

**Town of Tinmouth  
Select Board  
June 13, 2019**

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

Others present: Eric Buffum-Road Commissioner, Jo Reynolds, Grant Reynolds, Mildred Traina, Kim Harbaugh, and Gail Fallar – Select Board Assistant

Cathy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Board reviewed agenda, Eric requested to go first, added Vermont Community Leadership request.

**Highway ~**

**McCoy Road** ~ Eric reported project culverts were on site, by-pass culvert has been installed.

**Gulf Road** ~ Eric reported work was mostly done, still has to change one culvert but won't get to that by the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. He decided not to install the extra one due to opposition from a local farmer. Board inquired about total cost, not available at this time. Eric noted he had recently purchased a hay bale mulcher and wondered if the town would like to buy it for \$1500 or rent it from him at \$200 per day. Board took under advisement, will consider at next meeting.

**New Town Garage** ~ Board reviewed proposal from Otter Creek Engineering. After discussion, Cathy moved and Frank 2nded to hire Otter Creek for ground work, storm water planning and state permitting. Once permits are obtained, better cost estimates are possible before the bond vote. Cathy and Frank voted in favor, Michael abstained. Motion passed.

**New One Ton Truck** ~ Eric has not had time to prepare bids, will try to have ready for July Board meeting.

**Fuel Bids** ~ Board requested fuel bids for July meeting.

**Road Complaint** ~ Mildred expressed concern with recent cutouts made on her property. She advised they now direct water onto her property. She called the road commissioner and did not receive a reply, so she came to the Board. Has lived in town for 37 years and doesn't understand why this is being done now, rather than installing culverts. Eric advised that it was done to get water off the road rather than having it run down the road, and that it's been a really wet year. After discussion, Board asked Eric to take a look and report back. Eric asked Frank to go along.

**Roadside Mowing** ~ Frank moved and Cathy 2nded to again hire Hollis Squier to mow roadsides as a sub-contractor. They both voted in favor, Michael recused himself as Hollis is his uncle. Motion passed. Board would like it done as soon as possible to help control poison parsnip (needs to be cut before it goes to seed).

**Roads** ~ Eric presented Board prioritized list of roads and their conditions and work needed, no cost estimates were included.

**Gulf Road** ~ Eric advised it was not yet open, needed some gravel, trying to get grant work done first.

**Summer Road Crew Help** ~ Board discussed protocol, need to advertise on Front Porch Forum and Tales, CDL preferred, part time, \$15-\$20 per hour based on experience. Eric does have someone who may be interested.

**Members Concerns** ~ Board members noted there are grumblings about when roads will be graded, Eric advised as soon as the work on McCoy Road is done.

## **General Business ~**

**Minutes** of 5/9/19 and 5/30/19 were approved as written, Michael moved, Frank 2nded, all voted in favor.

Frank moved and Michael 2nded to approve monthly **financial report**, all voted in favor.

**Wallingford Town Line** ~ Board reviewed and signed letter to the Wallingford Select Board regarding the town line, once again asking them to attend a meeting in Tinmouth or to bring or send their information with them, and to leave the grand lists as agreed in 2017 in regards to Stan Taylor's property until both Boards can agree on a process to resolve the issue.

**Solid Waste Ordinance** ~ Board reviewed and accepted comments/suggestions from Pam Clapp, our Solid Waste District Coordinator, regarding the proposed ordinance. Frank moved to accept and adopt the Solid Waste Ordinance, Michael 2nded, all voted in favor.

**Old Business** ~ Right of Way Use on East Road – no progress. Trash on Mountain View Road – some has been moved, more remains. Frank advised as Health Officer he was still trying to get Sarah Munger to clean up the trash at 21 Maplebrook Lane, she advised she would begin within a week.

**Glebe Lands** ~ Grant advised that recent legislation dealt with glebe (lease) land – lots created with the first laying out of the town in 1761 for various purposes including for the propagation of the ministry, Church of England, etc., and much like ancient roads, can create a cloud on a property's title. The Legislature created a path for them to be extinguished if a town decides it no longer wants/needs them. There appears to be two such glebe lots – near the center of town and to the southeast of Tinmouth Pond. "Rent" was collected by the town until 1983 in Tinmouth and turned over to the school. Grant volunteered to research and create a list for the Board to consider, the original two lots having been subdivided a number of times in the last 200 years. The Board needs to decide by January 1, 2020.

**Financial Management Questionnaire** ~ Board reviewed and accepted document prepared by the town treasurer as required by state statute and the State Auditor of Accounts.

**Restoration and Preservation Reserve Fund** ~ Board renamed Records Restoration Fund to the "Restoration and Preservation Reserve Fund". The Restoration and Preservation Reserve Fund shall be used solely for restoration, preservation, digitization, storage, and conservation of municipal records. New legislation increased the per page fee for recording to \$15 and requires \$4 per page be set aside for this fund. Michael moved, Frank 2nded, all voted in favor.

**Unlicensed Dog Warrant** ~ Board signed unlicensed dog warrant, giving the Constables the authority to destroy those dogs remaining unlicensed. There are 10 or so owners who have yet to license their pets.

**Recycle Fees** ~ Board answered questions from Pam Clapp regarding whether the town was going to increase trash fees or start charging for recycling as the cost of processing recycling has gone from \$48 per ton to \$100. Board will consider at its next meeting, asked assistant to research what other towns are doing.

**Energy Committee** ~ Board appointed Todd Dennis to the Energy Committee. Cathy moved, Frank 2nded, all voted in favor.

**Federal Project Purchasing Policy** ~ Gail advised that a 'may' had to be changed to 'shall' in regards to the conflict of interest, in order to be approved by the Department of Public Safety and FEMA. Board made the change to the draft. This change had to be made by 6/14/19 or the town would no longer be eligible for federal money.

**Vermont Community Leadership Summit** ~ Vermont Council on Rural Development requested a nominee from the town. Michael volunteered to attend, Frank will go if Michael is unable.

**Member Concerns** ~ Michael advised that Gunner Morris, transfer station attendant, was willing to use the old town backhoe to crush trash and remove snow, and maintain it if need be. He used to be a big equipment operator. Board took under advisement.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar ~ Select Board Assistant