

Tinmouth Planning Commission
May 16, 2024
Regular Meeting Minutes

Members present in-person: Michael Fallar, Vito Macaluso, Judy Gilmore, Andy Gilmore, Ann Lundquist, and Larry Carabeau

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

Others: present in-person: Gail Fallar Secretary

And via Zoom: Sherry Johnson

Michael called the meeting to order at 7:01 and welcomed everyone. Members reviewed the agenda, removed the energy discussion and added town plan update.

Minutes of 4/18/24 – Judy moved, Vito/Larry 2nded, to approve, all voted in favor.

Members discussed results of the Needs Assessment survey. General agreement that it confirmed what the PC already knew. There were lots of questions regarding the demographic information supplied by the Regional Planning Commission – need a definition of ‘vacant’ housing unit, Secretary will pursue answers from RRPC to clarify all the stats on the inside of the front cover. It was noted that 60% wanted Tinmouth to stay rural. There was support for a general store – it was noted that it has been tried unsuccessfully several times – best location would be on the East Road near the intersection with Route 140 – most of the traffic goes on one road or the other.

Lack of access to Tinmouth Pond was discussed; there are several owners who will allow access if asked; and a prior vote of townspeople declined to purchase the Pavilion to gain access. Affordable housing was also discussed – it is hard in a rural community as people have to drive everywhere – no bus service, etc.

Town Plan Update ~ Secretary reported the Jennifer Trepal has volunteered to help with editing the update, is currently reviewing work done by Ed Bove to determine what remains for the PC, in addition to the energy section – Jeremy from RRPC should be at the next meeting – waiting for grant and contract to be finalized.

Ann reported on the Village Trust Initiative, reviewed some of the requirements, they could provide wrap around services, but may need a “Trust” to undertake the project. Sponsors don’t want a town to do it, they are looking to build community engagement. After brief discussion, Pat moved and Larry 2nded to proceed with the intake form – Ann and Gail and the “Friends of the Old Creamery”. All voted in favor.

Next meeting is June 20, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar, Secretary