

**Town of Tinmouth  
Select Board  
Thursday, May 14, 2026  
Meeting Minutes (Regular)**

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

Others present:

In-person: Ronnie Crossman- Acting Road Commissioner and Gail Fallar-Select Board Assistant (SBA), as well as 26 townspeople and another 15 Via Zoom

**Kevin** called the meeting to order at 7:02 and welcomed everyone.

Members reviewed the **agenda** – move the ATV discussion to the top due to the many folks attending .

**Minutes** of April 9, 2026 and April 23, 2026 meetings, Judy moved and Melody 2nded to approve as corrected (corrected \$6-10 to \$6-10K , and ‘on’ to ‘in’ regarding condition of the big culvert), all voted in favor.

**ATV ~ Darren Babin** requested that the Board consider allowing ATV’s/Side by Side vehicles to travel on town roads, and presented a sample ordinance for them to review. He advised that there are several towns that allow them and other towns are working on the issue. He spoke about plans to form a club, noted that users would have to be 16 years old, have a driver’s license, the vehicle would need to be registered and insured among other things. The Board listened to many of those present discuss their support of the proposal, the benefits, the steps the club would take, fun and safe activities for families, etc. Only two or three voiced concerns with noise, enforcement, safety of other drivers, private landowners right, dead end roads, speed, etc.

After about an hour and a half of discussion, the Board advised they would hold a special meeting to allow the ATV group to present their proposal to town folks and for them to be able to ask questions. The Board also advised that they wanted voters to have a chance for input at the general election in November. Most of those attending then left the meeting.

**Citizen’s Input** ~ Only what was mentioned above.

**Highway** ~

**Ronnie** noted that Eric was injured and would be out for a while. He and Glenn are continuing with summer work, grading, maintenance, etc. The 550 is having its brakes fixed at Shaw’s in Wallingford, for less than half what Formula Ford quoted. They will be doing crack sealing on paved roads in June.

**Paving Bids** ~ Board opened bids.

Fuller Sand & Gravel bid \$89.00 per ton and \$1,000 for shouldering 0% Recycled Asphalt Product

Pike Industries bid \$98.25 per ton and \$6,000 for shouldering 15% Recycled Asphalt Product

Wilk Paving bid \$99.35 per ton and \$10,335 for shouldering 15% Recycled Asphalt Product

Kevin moved and Melody 2nded to award the contract to **Fuller Sand & Gravel**. All voted in favor.

**Stormwater Permit** ~ After brief discussion Melody moved and Kevin 2nded to hire Otter Creek Engineering to help renew the Town’s stormwater permit for the town garage, cost is \$1,200. All voted in favor. State requires an engineer.

**Salt/Sand Shed Bids** ~ Board opened bids.

Britespan (Eagle) bid #1 72’ x’80’ = 5760 square feet - \$182,331 with upgrade to cover \$188,866

and #2 70’ x 84’ = 5880 square feet - \$163,138 with upgrade to cover \$168,896

Greystone bid 65’ x’84’ = 5460 square feet - \$135,710 upgrade to cover \$3,400, engineering \$3,350

Calhoun (Lussier) bid 72’ x’80’ = 5760 square feet - \$108,660 upgrade to cover \$3,000

After discussion, Judy volunteered to do a comparison, so the Board decided to hold on a decision until Judy has a chance to review them to make sure they are all bidding on the same structure. Will discuss at special Board meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Driveway Permit** ~ 690 Route 140 – Cole Elmendorf and Rainbow Squier, after brief discussion, Judy moved and Kevin 2nded to approve with conditions. Driveway is being moved to the north to allow better access and sight.

**Ash Tree Removal Update** ~ David Birdsall reported that work was not complete, lots of brush remains, some confusion about who was doing what, who was getting what wood, etc. David noted that “logging is messy”. About \$4K has been spent. Discussion of need to chip brush – could be expensive to do that. Board advised more trees could be cut along McNamara Road to round out Phase 1 (\$5K). Board will revisit plan in July for Phase 2.

**Larry Carabeau** ~ Larry reported a large strip of his alfalfa field died due to the Town plowing snow to create a ‘snow’ fence to keep snow from drifting onto the East Road on his farm. He can’t reseed alfalfa until next year. He provided a photo. Board took under advisement, made no decision.

#### **Financial ~**

**FY26 Financial Report** - 4/30/26 was reviewed and approved.

**Bills and Orders** ~ Board reviewed warrants. Judy moved and Melody 2nded to approve and accept, all voted in favor. Payroll warrants #42, 49, 44, 45, and 46 and Accounts Payable warrants #35 and 36.

#### **New Business ~**

**Liquor Licenses** ~ After brief discussion, Judy moved and Kevin 2nded to approve liquor licenses for Tinmouth Road House/ Corey Best, all voted in favor.

**Grand List Extension** ~ After brief discussion, Board agreed by consensus to request a 30 day extension to deadlines for the Listers to file the 2026 Grand List. Kevin signed

**Special Meeting** ~ Board decided to meet on May 21st at 6:30 to review bids for the proposed salt/sand shed and complete balance of agenda, and to meet with the Planning Commission at 7:00 in executive session to consult with the town’s attorney regarding litigation.

**Members Concerns** ~ None

**Mail/Correspondence:** None

**Executive Session** – Board entered Executive Session to discuss personnel issues at 9:15, exited at 9:43. Kevin moved and Judy 2nded to pay the acting road commissioner/road foreman \$30 per hour until Eric is able to return to work. All voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar, Select Board Assistant