

**Town of Tinmouth
Select Board
October 12, 2017
Minutes**

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

Others present: Eric Buffum-Road Commissioner, Sunny Hance, Grant Reynolds, Kim Harbaugh, Sherry Johnson, Joe Frankiewicz, Hollis Squier, Ingrid Lepley, and Gail Fallar-Board Assistant

Frank called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, asking for review of the agenda – added school water problem. Matt moved and Cathy 2nded to approve the 9/13/17 minutes with typo correction (tabled not tables), all voted in favor.

Eric reported that the Gulf Road (Class 4 portion) is now open, Pent Road is passable though there are some culverts that are crushed, but should work for a while; the town will need to replace eventually, but not an emergency. The Lloyds and their co-owners are working with a contractor to upgrade some of that road. He also noted that he is waiting for Fuller Sand & Gravel to complete the gravel shouldering on the new reconstructed and paved portion of Route 140.

In other road discussion, Gail advised that the Rutland County Sheriff's Department may be able to conduct a traffic study on the East Road.

Printed copies of Options A, B, and C of the Master Plan were handed out. Cathy noted that the town may have to bond for \$500,000 in addition to the \$322,000 currently in the Capital Building Fund. The town had never bonded before. She also advised that the grant application for a salted sand shed was denied (not close enough to the Class 1 wetland - > than 250' and too expensive). Size of the salt shed was discussed – now can only hold three loads, need much more due in part to weather changes over the past years – used to snow and be cold all winter, now there are many thaws creating ruts if not salted and there is the expectation of roads being clear – not packed snow cover.

Frank urged caution, not doing this in a rush, but need to move forward. The town garage is the biggest must – the current facility is too small, not enough storage or work area and there is no water or septic facilities.

Members discussed the options: Option A has traffic concerns, transfer station is still on the southern end, garage nearer the road and requiring a berm - everyone decided it was not viable. Option B had a right of way across private property which the owner has declined to provide, eliminates much of the future recreation area. Option C moves the transfer station closer to the road (discussion about compactors and whether it might smell), covers the current sand pile, and moves the town garage to the rear. Some concern with pipe currently under the easterly side of the driveway near the road.

Shrewsbury and Mt. Holly have built new garages in the past few years, \$550,000 to \$750,000. Phase I could be the town garage, move the transfer station and purchase or rent compactors, build a salt building that can be added onto at a later date to include the salted sand pile.

Some folks wondered about building onto the current town garage, it has been mentioned that it could be as expensive as building new and still have an old building at the center.

Members discussed the transfer station, compactors would make recycling easier – zero sort for all recycling – paper would not have to be sorted; more time for the road crew to do road work (currently the road crew spends 3 or 4 hours per week on trash/recycling stuff). The Solid Waste and Recycling Committee is working on a chart for hauling, tonnage of trash and recycling. It was

also mentioned that funding for this could be from the General Fund side of the Capital Building Fund – transfer station expenses are currently paid for from the general fund, not highway budget.

Board decided to hold a public forum to try to gather more input on the Master Plan and set a date of Thursday, October 26th, with the intention of inviting as many builders and construction guys as can be mustered. Could the town/volunteers do come of the work? Does someone have a better idea?

Gail presented Board with email from Stephanie Lorentz, Esq. regarding the Affordable House on Sugar House Lane – how is the affordability value determined? Ingrid, a neighbor, expressed concern with past inhabitants of the property. Sunny advised that they are trying to lease to own and the bank won't allow affordable housing to be rented. Matt moved and Cathy 2nded to get legal counsel for this matter. All voted in favor.

Risk Assessment and ATV use of town roads, no action, tabled until next meeting.

Cathy noted again, that the Personnel Policy needs to be reviewed by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) before the Board starts negotiations with employees in the coming months.

Gail reported Ann and Nancy are compiling information for FEMA regarding the town's request for financial help following the big storm on July 1st.

Gail advised that Ramsey Yoder would like to speak to Eric regarding his 2nd driveway permit, he is willing to cut some trees.

Board reviewed FY 17 end of year reports, both highway and general budgets were under spent, but revenues were also under budget by nearly \$20,000.

Board reviewed FY18 budget to date report. Storm damage account is still missing Holcomb's invoice for gravel/fill for McCoy Road.

Board discussed the school's water leak problem, water meters at the fire house and school clearly show there is a leak, it is just not surfacing anywhere at the moment.

Cathy advised that MRUUSD is willing to pay for plowing the Church yard and for mowing the ball field during the summer months. She moved to accept this and to wait until next fiscal year to start charging them for trash removal, Matt 2nded, all voted in favor.

An inquiry was made regarding Ron Hill's trash accumulation on Mountain View Road – no information available.

Cathy asked that the request from REDC and RCC be remembered during budget time.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar,
Select Board Assistant