Tinmouth Planning Commission February 16, 2023 Regular Meeting & Scribner Subdivision Hearing Minutes

Members present in-person: Michael Fallar, Rainbow Squier, Judy Gilmore, and Andy Gilmore

Members present via Zoom: Vito Macaluso, Kim Harbaugh, and Bob Lloyd Others present in-person: David Scribner (left at 8:00) and Gail Fallar Secretary

And via Zoom: Sherry Johnson

Michael called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm, and welcomed everyone.

Members reviewed the agenda, no changes.

Minutes of 1/19/23, Bob moved, Andy 2nded, all voted in favor to approve as written.

Members reviewed Scribner subdivision application – while the survey plat shows four lots, one is a pre-existing lot – 6.71 acres with the house, the other three are from a separate parcel that is contiguous. This was reviewed as a minor subdivision. Michael read through the checklist, members asked questions. Mr. Scribner advised that all lots would have deeded rights of way to VT Route 133 (West Tinmouth Road) using the right of way designated on the survey. Bob moved and Judy 2nded to approve as presented. All voted in favor.

Members reviewed Chapter 5 up to the energy section – will wait and discuss that with Ed Bove from RRPC in March. Made edits and comments regarding pages up to page 58 – see mark-up copy.

Members discussed adding an inclusion and diversity statement to the town plan. Rainbow read the statement adopted by the Select Board. Some members expressed concern calling out certain groups, not including everyone. Others noted that the town plan already has an objective (#4) that says, "Maintain a population consisting of residents and families of all incomes, ages, and types.", and felt that that was all that was needed. Some considered it a political statement and wanted the town plan to be neutral, others did not see it as political. Everyone is welcome here – could be the town slogan. In the end, members agreed to keep discussing it.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Next meeting is March 16th.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar, Secretary