TALES OF TINMOUTH

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Editors' Notes:

The deadline for submissions is the 20^{th} of the month, for publication on the 1^{st} of the following month. Please email your information to the *Tales of Tinmouth* (tinmouthtales@gmail.com) or drop it off at the Town Office. Thank you for recent donations, they are very much appreciated.

Pat Psholka, Helen Mango & Gail Fallar



The 7th Annual Town-Wide Tinmouth Tag Sale Saturday August 31st from 9a.m. – 2 p.m. Rain or Shine

Once again, Tinmouth is going to have tag sales the Saturday of Labor Day weekend. This event has been an opportunity to turn your unwanted items into cash and make someone else smile. Start pulling out those treasures now and imagine what you might do with the extra cash you earn! Why not sell it at the 7th Annual Tinmouth Town- Wide Tag Sale?

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

Questions? Call either Sherry Johnson 446-3307 or Tracy Byford at 446-2633. If you'd like to sign up to have your tag sale placed on the map; please email your location to <u>charles.bronk@gmail.com</u> by August 24th.



~ Looking Forward ~

Late July and early August afford the time to reflect on the upcoming year. We have several new teachers joining the staff at Tinmouth Mountain School and they bring a wealth of expertise. They are poised to further integrate place-based wilderness fieldwork into our proficiencybased curriculum. Experienced teachers such as Ms. Edge are collaboratively working with colleagues to develop Tinmouth Vermont

outdoor classrooms. Several teachers worked with Vermont Fish and Wildlife to develop lessons tied to State proficiencies. Tinmouth teachers have been preparing their classrooms and tutoring students throughout July. The teachers at Tinmouth work at a less demanding pace during the summer months but they are continually focused on improving instruction.

They have to - it's a challenging job to teach multiage classes especially if you're passionate about empowering children. Teachers who succeed at TMS traditionally work beyond the eight-hour day. They are highly skilled at managing classrooms and integrating curriculum. It takes teamwork. It takes a village.

This is why one focus in the upcoming school year is on getting parents, guardians, and community members into the classroom. I can't emphasize enough the importance of parental support – if school is important to you as a parent, then your student will deem it important. Last spring, a student who I knew was at grade level and quite brilliant took an annual, local assessment in reading and math that measures growth throughout the year. Her scores were quite low. I asked her to retake the assessment and read the questions aloud. Her score rose from the 20th percentile to above the 70th percentile. I attribute this to her perception, the second time around, that the test was an important measure. She rose to the occasion. From a child's perception the tests we give to monitor progress have no apparent purpose or meaning. It's difficult for some children to engage in work when the importance or purpose is obscure. Children take their cue from parents if school is important to you, it's important to them. Parents who volunteer directly impact their child's success in school. Please consider volunteering in the upcoming year!

Another avenue for boosting student success is to read with children! Reading is similar to riding a bicycle – the more you try, the better you get at it! Children who see their parents reading perceive the importance of reading! In short, read with your children, read to your children, and make reading for your own pleasure a way to share the message that reading is important! Autoweek and hunting magazines count as well as books!

Enjoy the remainder of the summer and keep reading! Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker Principal Tinmouth Mountain School

P.S. First day of school is Monday, August 26th.

~ August 2019 Calendar of Events ~

Fire Department	Thursday	1 st	7:00	Fire House	
Library OPEN	Saturday	3 rd	9-12	Library	
Energy Committee	Monday	5 th	7:00	Town Office	
Select Board	Thursday	8 th	6:30	Town Office	
Writers' Group	Sunday	11 th	1:30	Library	
Property Taxes 1 st half Due	Thursday	15 th	8-12 & 1-5	Town Office	
Planning Commission	Thursday	15 th	7:00	Town Office	
Conservation Commission	Monday	19 th	7:30	Town Office	
Tales of Tinmouth Deadline	Tuesday	20 th		Don't Miss It!	
Library Book Sale	Saturday	24^{th}	8:00 - Noon	Old Fire House	
First Day of School	Monday	26 th	8:00	Elementary School	
Town Wide Tag Sale	Saturday	31 st	9am-2pm	All Around Town	
Book Discussion	None in August				

~ September 2019 Calendar of Events ~

Town Office & Library	Monday	2 nd	CLOSED for Labor Day!!		
Fire Dept.	Thursday	5^{th}	7:00	Fire House	
Special Library AM Hours	Saturday	7^{th}	9-Noon	Library	
Select Board	Thursday	12 th	7:00	Town Office	
Planning Commission	Thursday	19 th	7:00	Town Office	
Tales of Tinmouth Deadline	Friday	20 th		Don't Miss It!	

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

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

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

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

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

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

~ Front Porch Forum ~ Connect with your Tinmouth Neighbors

Have you checked out Front Porch Forum yet? To sign up, go to <u>http://FrontPorchForum.com</u>. Or stop by the town office to sign up!! 200+ households have signed to date! Good way to discuss community issues, sell a canoe, give away a kitten, etc.. If you are a second home owner you can use your 911 address.

~ Nature Notes ~

Yeah, it finally rained!! Just a few months ago there was much grousing about cold and wet – and now it's about hot and humid!!

Many monarchs (butterflies) are munching merrily on milk weed plants.

Zucchini are finding their way into the front seat of someone else's car. Goslings are nearly the same size as their parents, as are turkey poults.

Bears are still visiting, tipping over freezers and knocking on doors!

~ Art and Craft Show & Sale ~ By Sherry Johnson

We are planning the 2nd annual one-day art and craft show for Tinmouth Artists on **Saturday, October 12th**. The sale/show will be held in the Old Fire House from 10am-4pm. This is a great way to showcase your skills, and maybe sell a few of your designs.

There are only 8 spaces, so if you are a Tinmouth resident and would like to participate please reserve a space at your earliest convenience.

We will also have a bake sale to benefit the Tinmouth Food Shelf. Pies were a big seller last year. Last year we raised over \$140 for it!

Questions on the Art and Craft Show and Sale?Contact:SherryJohnson(446-3307)vtsjohnson@icloud.comorTracyByfordtracyleab@gmail.comorChuckBronkcharles.bronk@gmail.com

More information will be available in the coming months.

~ Composting food waste – Laws and Suggestions ~ From the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee

Beginning on July 1, 2020, Vermonters will no longer be able to dispose of most household food waste in the garbage, as a result of the Universal Recycling law passed by the Vermont Legislature in 2012. (Commercial and large-scale establishments such as restaurants and schools already must separate their compostable materials from their general trash.) Household food waste will need to be composted, either at home or by using the food waste containers already available at local transfer stations.

Examples of household food waste that will be composted are fruit and vegetable peels, eggshells, coffee grounds (and filters), plate scrapings, moldy bread crusts, and that last forkful of mashed potatoes that you just couldn't finish.

You have two options for composting food waste:

1. Compost at home: Many households in Tinmouth already do this. It can be as simple as a pile out behind the shrubs or at the edge of the woods, or as fancy as a store-bought compost bin. Information about home composting of all sorts can be found at:

https://dec.vermont.gov/waste-

management/solid/materials-mgmt/organic-materials http://www.cvswmd.org/home-composting.html (Or just type "Vermont DEC organic material" or "Vermont compost at home" into a search engine.)

Note that if you compost at home, you are **NOT** required to include meat waste (such as skin, bones, etc.). (Meat waste attracts unwanted visitors such as rodents, skunks, raccoons, every dog within half a mile...). If you are composting your food waste at home, you may include meat waste in your regular garbage bag.

2. Use the compost disposal bin at the Transfer Station: Bring your separated food waste to the compost bin that is already available at the Tinmouth Transfer Station. Just put the food waste in the designated container and you're done. There is no charge for this. Note: You CAN dispose of meat waste (skin, bones, etc.) in this container.

Organic matter makes up over a quarter of a typical household's waste. Since we pay by the bag for the garbage disposal in Tinmouth, it makes financial sense to reduce the volume of trash that we bring to the Transfer Station. On a broader scale, composting organic waste means less material needing to go to landfills, and less methane gas produced when this organic waste decomposes in the landfill. Composting organic waste, either at home or using the Transfer Station's compost disposal containers, is good for your wallet as well as good for the environment.



~ Library News ~ By Ruth Drachman, Librarian

The Tinmouth Library Annual Fundraising Book Sale will take place in the Old Firehouse on the morning of Saturday August 24th. Books may be donated until Monday, August 19th. No books will be accepted after that day! Books must be CLEAN and in GOOD CONDITION. We do not accept any textbooks, encyclopedias, or Reader's Digest Condensed Books. Thank you in advance for your kind donations!

Writing group (The Motleys) will take place at 1:30 at the Library on **Sunday, August 11th.**

There will be **no** Book Discussion in August. September's book discussion will be an author study of Willem Lange, Vermont storyteller.

~ New Books for Adults ~

A Spark of Light by Jodi Picoult, powerful and provocative, about ordinary lives that intersect during a heart stopping crisis.

Educated by Tara Westover, the memoir of a woman who didn't see the inside of a classroom until the age of 17, an amazing story.

Christy by Catherine Marshall, a nineteen year old teacher, Christy Huddleston, goes to the Smoky Mountain community of Cutter Gap to teach in a one room schoolhouse.

Knit and Chat is held in the library on Mondays from 3 until 5 PM. Come and do whatever handcrafts you prefer, and be prepared to chat as well.

The library is **open** on Monday and Thursday, from 10:00 A. M. until Noon, and from 1:00 P. M. until 5:00 P. M., as well as the morning of the first Saturday of the month, (August 3^{rd}) from 9 until Noon.

~ Community News ~

Get Well Wishes are sent to Marion Hambly, Scott Buzby, Alan Held, Gregg Casey, Justin Feury, Willie Thiele, Grant Reynolds, and all those (and there are quite a number of you) who've been bitten by a tick and developed Lyme disease or some variation of it.

Belated Happy 90th Birthday to **Ed Gilmore,** many happy returns!

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CHURCH

~ Tinmouth Community Church ~

Life is a journey, we travel together through these "Tales", in our hearts, in our prayers, through interactions in our Tinmouth community, in our Community Church. We travel, by faith, this journey of life, seeking - seeking what? Something more. Always

something more - of love, of understanding, of hope, of freedom, of justice, of peace, of joy, of belonging, of community, of the realization of our potentials and dreams.

In this seeking, we need each other. For much of what we are seeking is found in one another, in our relationships, and in the sharing and caring of our lives. Even so, that sense of "something more" continues to draw us; something immanent yet transcendent; something that is not a thing, but a Spirit, a Heart, a Love, a Lover, Who is always drawing us - into a Life that is the More we are seeking and the More that is already in our seeking.

Pastor John

Please note that Pastor John Hardman-Zimmerman has announced that he will have office hours at the Tinmouth Community Church from 2-4 pm on Thursdays. If this is inconvenient, please contact him at 802-282-7532 or hzfam@hotmail.com to arrange a better time.

~ Recipe Corner ~

Bacon Ranch Potato Salad

2 pounds potatoes, cut into bite-sized pieces

16 ounce container sour cream

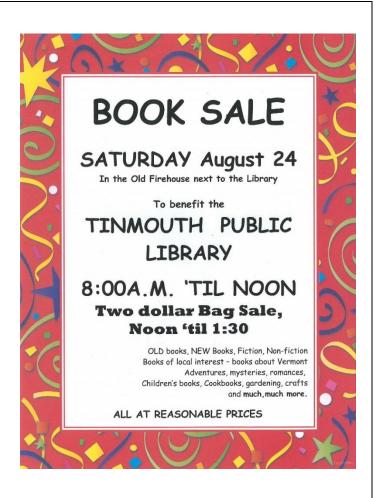
1 package ranch dressing mix

- 1 ¼ cups cooked bacon, crumbled
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 bunches green onions, thinly sliced

Bring a large pot of water to boil over high heat – add the potatoes and reduce the heat to medium high and boil for 12-15 minutes or until fork tender. Drain and rinse under cold water.

In a small bowl whisk together the sour cream and ranch packet until blended. In a large bowl, add potatoes, bacon, cheddar cheese and green onions. Stir in the sour cream ranch mixture until blended and coated well. Refrigerate for 2 hours before serving.

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



Meeting Highlights ~

(Complete minutes are available at the town office.)

Solid Waste and Recycling Committee ~ 7/23/19 With thanks to Helen Mango, Sec.

Present were members Wheaton Squier, Gail Fallar, Jonathan Czar, Chris Martone and Helen Mango.

Gail reported on increased cost of recycling. The Select Board has asked the SWARC to research and report on what other towns are charging per bag in the Solid Waste Alliance Communities district. Chris will look into what other towns are charging per bag for garbage and if there is any charge for recyclables. Tinmouth has charged \$2 per 30 gallon bag for a long time.

Tinmouth currently spends \$23,000+ per year for solid waste and recycling removal, but is getting less than half of that in income from dump ticket sales.

It was noted that the Select Board has formally adopted the updated Solid Waste Ordinance.

Helen will write a piece for the August *Tales* reminding people about the upcoming composting mandate that will begin next summer

Next meeting of the SWARC is scheduled for Tuesday, October, 22, 2019, at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting Highlights ~ continued

(Complete minutes are available at the town office.)

Select Board ~ 7/11/19

Present were members present Cathy Reynolds, Michael Fallar, and Frank Sears, as well as Eric Buffum, Mildred Traina, Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, Heather McMahon, Jo Reynolds, Grant Reynolds, Rick LaCroix, Norma LaCroix, and Gail Fallar.

Board reviewed agenda, Mildred requested to go first.

Road Complaint ~ Frank reported on his visits to Mildred's property, advising it seemed the water was coming from a neighbor's property more than the road. Mildred advised that there had always been water running alongside the road and requested a ditch rather than the cut-outs. Concern was raised about water from a ditch washing out her driveway as there is no culvert there. Mildred advised she understands and accepts any consequences of water running over her driveway and she will be responsible for a culvert if one is needed. Gail advised that the cut-outs had been there for years, Mildred's husband Tony, and former road commissioner Hollis Squier had many discussions about them. Eric advised he will try to make a baby ditch. Board wondered about the town's right to make and maintain cut-outs after Grant suggested the town did not have one. (Turns out that the town has the right to maintain existing cut-outs, may need permission to create a new one.)

Trash on Mountain View Road ~ Rick and Norma raised concern with a neighbors' trash overflowing onto their property and blowing across the road. They advised that it was an ongoing problem that they have been asking to have addressed for years. Frank advised that as Health Officer he had recently written an official complaint following the new Solid Waste Ordinance.

Highway ~

McCoy Road ~ Eric reported project culverts were nearly done, he only needs to top dress the road with gravel. He did note that one of the culverts was 10 feet longer that spec'd, due to a typo on the quote. Dan Allard did not charge extra for additional work required for its installation. Board expressed appreciation for that.

Wood Chips ~ There is now a pile of wood chips at the town garage/transfer station. These are from projects done by the road crew and Vallencourt's Tree Service work on GMP's right of way clearing on Route 140 just east of the town garage. They are free for town folks, who will need to load them themselves (available when the transfer station is open).

Hay Bale Mulcher ~ Eric noted he had recently purchased a haybale mulcher and wondered if the town would like to buy it or rent it from him. Board took under advisement, will consider at next meeting. **New Town Garage** ~ Otter Creek Engineering advised they are working on a design, will have something for the next meeting.

New One Ton Truck ~ Eric has not had time to prepare bids, will try to have ready for August Board meeting.

Fuel Bids ~ Postponed until August meeting.

Roads Standards ~ Board requested more information about what the new standards entail, tabled until the August meeting.

Part-time Position ~ Eric reported no one had applied.

Unpaid Leave ~ Ronnie requested Board approval for unpaid leave to once again work for the fire service fighting forest fires out west. Board voted to approve. **General Business** ~

Financial Reports ~ Culvert projects on McCoy Road have overspent the highway budget, reimbursement with grant funds won't be received until FY20. Need to work on timing of future projects to have work occur in time for reimbursement in the same fiscal year.

Wallingford Town Line ~ Gail advised that she attended the Wallingford Select Board meeting on July 1^{st} in an unofficial capacity and asked them to hold the 2017 agreement until a process to resolve the town line is complete. They postponed action.

Old Business ~ Right of Way Use on East Road – Gail was instructed to call an attorney.

2019 Tax Rates ~ Board set the tax rate of \$0.7570 with a local agreement tax rate of \$0.0016 for a total of \$0.7586.

LEMP ~ Board appointed Michael Fannin as Emergency Management Director (EMD) to comply with requirements by statute for the LEMP. The EMD appoints an Emergency Management Coordinator (which is the position Michael held).

Rutland County Sheriff's Contract ~ Board approved and authorized Cathy to sign contact for FY20.

Recycling ~ Board discussed increase in processing cost of recycling from \$48 to \$100 per ton. Recycling is "free" to encourage everyone to do it. Should the cost per bag of trash be increased from \$2 to \$3? Board would like information about what other towns are charging and if they are considering charging for recycling. No action, taken under advisement for now.

Select Board ~ Special Meeting 7/23/19

Present were members Michael Fallar, Frank Sears and Cathy Reynolds, as well as Gail Fallar – Tinmouth Select Board Assistant/Lister, Grant Reynolds, Jo Reynolds AND Wallingford Select Board members Rose Regula and Bruce Duchesne, Wallingford Assessor/Lister Lisa Wright, and former Wallingford town clerk Joyce Barbieri. The meeting was held at the Wallingford Town Hall to discuss the Tinmouth/Wallingford town line. The town line was changed by an act of the Vermont Legislature in 1793. Its location has recently been challenged.

Cathy noted that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss a process to work on locating the town line, and asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Bruce Duchesne advised that the Wallingford folks wanted to present information regarding the location of Stan Taylor's house. It was added to the agenda.

Wallingford has a five member Select Board; Rose and Bruce advised they would be bringing the results of this meeting to the full Board at their next meeting.

As Tinmouth has a three member Select Board, and all three wanted to attend, a special meeting had to be warned.

Cathy advised that the Tinmouth Board believes the agreement reached in 2017 stands until both Boards reach a new decision. Michael and Frank agreed.

The process for the two Boards agreeing in 2017 to align the grand list with property maps was discussed. Gail gave a brief overview and Lisa Wright presented a time line of events, noting at the time there were adjustments to the Wallingford grand list with property in Danby, Clarendon and Tinmouth. She noted that property maps are relied upon by town listers/assessors for being as accurate as they can be, but are also a work in progress as new information is received. The 2017 property maps for both Tinmouth and Wallingford showed the Taylor house in the west side of the presumed town line – in Tinmouth – clearly visible on an ortho photo.

Joyce Barbieri presented information from research she had done regarding the Taylor house, noting it had been on the Wallingford grand list for over 150 years. She has researched deeds, has data from the Wallingford Historical Society, a diary and genealogical information from the Rogers family (previous owners) and a 1917 map. The Tinmouth Board requested copies and time to review. Grant Reynolds noted that the 1869 Beers Atlas showed the Rogers house in Tinmouth.

Cathy advised that the Tinmouth Board was willing to discuss the whole town line, as it involves several other property owners as well, but that it will take time and perhaps a number of meetings to resolve. She asked that Wallingford review that statutes regarding what towns need to do to agree to a town line if there is a question.

Gail requested the Wallingford Board reverse its decision to have the Taylor house added to the Wallingford grand list for 2019 so that the Taylors would not have to pay taxes to both towns for their house. And to agree to a process to determine the whole town line, not just around the Taylor house.

Frank, Cathy and Michael again expressed that the 2017 agreement could only be changed by agreement of

both Boards and asked for a process, they are willing to work on it. All need to agree to resolve the issue.

Rose and Bruce advised they could not speak for the Wallingford Board.

Tinmouth Planning Commission ~ No Meeting in July

Energy Committee ~ 7/8/19

With thanks to Ray Pratt, Reluctant Secretary

Members present Todd Dennis, Cathy Reynolds, and Ray Pratt, as well as Bob Lloyd and Gail Fallar.

The Tinmouth Energy Committee convened our first meeting in several years. They welcomed Todd to the committee and selected a Chair, Cathy(temporary) and Secretary, Ray(reluctantly). Todd had represented Tinmouth at a June 13th Rutland Regional Planning Commission Energy Forum. He briefed us on the highlights of the meeting, most notable is that Efficiency Vermont and Green Mountain Power have very good incentives for the installation of heat pumps. If anyone were considering the installation of a heat pump in their home, now would be a good time to do it.

Members spent most of the meeting reviewing the Tinmouth Enhanced Energy Plan put forth by the Planning Commission. The Plan charges the town with increasing the energy efficiency of residential and municipal buildings, supporting a transition away from fossil fuel use in heating and transportation and advocates for environmentally kind land use and development. Many revisions were made to the plan with more expected before the Energy Committee will support the Planning Commission's adoption of the plan.

Members discussed how best to disseminate ideas and promote opportunities and incentives. Information will be posted at the usual spots in town, the church, community center, transfer station. and town office. Information and updates will be made to the town website and notes in the Tales of Tinmouth. Actions to be taken in the future include establishing a presence on the Website, promoting awareness of available programs and educational opportunities and to encourage the Tinmouth Select Board to construct the new town garage with high energy efficiency standards in mind.

The Energy Committee is currently made up of only three members. They would happily welcome anyone with an interest in energy issues or environmental concerns. If you would like to contribute some time and talent to help with the work please feel free to contact one of us or come to the next meeting.

Next meeting: August 5, 2019 at 7:00pm

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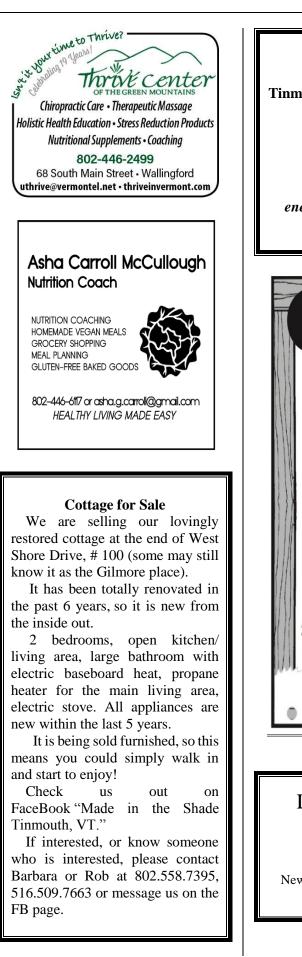
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Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project Annual Raffle

Tickets are \$5 each. Prizes will be drawn on Saturday, August 10th at the **TPMP Annual Meeting.**

Tickets are available at the town office.





The Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project is conducting its annual raffle. Prizes include a beautiful handmade quilt, a painting by J. Roenal, a cutting board from JK Adams, several baskets of goodies and \$75 worth of professional proof reading.

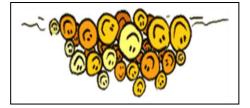
The quilt (approximately 75"x75") is on display at the Tinmouth Town Office, where anyone can purchase tickets for \$5 each

Winners will be drawn at the Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project's Annual Meeting on August 10th



~ Enhanced Energy Planning ~ The Tinmouth Planning Commission is inviting you to hear Annette Smith, Executive Director of Vermonters for a Clean Environment, speak about enhanced energy planning at the next Tinmouth Planning Commission meeting on Thursday, August 15th at 7:00 PM in the Community Room of the Tinmouth Community Church. It is located just across from the Town Office. Refreshments will be provided.

Annette will provide information and guidance regarding the process and what a town needs to think about when planning for its energy future.



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