

Tinmouth Planning Commission

February 20, 2020

Minutes

Members present: Bob Lloyd, Kim Harbaugh, Vito Macaluso, Larry Carabeau, Grant Reynolds, Pat Psholka, and Michael Fallar

*Members absent: Andy Gilmore and Rainbow Squier*

Others present: Gail Fallar, Secretary

Michael called the meeting to order at 7:00. Members reviewed the agenda, no changes.

Minutes of 11/21/19 were approved as written, Grant moved, Pat 2nded, all voted in favor.

There were no PC meetings in December or January.

Members discussed proceeding with seeking Village Center Designation – Gail advised she had dropped the ball and needed someone else to work on it. Grant and Pat volunteered to bring back a report next month. Brief discussion about the process, RRPC (Rutland Regional Planning Commission) is willing to help, and there is a draft map in the current town plan.

Gail advised that Doug Inkley, representing Tinmouth Properties, had inquired about the process to change the other affordable housing lot in the October Hill project to simply a lot that would be re-absorbed back into Tinmouth Properties (they had donated 10 acres for the project many years ago), the lot lines approved by the PC to create just two five acre parcels would need to be adjusted so that there was a north lot (with the house) and a south lot, each with five acres. NeighborWorks is seeking to abandon the affordable housing aspect as the project fizzled due in large part to the economy at the time it was created. After brief discussion, members decided that it could be done with a boundary adjustment application approved by the zoning administrator – no need for a new application to the PC.

Bob reported the RRPC's meeting concerning review of Tinmouth's Enhanced Energy Plan Amendment to the Town Plan, had been postponed due to weather conditions.

Members discussed issues to pursue in 2020 besides the Village Center Designation – possible community energy project?

Members also discussed the situation with VTel's fiber optic back-up batteries that will soon need to be replaced as their life span comes to an end. If there is an electrical power outage, the batteries are supposed to provide juice so that the telephones will work – for a few hours at least. When the batteries are done, they have to be replaced by the home owner, not complicated, but not simple either. There was a reminder that if you have a generator for power outages, you need to make sure the telephone is on the generator's circuit so it will work.

Next meeting was set for Thursday, March 19, 2020. Michael reminded everyone it will be time to re-organize and elect a chair and vice chair, was anyone interested?

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar, Secretary