TALES OF TINMOUTH

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Editors' Notes: The deadline for submissions is the 20^{th} of the month, for publication on the 1^{st} of the following month. Please email your information to *Tales of Tinmouth* (tinmouthtales@gmail.com) or drop it off at the Town Office. Any submissions missing the cutoff date may be included in the following month.

Thank you very kindly for all the recent donations, they are very much appreciated!

We have done our best with the pictures in this issue, please visit the Town's website (tinmouthvt.org) to see them in color and with more clarity in the *Tales* there.

Pat Psholka and Helen Mango

We took Tinmouth to the Lake!

By Cathy Reynolds

Thanks to a grant from the Tinmouth Community Fund, the Pavilion at Tinmouth Pond was rented for a week to be used by Tinmouth folks and guests. We held a town picnic, a church service, a Select Board meeting, a game night and the writer's group met. 47 folks came to church, 80 to the picnic and we had visitors to swim, boat and fish every day for a total visit count of ~219. The sunniest day we had 25 visits. Here are some comments from the sign in sheet: Great!, Yahoo, Nice Day, Do it again, lovely venue, hurrah, love it!, great idea, thanks!, and many thank yous.

Thanks to Sherry Johnson who oversaw the boat cleaning to ensure we did not add or subtract invasives to the Pond and for being a host, and to Angie Jones and her family for being hosts for the last 3 days. A good time was had by all and everyone was a great guest - we did not have any issues and we left the facility in tip top shape when we moved out.

~ Nature Notes ~

Rain dancers can stop anytime, farmers need to get their hay in the barn! That's what was asked for in the last issue of *Tales*, but not in time, as on July 1st a HUGE deluge accosted the town and McCoy Road was destroyed – much more damage than with Tropical Storm Irene. Wright's Road was rendered barely passable and many roads had washouts across and along the road sides. Many thanks to Eric and Ronnie for jumping right in and getting things back to normal. Please be patient, there was/is lots of work to be done.

Many folks also sustained damage to driveways, fields and property.



The 5th Annual Town-wide Tinmouth Tag Sale Saturday September 2nd from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Rain or Shine

Once again, Tinmouth is going to have tag sales the Saturday of Labor Day weekend. This event has been an opportunity to turn your unwanted items into cash and make someone else smile. Start pulling out those treasures now and imagine what you might do with the extra cash you earn! Why not sell it at the 5th Annual Tinmouth Town-Wide Tag Sale?

There will be a yard sign for each location, and the yard sign will be available near the end of the week before the event outside the Town Office. Sale location maps can be emailed by request or picked up at the Town Office a few days before the event. More information will be forth coming on Front Porch Forum.

Questions? Call either Sherry Johnson 446-3307 or Tracey Byford at 446-2633. If you'd like to sign up to have your tag sale placed on the map; please email your location to <u>charles.bronk@gmail.com</u>.



Friday July 21st at the Library "The Bremen Town Musicians"

Tinmouth Vermont

Calendar of Events

	A	UGUST		
Fire Department	Thursday	3 rd	7:00 p.m.	Fire House
Library Open	Saturday	5 th	9:00-noon	Library
Pot Luck at the Pastor's House	Saturday	5 th	5:30 p.m.	Middletown Springs
Special Service Chaplain Matt Hall	Sunday	6 th	9:00 a.m.	Church
PC Hearing for Town Plan	Tuesday	8 th	7:30 p.m.	Town Office
Planning Comm Subdivision Hrg	Tuesday	8 th	7:30 p.m.	Town Office
Select Board	Thursday	10 th	6:00 p.m.	Town Office
Writing Group	Sunday	13 th	1:30	Library
Fire Department Training	Tuesday	15 th	7:00 p.m.	Fire House
First half taxes due	Thursday	17 th	5:00	Town Office
Book Discussion	Sunday	20 th	3:00	Library
Tales of Tinmouth Deadline	Sunday	20 th		Don't Miss It!
Conservation Commission	Monday	21 st	7:30 p.m.	Town Office (Upstairs)
Library Book Sale	Saturday	26 th	8:00-1:30	Old Firehouse
First day of school	Wednesday	30 th	8:00 - 3:00	Elementary School (TES)

SEPTEMBER

Town Wide Tag Sales	Saturday	2 nd	8 a.m. – 2:0	8 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. All Over Town!!		
Library Open	Saturday	2 nd	9-noon	Library		
Town Office/Library	Monday	4 th	CLOSED for Labor Day			
Fire Department	Thursday	7 th	7:00 p.m.	Fire House		
Writing Group	Sunday	TBA	1:30 p.m.	Library		
Select Board	Thursday	14 th	7:00 p.m.	Town Office		
Book Discussion	Sunday	TBA	3:00	Library		
Fire Department Training	Tuesday	18 th	7:00	Fire House		
Tales of Tinmouth Deadline	Wednesday	20 th		Don't Miss It!		
Planning Commission	Thursday	21 st	7:30	Town Office		

Sunday Church Service 9:00 a.m. ~ All are welcome!

Transfer Station hours are Wednesday 4:00 - 7:00 pm & Saturday 8:00 am - noon.

Library Hours ~ Monday 9:30-noon & 1-5 and Thursday 9:30-noon

Special Saturday Library Hours August 5th 9-12 (first Saturday of the month)

Fun "non-competitive" Volleyball on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm.

Knit, Craft or Chat Mondays 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. Library

Bone Builders Tuesday 10-11 am and Friday 9-10 am Library-Free

Select Board is meeting at 6:00 with Otter Creek Engineering before regular meeting starts at 7:00

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Tinmouth Community Fund Awards College Scholarships by Cathy Reynolds

Thank you to the following people who recently made donations to the Tinmouth Scholarship Fund: Helen Buffum, Barry Cohen, Scott and Sam Lepley, Bob and Sue Lloyd, Dave Potter, Annie Robbins, and several anonymous donors. Many thanks to you all.

Feel free to call or email Cathy Reynolds with any questions at 446-2928 or eworks@vermontel.net or speak to any Scholarship Committee Member.

Tinmouth Scholarship Committee: Ruth Drachman, Nelson Jaquay, Bob Lloyd, Denise McGinley, Caleb Scott, Rene Wilbur, Annie Robbins, Asha Carroll, Jan Krantz.



2017 Scholarship Recipients - Seamus Nauton, Chelsey Keyes, Mark Goyette, Kayla Durant, Katy Czar, Theresa Butts. Unable to attend: Ellie Hasenohr, Megan Fox and Alex Dixon.

Front Porch Forum ~ Connect with your Tinmouth Neighbors

Need to say something to your neighbors between the publication of *Tales* issues? or to send out a timely announcement? Agendas for meetings are usually posted as well as changes to meeting dates and times. You can use Front Porch Forum. Announcements are usually sent out the next day to everyone who has signed up.

To sign up, go to <u>http://FrontPorchForum.com</u>. Or stop by the town office to sign up!! 200+ households have signed to date! Good way to discuss community issues, sell a canoe, give away a kitten, etc.. If you are a second homeowner please use your 911 address. Just another way to stay connected.



~ Library News ~ by *Ruth Drachman*

Our Annual Fund raising Book Sale is Saturday morning August 26th. Save the day! It begins at 8 AM, and goes until Noon. From Noon until 1:30, there is a BAG SALE. Fill a bag with as many books as you can for only \$2.00.

We are now accepting book donations for the sale. Books must be clean, and in good condition! We do NOT accept encyclopedias, textbooks, or Reader's Digest condensed books. Deadline for donations for the sale is Monday, August 21st.

Come to the library to **KNIT and CHAT**, or just chat, or crochet, or whatever handwork you enjoy......on Monday afternoons at 3 PM until about 5 PM.

Writing group will meet on Sunday, August 13th at the Library at 1:30.

Our **book discussion group** will meet on Sunday, August 20th in the Library at 3 PM. This month we will be sharing the books that each of us has been reading.

New for adults in August:

Books:

* *Lockdown* by Laurie King, a novel of suspense, a community comes together when threatened.

* *Women in the Castle* by Jessica Shattuck, "set at the end of World War II in a crumbling Bavarian castle."

* *The Baker's Secret* by Stephen P. Kiernan, a Vermont author who "paints a brilliant and vivid tableau of humanity during one of the most harrowing points of modern history".

NEW Books on CD (for listening)

* *The Mummy Case* by Elizabeth Peters, an adventure of Radcliffe Emerson and his fellow archaeologist and Egyptologist Amelia Peabody, set in the late 19th century.

* **Curse of the Pharaohs** by Elizabeth Peters, another adventure of Emerson and Peabody.

* *The Daughter of Sherlock Holmes* by Leonard Goldberg, A Tale of the great detective's daughter and her companion, Dr. John Watson Jr.

* *Norse Mythology* by Neil Gaiman, "master storyteller Neil Gaiman presents a dazzling version of the great Norse myths."

The library is open on Monday and Thursday, from 10:00 A. M. until Noon, and from 1:00 P. M. until 5:00 P.M., and the morning of the first Saturday of the month.

Monday Knit, Craft and Chat Group. Tinmouth Library, Mondays at 3:00 to 5:00. Everyone is welcome.

Get Well Wishes are sent to: Marty Kushnick, Jim Barrett, Phil Hepburn, Bob Bradley and a mess of folks who've been bitten by ticks and now have Lyme disease.



Mill River Unified Union School District

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Thriving Students. Premier Schools. Engaged Community

Important Message for the Mill River Schools Community From Superintendent of Schools, Dave Younce

Mill River Schools Families and Community Members,

<u>We are in the midst of solving a significant issue within our school district that you have probably seen news</u> <u>reports about, as it is near a crisis level across the state.</u> We are having a very difficult time finding individuals willing to drive school buses. This issue is affecting schools throughout Vermont, even those that outsource busing services with private providers, and if it is not solved it promises to significantly impact the busing service we are able to provide for our community. The other day a report ran on WCAX about this shortage, which you can view at <u>http://www.wcax.com/story/35953491/shortage-of-bus-drivers-in-vt</u>.

The school district has been diligently working toward revising its busing system and schedule for this coming school year based on having the number of drivers we need to run effectively. However, the shortage leaves us with only 6 drivers currently on staff, with an ideal number of 9-10 to make our system work effectively and efficiently. If we are unable to secure qualified drivers to fill our vacancies, we will need to further revamp our bus schedules and routes, which will result in significant changes to route timing and pickup locations beyond any that were previously being considered for the sake of efficiency.

We send you this letter with a sincere plea for assistance. We are looking for quality individuals from our community or the surrounding communities who are willing to pursue licensure to serve as bus drivers. The incentives we are able to offer to qualified individuals are:

- Starting hourly rate of \$24.00/hr., with drivers paid according to previous experience.
- \$1500 incentive payment to any individual hired, with all costs for testing and licensure paid by the school district.
- Ability to bring young child(ren) or other family members (for example: spouse) to accompany you on board the bus during your work times.
- An opportunity to work with and on behalf of our community's best resource its' students.

If you are at all interested in this opportunity please contact us as soon as possible. Contact information is: Nichole Peterson, <u>npeterson@millriverschools.org</u>, 802-775-3264. Please also do not hesitate to share this information with anyone you know who may have interest.

We sincerely appreciate your attention to this matter, and hope to hear from you if you are interested.

Best Regards,

Dave Younce Superintendent Mill River Unified Union School District

> Clarendon Elementary School

Shrewsbury Mountain School Tinmouth Elementary School Wallingford Elementary School Mill River Union High School

Tinmouth Community Church

Dear Friends,

I received word that Matt Hall, the United Methodist Chaplain for the Appalachian Trail this year, will be in our area the first week of August. Intrigued by the concept of a trail chaplain, I read an interview with him and then checked out his trail journal. It is filled with the everyday details of life on the trail that you might expect, such as miles travelled and whether it was rocky, steep or easy; notes about the weather and about food; but most interesting are the notes about encounters with other hikers and their stories and struggles. Because if anything, there is plenty of time to share your story if someone hiking alongside or crashing at the same shelter is willing to listen, and that is the beauty of being a chaplain, being in the right place and time.

As you might expect, hiking the trail becomes a metaphor for the journey of life itself. There are ups and downs, both having to do with the terrain and one's emotions. There are wonderful encounters and challenging ones, with people, creatures and the elements. And there is time to think about life and meaning and what one truly values.

I often, in my prayers, imagine life to be a journey, and I see myself always at a crossroads. It doesn't matter how old you are or if you are relatively settled in life or facing decisions about critical aspects of life and work and relationship. The crossroads and its concomitant sense of being in the midst of a journey from one place to another, is pretty much a given. Even when we take time to sit and pray or meditate, when we take a vacation from work or from our everyday routines, we are still on the journey – our life's journey.

It helps us to see things as a part of life's larger picture. It helps us to know that wherever we are, we are still walking somehow, in some way, toward our future, and that every step we take is a choice that helps create the patterns that make up our lives. Sure, we want to create a beautiful pattern, but that doesn't always happen. Sometimes we make mistakes, stumble along the way or take a wrong turn. But it all adds up to the whole, and when all is said and done, the pattern that emerges is something like a tapestry, or so I like to think. Even the mistakes, somehow add color and texture to the whole.

May the pattern of your life be beautiful! Shirley

P.S. Please join Matt Hall when he speaks at Tinmouth Community Church on Sunday, August 6th as a part of the 9am worship. And be sure to stay for the delicious and abundant snacks afterward!

Also, you are welcome to meet Matt at our home on Saturday, August 5th when we host a potluck dinner so he can meet more folks. We will gather at 5:30pm at our home in Middletown Springs. Please bring a dish to share, folding chairs if you have them and musical instruments if you play. Please let us know if you are coming – soskamp@gmail.com

For More about Matt Hall's journey see this article: http://www.tennessean.com/story/news/religion/2017/03/ 31/why-methodist-chaplain-hiking-appalachiantrail/99714742/

You can also follow his journey at Appalachian Trail Chaplin on Facebook and read daily blog entries at <u>www.trailjournals.com/matthall2041</u>



~Bone Builders~ by Sherry Johnson

When followed diligently, the Bone Builders program and exercises can help the body to increase bone density and reverse the effects of osteoporosis.

The Tinmouth Bone Builders has started meeting **Tuesdays from 10 - 11 a.m., and Fridays 9 - 10 a.m.** Please note the different times depending on the day. We will be meeting at the Tinmouth Library. This program is available to everyone free of charge. All you need to bring is yourself and wear sneakers, loose fitting clothing and water. Weighs will be provided so you do not need to buy or bring them. We welcome anyone who would like to help decrease bone loss.

For more information, feel free to stop at the Library and talk to Ruth Drachman, our librarian, or email Sherry Johnson at vtsjohnson@icloud.com.



CHURCH

Everyone Is Welcome in This Community of Worship and Faith

TINMOUTH COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday Service – 9:00 a.m. Rev. Shirley Oskamp, Pastor

Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors

~Marion's Musings for August ~ by Marion Hambly

Another month has rolled around. And another season is sneaking upon us. Although the seasons have been a little out of whack this past year.

Winter was a roller coaster, snow one day, nothing the next and then a warming trend only to return to cold and snow again. Spring has been the same and now in a month or two, fall will be upon us. One used to be able to stick to the calendar but no more. The past few weeks reminds me of Florida when I lived there. The day would be beautiful until the late afternoon and then WHAM! tropical-like rain. Twenty minutes later it would dry out. Same old pattern. Makes one wonder about winter.

As you know, I am a traveler, have been for many years. Now and then in my old age, I sit and think about the places I have been. I even thought of an adventure I had as child, before I began my trips around the country.

One summer, (I don't know the date), my father and mother plus one sister took off for a vacation in New Hampshire. My Mother was born in Lancaster and moved to Rutland after she graduated high school. I remember a story my Dad used to tell, when he was courting her. (Shows my age, huh?) She happened to notice the steep pastures where some cows were eating. When she asked my Dad what kind of cows they were, he told her they were side hill cows. Their legs were shorter on one side so they could feed and not fall over. She thought that over and figured he was pulling her leg as she also had noticed cows in a flat pasture. My sister and I thought that was hilarious.

Anyway, I got away from my tale. We had a 1937 Plymouth sedan and away we went. I may have been seven at the time. We had never been any further than Rutland. It was quite an adventure for us.

We visited Mom's relatives, of which there were quite a few. We drove around Lancaster and places of Mom's youth. I remember visiting the OLD MAN OF THE MOUNTAIN. That is gone now. We went by several ski areas, down to Whitefield where my Mom had gone to school, etc.

I remember going up the Flume where there were lots of rocks and water. Beautiful.

We went by Mt. Washington where my Mother worked in summer in her youth. She told us of the winds and said there were ropes between the buildings to hold on to when things got wild. There was quite a bunch of girls who worked there and they went up the mountain on the cog railroad. No diesel, good old steam engine.

Hollis and I drove up there a few years back. The higher we went the shorter the trees got until they were gone. I can't imagine cars racing down that road. I imagine quite a few of you have been up there. Of course Mom went in the summer.

Anyways, back to the long ago trip. We got to stay in a motel which was pretty exciting for two little country girls. There was no pool, but the dock out into the lake was something else. Of course we had to walk out and look over the side. The water wasn't deep and I remember the sun was shining. You could see to the bottom. I was looking everything over and turned to say something to my sister. Yep, I took one step too many and into the water I tumbled. I remember looking up and all I could see was water. Then there was a huge target with the water going around. Of course this all happened very suddenly. There was a man in a row boat near where I fell and he pulled me out. I believe the water was about four feet deep. I had swallowed some water and was carrying on, but everything turned out okay, but I have never enjoyed going into the water to swim.

Now, I enjoy boats. Big boats. Cruises. One of these times I will tell you of a few trips. Better close and correct this. *See you next time*.

Rutland Mental Health Services Relocating Evergreen Substance Abuse Center

Rutland Mental Health Services is relocating its Evergreen Substance Abuse Center this fall to unoccupied space in the administration building of BROC Community Action in Southwestern Vermont, adjacent to Downtown Rutland on 45 Union Street. Both organizations say the move, in addition to providing Evergreen with more space for programming and expansion, creates opportunities to offer clients convenient access to the many community support services that each organization offers.

A program of RMHS, Evergreen Center has been operating out of its Granger Street location for 15 years and had simply outgrown its space. RMHS is also moving its Adult Outpatient program to BROC from its current location on Court Square. Both programs are expected to open at the new location by October.

Evergreen Substance Abuse Center provides alcohol and drug assessments for adults. It includes an Intensive Outpatient Program, Project Rocking Horse, Impaired Driving Program, and Drug Court program, in addition to other services. This fall, Evergreen will offer a new program for women with substance abuse problems who are in danger of losing custody of their children or are working towards reunification. The program will be designed to support this population in such a way that they will have the skills necessary to provide a nurturing, safe and healthy environment for their family. RMHS is also planning to start a medication assisted treatment program in early 2018 for individuals with an opioid dependence, along with offering counseling and psychosocial supports.

~ Be Alert ~ Be Patient ~ Be Kind ~

That's the message state officials are sending to Vermont drivers this season, as farmers return to the roads with tractors and heavy equipment.

The Agencies of Agriculture, Transportation, and Department of Public Safety have teamed up to create a new public safety message that reminds Vermonters to take extra care on the roads. They are sharing the PSA with Vermonters on social media, in an effort to build awareness for rural road safety. The message has gone viral. Since the video was launched in social media, June 15, it has been viewed more than 53,000 times and the numbers continue to grow.

"Farmers are working hard to grow our economy, and keep Vermont beautiful," according to Anson Tebbetts, Vermont's Secretary of Agriculture. "Sometimes they need a little extra patience and care from fellow drivers – let's give it to them."

"Living in Vermont means living among our beautiful farms. Farmers are our neighbors, friends and coworkers," added Tom Anderson, Commissioner of Public Safety. "We're asking all motorists to put safety first. Slow down, be patient and courteous, and enjoy the scenery."

Ryan Carabeau is a farmer from Richmond (who grew up in Tinmouth) who worked with the state to produce the PSA. He says he understands drivers can feel frustrated and confused when they encounter tractors on the road. He hopes the PSA will serve as a reminder to Vermont motorists to be careful. (This recent article in Agriview has a picture of Ryan; it was unavailable to Tales at printing time.)

"I've had a few close calls over the years with impatient and distracted drivers," he says. "It can be scary."

"Attention, patience, and kindness are key to living and driving in rural communities," says Tebbetts.

Here are some specific actions motorists should take when they approach a tractor on the road:

1) Slow down

The first thing you should do is slow down. Remember, the top speed for most tractors is 20mph. Slow down and give yourself the time and space to assess the situation.

2) Pay close attention

You should always give the road 100% of your attention – especially when approaching farm equipment.

3) Don't get too close

Give the farmer some space. Do not tailgate – it causes stress and distraction.

4) Don't pass until it is safe

Wait for a safe opportunity to pass. When it's all clear, it's OK to pass a tractor, as long as you do so safely!

5) Be alert for turns

Look for turn indicators, like hand signals and blinkers from the drivers. Farm machinery makes wide turns. Sometimes tractors will turn directly into fields - no driveway needed. Be especially alert for left hand turns. The left-turn collision is the most common type of farm machinery collision on public roads. It happens when the farm vehicle is about to make a left turn; meanwhile, the motorist behind the farm vehicle decides to pass.

Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project Fund Raiser Raffle



This very colorful quilt (60" x 80") was made by Susan Juckett's Mom and sister to help with the Milfoil Fund Raising Raffle.

There are numerous other wonderful prizes as well, a handmade wooden cutting board, handmade jewelry by Linda Cone, a Lydia Cannon water color, a 16 x 20 Tinmouth Pond photo by Laurie Bepler, gift certificates to the Tinmouth Snack Bar and Noble Ace Hardware, and two fun Lake signs from Orvis.

Drawing will be August 12, 2017 at the annual meeting of the TPMP. Donation of \$5 each.

of tickets_____ \$enclosed _____

Name _____ Telephone # _____

Please tickets and \$'s to TPMP, PO Box 362, Wallingford, VT 05773

Thank you for your support to help control the Eurasian Milfoil and other invasives in Tinmouth Pond!!



Before Restoration

The Story of the Tinmouth Creamery *By Grant Reynolds*

Three generations of Levi Rices operated the town store. The third Levi died in 1897, leaving it to his wife Emily. John J. Mooney of Granville, NY, took over its operation – possibly before Levi's death. Mooney built the Creamery – that's fairly clear. A clapboard removed when the rotten sill on the west (road) side was repaired has his name written on it in crayon, along with the stamped name of the lumberyard. Most likely it was built after 1897, but for what?

In February, 1903, Mooney sold the "barn building or structure standing on lands now or formerly belonging to the estate of Levi Rice" to C. Brigham Company of Boston. This confirms Mooney as builder. He owned it, because he built it on the lands of another person. Brigham would not acquire ownership of the creamery by buying the land under it from Mrs. Rice, Levi's widow. Only a few months later, though, on June 3, 1903, Mrs. Rice sold the land to Brigham, giving Brigham full ownership of the Creamery. The legal description ends by saying that the northerly property line was "19 feet from the store and 19 feet from the porch of said creamery." So there seems to have been a creamery on the property by then, and it had a porch. It could be that Mooney was running one, but more likely that Brigham had modified the building and installed the creamery machinery during the spring of 1903.

In the same time frame Mrs. Rice's son George L. Rice sold rights to two springs on the Rice farm to Brigham, along with rights to install and maintain pipes. Those water rights stayed with the Creamery until it was sold to Kenneth Gilmore in 1956. Similar rights to the same springs were also conveyed to Ned Taylor when he bought the store in 1909, and were retained for the "lower farm"

(now Stan Wilbur's house on Bliss Road). Ned Taylor's deed mentions that he was already occupying the store.

C.J. Wilbur came to town to manage the Creamery for the C. Brigham Company on its purchase of the creamery in 1903. He was an enthusiastic photographer. We owe most of our early Tinmouth photos to him. He purchased the Rice "lower farm" from Mrs. Rice on March 13, 1911. It consisted of land west of Mountain View Road up to the "Upper Farm," now owned by Adam Guettel, and most of the land east of the Creamery down to the Channel. Mr. Wilbur operated a substantial dairy farm on this property into the 1940's.

C. Brigham Company sold the Creamery to Whiting Milk Company, also of Boston, on June 1, 1922, subject to a mortgage. The mortgage was satisfied three years later, on September 18, 1925. The deed had already been recorded, on March 28, 1925. But the sale was actually in 1922, not 1925 as has been cited in publications about Tinmouth history.

Whiting operated the Creamery for eight years, selling it in 1931 to Dairyman's League of Utica, NY. They soon resold it to C.J. Wilbur on November 3, 1931. The deed contained a covenant "not to use the premises for receipt, shipment, handling, or sale of milk as long as Dairyman's League of Utica was in the New York Milkshed." Although the creamery seems to have operated during the summer of 1931, the covenant in the November deed probably was the end of its use. Alternate markets were not permitted; if Dairyman's League operated in the New York Milkshed the Tinmouth Creamery was out of business. Apparently Dairyman's League never intended to operate the Creamery. They wanted the milk from Tinmouth farmers for their plant in Rutland. However, Roland Wilbur recalls that Earl Gilmore picked up the milk in his truck and took it to Wallingford for transport to Boston. The Wilbur family continued to own the land and building for another 25 years.

The creamery and its lot were sold to Kenneth and Florence Gilmore by Mrs. Wilbur on May 7, 1956. They are believed to have been mostly interested in the rights to the Upper Farm springs and the piping to it, to serve their house (white house in the mystery photo). These rights went with the Creamery, and have been used to serve that house until its recent (2017) sale, when a well was drilled on the house lot.

Mrs. Gilmore's estate sold the house and Creamery to Joe Przypek in 2005. He did not wish to own the aging building next door, but did want a larger back yard. In 2007 he and the town exchanged lands, the town acquiring the Creamery land and Mr. Przypek a piece of the town garage lot adjacent to his house.

And so the Creamery became town property. At first the only expected use was parking. The town had been using the lot in front of the Creamery for years even though the land belonged to others. But the Historical Society looked at the old photos and the nomination papers (which were approved by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior) for the Tinmouth Village National Historic District. The Old Creamery was part of the fabric of the village for over 100 years. It was a reminder of the time when dairy farming was the town's economy, and all the farmers brought their milk here. It was worth stabilizing, and eventually it will be put to use. The Old Firehouse was in poor condition when the new firehouse was built, and it might have been torn down. But it was saved, and has become the locus of many activities not necessarily predicted when its restoration began.

But for our time, putting the Old Creamery into condition to survive another century is our goal.



Old Creamery July 2017 with its new roof and porch.



Horse backing into the Old Creamery



Who is the mystery woman? By Grant Reynolds

She has been standing in front of the Old Creamery for over a hundred years. The picture is likely to be from around 1905. It is one of the many pix by Stan Wilbur's grandfather, C.J. Wilbur. But who is the woman? Until now identification hasn't been possible, because of her small size in the prints we have. But Vito Macaluso worked out ways of enlarging it so that her features became clear. So far we still have no name to attach to her. Is she Mrs. Wilbur? Another adult relative? A woman who walked by on her way to Ned Taylor's store? Although she appears to be in her late 20's, she would be over 130 today. She would be the age of my grandparents, all four of whom were born in the 1880's. So there may be someone my age (81) who can recognize her as <u>their</u> grandmother.





Boat Decontamination at Tinmouth Pond By Sherry Johnson

We had great success at the "Take the Town to the Lake" week. Autumn Osgood, pictured above, from the Vermont State Department Environmental Conservation was at Tinmouth Pond for two days during the "Take the Town to the Lake" week. She demonstrated the Boat Decontamination Station and educated boat owners and townsfolk on the how's and when's of boat decontamination. Since Tinmouth Pond has milfoil, all boats that left the pond were inspected for plant material and the owners were advised to let their boats dry in the sun for five days before using them in another body of water. Owners who wished were offered the opportunity to have their boats decontaminated when they left.

A total of 17 boats were brought to the Pavilion during the week. Any that had been in a body of water other than Tinmouth Pond within the previous five days were given the opportunity to have their boats decontaminated. The decontamination involved inspection and, while Autumn was here, a "hot" pressure wash. After Autumn left boats were inspected visually.

We were fortunate that motorboats were not allowed for our week at the pond. To properly take care of a motorboat when leaving a body of water, all live wells, the bilge, storage compartments and bait buckets should be drained and dried. The best way to decontaminate a boat is to power wash it with hot water (140°F-150°F) for 10 seconds or more. There is no need for soap or other chemicals. The heat is enough to kill the larvae but will not damage hulls, motors and other equipment.

Just a reminder: if you bring a boat to a private residence in the lake, the boat should be washed before it is put in another body of water. Before the boat is put in Tinmouth Pond, is should be hot water washed. Hot water is the best method to clean for zebra mussels, and spiny water fleas. Neither of these pests are in Tinmouth Pond. Remember prevention is the best cure!



The author signing books. **Tinmouth History book for sale**

<u>A Short History of Tinmouth Vermont</u>, by Grant Reynolds, editor of the Historical Society Journal. Written for Tinmouth School – Entertaining for Anyone in Town. A picture on (almost) every page, is available at the Town Office, the Tinmouth Snack Bar, the Northshire Bookstore, and directly from the famous author himself <u>grant62@vermontel.net</u> (446-3457). The price is \$13 the cost of printing.

From the Child First Advocacy Center

Aleiss Greene, Community Outreach Coordinator

The Child First Advocacy Center would like to thank the voters of the town of Tinmouth for supporting our mission, as well as helping us to continue our mission. In 2016 we served 229 children and families in Rutland County. Our agency serves families of all socio-economic levels and is committed to providing quality services regardless of ability to pay. By selecting us for funding as a non-profit organization, we are able to continue our



commitment to provide a safe, supportive environment to assist victims and their family members. Thank you Tinmouth, from everyone at the Child First Advocacy Center.

We really appreciate your efforts and taking the time to

submit this for us. Thank you to everyone in Tinmouth who supported us this year. It means so much to all of us. If you have any questions please contact me at aleiss@childfirstadvocacycenter.org.

~Meeting Highlights~

(Complete minutes are available at the town office.)

Select Board ~ 06/29/17 – Special

Present were members Frank Sears and Cathy Reynolds, as well as Ashlee Stevens and Nancy Briggs from Marcell Oil Company, and Gail Fallar Board Assistant.

Board opened bids for bids for diesel fuel – three bidders Champlain Valley Oil – bid Valero Rutland Rack rate plus .08

Marcell Oil – bid .30 over Rack

Keyser Energy - bid .31 over Rack

Board opened bids for bids for #2 fuel oil – four bidders Champlain Valley Oil – bid Rack plus .10

Marcell Oil - bid Rack plus .30

Keyser Energy – bid Rack plus .33 or \$1.99 per gallon Johnson Energy – bid \$1.979 per gallon

"Bid over Rack price" is standard bid policy for fuel companies.

Board had concerns about the difference in pricing – spoke briefly with Bob Noble via telephone (on the golf course) as he has vast knowledge of the oil business.

Board decided to postpone the decision until the Board's Special Meeting on July 11th. Time is needed to research where product is coming from, Canada or Albany, NY.

Select Board ~ 07/03/17 ~ Emergency

Present were members Frank Sears, Matt Patry, and Cathy Reynolds, as well as Grant Reynolds, Michael Fannin, Emergency Management Coordinator - via telephone, and Gail Fallar- Board Assistant.

The emergency of this meeting was a huge storm that created havoc on July 1st. McCoy Road sustained much more damage than done by Tropical Storm Irene in 2011. Gulf Road and Wright's Road also suffered major damage, as well as roadside washouts on various other roads in town. Road Commissioner Eric Buffum could not be present as he was still working on McCoy Road in order allow stranded residents a way out. Michael advised that he had been photographing damage and coordinating with staff at the Rutland Regional Planning Commission and VTRANS. A cost estimate is needed as soon as possible. He also advised that any debris removal had to be documented. He will attend the Board's regular meeting on July 13th to de-brief the Board. Frank reported that Josh Carvajal, ANR Streambank Alteration specialist, had stopped by the work being done on McCoy Road and issued a permit for it, though he advised that the work at the end of the road would need another. Frank drove to Rutland to get larger replacement culverts for Eric to install on McCoy Road. Frank will post a notice about these events on Front Porch Forum, Cathy will post a picture on the town's website.

Select Board ~ 07/11/17 ~ Special

Present were members Cathy Reynolds, Matt Patry, and Frank Sears, as well as Grant Reynolds, David Eaton, Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Mark Youngstrom and Craig Jewett from Otter Creek Engineering, and Gail Fallar- Board Assistant.

Eric advised he was slowly getting caught up on storm damage, McCoy Road was a real disaster area. They've worked on it for a week (folks can get in and out) but still needs another week to make it right. He fixed North East Road today to ease Route 140 being closed on July 12th & 13th. Some folks will need to detour around as culverts are being replace between Valentine's and Jenkins'. He requested approval to hire Kevin Ruane to do brush work on McCoy Road as Kevin was there fixing a washed out driveway. The brush needs to be out of the way in order for the town crew to do proper ditching.

Mark and Craig were present to discuss the contract for the Master Plan for the property on Route 140 regarding the town garage; what are the town's wishes, needs, thoughts regarding highway facilities, transfer station functions, potential use of the back portion of the property for recreation use in the future. Board had created a list. Otter Creek will develop several options and bring them to the Board in August. Mark also suggested a holding tank for the septic system as it will be low usage and it could be pumped every other year. Shrewsbury was allowed to do that for their town garage. Gail is to be the contact person, emails with plans will be sent to Select Board and Road Commissioner as well. Frank asked members to not respond to email as individuals, Board needs to act as one.

Grant and David expressed concern as adjacent property owners. David's house being within eye and ear shot.

Board discussed the fuel oil and diesel fuel bids. Gail and Cathy reported on their conversations with Bob Noble. After discussion, Board voted to award both contracts to Champlain Valley as they were the low bidder.

Back to the highway, Eric explained the need for brush work on McCoy Road and Kevin being available and close by. Board members advised Eric that he didn't need their permission – he was in charge of the budget and making decisions – such as renting a compactor from G. Stone for use on McCoy Road. Gail inquired about the special road improvement line item that had been designated by a past Board for projects such as ditching and brush cutting but only with Board approval. This Board advised they were not going to micromanage, and that line was now just part of the budget.

Members discussed road repair cost estimated by the state at \$70,000 and how to balance the budget with that much unanticipated expense.

Members discussed whether to hire extra help to catch up on storm damage. Eric will think about it and discuss with the Board at its meeting on July 13th.

Eric requested approval for a town credit card – some places have changed hands and now the town no longer has an account there. Gail will research how other towns handle it.

Select Board ~ 07/13/17 ~ Regular

Present were members Cathy Reynolds, Matt Patry, and Frank Sears, as well as Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, Paul Morin, Marie Regimbald, Shane Yoder, Laurie Phillips, Grant Reynolds, Mike Smith, Tim Smith, Mike Brown, Jo Reynolds, Gary Rygh, Keith Hawkins, Alan Held, Hollis Squier, Kevin Ruane, Josh Carvajal – State Stream Alteration Specialist via telephone for part of the meeting, and Gail Fallar- Board Assistant

Frank called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting being held at the Tinmouth Pond Pavilion.

Marie expressed concern with the Board not sending them a letter asking them to attend a Board meeting to discuss issues regarding their use of the Town's right of way. She acknowledged that they were using the Town's right of way to store various items including an equipment/vehicle trailer, as well for a work area. She also advised that the County Sheriff's Department had never visited their property; and that someone from the state had advised her that if a vehicle was registered it could park in the town's right of way. Board will look into that.

Frank noted that the Board's concerns stemmed from numerous complaints regarding safety concerns for traffic, pedestrians, and the Regimbalds themselves; asking that items be moved back out of the right of way. He also advised them not to work in the road and to keep the town's right of way clear.

There was discussion about the slope of the lot, the speed of traffic, relocating various pieces of equipment. In the end, Marie agreed to move what they could and get back to Gail within a week on the remainder (the dumpster and the white trailer).

A question arose about fences in the town's right of way – Board noted they are also not permitted, but they only go after them if safety issues are raised.

They will ask the Sheriff's Department to run radar in that vicinity to try to reduce the speed of traffic.

Eric noted that the rented roller had still not been repaired; he has repaired the major washouts on Wright's Road and Merrill Spring Road. More work is necessary on various other roads; Hollis has been helping out, there is lots to do. He inquired about hiring the contractor that replaced the culverts on the Route 140 project to finish the repairs on McCoy Road – Board felt that would need to be put out to bid. Kevin expressed concern that the Town had not replaced the culverts on the Route 140 project, having bought a new excavator last year. Board noted that it had been part of the construction bid. Kevin advised he would do the brush removal needed on McCoy Road.

Board signed a driveway permit for John Squier on North End Road, after discussion where concerns were expressed about the driveway for a camper was going to turn into a full time residence. Cathy moved, Frank 2nded and they both voted to approve. Matt voted no.

Gary (who owns the property at the end of McCoy Road) and Keith (his property manager) were there to discuss the damage to McCoy Road, especially the top where the Town no longer owns about 510 feet of it. The July 1st storm ripped out culverts and caused havoc there and on the town road just below it. Gary thanked Eric and crew for the hard work getting the road repaired enough so that they could reach their property. The Board called Josh to discuss options for repairs. Gary noted that he wanted it fixed the right way, so that it wouldn't happen again. Josh noted that the culvert work done earlier did not have any state permits and was undersized.

Various options, conditions, size of structure, whether to replace the culverts with a bridge, what happens once it crossed the road, whether another landowner can be made to also install a like size structure, whether to move the stream bed to follow a more natural course which would entail the town again being responsible for it crossing under the town road, what was best for the stream, best for the town, best for the private property owners, could it be left as is (NO), a temporary permit could be issued – but the bridge would need to be built within a few months – it could be open bottomed with pre-cast blocks. Josh, who was on vacation, is willing to work with all parties involved to find the right solution.

In the end, it was agreed to meet on site in a week or two to look at options. Meeting will include the town, the state, and Gary and Keith (property manager).

Shane asked permission to run a sap line over Merrill Spring Road – going through the culvert is not really working. After discussion, Board voted to allow the line conditioned on it being at least 20 feet above the road.

Board discussed Chris Lanfear's maple sap line on Wright's Road that now goes through a culvert (where a big wash-out occurred). It may need to be moved overhead or a conduit pushed through under the road, Eric will contact him to discuss the options.

Board discussed snow plowing for the church and school yard, still not certain what is required, depends on the timing of the snow storm if the road crew will be around, willing to try for a year. Trash will be billed once a year – disposal is more recycling than trash. School will pay for mowing the school lawn and ball field. Currently the

school does not pay for trash removal and pays for mowing the ball field only when school is in session.

Board signed contract with Rutland County Sheriff's Department for speed enforcement and general patrols for FY18.

Board set the town tax rates at \$0.6419 and \$0.0004 (veteran's exemption) for a total of \$0.6423.

Gail asked the Board to extend the first payment due date from August 15th to August 17th due to the Vermont Tax Department not releasing homestead corrections until the 14th. Board approved.

It was reported that while Ron Hill on Mountain View Road had disposed of the winters' trash, it was again building up.

Board set a meeting with Otter Creek Engineering for 6:00 PM on August 10^{th} – preceding the regular monthly meeting.

Planning Commission ~ 06/28/17 ~ Special

Present were members Kim Harbaugh, Bob Lloyd, Michael Fallar, Grant Reynolds, Vito Macaluso, and Denise (Tess) McGinley, as well as Ed Bove - RRPC Executive Director, Ludy Biddle and Gregg Over from NeighborWorks, and Gail Fallar, Sec.

Michael called the meeting to order at 7:30. Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus to include NeighborWorks re: October Hill.

Ed reviewed changes to the Town Plan, he offered to have staff at RRPC format and clean it up. There are still issues when different computers open the document - the formatting changes and the number of pages increases by about 6.

After brief discussion, members voted to approve the draft 2017 Town Plan subject to typo corrections and formatting, and move it to a public hearing. Hearing will be Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 7:30 PM.

Everyone thanked Bob for all the effort and time he spent getting the Town Plan updated, with a hearty round of applause.

Ed advised that RRPC is working with towns who apply for the grant-in-aid to help them comply with the state's new Municipal Road permit with goes into effect next year. The Northwest RPC is handling all paper work. The Select Board has already signed the letter of intent.

Ed also noted that RRPC was willing to do the work for Tinmouth to apply for a Village Center Designation – Clarendon Springs just got it. It's not regulatory, but does give bonus points for planning grant applications. It's part of the state's push to incentivize growth in village areas and keep development from spreading. All agreed by consensus to have RRPC proceed.

Ludy spoke to the October Hill project, which was originally permitted for four affordable houses in 2007,

with an extension in 2010. Only one house has been constructed, but they finally have another family ready to participate and they have qualified for the loan. So the house has been ordered, but now it's been discovered that the permit has expired, what should they do?

Michael advised that they could do one of two things, apply to renew the PRD or simply create a two lot subdivision – there were 10 acres total and the property is in the Rural Residential District, which has a five acre minimum lot size.

There was much discussion about the process, past performance, whether the original donor would be willing to accept the change to two instead of four affordable houses, etc.

The PC had not planned on having a July meeting, this being the second one in June, to finalize the town plan, but members decided to hold a special meeting on July 20th so that NeighborWorks could bring their plans for review and a possible hearing on August 8th.

Planning Commission ~ 07/20/17

Present were members Michael Fallar, Vito Macaluso, Kim Harbaugh, Bob Lloyd, Grant Reynolds, Denise (Tess) McGinley, and Kevin Ruane, as well Gregg Over and Gene Felder from NeighborWorks/October Hill, Sherry Johnson, Chip Wright, Megan Esslinger, Jeb Smith, Sunshine Hance and her daughter Samantha, and Gail Fallar, Sec.

Gregg advised that NeighborWorks Executive Director Ludy Biddle was unable to attend due to have her appendix removed morning. that He presented NeighborWorks/October Hill LLC's application to reconstitute (merge) the current four parcels into a 9.69 acre parcel, create a new five acre parcel and add the remaining 4.69 acres to the first lot of .32 acres currently owned by Smith/Esslinger. The second house would be built on the original location due to the well and electric already having been done there. Members inquired about more details on the survey (yes, this meeting is to get a general feel for the project); whether reducing the number of houses was okay with the original donor of the property (Mr. Wright advised that it was); will the houses still have affordability covenants (yes); who will enforce (NWWVT); are the current owners of the first lot amenable to the change (Megan and Jeb said they'd just heard about it, but yes); and Gregg advised that there would be easements for the shared driveway and septic field (state permit will be amended).

Members voted to accept preliminary information and move the application to a hearing. Hearing date of August 8, 2017 7:30 PM was set.

Members discussed RRPC's suggestion to apply for the state's Village Center Designation, Bob provided copies of

maps from Middletown Springs and Tinmouth's Historic District as a starting point. Members discussed possible boundary lines and wanted to know what are the advantages and disadvantages – so decided to ask Ed Bove, of RRPC to attend their September meeting before bringing the proposal to the Select Board.

Next meeting are the Hearings scheduled for August 8th, for both the Town Plan and October Hill's subdivision application. No other meeting in August.



Recipe Corner

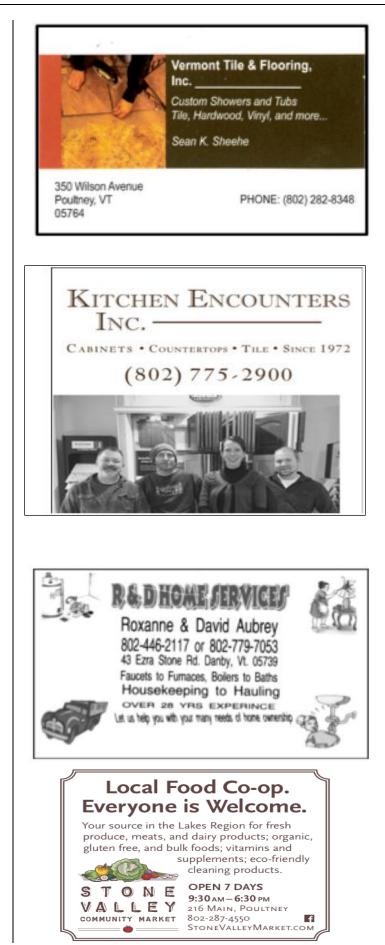
Recipe Corner Maple BBQ Salmon

4 fresh Atlantic salmon portions 1/4 cup maple syrup 1 clove garlic, minced 1/4 tsp, garlic salt 1/8 tsp. ground black pepper Masterpiece BBQ Seasoning

Mix the maple syrup, garlic, garlic salt and pepper. Place salmon portions in a shallow dish and coat with the maple syrup mixture. Cover the dish and marinate salmon portions in the refrigerator for 30 minutes, turning over at 15 minutes. Drain the salmon portions and discard used marinade. Grill the salmon portions over medium heat for 8-10 minutes or until cooked to taste.

Sprinkle with a little Masterpiece BBQ Seasoning.

If you have a recipe you'd like to share, send along to smhb@vermontel.net or mail to Shirley Bucceri, 49 North End Road, Tinmouth, VT 05773



Old Firehouse Concert Series

Save the Dates for Fall 2017

September 8 ~ Jon Gailmor

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Jon Gailmor

September 22 ~ Cricket Blue

Vermont-based folk duo Cricket Blue is inspired by diverse aspects of the American folk tradition: old and current, popular and obscure. Laura Heaberlin and Taylor Smith write songs marked by close-knit harmonies and words about myth, confusion, love, and the ends of things.



Laura Haeberlin and Taylor Smith

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Tim Connell

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Doors will open at 7 PM. There is a suggested donation of \$10 to \$15, 90% of which goes to the performers.

Homemade desserts, coffee and tea will be available. Donations for them will help support community activities.

~ Old Fire House Concert Tickets Available ~

The Tinmouth Community Fund awarded a grant to provide FREE tickets to concerts at the Old Fire House. There are tickets still available for the Fall concerts. They will be handed out on a first come first serve basis.

If you wish to attend one of these, please call the Town Office (446-2498) to be put on the list, you can pick up your tickets at the door the night of the event, or stop by the office in advance.

More information is available on the town's website – <u>tinmouthvt.org</u> or you can visit Old Firehouse's websitewww.facebook.com/TinmouthOldFirehouseConcerts/

Any questions, please contact Gail Fallar at gfallar@vermontel.net.





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