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Editors' Notes:

Help! Donations to *Tales* to date are only \$900, expenses to date total \$1,557 - luckily we had \$815 in the checkbook from previous years. Thanks to the folks who donated \$135 in the last month, we are able to print and mail the September issue. However, if more is not received, *Tales* will not be able to continue. It costs over \$3,000 each year to print and mail *Tales* (paper, labels, copying and postage). Everyone is a volunteer. The annual grant from the Tinmouth Community Fund is a big help, and very much appreciated. It is part of the \$900.

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.

Please take a moment to send a donation. It would be very much appreciated. Tales of Tinmouth, 515 North End Road, Tinmouth, VT 05773.

Pat Psholka, Helen Mango, & Gail Fallar

The 6th Annual Town-wide Tinmouth Tag Sale Wrap-Up

By Sherry Johnson

Many thanks to everyone who helped make the Tinmouth Town Wide Tag sales a success. Many people commented on the great day they had shopping in Tinmouth. They enjoyed the bake sale, merchandise and the general friendliness of Tinmouth.

We would like to continue this next year and are looking for comments, both good and bad, and suggestions to improve this event.

On behalf of the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department I want to thank everyone who donated items to our tag sale. Your support helps us with our training and equipment.

On behalf of the Tinmouth Elementary Parents' Club thank you to all those wonderful Tinmouth bakers who provided goodies.

You can comment on Front Porch Forum, email me at vtjohnson@icloud.com, email Chuck Bronk at charles.bronk@gmail.com or Tracey Byford tracyleab@gmail.com or give me a call at 446-3307.

I personally want to thank Chuck for the wonderful maps he made, and Tracey and Chuck for putting out all those signs.

If you still have your sign, please return it to the town office so that we can use them again next year.

Celebration of Sue Lloyd's Life

**Tinmouth Community Center
Saturday, September 22 at 2:00 p.m.**

**Music, slides, stories, reminiscences
Followed by a reception
Come, pause and celebrate!**

~ August 14th Primary Election Results ~

Rutland-2 District (East of the East Road) – 31 voters cast ballots out of 98. 20 voted the Democratic ballot, 11 voted Republican.

Rutland-Bennington District (West of the East Road) – 83 voters out of 398 cast ballots. 49 voted Democratic, 34 voted Republican. There were no Progressive votes cast in either District. Results are posted in the window at the town office.

Town wide **Democratic** voters chose: Governor - Hallquist 33, Ehlers 17, Siegel 4 and Sonneborn 6; write-ins for County Senator - Cox 18, Hooker 13, Garren 10. **Republicans** voters chose: Governor – Stern 32, Scott 14; County Senators: McNeil 25, Collamore 24, Williams 23, Larson 12, Soucy 9.

A big thank you to the poll workers and ballot counters!

~ Library News ~

By Ruth Drachman

Our Annual Book Sale was great success, thank you to all who donated books, helped get it organized, helped sell, helped clean up, and bought books. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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 1:30 P.M. until 5:00 P.M., as well as the morning of the first Saturday of the month – **except this month it will be open on the 2nd Saturday, the 8th ~ 9:30 to noon.**

September 2018 Calendar of Events

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| Town Wide Tag Sale | Saturday | 1 st | 9 AM – 2 PM | All Over Town! |
| Labor Day | Monday | 3 rd | | Town Office and Library Closed |
| Fire Dept. | Thursday | 6 th | 7:00 | Fire House |
| Special Library AM Hours | Saturday | 8 th | 9-Noon | Library |
| Select Board | Thursday | 13 th | 7:00 | Town Office |
| Pizza Fund Raiser | Friday | 14 th | 5:00-7:00 | Bake Oven-Center of Town |
| Concert | Friday | 14 th | 7:30 | Old Fire House |
| Conservation Commission | Monday | 17 th | 7:30 | Town Office |
| Planning Commission | Thursday | 20 th | 7:00 | Town Office |
| <i>Tales of Tinmouth</i> Deadline | Thursday | 20 th | | Don't Miss It! |
| Pizza Fund Raiser | Friday | 21 st | 5:00-7:00 | Bake Oven-Center of Town |
| Contra Dance | Friday | 21 st | 8:00 | Community Center |
| Sue Lloyd's Celebration of Life | Saturday | 22 nd | 2:00 | Community Center |
| Pizza Fund Raiser | Friday | 28 th | 5:00-7:00 | Bake Oven-Center of Town |
| Concert | Friday | 28 th | 7:30 | Old Fire House |

October 2018 Calendar of Events

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| Fire Dept. | Thursday | 4 th | 7:00 | Fire House |
| Pizza Fund Raiser | Friday | 5 th | 5:00-7:00 | Bake Oven-Center of Town |
| Library OPEN | Saturday | 6 th | 9 - Noon | Library |
| Art & Craft Show & Sale | Saturday | 6 th | 10 am-4 pm | Old Fire House |
| Select Board | Thursday | 11 th | 7:00 | Town Office |
| Pizza Fund Raiser | Friday | 12 th | 5:00-7:00 | Bake Oven-Center of Town |
| Concert | Friday | 12 th | 7:30 | Old Fire House |
| Planning Commission | Thursday | 18 th | 7:00 | Town Office |
| Pizza Fund Raiser | Friday | 19 th | 5:00-7:00 | Bake Oven-Center of Town |
| Contra Dance | Friday | 19 th | 8:00 | Community Center |
| <i>Tales of Tinmouth</i> Deadline | Saturday | 20 th | | Don't Miss It! |
| Concert ~ Extra Stout | Friday | 26 th | 7:30 | 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

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

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

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

All are welcome!

~ 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.

~ **Tinmouth School News** ~



Tinmouth Mountain School
By *Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker, Principal*

To the Tinmouth Community,

The 2018-2019 school year has arrived! School started Wednesday, August 29th. There were several exciting changes in teaching staff and scheduling.

This year, we have two teachers who are new to Tinmouth. Bethany Wurzburg is teaching our kindergarten/first grade students. Ms. Wurzburg is a skilled literacy expert who has several years of experience teaching primary age students. She has also taught multi-age classrooms.

Sally Shaw is teaching students in grades two and three. Ms. Shaw is also an excellent literacy teacher as well as a botanist! She has a wealth of experience including working with multiage student groups.

Lana Deppert resigned as our PreK teacher assistant to take care of family needs. However, she is on the top of our substitute list and we hope to see her throughout the school year. Jenn Galusha is assisting Ms. Edge with PreK this year. Ms. Galusha has a wealth of experience working with students from birth to five years and has completed an extensive amount of early childhood coursework.

Monday, August 27th was our *Information/Curriculum Night*. This was a great opportunity for families to meet Ms. Wurzburg, Ms. Shaw, and Ms. Galusha as well as touch base with Ms. Edge and Ms. Wetzler. They also discovered how the students' daily schedule has changed. Children will be focused on literacy and math in the morning, and after lunch, teachers and students have a block of time to work on projects that integrate science & social studies with music, art, math, P.E., health and literacy proficiencies. These blocks of time allow teachers and students to work on not only developing conceptual understanding but experiencing how these concepts are critical part of our daily lives. In our middle grades, this includes but is not limited to how energy is transferred and sustained or the economic and political causes of wars (starting with the French and Indian War). Primary students will study the importance of protecting vernal pools and pollinators. The experiential projects that students work on are designed by teachers to engage students and will always be driven by the district grade-appropriate proficiencies.

School start time is still 8:00 AM. and children can be dropped off as early at 7:40 AM. The bus schedule is the same as last year and children arrived by bus at 7:40AM in the front playground. The school day ends at 3:00PM. The bus picks up students at 3:10 PM.

The Parents Club arranged for breakfast and entertainment to celebrate our first day back at school. Tom Joyce, magician extraordinaire, arrived early Wednesday morning to kick off our first-day-back celebration. The students truly enjoyed this magic! But the true magic was hearing melodic sound of laughter, footsteps, and inquisitive conversations filling the classrooms and halls again!

Maureen



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Tinmouth Elementary School News

There are a lot of exciting developments being worked on at Tinmouth Elementary School to ensure children get the opportunity to thrive, develop and maintain a love of learning and ultimately, have the best chance to succeed long after their time at the school.

While the staff is committed to helping young minds develop, what's the head without the heart? Our community is the heart and working together, we can deliver on the promise of the best education and experiences for our children. That's why we're working hard on ways to better communicate with every community member.

We invite you to sign up for the Tinmouth Elementary School newsletter that will provide updates on the work being done and will also be one of the ways we can hear back from you!

To sign-up for the newsletter, please email Colleen at: cbattease@millriverschools.org

Sincerely,
Sean Ruck

Communications Coordinator
Mill River Unified Union School District

Clarendon Shrewsbury Tinmouth Wallingford Mill River UHS

~ Marion's Ramblings for September ~

By Marion Hambly

I have been writing this column for a number of years and I am beginning to run out of ideas. This morning I had a brain storm. I have been writing about the changes in Tinmouth since I first moved here, about sixty years ago. Today I am going to give you the latest scoop on changes in my neighborhood.

First the North East Road. A few nights ago, we had a hum dinger of a thunder storm. I thought all the troops overseas were out to get us. Loud, loud, loud! A lot of lightening also. The hay had been baled and lay in lines along the edge of the woods on the old upper Gilmore farm. I noticed one row was nearly covered with large tree branches which had split off some trees and the trees themselves were not in very good shape. The woman who had placed two pictures on Face Book also had one of the storm and lightening. It was a bad storm.

Going further north, branches were fallen in the road, (just small ones). Up in the woods there were some small trees broken off.

Turning left onto the North End Road, there is a house, a barn, and horses where a meadow used to be. It is very nice. Further down the road, there is a barn on the right where my granddaughter has horses. The whole pasture looks real neat. She and her husband and two little boys have a place to play. I meant the kids, to play.

A little further down the road is where J.J. and I used to live. It is now owned by one of my grandsons. Across the road is an old building and a pond that sometimes fills up, but soon drains out.

Going on further, there is a little grey house where I abide. It belongs to Rick and Gail. Across the road, built back from the road, is where Rick and Gail live.

Up from their house Hollis has a house. A woman visiting here one day said we had a compound. All family. Continuing towards the Channel another family member is building a house. When my husband and I bought the property in the early 1960's there was only one house. And no electricity.

At the Channel it all changes. This is still North End Road. From the Channel there have been houses built all the way out to Route 140. When we moved here in the 1970's there was our house and barn, and only two houses from the Channel to the tar road. It's getting to be a village. (There are now nine!)

The trees have grown a lot in the past sixty years. Some of our roads have been paved, but there are still plenty of dirt roads to keep your car dusty.

Nature and the animals are keeping our little town groomed. The beavers build a dam once in a while where the Channel flows under the road, that has to be removed or the road might get washed out. The woods are groomed by the storms, and the woodchucks are taking care of our gardens. Don't forget the bears. They visit the

transfer station often but no grooming, just a mess. I have had to put away my bird feeders so I don't have any visitors.

One thing I forgot to mention, the North East Road has something not seen here. They have a Penthouse for their horses. Look for it sometime when you are riding around. It is near the former Ed Gilmore house and has horses in the pasture.

I had some more to write but I had better close. The editors will send it back to me to shorten.

See you next month.

~ Community News ~

Heartfelt Sympathies are sent to **Lana Deppert** and family for the recent loss of her father. And to family and friends of **Charlie French**.

Get Well Wishes are sent to **Pauline Munson, Doris White, Nelson Jaquay, Annie Constantinos, Lydia Cannon, Steve Zimmer, and John Squier**.

Welcome to Tinmouth's newest resident **Nolan Martell**, born August 29th, son of **Joe and Clara Martell**. He joins big sister **Eloise**. Proud grandparents are **Toby and Anne Lewis**. Congratulations and best wishes!

~ Please Be Visible ~

Please wear a fluorescent yellow or orange vest when you are out walking. It is **VERY important** that drivers can see you as they approach. Shade or shadows from roadside trees can hide you until a vehicle is rather close to you.

Thank you for your cooperation!

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.

~ **Tinmouth Community Church** ~

by *Shirley Oskamp, Pastor*



TINMOUTH
CHURCH

Dear Friends,

As I write this there are new beginnings happening all around. One friend just drove down to North Carolina to bring her son to college, while others have plans to take a similar journey with their sons and daughters in the coming weeks. Elementary and High School teachers and administrators are gearing up, preparing for the new school year, as are the children who will pass through the classroom doors very soon. Special sales draw students in to Staples, Target and Bed, Bath and Beyond for everything they can possibly need (and then some!) for the coming school year.

New beginnings can be such a wonderful time, filled as they are with boundless possibilities. They are a (mostly) blank slate, ready to be written upon, and the best part is that we get to decide what we will write! There is excitement in the air, as we all contemplate what we want to bring to fruition this year. As a college chaplain and instructor, I enjoy this time of the semester when anything is still possible. I like working on syllabi for the classes I will teach, imagining the deep discussions we will engage in as a class, when students have a chance to read the books I have chosen for them. Everything is still in the possibility stage.

Our lives are made up of countless new beginnings. Each day is a new beginning, really, an opportunity to start fresh. I appreciate this, especially when the day before may have brought challenges I wish I met differently. I have a plaque on my bedroom wall that has been with me, perhaps since my college dorm room. It is a saying by Ralph Waldo Emerson that I return to frequently. "Finish each day and be done with it.... You have done what you could; some blunders and absurdities have no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; you shall begin it well and serenely."

Perhaps one of the most important prerequisites of a new beginning is that we let go of the past. When we let go as Emerson suggests, then we have the peace of mind to face the new day, new possibilities "well and serenely." This is my wish for myself and for all of us as we start each new day, as we begin a new school year, and as each of us faces and embraces the new possibilities that are here for us. May it be so.

Have a wonderful start to the school year!

Shirley



Recipe Corner

Oven Fried Zucchini Sticks

Cooking spray
½ cup Italian seasoned breadcrumbs
2 tablespoons parmesan cheese, freshly grated
2 tablespoons Romano cheese or 2 tablespoons asiago cheese, freshly grated
½ teaspoon garlic powder
½ teaspoon oregano
½ teaspoon basil
½ teaspoon parsley
3 medium zucchini
¼ cup milk
1 egg
1 cup spaghetti sauce or 1 cup ranch dressing

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Spray a cookie sheet with cooking spray.

Place bread crumbs, cheeses, garlic powder, oregano, basil, parsley in Ziploc bag; shake well to combine.

Set aside.

Cut each zucchini lengthwise into 8 pieces; cut each piece in half horizontally. Beat egg and milk in shallow bowl. Dip each piece of zucchini in egg mixture then bread crumb mixture. Repeat until all of the sticks are coated; place them on prepared cookie sheet.

Bake for 10-15 minutes or until brown and tender. Serve with warm spaghetti sauce or ranch dressing.

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!

~ **Nature Notes** ~

The sun is setting sooner, dawn is breaking later, days are getting shorter – better start bucking up some wood for what's coming!

Alas, some trees have decided it's been too dry, or maybe the days too short, but leaves are starting to turn and drop.

There have been several reports of does with triplet fawns scampering about this summer.

Monarch butterflies seem to have had a comeback, they are everywhere, some gardeners (who let the milkweed grow) are reporting oodles and oodles of caterpillars happily munching on the milkweeds.

~ **Veggies (and Fruit) at the Town Office** ~

George Herrick has been dropping off apples! And there continues to be quite a variety of veggies, Swiss chard is the latest, along with big yellow pickling cucumbers (cow tongue pickles anyone?).

Meeting Highlights~

(Complete minutes are available at the town office.)

Select Board ~ 8/4/18 Special Meeting

Present were members Michael Fallar, Cathy Reynolds, and Frank Sears (at 8:07), as well as Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Kim Harbaugh, Sherry Johnson, Doug Fontein, and Gail Fallar – Select Board Assistant.

Frank called the meeting to order at 8:07 am. The meeting began at the Town Garage for a site visit to take a look at its current condition and future needs.

Michael explained his concept of an addition on the west side of the building, for unheated storage and creating a longer heated bay on the inside of the current structure, along with other options. In Eric's original proposal from 2016, there was an addition on the west side and an addition to the north side. After a couple of folks looked at it and a quote was obtained from Wright's Construction, it was suggested that it might be cheaper to just build a new structure to size. The Select Board at that point decided to head in that direction. Today's effort was to work on having a structural engineer make a determination for the Board (Town) on the advisability of using the existing building with additions.

There was much discussion about what is needed versus what is wanted, current deficiencies, options, the longevity of the project – will it last 40 more years, does it all need to be heated, ceiling height does not allow for chains to be put on the trucks if needed in the winter, etc. There needs to be water and septic – a bathroom, all agreed. Heated space for the trucks to be worked on, the trucks have grown longer over the years and no longer fit in the current work area. Trucks were measured, length, width, height, with a plow, with a wing, etc. (Cathy offered to compile the stats, please see addendum.) Ceiling is 14'.

Board discussed process, would like to present voters with two options, but need solid numbers for each of them, and have them comparable (time of service, aesthetics, functionality, etc.).

A.) Current building with updates to it (may include roof, wiring, siding, flooring, etc.) and additions on west and north sides; and

B.) A new building to include heated space for the trucks, excavator, skid steer, grader and loader, a 20' ceiling, and room to grow; the old garage to be used for cold storage.

Board then moved to the town office for a telephone conference with Scott Lepley, property owner at the lake and architect from New Jersey. They advised him of the discussion at the town garage. He inquired whether any of it would be done volunteer – such as with the Community Center – Board thinks that it may not be able to replicate that effort. Structural engineers were discussed, Scott will reach out to some he knows, offered

to contact them and set up a walk-thru. One does not have insurance, would like to have proposals for the regular Board meeting on the 23rd.

After phone conference ended, Board voted to go out to bid for a structural engineer to assess the current condition of the town garage and advise about future use, to be received by August 23rd. Board also decided that the S.E. needed to be licensed and insured (town's insurance company requires this as well). Discussion of who will write the RFP, other members want to review before it's sent out.

Board then began a discussion of the pig situation at the Baker farm. Frank, as Health Officer, updated the Board. He is scheduled to visit with a veterinarian on Monday, there may be a visit from the state's ag department on Tuesday. The pigs are not owned by the Bakers, someone from out of town has built a pig barn and there are now several dozen pigs residing there. Issues include water quality concerns, pig health issues, and trash bags filled with old crackers and such for the pigs. Frank is involved as Health Officer, as the Animal Control Officer David Birdsall is away for the summer. He will keep Board advised as the situation develops. Rutland County Sheriff's Deputy Ed Hunter has visited the site as well, and will be present during the site visit.

~ Addendum to 8/4/18 Select Board minutes ~

By Cathy Reynolds

A detailed discussion and tour of the existing town garage ensued. Notes below are details discussed and noted during the visit.

The existing garage is pole barn construction with the structure carried on 6 x 6 creosoted posts sunk into the earth. The building was constructed in the early 1980's and is ~ 35 years old. Neither Town truck fits into the heated garage bays originally constructed for them since we started purchasing larger trucks approximately 9 years ago. The two original heated bays are too small for our current vintage trucks. There is no heated work space for trucks. Many tasks completed by the Road Crew are done outside or in the unconditioned spaces in the Garage which has a dirt floor.

From Eric, ideal garage would include:

1. Ceiling height of 18'-22'. There are several tasks that require lifting the bed which requires much more ceiling height than the current ceiling height of 14'.
2. Truck height is 11'. Truck length with plow is 35' for the newer truck. The width with the wing is 19', 13' with plow only.

3. Eric would like entire building to be heated to allow for all equipment used during the winter months to be kept warm for ease of starting, maintenance, and durability of equipment. This list includes 2 trucks, excavator, grader and skid steer, all of which are used regularly during winter months. Working on trucks outside or in unheated space is challenging and occasionally unsafe.
4. The current heated space is too small to work on much of the equipment. Trucks are no longer stored in heated space as they were when the building was built, due to the increase in the size of the trucks. Trucks start hard in winter and the hydraulics are sluggish until warm.
5. A discussion ensued about what the Town should build and provide for our Road Crew. Michael wants to minimize expense and heated space. Frank spoke to the benefits of having well lit, heated space for all equipment for most efficient operation and the safety and improved work environment for our road crew.
6. Cathy spoke about making a long term investment in a building and wanting to be sure that what we buy will provide the Town with the space needed by the crew for the equipment we need into the future, and will be a durable and long lasting building. Since the Town is an enduring institution, making a good long term investment is important. The Town will always need a garage.

The question was raised as to how much life is left in the old building as it is a 35 year old pole barn resting on 6 x 6 creosoted posts. Much of the building has a dirt floor. Is it structurally sound; would we be making a good investment by putting additions onto the existing building, or would this be throwing good money after bad?

7. Eric requested 16' wide doors with space on either side of the door so that the wings could be dropped when the trucks are parked. This is for safety.

8. Need space on either side of the trucks and in the middle for the ability to move around in the garage.
9. It was a Saturday morning and we noted the residents dropping trash into the dumpster, stopping at the recycling shed, and putting items in the recycling dumpster. In a snow storm, the road crew would be working amidst the operations of the transfer station which could be a safety issue. Separating the Road Crew space from the public transfer station operations is recommended for safety by Eric. ???,
10. Doug Fontein attended. He stressed the need for a thorough assessment of the poles because it would not make sense to invest money into the building if it only has a few years of life left.
11. Eric reminded the board that he had provided a general design to them in late 2016 for Scott Lepley to draw to be presented at Town Meeting 2017. That design had a 20' roof height at the front and a 15' ceiling at the back of a long shed roof.

The meeting moved to the Town Office where a conference call was initiated with Scott Lepley, a part-time resident, Pond homeowner and architect who has been helpful to the Town in the past with architectural questions and issues.

Scott was briefed on the site visit.

He indicated that the Town should be careful that it is worth adding on to this building and he related several times in his career where residential customers added on to old buildings in poor condition and ultimately ended up pulling the original building down or wishing they had.

He recommended a structural engineer and shared Chad Virkler's name. Scott indicated that he would be willing to contact Chad to see if he would be willing to do a structural assessment of the building, particularly the posts. He indicated that he had seen some initial rot in them. What is the life left? Other structural engineer names brought up were retired Wright Construction structural engineer Dave Skidmore, someone from Arlington, and Ray Page (who it turns out is a surveyor). Gail indicated that she would get names of structural engineers from Stan Wilbur, Cathy

found Marble Valley Engineering on the web. Cathy moved and Frank seconded that we got to bid for a structural engineer to do an assessment of the building. All voted in favor. After additional conversation the need for a licensed and insured engineer was clarified. Frank agreed to contact Scott and share this with him. Cathy agreed to draft an RFP to be circulated to the board and Gail. Gail will send it out to bid ideally Monday, to give engineers time to visit the site and make a proposal, due at the next SB meeting on August 23.

Scott shared a building he saw built in his area in southern NJ that was a 50' x 100' pole barn with steel interior, fully insulated that cost about \$200,000 which did not include profit or mark up. He believes it may be cheaper to build what we need from scratch.

Cathy agreed to type up the notes from the meeting to be shared with all including Scott, to give him the benefit of our conversations.

Select Board ~ 8/23/18 ~ Special Meeting ~ Including Hearing for Proposed Zoning and Subdivision Amendments

Present were members Frank Sears, Michael Fallar, and Cathy Reynolds, as well as Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, Bob Lloyd, Grant Reynolds, Jo Reynolds, Beth Carroll, David Birdsall, Chuck Bronk, Vito Macaluso, Doug Fontein, and Gail Fallar – Select Board Assistant.

Hearing for proposed amendments of Zoning and Subdivision was opened. Michael, as Planning Commission (PC) Chair, briefly explained that the amendments were mostly to bring the regulations in line with the newly updated Town Plan which had removed planned unit development due largely to issues that arose with all three PUD's that had been permitted over the past 15 years. Other members of the PC present were Grant, Vito, Bob and Kim.

Beth Carroll expressed concerns about the amendment to remove the setback from the lake requirement on decks that were attached to a dock. It was explained that the decks would be limited to 300 square feet or less, and the amendment was created in large part as the Zoning Board of Adjustment had a couple applications for waivers to allow that to happen and the ZBA felt it should be permitted by the Zoning Administrator and not have to apply to the ZBA. There was much discussion about protecting the shoreline, whether the state would grant a permit for such a deck, the need to care for the lake in its entirety, the need to have advised all lake property owners about the proposed change, etc.

Board voted to move forward with the proposed amendments, but split them into two questions, one about

the PUD's and the other the change to the Lakeshore District. Voting will be warned to coincide with the General Election in November. The Select Board asked the PC to reach out with education in *Tales of Tinnmouth* and on Front Porch Forum to explain the amendments.

Clayton expressed concern with the condition of Ezra Stone Road, the sides of the road are washing out, there is no place for two cars to pass without driving in the ditch, it needs more gravel, and is dangerous. He noted Eric is doing a good job, but the road needs attention. Eric noted it is on the fix it someday list, not a small job. Frank advised that he and Eric will take a look.

Eric advised that the new truck is nearly done, will be here soon. Ronnie is still out west fighting forest fires. He has been keeping busy as a one man show, installed the new decals on trucks and equipment. He is still waiting for more information regarding the chloride process. Frank noted that he has been talking to Pawlet and Wells town road crews about chloride – they entered a 3 year contract without having to purchase the equipment. Proposed cost is \$1,000 per mile, dust control is a secondary benefit, its main purpose is to keep the road stable. More information will be obtained before the next SB meeting.

Board and Eric discussed special projects – crack sealing, cutting roadside brush or chloride, will discuss again in September. Eric inquired about purchasing a roll of hard facing wire for the welder, about \$500. Board approved.

Board opened structural engineering bids. Marble Valley Engineering, from Rutland, bid "up to \$2,000"; STS Engineering, from Richmond bid \$2,000 plus costs. Board reviewed proposed scope of work for both, then held further discussion until minutes and Scott Lepley's email were discussed.

Minutes of August 4, 2018 were approved after discussion to include Cathy's version as an addendum to those written by the Select Board Assistant. Cathy's included details of the town garage and equipment important to the process for upgrading the town garage.

Cathy read portions of an email from Scott Lepley, and asked that it be attached to the minutes of this meeting. Scott provided insight after his inspection of the town garage, noting he did not think it was prudent to try to construct additions to it, building something new would be the better option. After further discussion, Board voted to accept the Marble Valley Engineering bid. Select Board Assistant was asked to arrange a walk-through with the engineer, Eric, Cathy and Michael (special Select Board meeting will need to be warned).

David raised concerns with the pig situation at the Baker farm. Frank provided Board with update of the process, visit by a veterinarian – animals were not malnourished, but care could be improved. A plan was devised for Mr. Wilkinson to follow which was delivered

by the Deputy County Sheriff. John Roberts from the Vermont Department of Agriculture visited to check on water quality issues – the stream that is there disappears in the meadow and does not travel to the Poultney River, but there is potential for damage – more steps may be taken.

David noted that he believes there are issues for the Health Officer to address – the day-old food has deteriorated into trash attracting rats and ravens; and he is concerned for the animals and the water quality.

Gail advised that FEMA is finally nearly finished processing the 2017 damage claims for McCoy Road.

Board reviewed job description for the Select Board Assistant, changing website maintenance to maintaining the content of the website. Board approved.

Frank also reported on his visit to the Hill property on Mountain View Road, some of the trash has been removed, he will follow up with another visit.

Solid Waste Ordinance – Gail advised she is still waiting to hear from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns about its review.

Michael, as Planning Commission Chair, reported the PC recommended that Pat Psholka be appointed to the Planning Commission. Board appointed Pat to fill Kevin Ruane's term.

Frank reported the Rutland County Sheriff's Department was not going to revise its annual contract to reflect the four town agreement, the other towns have already signed. Board signed it reluctantly. Deputy Hunter is moving on to become the school resource office in Fair Haven so a new deputy will be assigned to the four towns, who will be attending select board meetings to introduce himself.

Select Board ~ 8/31/18 ~ Special Meeting

Present were members Michael Fallar and Cathy Reynolds as well as Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Chuck Bronk, Kevin Smith and Scott Crosby from Marble Valley Engineering, and Gail Fallar.

Michael explained the Board's request for a structural engineer regarding the condition of the town garage for help determining if it is possible to add on to it? is it structurally sound? etc.

Kevin explained the process he would follow - taking elevations, core samples, checking out the building inside and out. He was provided a photo copy of the sketch for proposed additions on the west and north sides. Gail offered to search the vault for paperwork regarding the original building. It may provide some useful information.

Cathy noted that the Board also wanted a sense of the cost to fix it for the long term as part of the process.

Planning Commission ~ 8/16/18

Present were members Michael Fallar, Kim Harbaugh, Vito Macaluso, Grant Reynolds, Rainbow Squier, Andy Gilmore, and Larry Carabeau, as well as Pat Psholka and Gail Fallar, Sec.

Michael inquired as to whether anyone had suggestions for a new member. Pat Psholka expressed her interest. After brief discussion, members voted to recommend Pat to the Select Board to fill the current vacancy.

Michael advised that the Select Board was holding its hearing on proposed amendments to zoning and subdivision on the 23rd. Grant, Kim and Michael will attend to answer any questions the Select Board may have.

Michael reported on his trip to the town of Rupert. He spoke with the town clerk who had no knowledge of any zoning related to planned unit development, but they are working on updating their 2011 town plan.

What is next for the PC? Village Center Designation – still waiting for Bob Lloyd, who was again unable to attend the meeting. Added to the September meeting agenda. A brief explanation was provided to new members. The state would like to see development in a center area with surrounding areas remaining open spaces. It was noted that Tinmouth has several hamlets that fit that description.

Grant suggested thinking about working on an enhanced energy plan – added to the agenda for the September meeting to determine what needs to be done.

Michael reported that the Select Board is continuing work on the Master Plan for the town garage/transfer station property, asked if the PC wanted to weigh in? Gail reminded the PC that preparing a Capitol Plan by statute was a PC function – though over the years the PC has declined, determining they had not the expertise required.

The next meeting was set for September 20th.

Conservation Commission ~ 7/16/18

With thanks to Chuck Bronk, Secretary

Present were members Doug Fontein, Robbie Leeds, Rainbow Squier, Jo Reynolds, and Chuck Bronk, as well as Gail Fallar.

New Business:

Doug reviewed correspondence with Katryn Renard regarding invasive species control. Several years ago the Conservation Commission sponsored a workshop and pulled garlic mustard on state land on North End Road. A possible target now might be Honeysuckle control on the esker south of the Channel Road culvert. Rainbow will consider organizing another workshop. The contact is Lisa Thorton in Middletown Springs.

American Trails has initiated an online volunteer "board". Doug will review and report back if it seems

reasonable to list positions associated with our work on trails and the Purchase Cabin.

Robbie Leeds reported that he has not yet posted the Tinmouth trails on websites, but that he will handle this after his wedding!

The Trails in Wallingford have a variety of interpretive signage and also a brochure, which provides a map of their trails and additional information. There was a general discussion of whether Tinmouth should emulate Wallingford. Doug felt that much of our trails were more "wild" than those in Wallingford. Rainbow felt that more information on the Ridge Trail might be appropriate. Jo Reynolds described the tree identification on Wallingford trails and recalled former "Meadow Walks". Jo and Chuck Bronk are to provide more information at the next meeting.

Old Business:

Chuck Bronk and Ed Hasenohr donated materials for Green-Up day, and were thanked for their good deeds.

Regarding the Tiny Grant, Doug reported that he had spent the funds on bog bridge materials. This prompted a question of what our budget is for the new fiscal year. Gail Fallar reported that we have \$250.00 to spend, down from \$400.00 last year. Rainbow provided text for a thank you card for the Tiny Grant and all members present signed the card.

All amphibian crossing signs have been stored away for next year in the Old Creamery. Doug wondered if we needed to identify our storage as separate from other things stored there. The question was raised, should we acquire more of the manufactured crossing signs now. This was tabled till a future meeting.

Doug reported that he had weed wacked the Ridge Trail at the power line and that he had delivered the bog bridge materials to site. It was decided to table the scheduling of an additional work day until a future meeting.

On the Purchase Loop Trail and the Tinmouth Mountain Cabin, Doug agreed to contact Rainbow and Robbie when a work day could be scheduled.

Drachman Trails was tabled to the next meeting.

Please Recycle or Pass Along Tales!!



Recipe Corner

Here's a recipe from Vito Macaluso:

This recipe is not etched in stone, so the amounts are more like estimates. Since Zucchini vary in size, and so do potatoes, the amount used depends on the size of the sauce pan you have. I use a medium sauce pan about 12 cup capacity.

It can be used as a main vegetarian dish, or works well as a side dish with chicken cutlets or pork chops. This size saucepan makes enough for about 8 servings as a side dish and four as a main dish.

You should try making it too, the sauce from this is exceptionally good.

*Cheers
Vito*

Vegetarian Zucchini Stew or Zucchini Vito's Way

Ingredients

- Extra virgin olive oil (enough to cover bottom of sauce pan)
- Fresh basil (two or three leaves)
- Fresh or dried oregano (a fresh sprig or about 1/4 teaspoon of dried)
- Sweet Vidalia onion (about 1/2 of a large onion sliced thin)
- Fresh garlic (one clove sliced thin)
- Zucchini (one medium) (peeled and cubed)
- Potatoes (2 medium) (peeled and cubed)
- 8 ounce can of tomato sauce
- Pecorino Romano cheese grated (optional but recommended)

Heat oil in sauce pan, sauté onion and garlic until translucent, add oregano, basil, cubed potatoes and zucchini and stir so all are coated with the sautéed oil, garlic and onion, if need be add more virgin olive oil to coat.

Add 8 ounces of tomato sauce and just enough water to clean the can it was poured from.

Add salt and pepper to taste

Cook at very low heat, do not boil, simmer until potatoes are fork tender and zucchini is translucent and tender.

Serve with Pecorino Romano cheese on top

If you want to leave the potatoes out, try replacing them with some fusilli pasta, and you could add green or red peppers if you'd like.



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.

Concert is at 7:30; 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. Try 7 Mountain View Road, Tinmouth on your GPS for extra help finding us. Suggested donation of \$10 to \$15; 90% to the musicians; 10% to the Town to maintain the Old Firehouse. Local groups provide refreshments. Your donations support their activities.

Contact: Jo Reynolds 802:446-3457. Tinmouth Old Firehouse Concerts is on Facebook.



The Old Firehouse Fall Season in Tinmouth opens with Claude Bourbon, a French-born guitarist, on September 14 at 7:30 PM.

Claude Bourbon grew up in Switzerland, where for a time he was classically trained in the guitar. 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 and the hypnotic Spanish composer Joaquin Rodrigo. He sings as well, and his vocals that display his slightly gruff, world-weary voice. Although he has toured extensively in the US, this is his first trip to Vermont.



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.

Tinmouth Contra Dance

Dance to Luke Donforth with the Tartan Raiders

Friday, September 21, at 8:00 p.m.
Tinmouth Community Center, 573 Route 140

Dance to the splendid tunes of the Tartan Raiders (Brendan Taaffe on guitar and foot percussion and Joanne Garton on fiddle) with excellent calling from Luke Donforth, on **Friday, September 21** from 8:00 – 11:00 p.m. 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.

The dance takes place on the third Friday of the month at the Tinmouth Community Center on Rt. 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 information 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.

See you in Tinmouth! And mark your calendars for our October 19 dance with a hot young band made up of members of Nova and Cloud Ten and sure to please, with Ron Blechner calling. November 23 (4th Friday) and December 21 are up on deck.

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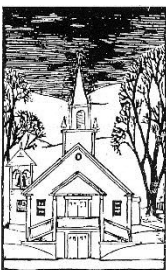
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