

**Tinmouth Planning Commission**

**January 25, 2016**

**Minutes**

Members present: Grant Reynolds, Michael Fallar, Denise (Tess) McGinley, Vito Macaluso, Bob Lloyd, Kevin Ruane, Andy Gilmore, and Kim Harbaugh

*Absent was Amanda Vumbaco.*

Others present: Gail Fallar, Secretary.

Michael called the meeting to order at 7:30. Agenda was reviewed, no changes made.

Minutes of 12/28/15 were read and approved as written, Bob moved, Tess 2nded, all voted in favor.

Members continued review of proposed town plan amendments regarding solar development – discussed whether a map should show where it is allowed or where it should be prohibited – members looked at the ortho photo map of the town to get a sense of where open spaces are and where possible projects might be located. Also discussed was the amount of land that has conservation restrictions and land in the state's current use program and whether either of those would allow solar development. Bob will check with the Vermont Land Trust and Gail will check with the Current Use Board – she is a member and has a meeting in the near future. Members also discussed protecting future agricultural use. Bob volunteered to produce a map showing conserved and current use properties for the next meeting.

Members then discussed the Enhanced Review of the Town Plan done by the Rutland Regional Planning Commission in the fall of 2014. It seems the state is encouraging village development and concentrating new growth there as opposed to out lying areas. Tinmouth's village area has always been small, with pockets of development and hamlets in out lying areas, how can this be addressed? Members will ponder the remainder of the document for the next meeting – looking at areas the RRPC felt did not address the required elements of a plan and compare that to the current town plan.

Next regular meeting set for February 29, 2016. (Leap Day!!) Members changed to the fifth Monday as some members were not available on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar, Secretary