

TALES OF TINMOUTH

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Editors' Notes:

The deadline for submissions is the 20th of the month, for publication on the 1st 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.

Many, many thanks for the donations to keep *Tales* in print. They are very much appreciated.

Pat Psholka & Helen Mango

~ Town Meeting 2018 ~

Town Meeting was **Saturday, March 3rd**. About 70 folks attended. Town and Highway budgets were approved, as was adding an additional three hours per week of sheriff time, and this year an allotment of \$600 to Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce and REDC – it was amended to not be automatically added to the budget.

Officers were chosen **Tuesday, March 6th**, in the only contested race – for road commissioner- Eric Buffum received 104 votes and Laurie Phillips received 66 votes. Tyler Dana ran a successful write-in campaign for 2nd constable receiving 41 votes. (More details in the *Meeting Highlights* section.)



~ Help Needed ~

2017 was the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department. We are trying to compile a list of everyone who was ever a member or helped them out. Please contact the town office if you or someone you know served. We need your help to locate them.

We want to create an honor roll for all these volunteers. 446-2498 or tinmouthtown@vermontel.net

Thank you for your help!

~ Homestead Declaration ~

This is your last reminder that you need to file an **annual** Homestead Declaration with the Vermont Department of Taxes, form HS-122. You must file this to qualify for the homestead education tax rate and to request a property tax adjustment if you are eligible. You must also file form HI-144 (household income), **due April 17th**. This is required even if you do not have to file or pay state income taxes.



Hello gardeners and volunteers and Tinmouth Scholarship supporters:

The famous **Tinmouth Plant Sale** will happen on its traditional day – **the Saturday before Mother's Day, which is May 12 this year – from 8-10 a.m.** We will be selling locally grown and dug perennials to benefit the Tinmouth Scholarship Fund. This event is the primary fundraiser for Tinmouth Scholarships.

In 2017 we awarded \$10,500 to nine scholars. Help us continue and grow!

We welcome diggers (those who can dig and/or donate special perennials that are weed-free). We need to manage varieties and quantities, so please call or email me before you dig!

We are looking for volunteers to pot and mark plants on Saturday and Sunday, May 5 and 6. Typically our diggers drop off plants on Friday and Saturday morning and we pot on Saturday and Sunday. We strive to have all our plants potted and marked the week before the sale. We need potters at 143 Channel Road on Saturday, May 5, from noon to 5 p.m. and Sunday morning from 10 am until we are done. No experience necessary! We work in any weather, so come prepared to be outside (that could mean hats and gloves or sunblock and lemonade). A quick email or call to let me know you can help would be appreciated so I know how many folks to expect. We may also do additional potting on other days, so if you can be available during the week, please let me know and I will call you if there is potting to do.

Arrangements can be made for delivery of plants on different days if that is helpful, please call.

We always accept donations of plastic pots 5" or larger. Please: no clay pots, 6 packs or hanging baskets. Round and square pots only. Pots can be left on the porch at the Town Office, or dropped off at 143 Channel Road.

From the Tinmouth Gardening Team – thank you! Questions: call Cathy Reynolds at 446-2928 or email eworks@vermontel.net.

Hunting and Fishing Licensees are available at the Town Office.

**The town receives \$1.50 for each license sold!!
Licenses expired on December 31st!!**

March Calendar of Events

Good Friday Service	Friday	30 th	7:00	Church
Rabies Clinic (Dogs & Cats)	Saturday	31 st	10-noon	Wallingford Town Office

April 2018 Calendar of Events

Easter Breakfast	Sunday	1 st	7:30	Church
Easter Service	Sunday	1 st	9:00	Church
Easter Egg Hunt	Sunday	1 st		After Church
Dog Licenses Due	Monday	2 nd	All Day	Town Office
Fire Dept.	Thursday	5 th	7:00	Fire House
Library OPEN	Saturday	7 th	9-12 AM	Library
Select Board	Thursday	12 th	7:00	Town Office
Concert	Friday	13 th	7:30 p.m.	Old Fire House
Conservation Commission	Monday	16 th	7:30	Town Office
Income Taxes Due	Tuesday	17 th		Don't Be Late!
Planning Commission	Thursday	19 th	7:00	Town Office
Contra Dance	Friday	20 th	8:00	Community Center
Tales of Tinmouth Deadline	Friday	20 th		Don't Miss It!
Spring Ring	Saturday	21 st	4:00	Bennington – Mt. Anthony HS
THGS	Sunday	22 nd	2:00	Old Fire House
Concert	Friday	27 th	7:30 p.m.	Old Fire House

May 2018 Calendar of Events

Fire Dept.	Thursday	3 rd	7:00	Fire House
Green Up	Saturday	5 th	9:00 AM	Meet at the Transfer Station
Special Library AM Hours	Saturday	5 th	9-Noon	Library
Select Board	Thursday	10 th	7:00	Town Office
Plant Sale	Saturday	12 th	8:00 AM	Next to the Town Office
Bike Event	Saturday	12 th	10-12:30	Wallingford Elem. School
Concert**	Saturday	12 th	7:30 p.m.	Old Fire House
Planning Commission	Thursday	17 th	7:00	Town Office
Contra Dance	Friday	18 th	8:00	Community Center
Tales of Tinmouth Deadline	Sunday	20 th		Don't Miss It!
Conservation Commission	Monday	21 st	7:30	Town Office
Concert	Friday	25 th	7:30 p.m.	Old Fire House

Sunday Church Service 9:00 AM ~ *All are welcome!*

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

Library Hours ~ Monday 10:00-noon & 1-5 and Thursday 10:00-noon & 1-5

Fun "non-competitive" Volleyball on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm. All abilities are welcome!

Knit, Craft or Chat ~ Mondays 3:00 – 5:00 pm ~ Library

Bone Builders ~ Wednesday 11:00-12:00 am & Friday 9:00 – 10:00 am Library

All are welcome!

~ Tinmouth Historical and Genealogical Society ~

Sunday, April 22, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Old Firehouse

Metal detectors and what is under the grass in your front yard. John LaFontain will present information about metal detectors and then there will be a field trip across the road to the Wilbur's front yard, where detectors will be used to look for artifacts of the old meeting house and old church carriage sheds.

If you have a metal detector, please bring it! Refreshments always provided. *All are welcome.*

TINMOUTH GREEN UP – 2018

By Doug Fontein



Green Up Day is Saturday, May 5. The Tinmouth Green Up Committee is teaming up with the Conservation Commission to create a fun and delicious Green Up. In hopes of bringing the community out on Green Up Day, we're doing some fun activities at the Transfer Station at the conclusion of the event.

Green Up volunteers will meet at the Transfer Station between 8:30 and 9:00 AM on the Saturday morning to get bags and a section of road to clean up. We'll reunite at the Transfer Station at 11:00 AM for the GALA AWARDS CEREMONY (with prizes) and FREE ICE CREAM.

This is a family and kid-friendly event so please come with your young ones so they can share the fun (and maybe learn a little about civic responsibility and protecting our environment).

There won't be a Green Up activity at the school this year in an effort to get full involvement on Saturday morning. So this is your chance to be part of the team! People are also welcome to do DIY Green Up by getting bags from the Town Office (there are bags there now) and cleaning a section of roadside as your schedule allows. But we strongly urge you to come with your family on Saturday morning to help build community momentum for this important activity.

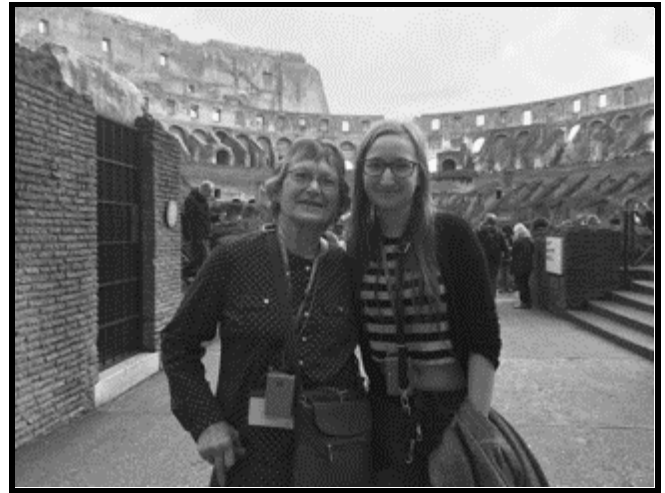
Please dress appropriately for the weather, including boots, work gloves, long pants and long sleeved shirts (to help avoid ticks). For more info. on avoiding ticks, go to the Vermont Dept. of Health website and search ticks or use this link:
<http://www.healthvermont.gov/disease-control/tickborne-diseases/prevent-tick-bites-tickborne-diseases>

Any items too large (or too yucky) for your vehicle we can pick up with a truck if you tell us where it is.

New for this year, we are offering people the option of "adopting" a section of roadway in town and keeping it litter-free year round as you walk or drive on it. In addition to keeping your neighborhood beautiful, this will allow us to focus on other roads on Green Up Day to make sure we cover all the roads in town.

We hope to see you at **Green Up on Saturday, May 5.** Feel free to contact members of the Green Up committee with any questions:

Doug Fontein 446-2928
Nelson Jaquay 446-2367
Ed Hasenohr 446-2676



Ruth and Emily in Rome

~ Library News ~

By Nelson Jaquay

Our Miss Ruth and granddaughter Emily are enjoying a wondrous two-week art tour of Italy, and will be back with stories for us sometime after the snowdrops have bloomed.

I'll take this opportunity to share a bit about some programs our Motley Writers Group (we regularly meet at the Tinmouth Library on the second Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m.) will be offering to you all at The Old Firehouse through the coming year:

WRITERS IN OUR MIDST will bring us a series of local writers, one a month, beginning in May, to talk about their current and ongoing projects. Each Sunday afternoon will begin with some writing coached by the writers in their genre for those of us who choose to write along. The second hour will be a presentation of their current writing. You are welcome to come for some or all of each program. The next Tales of Tinmouth and upcoming Front Porch Forums will come to you with the details of who is coming and when.

MANY THANKS to the Tinmouth Community Fund for giving us the grant which will make this possible. AND thanks to all of the volunteers who have been holding the fort at the library desk on these Mondays and Thursdays.

Over the coming weeks we can all bone up on our Italian to welcome back our favorite librarian with the spring birds.

Ciao!

Knit and Chat is on Mondays from 3 PM until 5 PM. Come and do any kind of handwork, but be prepared to chat as well!

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.

The library will be open on **Saturday morning, April 7th** from 9 until noon.

Please Recycle or Pass Along Tales!!

~ Community News ~

Get well wishes are sent to **Cathy Reynolds, Pat Jaquith, Roy Lockwood, and George Herrick.**

Heart felt sympathies are sent to **Morris Heir and family** for the loss of his mother.

Heart felt sympathies are sent to family and friends of **Glenn W. Merrill.** In his 84 years he did many good deeds and created many happy memories, he will be sorely missed. He served the town in many ways: member of the select board member, planning commission, and zoning board of adjustment, lister, justice of the peace, and helped found the volunteer fire department, to name a few.



~ Dog Licenses Due April 2nd ~

A current rabies certificate is required. You can call the Town Office if you don't know if your dog needs a shot or not. Fees are \$9 for neutered/spayed dogs and \$13 for those that are not. 50% penalty is assessed after April 1st.

The Town of Wallingford is hosting a Rabies Clinic on March 31st and then stop by the Tinnmouth Town Office to register your pet.



Dog & Cat Rabies Clinic
Saturday, March 31st
10 a.m.—Noon

All dogs must be on leashes.
All cats must be in carriers.

Lisa Hickman Oxley, DVM

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Wallingford Town Hall
75 School Street
Wallingford

446-2336

Letters to the Editor:

I, Paul Morris, 1st constable of Tinnmouth, Vermont would like to truly thank the voters and friends of Tinnmouth for voting me in as 1st constable. I will be your constable for as long as I stay voted in.

What I Learned at Town Meeting 2018

By Paula Bonazinga

The Town voted \$2,840 (included in General Budget) for the Rutland Free Library. This entitles every resident of Tinnmouth to a free membership at the Library. I intend to take advantage of this benefit now that I am aware of it. I encourage all residents to join the Rutland Free Library.

The Town has voted an additional 3 hours per week (total of 10 hours) for Law Enforcement. This means that there will be a full -time sheriff covering our Town as well as Ira, Middletown Springs and Danby. Hopefully this will stop the speeders on the East and North East Roads. Hooray!

There were approximately 70 voters at Town Meeting. Those 70 voters appropriated the General Budget and Highway Budget for the entire Town!!! As we no longer have Australian Ballot voting, you must be at Town Meeting to have a voice on how your tax dollars are spent!!!

~ Free Tax Assistance ~

BROC Community Action is again offering free tax assistance as a VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) site. With the help of volunteers from Castleton University's accounting program, they are ready to make you an appointment to have your taxes prepared. If you make \$54,000 or less, are a person with a disability, or are elderly, the volunteers and staff can prepare and file Federal income tax returns, Vermont State income tax returns, homestead declarations and property tax adjustment claims, household income schedules and renter rebate claims.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) sponsors the VITA program and all volunteers and staff receive training from the IRS and the Vermont Department of Taxes.

Call for an appointment today; 802-775-0878 or toll free 1-800-717-2762. Visit broc.org to learn more about the programs and services offered at BROC Community Action.

~ Helpful Items for Loan ~

Someone getting a new hip or knee? Or just needs some help getting around? The Town Office has walkers, crutches, a potty seat, a potty chair (commode), and a wheel chair to loan.

Please call 446-2498 to make arrangements.

Tinmouth Community Church



TINMOUTH
CHURCH

Dear Friends,

I was at the student-led “March for Our Lives” in Rutland on Saturday, March 24th. Several young people spoke, and I was really taken by their eloquence, their heart-felt passion, and their organizational skills in pulling the whole thing off so well. Several of the adults I met talked about wanting to support the young people, saying that was why they had come. Many adults I have spoken with over the past month or so, have told me that they are impressed by the students; by their activism and their outspokenness. It is interesting to see adults stand back and watch with a kind of wonder, while the youth speak truth to power and accomplish things we older generations have not been able to do.

It is exciting to come together to support our children and youth, and it is a whole different kind of support than the usual, of coming out to cheer them at a soccer game or theater production. This is our youth facing real life challenges with persistence and intelligence, insisting on solutions that protect the things they hold most dear. They are declaring that the old assumptions of impotence and powerlessness are null and void. They are walking out of their classrooms and into the halls of power on the local, state and national levels. They are refusing to take “no” for an answer.

This youth movement is empowering for the youth, yes, but also for the rest of us. As springtime (finally!) emerges from the grip of winter, my hope is that all of us will emerge as well. May we all stand up and be counted for the things we believe in, and for the values we hold near and dear. Together we can make this community and this world into the kind of place we want to live, a place in which everyone can thrive because they feel safe and respected and heard. Now that’s something worth cheering for!

*Happy Spring Everyone,
Shirley*

P.S. Please join us at Tinmouth Community Church any Sunday morning at 9am, where we endeavor to bring Love alive. On Easter, you are invited to come to a FREE community breakfast before the service (7:30) and an Easter egg hunt afterward for the children. Together, let us *be the community* that we all need.



**ALL Are Welcome To
Vermont 37th Annual SPRING RING
In Bennington
Echoes of the Taconic’s
Saturday April 21, 2018 at 4PM
Mount Anthony Union Middle School
747 East Road, Bennington,
Vermont
Concert for the public. A Free
Will offering
The Tinmouth Handbells are
playing a Solo Song
From the Motion Picture La La
Land
“City of Stars”**



~ **Marion’s Musings for April** ~
By Marion Hambly

I went to Missouri to visit my sister and brother-in-law, will tell you all about it next month!

~ **Front Porch Forum** ~
Connect with your Tinmouth Neighbors

Have you checked out Front Porch Forum yet? To sign up, go to <http://FrontPorchForum.com>. 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 home owner you can use your 911 address.

~ **Tinmouth Community Fund Scholarships** ~

By Cathy Reynolds

The summer camp season is nearly upon us, and some folks in town are making plans for post-high-school education, so it's time for the Tinmouth Community Fund to remind people that scholarships are available.

Visit the Community Fund page of the Town website (<http://www.tinmouthvt.org/community-fund/>) and learn more about camp scholarships (click on the "K-12 Scholarship Information" link). These are accepted on a rolling basis until the money is all allocated. This is a cost-share scholarship and family ability to pay is a consideration.

Higher education scholarships (click on the "Post High School Scholarship Information" link) are also available for anyone pursuing an education beyond high school. We offer scholarships for all years of college as long as students remain in good standing with their school. Scholarship applications are due by 11:59 pm on May 15. Graduating Mill River seniors receiving scholarships will receive a certificate at their awards ceremony the night before graduation, and checks and awards to all recipients will be made at an awards ceremony in late June at the Old Firehouse. All are welcome, and we serve ice cream cake! Last year the Tinmouth Community Fund awarded almost \$700 in camp scholarships and \$10,500 in post-high-school education scholarships to residents of Tinmouth thanks to the generous support of our donors, the Tinmouth Plant Sale and the Community Fund itself, which is funded in perpetuity for the benefit of our Town and its residents.

For the first time the Pam Garceau Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a Tinmouth Mill River graduating senior in the amount of \$2,000. This will be awarded at the Tinmouth Scholarship awards ceremony in June. Mill River graduating seniors can apply for both scholarships. The application is also posted on the Tinmouth Community Fund page.

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For more information, contact Cathy Reynolds at 446-2928 or eworks@vermontel.net.

~ **Non-Traditional Scholarships** ~

Bob Emerick would like to remind seniors at Mill River Union High School, that he and his brother Jack, are sponsors for non-traditional scholarships. If you are planning on taking a gap year or attending a trade school, please see the guidance counselor for details and an application.

Dear Tales,

I want to tell you how much I enjoy *Tinmouth Tales*. I read everything. It is well written, relevant, and informative. Gail, the former editor, and now Pat and Helen, are doing a wonderful job of keeping me up to date about Tinmouth. I'm a former editor of a town newsletter myself, so I know how much work is involved. Kudos also go to all the contributors who submit the news. I love the Nature Notes and stories about how it was, "back in the day." Thank you all.

I've been connected to Tinmouth for as long as I can remember. When I was young, Mom and Dad (Pam and Dale Inkley) would bring us 4 kids (me, Doug, Katryn, and Benson) to Vermont almost every summer for one or two weeks to visit with Grandmother and Grandfather (Norman and Katryn Wright). We loved it! How different those two weeks were from life back at home in the flatlands of Ohio. One strong memory is of drinking. No, not the hard stuff, but water! Right out of the stream! Cold, clean water! No faucet involved!

Years later, Benson brought some friends to Vermont. When one friend saw Benson grab the cup that hangs from a hook inside the front door and get a drink from the stream right next to the waterwheel, he was appalled. There was no way he was going to drink right from the stream! Much safer to get it from the tap in the house, he insisted. His wife quietly pleaded with everyone not to tell him that the water in the tap came from the same place as the water in Benson's cup. I don't know if she ever told him.

That cold, clean water fills the pond on the east side of Wright's Road. Here was something else we didn't have access to in Ohio...a pond. As soon as we arrived, we'd check the pond – was it "up" or "down?" We four kids trod many a time around the pond looking for fish, listening for the plop of a disturbed frog as it jumped in and disappeared in the muck and bottom growth, and, some years, skimming algae off the surface. That stuff is HEAVY.

The pond was our weather station. Is it raining? Check the pond. Is it sunny this morning? Look up before you hop out of bed to see if the reflection of the sun is shimmering across the ceiling. As we got a little better at swimming, we thought it would be a good idea to play in the pond. Until we dunked a toe in. Almost as cold as the stream. It became a challenge to swim across it. Then it was a challenge to swim across it and back. The biggest part of the challenge was the initial plunge into that c-o-l-d water.

Eventually, Dad got hold of a few truck inner tubes. We'd use these to float on the pond, drifting with the wind and current. It might take a few minutes to adjust, but eventually you could get just enough of your bottom side through the center of the tube to touch the water and keep you cool. Too far down and the goosebumps would come back. Not enough and you'd be too hot, not to mention that it was a chore to try to stay that far up on the tube. Dad built

a wooden platform to go across one of the tubes. With a long stick, we sailed across the water to wherever our imaginations would take us. A few years back, my grandson Ethan (a member of the 5th generation to enjoy Tinmouth) became Long John Silver and drifted across the pond looking for his own Treasure Island.

The stream also made memories. The smell of the spearmint (now long gone) growing along the bank near the road, building bridges across it, listening to it tumble down the mountain. Sometimes after prolonged rains, there was so much water that it was so loud you couldn't have a conversation on the side porch. When we were little, there were some pockets in the stream where you could put a gallon of milk and be pretty sure it wouldn't float away.

Milk...that's the other thing I remember drinking. Almost every afternoon, we kids would beg Mom and Dad to let us walk to George Davis's barn for milking time. There were several novelties in this adventure. First, there was a dirt road part of the way, not paved. We spotted all kinds of critters crawling across that road. Even the ones that had been crushed by a tire were interesting to us. And we were allowed to walk in the MIDDLE of the road. We just didn't DO that at home. When we got down to Mountain View Road, we would cross straight over, where we had a great view down to the meadow far below. We could see cows, sometimes deer if we were out for an evening walk, once a flock of turkeys.

There were so many things to see at the barn! There would be Percy Phillips, leaning over slightly with a hand resting on his knee, waiting for a cow to finish being milked. His other hand often reset his striped cap, so we knew he had snow white hair crowning his tanned face. He was quick to smile when something amused him, and we were happy that he was willing to answer our questions even while focused on the task at hand. There was an amazing trough that had a chain it in that moved, shoving paddles up and back, and shoving the cowpies along and out. There was the milk room with its whitewashed walls and a shiny stainless steel holding tank for the milk. (Did you ever see so much milk at one time?) There was the vacuum milking system, with just enough milkers to keep Percy busy transferring them from one cow to the next in line. I can still hear the piss, PISSH, piss, PISSH of the system in my mind. And of course, the cows, standing face to face, flies in their eyes and tails swishing, slurping water and licking their noses. Holy cow! They can lick their nostrils! We braved ourselves to walk slowly down the center aisle, arms tight to our sides and shoulders pulled up and in so that the cows couldn't reach us. Made it up and back! Phew! Only recently did we learn that Laurie Phillips would watch us from the hayloft and laugh at us city kids looking so silly.

Grandmother and Grandfather Wright had several one-gallon metal milk cans, kept under the bottom shelf behind the dark red kitchen door. Every other day or so, one of these cans would be hanging by its wire handle from the

hand of one of us kids as we headed up the road. We didn't mind carrying it to the barn, but we sure did mind bringing it back after Percy filled it with fresh milk. It felt like it weighed 100 pounds as the wire handle dug into our hands. We tried taking turns, we tried stopping and resting, we tried carrying it between two of us, we tried taking potholders with us to wrap around the wire handle. It still seemed twice as far to get home as it did to get to the barn.

And what strange milk it was. Blue on the bottom and creamy on top. When you stirred it, you could see swirls of the cream on top. Cream mustaches were not uncommon at the dinner table. Dick Combes, the doctor in the family, was bothered by the fact that it wasn't pasteurized and one year a home pasteurizer showed up. When we saw the pasteurized milk still had cream floating on top, we learned the difference between pasteurized and homogenized.

We always looked forward to seeing Grandmother and Grandfather in Vermont. As adults, a highlight of our trips was having Aunt Angela Combes come stay with us for a few nights, and visiting with Uncle Chip Wright and Kay. We have also discovered the delights in getting to know some of our Tinmouth neighbors.

Our travels to Vermont have shaped the lives of the Inkley family, as they are now beginning to do with our grandchildren. Your care and attention to the community contribute to our enjoyment and fondness for Tinmouth. Even when we're not there, we feel like we stay in touch with the Tales. We look forward to many more issues—and many more visits to yours and our beloved Tinmouth.

Jennifer Inkley Trepal
Wrights Road

From a really old e-mail box:

It's winter in Tinmouth, Vermont,
And the gentle breezes blow
Seventy miles an hour
At twenty-five below.

Oh, how I love Tinmouth
When the snow's up to your butt
You take a breath of winter
And your nose gets frozen shut.

Yes, the weather here is wonderful
So I guess I'll hang around
I could never leave Tinmouth
'Cause I'm frozen to the ground!

Anonymous

~ **Tinmouth School News** ~



Dear Tinmouth Community Members,

Welcome spring! We are looking forward to warmer days- the garden is calling to us from beneath a frozen blanket of snow. We have a grant from the Community Fund to build a spiral herb and tea garden. This is a project the students will be working on with the Tinmouth High School students who collaborate with us on alternate Fridays throughout the year. We also have a grant from the Wellness Fund for seeds and plants.

Once the snow fades we will be expanding the garden area to include the Wee Folk Playground. The willow teepee has been ordered as well as bark chips to cover the ground. We received a *Small and Inspiring Grant* which will go toward building a small pavilion. The Tinmouth Community Fund has provided the means to build a sandbox in the playground which the students will be working on this spring as well.

Third trimester testing started last week. Third through sixth graders completed *English Language Arts* SBAC tests for an hour on Tuesday and Wednesday. *Math* SBAC will take the same amount of time. These tests are scheduled for May 1st and 2nd.

Our Winter Sports program was quite successful. It was exciting to watch children grow in stamina and expertise. Students had the option of downhill skiing, cross-country skiing, or ice skating. They practiced athletic abilities in small group settings with qualified instructors and volunteers from our community. The children demonstrated stamina, and grew in confidence as well as skill.

Our community service project this spring is *Tatum's Totes*. The students elected to support this charity in honor of Pam Garceau, our administrative assistant and friend, who passed away unexpectedly in December. Pam took in several foster children over the years. *Tatum's Totes* is a non-profit organization that gives children placed in foster homes a backpack filled with items to help with the transition including toothbrushes, pajamas, and toys. The foster children range in age from birth to eighteen.

At right is a list of items the children are collecting for Tatum's Totes. If anyone in the community would like to donate items, please drop them off at the school.

A final thought:

An optimist is the human personification of Spring!

***Enjoy the Season,
Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker
Principal
Tinmouth School***

Tatum's Totes idea list ~ only new unused items can be accepted!

Always need backpacks, diaper bags and teen blankets and teen items

- Baby blankets
- Blankets
- Baby books
- Children's books
- Baby toys
- Baby lotion, baby wash, teething rings, etc.
- Children's toys (Dollys, trucks, etc.)
- Sippy cups
- Children's toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Coloring books and drawing pads
- Crayons, markers, colored pencils
- Stuffed animals
- Diaper bags
- Backpacks
- Hair bows
- Hairbrushes
- Baseball caps
- Shampoo/conditioner/body wash
- Nightlights
- Growth charts

Ideas for teens

- Backpacks
- Nail polish
- Deodorant
- Shaving cream (men and women)
- Razors
- Axe body wash and spray
- Wallets
- Purses
- Makeup
- Hairbrushes
- Ponytail holders
- Socks
- Toothbrushes/tooth paste
- Shampoo/conditioner/body wash/hairspray

Editor's Note: Your help collecting these items will be greatly appreciated. Please drop them off at the Tinmouth Elementary School or the Town Office.

Let's make this a community service project for the entire town not just the school!



~ 20th Annual Wallingford Bike Safety Day ~

On Saturday, May 12th, from 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM, The Wallingford Community Bike Safety Day, will host its 20th Annual event, at the Wallingford Elementary School. This fun, interactive and collaboratively sponsored event always has something for all ages; from free helmet fitting to an obstacle course, and from bike safety inspections to 911 rescue vehicle / law enforcement interactions, Etc. In addition, (as a tradition), there are always terrific prize give-a-ways, face painting, refreshments and much more; because of the generous support of sponsors & volunteers.

As a piece of history, the "Bike Safety Day" was started in the late 90's, by Wallingford's Brad Kelley. Over the years he enlisted the aid of Rotary, many local businesses, and volunteers to fund, facilitate and diversify this project. To date, major sponsors are the Wallingford Rotary & the GE Volunteers, rallied by Rodney Ward. The event is modeled from a program initiated by the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute and New England Medical Center, Boston, MA.

For more information, to make a donation, or to get involved as a volunteer, contact Rotarian Co-Chair, Adrian Eisler (802.446.7011) and / or GE Co-Chair Rodney Ward at (802.446.3672).

~ Go Wallingford!



Save the Dates – the Tinmouth Old Firehouse Spring Concert Series 2018

The Old Firehouse Crew is delighted to announce its Spring Series. We have some amazing musicians performing on our small stage this Spring. We hope to see you at all of them!

Concerts are on Friday nights at 7:30 PM in Tinmouth village (Except Jenni Johnson is on Saturday May 12). Doors open at 7 PM. The Old Firehouse is on Mountain View Road just a couple of hundred feet south of the intersection with Vermont 140. Suggested donation of \$10 to \$15; 90% to the musicians; 10% to the Town. Local groups provide refreshments. Your donations support their activities.

The Opener:



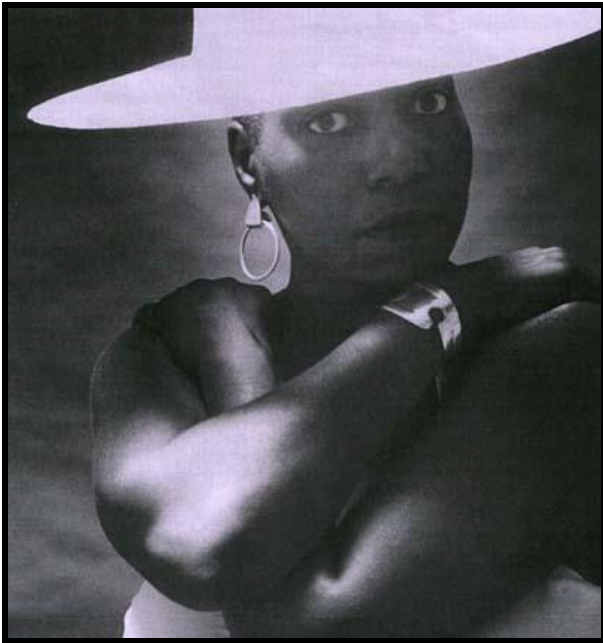
Swing Noire Plays Gypsy Jazz on Friday April 13

A hot jazz club in Tinmouth? Paris in the 30's? Swing Noire brings you into those smoky clubs of days past, makes you feel jazz the way it was meant to be felt, full of emotion and energy. There's no smoking in the Firehouse, and they keep the stage lights on but every time Swing Noire has visited us we went home excited.



Last Train to Zinkov Rides the Rails to the Firehouse on Friday April 27

The railroad never got to Tinmouth – one was planned that would have run through the Firehouse – but David Gusakov and his son Nate are bringing us a symbolical train. David is a play-anything musician – Vermont Symphony, jazz two weeks before with Swing Noire, bluegrass, and fiddle and banjo music with his clawhammer banjo expert son Nate. They play with a lively, toe-tapping touch, sing with mournful sensitivity, and exhibit a creative chemistry that can only be born of a lifetime relationship. Their music tells of the beauty and peace of home, of delight and sadness and the wild human emotions inherent in living and dying. American music, with a hint of rural Ukraine, where the Gusakov family village of Zinkov lies.



Jenni Johnson Returns to the Firehouse on Saturday, May 12

Jenni has come back to the Firehouse many times, always thrilling a full house. Her full, smooth voice offers an ideal format for her collection of American jazz classics, as well as, blues, swing and funk music. You will be mesmerized by her unique style and versatile renditions. She'll have you smiling from your souls, while your feet dance happily to the beat. *(This concert is on Saturday, not our usual Friday.)*



House Blend Sings at the Firehouse on Friday, May 25

House Blend is a delightful group of musicians who get together to sing for the fun of it. Larger than most of our performing groups, they somehow fit our house perfectly. Many are music teachers; all have well trained voices. Their repertoire is as wide as the membership – instead of one director, they take turns leading songs they have chosen. They perform songs from all over, and from many periods. “Singing group” is their only musical classification, for the musical genre varies from one song to the next.



Cindy Kallet and Grey Larsen Bring the Finest American Folk Music to the Firehouse on June 8.

Cindy Kallet and Grey Larsen, each well-known and loved for their decades of music making, have spent nearly a decade in a joyful musical collaboration. Cindy is a superb singer, guitarist, songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist. Grey is one of America’s finest players of the Irish flute and tin whistle, as well as an accomplished singer and concertina, fiddle, piano and harmonium player. As composers each contributes to the unique tapestry of contemporary folk and world music as it flourishes in the US today. Together, they weave songs and tunes of vibrant color and rich texture, rewarding the listener with a level of nuance and craftsmanship often compared to that of fine chamber music. The Old Firehouse Crew is delighted to have them return.

Spring is Coming, yes it really is, so it’s about time to fire up the Community Bake Oven!

Jan Krantz and Sherry Johnson have created an Information and Instruction Sheet – available at the town office.

This contains information about what tools are needed and provided; wood – what to bring and what not; building the fire; pre-heat time; making pizza (including recipes for a great dough); things to remember; things to bring, etc.

To reserve the oven, please contact Bess Lewis, building manager of the Community Center, and booking agent for the old fire house and bake oven. Bess’s cell # is 282-6240 or email her at blewriver@gmail.com

Have fun! Remember you will learn as you go and there are people who can help you.

Hmmmm, maybe we can have pizza and a concert!?!?



Tinmouth Contra Dance

Dance to

**Luke Donforth calling and Cloud Ten
Friday, April 20 at 8:00 pm**

Tinmouth Community Center, 573 Route 140

TINMOUTH. Dance to the splendid tunes of Cloud Ten with Luke Donforth calling on Friday April 20 from 8 pm – 11 pm at the Tinmouth Community Center. All dances are taught, and you do not need a partner. If you are a beginner, come right at 8:00 for a beginner’s lesson to learn the moves. There will be live music, enthusiastic swinging and dancing, refreshments and a fun night for all. Bring your friends and family to the Tinmouth Contra Dance in beautiful downtown Tinmouth, Vermont.

The dance takes place in the Tinmouth Community Center on the third Friday of the month when it is on the month at the Community Center is on Rte. 140 in the center of Tinmouth, Vermont 5 miles west of Wallingford. Please bring clean, non-marring shoes. Admission is \$10-\$12, \$8 for teens and free for children 12 and under. More info at tinmouthcontradance.org. Like us on Facebook at Tinmouth Contra Dance. Shine up those dancing shoes and bring a couple of friends to dance with! Our email is tinmouthdance@gmail.org. Phone [802-446-2928](tel:802-446-2928).

We dance every third Friday January through May and September-December. Don’t miss it. In May we will be hosting The Dam Beavers from California with Ron Blechner calling. See you in Tinmouth!

~ Nature Notes ~

And everyone thought that Spring was nearly here!! Ha!!! One Nor’easter after another, and another!!

~Meeting Highlights~

(Complete minutes are available at the town office.)

Tinmouth Community Fund Annual Meeting ~ 3/3/18

With thanks to Helen Mango, Secretary

Present were Board members Jan Krantz (Chair), Ray Pratt (Vice Chair), Cathy Reynolds (Treasurer), Melody Squier, Arne Majorell, Patti Macaluso, and Helen Mango (Secretary), as well as a couple dozen interested citizens of the Town of Tinmouth.

Jan gave a brief overview of the history of the Tinmouth Community Fund, beginning with the money left over after the Community Center was built, and continuing with donations. The Community Grant fund was developed. The Higher Education Scholarship and K-12 Camp Scholarship funds have been added more recently.

Cathy gave a report on the fund’s finances: We began year with \$10,987.11 in the Town’s checkbook, and ended with \$12,039.48.

TCF endowment: \$263,574. Reserve fund: \$51,720.

Total available balance: \$323,430.

\$8,105 was allocated to Community Fund grants (including \$105 raised at the last TCF meeting).

Ray gave a summary of the 2017 awards (15 awarded): total \$7,350. A few grants are being rolled over to this year, and two grants were never used. The crabapple trees, the bake oven, and the Old Creamery renovations are among the higher-visibility projects, but there are also important lower-visibility projects that benefit Tinmouth. A request was made that grant recipients supply the TCF with photographs of their achievements.

Helen handed out the awards for 2018 (\$500 each unless otherwise noted):

- Kamp for Kindness
- Event advertisement (\$370)
- Tinmouth Community Directory
- Tinmouth Contra Dance
- Tinmouth Elementary School Garden Program (PreK/K garden)
- Tinmouth Elementary School – contra dance instruction
- Tinmouth Elementary School – Wee Folks playground
- Town laminator (\$415)
- Tinmouth Historical and Genealogical Society
- Tinmouth Blooms 1 and 2 (\$400 each)
- Tinmouth Milfoil Project
- Tinmouth Elves (clothes for needy families)
- Tinmouth Handbell Ensemble
- Tinmouth Old Creamery Committee
- Tales of Tinmouth
- Tinmouth Motely Writing Group and Tinmouth Library

Melody reported from the camp scholarship committee: In 2017, two families were awarded scholarships, totaling

\$375. Melody encouraged people to spread the word about these scholarships. The grants are on a sliding scale, with the families contributing part of the cost and the TCF funding the rest.

Cathy reported from the Higher Education Scholarship Committee: Last year nine scholarships were awarded, for a total of \$10,500. Volunteers were accepted for the committee: Nelson Jaquay, Arne Majorell, Jan Krantz, Doug Fontein, Rene Wilbur. This year the TCF will award \$11,000.

Tinmouth Elementary School principal Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker described a new scholarship in Tinmouth named for Pam Garceau, administrative assistant for TES, who passed away suddenly in December, 2017. Her family is setting up a grant to provide (1) a \$100 gift certificate from Staples for every TES graduate, and (2) a \$2,000 scholarship for a Tinmouth graduate of Mill River Union High School.

Last year's Scholarship Committee was composed of Bob Lloyd, Ruth Drachman, Rene Wilbur, Annie Robbins, Tess McGinley, Nelson Jaquay and Caleb Scott.

Jan thanked Arne for filling in a one-year vacancy on the TCF board last year. Jan also recognized Ramsey Yoder who is retiring from the TCF board. He has been on the board since its inception, and is thanked warmly for all his contributions to the board. He said it all began because we used to have "the ugliest fire house in the state." Jan's term is also expiring but has agreed to run again.

Elections to TCF Board: Rainbow Squier, Cat Yoder and Jo Reynolds, officers elected: Jan-Chair, Ray-Vice Chair, Cathy - Treasurer, and Helen - Secretary.

Note: After the TCF annual meeting was officially adjourned, Elizabeth Marx of the Vermont Community Fund gave a presentation on how the mission and operations of the VCF, including a big shout-out to Tinmouth for being a model community fund creator/user. Another town in Vermont has recently modeled their community fund practically word-for-word after Tinmouth's, which is the sincerest form of flattery.

Annual Tinmouth Town Meeting ~ 3/3/18 and 3/6/18

Moderator Stan Wilbur called the 244th annual town meeting to order at 1:00 pm at the Community Center. There were about 70 folks in attendance. The pledge of allegiance was led by Marion Hambly, oldest voter present (age 89) and the students in grades 5 and 6. Stan asked for a moment of silence to remember those who passed in the last year John Marro, Marianne Gagne, and Nadia McIntosh.

Stan read the warning, asked if there were any questions about the reports in the town report, hearing none, then proceeded to announcements:

The 2017 Town Report was dedicated to the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department who celebrated its 50th anniversary. A round of applause was given.

Michael Fallar, Chair of the Tinmouth Planning Commission, reported on work for the past and upcoming year, asked folks to attend meetings or otherwise provide input, asked for interest in anyone becoming a member, noting that the PC was nine people committed to working for the best interest of the town.

Stan recognized Bob Emerick, who retired as 1st Constable and who also served as 2nd Constable, Lister, Justice of the Peace and member of the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department, a round of applause followed. Bob announced a scholarship for non-traditional students at Mill River Union High School.

Grant Reynolds, Tinmouth's school board member of the Mill River Unified Union School District, spoke to educational issues, noted there was a handout on chairs explaining the budget and the bond issues to be voted on. He noted that long time teacher Allyn Kahle was retiring (round of applause); that the school is thriving with 56 students (there were only 37 a few years ago); and that there would a meeting on March 19th to explain the vision for the school district regarding re-organizing/transformation into an experiential, nature based program. Maggie Morin thanked Grant for all his hard work on school matters (round of applause).

Grant, also Chair of the Old Creamery Committee, advised that exterior work on the building is proceeding, there being a new porch and new roof, which greatly improves its appearance (no longer does it look like it should be bulldozed or burned down). Work this summer will include repair of the south wall foundation, replacement of the north sill, and hopefully new clapboards on the lower east side as well as repair and painting the clapboards on the east and south walls. A handout was provided on each chair that included information about the \$36,766 raised to date (only \$4,400 being town dollars – an initial kick-off of \$1,000 and \$3,400 of \$4,200 approved by voters). Expenditures of \$25,725 have been spent. He asked, "What for?" – well the old fire house was repaired without a specific use and now is used for meetings, concerts, parties and more. The OCC has determined that once the exterior is done, they will start on the inside – noting it was not a short term project. Uses will come.

Marshall "Mo" Squier, Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief for 30 some years, advised that 2017 was the 50th anniversary of the formation of the department. Their first truck was a used oil tanker and a portable pump. TVFD is the volunteer center of the town, if anyone has any trouble they are ready to help. He asked past and present members to stand, a round of applause was made. He thanked everyone for their thousands of hours of donated time for the betterment of the community. He is the last of the original members and is considering turning over the reins soon.

The Department is slowing upgrading its trucks and equipment; training takes a great deal of time, costs to equip

one firefighter is nearly \$2,000. He also thanked the town for its annual allotment in support of TVFD. All are welcome to join, there is much to be done besides running inside a burning building, all abilities and talents are needed. He noted that there should be no hesitation to call the department for help, depend on them, they are wonderful people. If you see a firefighter, thank them.

David Birdsall, TVFD Captain, reminded everyone to check their smoke detectors, fire alarms, carbon monoxide detectors and their batteries every year.

Pat Psholka thanked the Tinmouth Community Fund for a grant to update the town telephone directory and then asked everyone to make sure their information was correct and submit changes as soon as possible.

Doug Fontein, Chair of the Conservation Commission, noted the CC advocates for wildlife and the environment and has seven members. He thanked Barbara Held and Ann Czar for their hard work, as they are stepping down – round of applause. He asked for volunteers interested in helping establish and maintain hiking trails and helping with Green-Up (May 5th this year) – more kids need to be involved in this annual event to clean the roadsides – there will be prizes.

Kim Harbaugh advised that the Vermont Telephone Company had provided a demonstration on how to change the back-up battery and how to get enough phone service to call 911 in the event of a long power outage. He would show folks how to do that as well.

Vermont House of Representatives David Potter and Robin Chesnut-Tangerman spoke briefly about issues the legislature was dealing with this session – gun safety, water quality, education finance, health care, mental health, economic development, net neutrality, retirement for small businesses or the self-employed, to name a few.

On to town business:

All the articles were approved by voice vote.

Voters decided taxes are due August 15 and November 15.

Voters approved the general town budget of \$222, 440.

Paula Bonazinga inquired about the annual allotment for the Rutland Free Library. More than dozen folks spoke in favor of the services the town receives (one of four which includes Tinmouth, Ira, Mendon and Rutland Town), many stood when the question was asked how many folks use it.

Voters approved the highway budget of \$524,750.

Voters directed the reimbursement to be received from FEMA for the July 1, 2017 super storm specifically to the Highway Equipment Fund. Gail Fallar, as Treasurer, advised preliminary estimates are \$50,000 to \$60,000. Cathy Reynolds, Select Board member, explained how the July 1st storm ravaged McCoy Road and others. It took the road crew a couple of days to get McCoy Road operable so that residents could get out. The money is needed by the Equipment Fund to help keep it stable and switch back to replacing the big trucks every seven years.

Voters authorized an additional 3 hours per week (total of 10 hours) for Law Enforcement coverage by the Rutland County Sheriff's Department. Frank Sears, Select Board Chair, spoke to the issue. The Board entered into a trial four town agreement with Danby, Middletown Springs and Ira for more coverage by the Rutland County Sheriff's Department in an effort to make the town safer by working together. Paula Bonazinga and Marion Hambly spoke in favor.

Voters appropriated the sum of \$600 to the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce and the Rutland Economic Development Corporation (approximately \$1/resident) to support the Regional Marketing Initiative. Matt Patry, Select Board member, advised that the two groups were trying to do a better job of marketing the area (Rutland County) for jobs, tourism, revitalization, etc., and were asking every town for help in this collaborative effort. A question arose if this would then be added to the budget for next year – reply was yes, that's the normal practice. Michael Fannin reminded folks that REDC had been a big supporter of OMYA when they were trying to transport huge truck loads of marble through town a few years ago. After brief discussion, voters amended the article to a donation for this year (one time).

Under any other lawful business:

Nelson Jaquay announced it was Gail Fallar's birthday, so everyone sang Happy Birthday to her.

Frank recognized out going Select Board member Matt Patry for his nine years of service on the Board, thanking him for all he's done, and the good advice of 'listen before you say anything'. The community is a better place for his service. Round of applause. He presented Matt with a certificate of appreciation for being a select board member and cat herder.

Matt noted it was truly an honor to serve and a wonderful experience.

Stan advised there was one contested race this year, asked Eric Buffum and Laurie Phillips to stand to be recognized, noting folks could ask them questions when the meeting was over.

Cathy spoke to the Select Board's work on the Master Plan for the town garage and transfer station. The current option under consideration would move the transfer station operations closer to Route 140, have it all in one area with compactors for trash and for recycling, up front where it will be out of the way of the highway operations. Now it is spread out to a number of areas, consolidating it would also enable it to be locked as required by the state. The garage is too small, with bigger trucks this has become an issue as they don't really fit. Chuck Bronk has volunteered to help with project management – something he did before retiring to Tinmouth. The sand pile also needs to be covered and the Board hopes to include a shed for salt as well. The Board will bring a plan before voters sometime this upcoming year. There will need to be a vote to allow use of

some of the Capital Building and Repair Fund for the transfer station as that will not really be a building – compactors are equipment. There will be a vote for a bond, as the town does not have enough saved to build the garage, salted sand shed and a transfer station make-over.

Seth Eaton received a round of applause for being the microphone runner for the meeting.

172 voters cast ballots on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 and elected the following: (150 in person and 22 absentee/early voters)

Moderator – 1 year term - Stan Wilbur

Select Board Member – 3 year term – Michael Fallar

Community Center Board – 2 year term – Ann Czar

Road Commissioner – 3 year term Eric Buffum – 104

Laurie Phillips - 66

Lister – 3 year term – Pat Psholka

Auditor – 3 year term – Vito Macaluso

Constable, 1st – 1 year term (to complete 2 year term) –

Paul Morris

*Constable, 2nd – 2 year term – Tyler Dana write-in winner
received 41 votes*

Tax Collector (Delinquent) – 1 year term – Cat Yoder

Grand Juror – 1 year term – Glenn D. Merrill

Town Agent – 1 year term – Rick Fallar

Old Creamery Committee ~ 3/1/18

Present were members Vito Macaluso, Grant Reynolds, Stan Wilbur, and Doug Fontein, as well as Gail Fallar, scribe

The main purpose of the meeting was to open bids for work on the south wall foundation. One bid was received – from Michael Fallar, committee member who recused himself by not attending the meeting. Ken Krantz sent an email that he hadn't submitted a bid as he needed to talk with Doug and had a question about whether the town equipment and road crew could be used for the excavation portion of the project. There was much discussion about how to proceed, including whether to delay opening the bid pending speaking with the Select Board about the possibility of help from the road crew/equipment, and whether to open the one bid or not. The lone bid was not opened.

Committee decided to reject all bids and start over (re-advertise).

Grant noted that other projects cannot be put out for bid until the cost of the south wall project is known.

Doug had prepared a scope of work for the north wall, members tweaked it a bit. Doug will re-do it and send it around.

Grant will attend the Select Board meeting on March 15th to inquire about the use of town equipment and road crew, if the SB approves, contractor will have to work around their schedule. Scope of work would change as well.

Members also decided to send out bid requests for work on north wall sill. The OCC will meet at 7:00 PM on March 22, 2018 to open bids for that project and decide how to proceed on the south wall foundation work.

Members reviewed Doug's vision and objective statement, and word-smithed it. Also added financial information Gail provided concerning total amount raised \$36,766 (of which only \$4,400 came from the town - \$1,000 initial contribution and \$3,400 of \$4,200 approved by voters at town meeting) and that \$25,725 had been spent to date. Also added the project list of work for the exterior – south wall foundation; north sill; east side lower claps, and east and south wall clap repair and painting (spray painting most likely given the height of the walls).

This will be a hand-out for town meeting, Grant will speak about work done to date.

Old Creamery Committee ~ 3/3/18 Emergency Meeting

Present were members Vito Macaluso, Grant Reynolds, Stan Wilbur, and Doug Fontein, as well as Gail Fallar, scribe.

Grant called the meeting to order and explained the emergency being that the Committee had not followed proper bid procedure on their meeting on 3/1/18.

After brief discussion about the bid process, The Committee voted to re-consider the Committee's action on 3/1/18 regarding rejecting the bid for the south wall foundation. The Committee then voted to open all bids submitted for the south wall foundation project before the deadline.

Members opened the only bid - from Michael Fallar for \$5,000, Grant read his proposal. Committee approved the bid.

Members reviewed and approved Doug's second draft of the scope of work for the north sill, bid requests will be sent for the OCC meeting on 3/22/18.

Old Creamery Committee ~ 3/24/18

Present were members Vito Macaluso, Grant Reynolds, and Doug Fontein, as well as Gail Fallar, scribe.

Grant called the meeting to order at 11:05 am. There was no quorum at the March 22, 2018 meeting, so it was re-scheduled for the 24th.

The main purpose of the meeting was to open bids for work on the north wall sill. One bid was received – \$4,000 from Michael Fallar, committee member who recused himself by not attending the meeting. After discussion, members voted to accept Michael's bid.

Grant advised that a possible use of the old creamery might be for the high school portion of the proposed Tinmouth Mountain Wilderness School. The interior needs work, there is no electricity.

Select Board ~ 3/15/18

Present were members Michael Fallar, Frank Sears and Cathy Reynolds, as well as Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Shelly Farman, Kim Harbaugh, Sherry Johnson, Grant Reynolds, and Gail Fallar-Select Bd. Asst..

Board re-organized for 2018 – Frank was elected Chair;
Regular Monthly Meeting Day/Time – 2nd Thursday
at 7:00 pm

Designated Signer for Bills and Orders – Chair (Frank)
Newspaper of Record – Rutland Herald
Adopted Robert's Rules for Small Boards
Appointed Overweight Truck Permit Signer - Chair
Appointed Member to Community Center Board – Frank

Cathy advised that the new school district was considering big changes and that Tinmouth folks and their use of the Community Center needed to be kept in mind. She and Frank will attend a special meeting on the 19th to hear what is being proposed.

Board congratulated Eric on his re-election. Eric noted that he has had trouble getting winter salt, has now purchased some from another company. The snow just keeps on coming, and there is another nor'easter on the horizon. He asked the Board to think about a number of items:

- 1) Creating a way to trade workers with another town – they help us for a week or two, and one of our crew would help them – might help cover when someone was on vacation . . .
- 2) Add a part-timer to be able to rotate shifts in the winter, so that one person could catch a bit of sleep when the snow falls day after day . . .
- 3) Purchase a road watch monitor system for the new truck – a temperature gauge of the pavement to help determine how much salt is needed, using less salt would help pay for it
- 4) Salted sand shed, consider a canvas topped hoop building, cost \$70,000 or so approximate size of 85' x 120'
- 5) Gail suggested a fifth, purchasing back-up cameras for the trucks and equipment – the town's insurance company has a grant program to help with the cost and is encouraging use of cameras in a variety of ways

Board asked for more details for their April meeting. Board discussed bonding for new structures being proposed, were advised “to do it once and do it right”.

Sherry inquired about a tree on the East Road in the town's right of way, who is responsible if it is leaning dangerously. The town's position has always been that it's the land owner's tree and responsibility. The town is supposed to ask permission before cutting shade trees –Gail advised there is legislation being proposed that will change how this is done. Board asked for more information for their

April meeting. Can the town cut it without the landowner or town tree warden's permission?

Board discussed work on the Master Plan, Cathy asked for support from the Board to authorize volunteer Chuck Bronk to develop an RFP for design build in regards to moving the transfer station (and what state permits and amendment to the town's certification are needed, etc.). After brief discussion, Board decided it was okay and that they would like to review the RFP at their next meeting. The Conservation Commission reminded the Select Board they would like to have the Master Plan keep an access to the south end of the town's 11+ acre parcel for possible future recreational uses.

Gail provided information from Casella's Waste Management regarding compactors, renting or purchasing them, still waiting for information from Hubbard's. Pratico's Fencing is working on an estimate for fencing the transfer station area – though there is a question of whether the state requires that or if the compactors can be locked and secured that way.

Board discussed having a separate sand pile for public use – to keep them away from the big pile – where to locate it, keep it from freezing, etc. – hope to have it in place before next winter.

Board discussed the Vermont Urban & Community Forestry (UCF) Program. It is looking for towns in the Lake Champlain Basin interested in learning more about roadside vegetation management along their rural roads. The Resilient Right-of-Way project is collecting information about roadside vegetation scenarios along Vermont's backroads and the challenges faced by road crews charged with maintaining them.

Participating towns will work with UCF staff to highlight local concerns about roadside trees, shrubs, and plants and discuss town goals regarding road safety, maintenance, and aesthetics. Towns will then receive results of a broad roadside vegetation assessment and recommended strategies to increase the health, safety and longevity of healthy roadside vegetation.

There is no fee for participation in the Resilient Right-of-Way project; however, the UCF team asks for time from a small project advisory committee during project scoping and receipt of the assessment. Board decided to participate, town committee will be Cathy, Eric, Doug Fontein (Conservation Commission) and possibly the tree warden.

Board approved and signed annual highway plan, road standard certification and annual highway mileage certificate (no changes from 2017). Board discussed road and culvert inventories, Eric noted they needed updating, he needs time to do that.

Grant, as Chair of the Old Creamery Committee (OCC), asked for town assistance with the south side foundation work on the building. Would the Board authorize use of the town's excavator and road crew time to help dig it out? He reminded the Board it is a town building. Eric had concerns

about the extent of the work. The OCC has contracted with Michael Fallar to do the work, he re-cused himself from the discussion. Board took in under advisement until Eric and Michael have a chance to discuss what is involved and report back at the April meeting.

Gail reported there is a meeting with the FEMA guy on the 28th, the review folks are still asking questions about minute details.

Kim reported on VTel's back-up battery demonstration at town meeting. Kim will write something for Tales about the process. Frank thanked Kim for organizing it.

Frank volunteered to work on a procurement/bid process/purchasing policy.

Board discussed constable's duties, reviewing an email from an attorney at the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT). After discussion, Board voted to authorize Gail to have an attorney write a memorandum of understanding regarding constable duties and firearms for the constables. Does the town's insurance policy bond them? Or does the Select Board have the right to make the constables provide their own bond? Board needs more information for their April meeting.

Board made 2018 annual appointments:

Board of Adjustment ~ Robert Lloyd, Robert Noble, Grant Reynolds, Alternate – Stan Wilbur

911 Coordinator ~ Gail Fallar

Emergency Management Coordinator ~ Michael Fannin

Community Center Board ~ Frank Sears

Health Officer ~ Frank Sears

Rutland Regional Planning Commission ~ Robert Lloyd, Michael Fallar, Alternate

RRPC Regional Transportation Council ~ Rene Wilbur, Michael Fannin, Alternate

Solid Waste Alliance Communities ~ Wheaton Squier, Michael Fallar, Alternate

Conservation Commission ~ Rainbow Squier, Jeff Ams

Safety & Wellness Committee ~ Ronnie Crossman, Amy Martone, Ray Pratt, Gail Fallar

Tinmouth Website Committee ~ Nancy Birdsall, Pat Psholka, Cathy Reynolds, Gail Fallar

Solid Waste & Recycling Committee ~ Jonathan Czar, Helen Mango, Wheaton Squier, Gail Fallar

Old Creamery Committee ~ Grant Reynolds, Michael Fallar, Doug Fontein, Vito Macaluso, Stan Wilbur

Tree Warden ~ David Birdsall, Wheaton Squier, Deputy

Green-Up Day Committee ~ Doug Fontein, Ed Hasenohr, Nelson Jaquay

Energy Committee ~ Ray Pratt, Cathy Reynolds, *Vacant*

Housing Rehab Loan Review Committee ~ Caleb Scott, Glenn W. Merrill, Carolyn Feury, Cathy Reynolds, Gail Fallar

Animal Control Officers ~ David Birdsall, 1st and 2nd Constables

Town Huggers ~ Hollis Squier and Patti (Cow Patti) Macaluso

Pound Keeper ~ Glenn D. Merrill

Fence Viewers ~ Caleb Scott, Ralph Lewis, Glenn D. Merrill, Grant Reynolds, Michael Fallar

Weighers of Coal ~ Michael Fannin, Cathy Reynolds

Inspectors of Lumber & Shingles ~ Doug Fontein, and Michael Fallar

Michael, as Planning Commission Chair, asked the PC appointments be delayed until April as the PC had not yet met in March and would like to make recommendations. Board disbanded the Personnel Policy Committee – they having fulfilled their duties.

Laurie Phillips resigned as Health Officer, Frank will serve in the interim until the state Health Department appoints someone.

Board appointed Sherry Johnson auditor, appointment is good through next town meeting.

Planning Commission ~ 3/22/18

Present were members Vito Macaluso, Grant Reynolds, Michael Fallar, Kim Harbaugh, and Andy Gilmore, as well as Gail Fallar, Sec.

PC re-organized for 2018, Michael was elected Chair, Bob Lloyd was elected Vice Chair, and Gail appointed Secretary, regular meeting was set as the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm.

Gail reported a request from NeighborWorks/October Hill to extend the time for acceptance of their final plat plan on Mylar. The hearing was held on August 8, 2017. Mylar was received on February 21, 2018. After brief discussion and an update for Andy, members voted to extend the deadline and to accept the Mylar for Permit 2006#???. Draft zoning amendments are not ready – Gail had too many dogs to license this day.

Search for new members, Michael reported that Rainbow Squier was willing to serve on the PC. Andy expressed his interest in continuing, will make an effort to attend more (Michael advised the attendance of 75% of meetings was expected). Kevin Ruane was not able to attend, but also expressed an interest in continuing – That still leaves an opening on this nine member commission. (*Anyone interested?*)

Kim expressed concern with the recent town meeting vote to send \$600 to Real Rutland for their regional marketing initiative for Rutland County, what are they going to do, and how do we ensure they do it? After discussion, Kim agreed to contact them and report back.

Conservation Commission ~ 3/19/18

With thanks to Chuck Bronk, Sec.

Present were members Doug Fontein, Nelson Jaquay, Robbie Leeds, Jeff Ams, Jo Reynolds, and Chuck Bronk, as well as Gail Fallar.

Annual re-organization: Election of Officers: Doug Fontein -Chair, Robbie Leeds - Vice Chair, Chuck Bronk –

Secretary, Jo Reynolds agreed to post notices/agendas, regular meeting third Monday of alternate months at 7:30.

New members Rainbow Squier and Jeff Ams were welcomed.

Old Business:

Robbie Leeds brought in the fabricated, double sided, aluminum Amphibian Crossing sign which cost \$50. All agreed that it should be equipped with two posts so both sides can be seen when it is placed on Route 140 at Ballou's Swamp. There was a general discussion of how the group would communicate the need to place signage when migration is about to occur. Doug will handle the new sign and notify others to place signs on Channel Road, and signs on North End Road.

Doug proposed a work day to clear blow downs on the Ridge Trail and also to continue the work on the bog bridges on the lower portion of the trail. The group agreed on Saturday April 28th, meeting at the Community Center parking lot. Doug will procure supplies for the bog bridges or "puncheon" placement. Robbie reminded all of the need for photographs of the trail for placement on the website Trails.com.

Additional work on the Purchase Loop and the Tinmouth Mountain Cabin will be set on the "spur of the moment" by Doug and announced to the group.

A discussion of Green Up day followed. Involvement of Tinmouth School would now focus on Saturday and not on Friday. It was suggested that Commission members make phone calls to request attendance and involvement. Doug will handle an appropriately timed blurb in the *Tales* and on Front Porch Forum. Jeff Ams suggested that we work toward getting folks to "adopt" a section of roadway for which they will be responsible from year to year. This would involve a map of responsibilities that is saved from year to year. Gail recalled past Green Up days in which hidden treasures (Bill Jenkins used to place \$1 in soda cans along the roads) as an incentive to younger collectors.

New Business:

The Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions' 2018 Tiny Grant program was discussed after Doug provided a double-sided flyer describing it. Applications must be in place by April 13th. Robbie agreed to write up a draft proposal for materials for bog bridges at \$500 with existing funds of \$250 to be cited as matching.

Doug described the planned work at the Tinmouth Transfer Station and the possibility of creating a pathway to the southern portion of the site to allow for recreational use. Whether this was a brush hogged path or a formal roadway, all agreed that the Conservation Commission should petition the Select Board to establish a place holder in the plan for the Transfer Station and Township Garage so that this multi-acre parcel would not be inaccessible.

At a meeting immediately prior to this one, David Younce, Superintendent of the Mill River Unified Union School District presented an overview of the proposal to

create Tinmouth Mountain School Wilderness Academy and Shrewsbury Mountain School Sustainability Academy as part of a new vision for the entire school district. Doug and others reviewed the information provided for those who were unable to attend. Pre-K through grade 5 will remain here, and there will be outdoor programs available for 10th to 12th grade students who complete an application process.

The Select Board has agreed to initiate an interaction with the Resilient Right-of-Ways Project under the auspices of VT Dept. of Forests, Parks and Recreation. The group deals with techniques for timing, clearing and maintenance of roadside vegetation to maintain species diversity and deal with invasives and erosion control. Doug has agreed to serve as the Conservation Commission's representative.

Next regular meeting **Monday** May 21st, 2018 at 7:30 P.M. Members also set an interim meeting to prepare for Green Up on April 16th.

2020 Vision – Our Pathway to Premier ~ 3/19/18

About 25 parents, grandparents, teachers and others gathered at the Community Center to hear Superintendent David Younce explain the new vision for the Mill River Unified Union School District. The plan is still evolving; they are looking for input and feedback on the proposal. Some aspects will be started next year, and the final implementation is targeted for the 2020 school year.

The intent is to have four unique elementary schools that will feed well prepared learners into an amazing middle and high school. Each elementary school will have a theme, and a slightly different learning model, ie project based, progression based, experiential based, place based. Tinmouth and Shrewsbury will lean toward the outdoors incorporating learning with outdoor experiences, sustainability studies, environmental sciences, ecology, and with academies a semester long for 10-12 graders (who may do their indoor studies in a yurt or two).

Tinmouth Mountain School Wilderness Academy for instance will see outdoor learning whenever possible and appropriate.

More information will be forth coming as each town and school discuss options and the vision and details are worked out by the District in the coming months.



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Apple Bread Pudding with Maple Butter Sauce

8 oz. French bread (remove crust)
2 eggs
2 cups peeled apple, cut into ½” cubes
2 tablespoons brown sugar
2 1/2 cups whole milk
1/2 cup maple syrup
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 tablespoons butter

Tear or cut bread into 1" pieces; put into a 2-quart bowl. Whisk eggs; add milk and syrup. Pour over bread and soak for 1 hour. In a separate bowl combine apples, cinnamon, brown sugar and butter. Cover with plastic wrap and cook in microwave for 3 minutes or just until tender. Cool and add to bread mixture. Bake in a buttered 1-quart 9” x 9” baking dish in a 350 degree oven for 45 minutes or until lightly browned and set. Serve with maple butter sauce.

Maple Butter Sauce

1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup maple syrup
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon

Melt butter, whisk in maple syrup and cinnamon. Serve bread pudding warm; drizzle with 1 tablespoon of the warmed sauce and top with a dollop of whipped cream.

Got a favorite recipe you are willing to share? Please send it/them to Shirley Bucceri at smhb@vermontel.net or 49 North End Road, Tinmouth, VT 05773. Thanks!

~ Unclaimed Property at the Vermont State Treasurer’s Office ~

Just an annual reminder that a number of Tinmouth folks have unclaimed property being held at the State Treasurer’s office. There is a process to get it back. Telephone, snail mail and Internet are ways to access and claim it. Visit www.Vermont.gov Treasurer’s office for more information, or stop by the town office to find out if you are on the list and to pick up the forms.

Nearly 40 Tinmouth folks are named, some are now deceased, some have moved, but some are still here – values are less than \$10 to more than \$200. Could be a forgotten bank account, uncashed check, security deposit refund, etc. These items have to be turned over to the state treasurer by banks, insurance companies, and others.

Editor’s Note: Melissa’s Mom’s Incredible Raspberry Pie - is being re-printed again, as it was an adapted version last time, this is from Melissa Chesnut-Tangerman getting it right for her Mom.

Let’s have a pie making contest to check them out!!

Mary’s Prize-Winning Raspberry Cream Cheese Pie

Ingredients for crust:

1 cup crushed vanilla wafers
3/4 cup finely chopped pecans
1/3 cup melted butter
1/3 cup chocolate chips

- Combine all ingredients except chocolate
- Form into crust in pie plate
- Bake at 350° for 8 minutes
- Sprinkle chocolate chips onto crust and return to oven for 1 minute
- Remove from oven and spread chocolate into thin layer on crust
- Set aside to cool

Ingredients for filling

One 8 oz. package of cream cheese - let it sit out to soften
3/4 cup powdered sugar
1 tsp vanilla
1 cup heavy cream
1 package frozen raspberries, 10-12 oz.
1/2 cup seedless raspberry jam, heated
1/4 cup chopped semi-sweet chocolate (I just use more chocolate chips here)

- Beat together cream cheese, sugar, and vanilla until light and fluffy
- In another bowl, whip cream until stiff
- At lowest speed beat cream cheese mix into whipped cream until blended
- Pour into the crust

You can now pause and keep pie cold until right before serving, as the berry topping can get droopy/gushy. When ready,

- Melt jam over low heat
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- Sprinkle chocolate on top
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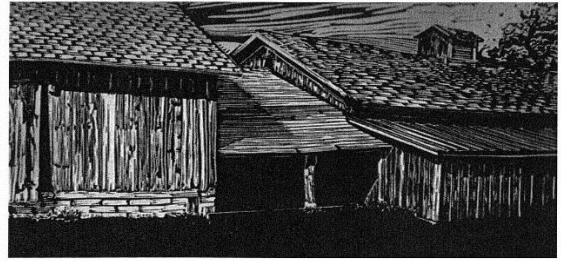


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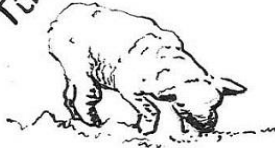
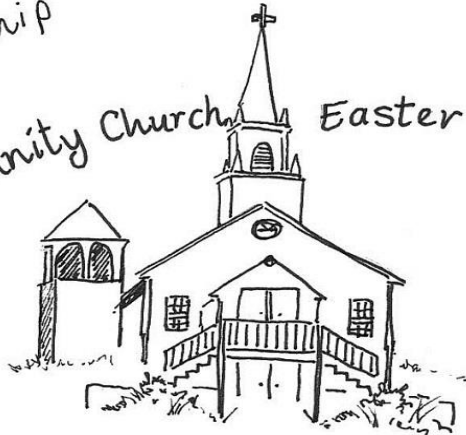
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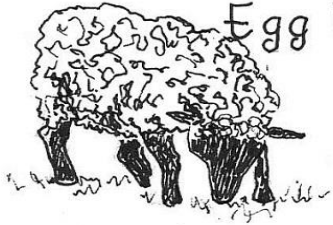
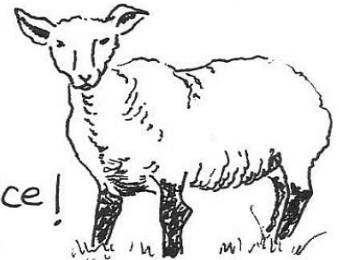
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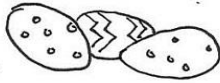
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