

**Town of Tinmouth
Select Board
Tuesday, March 24, 2025
Special Meeting Minutes**

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

Others present:

Via Zoom: Kevin Molinari - Dimmick Group Peterbilt, Rick Fallar and Sherry Johnson

In-person: Eric Buffum - Road Commissioner, Michael Fallar, Marshall Squier, Cathy Reynolds, Doug Fontein, Blake McKee-Allegiance Trucks, and Gail Fallar-SB Assistant

Kevin called the meeting to order at 8:15, welcomed everyone.

The first purpose of the special meeting was to review the truck bids. Board considered cost with trade-in and cost without, various warranties and their cost, availability, Peterbilt backed out features not listed in the specs – and how that affected their proposal. Lots of discussion about build times, delivery times, transmissions, warranty coverage, tariffs and their effect on availability of parts, keeping the 2019 truck (has 43K miles) as a spare, etc.

*Allegiance bid \$ 174,845 with \$30,000 trade-in

*Peterbilt bid after adjustments \$174,401 with \$49,800 trade-in

In the end, Melody moved to purchase the Peterbilt with no trade-in, Judy 2nded, all voted in favor. Kevin from Peterbilt noted that the truck had to be ordered by March 31st.

The second purpose of this meeting was to discuss the pavilion and the group that is proposing it.

Gail noted for the record that the Zoning Board of Adjustment – which met earlier in the evening- had approved the Conditional Use Permit for the structure, and that there is an appeal period.

Kevin noted that VLCT PACIF – the Town’s insurance carrier, advised that the Town needed to oversee the project, and that volunteer equipment being used needed to provide proof of insurance – the Town’s insurance would not cover it. There has been no town committee appointed.

Much discussion about how the SB would oversee – day to day decisions needed would be problematic due to the Open Meeting Law requirements.

In the end, the group who worked on the proposal, decided to be called the “Pavilion Project”. Melody was appointed as Select Board liaison and will keep the Board in the loop. The Board appointed Cathy Reynolds as the Clerk of the Works and Doug Fontein as the Project Manager, both volunteered their time and talent.

Discussion then turned to the wooden frame to be purchased from the Town of Marshfield and TimberFrame VT. A proposal to send an offer of less than the \$40K was discussed. Board agreed to send an offer of \$30K and authorized Kevin to negotiate up to \$40K if that offer was declined/refused.

Melody asked who signs letter of grant acceptance for the BGS Recreation Grant. Kevin signed as Chair.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar, Select Board Assistant