

Tinmouth Planning Commission
January 12, 2015
Minutes

Members present: Michael Fallar, Denise McGinley, Cindy Lewis, Grant Reynolds, Kim Harbaugh, Kevin Ruane, Bob Lloyd and Vito Macaluso. *One vacancy.*

Others present: Gail Fallar, Secretary

Michael called the meeting to order at 7:10. Agenda was reviewed, no changes.

Minutes of 11/24/14 were read and approved as written.

Members reviewed Grant's draft town plan solar language, discussed Bob's prime agricultural soils map – he will look at other websites to double check data.

Discussion regarding solar projects – smaller okay, how do Tinmouth residents and property owners feel about large scale commercial projects? Members looked at an ortho photo of Tinmouth to look for possible sites. Only 3 Phase line is the Green Mountain Power 44KV line that runs from the hydro station in Proctor to the quarry in Danby. Is it available for a project to feed into? Michael will contact GMP to see if someone would come and speak to the PC. If there are assurances from GMP that it would not be allowed, PC does not need to spend too much time on regulation large scale solar projects as their likelihood is negligible. There was also concern voiced about that right of way being used for a utility other than transmission of electricity.

Members discussed work plan for the coming year – Town Plan will need revision and re-adoption in 2017, issues to be addressed include those brought forth by Barbara Noyes from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) during her enhanced review. Should the Town apply for a planning grant through the RRPC, an outside contractor, or do the work itself? The Select Board may also request help with planning for the transfer station/town garage property – there are new requirements for recycling and solid waste that will need to be addressed.

Cindy expressed concern with lack of cell phone service – there is a cell tower erected near the Middletown/Tinmouth town line, but it has not been activated. What needs to be done to get it turned on?

Gail reported the Select Board required the Ad Hoc committee exploring the town purchasing the Pavilion on Tinmouth Pond to get a petition to have it on the warning. The article asks voters to instruct the Select Board to appoint a committee to explore the possibility. A special town meeting would be needed to authorize the purchase. Many questions need to be answered.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar, Secretary