

**Town of Tinnmouth  
Select Board  
June 9, 2016  
Minutes**

Board members present: Frank Sears, Matt Patry, and Laurie Phillips  
Others present: Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Tom and Zak Fuller (Fuller Sand & Gravel), Mike Mullin (Pike Industries), Kevin Ruane, Hollis Squier, Grant Reynolds, Amanda Gill, Kim Harbaugh, Beth Miller (Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resource Conservation District) and Gail Fallar- Board Assistant

Matt called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Reviewed agenda – no changes.

Board opened 2016 paving bids – Fuller Sand & Gravel bid \$53.00 per ton; Wilk Paving bid \$55.53 per tone; and Pike Industries bid \$51.93 per ton. Frank moved and Laurie 2nded to award the bid to Pike as low bidder, all voted in favor.

Board approved minutes of 5/19/16 as written, moved by Laurie, 2nded by Frank, all in favor.

Beth Miller advised the Board that progress was being made in regards to the South Lake Champlain consortium's grant from High Meadows for flood resiliency planning for Tinnmouth, Danby and Pawlet. There are a series of events this summer, including a Community Watershed Event recognizing the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Tropical Storm Irene. Other events include river corridors, driveways, and storm water, and forest and stream walks, as well as dialogues with towns, planning commissions and the public/property owners.

Eric reported that the snow plows are painted, trucks have been washed and oiled, and road grading is nearly done. He inquired about renting a chipper for brush removal - \$246 per day for three days. Board concurred. He noted there was no word about the Better Back Roads grants. He asked about acquiring more tools, Laurie has the list, they will meet to discuss. He also reported that he had seen temporary stop lights that could help with situations that needed flaggers – still working on getting more information – wondered if they could be a safety grant.

Eric and the Board discussed paving for 2016, should there be a dig-out near the cat tail pond (just south of the intersection of Rte 140 and North End Road)? After discussion, Laurie moved and Frank 2nded to fix that area as part of the paving program this year. All voted in favor.

Road side mowing – Laurie reported that Wade Mazure from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns PACIF (the town's insurance program) had advised that Hollis' tractor was too old to require a roll bar and seat belt, but that the town should hire him as a subcontractor and require lights, safety vest and signs, etc. Hollis advised that he had acquired liability insurance and was willing to work as a subcontractor. Board then authorized Hollis to mow the roadsides.

Board appointed an Equipment Fund Committee: Stan Wilbur, Amanda Gill, Kevin Ruane, Hollis Squier, Eric Buffum, Ronnie Crossman. Select Board members are ex-officio, Laurie volunteered to also attend meetings on behalf of the Board. First meeting was set for June 22, 2016 at the town garage.

Frank moved and Laurie 2nded to accept Kevin Allen's bid of \$690 to repair the chimney at the town office, including adding a cap. All voted in favor.

Matt reminded the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department that they had been asked to remove old fuel oil tanks from the town garage area and from the old fire house and to remove old scott air packs as well. Kevin advised that the old tank at the town garage was gone.

Gail requested the Board move their July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting to an earlier date – the Board will need to set the town tax rate, and taxes are due to be mailed on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Board decided to move to either the 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> depending on Laurie's work schedule.

Kevin inquired about bidding on ditch work and noted that the town could do much of the work on the proposed dig out on Rte 140.

Laurie reported the Personnel Policy Committee had three areas of concern for the Board to consider – new drug and alcohol policy; evaluation of employees; and security regarding the public access computer – it should not be networked with the town's computer and the Wifi should be more secure.

Board signed and sealed the 2015 Grand List – there are no appeals or suits pending. Listers have also signed the form.

Board signed Bills and Orders and reviewed the financial report.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar Board Assistant