

**Town of Tinmouth
Select Board
Thursday, October 9, 2025
Meeting Minutes (Regular)**

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

Others present:

In-person: Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Ann Lundquist, and Gail Fallar-Select Board Assistant (SBA)

Via Zoom: Cheryl Gonzalez – MRUUSD Superintendent, Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, and Rick Fallar

Kevin called the meeting to order at 7:00 and welcomed everyone.

Members reviewed the **agenda** – moved letter to MRUUSD to the top.

Judy read the SB draft letter to the **Mill River Unified Union School District (MRUUSD)** regarding lack of maintenance at the Community Center and School – as required by the 2016 Agreement between the Town and the School District. Board approved and signed. It will be dropped off at the SU on Friday, along with the letter from the Community Center Board.

Cheryl advised that is committed to working collaboratively to get the repairs done. Is willing to take a walk-about prior to the MRUUSD Board meeting on the 15th at the Community Center. A contractor has been hired to do the repair on the kitchen wall before cold weather. The Board expressed concern that the damage may be major due to its repair not being done sooner. She explained the bid process required and lack of contractors willing to submit a bid. She also noted that the concern should be directed to the MRUUSD's Building and Grounds Committee first.

Sherry Johnson expressed concern with the handicap ramp and the need for it to be repaired before the fire department's game supper in late November.

The Board asked the local contractors/carpenters be included in the bid process.

Minutes of 9/2/25, 9/11/25, 9/23/25 and 9/29/25 were not yet ready, tabled until next meeting.

Citizen's Input ~ None

Highway ~

Eric noted paving is done, gravel shouldering on the road side of the new pavement will happen soon

Financial ~

Treasurer advised that the end of year reports are still being worked on.

Bills and Orders ~ Board reviewed warrants. Judy moved and Melody 2nded to approve and accept, all voted in favor. Payroll warrants #11, 12, 13, and 14 and accounts payable #6, 7, and 8.

Kevin moved and Judy 2nded to transfer the **former ARPA funding** that was transferred to the Capital Building (\$15K) and the Old Creamery Project (\$20K), then back to the General Fund due to ARPA rules, back to the respective special funds as part of the FY25 fund balance. All voted in favor.

Attorney for PUC Process – Gail advised that a draft PUC decision denied the ITW application for a Certificate of Public Good, based on substantial deference to the Tinmouth Town Plan and Zoning Regulations. ITW still has time to appeal. After brief discussion, Kevin moved and Melody seconded to hire Andrew D. Cliburn, Esq. and the firm DesMeules, Olmstead & Ostler,

conditioned on ITW appealing the PUC draft decision – deadline is October 13th. All voted in favor. A donor has already wired the \$10,000 retainer fee.

After brief discussion, Kevin moved and Melody 2nded to apply for a Municipal Planning Grant with the assistance of RRPC, for updating the **Local Hazard Mitigation Plan** due to expire in April of 2026. All voted in favor.

Recreation Committee Appointment ~ The Recreation Committee recommended Chris Martone be appointed by the Select Board to the Rec. Committee. Board appointed him.

Treasurer advised that the late **Annie Robbins** donated \$5,000 to the Town to be passed along to the Tinmouth Community Fund (\$3K) and the Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project (\$2K). The Board expressed appreciation to Annie for including these organizations in her will.

Members Concerns ~ Kevin expressed concern with the amount of trash scattered on the ground at the transfer station, current culprits of pulling it out of the dumpster and spreading it around appear to be ravens/crows. A new wire mesh cover is being worked on - the current tarp was easily damaged by the birds/bears.

Salt shed – Board discussed abundance of hoop buildings appearing on Facebook Market place – need to revisit that subject – added to agenda for the November meeting.

Pavilion Use Guidelines – discussed edits, need to define ‘neat and tidy’ and add a welcome message. Added to November agenda as well.

Mail/Correspondence:

Next meeting: November 13, 2025 – Regular

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar, Select Board Assistant