

Tinmouth Planning Commission
February 27, 2017
Minutes

Members present: Michael Fallar, Bob Lloyd, Vito Macaluso, Grant Reynolds, Amanda Chisamore, and Denise (Tess) McGinley,

Absent was Andy Gilmore, Kevin Ruane, and Kim Harbaugh

Others present: Gail Fallar, Sec.

Michael called the meeting to order at 7:30.

Agenda was reviewed and approved; minutes of 1/16/17 and 1/30/17 were read and approved as written, all voted in favor.

Members discussed town meeting – Michael will explain the update/revision process for the town plan and will encourage voters to complete and return the Community Survey. More copies will be available.

Members decided to have RRPC incorporate the latest town plan amendments in the new version.

Grant raised concern with abandoned historic houses, there are currently four – Burden, Ballou, Valentine and Fish, with three being lost already (Uber burned, Capron fell down, and Hod Hepburn's house was dismantled and will be rebuilt on Long Island). He inquired what the Planning Commission and or Town could do to address this. Members discussed whether allowing a smaller lot size with conditions for preservation would work, would there be anyone interested in purchasing them with say one acre? Current minimum lot size is 5 acres, and as most of these are on farms, that is lost agricultural land. These houses need a tremendous amount of work to make them livable again.

Gail advised that there may be another house built in the October Hill affordable housing development. Members questioned whether the original permit had expired – Gail will research.

Members discussed changing from the 4th Monday, back to the 3rd Thursday – some folks have conflicts with either. In the end, it was decided to change to the 3rd Thursday.

Next meeting was scheduled for March 16, 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar, Secretary