

**Town of Tinmouth  
Informational Town Meeting  
February 24, 2024  
Minutes  
Community Center**

Select Board Members present (in-person): Judy Gilmore and Kevin Eaton

Others present: Town Clerk Gail Fallar, Moderator Holly Ross and about 30 voters, in-person with 5 via Zoom.

Holly called the meeting to order at 3:06, (had a brief technical obstacle) and welcomed everyone.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Miles Fallar. A Moment of Silence was held for those who had passed since last town meeting, Art Usher, Sandy Laskey, Robert Noble Jr., Wayne Bruce, Norman Gagne, and Jamie Stacy.

Announcements were made regarding the 5/6 grade bake sale on the 5<sup>th</sup>, the new temporary ice skating rink, Green-Up, a rabies clinic for dogs and cats in Wallingford, fire department reminders to change batteries in smoke and CO2 detectors - and to call 911 in any emergency, Tinmouth Community Fund grant and scholarship opportunities and application deadlines (April 1<sup>st</sup>), Rutland Free Library services, and Story Telling at the Old Fire House.

State Representative Robin Chesnut-Tangerman spoke briefly about difficult issues in Montpelier – affordable housing and a huge education funding tax increase.

Holly read the warning, there was little comment about most articles. It was explained that the Select Board had decided to separate all the annual requests from service agencies (like the Visiting Nurses and the Fire Dept.) to allow voters a chance to have input. Concern was raised about the change, and support was expressed for the SB doing it. A question was raised about supporting harvesting milfoil in Tinmouth Pond when there is no public access, which was answered that controlling the milfoil kept property values at the lake high and that provided much needed tax revenue for the town – and that there were any owners who allow folks access to the lake.

School Board Member Josh Squier explained recent changes in education law, a new way to count students, cost per student, deferred maintenance of district school property, the budget process, federal grant deadlines, etc.

Holly thanked the Select Board for their service (Meadow, Judy and Kevin), a round of applause for all. Helen Mango thanked Josh Squier for serving on the school board, another round of applause.

Holly then recessed the meeting (at 4:19 pm) until 8:00 AM on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> for voting by Australian ballot.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar, Town Clerk