

**Town of Tinmouth
Select Board
Thursday, November 14, 2024
Meeting Minutes (Regular)**

Members present (in-person): Kevin Eaton, Judy Gilmore, and Melody Squier

Others present:

In-person: Eric Buffum-Road Commissioner, Randy Clark – Allegiance Trucks, Michael Fallar, Marshall Squier, David Levant, and Gail Fallar-Select Board Assistant (SBA)

Via Zoom and phone: Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, Rick Fallar, Tom & Deb Bromley, Theresa Dana, and Cathy Reynolds

Kevin called the meeting to order at 7:00, welcomed everyone, and asked for a moment of silence for Bob Lloyd, to honor his many years of dedication and service to Tinmouth

Members reviewed the **agenda**, moved some things to the November meeting, added executive session.

Minutes of 10/10/24 Judy moved, Kevin 2nded to approve as written, 10/16/24 with addition of ‘Select’ in front of Board in the last sentence, all voted in favor.

Theresa Dana requested two dump tickets for the School Parents Club’s raffles, Melody moved, Kevin 2nded all voted in favor.

Citizen’s Input ~ Sherry thanked Eric for the blinking light on the stop sign at the intersection of Mtn View and Route 140, it is slowing down some drivers. She also thanked Kevin and Alex Eaton, and Butch Towsley for taking care of a tree in the road on East Road, and an unknown person who put out traffic cones.

Highway ~

Randy Clark, from Allegiance Trucks, reviewed the **warranty** on the 2022 truck, the repair that was required to the rear end and why it was not covered by the warranty. Long story short, it boiled down to the warranty only covers failure of a part from the manufacturer.

Eric reported the road crew is getting ready for winter, requested approval to repair the grizzley – the screen used for sifting the sand - will cost about \$1,500, using waste blocks it will be movable in the future if need be, SB agreed by consensus.

West Tinmouth winter maintenance was discussed, Eric advised he had spoken to a couple of guys about it, had informal bids. After discussion, the Board decided it needed to formally go out to bid (last year the cost was over \$15,000). Then discussed if it should be bid by the season, or by each plowing & sanding on McCoy and the western end of Gulf Road; considered hiring Glenn Merrill to work part time and having the Town take care of them. Discussed how to notify those interested – emails, posting in local stores, Front Porch Forum. In the end, the SB agreed to bid the two roads for the winter season, sand to be provided by the plow guy, using the Town’s Plowing policy. Board decided to have a special meeting on December 4th to open the bids. Board then moved several other agenda items to the special meeting on the 4th.

McNamara Road – Melody requested permission to bore a water line under McNamara Road to provide water for her animals. After discussion, Board authorized the Road Commissioner to oversee the project, needs to be at least 4’ deep, and Dig Safe will need to be called regarding fiber optic cable.

Financial ~

Bills and Orders ~ Board reviewed warrants, Judy moved and Melody 2nded to approve all. All voted in favor. Payroll warrants #15, 16,17,18, and 19 ; and Accounts Payable warrants #14, 15, 16, and 17 .

ARPA ~ Board discussed whether the speed cart – which be voted on at town meeting- should be funded with ARPA money, Capital Bldg or Equipment Fund - \$15K or so. No decision.

REMC – Judy moved and Melody 2nded to re-appoint Ray Pratt, EMD and Matt Patry, EMC, to the Rutland Emergency Management Committee (REMC), all voted in favor.

Pavilion Next Steps ~ Board discussed the water issue, Otter Creek Engineering would like to dig test pits in the Spring, but advised the building could be built without the ditch work, but that doing the ditching work might present a problem. Still waiting for paperwork from BGS – (granting agency) to determine whether the state will require going out to bid. Marshfield and VT Timber Frames need to be updated with the status, as the MOU has expired.

Michael requested the Select Board put the question to voters at town meeting. After discussion, the Board advised they would look into it.

Planning Commission and RRPC Vacancies ~ Michael as PC Chair, advised that the PC would like to interview the 3 people interested in serving on the PC in order to make a recommendation to the SB. He advised that the PC voted unanimously to recommend Judy Gilmore be appointed as Tinmouth's representative to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission. Marshall recommended David Levant, he's not a member of the Tinmouth PC. David spoke to his interest in being involved but upon hearing the PC made a unanimous decision, he withdrew his name, advising he was willing to serve in the future, happy to help. Board appointed Judy to the RRP.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar, Select Board Assistant