

Tinmouth Planning Commission
July 18, 2024
Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Members present via Zoom: Kim Harbaugh, Bob Lloyd, and Pat Psholka

Others: present in-person: Gail Fallar Secretary, and via Zoom: Sherry Johnson

Michael called the meeting to order at 7:06. Members reviewed the agenda, added the Select Board's request to meet with all committees and boards.

Minutes of 5/16/24 were read aloud by the secretary – Bob moved, Pat 2nded, to approve, all voted in favor.

There was no meeting in June, as the PC allowed the Select Board to use its Thursday meeting time. SBA thanked the PC for that.

Members decided by consensus to postpone discussion on the latest town plan draft to its August meeting.

Discussion of the draft Enhanced Energy Plan ensued. Members agreed that the word 'equity' was over used and undefined, and that perhaps *fairness* would be a better choice. Members also agreed that there should be a statement at the beginning of the document advising that 'any proposed project should be for the benefit of Tinmouth residents'.

Members felt this was a template for any town in Rutland County, and needed LOTS of editing to fit Tinmouth – for instance there no sidewalks or police stations, and The Bus is not going to create routes for Tinmouth. Once again it was evident that the state had provided voo-doo numbers for energy use by Tinmouth residents. Many instances of un-pertinent information were discussed as well.

Members suggested a possible energy goal would be to have the school district provide transportation so that there are not 30 or 40 vehicles dropping off and picking up students twice a day.

In the end, it was suggested that Jeremy from RRPC should listen/watch the video of the meeting before coming to the PC. It was also noted that perhaps he should have come to the PC before attempting a draft 'for' Tinmouth.

Ann advised that the Village Trust Initiative had over 80 applicants, and Tinmouth was not chosen to be one of their projects. It was noted that Tinmouth already has many of the attributes the Initiative was trying to establish in small towns.

Judy spoke to the Select Board's endeavor to better communicate with committees and boards, looking for the purpose, how that purpose is being met, and any issues the SB could help with. Each entity will be scheduled to meet with the SB in the coming months. The PC has been chosen for August. Members discussed the PC's purpose – planning, subdivision review, etc. – currently working on the update of the town plan, and most problematic at this point in time is the EEP. Michael will attend the SB meeting and invited all other members of the PC to attend as well.

Members expressed a big thank you to Bob Lloyd for his decades of planning in Tinmouth, his skills at map making, and noted that he is currently the longest serving PC member, having been appointed in 1998.

For the August 15th meeting, members were encouraged to review the town plan draft, decide what photos to keep, what needs replacing, consult with the Conservation Commission regarding photos from their recent photo contests.

Also at the August meeting, it is anticipated that there will be a subdivision application regarding Carol Baker's property. Members would like to schedule Jeremy from RRPC for their September meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Fallar, Secretary