

**Town of Tinmouth
Select Board
Thursday, September 14, 2023
Meeting Minutes**

Members present (in-person): Kevin Eaton, Meadow Squier, and Judy Gilmore

Others present:

In-person: Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker, Principal Tinmouth Mtn. School, school staff – Anne Lewis, Jennifer Galusha, Tabitha Davis, Colleen Battease, and Joan ??; Ray Pratt, Jan Krantz, Chris Martone, Marshall Squier, and Gail Fallar-Select Board Assistant (SBA)

Via Zoom: Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, Cheryl Balfour (school), Pat Psholka, David and Nancy Birdsall and Cathy Reynolds.

Meadow called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Members reviewed the **agenda**, no changes.

Minutes of 8/31/23 were approved. Judy moved, Kevin 2nded to approve as written, all voted in favor.

Citizen's Input ~ David commended Kevin Eaton and his son Alex Eaton, for their work representing the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department at the fire the night before at the Mill River Lumber Company in Clarendon.

Introductions ~ Everyone introduced themselves.

School Classroom on the Town Green ~ Maureen explained that the school is bursting at the seams, 9 years ago there were 48 students and this year there are 70. Closets are being used for private instruction. The Mill River United Unified School District received a grant that will allow for a separate building, but not an addition to the existing structure. Maureen presented information for a pre-fab unit that is super energy efficient, to be located between the school and the church. She asked the Select Board for permission to build it on the Town Green. Discussion ensued, it was suggested that in the event that the school closed, the building would be sold to the Town for \$1- that there should be an agreement to that effect.

Ray advised that the Church had decided that the its basement would be available for use by the MRUUSD if they wanted to use it for a classroom. It was noted this would be a good back-up option if the school district is not able to provide funding for the balance that would be required – the grant is only for \$120,000.

Kevin moved and Judy 2nded to give MRUUSD permission to go forward with the proposal presented by Maureen. All voted in favor.

Municipal Technical Assistance Program ~ Meadow moved and Judy 2nded to accept Rutland Regional Planning Commission's proposal for the MTAP, all voted in favor.

Painting the Old Town Garage – The only bid received was from Kevin Eaton, for \$6,800. After brief discussion, Meadow moved and Judy 2nded to accept Kevin's bid, both voted in favor, Kevin abstained.

Pike's Winter Sand Bid ~ Judy moved and Meadow 2nded to accept Pike's bid for winter sand, all voted in favor.

As Gail had a family emergency, the Board postponed the rest of the agenda to a **Special Meeting Scheduled** for 7:00, September 28th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm. Respectfully submitted, Gail Fallar, Select Board Assistant