

**Town of Tinmouth
Select Board
Thursday, January 22, 2026
Meeting Minutes (Special)**

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

In-person: Ann Lundquist, Robbie, Ryker and Felix Leeds, and Gail Fallar-Select Board Assistant (SBA)

Via Zoom: Sherry Johnson and Kim Harbaugh

Kevin called the meeting to order at 5:00 and welcomed everyone.

Members moved the Recreation Committee's request for a special article for Town Meeting to the top to allow Robbie to go first.

Robbie explained that the Recreation Committee had received a donation of \$1,000 and would like to have that available on an on-going basis, so asked that the Select Board add an article to the town meeting warning for voters to create a special fund for the Recreation Committee – to be overseen by the Rec. Committee, with approval of the SB. Melody moved and Judy 2nded to add an article to the town meeting warning as requested. All voted in favor. Robbie and his boys then left the meeting.

After brief review, Melody moved and Judy 2nded to approve the draft FY27 highway budget for the warning of \$717,600, all voted in favor. And Kevin moved and Melody 2nded to approve the draft FY27 general budget of \$288,605, all voted in favor.

Members noted the need to explain to voters the articles that are asking voters to transfer some of the General Fund, fund balance to special reserve funds – that the fund balance was created over a number of years and that this is a way to add extra money to these projects without having to raise taxes. These include \$30K for the Re-appraisal Fund (now required to be done every 6 years), \$40K for the Equipment Fund (prices are increasing dramatically), and \$40K for the Capital Building Fund (a sand/salt shed is still needed).

After a brief discussion, Judy moved and Melody 2nded to add another article to the warning, to transfer up to \$10,000 for legal fees for the tower proposal. All voted in favor.

Judy then moved and Melody 2nded to approve the special articles and approve the Warning as written for the March 3, 2026 Town Meeting, with the informational meeting being held on February 28th. All voted in favor.

Board discussed applying for a State Small Safety Grant – to replace guardrails on Mountain View Road and to remove trees and ledge in Crampton's Woods – maximum of \$50,000. Kevin moved, Judy 2nded and all voted in favor.

Board signed the annual Milage Certificate required by VTRANS. No changes in mileage in the last year.

Meeting adjourned at 5:28.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar, Select Board Assistant