

THE TOWN OF TINMOUTH, VERMONT



**Annual Report of the Town Officers
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018**

**The 2018 town report is dedicated to
the many Volunteers who work diligently to make and keep Tinmouth a special place.**

First, appreciation is extended to Ruth Drachman, who retired as Assistant Clerk/Treasurer after 23 years. She continues to volunteer as the Librarian, having brought the library back to life more than 20 years ago. Stop in to see her and take out a book, dvd or book on tape. Lots and lots of kids books too!

Second, to Nancy Gucker Birdsall, who also retired as an Assistant Clerk/Treasurer after many years. She is also continuing to volunteer, this town report is her handiwork!

Third, to members of the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Conservation Commission, Solid Waste and Recycling Committee, Old Creamery Committee, Safety and Wellness Committee, Tree Policy Committee, Plant Sale Crew, Green-Uppers, Bake Oven Folks, Parents Club Members, Tales of Tinmouth Helpers, Tinmouth Gardeners, Old Fire House Crew, Contra Dancers, Elected and Appointed Officers, and all others who volunteer their time to help make Tinmouth the special place it is. Your effort is very much appreciated!

Last but not least, to the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department – celebrating 50 years of protecting people and property, thank you to the many. Thank you all.

**TINMOUTH CENTER SCHOOL
2019 Sixth Grade Graduating Class**



From left to right: Lilly French, Lamont Jones and Leah Majorell

On the cover ~ The new Wee Folk Natural Playground was finished in 2018. Principal Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker received grants from the Vermont Community Foundation, the Tinmouth Community Fund and private donations, along with donations of time, material and services, to create a safer (and more fun) place for the 3 and 4 year old students at Tinmouth Mountain School. This is also one of the outdoor classrooms established to develop a sense of stewardship and connection to the natural world surrounding us.

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Elected Town and School Officers – Elected in 2018 (Bold)

Moderator: Stan Wilbur *

Town Clerk: Gail Fallar (2020)

Town & School Treasurer: Gail Fallar (2020)

Select Board: Frank Sears, Chair (2019)*
Cathy Reynolds (2020)
Michael Fallar (2021)

Mill River Unified Union School District Director:
Grant Reynolds (2019)*

Community Center Board: Ann Czar (2020)

Road Commissioner: Eric Buffum (2021)

Listers: Shirley Bucceri (2019)*
Gail Fallar (2020)
Pat Psholka (2021)

Auditors: Sandy Goyette (2019)*
Sherri Johnson (*interim appointment* 2020)*
Vito Macaluso (2021)
Alan Held, resigned

Constables: (First) **Paul Morris** (2019)*
(Second) **Tyler Dana** (2020)

Delinquent Tax Collector: Catherine Yoder *

Grand Juror: Glenn D. Merrill *

Town Agent: Rick Fallar *

* Term expires this year – 2019; () - Year term expires

Officers Elected at General Election (November 2018)

Justices of the Peace

Michael Fallar
Nelson Jaquay

Stanley Wilbur

Jeanne Schmelzenbach
Marshall Squier

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Officers Appointed by Select Board – 2018 (Bold, for those with terms. Most others are annual.)

Board of Adjustment

Bart Eaton, Chair (2019)*
Sherry Johnson (2020)
Robert Lloyd (2021)
Robert Noble (2021)
Grant Reynolds (2021)*
Stan Wilbur (2020)
Gregg Casey (2020)*, *resigned*
Cathy Reynolds (2019)*, *resigned*

Planning Commission

Michael Fallar, Chair (2020)
Larry Carabeau (2020)
Andy Gilmore (2021)
Kim Harbaugh (2019)*
Robert Lloyd (2019)*
Vito Macaluso (2020)
Pat Psholka (2021)
Grant Reynolds (2019)*
Rainbow Squier (2021)
Kevin Ruane - *resigned*

Zoning Administrator

Gail Fallar (2020)

911 Coordinator

Gail Fallar

Rutland Regional Planning Commission

Robert Lloyd, Commissioner
Michael Fallar, Alternate

RRPC Regional Transportation Council

Rene Wilbur Michael Fannin

Solid Waste Alliance Communities

Wheaton Squier Michael Fallar, Alternate

Tinmouth Library Trustee

Gene Usher (2019)*

Rutland Free Library Trustee

Barry Cohen (2024)

Health Officer

Frank Sears
Theresa Schmelzenbach, Deputy

Pound Keeper

Glenn D. Merrill

Fence Viewers

Caleb Scott Ralph Lewis
Glenn D. Merrill Grant Reynolds
Michael Fallar

Tree Warden

David Birdsall Wheaton Squier, Deputy

Green-Up Day Committee

Doug Fontein
Ed Hasenohr
Nelson Jaquay

Housing Rehab Loan Review Committee

Carolyn Feury Gail Fallar
Cathy Reynolds Caleb Scott

Animal Control Officers

David Birdsall
1st and 2nd Constables

Emergency Management Coordinator

Michael Fannin

Town Huggers

Hollis Squier Patti (Cow Patti) Macaluso

Community Center Board

Frank Sears (appointed by Select Board)
Grant Reynolds (appointed by School Board)
Ann Czar (2020) (elected at Town Mtg.)

Weighers of Coal

Michael Fannin Cathy Reynolds

Inspector of Lumber & Shingles

Doug Fontein Michael Fallar

Energy Committee

Ray Pratt Cathy Reynolds
Vacant

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Officers Appointed by Select Board – 2018 *Continued*

Conservation Commission

Jeff Ams (2020)
Chuck Bronk (2019)*
Doug Fontein, Chair (2021)
Nelson Jaquay (2020)
Robbie Leeds (2019)*
Jo Reynolds (2022)
Rainbow Squier (2022)

Safety & Wellness Committee

Ronnie Crossman	Gail Fallar
Amy Martone	Laurie Phillips
Ray Pratt, Chair	<i>Vacancy</i>

Tinmouth Website Committee

Nancy Birdsall	Pat Psholka
Gail Fallar	Cathy Reynolds

Solid Waste & Recycling Committee

Jonathan Czar	Gail Fallar
Helen Mango	Chris Martone
Wheaton Squier, Chair	

Old Creamery Committee

Grant Reynolds, Chair	Michael Fallar
Doug Fontein	Stan Wilbur
Vito Macaluso	

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Notices

Town Clerk-Office Hours:

Monday & Thursday, 8 a.m. - Noon and 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
and most Saturdays 9 – 12 *Or by appointment if necessary.*
Telephone: 802-446-2498; Fax: 802-446-2498
E-mail: tinmouthtown@vermontel.net

Tinmouth Website: tinmouthvt.org

Town Calendar - Monthly Meetings

<i>Select Board</i>	Town Office	2 nd Thursday 7:00 p.m.
<i>Planning Commission</i>	Town Office	3 rd Thursday 7:00 p.m.
<i>Volunteer Fire Dept.</i>	Fire House	1 st Thursday 7:00 p.m.
<i>Tinmouth Land Trust</i>	Community Center	<i>Scheduled as needed</i>
<i>Tinmouth Historical & Genealogical Society</i>	Town Office	4 th Sunday 2:00 p.m. (except Nov. & Dec.)
<i>Conservation Commission</i>	Town Office	3 rd Monday every other month
<i>Additional Town Committees</i>	Town Office	<i>Scheduled as needed</i>

Emergency Number

Fire Department, Rescue Squad/Ambulance, State Police **Dial 911**
If 911 is not operational, call the Tinmouth Fire House @ 446-2460

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Notices (*continued*)

Fire Permit

If there is no snow on the ground, a fire permit is required to burn grass or brush within 200 feet of any woodland.

For information about a fire permit call Glenn D. Merrill, 446-2782 or Wheaton Squier, 446-2082.

Glenn D. Merrill, Fire Warden Wheaton Squier, Deputy

To report a FOREST FIRE, call 911.

Voting

To Vote in a Town Election One Must:

1. Be a citizen of the United States of America.
2. Be 18 years of age or over.
3. Have taken the Voter's Oath in the State of Vermont.

Please contact the Town Clerk for an application to the Check List.

Transfer Station Hours

The Transfer Station (for trash disposal and recycling) is open Saturday morning 8:00-12:00 and Wednesday afternoon 4:00-7:00. A punch ticket is required (\$20 for 10 punches or \$100 for 50 punches). Each 30-gallon bag of trash is 1 punch (\$2.00). Larger items are priced according to size.

Recycling is FREE

1. Zero sort for glass, tin cans, aluminum, #1-7 plastic
2. Paper – sort into newspaper; corrugated cardboard; and all other papers
3. Metal (except for refrigerators, freezers, air-conditioners, as all contain Freon)

Punch tickets must be obtained at the Town Office. Information sheets are available at the Transfer Station or Town Office.

Electronics – Computers and Computer peripherals – no charge

Household Hazardous Waste will no longer be collected in Town. See locations and dates on Page 36.

Library Hours

Monday and Thursday: 10:30 am - noon & 1:00-5:00 pm

1st Saturday morning each month: 9:00 am - noon

Ruth Drachman, Librarian

Zoning & Subdivision Regulations

Permits are required for the following:

- New driveways (Driveway)-No Fee
- New Building Construction or Alteration (Zoning)-\$5.00 Fee*
- Change of Use (Zoning) -\$5.00 Fee*
- Subdivision of Land (Subdivision) -\$25.00 Fee*
- Application to Board of Adjustment-\$25.00 Fee*
- New septic systems or repairs –State Permit Required, copy to be provided to the Town

*Fees may be reviewed and changed in 2019.

If you have any questions or need an application, please contact:
Gail Fallar, Tinmouth Zoning Administrator, 446-2498.

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Notices (continued)

Tinmouth Newsletter

The *Tales of Tinmouth* is a monthly newsletter that contains town, church and school news, upcoming events, interviews with town residents, etc., for town residents-past & present-and friends. If you are not currently on the mailing list and would like to receive "Tales," please send your name and address to Editor, 515 North End Road, Tinmouth, VT 05773, or by email. There is no charge, although donations are gratefully appreciated. The newsletter is published with volunteer help; donations cover postage and printing. E-mail is tinmouthtales@gmail.com.

Dog Licenses

All dogs six (6) months of age or older shall annually, on or before April 1st, be licensed. RABIES certificates must be signed by a duly licensed Veterinarian and delivered to the Town Clerk stating that the dog has within 36 months (for dogs two years of age and older), 12 months (for dogs over one but less than two years), and within the last year (for dogs under one year old), been vaccinated against rabies, BEFORE any dog is licensed.

Regular License Fees: \$9.00 neutered male or spayed female; \$13.00 male or female not neutered/spayed, price includes \$5.00 for State Rabies and Neutering Programs. The price increases by 50% after April 1st.

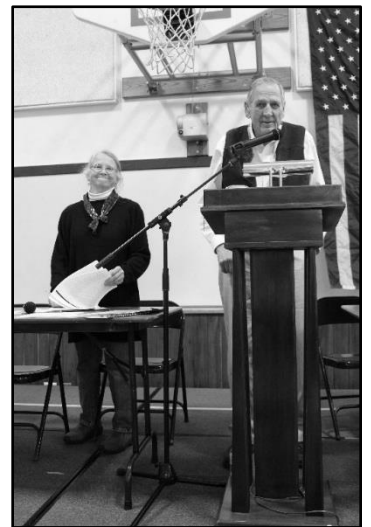
Licenses are available at the Town Clerk's office.

Front Porch Forum ~ Connect with your Tinmouth Neighbors

Front Porch Forum is online digital news shared among Tinmouth neighbors. To sign up, go to <http://FrontPorchForum.com>, or stop by the town office for assistance.

Post upcoming events; sell, swap or trade; comment on current issues; keep track of what's happening in town; give someone a pat on the back; etc. You get an email once or twice a week, read the postings or not, you don't have to post anything. It helps everyone keep in touch and provides for better communication.

If you own property here, but live out of town, use your Tinmouth 911 address for your location.



Tinmouth Annual Town Meeting ~ March 3, 2018

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Report of the Select Board

Greetings and welcome to 2019.

The Select Board thanks you for entrusting us to the business of Tinmouth, on your behalf, during 2018. It has been a very busy year.

Areas we addressed, beyond the ongoing business of Town operations, included:

- updating the town's personnel policy and employee job descriptions,
- reviewing and revising the town's procurement bid process,
- updating the town's solid waste ordinance,
- authorizing the purchase of a new tandem plow truck,
- review and approval of the 2018 Highway Plan,
- creating a committee to work on a town Tree Policy in conjunction with a Resilient Road Study with support from Vermont Department of Forest Parks and Recreation, and
- a vicious dog hearing

You may recall that we started our fiscal year 2018 on July 1, 2017 with a huge storm that destroyed McCoy Road, stranding several townspeople for several days. A big shout out to our Road Crew – Eric Buffum and Ron Crossman for their work getting folks out and the road rebuilt. This storm hit our overtime and materials budgets significantly. We did receive FEMA reimbursement eventually, but not in this fiscal year. You will note the extensive repair line items as well. This was our last year of use for a truck that we kept longer than we should have. We bought a new truck and reworked our Highway Equipment Fund so that we now budget to replace trucks in 7 years not 10. All in all, we ended the year in remarkably good shape, all things considered. On Route 140, a huge paving job and road reconstruction was completed as a result of a \$175,000 State paving grant.

Notable budget changes – in 2018 we voted at Town Meeting to hire the Sheriff's Department for additional hours. We have increased the hours for the Select Board Assistant due to the additional work required by the Board. We have added a line for additional help for the road crew to cover vacation and to support the crew during big storm events. In 2019 we will be trialing a new program for summer chloride. Application of summer chloride is a best practice that helps maintain the road surface, reduces the amount of ditching required, reduces runoff and washboards and maintains the road in better condition, requiring less gravel and maintenance. It also greatly reduces dust in summer, which is appreciated by homeowners with homes close to the road. You will also see requests for special funds for website and computer services. Finally, we did not see all of our FEMA reimbursement for the McCoy Road (and other roads damaged in the July storm) washouts – voters allocated these funds to the Equipment Fund. We will be replacing two undersized culverts on McCoy Road and have budgeted the 20% match of a State Grant to cover this work.

Also on the warning is an article about appointing rather than electing constables. State law has changed regarding constable/police officer training in order for them to be certified. It requires many hours to get certified and many hours of training each year to maintain that certification. In addition, the liability insurance has drastically increased for a constable carrying a firearm. The Select Board decided a number of years ago to not pay for training and certification and to hire the County Sheriff for law enforcement. Last year voters decided to add more hours for the Rutland County Sheriff's Department for patrol and law enforcement. The Select Board would like the authority to appoint someone to the position. Thank you for your support.

The Select Board has spent significant hours and meetings for the ongoing development of the Town's Public Works Master Plan which includes construction of a new town garage, salt/sand shed and upgrade to the current transfer station.

This matter has been before the Select Board for over 3 years and is one of the most challenging matters before us. It has become apparent that our current town garage is not meeting code or the needs of our road crew. We first examined adding on to the current garage. We have had the building evaluated by a structural engineer and contractors were called in for a cost estimate on upgrading the nearly 40-year-old metal building. The engineer noted significant deficiencies and suggested that we use the building for equipment

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Report of the Select Board (*continued*)

storage, but that we park vehicles outside in case of a large snow or wind storm as the roof was not within code for either snow or wind load.

With that report in print the Select Board began looking at options to upgrade the town garage as well as the sand/salt shed and transfer station. The Select Board held several open public meetings for conversation with the town.

Since that time there has been much discussion about the process needed to get to where we need to be, information needed to determine where structures might go, use and program needs, topo surveys required, septic possibilities, soil conditions, and storm water permits required for the project. We also heard from several neighbors about building location and runoff concerns from our existing operation, traffic flow and safety and the State's Solid Waste Certification Division request that we secure the Transfer Station.

Currently the Select Board is preparing to have information ready for presentation to the Town at the Annual Town Meeting on March 2. We hope to have a design which will include our current thoughts on what a future town garage, salt/sand shed, and transfer station could look like and an estimated cost for them for discussion at Town Meeting. We are awaiting site survey work results, costing and layout based on soils from our hired civil engineer and architect.

While the Building/Construction Fund has over \$350,000 for highway purposes, it is anticipated that the Town will have to bond on these projects which will be voted on at a special town meeting later in the Spring.

It is most important that the entire community of Tinmouth remain educated on the status of this project as you will be asked to vote on it in 2019.

The Board meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Respectfully Submitted,
Frank Sears, Cathy Reynolds, Michael Fallar

Report of the Auditors
FY 2017 – 2018

We have conducted our audit of the Town of Tinmouth's financial records for transactions transpired during fiscal year 2017-2018. Sherry Johnson has joined our team and has helped us keep the audit process going smoothly.

We review cash receipts, disbursements, general expense warrants, payroll warrants, the Grand List, delinquent taxes receivables, and special accounts. The Grand List is checked for accuracy on lister card valuations and tax payments received and deposited. Tax bill calculations are checked and property valuation changes are also checked to see that they are properly recorded. We check cash receipts to look for unusual changes, check the receipt and deposit of large state aid payments and their recording into the proper accounts. The cash disbursements are checked for the proper authorization, payment, and disbursement to the authorized and listed vendor. Payroll disbursements are checked for select board authorization, payee, pay rate, overtime rate, and withholdings.

As in past years, the few discrepancies we did come across in our document samplings were explained to our satisfaction and resolved, and we feel based on our examinations of accounts and records it is in our opinion that the accounts as printed in the Town Report adequately represent the financial status of the Town. However, there was an additional revenue recognition received from the State that could not be resolved before the printing of the town report.

Respectfully submitted, *Vito Macaluso, Chair, Sandy Goyette, Sherry Johnson*

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
General & Highway Fund Report - FY 18

Balance 7/1/17 Checking Account **\$ 98,884.75**

Receipts

Highway Aid	81,440.72
State Paving Grant	175,000.00
Property Taxes Collected FY18 (Town & School)	1,433,009.12
Use Value – State	55,116.00
Fish & Wildlife in lieu of taxes	5,777.19
Act 60 Re-appraisal – State	4,313.00
Delinquent Taxes (tax, penalty, interest, expenses)	63,845.94
Transfer Station fees	10,344.00
Recycling	99.40
Liquor License	115.00
Dog Licenses & Fees	1,648.00
Zoning/Health Permit Fees	105.00
Marriage/CU License Fees	480.00
SRCSTC Admin. Fees	84.88
Copies	870.00
Interest – checking	823.34
Old Firehouse Donations	688.00
Traffic tickets	1,566.50
Milfoil Project State Grant (pass-through)	2,420.00
Community Center Manager Salary Reimbursement FY18	645.90
Community Center Manager Salary Reimbursement FY17	343.33
Overweight truck permits	125.00
TES School Wee Folk Playground	3,423.50
Town Clerk Recording Fees	4,690.00
Town Office Fees	89.00
Grant -Conservation Commission	300.00
Miscellaneous	114.87
Refunds/Reimbursement	573.00
Safety Grant & Reimbursement	<u>8,467.86</u>
Total FY 18 Receipts	\$ 1,856,518.55
Prepaid Property Taxes FY19	23,668.61
Accts Payable included in expenses	<u>1,477.80</u>

Total (Includes 7/1/17 Balance) **\$ 1,980,549.71**

Disbursements

Town and Highway Orders	\$ 894,504.05
School Property Tax Transfer	<u>\$ 985,544.94</u>
	\$ 1,880,048.99

Balance 6/30/18 Town Checking Account **\$ 100,500.72**

The Town of Tinmouth has no indebtedness.
Respectfully submitted,
Gail Fallar, Treasurer

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General & Highway Fund Budget
Revenues

	FY 18 Budget	FY 18 Actual	FY 19 Budget	FY 20 Budget
HIGHWAY				
State Highway Aide	82,000	81,441	82,000	81,450
Paving Grant	0	175,000	0	0
Safety Grant/Danby Reimbursement	0	8,468	0	0
Subtotal	82,000	264,909	82,000	81,450
GENERAL				
Property Taxes	498,470	447,464	530,055	595,155
Use Value - State	52,000	55,116	52,000	52,000
Fish & Wildlife Taxes	4,000	5,777	4,000	4,000
Act 60 Re-appraisal	0	4,313	0	0
Delinquent Taxes	50,000	54,519	50,000	25,000
Delinquent Interest	4,500	5,706	4,500	5,000
Delinquent Fees	4,000	3,557	2,700	3,000
Delinquent Expenses	0	64	0	0
Transfer Station Fees	11,500	10,344	11,000	11,000
Recycling	50	99	50	50
Dog Licenses & Fees	1,800	1,648	1,700	1,700
Zoning Permit Fees	150	105	100	100
Marriage/CU Licenses	180	480	120	120
SRCSTC Admin. Fees	75	85	75	75
Liquor License	115	115	115	115
Copies	1,400	870	1,200	1,200
Refunds/Reimbursements	0	573	0	0
Interest - Checking Acct.	200	823	200	750
Old Firehouse Donations	200	688	200	200
Traffic tickets	500	1,567	1,000	1,000
Milfoil Grant	0	2,420	0	0
Community Center Reimb	1,000	646	1,000	1,000
Overweight Truck Permits	100	125	100	100
Recording Fees	5,000	4,690	5,000	5,000
Town Office Fees	75	89	75	75
Grant – Conservation Commission	0	300	0	0
Weefolk Playground	0	3,424	0	0
Miscellaneous	0	115	0	0
General Subtotal	635,315	605,722	665,190	706,740
Total with Highway Aid	\$ 717,315	\$ 870,631	\$ 753,730*	\$ 788,190

*The FY19 Budget approved at the 2018 town meeting was \$747,190, voters also authorized additional hours for the County Sheriff's Department(\$5,940) and \$600 for Real Rutland for a total of \$752,840.

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Highway Budget
Expenses

	FY 18 Budget	FY 18 Actual	FY 19 Budget	FY 20 Budget
Wages	92,300	92,092	95,100	98,000
Wages Over-time	13,300	20,757	15,000	18,000
Extra Help	0	0	0	5,000
FICA	6,600	7,009	6,800	8,100
Medicare	1,550	1,639	2,000	1,800
VMERS	5,850	6,082	6,050	6,700
Health Insurance	25,000	25,896	36,100	40,600
Dental Insurance	1,200	1,163	1,200	1,200
Disability Insurance	700	585	600	600
Workers Comp/Unemployment	9,250	9,060	9,400	10,600
Uniform Allowance	900	816	900	900
Property & Liability Ins	8,100	7,178	8,200	7,500
Repairs/Maintenance	18,000	26,274	18,000	18,000
Diesel Fuel	21,000	17,774	21,000	20,000
Tools	500	6,073	500	500
Gasoline	0	83	100	500
Winter Salt	47,400	34,910	47,400	47,400
Winter Sand	9,000	9,298	9,000	10,500
Gravel/Stone	25,000	13,015	25,000	15,000
Paving	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Highway Paving Grant Work	0	167,414	0	0
Cold Patch/Hot Mix	1,200	0	1,200	1,000
Chloride	1,500	0	1,500	12,000
Culverts	5,000	4,238	5,000	5,000
Road Signs	200	151	200	200
Winter Contracts	6,800	6,525	6,800	6,800
Misc./Contingency	1,500	500	1,500	1,500
Roadside Mowing	4,500	4,517	4,500	4,600
Mileage	100	363	100	400
Building repair	1,000	0	1,000	100
Electricity	900	665	900	900
Fuel Oil	1,000	734	1,000	1,000
Telephone	1,300	1,282	1,300	1,300
Equipment Fund Allocation	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,750
Salt/Sand Shed Fund	0	0	5,000	5,000
Project Contingency	10,000	8,000	10,000	10,000
Flood Repair	0	14,256		0
ANR Permit	2,400	0	2,400	2,500
Highway Reserve Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
PACIF Safety Grant	0	11,414	0	0
Public Works Master Plan	0	6,344	0	0
McCoy Road Project Grant Match	0	0	0	6,000
Grant in Aid Project Match	0	2,370	0	2,000
Total Highway	\$503,050	* \$688,477	\$524,750	\$551,950

* See note on page 14 for explanation.

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General Budget
Expenses

	Budget FY 18	Actual FY 18	Budget FY 19	Budget FY 20
GENERAL EXPENSES				
Select Board	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Select Board Assistant	3,500	5,010	3,600	6,950
Town Clerk*	22,500	22,500	23,175	29,000
Treasurer	10,600	10,600	10,900	12,000
Assistant Town Clerk & Treas.	6,700	4,116	6,900	7,000
Auditors	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
Delinquent Tax Collector	2,600	2,600	2,680	2,760
Listers	3,100	3,553	3,200	3,600
Zoning Admin/PC Sec.	2,100	1,565	2,150	2,150
SRCSTC Administrator	75	79	80	80
TC Recording Fees*	5,000	4,203	5,000	0
Animal Control Officers	200	143	200	200
Town Bookkeeper	2,600	2,626	2,700	3,000
Comm. Ctr. Director	1,000	600	1,000	1,000
Paint/Work Crew	1,000	1,688	1,000	2,500
FICA	4,300	3,820	4,000	4,600
Medicare	1,050	893	1,000	1,070
VMERS	2,600	2,517	2,800	2,900
Health Insurance	16,500	17,264	18,150	15,000
Dental Insurance	600	581	650	650
Workers Comp/Unemployment	350	346	350	400
W/C Fire Department	1,750	1,797	2,000	2,000
Disability	300	298	325	325
Insurance Prop/Liability	6,200	6,052	6,600	6,600
Telephone	1,600	1,567	1,750	1,750
Electricity	800	858	800	900
Fuel Oil	2,000	1,274	2,250	2,250
Building Repair/Lawn Care	1,500	525	2,000	1,500
Office Supplies	4,500	4,021	4,600	4,600
Postage	1,500	951	1,500	1,500
Town Report	1,200	987	1,200	1,200
County Taxes	6,500	6,020	6,900	6,900
Legal Fees	1,000	980	1,000	1,000
Records Restoration	0	487	0	0
Professional Services	1,500	1,878	1,500	2,000
Computer Software/Hardware	500	1,286	500	100
Miscellaneous	750	749	750	750
Old Cemetery Maintenance	750	360	500	500
Mileage	100	88	100	100
Building Repair	1,500	555	1,500	1,500
Marriage/CU Licenses	150	450	150	150
State Dog Tax	800	940	800	800
Dog Control Fees	200	0	100	100

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
General Budget
Expenses (continued)

	Budget FY 18	Actual FY 18	Budget FY 19	Budget FY 20
Workshops/Seminars	500	390	500	500
Planning	1,000	595	1,000	1,000
Web Site Support	750	75	750	750
Property Map Update	0	2,175	500	500
Building/Repair Fund	0	0	2,500	2,500
Re-appraisal Fund	1,000	0	500	500
Lister Education	0	270	0	0
Conservation Commission	500	545	250	500
Advertising	500	0	500	500
Milfoil Project	0	2,420	0	0
Total General	\$ 128,425	\$ 125,297	\$ 135,360	\$ 125,297
LAW ENFORCEMENT				
Constable Wages	500	43	500	500
FICA	30	3	30	30
Medicare	10	1	10	10
Workers Comp Insurance	60	49	60	60
Mileage	100	0	100	100
Equipment	0	85	0	0
Liability Insurance	630	551	650	650
County Sheriff Contract	13,450	12,128	14,000	20,000
Total Law Enforcement	\$ 14,780	\$ 12,860	\$ 15,350	\$ 21,350
SOLID WASTE				
Salaries	5,600	5,304	5,800	6,000
Hauling	6,000	4,400	6,100	4,500
Disposal	9,000	6,522	9,100	9,100
HHW Disposal	1,000	656	1,000	1,000
Dues & Fees	2,200	2,605	2,400	2,800
State Trash Tax	1,000	577	1,000	1,000
Supplies/Equipment/Repairs	500	1,122	500	750
FICA	350	337	380	380
Medicare	85	79	90	90
Miscellaneous	200	195	200	200
Workers Comp Insurance	900	693	1,000	900
Recycling Disposal	0	1,484	1,600	1,600
Total Solid Waste	\$ 26,835	\$ 23,974	\$ 27,570	\$ 28,320
ORGANIZATIONS/DUES				
Northern Vermont RC & DA	100	100	100	100
BROC	200	200	200	200
Green-Up Vermont	50	50	50	50
Poultney Rescue Squad	700	700	700	700

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
General Budget
Expenses (continued)

	Budget FY 18	Actual FY 18	Budget FY 19	Budget FY 20
RRPC	925	925	975	975
Rutland Cty Parent/Child	500	500	500	500
Rutland Cty Women's Net.	175	175	175	175
Rutland Free Library	2,840	2,757	2,925	3,000
Rutland Mental Health	550	549	550	550
Rutland NRCD	250	250	250	250
SW Office on Aging	300	300	300	300
Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Proj.	1,850	1,850	1,850	1,850
Tinmouth Vol. Fire Dept.	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
VLCT	1,625	1,679	1,725	1,725
RAVNAH	800	801	800	800
Vt Adult Learning Ctr	200	200	200	200
Vt Ctr. Independ. Living	80	80	80	80
Vt Old Cemetery Assoc.	25	25	25	25
Wallingford Rescue Squad	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
NeighborWorks	200	200	200	200
ARC	800	800	800	800
Poultney-Mettowee NRCD	500	500	500	500
VT Trails & Greenways	55	55	55	55
Tinmouth Cemetery	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
VT Conservation Comm.	50	50	50	50
American Red Cross	250	250	250	250
The Child First Advocacy	400	400	400	400
Total Dues & Organizations	\$ 43,925	\$ 43,896	\$ 44,160	\$ 44,235
TOTAL	\$ 214,015	\$ 206,027	\$ 222,440	\$ 236,240

*FY20 TC Recording fees lumped into Clerk Salary, fees are now revenues-not clerk pay

Extra voted at Town Meeting 3/18: 2019 Budget 600 + 5940 is added to TOTALS below.

Town & Highway Budget Totals

	2018 Budget	2018 Actual	2019 Budget	2020 Budget
TOTAL General Expenses	214,265	206,027	228,380	236,240
TOTAL Highway Expenses	503,050	688,477*	524,750	551,950
TOTAL General + Highway	717,315	894,504	753,130	788,190
TOTAL Revenues	717,315	870,631	753,130	788,190

*Highway Expenses over budget spending includes Paving Project of \$167,414, Storm Repair of \$14,256 and a Safety Grant of \$11,414. These were offset by a Paving Grant of \$175,000 and reimbursement and grant money of \$8,467 for the Safety Grant. The Storm Repair is being reimbursed by FEMA in FY19. The Highway Budget was really only \$1,960 over budget and that includes the \$6,344 for engineering.

Based on the 2018 Grand List, the 2019 tax rate may go from \$0.6769 to \$0.7585

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Statement of Taxes Raised 2017-2018 Budget

2017 Total Grand List	\$ 86,467,800
Adjusted for Current Use	8,596,200
Contracts	429,000
Cable Equip. (School Tax only)	320,000
2017 Taxable Grand List	\$ 77,762,600
1 % of Grand List (for town tax)	777,626
Non-residential education grand list (School)	405,715
Homestead education grand list (School)	375,111
Town Tax Rates	\$ 0.6419
Local agreement	0.0004
State School Tax Rates	
Residential	\$ 1.4920
Non-Residential	\$ 1.5116
Total Adjusted Taxes Assessed	\$ 1,672,413.51
Collected by Treasurer, includes State Payments	\$ 1,616,761.33
(\$203,461 – state payment)	
Taxes turned over to Delinquent Tax Collector	\$ 55,652.18

Tinmouth Planning Commission
2018

The Tinmouth Planning Commission revised Tinmouth's Zoning and Subdivision Regulations to conform with the re-adopted 2017 Town Plan, which mostly entailed removing Planned Unit Development sections. They were approved by voters on November 6th.

We welcomed new members Rainbow Squier, Larry Carabeau and Pat Psholka. Longtime member Kevin Ruane resigned for health and other reasons.

2019 will find the Planning Commission looking at applying for a Village Center Designation from the State – while we only have a small village center, the designation will be most helpful when applying for state grants. The PC is also exploring whether to pursue an Enhanced Energy Plan, working with the Rutland Regional Planning Commission.

The PC meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. You are invited and encouraged to attend. Your input is always welcome!

Michael Fallar, Chair

Board of Listers Report

The Vermont Tax Department's Division of Property Valuation & Review has conducted its annual sales review and determined that Tinmouth's common level of appraisal for 2019 is 99.15 %. In 2018 it was 99.83%. The assessed value is still close to the fair market value of 100%.

Recent sales are both above and below the Town's assessed value – a good indicator.

Reminder: the state requires all residential property owners to file a Homestead Declaration form every year, whether you owe income taxes or not. If you make less than \$141,000, you also need to file the property tax adjustment form and the household income form to be eligible for income sensitivity, due by April 15th. You can file online at: <https://www.myvtax.vermont.gov>

As always, you are welcome to and encouraged to review the information in the Listers files on your property.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Fallar, Chair

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Special Accounts Summary 2018

Constable Equipment Fund

Balance 7/1/17 \$ 2,394
Balance 6/30/18 \$ 2,394

Re-appraisal Fund

Balance 7/1/17 \$ 62,419
Revenues: Received from State (+) 4,313
Expenditures: Re-Appraisal 2017 (-) none
Balance 6/30/18 \$ 66,732

Recording Restoration

Balance 7/1/17 \$8,170
 Received in FY 18(+) \$ 497
 Microfilming Land Records 487
 FY17 Land Record Book 368
Balance 6/30/18 \$ 7,812

Housing Rehab Program

Balance 7/1/17 \$ 27,822.49
Revenues:
 Interest 71.28
 Re-payments 1,470.00
TOTAL: \$ 1,541.28
Expenses:
 Town of Tinmouth Administration 84.88
TOTAL: \$ 84.88
Balance 6/30/18 \$ 29,278.89

Highway Equipment Fund

Balance 7/1/18 \$ 20,397.18
Revenues:
 Annual Allotment 75,000.00
 Interest 140.90
TOTAL: \$ 75,140.90
Expenses:
 Sander for 1 ton 2,000.00
 New Tandem Dump truck 72,375.00
TOTAL: \$ 74,375.00

Balance 6/30/18 \$ 21,163.08

Fish & Wildlife Account

Balance 7/1/17 \$ 242.75
Revenues:
 Licenses Sold 1,192.00
Expenses:
 Paid to Vermont Fish & Wildlife 1,131.00
Balance 6/30/18 \$ 303.75

Property Mapping

Balance 7/1/17 \$1,780
 Map Update Expense 2,175
Balance 6/30/18 \$ 355

Annual Allotment 750

Capital Building and Repair Fund

Balance 7/1/17 \$ 456,298.26

Revenues:

Bank Interest 5,433.50
 2018 Annual Allotment 0.00
Total Revenues: \$ 5,433.50

Transferred to a CD \$ 400,000.00

Year End Balance 6/30/18 \$ 461,731.76

Capital Paving and Road Reconstruction

Reserve Fund

Balance 7/1/17 \$ 5,000.27
 2018 Beginning Allotment 5,000.00
 Interest 5.03
Balance 6/30/18 \$ 10,005.30

Old Creamery Project

Balance 7/1/17 \$ 5,874.42

Revenues:

Interest 14.60
 Donations 13,100.00
 TCF Grants 500.00
 Refreshments OFH 188.29
 Benefit Concert 266.42
Total Revenues: \$ 14,069.31

Expenses:

Construction – new roof,
 south foundation, paint 12,862.53
Total Expenses: \$ 12,862.53

Balance 6/30/18 \$ 7,081.20

Encumbrances in Checking Account

Checkbook balance 7/1/18 \$ 100,501
 Constable Equipment Fund \$ 2,394
 Record Restoration 7,812
 Re-appraisal Fund 66,732
 Lister Education 3,216
 Property Map Update 355
 Community Participation Comm. 469
 Wee Folks Playground (School) 3,424
 Accounts Payable 1,478
 Total \$ 85,880

Unencumbered Balance 6/30/18 \$ 14,621

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Special Accounts Summary 2018 (continued)

Bill Jenkins School Field Trip Fund
(now a Town Account to be used solely for the School)

Balance 7/1/17 **\$ 3,314.92**
Revenues:
 Interest 3.10
 Annual Donation 1,500.00
Expenses:
 Tinmouth 5/6 Grade Class Trip 1,500.00
Balance 6/30/18 **\$ 3,318.02**

Lister Education

Balance 7/1/17 \$ 3486
 Expenses: 270
Balance 6/30/18 **\$ 3,216**

Wee Folk Playground

Balance 7/1/17 \$ 0
 Grants & Donations 3,424
Balance 6/30/18 **\$ 3,424**

2018 Grand List Abstract Report

Real Estate	Parcel Count	Municipal value	Education (taxable) Homestead	Education (taxable) Non-Residential	Total Education
Residential I	93	17,244,700	11,896,200	5,348,500	17,244,700
Residential II	114	35,559,700	21,545,400	14,014,300	35,559,700
Mobile Homes U	8	269,800	238,700	31,100	269,800
Mobile Homes L	33	3,877,000	2,331,600	1,545,400	3,877,000
Seasonal I	58	8,956,800	413,700	8,543,100	8,956,800
Seasonal II	12	2,857,100	0	2,857,100	2,857,100
Commercial	3	316,900	0	316,900	316,900
Utilities E	1	2,620,100	0	2,620,100	2,620,100
Farm	12	6,028,600	2,470,500	3,558,100	6,028,600
Woodland	2	935,600	0	935,600	935,600
Miscellaneous	111	8,727,000	0	8,727,000	8,727,000
TOTALS	447	87,393,300	38,896,100	48,497,200	87,393,300
<i>Exemptions</i>					
Cable	1	320,000	0	0	0
Veterans	1	40,000	0	10,000	10,000
TVFD Grand-fathered	1	69,000	0	69,000	69,000
Current Use	73	8,798,800	1,299,900	7,498,900	8,798,800
TOTAL Taxable Property		784,855.00	375,962.00	412,393.00	788,355.00

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Delinquent Tax Report
As of December 31, 2018

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	Totals
Baker, Douglas	100.58	115.38	124.02	139.09	915.69	951.11	2,345.87
Benjamin, Alan & Webster	107.75	0	0	0	0		107.75
Blanchard, Brett C. w/ Arvanitakis, Hope D.	131.71	0	0	0	0		131.71
Bushee, Penny	0	0	0	1,503.35	796.06		2,299.41
Carabeau, Larry & Cris	6,011.07	0	0	0	0		6,011.07
Carmen, Courtney w/ Cook, Jeremy	1,355.01	1,113.68	604.07	0	0		3,072.76
Cassel, Sandra w/Christine & James	2,313.53	2,652.85	2,167.54	0	1,404.79		8,538.71
*	2,616.67	0	0	0	0		2,616.67
Dunham, Russell et al	244.29	0	0	0	0		244.29
Finlay, Barbara	5,287.73	1,034.72	0	0	0		6,322.45
Gioffi-Baker, Tracy	3,728.96	3,344.73	0	0	0		7,073.69
Gove, Gary & Mary	56.10	0	0	0	0		56.10
Greene, Myron w/Clyde Est.	250.01	0	0	0	0		250.01
Healy, Maurice W Jr w/Adelina N	697.88	0	0	0	0		697.88
Hier, Morris	656.24	0	0	0	0		656.24
Lloyd, Lloyd, Zimmerman & Phillips	601.14	0	0	0	0		601.14
Marshall, Brian & McConnell, Darcie	5,999.37	0	0	0	0		5,999.37
McConnell, Lorna P w/Charles & Rogers, Caitlin	3,268.14	0	0	0	0		3,268.14
Norcross, William	967.56	0	0	0	0		967.56
Pierro, Victoria	1,349.78	0	0	0	0		1,349.78
Prouty, Richard & Hazel	2,543.45	605.86	3,129.55	1,706.33	1,660.13		9,645.32
Velde, Lisa	237.11	271.91	291.81	173.82	0		974.65
Velde, Thomas Jr.	316.13	310.43	284.35	276.97	417.15		1,605.03
*	205.95	0	0	0	0		205.95
Webster, Marsha. w/ Jones, William	687.35	0	0	0	0		687.35
Whiting, Fairfield, Jr.	1,197.49	0	0	0	0		1,197.49
Zandy, Shannon	746.72	0	0	0	0		746.72
TOTAL	41,677.72	9,449.56	6,601.34	3,799.56	5,193.82	951.11	67, 673.11

Amount includes tax, penalty and interest currently due.

One property was sold at tax sale, but redeemed before 1 year time limit.

* Payment in full received after December 31, 2018

Cat Yoder, Delinquent Tax Collector

Delinquent Tax Collection Breakdown 2018

Taxes	\$ 54,519.12
Interest	5,705.83
Penalty	3,557.36
Expenses	<u>63.63</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 63,845.94</u>

TOWN OF TINMOUTH

Tinmouth Contra Dance

The Tinmouth Contra Dance is a monthly dance series that is open to all. It is funded by admission at the door and a grant from the Tinmouth Community Fund. We run 8-9 dances per year on the third Friday (except for November when we shift to the 4th Friday due to the Game Supper.) All dances are taught and you do not need a partner, just be open to having a good time. We have 50-100 people attending each dance. For more information you can check our website at Tinmouthcontradance.org, or like us on Facebook – Tinmouth Contra Dance.



Respectfully submitted, *Cathy Reynolds, Doug Fontein,
Marshall, Melody and Wheaton Squier*

Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department

2018

The Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department has been thriving this past year. We have new members and our Junior Firefighter program continues to be successful. Of course our solid core of long time members gives our Fire Department a wealth of experience to pass on to our growing membership.

I would like to thank the new volunteers for being willing to donate their time and energy to the Department. It helps a lot.

To maintain current standards our Department has had to continuously update equipment at considerable expense but these regulations keep the Department safe for our members and community.

This year we responded to several calls in town; chimney fires, vehicular accidents, and other calls including search and rescue. We would like to thank all who joined in to help us.

We responded to some mutual aid calls in surrounding towns. We also received mutual aid help from our surrounding volunteer fire departments. Thank you to all of these neighboring departments as well.

Our Game Supper was a great success. Thank you for all the help and enthusiasm from the Tinmouth Community.

Please check your fire and carbon monoxide detectors at least once a year and change their batteries; make sure you have at least one 5 pound or larger fire extinguisher fully charged and accessible in your home, garage, barn etc. Vehicle extinguishers are also strongly recommended. Many of our fire calls were extinguished by homeowners who used their fire extinguishers.

Fire permits for anyone are required if there is no snow on the ground. Fire Wardens are: Glenn D. Merrill, 446-2782 or Wheaton Squier - Deputy, 446-2082, or you can call Chief Marshall Squier, 235-2718. All emergencies call 911. If 911 is not working, please call the Fire House at 446-2460.

All the members of the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department wish you a safe and peaceful year.

Chief Marshall "Mo" Squier
Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department



*49th Annual TVFD Game Supper.
Almost ready for the doors to open!*



TINMOUTH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND FUND BALANCE – CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 AND 2017

	2018	2017
INCOME		
Town allotment	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Grants	-	180
Donations	1,545	863
Donations – memorial	1,225	-
Game supper	6,872	6,788
Raffle	1,891	1,915
Other	<u>492</u>	<u>526</u>
Total income	<u>37,025</u>	<u>35,272</u>
EXPENSES		
Equipment purchased	17,472	6,420
Dues	2,200	1,200
Electricity	1,339	912
Gasoline and diesel fuel	380	286
Game supper expenses	1,152	1,475
Heat	4,922	3,782
Insurance	5,751	5,156
Office expense	77	47
Donation	-	500
Raffle expenses	1,130	940
Repairs and maintenance	7,514	10,674
Small tools	2,748	4,023
Supplies	996	437
Telephone	527	517
Education	<u>720</u>	<u>571</u>
Total expenses	<u>46,928</u>	<u>36,940</u>
NET LOSS	(9,903)	(1,668)
CASH, beginning October 1st	<u>99,091</u>	<u>100,759</u>
CASH, ending September 30th	\$ <u>89,188</u>	\$ <u>99,091</u>
FUND BALANCES:		
Unrestricted	\$ 28,688	\$ 34,091
Restricted – truck fund	<u>60,500</u>	<u>65,000</u>
Total fund balances	\$ <u>89,188</u>	\$ <u>99,091</u>

Steve Goyette, Treasurer

TOWN OF TINMOUTH

2018 Annual Report, Tinmouth Town Library

The Tinmouth Library is a **Reader's Library**, one which we hope fills the needs of children and adults. It is the goal of the Tinmouth Library to fuel the fires of intelligence and the imagination.

The Tinmouth Library is an all-volunteer, all-donation library. This means that no person working at the library receives money for their services to the library; the library is completely staffed by volunteers. In order that we might pay for our purchases and expenses we hold fund raisers and we accept monetary donations. Our book sale in August of 2018 was an extremely successful fundraiser and we were able to buy many new books, books on CD, and DVDs to enhance our collection and to respond to patrons requests. Thank you to all of the generous volunteers and supporters of the Tinmouth Library who continue to donate their time and their resources to help us. We appreciate you and could not function without you. Thank you to our library volunteers: Lori Gilmore, Rene Wilbur, Nelson Jaquay, Ann Czar, Beth Eaton, Bart Eaton, Lydia Cannon, Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, Martha Stanley, Pat Psholka, Ann Lewis, Bess Lewis, Betti Jaquay, Hollis Squier, and Gail Fallar, as well as our trustees, Jan Krantz, Gene Usher, Margaret Morin, Lori Gilmore, and Nelson Jaquay.

We continue to strive to provide a stimulating atmosphere for readers and writers in our community. We try to develop our collection based on what people request and what they want to read. In 2018 we purchased 70 NEW books, 25 for children and 45 for adults, and have also added approximately 35 previously read books to our collection. In addition, we also added 10 audio books on CD and added 7 DVD's to our collection.

A knitting group meets at our library to "Knit and Chat". An exercise group called "Bone Builders" also meets at our library. We are glad to have our library used in many different ways.

We developed our own summer reading program again this year, and we held four programs for children. We thank our fabulous volunteers who led these programs, Jan Krantz, Nelson Jaquay, Helen Mango, and Amanda Williams.

Our writer's group continued, and encouraged unexpected talents. The Writer's Group is a group of committed writers who meet monthly under the leadership of Nelson Jaquay to share what they have written and get feedback. This year our writing group has benefitted by a grant from the Tinmouth Community Fund. Both our Writing Group and our Book Discussion Group always welcome new members! Our book discussion group completed its 21st year this year!

We continued to work with the school; as part of each student's school library program, all grades attended regularly scheduled library activities at the Tinmouth Library.

For other services not available in our library, the Rutland Free Library is a most helpful resource.

"Reading is so important, so necessary to the nourishment of mind and spirit that I feel that it should be as seriously ceremonial as a church service." P. D. James.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Drachman, Librarian

Tinmouth Land Trust 2018

The Tinmouth Land Trust, local people caring about Tinmouth and its future. We have helped preserve many of our working farms, large tracts of forest land and two of Tinmouth's large springs that feed the Tinmouth Channel. These projects have benefited owners, sellers, new owners, all of us including the next generations. We welcome new members and projects.



Tinmouth Channel

Marshall Squier,
TLT President

TOWN OF TINMOUTH

Tinmouth Community Fund Report 2018

As of December 2018, your TCF assets have increased to \$323,843. In 2018 the Fund paid out scholarships of \$11,000, Community Fund grants of \$7,860 and camp scholarships of \$1,475. We received donations in 2018 totaling \$23,013 which included \$4,875 from the Tinmouth plant sale, an anonymous donation of close to \$10,000 and individual donations of all sizes. Thanks to everyone who has supported the TCF.

The Susan McIntosh Lloyd Fund was created in 2018 to provide additional scholarship funds for a student pursuing interests that align with Sue's. Look for this scholarship on the scholarship page on the Town's website as you are applying for our funds. Thanks to the family and friends of Sue for funding this new opportunity for Tinmouth students in memory of Sue and her passions.

Would you consider donating to TCF for grants and scholarships in the future? Those contributions remain at home, making Tinmouth a better place to live.

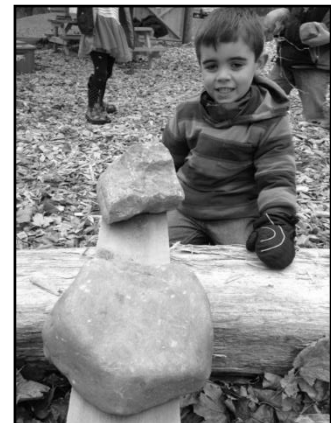
The TCF Board consists of 9 members serving three year terms. The current Board consists of Jan Krantz-Chair, Ray Pratt-Vice Chair, Cathy Reynolds-Treasurer, Helen Mango-Secretary, Patti Macaluso, Asha Carroll McCullough, Melody Squier, Rainbow Squier, and Cat Yoder. The Scholarship Committee includes Cathy Reynolds, Bob Lloyd, Ruth Drachman, Caleb Scott, Rene Wilbur, Denise McGinley, Nelson Jaquay, and Jan Krantz.

We will hold our Annual Meeting just before Town Meeting on Saturday March 2 at 11:30 a.m. at the Community Center. Please attend and participate. We will elect three directors, discuss our progress in 2018 and make plans for 2019. All are welcome.

Jan Krantz, Chair

Tinmouth Community Fund 2018

Balance 1/1/18	(Town TCF Checking Account)	\$ 12,039.48
Revenues:		
Interest	\$22.18	
Donations/Fundraising	\$13,013.37	
Transfer from VCF	<u>\$ 3,500.00</u>	
	\$16,535.55	
TOTAL REVENUES		\$28,575.03
Expenses		
Grants (\$8,085 awarded)	\$ 7,860.38	
Scholarships	\$11,000.00	
Summer Camperships	\$ 1,475.00	
Misc.	<u>\$ 636.18</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$22,264.30
Balance 12/31/18	Town TCF Checking Account)	\$ 6,310.73
*Balance of funds are endowed at the Vermont Community Foundation.		



*The Natural Classroom
– Wee Folk Playground*

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Tinmouth Community Fund 2018

2018 Grant Awards

Event Advertisement	Banners for Town Events	370
Kamp for Kindness	School Vacation Week Program	500
Tales of Tinmouth	Printing and Postage	500
Tinmouth Community Directory	Update/Reprint Directory	500
Tinmouth ContraGroup	Travel Stipends/Support	500
Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project	Eurasian Milfoil Management	500
Tinmouth Old Creamery Committee	Old Creamery Wall Work	500
Tinmouth Historical & Genealogical Society	Storage for Documents	500
Tinmouth School	School Garden (Pre-K/K garden)	500
Tinmouth School	Wee Folk Playground	500
Tinmouth School	Contra Dance Instruction	500
Tinmouth Blooms 1 and 2	Crab Apple Trees	800
Tinmouth Handbell Committee	Music/Program Supplies/Training	500
Tinmouth Elves	Clothes for Needy Families	500
Tinmouth Motley Writing Group/Library	Writing Workshops	500
Town Laminator	Laminator for Town Signage	415
Total		\$8,085*

* Actual amount dispersed was \$7,860.38

Encumbrance from past Grants

2013 Old Fire House Concert grant is being held by TCF until needed - \$450.

Community Fund College Scholarships

\$ 11,000

2018 Recipients: *Ilona Allen, Theresa Butts, Katy Czar, Amanda Deppert, Kayla Durant, Brian Eaton, Anna Hasenohr, Kiera Nauton, Seamus Nauton, Erin Predom, Kaleob Smith, and Chad Young.*

Cathy Reynolds, TCF Treasurer, and Gail Fallar, Town Treasurer

The Vermont Community Foundation (VCF) asked the Tinmouth Community Fund (TCF) to collect all donations. The TCF Board of Directors decided that in lieu of drawing down interest, grants would be funded with annual donations and the balance sent to VCF. This leaves all principal and interest at VCF and helps grow the fund.



In memory of Sue, Bob Lloyd and family have established the **Sue Lloyd Scholarship Fund** under the auspices of the Vermont Community Foundation. Scholarships under this program are to be awarded to high school graduates with special consideration given to those pursuing further work in music, agriculture and forestry. Sue's caring and giving life will continue to shine in this gift.

Memories of Sue are deep in Tinmouth as they are anywhere her path took her: music shared and led daily, physical activity of all kinds, stepping in to help wherever it was needed, reading to neighborhood children at "The Rock." In a conversation not long ago Sue was accepting of her diminished abilities and said with that beautiful Sue smile, "But I guess I can still be kind."

Thank you Sue and Lloyds All for this gift of ongoing presence. ~ written by Nelson Jaquay

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Tinmouth Energy Committee Report

The Energy Committee is looking for new energy. If you would like to volunteer, please let the Select Board know you are interested in being appointed.

Respectfully submitted, *Cathy Reynolds*

Tinmouth Website Committee

The Website Committee continues to work on our website, tinmouthvt.org. We continue to add pages and to train others to post to the calendar and minutes and agendas. We accept your high definition photos at any time during the year, although we cannot load them all up, it is great to see various views of town in various seasons. We hope to expand our photo gallery in 2019.

With hope that you will all make use of our website, and learn what is available – we have a raffle. Find mention of the “prize” somewhere on the website, and contact me or Nancy Birdsall (link will be on the site), and your name will be put in a raffle for a free dump ticket, to be drawn at Town Meeting on March 2, 2019!

Website: tinmouthvt.org Check it out, the town website is a terrific resource!

Respectfully submitted, *Cathy Reynolds*

Tinmouth Conservation Commission 2018

The Conservation Commission has continued to work on existing initiatives in 2018 while taking on some new responsibilities as well. Green Up has been revitalized largely through the work of the CC. We planned and executed a family-friendly event complete with prizes for the kids and ice cream for all. We had a turn out of roughly 50 people (not counting those who did the DIY version at their convenience). We gathered over 100 bags of trash and over 20 old tires. Thanks to all who participated. Please join us for Green Up on May 4.

Planning continues for a short, easy walking loop on private land in town. Stay tuned for more details.

The Tinmouth Mountain Ridge Trail remains a popular short (but steep) hike, accessed from the Community Center parking lot. We are in the process of publicizing this trail on alltrails.com for use by folks outside of Tinmouth. Also in the works is a trifold flyer with a map, mileages to waypoints, and a description of the mountain’s geology. The flyers will be dispensed from a box at the trailhead kiosk. Anticipating increased usage on this trail, we’re working with a landowner and easement holder to develop some switchbacks on steeper sections to avoid erosion.

We’ve donated \$150 to the Trout in our Schools program to teach about water quality and protection, natural science and conservation issues in the Tinmouth Mountain School. In addition, the CC is discussing the establishment of a Conservation Fund to help finance future conservation initiatives.

The CC applied for and received a \$300 Tiny Grant from the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions and administered by the Vermont Community Fund. This was used to purchase materials for bog bridges and signage on our trails.

We are increasing our inventory of amphibian-crossing signs to help protect these vulnerable animals during their spring and early summer migrations where they cross roads to reach their breeding pools.

The CC is working on the Resilient Right-of Way study with the town. This is a group of folks including the road commissioner, Select Board member, tree warden, a CC member, and a consultant from the VT Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. We’re working to develop strategies and best practices to control invasive species, roadside salt and erosion, deal with the onslaught of emerald ash borer and other issues along our roads.

The CC is giving input to the Select Board on the master plan for the transfer station and town garage. Our hope is to keep the back portion of that town lot open with vehicle access for possible future use as park land/conservation land.

Thank you to Ann Czar who has retired from the group. Ann was a thoughtful attendee at meetings and a willing participant on work days. New members Rainbow Squier and Jeff Ams have joined us to fill out our 7-member board

Sincere thanks to everyone in town who has helped with Green Up, trail maintenance, cabin building and other conservation initiatives.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Fontein, Chair

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Tinmouth Community Center Annual Report

Beginning Balance 7/1/17	\$ 3,422.91
Revenues:	
Interest	3.24
Donations for Use	<u>1,397.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,400.21
Expenses:	
Salary, FICA, for Building Manager	<u>645.90</u>
Total	\$ 645.90
Balance 6/30/18	\$ 4,177.25

2018 Tinmouth Community Center and Old Firehouse Annual Report

The Tinmouth Community Center and Old Fire House provide valuable space for meetings and recreation. This past year 130 events were held at the Community Center, 29 events were booked at the Old Fire House, and the bread oven was reserved for 13 firings.

Events that took place at the Community Center include: Town Meeting, General Elections, Primary Elections, The 50th Annual Game Supper, Trunk or Treat, the Volunteer Fire Department Potluck, 2 memorial services, 11 Christian worship services, 2 Tinmouth Community Fund Meetings, 2 culinary workshops, an anniversary party, a 50/50 fundraiser, a rug hooking event, a bridal shower, a birthday party, a baby shower, a Christmas party, 2 Kamp Kindness programs, 2 open gym events for kids, 1 private party, a baptism, 1 school presentation, 4 private gym uses, 7 exercise classes, 8 contra dances, 8 cardio kickboxing classes, 3 yoga classes, and 50 volleyball meets.

Events at the Old Firehouse include: the Annual Plant Sale, the Annual the Book Sale, the Town Wide Yard Sale, the Scholarship Awards Ceremony, a Tinmouth library event, an Arts and Crafts Show, 1 THGS program, a Tinmouth Republican Caucus meeting, a loggers first aid workshop, the Cemetery Association meeting, 2 writing workshops, a play ("Our Town"), 11 concerts in the Old Firehouse Series, 2 Village Harmony concerts, 1 Bright Wings concert, and 1 Spoon Mountain Singers concert.

For information about availability of the Community Center, Old Fire House, or Bread/Bake Oven please refer to the calendar on the town's webpage: <http://www.tinmouthvt.org/>

Please contact Bess Lewis if you would like to make a reservation for use of the Community Center, Old Fire House, or the Bread/Bake Oven. Cost for use and Community Center Rental Documents are available on the town webpage.

Bess Lewis, Building Manager and TCC Coordinator
blewriver@gmail.com 802-282-6240



*Monthly Contra Dance at
Tinmouth Community Center*

TOWN OF TINMOUTH

Community Center Use Guidelines

The Tinmouth Community Center is a Tinmouth community resource. Use of the facility is intended to engage, build and strengthen the greater Tinmouth community for historical, educational, cultural, social, intellectual and recreational enrichment. It is available only to Tinmouth residents or taxpayers, who must sign the rental agreement and make all arrangements with the community center building manager. Renters must be on site during the rental event and arrange for pick up and return of the key.

Rental charges for building use are as follows:

No charge for use of the hall (donations appreciated):

- Town functions
- School functions
- Activities open to the community at no charge (sports, classes, etc.)
- Activities /fundraisers presented by a Tinmouth non-profit or community group, or a multi-town community group directly benefitting Tinmouth (Home Schoolers or 4-H would be examples) provided it is hosted by a Tinmouth resident or taxpayer

Private Parties : Available for Tinmouth residents/taxpayers only

\$100 refundable deposit required. Refund is at the sole discretion of the building manager based on a post event walk through. Violation of the rules of building use is also reason to withhold the deposit. After your event you will receive a phone call from the Building Manager if there is a problem. If there is no problem, your security check will be ripped up or returned to you if you provide a self addressed, stamped envelope.

Minimum charge for groups of 25 or **fewer** ~ \$35

Minimum charge for groups of 26-50 ~ \$60

Minimum charge for groups of 51-75 ~ \$85

Minimum charge for groups 76-100 ~\$110

Minimum charge for groups of 100 or more ~ \$200

Fundraiser for an individual in need not from Tinmouth ~ 10% or \$100 whichever is less.

Larger donations are gratefully accepted and appreciated.

Events charging admission or requesting donations at the door which do not meet **any** category above: fee is 10% of the take at the door; if take is less than \$100, percentage is waived.

For an on-going paid event, (e.g. aerobics/yoga class) which charges money but never grosses more than \$100 per session, a monthly fee of \$10 will be charged. The fee is payable prior to the first use and is payable on or before the first of each month for continuing use. Payment must be current for rentals to continue. Public notice of each event must be made in Front Porch Forum at least three days before an event, or in Tales for the month when an event will be held, so the community has a chance to participate. Similar notice is required for each unpaid public event.

Private use of the gym is available with a minimum of 24 hours' notice for a \$5 fee. Arrangements to pick up and return the key must be made with the building manager with a minimum of 24 notice.

Tinmouth Solid Waste and Recycling Committee

During 2018, the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee (SWARC) addressed the following issues:

1. Possible reconfiguration of the Town Transfer Station: The Select Board is still considering changes to the configuration of the Transfer Station and town garage equipment and storage facilities. The SWARC continues to provide input to the Select Board regarding the requirements of recycling and disposal.
2. Signage: The white board attached to the recycling roll-off reminds people of rules and any changes to those rules.
3. The Town "Ordinance Regulating Solid Waste" (from 1994) update is almost complete.
4. The SWARC welcomed Chris Martone as the new Transfer Station Manager.
5. Laminated signs for electronics recycling were added to the Transfer Station to help residents determine what can be recycled.
6. A bear visited the Transfer Station several times. However, when the bear heard that it would be dispatched if it returned, it decided to find its meals elsewhere.

Respectfully submitted, *Helen Mango*, SWARC Secretary

TOWN OF TINMOUTH

Tinmouth Transfer Station 2018

The Tinmouth transfer station is open on Wednesdays from 4pm to 7pm and Saturdays from 8am to 12pm. There is a fee of \$2 per bag via punch cards that are purchased at the Town Office. Recycling disposal is free of charge to residents.

We can all do our part to keep Vermont beautiful by remembering the simple rules for recycling:

- (1) You can recycle empty and rinsed clean containers like bottles, cans, and jars; clean and dry paper and cardboard; aluminum, steel, glass, and plastics.
- (2) You cannot recycle plastic bags, textiles, or food products (please see note on composting below)
- (3) Scrap metal, batteries, and electronics do not belong in the trash or recycle bins, but you can bring them to the transfer station for disposal. We only collect small batteries at the TS (no car/truck batteries), we do have containers for scrap metal (a 30 yard container) and electronics (in gaylords/big cardboard boxes)
- (4) Construction materials and demolition waste are not accepted at the Transfer Station.
- (5) Pharmaceuticals can be disposed of at your local pharmacy, police department, or hospital.
- (6) Hazardous Household Wastes (HHW) must be disposed of properly – you have to bring it to one of the special days that are held in April or September. Please see HHW info on page 36.

For more information, please see the Acceptable Recyclables List on the Town of Tinmouth website at tinmouthvt.org, or pick up the list at the Town Office or Transfer Station.

There is currently a composting bin available to dispose of organic food materials. By 2020, all Vermonters will be required to separate their organic food waste from trash and recyclables. We will be working together in 2019 to develop the program to meet that requirement.

You may contact the Manager, Chris Martone, at 802.414.0068 with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Martone, Manager



*The Tinmouth Transfer station friendly attendants
(from left to right) Gunner, Chris, and Charlie.*

Rutland County Sheriff's Department 2018

The Rutland County Sheriff's Department, in cooperation with the Towns of Middletown Springs, Danby, Ira and Tinmouth, entered into a cooperative patrol services agreement that assigned one deputy to the four-towns on a full time, 40 hour per week basis. The assigned deputy splits his time between the towns, as calls for service and needs dictate.

This agreement has worked well, and we would like to see it continue in the future. It gives responsibility for the area to one patrol deputy and allows the deputy to shift from town to town to answer calls and do follow-up investigations. We know that the criminal activity is not dictated by town lines, and the geographic locations of these towns makes it advantageous for all to conduct patrol activities in this manner.

	Tinmouth	Ira	Danby	Middletown Spgs
Traffic Tickets	63	72	72	111
Warnings	10	16	11	8
Fines	\$9,415.00	\$8,767.00	\$10,708.00	\$16,756.00
Traffic Stops	63	80	79	95
(Motor vehicle stats include work done under GHSP grants hours)				
Incidents	29	6	68	42
Arrests	7	2	7	7
911 Hangups	1	0	0	1
Crashes	0	2	2	0
Assists	9	1	13	6
Citizen Dispute	0	0	1	1
Vin Inspection	2	2	3	4
Animal Comp	3	2	12	3
Theft	1	1	1	1
Vandalism	0	0	2	1
Property Watch	0	5	9	2
Suspicious	1	2	1	2
Littering	0	1	1	1

It has been and continues to be an honor for our department to serve the citizens of Rutland County. Please remember, if you have an emergency call 9-1-1. If you have a question or a non-emergency call at anytime, you can call our office direct at 802-775-8002, visit our web site at Rutlandsheriff.net or email me direct at stephen.benard@vermont.gov.

Respectfully submitted,
David Fox, Lieutenant
Rutland County Sheriff's Dept.



Volunteers planting fruit trees in "downtown" Tinmouth

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project
2018

TPMP continues to work to control Eurasian Water Milfoil, as once it is present it cannot be eradicated. Suction harvesting continues to be the main focus of this effort. Cat and Shane Yoder are the divers responsible for removing approximately 5 tons of this pesky weed in 2018. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

TPMP expresses its appreciation to the Town of Tinmouth for their continued support and annual donation of \$1,850 and to the Tinmouth Community Fund for another grant to help with this project. Property owners around the lake/pond donated nearly \$7,400, as well as volunteering countless hours catching fragments, assisting with disposal of the milfoil (makes great compost), and educating lake owners/users with regards to preventing the further spread of invasive species in Tinmouth Pond or to other water bodies.

TPMP has also enlisted the use of SolarBee circulators for the past 10 years in the effort to control milfoil. The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation does not recognize the SolarBees as having any scientific effect on milfoil, though anecdotal evidence observed by folks at the Pond dispute that. Water quality has improved, which in turn has allowed native plants to flourish, and as milfoil seems to prefer lower quality water, it has declined in its vigor. DEC has declined to renew the 10 year Aquatic Nuisance Control Permit for the SolarBees, and has instead suggested TPMP apply for an encroachment permit for them to address water quality issues. TPMP is applying to continue use of the SolarBees as they have another 15 years life expectancy and many thousands of dollars have been invested in them.

The TPMP Board consists of President Gail Fallar, Vice President Scott Lepley, Treasurer Laurie Bepler, Secretary Sherry Johnson, Financial Secretary Joe Frankiewicz, and Members-at-large Annie Robbins and Carol Robbins.

Gail Fallar, President

Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project
Treasurer's Report
January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Beginning balance Jan. 1, 2018		\$21,528.36
Income: donations, dues & grants	12,146.55	
Total of Income and Beginning Balance		\$33,674.91
Expenses:		
Contracted services (divers)	11,730.21	
Insurance	1,386.64	
Aquatic Survey	2,800.00	
Permit Application fee	300.00	
Repairs	282.14	
P.O.Box/stamps/office supplies/other	<u>385.55</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$16,884.54	
Ending balance December 31, 2018		\$16,762.61

Laurie Bepler, Treasurer

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
2018 Vital Records

Births

Mason Robert Stratton, January 4, 2018
Jameson Walter Babin, March 27, 2018
Erin Kellie Martone, May 20, 2018
Carson Paul Torres, August 25, 2018
Nolan Rau Martell, August 29, 2018
Lucas James VanGuilder, September 3, 2018

Marriages

Paige Louise Kenny and Stephan Paul Torres, March 3, 2018
Michele Rae Farnam and Frank Gregory Sears, May 5, 2018
Suzanne Gilmore Dafni and James Michael Wetherby, May 5, 2018
Kelly Anne Barnhart and Timothy John Smith, June 22, 2018
Krista Danielle Noggle and Matthew Paul Larson, June 30, 2018
Nicole Renee Pfeiffer and Robert Bruce Leeds, August 4, 2018
Kanwara Santoostaroam and James Ryan Edmunds, August 4, 2018
Sarah Maria Munger and Joseph Napoleon Shackett III, September 13, 2018
Heather Nicole Thompson and Duke Robert Martin II, October 13, 2018

Deaths

Glenn W. Merrill, March 18, 2018
Susan Lloyd, July 2, 2018
Steven Edward Zimmer, September 14, 2018
Joshua Raymond Ruane, November 26, 2018

Burial Permits

Glenn W. Merrill, May 19, 2018
John Theodore Fortier, Jr., July 2, 2018
Kristen Ackley, October 27, 2018

Burial Transit Information

Note: Burial Transit Permits may be issued to family members of a deceased person to move the body to another town. No law prohibits family members from moving the bodies themselves if they choose, as long as they have a permit. According to Title 18 V.S.A. Section 5201, the only restriction appears to be when certain contagious diseases are the cause of death, in which case the local health officer or Board of Health must approve the issuance of the permit first.

Families occasionally choose to set aside a portion of their private property for the burial of members of their immediate family. This is permitted under Vermont Law, as long as no health hazard is created. (Title 18 V.S.A. Section 5319). Questions you may have about establishing a private burial plot on your property may be referred to the Vermont Department of Health at 802-863-7275.

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Tinmouth Cemetery Association, Inc.

The Tinmouth Cemetery Association is a Vermont non-profit corporation formed in 1921. Trustees are Carolyn Burden, Stan Wilbur, Glenn D. Merrill, David Gilmore, Bob Bradley and Laurie Phillips.

The Association's 2018 annual meeting was held on May 2, 2018, and opened by recognizing the passing of Glenn W. Merrill. In addition to his many contributions to the Town of Tinmouth, Glenn was a long-serving Cemetery Association trustee and president. Officers elected at the meeting were Glenn D. Merrill, President; Laurie Phillips, Vice President; Stan Wilbur, Treasurer; and Laurie Phillips, Secretary. Cemetery Administrative Superintendent is Stan Wilbur and Field Superintendents are Dave Gilmore and Bob Bradley. The Trustees voted to increase the single lot (4 feet x 12 feet) price from \$350 to \$400 and to increase full body burial fees from \$500 to \$550 for Tuesday through Friday and \$600 for Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Cremation fee will remain unchanged at \$250. Other items discussed included pruning and removal of dead limbs and trees, increasing the new section gate driveway width and repairing damaged stones.

There were three burials in Tinmouth in 2018. Glenn W. Merrill, John T. Fortier, Jr. and Kristen Ackley.

Following a long-standing tradition, the elementary school students placed flags on the graves of military veterans before Memorial Day.

The Cemetery Association receives \$2,500 from the town to assist with the cost of mowing. Other operational costs are funded from endowment account interest, sale of lots and burial fees. General cemetery maintenance is handled by Trustees and lawn care and burials are performed by John Squier.

Sale of lots in the Tinmouth Cemetery is restricted to individuals or families with a connection to Tinmouth. The current price for a single (4' x 12') lot is \$400 and for a double (8' x 12') lot is \$800. One half of a lot sale price is deposited in the endowment account. In addition to the cost of the lot, the cemetery requires four lettered corner markers either granite for \$150 or marble for \$75 installed by the cemetery.

One full burial or up to four cremations are allowed on a single (4' x 12') lot. Concrete vaults are required for full burials and permanent, non-breakable, containers are required for cremation burials. The scattering of ashes is not permitted. Between November 1 and December 15 burials will be permitted only at the discretion of the Superintendent. No burials are allowed between December 15 and May 1.

The Cemetery Association's annual meeting is the third Wednesday in April and is open to the public.

If anyone would like to learn more about the Cemetery or wish to purchase a lot, please contact Glenn D. Merrill or Stan Wilbur.

Stan Wilbur, Treasurer

The Old Creamery

Half a dozen years ago there was doubt that the creamery building was worth saving. It had a large hole in the roof from a fire on the second floor, the front extension was different from the porch in the early 1900's photos. Sills were rotting, the east (rear) was barely supported, and the south stone foundation probably was being held up by the building. But, as the Historical Society argued, it was part of the National Historic District and a valuable symbol of Tinmouth's days as a town of small dairy farms – 30 in 1930. The Select Board appointed an Old Creamery Committee, but did not provide any funds.

Since then the foundation and sills have been repaired or replaced, the hole in the roof fixed, the worn slate roof replaced with metal, and a replica of the original porch installed. The work has been paid for with fund-raising and a one-time contribution by the town towards the cost of the porch.

Another volunteer group has built a community bake oven next to the Old Creamery, roofed with the usable slate from the Creamery. The Creamery porch and picnic table have been used with the bake oven to provide an outdoor food center for the town.

Already contracted for are covering the new south foundation piers and re-clapboarding the reconstructed lower east wall. The clapboards have been painted and are stored in the Creamery. For next year the Committee is considering using the north side door as the entrance to a "clean room" – just a room with new walls and floor, not a scientific area. It would be accessed with a handicapped accessible ramp. If possible the south wall will have clapboards repaired and the wall painted.

The Committee is grateful for the many contributions that have paid for making this tired old building an attractive and increasingly useful part of Tinmouth village.

Grant Reynolds, Chair
Old Creamery Committee

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Tinmouth Historical and Genealogical Society

The Tinmouth Historical and Genealogical Society's stated purpose is "to encourage and to promote an interest in the history of Tinmouth and its founding families; to collect, assemble, preserve information about Tinmouth; and to share this information with individuals or organizations genuinely interested in the history and genealogies of its founding families". Membership is open to any individual or organization with roots in Tinmouth and any individual or organization which is interested in the history and heritage of Tinmouth or the genealogy of its founding fathers. *The Tinmouth Channel*, the Society's newsletter, provides the mechanism for sharing and publishing this information. The Society was formed in 1999 and Volume 1, No. 1 of the *Channel* came out in the winter of 1999 and has been issued two to three times a year since.

The Society holds three to four working or program meetings a year to collect and preserve Tinmouth's physical and narrative history. The major emphasis over the past several years has been supporting the Tinmouth Old Creamery Committee's efforts to stabilize and enhance the creamery building to maintain the fabric of the Tinmouth Historic District. With help from many quarters this goal has been achieved. The next step is to address the interior conditions with the hope of making the space usable by town committees and organizations. The Society hopes clean space will be available to address the need for additional room to store its archival collections.

Working with Tom Giffin, President of the Vermont Old Cemetery Association, the Society has explored ways to preserve the history of the Darling/Rising Cemetery on Route 140 west of Northrup Road. The Society received a Tinmouth Community Fund grant to assist in the development of a website to make its archived materials available to the wider community. An ongoing program is the sorting out and indexing the many records that make up the history of Tinmouth. The 2018 annual meeting highlighted the Crampton Family (Crampton Cemetery and Crampton Woods) with decedents relating the results of their genealogical research.

Anyone interested in Tinmouth's past and present is welcome to join the Society. Program meetings are normally held the fourth Sunday of the month (except November and December) at 2:00 p.m. at the Tinmouth Town Office. Currently the Society has 60 members located across the USA and Canada. Dues are \$12 per year and may be sent to THGS, 515 North End Road, Tinmouth, VT 05773.

Society officers for 2019 are Stan Wilbur, President; Grant Reynolds, Vice President and *Tinmouth Channel* Editor; Gail Fallar, Secretary and Archivist; Vito Macaluso, Treasurer; Nancy Noble, Membership Chair; and Jo Reynolds, at-large member of the Executive Board.

Respectfully submitted,
Stan Wilbur, President



Carabeau Cows on Route 140

TINMOUTH CENTER SCHOOL
Principal's Report
2018 Annual Report

It's been a transitional year at Tinmouth Mountain School. Our staff and faculty have continually evolved this year due primarily to the retirement of two veteran teachers and the unexpected passing of our administrative assistant, Pam Garceau. These significant staffing changes have taken place within the context of an expanding student population and budding community partnerships.

Three years ago our student population was at 48 students including the newly initiated Pre-K program. This year we have a student population of 64 students. This 30% increase is currently concentrated within the primary grades. Over the past two years, our class sizes continued to expand as children progressed to the next grade level. In 2020, our 4th/5th/6th grade will approach 25 students. We have asked for an additional teacher to be included in the school budget due to our expanding student population.

The burgeoning Trailhead Initiative has facilitated the forging of new partnerships for Tinmouth Mountain School. Green Mountain College has trained several of our teachers in Wilderness First Aid. Additionally, *Four Winds* included Tinmouth as recipients of a grant initiative that funds 12 hours of collaborative work with area schools interested in developing nature based project learning.

Developing nature-based project learning aligned with our proficiencies is a challenge the teachers are collaboratively working on. This includes our art, music, health, Spanish, and physical education teachers. Each educator is working in unison to provide cohesive instructional opportunities within each specialty that is integrated with the science, history, and literature lessons addressed in the classrooms. Integrated curriculum has been talked about for many years in education and has been thwarted by the competing demands of mandatory programs. Integrated place-based project learning must be implemented thoughtfully and gradually to successfully replace traditional stand and deliver instructional practices and to ensure children have structured opportunities to master proficiencies.

Students who have not yet mastered reading books appropriate to their age are working in groups of 2 to 3 with an interventionist 4 mornings a week. The assigned interventionist is an experienced teacher with expertise in English Language Arts. Students working with an interventionist also work with their classroom teacher in a guided reading group where they are given direct reading instruction and learn reading strategies. This systematic support furthers children's capacity to read and comprehend text.

We continually analyze test scores including state and district assessments to keep a pulse on the overall growth of students. This is challenging due to the size of our school. What we can conclude for the past year is that our school's average test scores have exceeded state norms and are on the rise. In spite of the void left by the retirement of our veteran teachers, our rising test scores attest to the leadership roles taken on by Tinmouth Mountain School teachers over the past year.

Our halls have been crowded with inquisitive students. As the intermediate grades expand in the upcoming years, the room currently used for art and music will be reassigned as a classroom. This has been done in the past. Our Wee Folk Playground has afforded additional learning space for all grades. The pavilion constructed by community volunteers provides the perfect outdoor classroom when weather is prohibitive.

Our Pre-K students seem to spend more time in their wooded outdoor classroom studying seasons and cycles in nature first hand. Our neighbor to the west has graciously granted access for the children to use the land adjacent to the school property for constructing outdoor learning spaces. Various nests, scat, tracks, plants, owls, and foxes have provided children with curriculum for observation and inquiry. Our deliberate and thoughtful integration of nature-based learning has shown immediate success as children are more engaged. More importantly, students are developing a connection to the natural environment.

Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker, Principal
Tinmouth Mountain School

MILL RIVER UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
Tinmouth Enrollments for the 2018-2019 School Year

	<u>Pre-K3</u>	<u>Pre-K4</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
Tinmouth	2	14	7	9	13	6	2	4	2
Ira Tuition-in				2			2		1

Total Elementary Students = 64. Includes students who live in Clarendon and Wallingford as well.

Middle and High School information is now co-mingled - we are now all one District.

MILL RIVER UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
Report from the Superintendent of Schools

Greetings to the communities of Clarendon, Shrewsbury, Tinmouth and Wallingford - what we broadly call the "Mill River Community". As your Superintendent of Schools I am honored to serve the Mill River Community and the other surrounding towns whose students choose to attend our schools because of the outstanding opportunities that we are able to provide.

As you read the reports from our principals and board chair, you get a sense of the amazing work that is going on in our schools. I asked those other leaders for their reports to be submitted to me prior to writing my own, and I am pleased that each of the key topics I would have sought to address with you were captured by others in far more eloquent terms than I could have conjured. We are so fortunate to have a passionate, skilled group of board members, administrators, faculty and staff, and most importantly – students – that show up every day and work diligently to make great things happen for kids and community. This community is indeed a special place.

The wonderful things that are underway in our schools don't occur in a vacuum, though. We do experience the struggles of society every day. Poverty, addiction, loneliness, confusion, and general struggle are real factors in the lives and experiences of our community and our students. Our schools ultimately become places where not only does education and learning occur, but meals are provided, counseling is delivered, crisis is managed, care and concern are expressed, and stability is offered. The responsibilities of our public schools expand every year, and the burdens of the world stretch our resources to very thin levels.

But, with all that, I can thankfully assure you that the people in our schools who lead and care for our community's children are strong, passionate, determined and loving. Progress continues to be made for students even in sometimes difficult circumstances. We continue to seek to lead the way when it comes to delivering the best educational experience available to students from our small corner of the world. We are committed to that objective, and we promise you that we will see it through.

If you ever have questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to me. Our office can be contacted at 802-775-3264, and we of course exist online through our website and social media platforms. Board meetings can be viewed on PEG-TV, and we are only a phone call or email away if you need us. Thank you for your support!

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Younce
Superintendent of Schools

MILL RIVER UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Board Chair Report
2018

Members of the Mill River Community,

I am honored and privileged to report to you on the status of our school district. Composing this report each year is a wonderful opportunity for me to reflect on all the things the board has accomplished in the preceding year as an educational community and give the community a glimpse of what the future holds for MRUUSD.

In this, the third year of our consolidation, I am very pleased to report that there is consistent feedback coming to the board that Mill River Unified Union School District is once again a highly desirable component of area real estate listings. We have received feedback from several sources advising that inquiries by those seeking to relocate into one of our four communities is due, in part, to the reputation of our school system. We should all be proud of that news. A lot of hard work on the part of our staff, administration and communities have helped to make that happen. This news is emboldening. It provides confirmation that MRUUSD is indeed on its way to become the premier school district in the Rutland County area.

There is, however, still a lot of work to be done. The finance committee and board discussions on the upcoming budget for the 2019-2020 school year demonstrate that the board is working hard to focus fiscal resources on premier schools as we move forward into a new decade. The budget that the board asks you to approve on Town Meeting Day will contain opportunities to provide greater programming and emphasis on the visual and performing arts, a component that has always set the Mill River schools apart from other schools in the area. It will also include ways to address the needs of the parents in our communities who have expressed a real need for some form of all-day pre-k services in each of our elementary schools.

We are also ever mindful of maintaining our physical plant in such a way that we operate buildings that are safe for our learners and maintain them in a fiscally responsible way for our taxpayers. To that end, the board has spent a significant amount of time and study to develop an energy savings performance contract. We ask voters to approve the bond for this contract on Town Meeting Day. The performance contract ensures that the remainder of the needed work can be completed at each of our buildings so we can ready our buildings, as we ready our learners, to move forward into the next decade. The board's buildings and grounds committee, in conjunction with our district facilities manager, Gary Marcy, have spent countless hours working to develop this tax neutral energy performance contract. The contract guarantees the district significant energy savings for each year of the contract. These guaranteed savings render the bond necessary to pay for its implementation tax neutral to voters. I thank my fellow board members on that committee and Gary for all their hard work and dedication in this effort.

The district is also working to implement some of the facets of the Trailhead initiative, building upon what makes each of our communities special and exciting for our learners. Along those lines, notice the new logos for MRUUSD and its individual schools. These new logos are indicative of exciting things to come in 2019 and beyond for our schools.

In conclusion, the board has spent a significant amount of time this fall working on strategic planning; looking to create a concrete direction and plan to propel our district forward as we stand on the brink of the new decade and beyond. We aspire to have that strategic planning process completed in the spring. The board will be looking for your input into this process as it unfolds. As elected school directors, we strive to be your voice as we move into the future, nonetheless, I urge you to take a moment and provide your input so we, as board members, can make sure that our district's future is representative of our unique communities and their residents and is the premier school district we strive to become for our children. I, and my fellow board members are proud and honored to be a part of this work.

On behalf of the MRUUSD Board of Directors, I thank each of you for your continued confidence and support.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy A. Heffernan, MRUUSD Board Chair

SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES (SWAC)

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019

8:30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. – RUTLAND TOWN Transfer Station, in Northward Park, off Post Road Extension, Rutland Town

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019

8:30 am-12:30 p.m. – FAIR HAVEN TRANSFER STATION, Fair Haven Avenue, Fair Haven

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2010

8:00. – 11:30 a.m. – RUTLAND TOWN Transfer Station, off Post Road Extension, Rutland Town

2019 HW Contractor - EnPro Services of Vermont. THE SERVICE IS FREE TO: Residents of the SWAC Towns ONLY - Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, and West Haven. As a resident of SWAC, you may attend ANY of the events listed above. PROOF OF RESIDENCY MAY BE REQUIRED.

BETWEEN EVENTS: Residents of these communities may purchase a non-district permit to utilize the Rutland County Solid Waste District Gleason Road transfer station and hazardous waste depot. The permit allows access to the Gleason Road facility and allows for drop off of HHW at no charge, trash disposal at current rates, and access to recycling drop-offs. Permit purchase is available at the scalehouse or HW depot at the transfer station or at the RCSWD offices, located at 1 Smith Road, Rutland, Monday - Friday (7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m). Weekend permits sales are not available at either location. Telephone 802-775-7209 for additional information and current rates.

IDEAS OF WHAT TO BRING

Antifreeze, Arts and Crafts Supplies, Carburetor Cleaner, Creosote, Drain Cleaners, Fertilizer, Floor Cleaners, Gas Treatments, Old Gasoline - cannot be contaminated, Batteries (with the exception of car batteries (see above), Chemistry Kits, Engine Degreaser, Flea Powder, Furniture Polish, Latex and Oil Based Paint, Pool Chemicals

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

USED WASTE OIL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY THE HW HAULER. However, waste oil WILL be accepted at BOTH the Fair Haven and Rutland town transfer station used oil collection areas during the event. TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANTS will be happy to take your used waste oil. Used waste oil is also accepted at many locations throughout the area for FREE. Visit <http://rutlandcountyswac.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Free-Used-Oil-Collection-Locations-Rutland-County-2017.pdf> for locations near you.

ELECTRONICS: Permanent electronics collection locations are available throughout the County to serve Vermont residents. Call toll free at 855-632-9253 or visit <http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/e-waste/> to find a collection facility near you. Large businesses should contact the RCSWD at (802-775-7209) to discuss recycling and disposal options.

SMOKE DETECTORS AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS - Intact carbon monoxide detectors and household smoke detectors can be disposed of as trash.

NOTE: LARGE BATTERIES - Most service stations will accept used automobile batteries. Interstate Battery located on 71 River Street, Rutland, also accepts large batteries (automotive batteries or other large batteries).

FLUORESCENT BULBS - Residents of Vermont may at no charge to them dispose of mercury-containing lamps at collection site throughout the state. Residents may take any number of compact fluorescent mercury-containing lamps (cfls) or 10 or fewer mercury-containing lamps that are not compact fluorescent lamps at one time. To find collection locations near you, visit: <http://www.lamprecycle.org/state-local-laws/vermont/>

TIRES are also accepted at the Gleason Road transfer station for a nominal fee.

BUSINESS WASTE:

Small business (conditionally exempt generators) which may include town offices, schools, and town garages can dispose of their wastes at the RCSWD Gleason Road Hazardous Waste Depot. A permit is required to access the facility. Contact RCSWD directly at 802-775-7209 to purchase a permit, receive an estimate of disposal costs, and to schedule an appointment to drop off wastes. Payment for disposal will be required at the time of drop-off.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CONTAINERS – Any product brought to the household hazardous waste events (including used motor oil) must be left in the container they are transported in. Materials will not be poured off into larger containers at the events.

To help lower the disposal costs for your community, only purchase the amount of a product you need and consider giving any leftover product (such as paint) to a neighbor, friend, or charitable organization. Please keep products in their original containers. Do not mix products!

For additional information, please call Pam at 802-342-5701. For questions or more information, please call RCSWD 802-775-7209 or PAM at 802-342-5701 or visit www.RUTLANDCOUNTYSWAC.org.

In an effort to save printing costs, Service Agency Reports have not been included. The following is the list of those reports. Full copies are available at the Town Office.

American Red Cross	Rutland Free Library
A.R.C. Rutland Area Advocacy, Resources & Community for citizens with developmental disabilities & their families	Rutland Mental Health
Bennington – Rutland Opportunity Council, Inc. - BROCC	Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District
Child First Advocacy	Rutland Regional Planning Commission
Green-Up Vermont – Green Up Day, May 4, 2019	Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging, Inc.
NeighborWorks of Western Vermont	Vermont Adult Learning Center
Poultney Rescue Squad	Vermont Center for Independent Living
Poultney-Mettowee Watershed Partnership	Vermont League of Cities and Towns
Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice - RAVNAH	Vermont Old Cemetery Association
Rutland County Humane Society	VT Resource Conservation & Development Council Inc.
Rutland County Parent/Child Center, Inc.	Vermont Trails & Greenways
NewStory Center	Wallingford Rescue, Inc.

TOWN OF TINMOUTH CITIZEN'S CALENDAR 2019

March 2	Town Meeting – Budgets & Other Business – Voting from the Floor
March 5	Town Meeting - Australian Ballot Voting – Officers
April 1	Deadline for Licensing DOGS at Town Office
April 15	Federal and State Income Tax Due
May 4	Green-Up Day
May 11	Annual Tinmouth Plant Sale
August 15	1 st Half of Property Taxes Due
November 15	2 nd Half of Property Taxes Due
November 23	50 th Annual Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Dept. Game Supper
November 24	Community Thanksgiving Service
December 31	Hunting & Fishing Licenses expire

Community Calendar can be found on the Tinmouth website.

www.tinmouthvt.org



Pizza night with the Bread/Bake oven, all are welcome.

TOWN OF TINMOUTH SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

November 5 and 6, 2018

Minutes

Present were Stan Wilbur, Moderator, several members of the Planning Commission and a handful of voters. Stan called the meeting to order at 6:30 at the Community Center and read the warning and Articles. There were no comments on any of them.

At 6:40 Stan recessed the meeting to voting by Australian ballot on Tuesday November 6th.

Results of voting, all articles passed: 238 Voters cast ballots.

Article 1. Shall the Town vote to amend Tinmouth Zoning Regulations: YES - 152, No – 63, Blank - 23

Article VII: Planned Unit Development – Repeal entire Article – leaving only the title

“Article VII – Repealed” Also remove Sections 701-710 references from the Table of Contents.

In **Article II** – remove: “Where appropriate to allow Planned Unit Developments designed to conserve sensitive areas and provide efficient development of utilities and road structure” from B(2) and “Where appropriate, Planned Unit Developments are allowed to conserve sensitive areas and provide efficient development of utilities and road structure” C(4).

In **Article III** – remove from Table of Uses “Dwelling –Multi Family in PUD only” and “Planned Unit Development (PUD)”

In **Article IV** – remove “or PUDs approved as part of lot” from the last sentence in the opening paragraph.

In Section 407 remove “such as clustering under PUD provisions” from 1(b). In Section 412 remove subsection 6.

In **Article IX** – remove “Except as provided in Section 709 3 (PUD’s)” from the first sentence.

as proposed? (To include re-numbering Articles, sections and pages and revising the Table of Contents as needed.)

Article 2. Shall the Town vote to amend Tinmouth Subdivision Regulations: YES - 157, No – 63, Blank - 18

In **Article III** – remove “The creation of Planned Unit Developments is encouraged.” from Section 301.3

In **Article IV** – remove “If the development is a Planned Unit Development, the subdivision plat hearing and approval will also suffice as, and include the necessary PUD hearing.” from Section 406.

In **Article XVI** – remove “Planned Unit Development” from the Definitions and remove “planned-unit development” from the definitions of *Parcel* and *Subdivision* from Section 1602. **as proposed?** (To include re-numbering Articles, sections and pages and revising the Table of Contents as needed.)

Article 3. Shall the Town vote to amend Tinmouth Zoning Regulations: YES - 153, No – 67, Blank - 18

Add Section 505 to Article V: Section 505 - Setback for a Deck Attached to a Dock

A deck no larger than 300 square feet attached to a dock in the water, only needs to meet the side setback requirements in the Lake Shore District. **as proposed?** (To include revision of the Table of Contents as needed.)

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Fallar, Town Clerk

TINMOUTH TOWN ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes and Results

March 3, 2018 and March 6, 2018

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.

TINMOUTH TOWN ANNUAL MEETING (Continued)

Minutes and Results

March 3, 2018 and March 6, 2018

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 Firehouse 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, cost of equipment for 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.

TINMOUTH TOWN ANNUAL MEETING (Continued)

Minutes and Results

March 3, 2018 and March 6, 2018

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 offered to 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.

Stan then proceeded with official business.

***Article 1.** Shall taxes be paid to the Treasurer, 1st half due August 15th and 2nd half due November 15th?*

Doug Fontein moved, Bob Lloyd 2nded, no discussion, **approved by unanimous voice vote.**

***Article 2.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$222, 440.00 for general expenses of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019?*

Bob Lloyd moved, Doug Fontein 2nded. Paula Bonazinga inquired about the annual allotment for the Rutland Free Library. More than a 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. **Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.**

***Article 3.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$524,750.00 for highway expenses of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019?*

Doug Fontein moved, Bob Lloyd 2nded, no discussion, **approved by unanimous voice vote.**

***Article 4.** Shall the voters direct the reimbursement to be received from FEMA for the July 1, 2017 super storm specifically to the Highway Equipment Fund?*

Doug Fontein moved, Patti Macaluso 2nded. Someone inquired how much? 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. **Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.**

***Article 5.** Shall the voters authorize an additional 3 hours per week (total of 10 hours) for Law Enforcement coverage by the Rutland County Sheriff's Department?*

Bob Lloyd moved, Doug Fontein 2nded. 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. A couple of folks spoke in favor. **Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.**

***Article 6.** Shall the voters appropriate 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?*

Marshall Squier moved and Betti Jaquay 2nded. 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, Betti Jaquay moved to amend the article to a donation for this year (one time), Sherry Johnson 2nded, amendment **passed on a voice vote. Article 6 as amended passed on a voice vote.**

TINMOUTH TOWN ANNUAL MEETING (Continued)
Minutes and Results
March 3, 2018 and March 6, 2018

Article 7. *To discuss 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, for Road Commissioner, this year. He 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 Public Works 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.

Motion to recess until 8:00 AM Tuesday, March 6, 2018 was approved by voice vote at 2:29 PM.

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

Article 8. *To elect all Town Officers now required by law.*

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

Dated at Tinmouth, Vermont this 6th day of March, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar

Tinmouth Town Clerk

Approved:

Stan Wilbur, Moderator

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
Annual Meeting of the Mill River Unified Union School District #U052
Towns of Clarendon, Shrewsbury, Tinmouth and Wallingford
February 22, 2018

In attendance: Tammy Heffernan (chair), George Ambrose, Bjorn Behrendt, Grant Reynolds, Len Doucette, Adrienne Raymond (board members); David Younce (superintendent), Stan Pawlaczyk, Ann Dages, Nichole Peterson, Gary Marcy (staff), Michael P. Welch, Robert Carey, Brenda Allen, Randle Kinne, Denise Patch, Arthur Peterson, Beatrice Jaquay, Nelson Jaquay, Gail Fallar, Jane Sarno, John Browne, A. Jay Kenlan, Maria French, Joanne Reynolds (public)

Absent: Andy Richards-Peelle, John McKenna, Ken Fredette, Doug Earle, Paul Rondinone

Meeting was opened at 7:03 p.m. by Mr. Kenlan. Board chair Ms. Heffernan introduced board members and district staff. Moderator Mr. Kenlan read the meeting warning.

The legal voters of the Mill River Unified Union School District are hereby warned to meet at the Library of the Mill River Union High School in Clarendon, Vermont, on February 22, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. for the annual school district meeting to transact the following business:

ARTICLE 1 To elect the following officers: a. Moderator; b. Clerk; c. Treasurer.

Mr. Kinne nominated A. Jay Kenlan for moderator, Mr. Carey seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Ambrose nominated Nichole Peterson for clerk, Mr. Reynolds seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Ambrose nominated Denise Patch for treasurer, Ms. Allen seconded. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 2 To authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money pending receipt of payment from district towns by the issuance of notes or orders payable not later than one year from date. Mr. Ambrose moved to approve the article as read, Mr. Carey seconded. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 3 To have presented by the Board of School Directors their estimate of the expenses for the ensuing year.

This is a public informational hearing regarding the budget article. (See Article 4). This article is up for discussion only, to be voted upon by Australian ballot. Ms. Heffernan summarized the budget and the process used to create it. The budget has increased by 1.58% from last year. Per pupil spending is \$15,983.15 which is a reduction from last year. Ms. Fallar, Mr. Kinne, Mr. Carey, and Mr. Peterson inquired about aspects of the budget. Answers were supplied by Mr. Pawlaczyk, Ms. Raymond and Mr. Ambrose in addition to Ms. Heffernan.

ARTICLE 4 Shall the voters of the Mill River Unified Union School District approve the Board to expend, \$16,727,266, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? (By Australian Ballot) It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$15,983.15 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 0.13% lower than spending for the current year.

This article is up for discussion only, to be voted upon by Australian ballot. Mr. Pawlaczyk explained that surplus was used to offset the budget along with savings from the new health insurance structure.

ARTICLE 5 Shall the voters of the District approve to appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the building sinking fund?

(By Australian Ballot) This article is up for discussion only, to be voted upon by Australian ballot. Ms. Fallar asked if the \$100,000 was budgeted or surplus. Mr. Reynolds clarified that was in addition to surplus.

ARTICLE 6 Shall the voters authorize the District to transfer the audited unanticipated surplus funds remaining at the end of FY18 to the building sinking fund, not to exceed \$100,000? (By Australian Ballot) This article is up for discussion only, to be voted upon by Australian ballot. There was no discussion.

ARTICLE 7 Shall bonds or notes of Mill River Unified Union School District No. 52 in an amount not to exceed Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000), subject to reduction from available state and/or federal construction grants-in-aid and appropriations, be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of making certain public school building and school building grounds improvements. Namely, (1) school roof repairs and replacement, (2) septic system and drainage repairs and replacement, (3) underground storage tank removal and replacement, (4) boiler replacement, (5) kitchen equipment upgrades, (6) electrical and fire alarm system upgrades, and (7) building envelope repairs, the aggregate cost of such improvements estimated to be Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000)? (By Australian Ballot) This article is up for discussion only, to be voted upon by Australian ballot. Mr. Ambrose spoke on the process that was used to identify the most critical issues for each facility in the district. Mr. Marcy invited everyone to an informational bond meeting that will be held on Wednesday February 28th at 6:00 pm in the Mill River Union High School library. Mr. Kinne, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Carey, and Ms. Fallar shared comments with regard to the bond proposal.

ARTICLE 8 To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

Mr. Younce discussed the class/staff ratios at each school. Mr. Carey inquired about why the Bond meeting is on a separate day from the annual meeting of the school district. Ms. Heffernan explained that the board is required to have a separate meeting to explain the article requesting the approval of the bond. With no other comments, Moderator A. Jay Kenlan recessed the meeting until March 6, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Nichole Peterson, District Clerk.

WARNING
Annual Meeting of the Mill River Unified Union School District
Towns of Clarendon, Shrewsbury, Tinmouth, and Wallingford
February 28, 2019

The legal voters of the Mill River Unified Union School District are hereby warned to meet at the Library of the Mill River Union High School in Clarendon, Vermont, on **February 28, 2019**, at 7:00 p.m. for the annual school district meeting to transact the following business:

ARTICLE 1: To elect the following officers: a. Moderator; b. Clerk; c. Treasurer.

ARTICLE 2: To authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money pending receipt of payment from district towns by the issuance of notes or orders payable not later than one year from date.

ARTICLE 3: To have presented by the Board of School Directors their estimate of the expenses for the ensuing year. This is a public informational hearing regarding the budget article. (See Article 4).

ARTICLE 4: Shall the voters of the Mill River Unified Union School District approve the Board to expend, \$17,686,679, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the Ensuing fiscal year? (By Australian Ballot) It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$17,031.53 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 6.56% higher than spending for the current year.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters authorize the District to transfer the audited unanticipated surplus funds remaining At the end of FY19 to the building sinking fund, not to exceed \$200,000? (By Australian Ballot)

ARTICLE 6: Shall general obligation bonds or notes of Mill River Unified Union School District No. 52 in an amount not to exceed Two Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,300,000), payable out of guaranteed energy cost savings and operational savings under one or more energy efficiency performance contracts, which will result in no tax impact, be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of making certain public school building improvements, namely, the construction and installation of energy efficiency devices, fixtures and equipment at the Clarendon Elementary School, Mill River Union High School, Shrewsbury Mountain School, Tinmouth Elementary School and Wallingford Elementary School, the aggregate cost of such improvements estimated to be Two Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,300,000)? (By Australian Ballot)

State funds may not be available at the time of this project otherwise eligible to receive state school construction aid. The District is responsible for all costs incurred in connection with any borrowing done in anticipation of the receipt of school construction aid.

ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters authorize the District to provide notice of the availability of the full District Annual Report to the electorate in lieu of distributing the full report? (By Australian Ballot) Should the voters authorize the District to provide such notice, the notice will be provided to the electorate via paper mailing at least 30 days prior to the District's annual meeting.

ARTICLE 8: To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

The meeting will then be recessed to March 5, 2019 (Town Meeting Day) for the purpose of voting by Australian ballot at the usual polling places in the District towns on the following business. Said ballots shall be brought to the Mill River Union High School Cafeteria following the closing of the polls in the District towns where they will be commingled and counted by the officers of the District towns.

Board of Directors:

Clarendon: George Ambrose, Len Doucette, John McKenna, Doug Earle

Shrewsbury: Adrienne Raymond, Andrew Richards-Peelle

Tinmouth: Grant Reynolds

Wallingford: Bjorn Behrendt, Maria French, Tammy Hefferan, Paul Rondinone

Nichole Peterson, **District Clerk**

WARNING
TINMOUTH TOWN MEETING
March 2, 2019 and March 5, 2019

The legal voters of the Town of Tinnmouth, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Tinnmouth Community Center on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at 1:00 P.M. to consider and act upon the following articles (Articles 1-7): Viz:

The legal voters of the Town of Tinnmouth, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to vote at the Tinnmouth Community Center on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 between the hours of 8:00 am and 7:00 pm to vote by Australian Ballot on Articles 8 and 9 (Election of Officers): Viz:

Article 1. Shall taxes be paid to the Treasurer, 1st half due August 15th and 2nd half due November 15th?

Article 2. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$236, 240 for general expenses of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020?

Article 3. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$551,950 for highway expenses of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020?

Article 4. Shall the voters authorize the creation of a Special Fund for the purpose of computer replacement and software upgrades?

Article 5. Shall the voters authorize the creation of a Special Fund for the purpose of town website maintenance and development?

Article 6. In the event that Articles 4 and 5 are approved, shall the voters authorize the transfer of the money in the Constable's Equipment Fund to be split between the Computer and Website Special Funds? If only one Special Fund is approved, all money will transfer to that Fund.

Article 5. Shall the voters appropriate 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?

Article 6. To discuss any other lawful business.

Article 7. Climate Solutions Resolution

WHEREAS extreme and erratic temperatures, increasingly severe storms, a rise in tick-borne diseases and invasive pests, threats to farmers, maple sugar makers, the forest products industry and the ski industry clearly demonstrate that climate change is one of the most urgent problems facing our state, nation, and the world,

Now, therefore be it resolved:

Shall the Town of Tinnmouth urge the State of Vermont to halt any new or expanded fossil fuel infrastructure, i.e. transmission pipelines, fossil-fuel-powered electrical generation or industrial fossil fuel storage; and urge the State to take bold action to meet Vermont's Comprehensive Energy Plan goal of 90% renewable energy sources by 2050.

Should this article pass, a letter shall be sent from the Town of Tinnmouth to our State Representatives and Senators, the Speaker of the Vermont House, the President Pro Tempore of the Vermont Senate and the Governor, stating the outcome of the vote.

WARNING (Continued)
TINMOUTH TOWN MEETING
March 2, 2019 and March 5, 2019

(To be voted by Australian voting on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 8:00 AM -7:00 PM.)

Article 8. Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to appoint a first constable and if needed, a second constable, in accordance with 17 V.S.A. § 2651a?"

Article 9. To elect all Town Officers now required by law.

Moderator – 1 year term

Select Board Member – 3 year term

Lister – 3 year term

Auditor – 3 year term

Auditor – 1 year term (to complete a 3 year term)

Constable, 1st – 2 year term

Tax Collector (Delinquent) – 1 year term

Grand Juror – 1 year term

Town Agent – 1 year term

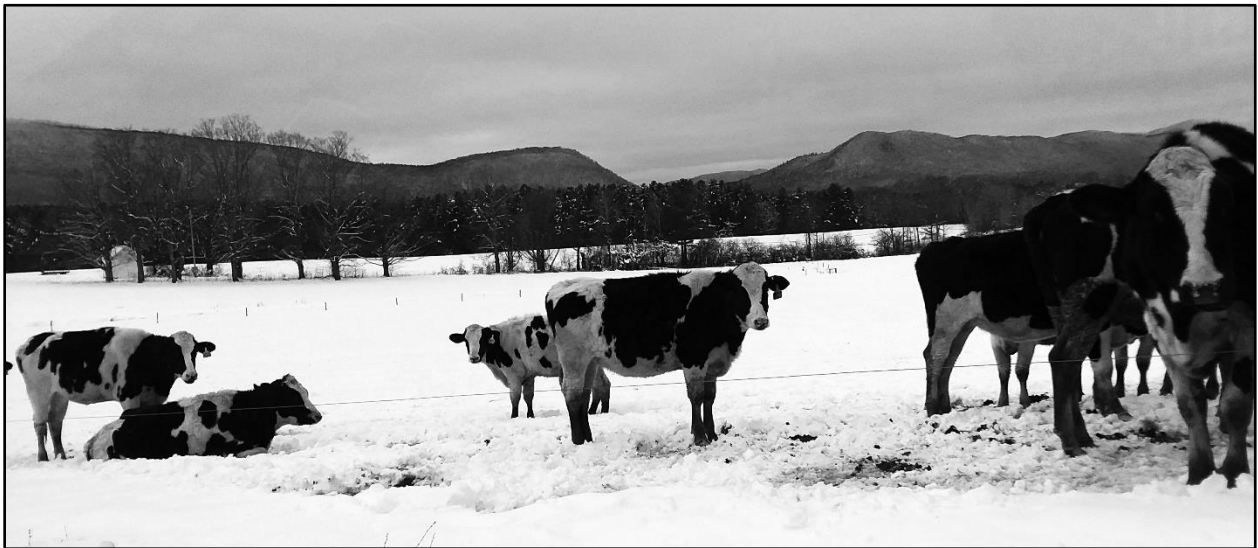
Dated at Tinmouth, Vermont this 24th day of January, 2019.

Select Board Town of Tinmouth, Vermont

Frank Sears, Chair

Michael Fallar

Cathy Reynolds



View from the Carabeau Farm on East Road, looking north west

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Tinmouth Community Center:

Saturday, March 2, 2019 11:30 am Tinmouth Community Fund Annual Meeting

Come early for Lunch, which will be available for sale by the Tinmouth 5/6 class.

Saturday, March 2, 2019 1:00 pm Town Meeting

Town & Highway Budgets and Public Questions

Tuesday, March 5, 2019 8:00 am to 7:00 pm

Australian Ballot Voting for Town Officers & School Budget Items

**THE TOWN OF
TINMOUTH, VERMONT**

**Annual Report of the Town Officers
*Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018***