

**Town of Tinmouth
Select Board
February 13, 2020
Regular Meeting**

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

Others present: Michael Fannin-Emergency Management Director, Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Kim Harbaugh, and Gail Fallar – Select Board Assistant.

Cathy called the meeting to order at 7:03. Board reviewed agenda, Gail asked to add a request from the Tinmouth Milfoil Project, and Tinmouth Community Center Board. Board added and moved Michael Fannin to the top of the agenda.

Minutes of 1/9/20 were approved with correction of adding Jeff Ams' last name, Michael moved Frank 2nded, all voted in favor. Minutes of 1/21/20 were approved, moved by Frank, 2nded by Michael approved by all.

RRPC Mutual Aid Agreement ~ Michael Fannin, Emergency Management Director (EMD), reviewed final draft of the Rutland Regional Planning Commission's proposed Municipal Mutual Aid Agreement, noting it was voluntary and discretionary to assist another town if requested. Frank moved to adopt as presented and authorized Cathy to sign on behalf of the town. Michael Fallar 2nded, all voted in favor. Board then appointed the EMD and the Road Commissioner as Designated Officers and the Select Board as Alternate, positions, not particular people.

Financial Reports ~ Board reviewed monthly report, treasurer answered questions from members, Board approved as presented. Michael questioned usage of overtime, in reviewing the time sheets for the last eight weeks he noted that Eric had 120 hours of OT and Ronnie had 60. Eric advised that's just how it works out.

Highway ~

Eric advised that a property owner on North East Road is leaving lots of snow in the road as he plows across it, and that it has been an on-going problem. Eric has not spoken with the individual, Board asked Eric to do that and report back.

Board discussed pre-treating paved roads with salt product, conflicting information arose. Eric advised that it helps release the snow so that it doesn't stick and plows off clean – that's his goal.

Annual Highway Mileage ~ Board signed certificate, no change in mileage from 2019.

VTRANS Structures Grant ~ Application deadline is April 15th, Eric advised the culvert for Potter's Brook on North End Road was in need of replacing and it would be a big project. Board agreed by consensus and asked Eric to work on estimates for the March Board meeting.

Yoder/McGinley Driveway Permit ~ Board reviewed and signed a Driveway Permit for Ramsey Yoder and Denise McGinley for 294 North End Road, to replace previously granted permit for farther north along the road. Eric advised no culvert is needed.

Speed Limit on Route 140 ~ There was an inquiry regarding lowering the speed limit on Route 140 from the center going north. Frank volunteered to contact David Fox at the Rutland County Sheriff's Office to check on process. It is believed that a speed study would need to be conducted.

Others ~ Kim expressed concern with the removal of the school slide, wondered if it could be brought into compliance.

Tinmouth Community Center Board ~ Cathy reported (as the Select Board representative to the TCC Board) that the TCC Board had recently met to discuss which Board had authority over what. She noted that it was agreed that school issues should go to the principal (Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker) and then MRUUSD Operations Director (Gary Marcy) and issues with the Community Center should be directed to Rainbow Squier (TCC Building Coordinator) who would then contact Gary Marcy to work on a resolution. Everyone is to be cc'd on any communication – the TCC Board, Amy Martone-School Board Member, Rainbow Squier and Gail Fallar. Issues with the school building or grounds would need to go to the Select Board.

According to the Agreement signed by the Select Board and Tinmouth School Board, the TCC Board oversees the community center and the Select Board oversees the town green/grounds and the school building (also owned by the town). Cathy wondered if the TCC Board should have control of it all. After brief discussion, Michael Fallar moved and Cathy 2nded to have communications from MRUUSD regarding the school or grounds process to include the Select Board, the School Board member (currently Amy), the Principal and the Operations Director. All voted in favor.

Old Business ~

East Road Right of Way – no progress.

Trash on Mountain View – Newly adopted Ordinance goes into effect on March 9th. Frank advised he will be taking further action. Town has received on-going complaints. He also noted he had been contacted regarding trash accumulating on Ezra Stone Road, but believes that situation is being cleaned up.

DEC Notice of Violation re: Transfer Station~ Gail advised that the tires have been removed, the Closure Plan updated and submitted, the transfer station and the road crew were advised that they need to keep the tarp on the dumpster whenever the transfer station is not open. DEC personnel was satisfied with photos sent to confirm action taken.

New Business ~

Town Meeting Prep ~ Board agreed to post copies of the Select Board Annual report (found in the town report) to Front Porch Forum.

Personnel Review ~ Board discussed upcoming personnel review with Eric, Ronnie and Gail, would like to keep it simple – developed four questions to ask, will look for feedback from employees, what are the expectations, review Personnel Policy, can the SB help in any way. Meeting set for the 18th, weather permitting.

Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project ~ Gail, as TPMP President, asked for Board approval for TPMP to apply for a grant for aquatic nuisance control from the Department of Environmental Conservation. Board granted request.

Hazard Mitigation RFP ~ Board tabled until meeting on the 18th.

Executive Session ~

At 9:10, Cathy, based on advice of counsel, moved that the Select Board enter executive session, as premature disclosure regarding possible civil litigation with the Town of Wallingford would be detrimental to the interests of the town. Michael 2nded, all voted in favor.

At 9:25 Board exited executive session. Cathy moved to advise Jim Carroll Esq., town counsel, to proceed with negotiations per his recommendations regarding the dispute of the town line with Wallingford. Michael 2nded. All voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar

Select Board Assistant