

**Town of Tinnmouth
Select Board
September 8, 2016
Minutes**

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

Others present: Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Sherry Johnson and Kim Harbaugh, Kevin Ruane, Josh Ruane, Crystal LaRoche, Michael Fallar-Chair Planning Commission, and Gail Fallar- Board Assistant

Matt called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Reviewed agenda – Gail asked to add several items, Board okayed.

Board approved minutes of 8/11/16 and 8/16/16 as corrected for typos, moved by Laurie, 2nded by Frank, all voted in favor.

Board changed the order of the agenda for folks present, taking up the agenda item regarding 52 Sugarhouse Lane. Josh spoke to the issue of his renting his house to Ms. LaRoche advising that he still owned the house and is trying not to lose it. Gail advised the Board to hire an attorney to advise the Board for these. Laurie moved and Frank 2nded to hire an attorney to investigate any Town responsibility regarding the affordable house at 52 Sugarhouse Lane, all voted in favor.

Eric advised that the old loader is being repaired; road crew is currently graveling shoulders along recently paved portions of Route 140; Kevin Ruane is nearly done on the project on McCoy Road; ditching project on McNamara Road is done – would like to continue on Gulf Road; beaver dam on Channel Road may need attention – has contacted state – need to lower at 6 inches per hour; beavers are also busy at the big culvert on North End Road.

Gail requested the Board review the Equipment Fund Replacement Schedule and fiscal consequences; she also advised that the Board needed to approve bid documents for an excavator, skid steer and trailer; Frank moved and Laurie 2nded to approve as presented, all voted in favor. Frank noted that the Board needed to move forward with this proposal. Board set a special meeting on September 22, 2016 at 6:30 pm to open bids.

Penny Buzby requested signs be posted north and south of Chipmunk Crossing Drive advising drivers that caution was needed due to safety concerns. After discussion, Frank moved and Laurie 2nded to install “Caution Children at Play” signs on the East Road as requested, all voted in favor.

Eric requested authority to purchase a tire repair/plug kit estimated at \$140. Laurie moved and Frank 2nded to approve. All voted in favor.

Reasonable Suspicion Training – Eric will attend, no Select Board member is available.

Michael, as Chair of the Planning Commission, advised that the PC had addressed the Select Board’s concerns and re-worded its proposed amendments to the Town Plan regarding commercial solar development projects and asked that the Select Board hold its hearing on them. After discussion, which included Board concerns for entry points into town (Rte 140 and the Wallingford town line) being developed with solar projects or housing developments, and concern with the word prohibited (re: solar) – Michael advised this was language for the Public Service Board to consider, there are many places in town where solar would work – but

there are some that need to be protected; Board accepted the proposed changes to the Town Plan and set a hearing date of October 6, 2016, asking that the properties effected be advised of the proposed language.

Board signed letters to Ken Krantz (old creamery work); VTel (boring profiles and removal of old pedestals); Sidonia Fischer (leaf debris in ditch); and Howard and Marie Regimbald (use of town right of way and concerns with work being performed on the East Road).

Michael Fannin requested the Town pay for annual maintenance for the new generator at the Community Center. Board declined, noting that the School is responsible for that.

Board changed its regular October meeting to Thursday, the 6th due to a member's conflict.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar Board Assistant