

**Town of Tinmouth
Select Board
Special Meeting
December 21, 2017**

Members present: Matt Patry, Frank Sears, Cathy Reynolds

Others present: Eric Buffum – road commissioner, Ron Crossman – road crew, Kim Harbaugh, Sherry Johnson, and Gail Fallar – town clerk/treasurer/select board assistant

Frank called the meeting to order at 6:18 pm. Cathy moved to enter executive session for the purpose of personnel issues, 2nded by Matt, all voted in favor. Board invited Eric, Ron and Gail to negotiate with them. Board exited executive session at 7:00 pm. Matt moved to continue past practice of providing health insurance without employee co-pay (BCBS platinum plan) and 3% cost of living increase in pay. Cathy 2nded, all voted in favor.

Gail inquired what rate of pay the carpenters fixing the old town sheds should receive; Cathy moved to set it at \$25 per hour, Matt 2nded, all voted in favor. They were hired as town employees for the temporary job.

Eric advised that the blue truck (2009) is in need of replacement – repairs are starting to add up. The Equipment Fund has it scheduled to be replaced in fiscal year 19 – which begins July 1, 2018. He has explored prices and a trade-in allowance, and was advised that if the Town wants to replace the truck, it should be ordered as soon as possible – there is a six month wait time. After discussion Matt moved and Cathy 2nded to authorize Eric to go out to bid for a new tandem truck and equipment (plow, wing, dump box, sander, etc.) for the Board's January 11th meeting. All voted in favor.

Board discussed Equipment Fund, whether the 10 year replacement practice for trucks should be scaled back to the former 7 years – what are other towns doing?

Kim inquired about the Planning Commission's decision regarding affordable housing in the Sugar House Lane/Pumpkin Mill development. Gail advised that the PC, on the advice of attorney Tad Powers, had decided to consider termination of the affordable housing condition on that permit. The attorney felt that the regulations in effect at the time were unenforceable and the language was not standard. The holders of the permit will have to apply to amend the permit, then the Planning Commission will hold a hearing and make a decision.

Eric advised he had attended a Snow & Ice workshop, is trying a new salt product that will use less salt and change the process (treat and re-treat) for application. He has tried it once, seems to be working, will use much less salt and is better for the environment.

Kim noted that using small stones in the sand really helps when ice appears.

Frank reported on the Rutland County Sheriff Department's Advisory Council meeting recently held in Ira. The deputy was introduced (Cpl. Ed Hunter). Members discussed how to reach 40 hours between the towns of Ira, Middletown Springs, Danby and Tinmouth. Ira being the town

with least population raised concerns about budgeting for 10 hours. Board discussed adding another three hours for Tinmouth – currently the Town budgets for seven hours per week. Board could include it in the budget and voters could amend the budget from the floor if they chose not to support the proposal. Frank suggested that RCSD should update the four towns monthly via Front Porch Forum on the progress of the project.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar
Select Board Assistant