

# TALES OF TINMOUTH

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## Editors' Notes:

The deadline for submissions is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month, for publication on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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, & Gail Fallar*

**From the *Tales of Tinmouth* team: A sincere thank you to all who have made donations to cover expenses for paper, printing and postage. It is that time of the year when our account is low and needs a boost!**

**Please consider a contribution to keep *Tales* going. Thanks!**

**~ Primary Election ~  
Tuesday, August 14, 2018  
Polls are open 8:00 a.m. 'til 7:00 p.m.  
at the Community Center.**

Please remember that a Primary is held so political parties can choose their candidates for the November election. You will be given ballots for the state's three major parties, but may only vote on one.

## ~ Registering to Vote ~

You do not have to register to vote before the election (there is no more deadline). Vermont has instituted **same-day voter registration**, meaning that if you have not previously registered to vote and want to do so on the day of an election, you can register then and there.

You do need to be a resident of the town in which you are registering to vote, and proof of that (like a utility bill).

## ~ Absentee Ballots ~

**Early/absentee voting** can be done at the town office, or a ballot can be requested by phone, mail or in person if you want to vote at home. The request deadline is 5:00 pm on **Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**. You will need to mail the ballot back, drop it off at the town office, or deliver it to the Community Center by the close of voting on Election Day - **7:00 pm on the 14<sup>th</sup>**.

## ~ 2018 Tinmouth Town Wide Tag Sales ~

*By Sherry Johnson*



**The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Town-wide Tinmouth Tag Sale  
Saturday, September 1st from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Rain or Shine**

Once again, the Town of Tinmouth will host tag sales the Saturday of Labor Day weekend. This event is a fantastic 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!

Yard signs for each location will be available the last week in August outside the Town Office by August 27<sup>th</sup>. Sale location maps can be emailed by request or picked up at the Town Office a few days before the event, and also will be available on the town website: <http://www.tinmouthvt.org> More information will be forthcoming on Front Porch Forum.

There is no charge for this event, but if you don't sign up you won't be on the map and how will shoppers know where your treasures are located?

So, if you've got stuff, why not sell it at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Tinmouth Town-Wide Tag Sale?

Questions? Call either Sherry Johnson 446-3307 or Tracy 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 [charles.bronk@gmail.com](mailto:charles.bronk@gmail.com) by August 27<sup>th</sup>.

## A Reminder from Your Fire Department



If you smell smoke or suspect a fire, please call 911 first. Your local Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department members would rather show up to a suspected small fire than be called later when the fire has become larger. We want to help you.

When we show up, we have the equipment to make sure the fire is out, prevent the fire from re-igniting and to ventilate the structure.

**Call 911 FIRST**, and then if you can do it safely, use your fire extinguisher. Do not get trapped between the fire and your escape route.

### August 2018 Calendar of Events

<b>Fire Dept.</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Fire House</b>
<b>Library OPEN</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9 - Noon</b>	<b>Library</b>
<b>Republican Caucus</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Old Fire House</b>
<b>Primary Election</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 – 7:00</b>	<b>Community Center</b>
<b>Planning Commission</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Town Office</b>
<b>Tales of Tinmouth Deadline</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Don't Miss It!</b>
<b>Property Taxes Due 1<sup>st</sup> half</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>8-12 &amp; 1-5</b>	<b>Town Office</b>
<b>Select Board Zoning Hearing</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Town Office</b>
<b>Select Board – Changed Night</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Town Office</b>
<b>Library Book Sale</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8-Noon</b>	<b>Old Fire House</b>
<b>School Starts</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>School</b>
<b>First Day of School Celebration</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>School</b>

### September 2018 Calendar of Events

<b>Town Wide Tag Sale</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>9 AM – 2 PM</b>	<b>All Over Town!</b>
<b>Labor Day</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Town Office and Library Closed</b>	
<b>Fire Dept.</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Fire House</b>
<b>Special Library AM Hours</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9-Noon</b>	<b>Library</b>
<b>Select Board</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Town Office</b>
<b>Concert</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:30</b>	<b>Old Fire House</b>
<b>Conservation Commission</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:30</b>	<b>Town Office</b>
<b>Planning Commission</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Town Office</b>
<b>Tales of Tinmouth Deadline</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Don't Miss It!</b>
<b>Concert</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:30</b>	<b>Old Fire House</b>

**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 ~ Tuesday 10:00-11:00 am & Friday 9:00 – 10:00 am Library  
All are welcome!**

**The monthly August Select Board meeting has been changed to the 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Warning ~ Notice  
Amendment of Tinmouth Zoning and Subdivision  
Regulations Hearing**

Residents and voters of the Town of Tinmouth, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned that the Tinmouth Select Board will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on **Thursday, August 23, 2018 at 7:00 PM** at the Tinmouth Town Office to consider amendments to Tinmouth Zoning & Tinmouth Subdivision Regulations.

**Statement of Purpose** - This amendments mainly address changes in the newly updated/approved Tinmouth Town Plan. These amendments remove planned unit development language and address setback requirements for decks in the lake shore district.

*Complete copies of the proposed amendments are available at the Tinmouth Town Office.*

**~ Art and Craft Show & Sale ~  
Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>  
By Sherry Johnson  
Attention artists and crafters!**

We continue to plan a one-day art and craft show for Tinmouth Artists on **Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>** in the Old Fire House from 10am-4pm. There are only a few spaces left, so if you are a Tinmouth resident and would like to participate, please reserve a space at your earliest convenience. This is a great way to showcase your skills, and maybe sell a few of your designs.

Any organization that would like to raise money with either a bake sale or Pizza Oven Sale should contact Sherry Johnson (446-3307) [vtsjohnson@icloud.com](mailto:vtsjohnson@icloud.com) or Tracy Byford [tracyleab@gmail.com](mailto:tracyleab@gmail.com) or Chuck Bronk at [charles.bronk@gmail.com](mailto:charles.bronk@gmail.com)

More information will be available next month.

~ **Tinmouth School News** ~

**Tinmouth Mountain School**

By *Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker, Principal*



It's mid-July, and inside the school, the silence is uncanny. Teachers are at home during the summer break, re-energizing and preparing for the upcoming school year which begins on **Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>**. Parents club members will be providing breakfast and *Welcome Back* festivities in the Community Center on the 29<sup>th</sup> to **celebrate the first day of school**. The school day starts at 8:00 AM. Children can be dropped off as early as at 7:40 AM. The bus schedule will be posted to the Mill River District website in August.

Although the halls within the school are quiet, the Wee Folk Playground and School Garden have flourished. Pumpkin plants are blooming and tomatoes are ripening. The willow dome is filling out with greenery, in spite of the dry spell we had in recent weeks. The final *Battle of the Weeds* has been won and after weeks of insurgency, the weeds have surrendered to the fabric that now covers the entire playground. The pavilion is completed and the sandbox is ready for sand.

In two or three weeks, expect a call for community volunteers to set posts and build log benches. Please scour your woodpile and set aside logs that can be halved for benches. A second call for community volunteers will go out shortly after, to help carry wood chips onto the playground. Hopefully, the Wee Folk Playground will be ready when the children return on August 29<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all the volunteers for helping throughout the various building stages of the Wee Folk Playground – this project is more than halfway completed!

I would also like to thank the PTO for a well-organized and delightful end of year picnic at Elfin Lake. It was a great way to celebrate the end the school year.

In the upcoming school year, we will be slowly defining what our 2020 vision will look like. This vision recognizes that we are all dependent on the natural environment and therefore, protecting the interrelated systems of our bioregions is integral to our survival. We will develop academic skills through place-based studies and wilderness adventure that are critical to our role as local and global citizens. These skills are also essential to lifelong learning. In the upcoming school year, you will notice students and staff focusing on community, equity, diversity, and the ability to make a difference in the world as an integral part of their math, social studies, science, art, and literacy curriculum. More learning will take place outside, however, proficiencies continue to be the foci of instruction whether within or outside the classroom.

Enjoy the magnificent splendor of summer in Vermont, which was recently determined to be the best state in the nation to live in!

~ **Library News** ~

By *Ruth Drachman*

**Our Annual Book Sale will be on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> .....  
Donations are welcome until August 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**Books donated should be clean and in good condition! No encyclopedias and textbooks please. Thank you in advance for your books. We appreciate them.**

**Please see flyer on back page for more details.**

**Knit and Chat** is held in the library on **Mondays from 3 until 5 PM**. Come and do whatever handcrafts you prefer, and 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., as well as the morning of the first Saturday of the month – July 7<sup>th</sup> this month.



**Recipe Corner**

**Summer Corn Salad**

3 tablespoons olive oil - divided  
1 tablespoon lime juice  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1 1/2 cups corn - fresh or thawed frozen  
1 1/2 cups cherry tomatoes halved  
1/2 cup cucumber - finely chopped  
2 tablespoons fresh basil - minced  
1/3 cups crumbled feta cheese  
2 teaspoons Italian dressing (optional)  
(Dressing) Whisk together 2 tablespoons of oil, lime juice, and salt in a small bowl and set aside.  
Cook corn in skillet with remaining oil until tender.

Pour corn into a large bowl, cool slightly and add tomatoes, cucumber, and basil. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Right before serving pour dressing, feta cheese and Italian dressing (if desired)

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

**Hunting and Fishing Licensees are available at the Town Office. The town receives \$1.50 for each license sold!!**

~ Tinmouth Community Church ~



TINMOUTH  
CHURCH

Dear Friends,

As I write this, Gary and I just returned home from Hot Springs, North Carolina where we attended the Wild Goose Festival. *The Goose*, as it is affectionately called, is a progressive Christian event that brings about 3,000 people together with a focus on social justice, music, the arts, and as it turns out, the centrality of love in a life of faith.

The main stage hosted some powerful speakers including Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III, Barbara Brown Taylor, Diana Butler Bass, Shane Clayborne, Frank Schaeffer, and Ruby Sales. Speakers and workshops addressed issues including mass incarceration, health care, poverty, narrow-minded religion, politics and the injustices facing people of color and LGBTQ persons. Music ranged from blue grass to gospel to folk to rap, featuring the Red Dirt Boys, J. Kwest, Sky Blue, Pinkerton Raid, The Many, Amy Grant and Ken Medema (a long-time Christian singer-songwriter who created amazing songs on the fly reflecting the messages of keynote speakers.)

It was exhilarating and exhausting. (Did I mention we were camping?) The community created was a powerful testament to what is possible, if people are willing to work at it. It gave me hope, as I am sure it did for many others who came. What I found most encouraging was that although everyone there did not agree with one another on the challenging issues that were discussed, they *were* all willing to talk about the thoughts and concerns that reside at the center of their hearts and to listen carefully and respectfully as others did the same.

From the moment we arrived, I was struck by how kind everyone was, how considerate of one another. As I listened to speakers and musicians, and engaged in conversation, it became apparent that people were trying to live by the most positive precepts of their faith rather getting hung up on the differences between them. Focusing on love enabled people to listen to one another and to be courageous enough to speak their own truth. Judgment was simply not a part of the picture as was evidenced by a T-shirt that kept capturing my attention. It had the old saying, "*Love the sinner but hate the sin*", but all of the words except "*Love*" were crossed out.

Love is at the heart of faith at its best. It is our legacy, the essential core of human nature. Ultimately, when all is said and done, love is what really matters. How well do we love one another? I am convinced that the world would be a better place if people everywhere could treat one another as well as folks at *The Goose* did,

if we could embrace the fact that the differences between us are not nearly as important as the love that holds us together.

*Love well,  
Shirley*

~ Community News ~

*Heartfelt Sympathies* are sent to family and friends of **Sue Lloyd**, long time musical/choir director at the Tinmouth Community Church, founding member of the Tinmouth Land Trust, co-director and co-founder of the Spoon Mountain Singers, Guardian-ad-Litem for kids, among her many talents.

*Heartfelt Sympathies* are also sent to **Erin Predom** and family for the recent loss of her father.

*Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary* to **Art and Gene Usher**, who recently celebrated this wonderful event!

*Get Well Wishes* are sent to **Pauline Munson, Carleen Eaton, Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker, Nancy Lollie and Jordan Carrison.**

~ 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. No charge.

Please call 446-2498 to make arrangements.

~ 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.

Meetings and agendas are announced here as well.

~ Republican Town Caucus ~

*By Stan Wilbur, Republican Party Town Chair*

All Republican voters of the Town of Tinmouth, County of Rutland are hereby notified in accordance with 17VSA2303 to meet in caucus on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at the Tinmouth Old Firehouse at 7:00 P.M.

The Agenda for this Caucus is the nomination of Justice of the Peace Candidates.

**Democratic Town Caucus** ~ Please contact Betti Jaquay for date, time and location.

*Please Recycle or Pass Along Tales!!*

## Meeting Highlights~

*(Complete minutes are available at the town office.)*

### Select Board ~ 7/12/18

Present were members Michael Fallar and Cathy Reynolds, as well as Chuck Bronk, Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Kim Harbaugh, Sherry Johnson, Grant Reynolds, Jo Reynolds, Ronnie Crossman, and Gail Fallar, Select Board Assistant.

Eric requested an additional \$250 for a monitor for four cameras for the new truck. It originally was going to have three cameras, but with the VLCT-PACIF safety grant, he is able to get four, but the original monitor will only handle three cameras. After brief discussion, Board decided to wait until next week when Frank will be present. Special Board meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Eric reported paving on the East Road is scheduled to begin on the 16<sup>th</sup>. One culvert needed changing prior to the paving project, that project has been completed.

Board reviewed driveway permit application from Chad Virkler on Wright's Road. Eric advised it needed a 15" culvert, no trees needed cutting or ditching required. Board approved and signed.

Michael advised that he had contacted the local game warden about a couple of issues. There is a bear rummaging around the transfer station – pulling out trash and spreading it everywhere. Steps to discourage its visits are in order first – he will try to electrify the area near the dumpster. And there are beavers damming up the Channel on North End Road; the warden gave permission for them to be trapped. He will work on that as well.

Board formally accepted proposed Zoning and Subdivision amendments. After brief discussion including that Cathy will not be in town for the regular August Board meeting, and so it might change, Board postponed action until the meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Gail as Treasurer presented options for setting the town tax rate – there is a problem with the amount budgeted for taxes as they are never fully collected in the given year, some of them become delinquent and are reported in that account line – so in effect there is a double counting of that money. She asked if the Board would consider adding another \$25,000 to the amount of taxes to be raised. She also reported an estimated deficit of about \$25,000, due in large part to revenues being under budget (the highway budget was just over budget – mostly due to the July 1<sup>st</sup> storm last year - \$14,000; the general budget was under budget by about \$10,000). After discussion, Board voted to move the August tax due date to August 20<sup>th</sup>. Tax rate setting was postponed to the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Ronnie asked for the Board's blessing to continue his duties as a wildfire fire fighter for the federal fire service that he has done for the past ten years. He generally takes his vacation time to head out west to fight forest fires in the northwest part of the country. His experience as a

volunteer fire fighter since 1975 and as a logger, makes him very qualified for a very specific duty, and he enjoys doing it.

Cathy noted the new Personnel Policy requires Ronnie to request Board permission. There was brief discussion about what one person could do for road work, Eric and Ronnie both advised that there was plenty to do, that was not a problem. Board approved the request.

### Select Board ~ 7/19/18 ~ Special Meeting

Present were members Frank Sears, Cathy Reynolds, and Michael Fallar-arrived at 7:08, as well as Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Kim Harbaugh, Bob Lloyd, Grant Reynolds, Jo Reynolds, Heather McMahan, and Gail Fallar – Select Board Assistant.

Frank called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Agenda was reviewed, added tax sale update and moved Bob to the top.

Bob spoke to the condition of the Pent Road, providing a bit of history as it was laid out in 1797. It has had its ups and downs in the last twenty years (Roy lawsuit that lasted years) and in the last 30 years the town has made some improvements as have the property owners who adjoin it. They have made two major repairs – six culverts following the July 1974 flood and more work on the lower part from Upper Gulf to Rustin's cabin. Shortly before Hurricane Irene, then road commissioner Hollis Squier took the grader up to Roy's cabin and did major grading which saved the road when the storm arrived. The owners have sought grants from Better Back Roads, but were told the road was not eligible – it's run-off was not making its way to a river. So the owners have decided to again invest in the road – to the tune of \$18,000. Bob came before the Select Board last fall and asked that the town help – town is only responsible for culverts and bridges on Class 4 town roads. Board approved 4 or 5 culverts, whatever was needed. The owners contracted with Leon Corey to do the road work once the culverts were installed. To date they have not replaced. Bob contacted Eric and was told the work would be done in June. He is here to ask that the work get done soon.

Eric advised that the work on the Pent Road is next on the list, barring any unforeseen emergencies, but that he could install the culverts even if the other work was done first. Bob felt the repair would hold better if the culverts were installed before the gravel was laid. He also noted that the owners were not the only beneficiaries of the work, it is a town road and the road that leads to the town's forest and recreation area and cabin.

After brief discussion, Frank advised that it would be done within two weeks. Bob expressed appreciation.

In other highway business, Eric advised the road crew had replaced a culvert on Merrill Spring Road and were ditching, 14 loads so far, another day and a half to complete it. He noted he had tried grading on the North

East Road, but it soon turned to dust – he again advised that the town should be applying liquid chloride after grading to help hold the road crown. The state prefers the salt stabilizing the road, to the road washing away into a stream. He spoke to the Board a couple of years ago, cost of equipment needed may cost \$10,000 or so and \$5,000 in chloride a year. Eric noted that Clarendon and Danby are now using it; it would save the town money in the long run; and the state is pushing it. After more discussion, Board asked Eric to bring back further information at their August meeting.

Eric also advised the new truck is being worked on; he would like a fourth camera and that needs a new monitor as the original equipment called for 3 cameras and a monitor that only reads three. Additional cost is \$250. Cathy moved to spend \$250 for safety of the driver, the truck and property, Frank 2nded – Cathy and Frank voted yes, Michael voted no – expressing concern that the cameras and monitor could be a distraction. Motion passed.

Josh Carvajal, from the Agency of Natural Resources, is helping with bid specs for the culvert replacement on McCoy Road, with luck they will be ready for the next Board meeting. He is creating a model for all towns to use, with specifics for each project to be added.

Board discussed process for proceeding with the Master Plan for the town garage/salt & sand shed/transfer station. Michael advised he had spoken with Scott Lepley who is willing to meet with the Board to discuss options. He has also called others who have worked with towns building new town garages. Michael prefers to work on the town garage first, wants to put the transfer station changes (switching to compactors) on hold as the salt and sand shed and the town garage are already amounting to a huge amount of money. Cathy raised concerns with space in the current town garage and the state's requirement regarding fencing for the transfer station. Frank noted a concern with the public being near the highway department facilities. Board decided to hold a special meeting with Scott on August 4<sup>th</sup> at the town garage. *(This was later postponed.)*

Gail advised that FEMA still has not released funds from last year's storm damage.

Board discussed continued use of the right of way on the East Road, Board decided to hire an attorney to deal with the situation, photos and other documentation is needed, instructed the Select Board Assistant to contact attorney, have a process for the August meeting.

Board discussed trash problems, Carmen/Cook are now using the transfer station, Frank will visit the Baker farm with the Deputy Sheriff – Gail advised the Baker family is trying to evict the owner of the pigs and make him clean the site.

Board requested copies of current ordinances – traffic, sludge, solid waste, are there any others?

Michael reported he contacted the local game warden regarding the bear at the transfer station. He was advised that barricades and other measures to discourage the bear needed to be taken. He will install an electric fence near the dumpster. He was also given permission to trap the beaver building a dam across the big culvert on North End Road.

Cathy advised that her six year term as Tinmouth's representative to the Rutland Free Library ends in October. Barry Cohen has expressed an interest. After brief discussion, Board voted to appoint Barry Cohen when the term starts in October.

Board appointed Chris Martone, new transfer station manager, to the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee. Cindy Taylor-Patch and Carolyn Feury volunteered to serve as Health Officer. After brief discussion, Board voted to recommend Cindy, and thanked both for being willing to do it.

Board set town tax rate at \$0.6765 plus \$0.0004 (veteran's exemption) for a total \$0.6769. and voted to move the due date for the first half to August 23<sup>rd</sup> to ensure 30 days as required by statute.

Board decided to change to date of the August meeting to the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Board will also hold its Public Hearing on Draft Zoning and Subdivision Amendments that evening.

Board discussed proposed contract for the Rutland County Sheriff's Department. There is no mention of the new four town agreement. Frank will investigate before the next meeting. Board postponed action.

Cathy spoke to the Regional Marketing Initiative, explaining the process – working on getting more people to move to Rutland County – helps the region, but maybe not Tinmouth.

Board worked on Purchasing Policy, setting minimum to go out to bid, no decision on whether bids can be emailed, more work is needed.

Board set Board of Civil Authority Hearing for a tax appeal from the Listers, for August 21<sup>st</sup>.

Gail provided an update of the tax sales – four are now paying monthly, one has paid in full and two are being sent to the attorney.

At 9:20 Board voted to enter Executive Session for discussion of a possible real estate transaction, prior knowledge of which would not be in the public's best interest. Board exited at 9:32. Board voted to authorize the Select Board Assistant to pursue a potential easement.

**Planning Commission ~ No meeting in July**

**Conservation Commission ~ 7/16/18 Minutes not available at press time.**

## Meeting Highlights continued . . .

### Solid Waste and Recycling Committee ~ 7/17/18

Present were members Wheaton Squier, Gail Fallar, Jonathan Czar, Chris Martone and Helen Mango (secretary), as well as Michael Fallar (audience).

Committee re-organized for the year, Wheaton will continue as Chair, Helen will continue as Secretary.

The board welcomed Chris as the new Transfer Station manager (to be officially appointed by the Select Board next week). The Committee assured Chris that our job is to support him in his job whenever we can.

Michael advised that he is going to electrify around the dumpster in order to discourage the bear that has been frequenting the neighborhood (and raiding the dumpster) as advised by the Game Warden.

Michael informed the board that the Select Board has taken a hiatus from moving forward with the plans to move/rebuild the Transfer Station facility since pricing came in higher than expected. The Town Garage renovation will probably occur first. The Select Board is considering options.

Tinmouth currently spends approximately \$24,000 for solid waste management/disposal per year.

Helen will print 11x17" signs for the electronics gaylords to specify what goes where to help people separate electric/electronic devices for disposal. All these items are free to dispose of, but the State will only pay for some items so they must be properly separated.

### ~ Speaking of Electronic Waste Disposal ~

When you dispose of electronics, here's the scoop ~ some electronics we can be paid for, they are "covered" meaning the manufacturer or someone else will pay for them to be disposed of properly.

These need to be sorted into the two gaylords (big cardboard boxes) for electronics in the recycling shed.

### THESE ARE 'COVERED' ELECTRONICS:

TVs

Computers

Computer Monitors

Computer Peripherals (mouse, keyboard, speakers, scanner, external hard drive, computer speakers, etc.)

Tabletop Printers (including all in one machines that print/fax/scan) No floor models.

**All other E-waste not listed above will still be accepted but we will not get paid for them. Please note that these CANNOT go in the trash and but can go into the metal bin or their own gaylord.**

### These are the Other Electronics – such as:

Cordless phone/Charger

Answering Machine

Digital TV Converter Box

Video Game Console

Very Light Equipment

(small CD players/radios, etc.)

Bag of cords/chargers/misc.

VCRs

CD/DVD Players

One Piece Stereos

Fax Machines

Stereo Speakers

**If you are not sure which gaylord to place them in, please ask the Transfer Station Attendant.**

### ~ Marion's Ramblings for August ~

*By Marion Hambly*

Here comes the month of August. Summer is trudging right along. I guess it's summer, dry one week and wet the next. In spite of it, the hay is being cut and the gardens are growing, sort of... Some people have produce, some don't. Of course the animals have to have their share. Farmer John was asked one time how come he had such huge gardens. He said he had to first feed all the various animals who just loved fresh veggies, then he had to provide for his family, and then the general public. Takes a lot. And speaking of animals, we have had our share this year.

First, the deer to nibble tiny plants you struggled to plant, they also like flowers on beans and cukes etc. Then as the berries start to ripen, they keep them well trimmed.

The bear emerged from the woods and looks for goodies. He likes the berries too and any bird seed he can find. I have had my bird feeders up for three years and have never been bothered but with all the sightings around town, I decided to take mine down. Doggone, I miss my birds. I had several different species. I'll have to wait until fall and the critters go to sleep.

Then the woodchucks arrived. We have three white ones and heaven knows how many brown ones. So far they haven't gotten into mischief yet. A garden up the road was raided by deer and woodchucks. I have heard rumors that the animals are taking over. I sit in a chair I have near the sliding glass door to the deck. One day a chipmunk came to the window and looked right at me. Yesterday a small white woodchuck did the same. At least the cows are behaving. There seem to be more deer this year. A few of them have twins.

I guess we are going to have another town yard sale this year. It's time for me to clean out my attic. One of these days I will round up an assortment of sons and grandsons to get up there and get the stuff out. It's funny how much stuff a person gathers over the years. And I have many years behind me.

I go for a walk nearly every day. As I look around, I think how much has changed. This place on the north end used to be all grown up and with the passing years we now have five different parcels of land with houses, cows, and gardens, almost like a tiny village. These parcels are all in the Squier family. One woman called it the Squier Compound. I like it. No one can build near us and it is nice and quiet.

You know, I have traveled a bit, but I always come back to Tinmouth ~ Best place to live. *See you at the yard sales.*



### **Save the Dates! The Old Firehouse in Tinmouth is Getting Ready for Fall . . .**

The Old Firehouse Crew up in Tinmouth is bringing back some long time favorites this fall – and a guitarist from England who hasn't been to Vermont before. All concerts are on a Friday at 7:30 at the Old Firehouse in downtown Tinmouth – try 9 Mountain View Road, Tinmouth on your GPS if you aren't sure of the way. It's just south of the intersection of Vermont Route 140 and Mountain View Road.

#### **September 14 ~ Guitarist Claude Bourbon from England**

This French-born guitarist grew up in Switzerland where for a time he was classically trained, but he soon felt the need to explore the guitar without the limitations of written music and delved headlong into folk, blues, jazz and rock music. Now based in the UK, he has become a world-renowned player, highly acclaimed for his finger-picking style—plucking, picking and strumming at such speed that his fingers seem to appear just as a blur. His music utilizes strains of folk, western, jazz and blues through such melodic delights as the traditional English Dance, the hypnotic Rodrigo, and vocals that display his slightly gruff, world-weary voice. Come hear him open the season at the Firehouse on September 14 at 7:30.

#### **September 28 ~ Martin and Susanne Bring the Blues and Old-time American Music Back to the Old Firehouse**

The Old Firehouse will jump with an evening of old time American music on Friday, September 28 at 7:30.

Martin Grosswendt and Susanne Salem-Schatz make beautiful music together, presenting a delightful gumbo rooted in the blues and old-time traditions, with soul that comes from deep within and a wry humor that never fails to engage audiences. Martin is internationally known for his mastery of pre-war blues and other southern traditional genres on guitar, banjo, and mandolin among others. Susanne is becoming widely known for her dynamic interpretations of songs old and new.

Each a powerful and moving singer in their own right, Susanne and Martin's inventive and stunning harmony vocals strike a soulful chord that creates a deep connection with their audiences.

#### **October 12 ~ Cosy Sheridan Comes Back to Delight the Old Firehouse Folks**

Cosy Sheridan will be coming to the Old Firehouse in Tinmouth on Friday October 12 at 7:30. She has been called "one of the era's finest and most thoughtful singer-songwriters." Her concerts are wide-ranging explorations of modern mythology (meet Hades the Biker), love songs for adults, contemporary philosophy for the thoughtfully-minded, and her signature parody on aging and women. Her lyrical dexterity is backed by her distinctive, percussive bluesy-gospel guitar style. Cosy, a New Englander by birth, tours all over the country.

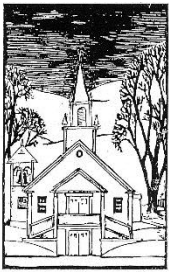
#### **October 26 Extra Stout ~ Tinmouth Moves to Ireland for an Evening with Extra Stout**

There must be little towns in Ireland a lot like Tinmouth – a little village in the fields with a pub (ice cream as well as brew in Tinmouth) and a small hall. Old Firehouse in Tinmouth was once a Grange Hall, but on Friday, October 26 at 7:30 PM it will spend an evening as the Hibernian Club in an tiny Irish community. Extra Stout will fill the hall with its Irish singing, whistling and fiddling!

**Extra Stout** is a one band Irish Festival! It's a traditional Irish band that brings raucous drinking songs, ballads of home and country; slow and haunting airs – and then some rocking reels, jigs and polkas. Six engaging vocalists lend their voices to great songs from Ireland's rich history, while skillfully playing a variety of instruments. (guitars, fiddle, whistles, drums and, well, you will just have to come out and see them).

All the concerts start at 7:30; doors open at 7:00. The Old Firehouse is at Vermont 140 and Mountain View Road in downtown Tinmouth. Donation of \$10 to \$15 goes 90% to the musicians; the balance pays the town for the hall. Coffee, tea, and locally made treats are available, provided by local groups. Your donations will support their activities.





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