

**Town of Tinmouth
Select Board
October 6, 2016
Minutes**

Regular Monthly Meeting and Hearing for Proposed Amendments to the Town Plan

Members present: Matt Patry, Laurie Phillips, and Frank Sears

Others present: Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Michael Fallar-Chair Planning Commission, Grant Reynolds, Kim Harbaugh, Gail Fallar- Board Assistant, and Sherry Johnson (@8:30).

Matt called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He also called the Hearing for Proposed Amendments to the Town Plan to order.

Gail reported that none of the landowners who had been sent special notice and copies of the proposed changes had expressed any concern (Young, Larson, Colvin, Carabeau, Anderson Hill LLC, Baker, Squier).

Matt thanked the Planning Commission for addressing his concerns, but was still apprehensive about designating “prohibited” areas from commercial solar development. Frank and Laurie expressed similar concerns. Michael, Grant and Kim – Planning Commission members, tried to explain and address the concerns – noting that the proposed changes would only be in effect until next September when the Town Plan was due to be updated and re-adopted; that the Public Service Board looks at the Town Plan and not a town’s zoning regulations for guidance; that there are many areas that are suitable for commercial energy projects; that the PC intends to gather as much public input and involvement for the new update to the town plan as they can with a survey, potluck gatherings, etc.; that the PC is trying to protect scenic areas and Tinmouth’s sense of what the town is - that the PC is not anti-solar, they just don’t feel industrial size projects are compatible with that; and that the amendments would offer some protection to the town until the updates can be completed.

After much discussion, Laurie moved to remove the word “Prohibited” from the top of page 4 and use the following word “Exclusion” areas, Frank 2nded, all voted in favor. Frank then moved to approve/adopt the Proposed Amendments to the 2012 Town Plan as amended by the previous motion, Laurie 2nded, all voted in favor.

Board approved minutes of 9/8/16 and 9/22/16 as written, moved by Laurie , 2nded by Frank, all voted in favor.

Eric requested Board input regarding ‘Children at Play’ signs for the East Road. Gail expressed concern that those kinds of signs sometimes gave folks a false sense of security and that they often were ignored. She suggested having the Count Sheriff run more speed enforcement in that area to try to slow speeders down. Board decided to try that approach.

Eric asked to purchase to rear tires for the orange tandem – only two of the eight were showing signs of wear, Board authorized. One ton also needs tires. He advised that the trailer hitch had been installed on the orange truck, and asked for a too box for the one ton \$350 to be able to lock chain saws, etc. Board authorized. He also reported that George Herrick will trap the beavers building dams too near town roads – on Channel Road and on North End Road.

He presented the Board with a bid for \$18,800 for a new trailer for the excavator and skid steer from Lucky’s. They are the only company that deals with them on a large scale. Board discussed purchasing a used one instead, Laurie moved and Frank 2nded to ask Eric to look for a used trailer up to \$10,000. All voted in favor. Board will hold a special meeting if Eric is able to find a trailer for them to consider.

Eric also reported that the orange truck has a recall fix scheduled for next week, could he also have them (Delury's) perform a brake service – cost is about \$1200. Board authorized it, but asked Eric to try to find someone more local. Laurie advised that she may know someone.

Gail reported that she and Eric had recently attended training for a software program that will help the town with capital planning for highways and culverts. An inventory of culverts and roads and their conditions is input (the Rutland Regional Planning Commission has gathered that data, but it needs to be checked) and along with costs for certain elements of repair, a plan can be developed to repair and replace needed infrastructure.

After discussion regarding Howard Regimbald's continued use of the town's right of way and the East Road, Frank moved to ask the Rutland County Sheriff's Department to issue a warning to be followed by citations if necessary to enforce current state statute that forbids it. Laurie 2nded, all voted in favor.

Board passed the Planning Grant Resolution for the PC to apply to the State for a planning grant to update the Town Plan. Frank moved, Laurie 2nded, all voted in favor and signed it. Matt was appointed *****, Frank is the alternate, Gail is the administrator, each have separate duties as it has to be applied for online.

Board reviewed final FY 16 budget information.

Board appointed Wheaton Squier as Deputy Tree Warden, and re-appointed Doug Fontein, Ed Hasenohr and Nelson Jaquay as Green-Up Coordinators.

Gail advised that she has recently hired her daughter-in-law Carmen Fallar to work as a part-time assistant town clerk/treasurer.

Matt moved to enter executive session at 9:00 to discuss attorney client matters, Frank 2nded. Board exited at 9:05. Matt advised that the attorney (Tad Powers, Esq.) had advised the Board that the Town has no legal responsibility regarding the affordable housing dispute at 52 Sugar House Lane. Laurie moved and Frank 2nded to accept and approve the letter drafted by Mr. Powers to Scott Lepley. All voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar Board Assistant