

**Town of Tinmouth
Select Board
September 13, 2018
Regular Meeting**

Members present: Michael Fallar and Cathy Reynolds

Others present: Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Paul Morris-First Constable, Kim Harbaugh, Sherry Johnson, Jo Reynolds, Grant Reynolds, and Gail Fallar – Select Board Asst.

Michael called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Board reviewed agenda, added heat at the Old Fire House, Susan Lloyd Scholarship, and winter salt.

Minutes of 8/22/18 and 8/31/18 were approved as written. Cathy moved, Michael 2nded both voted in favor.

Highway – Eric reported Ronnie is back from fighting wild fires out west. They have been hauling sand, new truck is working great. He expressed concern that the school bus was stopping at the bottom of the hill at 639 East Road, it's a very dangerous place for that, especially for someone traveling from the south, coming over the brow of the hill. Board advised it was a school board issue and Mill River Unified Union School District should be contacted.

No more progress on the chloride discussion.

Michael raised concerns with the condition of some roads and lack of maintaining cut outs. Eric would prefer there not be any cutouts but the roads are not in shape yet (roads need a crown and to have the berms at the edges removed so the water can easily drain into the ditch). He is maintaining some of them, one of those things to work on. Concern was expressed over the ditching work on Upper Gulf Road, Eric advised he did not make it deeper, but it is wider as the bottom is supposed to be more rounded.

Procurement Policy – needs to have a resolution concerning the emailing of bids, thresholds for requiring a bid, recurring purchases – put on the agenda for October when hopefully Frank will be available.

Winter Salt – The state has awarded its bid to Apalachee LLC at \$75 per ton. Last year the town paid \$68.68 to Cargill. As this is a new company, Board wanted to see what Cargill would charge this year. Eric noted that last year there was some trouble getting salt delivered when needed. (More reason to build a salt/sand shed – a year's worth could be purchased ahead and stored.)

Paul, as 1st constable, advised he had been setting in various places in town with his radar gun taking down license plate numbers of those who were speeding and passing that information along to the County Sheriff's Department. He inquired about being paid for those hours. Board advised there is only \$500 in the constable budget and reminded Paul that voters had decided a few years ago to not allow the constables to perform law enforcement duties. Board asked Gail to research what law enforcement included. He also noted that he is scheduled to take the exam at the Police Academy, and he is paying for it himself. He has also been dealing with loose dogs near Tinmouth Pond, owner has not yet licensed them and they are bothering neighbors.

East Road Right of Way – Board wanted to know if an attorney had been hired yet, upon learning the answer was no, instructed the Board Assistant to make it a priority. The Regimbalds continue to use the road as well as the right of way for their business and safety concerns are very real.

Solid Waste Ordinance – Gail advised VLCT is willing to review for a cost, estimated between \$300 and \$500. Board discussed how to compel someone to clean up household trash. VLCT did note it was grateful for the section concerning burning trash and they were going to use that for a model they were working on. An amendment was suggested to allow the town to clean it and bill the home owner. After discussion, Cathy moved and Michael 2nded to ask for a legal review specific to language around enforcement, removing trash and billing the home owner (if not paid, putting lien on the house). Both voted in favor. More discussion about what happens if the Board of Health orders it cleaned up due to public safety concerns.

Susan McIntosh Lloyd Scholarship Fund – The Vermont Community Foundation advised the Board that Sue’s family had established a fund for a scholarship for a Tinmouth student. After brief discussion including expressing gratitude to Sue’s family, Cathy moved and Michael 2nded to turn the responsibility for this over to the Tinmouth Community Fund and its Scholarship Committee, both voted in favor.

Gail advised the wall heater in the Old Fire House was not working. The gas company has been called, they removed a mouse nest but it still was not getting gas, and expressed concern about the underground line running from the new fire house. The building is heated only a few times a year, use is three season for the most part, so spring and fall events may need a bit of warmth now and then. After discussion, Cathy moved and Michael 2nded to instruct Gail to get it fixed right away (there is another concert in two weeks), both voted in favor.

Cathy inquired about the financial reports – more importantly the lack of them. She noted it is the Board’s responsibility to review them monthly and the Treasurer’s responsibility to provide them, and demanded that it made a priority.

Board signed Bills and Orders and appointed Cathy to sign them until Frank is able. He recently underwent a medical emergency and is recovering. Board discussed the undercoating of the new truck, Eric advised he took it to Carrara’s in Shrewsbury.

Gail reported the Vermont Department of Health Lab had called to report that the raccoon sent to them for testing was indeed rabid. They would provide no other information, like where in town or who sent it, only advising to call the Game Warden. Gail will post warning on Front Porch Forum and in *Tales of Tinmouth*.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar
Select Board Assistant