**Town of Tinmouth**

**Select Board**

**Thursday, July 7, 2022**

**Special Meeting**

**Minutes**

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

**Others present:**

**Via Zoom:** Sherry Johnson and Kim Harbaugh

**In-person:** Alan Held, Barbara Held, Rick Fallar, Michael Fallar and Gail Fallar-SB Assistant

**Cathy** called the meeting to order at 5:00, welcomed everyone, and turned the meeting over to Meadow. Meadow assumed the Chair.

**Board** reviewed agenda, added vacancies on the Board of Adjustment.

Board reviewed draft **warning for special zoning** vote on August 9th. Cathy moved and Kevin 2nded to approve as written. All voted in favor and signed the warning for amending the Flood Hazard regulations.

Cathy moved and Meadow 2nded to accept **State Paving Grant** for FY23, and authorize Cathy to sign. All voted in favor.

**2022 Tax Rate** – for FY23: Treasurer briefly explained calculation to arrive at rates needed, voters at town meeting authorized using $18,800 of the general fund FY21 fund balance for the culvert project on North End Road, which helped reduce the proposed tax rate. After brief discussion, Cathy moved and Kevin 2nded to set the town rate at $0.7976 and the local rate (due to veteran’s exemptions) of $0.0018 for a total of $0.7994. All voted in favor.

**FY23 Salary Schedule:** After brief discussion, Meadow moved and Kevin 2nded to approve with addition of other employees’ payroll schedule – DTC, Community Center Building Manager, etc. for clarity. All voted in favor.

**Alan Held** addressed his letter of concern regarding Cathy’s actions regarding his proposal to donate land for a pickle ball/tennis court on Merrill Spring Road. He noted Cathy’s support and suggestion to apply for a grant, the amount work he had done regarding grant funding, only to find out that Cathy had emailed two members of the newly appointed ARPA Committee to suggest that the pickleball/tennis could be included in the consideration for the rec proposals for the land behind the transfer station. Once he learned of her action, he immediately withdrew his offer and canceled the grant application. There were many emails – copies given to the Board.

Cathy agreed that Alan had reported was all true, but noted that miscommunication was part of the problem. She should have been more transparent when after the last Board meeting, (as an individual), she sent an email to encourage consolidation of two of the five ideas. She had no intent to hurt or sabotage Alan. She was trying to encourage finding the best idea that would be acceptable to most of the town. She apologized for causing hurt and angst.

Alan asked her to not run for re-election when her term is up next town meeting.

Kevin advised that he supported Alan’s pickleball proposal.

Meadow declared there would be no action taken by the Select Board at this time, and felt that everyone had a chance to express themselves. No more discussion is needed, she suggested that Cathy and Alan have a talk.

Alan thanked the Board for listening.

Michael asked to speak again, Meadow again advised, not now.

Board discussed adding a contrasting color (same as the roof/dark green) to the **town garage as wainscoting for the bottom of the siding**, suggested by Morton, no additional cost. Board decided by consensus to approve. Cathy will inquire about changing the color of the doors from white.

Michael noted he had wanted to make a comment when the Board reviewed the meeting procedure at the beginning of the meeting and was advised to wait. He suggested the Board’s procedure was overly restrictive by not allowing the public to provide input on items being discussed by the Board at the time the Board was discussing it. Members of the public could only speak then if either the Chair or a majority of the Board allowed it. Public comments are only allowed at the beginning of the meeting.

Michael also asked Meadow and Kevin re-organize the Board and elect a new Chair given re-occurring issues of the current chair. No action taken.

Cathy moved and Meadow 2nded to have the SBA send the SB meeting procedure to the Vermont League of Cities and Towns for review. All voted in favor. Discussion noted that the Board had used the town of Proctor’s as a model.

SBA advised that Bob Noble and Stan Wilbur have resigned from the **Zoning Board of Adjustment**. Board decided to post **vacancies** and fill at their August meeting. Michael volunteered to serve.

Board thanked Bob and Stan for their years of service on the ZBA.

**Member’s Concern** ~ Cathy inquired about the status of the SAM’S number being reported to the state so that the TAP grant can proceed. Gail advised she is still working on it.

Cathy reported that Rick Smyrski from Morton Buildings advised he is still working the on the mechanicals for plumbing and electrical, no answers yet.

**Mail/Correspondence** –

**Next Meetings Schedule ~** Thursday, July 14th no meeting on June 28th. Meeting on the 14th will begin at 6:00 with a discussion with the Eaton family regarding the town garage.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar, Select Board Assistant