

**Town of Tinmouth
Select Board
March 9, 2017
Minutes**

Members present: Cathy Reynolds, Matt Patry, and Frank Sears

Others present: Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Kim Harbaugh, Sherry Johnson, Laurie Phillips, Grant Reynolds, and Gail Fallar- Board Assistant.

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

Annual re-organization of the Board~

Matt nominated Frank for Chair, Cathy 2nded, all in favor. Frank assumed the Chair and continued the re-org as follows:

- Regular Monthly Meeting – 2nd Thursday at 7:00
- Newspaper of Record – Rutland Daily Herald
- Adopted Robert’s Rules for Small Boards
- Designated the Chair (Frank) to sign Bills and Orders
- Authorized Frank to sign overweight truck permits
- Appointed Frank to the Community Center Board
- Cathy moved to approve, 2nded by Matt, all voted in favor

Agenda was reviewed, Gail added transfer station issue, Grant asked to speak about the old town sheds – agenda amended as requested.

Board approved minutes of 2/18/17 as written, moved by Matt, 2nded by Frank, they voted in favor, Cathy abstained as she was not present.

Eric advised the road crew is ready for the big storm predicted for next week, some mud holes have been filled with rock. Matt noted some folks have raised concerns about the number and size of pot holes in the gravel roads, Eric is working on them. He noted that only a handful for so of folks showed up for the open house at the town garage.

Frank reported that the town garage was briefly discussed at town meeting; voters did authorize use of last year’s transfer to be used for highway buildings.

Board discussed next steps in regards to the town garage – engineering is needed for water and septic permits, and general layout of the site. Should the transfer station operations be re-structured at the same time? Where should the new building, the salted sand shed, the septic field, recycling, solid waste disposal, etc. be located? There was some concern voiced at town meeting by folks looking at a proposed building that it was butt ugly – could a wooden structure be built instead of metal? Is this project too big for volunteers? Board decided to hold a special meeting to discuss use of the town’s 11 acre lot and these issues on Thursday, March 23rd at 7:00 PM.

Grant spoke to the condition of the old town sheds which is a town structure. The southern end needs attention as the roof is drooping and the Tinmouth Historical Society and the Town has some nice stuff stored there. After brief discussion and a faint recollection of a life-time warrantee issued by Marshall Squier when they were last restored, a phone call was made to Marshall. He advised that the guarantee had been on the slate as at the time there was discussion about removing it and replacing it with metal. He advised that he is willing to jack up the roof and check for any roof leaks. Cathy noted that the Board is willing to pay.

Personnel Policy – Board will review comments made by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns HR department, reviewed changes to Addendum C (benefits) made at the last Board meeting. Frank expressed concern of the cart being place before the horse in regards to the approval of those changes, as the Board has not yet met with employees to discuss them, the 10% premium co-pay in particular. After further discussion, Board decided to meet with employees concerning benefits in Executive Session at 6:00 PM on the 23rd.

Board made annual appointments (see attached). Grant requested appointment as a fence viewer, Matt moved, Frank 2nded, Cathy re-cused. Board approved list as presented, all in favor.

Board appointed Pat Psholka to fill a vacancy (created when Carmen Fallar moved out of town) on the Board of Listers – term expires next year at town meeting. Matt moved, Cathy 2nded, all in favor.

Gail advised there are a couple of folks who are arriving at the transfer station before it is officially opened. After brief discussion, Board asked Eric to ensure the gate was locked at 3:00 when the road crew left, prior to the arrival of a transfer station attendant for the 4:00 opening.

Sherry raised concern with being able to walk safely on the East Road. Howard Regimbald is still working and storing items in the town's right of way and there is no room to get off the traveled portion of the road if a vehicle is approaching. County Sheriff's office will be contacted as they were asked to deal with that situation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar Board Assistant