

**Town of Tinmouth  
Select Board  
October 11, 2018  
Regular Meeting**

Members present: Michael Fallar, Frank Sears, and Cathy Reynolds

Others present: Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Kim Harbaugh, Sherry Johnson, Jo Reynolds, Grant Reynolds, Chuck Bronk, Kevin Smith (Marble Valley Engineering), Kerby and Barbara Johnson, Rutland County Deputy Sherriff Justin Cram, and Gail Fallar – Select Board Asst.

Frank called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He thanked everyone for all the get well wishes – his aorta was fixed and he is getting better. Board reviewed agenda, added VTel.

**Minutes** - Cathy moved and Michael 2nded to approve minutes of 9/13/18 with highway items to be separated for clarity – all voted in favor. Michael moved and Cathy 2nded to approve minutes of 9/17/18 as edited by Cathy - all voted in favor; Cathy moved and Michael 2nded to approve minutes of 9/20/18 - all voted in favor; Frank moved and Michael 2nded to approve minutes of 10/1/18 – all voted in favor.

**Highway** – Eric reported that he is on the mend following elbow surgery due to an injury not work related. Can work if he is careful not to use that arm – three to six month recovery.

**McCoy Road culvert projects** – Eric advised culvert prices were about the same; Gail advised she is working on new specs with Josh Carvajal (ANR/DEC) and that Stan Wilbur had volunteered to help with bid documents. Eric noted that Josh has changed the size for the second culvert - that needed clarification; that the project should be bid together – but perhaps could stretch over two fiscal years (June/July).

**Chloride** – Eric had attended a salt/sand work earlier in the day, recommended Board members try to attend one in the future. He noted there is need for salt/chloride use summer and winter and he would like the Board to consider a proposal for liquid application. After brief discussion, he will bring a proposal to the Board’s November meeting. Also discussed was a practice regarding when to plow, when to sand, when to salt, etc. More details in November.

**Procurement Policy** – Cathy noted the draft being considered may not be the right model. After discussion, Cathy moved to table at this meeting and schedule a time to tackle it by itself. Michael 2nded, all voted in favor. Board decided to meet at 6:30 on November 8<sup>th</sup>, prior to regular monthly meeting. Eric will provide an alternate model for Board to consider before the meeting.

**East Road Speed Study** – Grant Reynolds emailed a request to reduce the speed limit on the southern end of the East Road. Gail reported that Rutland County Sheriff Department’s Captain David Fox advised that they do have information from the speed cart when it was on the East Road in 2017, and will forward that to the town. Board will review Vermont Local Roads’ “How to Set Speed Limits” before November meeting, added it to the November agenda. Grant, Jo, Kerby and Barbara departed at this point. Deputy Cram arrived.

**Structural Engineer’s Report - Current Town Garage** – Kevin summarized his assessment of the condition of the current town garage. It is 39 years old with an expected life cycle of 40-60

years. It is in good condition and okay to use, but is not an appropriate platform for additions. After much discussion including code requirements, use of current garage for cold storage, refurbishing it to extend its life, snow load, change in building standards in the last 30 years, a new facility with concrete floor and heat throughout, how to proceed, and needing a separate meeting to hash it out, Board took a break to conduct other business.

**Winter Salt** – Apalachee’s cost is \$75 per ton; Cargill proposed \$79.53 and American Rock Salt came in at \$88.50. After brief discussion, Cathy moved and Michael 2nded to accept state contract vendor (Apalachee), and authorized Eric to get salt from whomever if need be – all voted in favor. (Apalachee is a new vendor.)

**Personnel Policy** – Cathy noted it requires an annual employee review – she emailed four from the Internet for Board to review for November meeting, wanting review before budget time.

**Rutland County Sheriff Department** – Justin introduced himself, he replaced Cpl. Ed Hunter who no longer works for the RCSD. He will work a variety of hours, early morning, early evening, weekends, etc. Board discussed ordinance enforcement, trouble spots in town, speeding on the East Road, obtaining use of the speed cart, four town agreement, etc. Select Board Chair is the liaison with the RCSD.

**Constable Time Sheet** – After brief review and discussion, Cathy moved and Michael 2nded to only pay Constable Paul Morris for non-law enforcement time. All voted in favor. Voters restricted constable powers several years ago to non-law enforcement duties only.

**Old Business** - Trash on Mountain View Road may be taken care of by an anonymous donor. Pig situation – need to follow-up with RCSD regarding Cpl. Hunter’s actions.

**New Business** – Board signed a letter to VTel regarding removal of the old pedestals and again requesting bore data. Board signed a letter to Tom and Kristina Burke regarding tree removal in the town’s right of way on Gulf Road for a ditching project. Board signed a letter to Attorney Deppman regarding the vicious dog hearing process. Board instructed the Select Board Assistant to send a letter regarding beware of dog sign condition in the dog hearing order.

**Town Garage** – More discussion regarding the town garage. Should there still be two options presented to voters? Use previous quotes from Wright Engineering? Frank advised that he wanted everyone to be on Board, but the discussion would have to wait, it was getting late.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar  
Select Board Assistant