

Tinmouth Planning Commission
June 21,2018
Regular Meeting and Hearing for Zoning and Subdivision Amendments
Minutes

Members present: Michael Fallar, Andy Gilmore, Kim Harbaugh, Vito Macaluso, Grant Reynolds, Larry Carabeau, and Rainbow Squier

Members absent: Bob Lloyd and one vacancy,

Others present: Gail Fallar, Sec.

Michael called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Members reviewed agenda, added member resignation and public suggestion to research the Town of Rupert's zoning/subdivision. Minutes of May 17, 2018 were read and approved as written, moved by Grant, 2nded by Vito, all voted in favor.

Hearing for proposed amendments to Tinmouth's Zoning and Subdivision Regulations was opened. Gail reported there were no comments from the state, Rutland Regional Planning Commission or any surrounding communities, all having been notified 30 days in advance of the hearing. No member of the public had inquired or asked for a copy of the proposed changes. After a brief discussion regarding PUD's (Planned Unit Developments), the removal of same from both zoning and subdivision were the main thrust of the amendments, Grant moved and Vito seconded to close the hearing, approve the amendments and forward to the Select Board. All voted in favor.

As Bob was not able to be present discussion regarding applying for a Town/Village Center Designation was postponed until a future meeting.

Gail advised that Kevin Ruane had resigned from the Planning Commission, has a lot going on in his life right now. Members were encouraged to think about a replacement.

Gail also advised that a couple of folks had mentioned that Rupert was doing something interesting regarding grouping new houses in order to preserve open spaces and wondered if the Planning Commission might look into it. Michael volunteered to research.

Members discussed the recent sea plane landing on Tinmouth Pond, there was a canoeist with a couple of passengers who had to paddle madly to get out of the way of the landing.

Kim inquired about the Planning Commission's role regarding the town's tree policy. The Select Board had appointed a committee to work on it. Most members of the PC felt that the PC had no authority, the Tree Warden is charged with taking care of trees by state statute. There was concern raised about the Town Plan speaking to scenic vistas, wildlife protection corridors, and keeping the rural nature of the town intact. At this time, the tree policy is aimed at dangerous and or dying trees, more than mass removal. PC took no action.

After a brief discussion of lack of upcoming work, the next meeting was tentatively set for August 16th, no meeting in July.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar, Secretary