

Tinmouth Planning Commission
September 19, 2024
Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Members present via Zoom: Kim Harbaugh and Pat Psholka

Others: present in-person: Gail Fallar Secretary

And via Zoom: Sherry Johnson, Jeremy Gildrien-RRPC, Melody Squier, and Jennifer Trepal

Michael called the meeting to order at 7:00. He acknowledged Bob Lloyd's resignation after 26 years as a PC member and his tremendous contribution to planning, zoning and mapping, and his dedicated service to Tinmouth and the PC. Thank you Bob.

Members reviewed the agenda and amended it: to delete report from the PC meeting with the Select Board, as that happened at the last meeting. (Oops)

Minutes of 8/15/24, Andy moved, Larry 2nded, to approve, all voted in favor.

Jeremy advised that he had read the July PC minutes and watched the video of that meeting. He suggested taking a step back and look at the big picture, and then create a work plan. There was much discussion about what is required for an enhanced energy plan to meet RRPC certification and state approval, whether the result – the town having *substantial deference* in a Public Utility Commission hearing regarding an energy project – would be worth the effort. Much discussion about how to define equity. . . does fairness equal equity?

Members discussed whether to simply update the 2017 Energy Section or update the 2020 Enhanced Energy Section.

Maps from 2020 version, showing where there were no constraints on energy sites may need to be updated, and there would be fewer maps required. Jeremy noted the state requires certain policies but allows towns to determine what actions are needed. He also stated that the state is not requiring any town to adopt an enhanced energy plan, it's optional. He suggested that the PC work on 1 or 2 sections at a time, perhaps with a working group as opposed to the full PC. The Town Plan does require an energy section.

Members will review information Jeremy sent prior (and will send again) and try to decide at the October meeting whether to proceed with the EEE.

Melody advised that Marshall is still interested in serving on the PC. There are others considering it as well.

Next meeting is October 17th,

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Fallar, Secretary