

**Town of Tinmouth
Select Board
December 13, 2018
Regular Meeting**

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

Others present: Chuck Bronk, Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Vito Macaluso, Kim Harbaugh, Sherry Johnson, Mary Cohen – Rutland Regional Chamber of Commerce, Tyler Richardson-Rutland Economic Development Corporation, Ken Krantz, Jan Krantz, Grant Reynolds, Jo Reynolds, Doug Fontein and Gail Fallar – Select Board Asst.

Frank called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. Board reviewed the agenda, moved Mary and Tyler from Real Rutland to the top.

Minutes – 11/8/18 - Cathy moved and Michael 2nded to approve with correction of *dues* to *due*, all voted in favor; 11/12/18 - Michael moved and Cathy 2nded to approve, all voted in favor; 11/15/18 - Cathy moved and Michael 2nded to approve, all voted in favor; 11/29/18 - Cathy moved and Michael 2nded to approve, all voted in favor.

“Real Rutland” – Tyler lead the presentation by thanking the Town for its support last year. He and Mary explained the Real Rutland regional marketing campaign. It is a 10 year plan, hoping to attract workers to the county with a variety of ways to brand the area, targeted areas include Rutland County, all of Vermont and Boston/New York/New Jersey. They have a new website activated on October 1st. They showed a video featuring Asha Carroll McCullough and husband Andy and why they moved to Tinmouth from NYC. They are asking for \$1 per Tinmouth resident as a funding request. Board will include this on the warning for Town meeting. They will attend town meeting to answer any questions voters might have. Mary thanked Cathy for her work on the Quality of Life sub-committee.

Financial Report – Board reviewed, asked to have expenditure relating to the planning for a new town garage/salt & sand shed shown separately. Cathy moved and Frank 2nded to accept the report. All voted in favor.

Highway – Eric advised all is good, was thankful for a break in the weather.

Civil Engineering - Board reviewed proposal from Don Woods regarding engineering needed to continue process for a new town garage. There was much discussion about proposed locations of facilities, Board needs engineering to decide where these should be located. Option D shows the town garage behind the current burn pile with the salt/sand shed to the west and the transfer station moved east a bit to where the current sand pile is. This option has not been approved, there was discussion about moving the town garage closer to Route 140, again storm water engineering will help determine what is possible. Discussion about the need for the project, safety of roads and adequate work environment for road crew, what is in the best interest of the town and taxpayers, etc. Cathy moved and Frank 2nded to hire Don Woods to do preliminary engineering with Option D in mind. They both voted yes, Michael abstained. Ken and Jan left at this point, expressing concern for storm water control and salt.

East Road Speed Control – Frank advised he called the Rutland County Sheriff’s Department about the speed cart and more enforcement – no response as yet. He will call again. Eric noted it would be best if the speed cart was not used until after winter plowing was over.

Others – Doug Fontein, as Chair of the Conservation Commission (CC), advised that the CC is researching establishing a designated fund for conservation efforts, but is just beginning the process for that. He did ask that the Board increase the CC’s annual allotment in the budget from \$250 to \$500. Board agreed. Funds are used for trail work, speakers, etc. Past funds have been used for the trail kiosks, trail signs, the town’s cabin in the Purchase, and to help with school with a new program called “Trout in Schools” – students are growing fingerlings for release next spring into a Tinmouth stream.

Highway Draft FY20 Budget – Board members expressed concern for the lack of sand on back roads during recent storms. Eric advised that he is trying to follow Best Management Practices(BMP) now being recommended by the state. Sand can fill ditches, has to be cleaned out, past practice applies 5 times as much as the state recommends (one ton per mile). Board encouraged him use the sand, winter sand is a very small part of the highway budget, roads need to be safe.

Eric advised that \$12,000 needed for the **chloride program**, also a BMP, where the vendor provides the tank, pump and storage tanks needed as long as the town agrees to a 3 year contract to buy the product from them. Michael and Vito expressed concern with the use of all that chloride. Frank advised he had done research and couldn’t find any concerns on the state’s part. Eric noted it helps keep the gravel on the road and provides dust control as a side benefit. Other discussions about the budget included overtime (weather dependent, bad winter OT goes up), and Eric’s request to hire a part time person to cover vacations in the summer and perhaps help with winter plowing in a big storm. Board took under advisement. More work on budget next month.

Procurement/Purchase Guidance – Board decided to require bidding for salt (unless the state bid is used), paving and equipment from the Equipment Fund; and for any purchase in excess of \$10,000 from the Capital Building/Repair Fund. Cathy edited, will send around for final review at Board’s January meeting.

Practice regarding when to plow, when to sand, when to salt, was postponed until January.

Holiday Bonus - Board discussed past practice, Cathy moved and Frank 2nded to increase bonus to \$100, for each regular town employee – road crew, town office staff, transfer station workers. Both voted in favor, Michael recused himself (mother is town employee).

General Budget – Board reviewed proposed general budget for FY20 – decided to ask voters to create a special fund for website and computer needs so that if the amount is not spent in a year, it will be able to be saved for future use. Board asked that recycling disposal costs be shown as a separate line. Frank inquired about a line item for hazardous mitigation, will check with the Emergency Management Coordinator.

Old Business –

Trash on Mountain View Road – no progress made, Frank will keep trying.

Members’ Concerns - Cathy noted that the Town’s Operator’s Manual needs to be updated, her Dad, Grant Reynolds has volunteered to undertake this. The school section has changed a great deal.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar, Select Board Assistant