

Tinmouth Planning Commission
August 18, 2022
Regular Meeting ~ Minutes

Members present in-person: Vito Macaluso, Larry Carabeau, Judy Gilmore, Andy Gilmore, Rainbow Squier, and Michael Fallar

Members present via Zoom: Bob Lloyd, Pat Psholka, and Kim Harbaugh

Others present: in-person - Gail Fallar, Secretary, and Sherry Johnson via Zoom

Michael called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Members reviewed the agenda, removed Marian Ackerman and added Kim's request to discuss Capital Planning and the state's plan to no longer dispatch emergency services.

Minutes of 6/16/22 (last meeting) were approved as written, Judy moved to approve, Andy 2nded, all voted in favor.

Rainbow advised that the Conservation Commission was hosting a presentation on carbon sequestration on Monday the 22nd, invited PC members to attend.

Members expressed areas of concern regarding updating the town plan. There was much discussion about the new energy section, the incorrect information that was used then to create goals and requirements, and how to obtain better information; energy credits for not cutting trees, carbon sequestration programs. There is a need to add information about the pizza oven and the Equity and Inclusion Committee, as well as work on Action Plans – who decides who does what, etc. There is also a need to update census data and other data, and a need to add a definition of terms section to clarify what is meant by their use. Members also discussed more readable maps; and the transportation section – what is feasible, are the current expectations realistic?

Members discussed a possible survey – possibility of obtaining energy usage – electricity, fuel oil, etc. kind of vehicles driven, to be ready for town meeting?

Members made of list of questions for Ed Bove at the September meeting.

Kim inquired about capital planning – while it is a PC responsibility, the TPC has never endeavored to do it. The Select Board has done a bit. He wondered if it might be used to address the need to replace the emergency dispatch system used by the fire department. He was advised that the Rutland County Sheriff's Department is working on a plan to take over the responsibility.

Homework will be for members to continue to review the 2020 Town Plan for needed updates, areas of concern, and issues that need to be addressed, in anticipation of meeting with Ed Bove, RRPC in September.

Michael advised he will approach the ARPA Committee to recommend that the Select Board set aside some of the ARPA money for the town plan update – there are no grants available at this point in time.

No updates on other proposed subdivisions – still waiting for surveyors to complete work.

Next meeting will be September 15th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Fallar, Secretary