

**Town of Tinmouth
Select Board
Thursday, December 11, 2025
Meeting Minutes (Regular)**

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

Others present:

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

Via Zoom: Sherry Johnson and Rick Fallar

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

Members reviewed the **agenda** – added a request from the Listers to correct the description of acres on a subdivided lot.

Minutes of November 11, 2025 (regular) and December 1, 2025 (hearing for Town Plan). Kevin moved and Melody 2nded to approve with correction to spelling of ‘police’, changing Xmas to Holiday, and adding the time Board entered executive session, all voted in favor. Board also inquired about photos of before repair work on the Community Center over the kitchen was done.

Citizen’s Input ~ None

Highway ~

Eric advised that the road crew was busy plowing, sanding and salting. The black tandem blew a major hydraulic hose, road crew repaired.

West Tinmouth winter road maintenance – Eric advised that Glenn is not available this year, road crew has been trying to do it, as time allows, depending on the storm. He would like to find someone to plow and sand over there. He has spoken with Martelle Property Services, they are willing to do it for \$7,500 – bill up to that amount, won’t go over. No money in the budget for that this year. After more discussion, Kevin offered to try it for a month – using the Town’s 550 dump truck – Eric noted it would depend on the timing of the storm. He would like to install a camera on the new Aines’ barn to keep an eye on the snow – it sometimes does not snow there when it is here, and vice versa. He will check with Dale.

Eric reported the sander for the one ton (550) is nearly ready for use.

Draft Highway Budget for FY27 – Board reviewed, made suggestions – more chloride for summer grading – would like repair list from FY25 to help with setting amount for next year.

Generator at the Town Garage – waiting for electrician.

Salt/Sand Shed – Need to check Stormwater Permit time frame, Board gave Eric permission to remove stumps and a big tree in location.

Financial ~

End of year FY 25 reports were reviewed and approved.

Bills and Orders ~ Board reviewed warrants. Judy moved and Melody 2nded to approve and accept, all voted in favor. Payroll warrants #20, 21,22, and 23 and accounts payable warrants #14, 15, 16,17, and 18.

FY27 Draft General Budget – briefly reviewed.

Highway Safety Grant – Removing ledge, replacing guard rails, etc, Eric will get estimates for January meeting.

Old Business ~

Kevin provided update, occupants at 605 Mountain View Road are willing to work with the town. He will get quotes for next meeting.

Pavilion Use Guidelines – Still a work in progress, refer alcohol use to Community Center Guidelines, added to January agenda.

Radio Tower Update ~ Still waiting for the PUC (Public Utility Commission) to decide how to proceed.

Town Plan Re-Adoption ~ After brief discussion, Kevin moved and Melody 2nded to adopt the new proposed 2025 Tinmouth Town Plan, all voted in favor. Kevin thanked the Planning Commission for its work. Michael, PC Chair, expressed appreciation for all the time and efforts PC members put into it.

Gail noted the Rutland Regional Planning Commission was planning on its review for its January meeting.

Re-Imagine Conference – Judy, Melody and Michael attended, gave brief reports – all noted the best part was being able to talk to other towns about similar problems - grant frustrations and lack of information, and that rural development is different in Tinmouth than even neighboring towns. Size of the town didn't matter much.

Holiday Bonus ~ Board agreed by consensus to provide a \$150 holiday bonus to the road crew, transfer station crew and town office crew.

Members Concerns ~ Open Meeting Webinar – agendas have to be posted 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Mail/Correspondence: None

Next meeting: January 8th

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar, Select Board Assistant