

Tinnmouth Planning Commission

March 23, 2015

Minutes

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

Others present: Amanda Vumbaco, Andy Gilmore, and Gail Fallar, Secretary.

Michael called the meeting to order at 7:30. Everyone introduced themselves, Amanda and Andy expressed an interest in becoming members.

First order of business was to re-organize for the year. Michael was chosen Chair, Bob was chosen Vice Chair, and Gail was appointed Secretary. All were in favor. Set regular monthly meeting date as the 4th Monday of each month at 7:30 pm.

Agenda was reviewed, Gail asked to add Capital Plan update.

Minutes of 2/23/15 were read and approved as written.

Michael noted that he wanted to continue discussion of language for the Town Plan addressing solar development. Bob reported that the Rutland Regional Planning Commission is re-writing the Regional Plan and its Energy Committee is contemplating adoption of language that siting for all types of energy projects (solar, hydro, wind, biomass, natural gas) “conform to the Town Plan and Bylaws of a municipality”. There is proposed solar siting legislation being discussed in Montpelier that the RRPC is going there to testify about, as well as to suggest the above language. Members discussed solar siting controversies and the Public Service Board’s dismissal of local plans in its decisions regarding those.

Cindy announced they were moving, expressed gratitude for being able to serve on the PC, and noted the irony that what she learned here about protecting lakeshore property will assist her in her new job. Members thanked her for her time and efforts.

Gail read the Select Board’s request to the Pavilion Exploration Committee and asked if the PC had any other concerns that needed to be addressed. Kim noted a boat wash would be a great addition and was needed for boats being launched into the Pond. General discussion about whether the Town could restrict boat launching if the Pavilion property was purchased and how to enforce it.

Gail advised that the RRPC had offered to help with road and culvert inventories which in turn will help with their assistance developing a highway improvement Capital Plan.

Both Amanda and Andy advised they were willing to serve on the PC. Grant moved and Bob 2nded, that the PC recommend to the Select Board that they appoint Amanda and Andy to the PC. All voted in favor.

Gail also noted that NeighborWorks had expressed an interest in re-permitting the October Hill affordable housing project.

Next meeting was set for April 27th at 7:30.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar, Secretary