

**Town of Tinmouth
Select Board
Tuesday, September 28, 2021
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes**

Members present: Frank Sears, Cathy Reynolds, and Meadow Squier @7:50

Others present: Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner (Zoom phone), Sherry Johnson & Kim Harbaugh (Zoom), Michael Fallar(Zoom phone), and Gail Fallar – Select Board Assistant (SBA).

Frank called the meeting to order at 7:08 and welcomed everyone.

Board reviewed agenda – added storm water grant update.

Minutes: Minutes of 9/9/2021 – Cathy moved to approve with correction explaining Board voted to pay Hollis for grader work for insurance purposes, Frank 2nded, both voted in favor.

Public Works Facilities Update ~ No Stan, Board discussed email from Rick Smyrski (Morton guy), still waiting for Morton reply regarding using an Alaskan slab due to the Soils Report.

Highway- Eric reported he will install another stop sign at the western end of Harrington Cross Road to meet state standards; culverts have been worked installed on Channel and Merrill Spring Roads, also clearing brush and berms on Merrill Spring (storm water segment work); and hauling sand. He asked Board to approve salt bid requests – noting salt availability may be an issue this year. Board reviewed draft salt bid request, added language regarding no fax or email bids accepted. Cathy moved, Frank 2nded to approve, both voted in favor.

Annual Highway Financial Plan – Frank moved, Cathy 2nded to approve as presented. Both voted in favor.

Roller – Frank inquired about the status of the roller – Eric advised that the parts were at the town garage, he needs to build it. Grant folks approved it this way.

Emergency Management/Mitigation Grant for Salt/Sand Shed – Cathy reviewed information to be submitted, still looking for a final number, needs site work and engineering estimates.

Emerald Ash Borer – No Update

ARPA Funds (American Recovery Plan Act) – Tinmouth will receive about \$177,000 to be used for waste water, water, and/or broad ban purposes. Board discussed possible other uses as Tinmouth does not have public waste water or water systems and the town is covered with fiber optic for broad ban. Other uses possible uses could include stormwater projects, Board asked Eric to review list and work on budgets for them; and developing the recreation area behind the town garage. Board would like to get input from public for possible uses. Rutland Regional Planning Commission will help Board interpret federal/state guidelines. Board will discuss at it October 14th meeting.

Financial ~

Financial Report – Board reviewed FY22 expenditure report and discussed FY21 Highway End of Year balance – carry forward is \$3,274 (not \$30,000 as thought at the last meeting), due to inclusion of the expenses for the new town garage needing to be included in the highway expenditures for FY21 (\$26,874) as they did not come out of the Building Fund. Cathy moved

to accept Financial Reports, Meadow 2nd, all voted in favor. Board also discussed liability and workers comp for law enforcement – needs a bit of research.

Warrants Reviewed ~ Payroll Warrants #10 dated 9/13/21 for \$3,409.35; #11 dated 9/20/21 for \$1,990.89; and #12 dated 9/27/21 for \$3,308.55; and **Accounts Payable Warrants** #4 dated 9/14/21 for \$14,552.62 and #5 dated 9/20/21 for \$641,899.27 were reviewed. Cathy moved, Meadow 2nd, to approve warrants as presented, all voted in favor.

Audit ~ No action.

Old Business ~

COOP – Still a work in progress.

Task Forces – Research continues.

United Way - Meadow reported a dental clinic is being scheduled at the old fire house for October.

Equity and Inclusion Committee – Meadow and Todd are working on setting a date that all volunteers can attend, will meet in the Old Fire House and via Zoom.

New Business –

IT Plan – SBA advised that there needs to be a plan for tech help, security, etc., and will attend a meeting on the 8th to bring back information for the Board.

Voting Delegate to VLCT, VLCT PACIF, and VLCT BERM annual meetings – Cathy moved and Meadow 2nd to appoint Gail Fallar, all voted in favor.

Members Concerns – Speeding and loud muffler on Channel Road. Frank will check with Rutland County Sheriff's Department regarding speed cart.

Mail/Correspondence – Notice was received from Richard Amore, Planning & Outreach Manager, Community Planning + Revitalization Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development, that Tinmouth now has a Village Center Designation with a big thank you to Bob Lloyd and the Planning Commission.

Agenda - Add to first meeting of the month whether 2nd meeting is needed – but members will keep 4th Tuesday open, just in case.

Executive Session – None

Next Meetings Schedule ~ October 14 and October 26

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar
Select Board Assistant