

Tinmouth Planning Commission
May 18, 2023
Regular Meeting
Minutes

Members present in-person: Michael Fallar, Rainbow Squier, Judy Gilmore, Andy Gilmore
Members present via Zoom/phone: Kim Harbaugh, Bob Lloyd, Pat Psholka, and Vito Macaluso
Others: present in-person: Ed Bove - Rutland Regional Planning Commission and Gail Fallar Secretary
And via Zoom: Sherry Johnson

Michael called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm, and welcomed everyone.

Members reviewed the agenda, no changes.

Minutes of 4/27/23, Judy moved, Rainbow 2nded, all voted in favor to approve as written.

Ed updated members on the progress of work on the town plan, hopes to have a draft for members to review at its July meeting. The enhanced energy (EE) section was discussed, if taken out and replaced with the 2017 plan energy section, the town plan could be re-adopted in 2023 or early 2024. The EE could be updated in a year or so once the state provides new data. The EE added 30 pages to the plan, Ed feels the old section could provide needed protection. Discussion about whether the old section was enough to get due consideration from the Public Utility Commission (state entity that decides major energy project permitting), how long to wait to re-adopt. Ed advised there were a few new standards that have to be included in the new EE section. Members discussed likelihood of a major project in Tinmouth – there is currently no Phase 3 transmission line available, developers might go where it is easier and cheaper to construct projects.

Ed advised there are only 7 towns with EE plans, out of the 27 towns in the County. He noted that the PC needs to specify what areas are protected from energy development for a variety of constraints and what is available for energy projects. Current maps show about 80 acres are without constraints.

Town Plan update homework for next meeting – review photos in current plan, decided what to keep, what to replace, add captions, etc.; read Act 174; review sections PC to work on.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Next meeting is June 15th, subdivision hearing for Mandel/Morgan.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar, Secretary