

Tinmouth Planning Commission
January 16, 2025
Regular Meeting Minutes

Members present in-person: Michael Fallar, Joe Buffum, Vito Macaluso, Judy Gilmore, and Andy Gilmore
Members present via Zoom: Ann Lundquist and Kim Harbaugh (absent Pat Psholka and Larry Carabeau)
Others: present in-person: Gail Fallar Secretary
And via Zoom: Sherry Johnson and Melody Squier (at 7:50)

Michael called the meeting to order at 7:02, welcomed all, and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Members reviewed the agenda – Judy asked to add a brief discussion regarding meeting recording retention.

Minutes of 12/19/24 – Judy moved to approve, Vito 2nded, all voted in favor.

Secretary advised that she had sent Judy's copy with proposed changes to Jeremy at RRPC a week ago. She thanked Judy for providing that. She also sent the agenda for tonight's meeting and a reminder this afternoon – no response from Jeremy who had been expected to discuss work done to date.

As he did not attend, members continued review of the draft Enhanced Energy Plan (EEP) – marked up working copy, from the Electric section to the end. Concern was raised about relying only on one form of energy – electricity - noting that it has been subject to outages for years, with more demand that would have to be improved. That heat pumps although are improving, still do not work in cold temperatures. Members wondered if the existing map showing preferred areas for solar projects could be used? Jeremy's help is needed with these last few pages.
Members also worked on the Universal Policy – page 4 – discussed difficulty in defining equity, suggested including actions already being taken in Tinmouth to assist the underserved, those in need, etc.

Judy advised that the Select Board was discussing a request to keep all meeting videos posted on the Town's website – the SB had decided last summer to follow the Vermont Secretary of State's advice to delete them from the Town's website after 30 days once written minutes are approved. Concern was raised regarding security, personal information being available for AI searches, the need to manage information – AI protocols, other way to record that is not YouTube, etc. In the end, members agreed by consensus that the information should be kept on the Town's computer, but not on the Internet.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 20th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Fallar, Secretary