

Tinnmouth Planning Commission
August 24, 2015
Minutes

Members present: Vito Macaluso, Amanda Vumbaco, Kim Harbaugh, Grant Reynolds, Bob Lloyd, Denise (Tess) McGinley, Kevin Ruane, and Michael Fallar @7:45. *Absent was Andy Gilmore.*

Others present: Gail Fallar, Secretary.

Bob (Vice Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:35. Agenda was reviewed, no additions, approved.

Minutes of 7/20/15 were read and approved as written.

Amanda reported she had read all the instructions regarding applying for a state planning grant, but was having trouble logging in (applications are now required to be submitted online). Members discussed process, and the need to get application done by the 9/10/15 Select Board meeting as their approval is needed before submission deadline of 9/30/15. PC will need a special meeting prior to the Select Board meeting. It was suggested that Amanda work with Barbara Noyes Pulling from RRPC (Rutland Regional Planning Commission). Tentative special meeting set for 9/3/15 at 6:30 pm, pending Amanda's ability to meet with RRPC staff to develop the application.

Michael arrived and assumed the Chair. Members then discussed and revised Grant's proposed amendment language for the Town Plan regarding commercial solar projects. Please see attached for restricted places, preferred places, set back requirements, etc..

It was noted that Tinnmouth's National Historic District needs to be added to zoning/planning maps. It was formally designated in the 1980's and includes the town office, the old fire house, the old town sheds, the old creamery, the Weeks house (now Thompson/Schmelzenbach), the Rouleau house and barn (now Wilbur), the parsonage and garage (Balestra – now Dixon), parts of the school, and the Gilmore house (now Przyperhart). There are other structures in the District but they are not historical yet (the new fire house, parts of the school/community center, the Church).

Bob reminded members that the Vermont League of Cities and Towns urged towns to amend zoning regulations or have the Select Board adopt an ordinance to regulate commercial solar projects. Some members felt that the amendment was needed to the Town Plan, which is what the Public Service Board relies on regarding solar projects. Research is needed.

Next regular meeting is September 28th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar, Secretary