

**Town of Tinmouth
Select Board
July 11, 2019**

Members present: Cathy Reynolds, Michael Fallar, and Frank Sears

Others present: Eric Buffum-Road Commissioner, Mildred Traina, Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, Heather McMahon, Jo Reynolds, Grant Reynolds, Rick LaCroix and Norma LaCroix, and Gail Fallar – Select Board Assistant

Cathy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Board reviewed agenda, Mildred requested to go first.

Minutes of 6/13/19 and 6/27/19 were approved as written, Frank moved, Michael 2nded, all voted in favor.

Road Complaint ~ Frank reported on his visits to the Traina property, advising it seemed the water was coming from a neighbor's property more than the road. Mildred advised that there had always been water running alongside the road and requested a ditch rather than the cut-outs. Concern was raised about water from a ditch washing out her driveway as there is no culvert there. Mildred advised she understands and accepts any consequences of water running over her driveway and she will be responsible for a culvert if one is needed. Eric advised he will try to make a baby ditch. Board wondered about the town's right to make and maintain cut-outs after Grant suggested the town did not have one.

Trash on Mountain View Road ~ Rick and Norma raised concern with a neighbors' trash overflowing onto their property and blowing across the road. They advised that it was an ongoing problem that they have been asking to have addressed for years. Frank advised that as Health Officer he had recently written an official complaint following the new Solid Waste Ordinance.

Highway ~

McCoy Road ~ Eric reported project culverts were nearly done, he needs to top dress the road with gravel. He did note that one of the culverts was 10 feet longer than spec'd, due to a typo on the quote. Dan Allard did not charge extra for additional work required for its installation. Board expressed its gratitude for that.

Wood Chips ~ There is now a pile of wood chips at the town garage/transfer station. These are from projects done by the road crew and Vallencourt's Tree Service work on GMP's right of way clearing on Route 140 just east of the town garage. They are free for town folks, will need to load them themselves – when the transfer station is open.

Hay Bale Mulcher ~ Eric advised he had recently purchased a used hay bale mulcher and wondered if the town would like to buy it or rent it from him. Board took under advisement, will consider at next meeting.

New Town Garage ~ Otter Creek Engineering advised they are working on a design, will have something for the next meeting.

New One Ton Truck ~ Eric has not had time to prepare bids, will try to have ready for August Board meeting.

Fuel Bids ~ Postponed until August meeting.

Roads Standards ~ Board requested more information about what the new standards entail, tabled until the August meeting.

Part-time Position ~ Eric reported no one had applied.

Unpaid Leave ~ Ronnie requested Board approval for unpaid leave to once again work for the fire service fighting forest fires out west. Michael moved and Frank 2nded to approve, all voted in favor.

General Business ~

Financial Reports ~ Culvert projects on McCoy Road have overspent the highway budget, reimbursement with grant funds won't be received until FY20. Need to work on timing of future projects to have work occur in time for reimbursement in the same fiscal year. Frank moved and Michael 2nded to approve monthly financial report, all voted in favor. Board requested year end report for next meeting.

Wallingford Town Line ~ Gail advised that she attended the Wallingford Select Board meeting on July 1st in an unofficial capacity and asked them to hold the 2017 agreement until a process to resolve the town line is complete. They postponed action.

Old Business ~ Right of Way Use on East Road – Gail instructed to call an attorney.

2019 Tax Rates ~ Board set the tax rate of \$0.7570 with a local agreement tax rate of \$0.0016 for a total of \$0.7586. Frank moved and Michael 2nded, all voted in favor.

LEMP ~ Board appointed Michael Fannin as Emergency Management Director (EMD) to comply with requirements by statute for LEMP. Michael moved and Frank 2nded, all voted in favor. The EMD appoints an Emergency Management Coordinator.

Rutland County Sheriff's Contract ~ Board authorized Cathy to sign contract for FY20. Frank moved, Michael 2nded, all voted in favor.

Recycling ~ Board discussed increase in processing cost of recycling from \$48 to \$100 per ton. Recycling is "free" to encourage everyone to do it. Should the cost per bag of trash be increased from \$2 to \$3? Board would like information about what other towns are charging and if they are considering charging for recycling. No action, taken under advisement for now.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar ~ Select Board Assistant