

Tinmouth Planning Commission

January 20, 2022

Minutes

Regular Meeting and October Hill/NeighborWorks Subdivision Hearing

Members present in-person: Michael Fallar, Judy Gilmore, and Andy Gilmore

Members present via Zoom: Larry Carabeau, Vito Macaluso, Bob Lloyd, Pat Psholka, Rainbow Squier, and Kim Harbaugh

Others present: via Zoom - Steffanie Bourque – Rutland Regional Planning Commission; Kyle Medash – DEC Flood Plain Manager; and Sherry Johnson, in-person Gail Fallar, Secretary

Michael called the meeting to order at 7:04 and welcomed everyone.

Members reviewed the agenda, no changes.

Minutes of 12/16/21 were approved as written, Bob moved to approve, Judy 2nded, all voted in favor.

Kyle addressed the need for the Flood Hazard Regulations to be amended in order for the Town's application to participate in the National Flood Insurance Plan (NFIP) to be approved. Although there are not too many properties affected by the Flood Hazard maps, in order for those owners to be able to obtain flood insurance, the town has to be enrolled in the NFIP. NFIP approval would also increase the amount of emergency aide the town would receive in the event of a major storm event, the state's share would increase to 12.5 %. FEMA would pay 75% and the town's share would be 12.5 %. FEMA has concerns with the current regulations in a couple of places, Steffanie prepared amendments to address those concerns, using the state's model. Members reviewed – exempt activities were deleted and new ones added, non-conforming uses, variances were tweaked. Bob noted Tinmouth does not have a DRB (Development Review Board), Steffanie will change to the existing Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission. Members had no other concerns with the proposed changes. After brief discussion, Bob moved and Pat 2nded to approve and accept the proposed amendments with the edit for the DRB, and move them to a public hearing. All voted in favor.

Bob, as Tinmouth's representative to the RRPC, reported that at the RRPC's monthly meeting towns report what they are working on, lots of stuff – including Wallingford which is working on an 85 page Energy Plan.

Next meeting will be February 24th – to accommodate time to prep for hearing for proposed Flood Hazard Regulation Amendments.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar, Secretary