

**Town of Tinmouth
Select Board
July 13, 2017
Tinmouth Pond Pavilion
Minutes**

Select Board members present: Cathy Reynolds, Matt Patry, and Frank Sears

Others present: Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, Paul Morin, Marie Regimbald, Shane Yoder, Laurie Phillips, Grant Reynolds, Mike Smith, Tim Smith, Mike Brown, Jo Reynolds, Gary Rygh, Keith Hawkins, Alan Held, Hollis Squier, Kevin Ruane, Josh Carvajal – State Stream Alteration Specialist via telephone for part of the meeting, and Gail Fallar- Board Assistant

Frank called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM and welcomed everyone to the meeting being held at the Tinmouth Pond Pavilion.

Reviewed agenda – moved Marie to the top.

Board approved minutes of 6/8/16, 6/29/17, 7/3/17, and 7/11/17 as corrected for typos, moved by Cathy, 2nded by Matt, all voted in favor.

Marie expressed concern with the Board not sending them a letter asking them to attend a Board meeting to discuss issues regarding their use of the Town's right of way. She acknowledged that they were using the Town's right of way, as well as storing various items including an equipment/vehicle trailer. She also advised that the County Sheriff's Department had never visited their property. And that someone from the state had advised her that if a vehicle was registered it could park in the town's right of way.

Frank noted that the Board's concerns stemmed from numerous complaints regarding safety for traffic, pedestrians, and the Regimbalds themselves, asking that items be moved back out of the right of way. He also advised them not to work in the road and to keep the town's right of way clear.

There was discussion about the slope of the lot, the speed of traffic, relocating various pieces of equipment. In the end, Marie agreed to move what they could and get back to Gail within a week on the remainder (the dumpster and the white trailer).

A question arose about fences in the town's right of way – Board noted they are also not permitted, but they only go after them if safety issues are raised.

The Board will ask the Sheriff's Department to run radar in that vicinity to try to reduce the speed of traffic.

Eric noted that the rented roller had still not been repaired; he has repaired the major washout on Wright's Road and Merrill Spring Road. More work is necessary on various other roads; Hollis has been helping out; there is lots to do. He inquired about hiring the contractor that replaced the culverts on the Route 140 project to finish the repairs on McCoy Road – Board felt that would need to be put out to bid. Kevin expressed concern that the Town had not replaced the culverts on the Route 140 project, having bought a new excavator last year. Board noted that it had been part of the construction/paving bid. Kevin advised he would do the brush removal needed on McCoy Road.

Board signed a driveway permit for John Squier on North End Road, after discussion where concerns were expressed about the driveway for a camper (which might turn into a full time residence and need further permitting). Cathy moved, Frank 2nded and they both voted to approve. Matt voted no.

Gary and Keith were there to discuss the damage to McCoy Road, especially the upper section where the Town no longer owns about 510 feet of it. The July 1st storm ripped out culverts and caused havoc there and on the town road just below it. Gary thanked Eric and crew for the hard work getting the road repaired so that they could reach their property. The Board called Josh to discuss options for repairs. Gary noted that he wanted it fixed the right way, so that it wouldn't happen again. Josh noted that the culvert work done earlier did not have any state permits and was undersized.

Various options, conditions, size of structure, whether to replace the culverts with a bridge, what happens once it crosses the road, whether another landowner can be made to also install a like size structure, whether to move the stream bed to follow a more natural course which would entail the town again being responsible for it crossing under the town road, what was best for the stream, best for the town, best for the private property owners, could it be left as is (NO), a temporary permit could be issued – but the bridge would need to be built within a few months – it could be open bottomed with pre-cast blocks. Josh, who was on vacation, is willing to work with all parties involved to find the right solution.

In the end, it was agreed to meet on site in a week or two to look at options. Meeting will include the town, the state, and Gary and Keith (property manager).

Shane asked permission to run a sap line over Merrill Spring Road – going through the culvert is not really working. After discussion, Matt moved and Cathy 2nded to allow the line conditioned on it being at least 20 feet above the road. All voted in favor.

Board discussed Chris Lanfear's maple sap line on Wright's Road that now goes through a culvert (where a big wash-out occurred). It may need to be moved overhead or a conduit pushed through under the road, Eric will contact him to discuss the options.

Board discussed snow plowing for the church and school yard, still not certain of what is required, depends on the timing of the snow storm if the road crew will be around, willing to try for a year. Trash will be billed once a year – disposal is more recycling than trash. School will pay for mowing the school lawn and ball field. Currently the school does not pay for trash removal and pays for mowing the ball field only when school is in session. The town pays during the summer months when school is not open.

Board signed contract with the Rutland County Sheriff's Department for speed enforcement and general patrols for FY18 – six hours per week – more time spring summer and fall and less in the winter.

Board set the town tax rates at .6419 and .0004 (veteran's exemption) for a total of \$0.6423, Cathy moved, Matt 2nded, all voted in favor.

Gail asked the Board to extend the first property tax payment due date from August 15th to August 17th due to the Vermont Tax Department not releasing homestead corrections until July 14th. Cathy moved, Matt 2nded to make it so. All voted in favor. Tax payers need 30 days notice and tax bills won't be ready to mail by the 15th.

It was reported that while Ron Hill had disposed of the winter's trash, it was again building up on Mountain View Road.

Board set a meeting with Otter Creek Engineering for 6:00 PM on August 10th – preceding the regular monthly meeting.

The State's request regarding its 251 promotion was tabled until the August meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar Board Assistant