town does, does not undue what another has done. The next round of grants may provide funds for implementation of prioritized projects.

Members discussed solar language - where to put it - zoning, town plan, separate ordinance, much discussion. In the end Grant, Bob and Vito volunteered to work on two or three paragraphs for review at the next meeting.

On a side note, Grant, as School Board Chair, invited members to meet and greet a prospective new principal at the Old Fire House on the 22nd.

Next meeting was set for 7:30 on August 24th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar, Secretary