

**Town of Tinmouth  
Select Board  
Tuesday, March 22, 2022  
Regular 2nd Monthly Meeting  
Minutes**

**Members present(in-person):** Meadow Squier, Cathy Reynolds, and Kevin Eaton

**Others present:**

**Via Zoom** Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, David Birdsall – ACO-Tree Warden, Rick Fallar, Sherry Johnson and Kim Harbaugh, and Rainbow Squier – Conservation Commission Chair

**In-person-** Stan Wilbur-Public Works Project Manager, Michael Fallar @8:15, and Gail Fallar-SB Assistant

**Cathy** called the meeting to order at 7:00.

**Board** reviewed agenda, added Kevin’s request for an executive session for personnel issues and Cathy’s request regarding the Community Center Board’s need to meet.

**Minutes:** Minutes of 3/10/2022 – Meadow moved, Kevin 2nded, to approve as amended. All voted in favor.

**Citizen Input** – Sherry expressed concern that she was nearly hit by someone running the stop sign on Mountain View Road at its intersection with Route 140. She was bearing right on Route 140. Board discussed painting a solid line on the road, asked the road commissioner to investigate cost. Board appointed Kevin as SB liaison to the Rutland County Sheriff’s Dept.

**Public Works Facilities Update** ~ Stan reviewed Fire Safety Permit Application, still need 3 sets of plans from Morton Building, permit fee is estimated at \$5,077. Cathy moved, Meadow 2nded to authorize Stan to file when complete, all voted in favor. Cathy signed permit. Stan reported that there was an upcoming meeting between Otter Creek Engineering (OCE), Morton Buildings, Eric and Stan to clarify who is responsible for which steps, site work, foundation, slab, who stakes it out, etc. Stan also advised the Board to think about the need for a clerk of the works by June 1<sup>st</sup> to oversee the project.

Cathy inquired about Phase II, the salt/sand shed. Stan advised looking at remaining funds from the Bond vote to see what could be built. OCE would need to be hired for engineering, new state storm water permit, etc. Costs will need to be updated.

**Highway** ~ Eric reported there is lots of mud. He would like to move the storage trailer used for recycled paper to the area east of the storage trailer near the recycling shed. The fire department has been asked to move its storage trailer as well. The area where they currently are located is part of the site work for storm water control for the new town garage. He also reported a chainsaw was broken, a new one is needed.

**Roadside Mowing Proposals** – only one was received, from Dan Allard for \$100 per hour. After brief discussion, Meadow moved and Cathy 2nded to accept Dan’s proposal, all voted in favor.

**Chainsaw Practice** - SB discussed draft proposal. Cathy moved and Meadow 2nded to send the guidelines to the Town’s Safety & Wellness review. All voted in favor.

**605 Mountain View Road - David Birdsall**, Animal Control Officer, updated SB on dog complaint – two dogs were surrendered to the Rutland County Humane Society, others will be licensed by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Meadow**, as Health Officer, updated Board on the solid waste situation, is working with the family to find a solution.

Board discussed options, for the town, for neighbors, need for follow-up.

**David Birdsall**, Tree Warden, asked that the Shade Tree Policy be placed on the April agenda.

**Rainbow**, as CC Chair, advised that the Conservation Commission had briefly reviewed the Flower Brook Project Report, did not find any specific recommendations for the town to follow. She noted it is a great resource, she will continue to review and report back at a later time.

**Citizen Input** – Michael Fallar, expressed concern with muddy road conditions, some being unpassable. He asked the SB to create a policy for maintaining back roads in the spring time, advising there were steps that could be taken.

**Real Rutland Request** ~ Meadow volunteered to contact them regarding their request for a contact and event information.

**Old Business** ~

**Special Town Meeting Warning** ~ Board adding Article 4 for voters to discuss - spending the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, then approved and signed the warning for Monday, May 2, 2022 at the Community Center.

**UVM Democracy Internship** ~ Meadow, Select Board liaison, updated the SB on his projects- ARPA Plan and possible community survey and the pros and cons of Australian balloting and Tinmouth's history regarding town meeting governance (votes and revotes).

**Follow-Up To-Do List** ~ Board reviewed, removed some items that had completed, added others to track.

**New Business** ~ After brief discussion, Meadow moved and Cathy 2nded to seal the 2021 Grand List. All voted in favor, all signed the Signed and Sealed the Certificate of no Appeal or Suit Pending. The Board of Listers having already done so.

**Member's Concern** ~ Cathy noted that a recent event at the Community Center meant that the Community Center Board would be meeting in the near future, she will report back to the SB.

**Mail/Correspondence** – None

**Executive Session** – Kevin moved to enter executive session at 8:49 to discuss personnel issues. Cathy 2nded, all voted in favor. Board only entered Library. Board exited at 9:10. Meadow moved and Cathy 2nded to appoint Kevin as the SB liaison with the road crew. All voted in favor.

**Next Meetings Schedule** ~ Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup>

**Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar, Select Board Assistant