

**Town of Tinmouth
Select Board
September 13, 2017
Minutes for Town Plan Hearing and Regular Monthly Meeting**

Members present: Frank Sears, Cathy Reynolds, Matt Patry

Others present: Grant Reynolds, Lyle Jepson-Executive Director Rutland Economic Development Corp., Mary Cohen-Executive Director Rutland Regional Chamber of Commerce, Bob Lloyd, Jo Reynolds, Kim Harbaugh, Sherry Johnson, Eric Buffum-Road Commissioner, Scott Buzby, Penny Buzby, Doug Fontein, Robbie Leeds, Gail Fallar-Board Assistant

Frank called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, welcoming everyone, introducing the Select Board, asking for review of the agenda – added Mr. Jepson and Ms. Cohen and FEMA. Cathy moved and Matt 2nded to approve the 8/10/17 minutes, all voted in favor.

Town Plan Hearing was opened – Frank read the Planning Commission’s report of changes for the re-adoption of the Plan. Gail advised that Planning Commission members did the majority of the update and review. Frank commended the PC for its work, the depth involved that showed that Tinmouth cares about what it was, what it is, and what it hopes to be. Bob noted that the Rutland Regional Planning Commission will be reviewing it next week and the next re-adoption will not be required for eight years. After brief discussion, Matt moved to approve and adopt the 2017 Town Plan as presented, Cathy 2nded, all voted in favor.

Mr. Jepson and Ms. Cohen presented information regarding economic development and a regional marketing initiative which included census data, the need to bring more people to Rutland County, refuted the myth of lack of jobs in the area, etc. One facet included a request for a town representative on a marketing committee, and financial support equal to \$1 per person in town. The hope is that all communities in the County will contribute to this marketing strategy. They were advised that this request would be placed on the ballot for town meeting, and Mr. Jepson and Ms. Cohen were invited to speak at town meeting.

Eric reported paving was done, shouldering with gravel on the sides of the new paved road will be undertaken soon. Ronnie has returned from fighting fires out west, McCoy Road is in pretty good shape, Class 4 roads washouts are being addressed. Pent Road was discussed – Bob noted that owners on the Class 4 portion would like to do some restoration work, the Town will provide culverts. Eric will work with Bob and their contractor Leon Corey to determine what needs to be done. Bob noted they owned a gravel pit on the Gulf Road if it was needed – Eric will take a look.

Cathy explained work on the Master Plan completed so far, Options A, B, and C (and possibly D – just adding to the existing garage). The Options move various buildings (town garage/transfer station/salted sand shed) around seeking to find the right placement for their functions. Replacing the town garage and building a salted sand shed could be several hundred thousand dollars. Board wants to do it right the first time, it will more than likely require the Town to bond (borrow for long term) for the first time ever. Transfer Station facilities need to be addressed as well – the thought is to separate highway functions from transfer station functions for a variety of reasons. She noted she had written a grant for a salted sand shed, waiting to hear results. Members discussed whether these projects could be done in phases, or should be done all at once.

Doug and Robbie, representing the Tinmouth Conservation Commission, asked the Select Board in their consideration of the Master Plan, to consider recreation uses for part of the Town's 11 acres; in particular a Frisbee golf course, picnic tables, outdoor volley ball court, etc., and to keep access to that part of the parcel for future uses.

Board decided to hold a public forum to try to gather more input on the Master Plan and set a date of Saturday, October 7th. (This was later postponed until a later date.)

Risk Assessment and ATV use of town roads was tables until next meeting.

Scott and Penny expressed concern with safety on the East Road – pulling out of Chipmunk Crossing Drive can be very dangerous, vehicles are traveling too fast from both the north and south. They inquired whether the speed limit could be lowered or other steps taken. Select Board agreed to look into a blinking speed sign; advised that a traffic study would need to be done before the speed limit could be changed.

Penny requested permission to remove the old Coca Cola sign on the side of one of the box trailers at the transfer station. Board took no action at this time.

Gail reported that Marie Regimbald was unable to attend the meeting, but advised that they were still working on moving stuff out of the town's right of way – though Casella advised the current location of the dumpster is the safest place for it. Frank noted he had stopped by, but no one responded to his calls. He will try to contact them again.

Cathy noted 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 there is a meeting with a FEMA representative regarding the town's request for financial help following the big storm on July 1st that caused tens of thousands of dollars in damage to a number of town roads.

Board appointed Matt Patry Voting Delegate to the VLCT's annual meeting in October. Gail advised that VLCT had inquired about town folks who had 50 years or more of public service – those being Glenn W. Merrill and Marshall Squier – both founding members of the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department. VLCT is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Board discussed Ramsey Yoder's 2nd driveway permit. They do not want to cut trees as required by the permit or use it as a driveway (it was only built to be able to place a shed on the property), so they are willing to remove the culvert and place boulders in the opening. Board rescinded that permit.

Gail advised that Laurie Phillips, Health Officer, may be subpoenaed regarding the rental inspection she performed earlier this year.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar,

Select Board Assistant