

Tinmouth Planning Commission
February 20, 2025
Regular Meeting Minutes

Members present in-person: Michael Fallar, Larry Carabeau, Judy Gilmore, Andy Gilmore, and Joe Buffum

Members present via Zoom: Ann Lundquist, Kim Harbaugh, Vito Macaluso, and Pat Psholka

Others: present in-person: Cris Carabeau and Gail Fallar Secretary

And via Zoom: Sherry Johnson, Melody Squier, Nelson and Betti Jaquay

Michael called the meeting to order at 7:00, welcomed and introduced all – in-person and on Zoom.

Members reviewed the agenda – no changes.

Minutes of 1/16/25 – Andy moved to approve, Larry 2nded, all voted in favor.

Members discussed the Notice of Intent to File an application with the Public Utilities Commission from Industrial Wireless Technologies, Inc, for a Certificate of Public Good for the construction of a wireless telecommunications facility at 440 Route 140. There is a need to research the process – this notice gives 60 days before the application is submitted. Does the town respond before or after the application is filed? It was noted that the Select Board and the Planning Commission need to determine whether this project complies with the current town plan.

Nelson expressed concern with the proposed tower, only 480 feet from his house there are health risks from the micro waves emitted. This is a beautiful valley, they have lived there 58 years, love this town the way it is, wants consideration. He thanked the PC for listening, it's about health and the quality of life for them and the Town.

Questions regarding why it would be in the belly of the valley, height above surrounding trees, etc. Members were encouraged to come up with more questions and to review the town plan regarding this project. Kim advised the Town may need legal advice and technical support.

Vito suggested reviewing Annette Smith's "When a Tower Comes to Town" article written in 2022. It will be scanned and sent to members.

Judy, as Tinmouth's RRPC representative, reported on progress being made on the Rutland Regional Plan update. There were a few contentious moments at the recent RRPC meeting. The Plan has to follow state mandates/statutes or it won't be approved.

Members continued update of the Town Plan – still working on pictures – Ann has looked at some that Vito sent, she will forward her choices to Gail to distribute to members. Gail advised she is still working on the listing, zoning and school sections to update the information.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 20th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Fallar, Secretary