

**Town of Tinnmouth
Select Board
November 10, 2016
Minutes**

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

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

Matt called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Agenda was reviewed – Matt added Thanksgiving Community Service to it.

Board approved minutes of 10/6/16 and 10/13/16 as written, moved by Laurie , 2nded by Frank, all voted in favor.

Eric reported the new excavator and skid steer had arrived and are working well. The new to us trailer needs a VIN verification before it can be registered, and needs a few boards for the floor as well. Frank donated those planks. Tires have been replaced on the one ton and orange tandem, grading is done, ready for snow.

He noted that DeLurey's had only worked on the front brakes of the orange tandem, that they don't do back brakes as its not needed. He will seek someone local.

Board discussed draft FY18 budget in general terms – Eric advised that the chloride budget needed to be greatly increased. Most towns are now treating gravel roads with chloride after grading to help hold the road and keep dust down. There are pros and cons of using liquid or flakes, need equipment for either method. Board expressed concern about the environmental impact – Eric advised the state sponsored grading class he attended recommended it. Board asked Eric to research further – to include what the new water quality standards would allow.

In keeping with past practice the Board waived the penalty for late filers of the Vermont Homestead Declaration, Laurie moved, Frank 2nded, all voted in favor.

Board reviewed financial reports, Matt signed Bills and Orders.

Matt advised that the folks organizing the annual Community Thanksgiving Celebration once again had requested someone from the Board to provide welcome commentary. Frank volunteered.

Matt reported that Ken Krantz had moved the pier under the post of the new porch on the old creamery, not the post as requested by the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05, and then the Board quickly un-adjourned at 8:10 to discuss what to do with the town garage – was a lean-to needed on the west side to house some of the equipment (to get it out of the weather)? Also discussed the need for water and septic, room in the garage for a truck and its plow, salted sand shed requirements, etc. Board asked Eric to work on a proposal for the next meeting. Re-adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar Board Assistant