

**Town of Tinmouth
Select Board
March 14, 2019
Regular Meeting**

Members present: Michael Fallar, Frank Sears, and Cathy Reynolds

Others present: Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Chuck Bronk, Kim Harbauch, Sherry Johnson, Grant Reynolds, Jo Reynolds, Don Woods, Eng., Frank Carmen, Lisa Velde, Joe Shackett, Sarah Shackett, and Gail Fallar – Select Board Assistant.

Frank called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. First order of business was for the Board to re-organize for the year. Cathy suggested an annual rotating Chair, with each member serving as Chair the last year of their term. Gail advised it had been tried before and the Chair was only chosen that way twice. All members of the Board expressed an interest in serving as Chair. There was a bit of a stalemate until someone suggested putting all three names in a hat and having a member of the audience draw one name. All agreed to this process. Sherry Johnson drew out Cathy's name, so she assumed the Chair without objection from the other members.

Board re-organized as follows for the coming year:

Set Regular Monthly Meeting Day and Time – 2nd Thursday at 7:00 (and to keep the 4th Thursday open for special meetings)

Designate Signer for Bills and Orders - Frank volunteered as Cathy declined

Newspaper of Record – Rutland Herald

Adopt Robert's Rules for Small Boards – Yes

Appoint Overweight Truck Permit Signer – Cathy, as Chair, agreed to sign

Appoint Member to Community Center Board – Cathy volunteered

Frank moved and Michael 2nded to approve all of the above, all voted in favor.

Board reviewed the agenda, decided to allow the Health Officer to go first to address issues of a number in the audience.

Minutes – 2/14/19 - Michael moved and Frank 2nded to approve as written, all voted in favor.

Health Officer Report – Frank Sears, as Health Officer, reported on a request to inspect a mobile home owned by Tom Velde, Jr. located at 21 Maple Brook Lane. Sarah and family had been living there with the permission of Lisa Velde (Tom's mother). There are problems with intermittent electricity, breakers not working, no heat or water when the electric is not functioning. Sarah and family had to move to a motel. Frank Sears conducted an inspection and noted there were no smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors or fire extinguishers as well. Even though no rent was being paid, it needed to be treated as a rental unit. He advised that no one should live there until repairs are done. Lisa requested that all trash and personal property be removed. After brief discussion with Sarah and Lisa and Frank Carmen, and their agreeing that no one would live there until repairs were done and the Health Officer conducted another inspection, Frank Sears moved and Michael 2nded that the Select Board, as the Board of Health, issue a Health Order determining that the mobile home was not livable and that no one was to inhabit it until repairs were done. All voted in favor. Board designated Frank Sears to sign.

Financial Report – Board reviewed, Frank moved and Michael 2nded to accept the report to date for FY19. All voted in favor.

Civil Engineering – Don Woods had emailed his latest proposal at 3:00 that afternoon, so the Board did not have time to review. He did walk the Board and those present through various

alternatives, with the location of the town garage nearer the road, nearer the current town garage, which way doors would face, moving the access to the transfer station, location of a salt shed with the ability to add a sand shed in the future, the possibility of trading or buying adjacent land to help deal with storm water issues, etc. Board tentatively set a special meeting for April 4th to deal with just public works facilities issues and to gather input from neighbors regarding current proposals. Board was unable to give Don more guidance given the short time they had to review his proposal, he advised it was a bit premature to discuss some of the alternatives at this point, more work was needed.

Highway ~

Eric welcomed the Board to mud season, lots of freezing and thawing. In regards to the tires damaged during the towing incident, he advised the towing company was only willing to pay for two tires, (not the four that he had been told by the truck dealer). He had purchased four, but in reality only two were damaged, and asked the Board for guidance. Board advised that the repair budget was his responsibility and that he needed to deal with it.

Chloride – Cathy noted at town meeting there were lots of folks raising concerns about chloride during lunch, but didn't speak up during the meeting. She asked that more information be provided to towns people. Board and Eric were going to attend a road workshop in the next week, they decided to ask about it there.

New Road Standards – New draft standards were distributed, Board will also inquire about them at the workshop.

Annual Highway Plan and Certificate of Compliance with Road Standards – Frank moved and Michael 2nded to approve the annual Highway Plan required by the State, all voted in favor, and signed documents.

Road Inventory – Frank volunteered to drive Eric around to update the road inventory (required by state standards). Eric will complete by April meeting.

Paving Grant – Michael moved and Frank 2nded to apply for a paving grant, all voted in favor. Eric and Gail will work on details. Likelihood of receiving a grant is slim, but if no one else applies, there might be a chance.

Others ~ Grant Reynolds deferred request of the Old Creamery Committee given the time.

New Business –

Annual Appointment of Officers – one year terms unless otherwise noted. Cathy moved and Michael 2nded to approve all appointed, all voted in favor.

Board of Adjustment ~ Bart Eaton, Chair (2022)

Planning Commission ~ Kim Harbaugh, Bob Lloyd and Grant Reynolds (2022)

Tinmouth Library Trustee ~ Gene Usher (2022)

911 Coordinator ~ Gail Fallar

Emergency Management Coordinator ~ Michael Fannin

Community Center Board ~ Cathy Reynolds

Health Officer ~ Frank Sears (was the Select Board Chair)

Rutland Regional Planning Commission ~ Robert Lloyd, Michael Fallar, Alternate

RRPC Regional Transportation Council ~ Rene Wilbur, Michael Fannin, Alternate

Solid Waste Alliance Communities ~ Chris Martone, Wheaton Squier, Alternate

Conservation Commission ~ Robbie Leeds (2023)

Safety & Wellness Committee ~ Ronnie Crossman, Amy Martone, Ray Pratt, Chris Martone, Gail Fallar

Tinmouth Website Committee ~ Nancy Birdsall, Pat Psholka, Cathy Reynolds, Gail Fallar

Solid Waste & Recycling Committee ~ Jonathan Czar, Helen Mango, Wheaton Squier, Gail Fallar

Old Creamery Committee ~ Grant Reynolds, Michael Fallar, Doug Fontein, Vito Macaluso, Stan Wilbur

Tree Warden ~ David Birdsall, Wheaton Squier, Deputy

Green-Up Day Committee ~ Doug Fontein, Ed Hasenohr, Nelson Jaquay

Energy Committee ~ Ray Pratt, Cathy Reynolds, *Vacant – They need new members!!*

Housing Rehab Loan Review Committee ~ Caleb Scott, Carolyn Feury, Cathy Reynolds, Gail Fallar

Animal Control Officers ~ David Birdsall, 1st and 2nd Constables

Town Huggers ~ Hollis Squier and Patti (Cow Patti) Macaluso

Pound Keeper ~ Glenn D. Merrill

Fence Viewers ~ Caleb Scott, Ralph Lewis, Glenn D. Merrill, Grant Reynolds, Michael Fallar

Weighers of Coal ~ Michael Fannin, Cathy Reynolds

Inspectors of Lumber & Shingles ~ Doug Fontein, and Michael Fallar

Local Emergency Management Plan – Board needs to approve by May 1st, Frank moved and Cathy 2nded to task Gail to pull together a committee to work on it to present to the Board's regular April meeting. All voted in favor.

2018 Grand List – Board signed and sealed the 2018 Grand List – no appeals or suits pending. Also signed by the Board of Listers.

Wallingford Town Line – Gail advised that a meeting with Wallingford's Assessor to discuss the issue (raised by them) had been postponed due to a new Wallingford Select Board wanting to understand the issue. Lacking any new information, Tinmouth Board is satisfied with the current location of the town line.

Charlie Wrobel, one of the transfer station attendants, who lives just over the town line in Danby, requested permission to purchase transfer station tickets. After brief discussion, Michael moved and Frank 2nded to approve, given that Charlie is a long time employee of the town. All voted in favor.

Old Business –

Solid Waste Ordinance – further amendment and review – postponed until April meeting.

Members' Concerns - Cathy advised that Lisa Patry was having trouble with coyote hunters being on their property without permission. Landowners need to contact game warden if that happens, Select Board has no authority.

Add compensation for Health Officer to the April agenda. Duties have been increasing.

Frank advised that he will attend upcoming health officer training.

Meetings- April 4th – public works facilities; April 11th – regular monthly meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, *Gail Fallar*, Select Board Assistant