

Tinmouth Planning Commission
March 17, 2022
Regular Meeting ~ Minutes

Members present in-person: Michael Fallar, Judy Gilmore, Andy Gilmore, and Rainbow Squier
Members present via Zoom: Kim Harbaugh, Vito Macaluso, Pat Psholka, and Bob Lloyd
Others present: in-person Gail Fallar, Secretary; via Zoom - Sherry Johnson

Gail, as Town Clerk, (due to annual re-organization) called the meeting to order at 7:05 and asked for nominations for Chair. Andy nominated Michael Fallar, Pat 2nded, no other nominations were made, all voted in favor.

Michael assumed the Chair and asked for nominations for Vice Chair: Michael nominated Bob Lloyd, Andy 2nded, no other nominations, all voted in favor. He asked for nominations for Secretary: Bob Lloyd nominated Gail Fallar, Pat 2nded, all voted in favor.

Members reviewed the agenda, added update to Flood Hazard Amendment progress.

Minutes of 2/24/22 were approved as written, Bob moved to approve, Rainbow 2nded, all voted in favor.

Rainbow, as leader of the Equity and Inclusion's Research and Development Working Group, reported issues they are looking at: affordable/alternative and workers housing; support for agriculture/farmers; and a survey to gauge current town priorities. She inquired whether the PC would like to help with these, or would like the R&D's help.

Members discussed work plan for 2022 – certainly affordable housing needs to be considered. Concern was expressed about the definition of affordable housing – urban, rural, or in between? The definition needs to be clarified; understand past attempts in Tinmouth – what worked and what didn't; how does transportation availability affect it; carpooling; are there abandoned houses that could be a project; and a need for consultation with folks currently working with/for affordable housing to see what works and what doesn't. Rainbow and the R&D Group will work on getting speakers for the PC. Members briefly discussed the 2017 town-wide survey – need to look at changing demographics – aging population – need census data – working from home – how to determine best questions to capture where/what Tinmouth is and how it is changing.

Other work for 2022 – the four or five subdivisions waiting for surveyors to complete work, and beginning to think about updating the Town Plan (expires in 202??) Kim suggested everyone read the current plan.

Michael reported that the proposed Flood Hazard Regulation Amendments had been presented to the Select Board, they will hold their hearing on April 14th, and tentatively set the voting date for August 9th which is Primary Voting day.

All members with expiring terms – PC - Kim, Bob and Judy, and the ZBA – Vito, were re-appointed by the Select Board.

Next meeting will be April 21st.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar, Secretary

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