

Tinmouth Planning Commission
March 20, 2025
Regular Meeting Minutes

Members present Michael Fallar, Ann Lundquist, Joe Buffum, Andy Gilmore, Judy Gilmore and Larry Carabeau; and via Zoom Kim Harbaugh, Pat Psholka and Vito Macaluso.

Others present: Gail Fallar, Sec. and via Zoom Jeremy Gildrien-RRPC, Sherry Johnson, Melody Squier, Nelson and Betti Jaquay.

Gail, as Town Clerk, called the meeting to order at 7:00, for the purpose of the annual re-organization, and asked for nominations for Chair – Michael was the only nominee, duly chosen. Nominations for Vice Chair, Vito was nominated and duly elected. Gail was chosen to remain as Secretary.

Michael resumed as Chair, welcomed everyone. Introductions – those present and those on Zoom. Members reviewed the agenda – no changes.

Minutes of 2/20/25 – approved by consensus.

Jeremy Gildrien from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission, advised that he had reviewed notes made by members updating the Enhanced Energy Plan, and incorporated into a new draft – he had questions regarding a few of them. There was much discussion with various PC proposed changes. Jeremy advised that he had thrown a lot into the draft, the PC did not have to accept it all, but that certain things had to be in there in order to be approved as meeting the standards set by the State. The PC was asked to compose several paragraphs regarding information pertinent to Tinmouth – Judy volunteered. Existing maps were discussed, not all are needed, RRPC will provide updates due to change in mapping standards, but Jeremy advised that the 2020 maps can also be included. Support for getting EEP approval was expressed to ensure that the Town has substantial deference at the Public Utilities Commission.

Members discussed the proposed radio tower across from the cemetery. Zoning Administrator Gail Fallar advised that the project does not comply with the Town Plan or Zoning Bylaws – its proposed location is in the Protection District, which only allows agriculture and forestry. There will be a public meeting with the Select Board, hopefully in mid-April once the company has conducted its balloon float. (A 4-8 foot red balloon is flown at the height of the proposed tower – 160 plus the 13 feet of antennae – to gauge scenic impacts.) Concern was raised again about the microwaves that would be emitted and the detrimental effects of those.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 17th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar, Secretary