

Tinmouth Planning Commission

October 24, 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

Michael called the meeting to order at 7:00. He welcomed all and asked for a moment of silence to honor Bob Lloyd who recently passed. He served 26 years as a PC member and was a tremendous asset to Tinmouth's planning, zoning and mapping. He will be missed.

Gail advised that she had asked Bob for words of wisdom as this year's town report is going to be dedicated to him and this was his reply, *"Try very hard to maintain the values that have kept Tinmouth the special, working rural town that it has been for over two hundred years. If these values are lost, they will be gone forever."*

Members reviewed the agenda – no changes.

Minutes of 9/19/24 - Judy moved to approve, Vito 2nded, all voted in favor.

Enhanced Energy Plan (EEP) – Vito read his proposed disclaimer, advised that substantial deference is important to have so the EEP is needed. Members discussed pros and cons of obtaining EEP approval, in the end members agreed to move forward, and began review of the draft plan earlier sent by Jeremy from RRPC. He will assist in this process. Members are still concerned with data provided by the state, it seems it is just not representative of Tinmouth – though it would look like Tinmouth was meeting its goals when actual data is used at a future date.

Due to Bob's resignation, there are two vacancies – after brief discussion, Michael moved and Ann seconded that the PC recommend Judy Gilmore to the Select Board to be Tinmouth's representative to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission. All voted in favor. Regarding the vacancy on the PC, there are three people interested – Marshall Squier, Robbie Leeds, and Joe Buffum. They will be invited to the next PC meeting to discuss interest and possibilities.

Members decided to spend half of the November meeting reviewing the EEP draft and half reviewing the Town Plan. Mid-May is the target date to have both ready to begin adoption process, the PC has to have a hearing, and the Select Board also has to have a hearing before adoption – current plan expires in early September 2025.

Next meeting is November 21st.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Fallar, Secretary