

# THE TOWN OF TINMOUTH, VERMONT



*The Famous  
Tinmouth Game Supper*



**Annual Report of the Town Officers**  
*Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019*

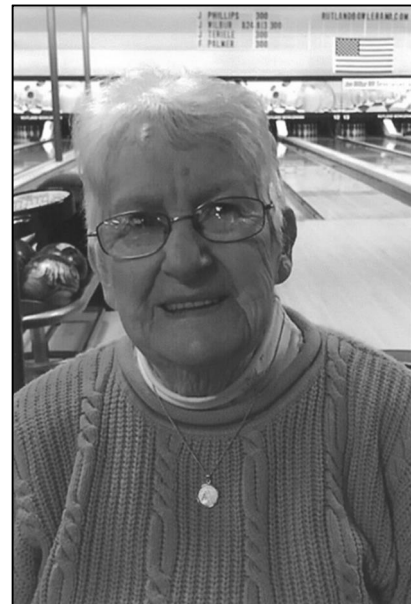
**The 2019 town report honors Tinmouth's 90 year old nonagenarians:  
Rose Napolitano, Pauline Munson, and Marion Squier Hambly.**



*Rose Napolitano*



*Marion Squier Hambly*



*Pauline Munson*

***On the cover ~ 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Game Supper***

Thank you to all the volunteers over the years who make this the best Wild Game Supper in the state, and a great fund raiser for our Volunteer Fire Department. And **Thank You** to the past and current TVFD members who have given and continue to give their time and talent to keep Tinmouth safe, and who selflessly volunteer their time for all of us.

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***Thanks to Wendy Fannin for her work on the cover and other photos.***

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# TOWN OF TINMOUTH

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## TOWN OF TINMOUTH

### Elected Town and School Officers – Elected in 2019 (Bold)

**Moderator: Stan Wilbur \***

**Town Clerk:** Gail Fallar (2020)\*

**Town & School Treasurer:** Gail Fallar (2020)\*

**Select Board:** Cathy Reynolds, Chair (2020)\*  
Michael Fallar (2021)  
**Frank Sears** (2022)

**Mill River Unified Union School District Director:**  
**Amy Martone** (2022)

**Community Center Board:** Ann Czar (2020)\*

**Road Commissioner:** Eric Buffum (2021)

**Listers:** Gail Fallar (2020)\*  
Pat Psholka (2021)  
**Shirley Bucceri** (2022)

**Auditors:** Sherry Johnson (2020)\*  
Vito Macaluso (2021)  
**Sandy Goyette** (2022)

**Constables:** (First) **Paul Morris** (2021)  
(Second) Tyler Dana (2020) \*\*

**Delinquent Tax Collector: Catherine Yoder \***

**Grand Juror: Glenn D. Merrill \***

**Town Agent: Rick Fallar \***

\* Term expires this year ó 2020; ( ) - Year term expires

\*\* At 2019 Town Meeting, voters authorized the Select Board to appoint Constables rather than elect.  
Effective at the end of current terms.

### Officers Elected at General Election (November 2018)

#### Justices of the Peace

Michael Fallar  
Nelson Jaquay

Stanley Wilbur

Jeanne Schmelzenbach (*resigned*)  
Marshall Squier

## TOWN OF TINMOUTH

**Officers Appointed by Select Board – 2019** (Bold, for those with terms. Most others are annual.)

### **Board of Adjustment**

**Bart Eaton**, Chair (2022)  
Sherry Johnson (2020)\*  
Robert Lloyd (2021)  
Robert Noble (2021)  
Grant Reynolds (2021)  
Stan Wilbur (2020)\*  
Vito Macaluso (2022)

### **Planning Commission**

Michael Fallar, Chair (2020)\*  
Larry Carabeau (2020)\*  
Andy Gilmore (2021)  
**Kim Harbaugh** (2022)  
**Robert Lloyd** (2022)  
Vito Macaluso (2020)\*  
Pat Psholka (2021)  
**Grant Reynolds** (2022)  
Rainbow Squier (2021)

### **Zoning Administrator**

Gail Fallar (2020)\*

### **911 Coordinator**

Gail Fallar

### **Rutland Regional Planning Commission**

Robert Lloyd, Commissioner  
Michael Fallar, Alternate

### **RRPC Regional Transportation Council**

Grant Reynolds     Michael Fannin, *alternate*  
Rene Wilbur, *resigned*

### **Solid Waste Alliance Communities**

Chris Martone     Wheaton Squier, Alternate

### **Tinmouth Library Trustee**

**Gene Usher** (2022)

### **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  
1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Constables

### **Emergency Management**

Michael Fannin, Director  
Ray Pratt, Coordinator (*appointed by Director*)

### **Town Huggers**

Hollis Squier     Patti (Cow Patti) Macaluso

### **Community Center Board**

Cathy Reynolds (appointed by Select Board)  
Amy Martone (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  
Todd Dennis

### **Tree Policy Committee**

Frank Sears     Sherry Johnson  
Eric Buffum     Gail Fallar  
David Birdsall     Wheaton Squier

### **Resilient Road Study Committee**

Cathy Reynolds (SB)     Doug Fontein (CC)  
Eric Buffum (RC)     David Birdsall (TW)  
Gail Fallar (TC)

**TOWN OF TINMOUTH**  
**Officers Appointed by Select Board – 2019** *Continued*

**Conservation Commission**

Jeff Ams (2020)\*  
**Chuck Bronk** (2022)  
Doug Fontein, Chair (2021)  
Nelson Jaquay (2020)\*  
Robbie Leeds (2023)  
**Jo Reynolds** (2022)  
**Rainbow Squier** (2022)

**Solid Waste & Recycling Committee**

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

**Safety & Wellness Committee**

Ronnie Crossman                      Gail Fallar  
Chris Martone                      Ray Pratt, Chair  
Frank Sears

**Tinmouth Website Committee**

Nancy Birdsall                      Pat Psholka  
Gail Fallar                      Cathy Reynolds

**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 ó 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**

<b><i>Select Board</i></b>	Town Office	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday 7:00 p.m.
<b><i>Planning Commission</i></b>	Town Office	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 7:00 p.m.
<b><i>Volunteer Fire Dept.</i></b>	Fire House	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday 6:00 p.m.
<b><i>Tinmouth Energy Committee</i></b>	Town Office	<i>Scheduled every other month</i>
<b><i>Tinmouth Historical &amp; Genealogical Society</i></b>	Town Office	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 2:00 p.m. <i>(except Nov. &amp; Dec.)</i>
<b><i>Conservation Commission</i></b>	Town Office	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday every other month
<b><i>Additional Town Committees</i></b>	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*

**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.

## TOWN OF TINMOUTH

### Notices (*continued*)

#### **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. You can also register through the DMV, or online at "My Voter Page": [mvp.sec.state.vt.us](http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us).

Vermont has instituted **same-day voter registration**, meaning that if you have not previously registered to vote and want to do so on town meeting day, you can register then and there.

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

#### **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 (\$25 for 10 punches or \$125 for 50 punches). Each 30-gallon bag of trash is 1 punch (\$2.50). Larger items are priced according to size.

Recycling is FREE 1. Zero sort for glass, tin cans, aluminum, #1-7 plastic (meaning you don't have to separate these items)

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 & special containers for collection in shed.

Household Hazardous Waste will no longer be collected in Town. See special collection locations and dates on Page 37.

#### **Library Hours**

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

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday morning each month: 9:30 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 2020.

If you have any questions or need an application, please contact:

Gail Fallar, Tinmouth Zoning Administrator, 446-2498.

**TOWN OF TINMOUTH**  
**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@vermontel.net](mailto:tinmouthtales@vermontel.net).

**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 1<sup>st</sup>.

Licenses are available at the Town Clerk's office.

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

Front Porch Forum is a company that provides online digital news for all Vermont Towns. Each town has its own site for neighbors to share news, events, etc. In Tinmouth, meeting agendas and notices are posted here as well.

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.

**Report of the Auditors**  
**FY 2018 – 2019**

We have conducted our audit of the Town of Tinmouth's financial records for the fiscal year 2018-2019. We reviewed cash receipts, general expense warrants, payroll warrants, the Grand List and special accounts. The Grand List is checked for accuracy to lister card valuations and tax payments received and deposited are verified. We checked cash receipts for unusual changes, verified 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 and payment to the listed vendor. Payroll disbursements are checked for select board authorization, payee, pay rate, overtime rate and withholdings.

The few discrepancies we found in our document samplings were explained to our satisfaction. To the best of our knowledge, it is our opinion, based on our examination of accounts and records, that the accounts as printed in the Town Report accurately represent the financial status of the Town.

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

## **TOWN OF TINMOUTH**

### **Report of the Select Board**

The fiscal year 2019 was a year like many others with ongoing challenges with the weather, equipment, trash complaints, dog complaints, right of way blockage complaints, and a disagreement with the Town of Wallingford over the town line. An adjustment to the Grand Lists to align them with property maps was agreed to by both towns' Select Boards in 2017. In 2019 the Wallingford Select Board decided that they were not happy with this agreement and they are contesting it. We have had to hire legal counsel and hope to resolve this issue expediently.

The road crew completed road improvement projects with grant funding; you may have noticed the extensive ditching and grading on the Gulf Road last spring. We also contracted for work on two major culvert upgrades on McCoy Road that were grant funded. Tinmouth's own Allard & Son Excavation completed the work. Many thanks to our road crew for their hard work day in and day out, allowing us all to get where we need to go.

For the last 5 years, the Select Board has been focused on public works facility upgrade needs of a sand/salt shed and a new town garage. We currently have a salt shed that holds enough salt for one or two storms, depending on the type and duration of the storm. If big storms come one after another all towns and the State vie for salt deliveries. We have come up short, without the product we need to treat the roads. This situation compromises everyone's ability to get around safely; this is why we need a larger salt shed. Our proposed plan is to build a new shed that will hold all the salt we need for a season. We also have a sand pile that is built up before winter. This pile needs to be treated with salt to keep it from freezing. We have a run off problem onto neighboring property from this pile. The State is looking for all sand piles to be under cover. We have determined that a hoop barn is the least expensive approach. The bond includes funds to build this structure large enough to hold a season's worth of salt and sand.

Our current Town Garage is 41 years old. It is a pole barn with two heated bays originally sized for two single axle trucks. The remainder of the building is dirt floored, unheated and has only 14' of head room.

About 10 years ago it was decided that the road crew could be more efficient with tandem trucks which allow for more material to be hauled with each trip, increasing efficiency and reducing trips. The unintended consequence of tandem axle trucks is that they no longer fit in the heated section of the Town Garage. The new trucks are stored in the dirt floored, unheated section of the shed, where they barely fit. Looking forward, operationally we need a heated space to store and work on vehicles.

In 2016 we received an estimate from Wright Construction to put additions on our existing garage to meet our needs. Total cost was estimated at \$480,000. In 2017, we hired an engineer to evaluate the existing garage structurally, considering the potential of upgrading it to meet our needs. The structural engineer investigated the building and prepared a 26-page report which is available for review at the Town Office. Quoting from the report,

"Of most interest at these load levels is that the existing building is not sufficiently strong to support minimum past or current load levels, let alone a design roof load of 50 psf. This is likely due to enhanced code requirements enacted since 1979. However, a building that is insufficient for its own basis of design is not one that encourages adaptive re-use under a more rigorous loading regime or as the basis for expanded use."

He went on to say,

"Since the structure is still in good condition it should certainly continue to be used if it may be worth considering a different storage location of the new high-value Town truck(s) as soon as this winter."

When your structural engineer encourages a Town to store its high value town trucks outside because of structural concerns about our existing garage, the Town needs to act. The Board voted to work with Jay White of NBF Architects to design a new 4 bay garage. We also hired Craig Jewett of Otter Creek Engineering to develop the site plan and fulfill state permitting requirements.

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**TOWN OF TINMOUTH**  
**Report of the Select Board (*continued*)**

The Board is finally at a point where we can share the estimated costs of the plan to add a new town garage and salt/sand shed. The total costs are estimated at \$1,050,000. All three Select Board members agree that this amount is more than the Town can support, so we looked for ways to reduce the project cost and present a smaller bond with some supplemental funding options.

The majority of the Board is proposing a building project estimated to cost ~\$850,000. This allows for a smaller town garage of three bays, and a fabric salt and sand shed sized to cover the sand pile and store all the salt we require for a season. We have some funds available to offset the cost of this bond to the Town.

Over the years, the Town has saved \$375,000 in our Highway Building Fund which will reduce the cost.

In addition, we have placed two items on the warning for your consideration to shift existing funds towards the project. We have a low-income housing loan fund of \$30,000 which has not been used in years. We would like you to vote to apply this to the Highway Building Fund to offset the bond. We also have a Town Building Fund which was created to help us maintain the Town Office, Old Firehouse, Town Sheds and the Community Center. It now has a balance of \$108,000. Since the School District is now responsible for maintaining the Community Center, we feel that we can ask for your support to shift \$80,000 out of this fund and into the Highway Building Fund. If approved, these funds will bring the amount needed to borrow (bond for) from \$850,000 down to \$365,000. For a 20-year bond, this amount will add ~\$.035 to the tax rate which is \$35 per year on a \$100,000 home, \$70 per year on a \$200,000 home, etc.

Our Bond Attorney advises us to bond for ðup to \$850,000ö although we will only borrow the amount we need as offset by the funds described above if the voters approve the transfers.

After many years of diligent work as a Board, the majority of the Board asks for your support for this Bond. On Town Meeting Day Saturday, February 29, you will be asked to vote to move the two funds into the Highway Building Fund as well as voting on both the Town and Highway budgets. February 29 will also be the informational meeting for the Bond Vote.

Then on Tuesday March 3, we will vote on the bond by Australian ballot along with voting for Town officers, the School District Budget, and the Presidential Primary. You can vote by absentee ballot for the March 3 vote but need to be at the Community Center in person for the Feb. 29 votes.

Finally, thank you to everyone who serves on a committee, donates food to the Game Supper or the Food Baskets, is a member of the Fire Department, or any of the many other ways that people pitch in to keep our small town running. A big shout out to the team at the transfer station and Gail Fallar in the town office. Gail is the go-to person for Town information and guidance. We all benefit from her wealth of knowledge and years of service to the Town.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Cathy Reynolds, Select Board Chair*



*Select Board  
2019 Town Meeting*

**TOWN OF TINMOUTH**  
**General & Highway Fund Report - FY 19**

**Balance 7/1/18 Checking Account** **\$ 100,500.72**

**Receipts**

Highway Aid	81,449.60
Highway Grant in Aide	5,300.00
Reimbursement (Tires)	1,090.20
Property Taxes Collected FY19 (Town & School)	1,507,466.97
(\$1,531,135.51 less prepaid from prior year \$23,668.54)	
Use Value ó State	55,170.00
Fish & Wildlife in lieu of taxes	5,596.10
Act 60 Re-appraisal ó State	4,322.50
Delinquent Taxes	41,787.38
Delinquent Tax Penalty	2,783.31
Delinquent Tax Interest	6,233.01
Delinquent Tax expenses	133.95
Transfer Station fees	9,666.00
Recycling	71.05
Dog Licenses & Fees	1,625.00
Zoning/Health Permit Fees	170.00
Marriage/CU License Fees	240.00
Liquor License	115.00
Copies	1,881.00
Interest ó checking	1,730.86
Old Firehouse Donations	497.00
Traffic tickets	2,197.50
Safety Grant & Reimbursement	2,141.71
Milfoil Project State Grant (pass-through)	7,343.00
Community Center Manager Salary Reimbursement FY19	1,103.41
Overweight truck permits	115.00
TES School Wee Folk Playground Donation & Grant	1,573.50
Town Clerk Recording Fees	4,755.00
Town Office Fees	70.00
Miscellaneous	379.00
<b>Total FY 19 Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 1,747,007.05</b>
Prepaid Property FY20 Taxes	<u>1,539.46</u>

**Total (Includes 7/1/18 Balance)** **\$ 1,849,047.23**

**Disbursements**

Town and Highway Orders	774,825.45
School Property Tax Transfer	<u>\$ 1,039,707.16</u>
	<b>\$ 1,814,532.61</b>
Accounts Payable FY19	\$ (1,477.80)

**Balance 6/30/19 Town Checking Account** **\$ 33,036.82**

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

**TOWN OF TINMOUTH**  
**General & Highway Fund Budget**  
**Revenues**

	<b>FY 19 Budget</b>	<b>FY 19 Actual</b>	<b>FY 20 Budget</b>	<b>FY 21 Budget</b>
<b>HIGHWAY</b>				
State Highway Aide	82,000	81,450	81,450	81,450
Hwy Grant In Aide	0	5,300	0	6,000
Reimbursement-tires	0	1,090	0	0
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>\$ 82,000</b>	<b>\$ 87,840</b>	<b>\$ 81,450</b>	<b>\$ 87,450</b>
<b>GENERAL</b>				
Property Taxes	535,705	491,428	595,155	548,805
Use Value - State	52,000	55,170	52,000	54,000
Fish & Wildlife Taxes In	4,000	5,596	4,000	5,000
Delinquent Taxes	50,000	41,787	25,000	25,000
Delinquent Interest	4,500	6,233	5,000	5,000
Delinquent Fees	2,700	2,783	3,000	3,000
Delinquent Expenses	0	134	0	0
Transfer Station Fees	11,000	9,666	11,000	11,000
Recycling	50	71	50	50
Dog Licenses & Fees	1,700	1,625	1,700	1,700
Zoning/ZBA Permit Fees	100	170	100	100
Marriage/CU Licenses	120	240	120	120
SRCSTC Admin. Fees	75	0	75	0
Liquor License	115	115	115	115
Copies	1,200	1,881	1,200	1,200
Refunds/Reimbursements	0	379	0	0
Interest - Checking Acct.	200	1,731	750	1,000
Old Firehouse Donations	200	497	200	250
Traffic tickets	1,000	2,198	1,000	2,000
Milfoil Grant	0	7,343	0	0
Comm.Ctr. Reim	1,000	1,103	1,000	1,100
Overwt Truck Permits	100	115	100	100
Grant - Safety	0	2,142	0	0
Wee Folk Playground	0	1,574	0	0
Town Office Fees	75	70	75	75
TC Recording Fees	5,000	4,755	5,000	5,000
<b>General Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 670,840</b>	<b>\$ 638,806</b>	<b>\$ 706,640</b>	<b>\$ 664,615</b>
<b>Total with Highway Aide</b>	<b>\$ 752,840</b>	<b>\$ 726,646</b>	<b>\$ 788,090</b>	<b>\$ 752,065</b>

**TOWN OF TINMOUTH**  
**Highway Budget**  
**Expenses**

	<b>FY 19 Budget</b>	<b>FY 19 Actual</b>	<b>FY 20 Budget</b>	<b>FY 21 Budget</b>
Wages	95,100	95,046	98,000	97,000
Wages Over-time	15,000	15,007	18,000	15,000
Extra Help	0	0	5,000	5,000
FICA	6,800	6,836	8,100	7,400
Medicare	2,000	1,599	1,800	1,750
VMERS	6,050	6,039	6,700	6,900
Health Insurance	36,100	31,448	40,600	40,600
Dental Insurance	1,200	1,196	1,200	1,200
Disability Insurance	600	585	600	600
Workers Comp/Unemployment	9,400	9,188	10,600	9,700
Uniform Allowance	900	574	900	900
Property & Liability Ins	8,200	6,809	7,500	5,500
Repairs/Maintenance/Parts	18,000	18,102	18,000	18,000
Diesel Fuel	21,000	16,694	20,000	20,000
Tools	500	122	500	500
Gasoline	100	13	500	250
Winter Salt	47,400	44,384	47,400	47,400
Winter Sand	9,000	8,918	10,500	10,500
Gravel/Stone	25,000	21,382	15,000	15,000
Paving	100,000	84,539	100,000	75,000
Cold Patch/Hot Mix	1,200	0	1,000	1,000
Chloride	1,500	0	12,000	12,000
Culverts	5,000	1,253	5,000	5,000
Road Signs	200	303	200	200
Winter Contracts	6,800	6,420	6,800	6,800
Misc./Contingency	1,500	1,031	1,500	1,500
Roadside Mowing	4,500	4,485	4,600	4,600
Mileage	100	46	400	200
Bldg repair	1,000	0	100	1,000
Electricity	900	752	900	900
Fuel Oil	1,000	1,143	1,000	1,200
Telephone	1,300	1,352	1,300	1,400
Equipment Fund Allocation	75,000	75,000	75,750	75,750
Salt/Sand Shed Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Hwy Improvment Projects	10,000	612	10,000	10,000
ANR Permit	2,400	1,999	2,500	2,500
Hwy Reserve Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
McCoy Road Project	0	67,203	6,000	0
PACIF Safety Grant	0	3,050	0	0
Grant In Aide	0	6,303	2,000	2,000
Engineering	0	5,062	0	0
<b>TOTAL Highway</b>	<b>\$ 524,750</b>	<b>\$ 554,495</b>	<b>\$ 551,950</b>	<b>\$ 514,250</b>

**TOWN OF TINMOUTH**  
**General Budget**  
**Expenses**

	<b>Budget FY 19</b>	<b>Actual FY 19</b>	<b>Budget FY 20</b>	<b>Budget FY 21</b>
<b>GENERAL EXPENSES</b>				
Select Board	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Select Board Assistant	3,600	5,944	6,950	6,950
Town Clerk	23,175	23,175	29,000	29,870
Treasurer	10,900	10,900	12,000	12,360
Assistant TC & Treas.	6,900	258	7,000	6,250
Auditors	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
Delinquent Tax Collector	2,680	2,680	2,760	2,850
Listers	3,200	3,067	3,600	3,600
Zoning Admin/PC Sec.	2,150	1,278	2,150	1,750
SRCSTC Administrator	80	15	80	0
TC Recording Fees	5,000	4,280	0	0
Animal Control Officers	200	0	200	200
Town Bookkeeper	2,700	2,904	3,000	3,150
Comm. Ctr. Director	1,000	1,025	1,000	1,050
Paint/Work Crew	1,000	2,289	2,500	2,500
Health Officer	0	0	0	500
FICA	4,000	3,727	4,600	4,670
Medicare	1,000	872	1,070	1,090
VMERS	2,800	2,649	2,900	3,150
Health Insurance	18,150	18,006	15,000	9,000
Dental Insurance	650	598	650	650
Workers Comp/Unemployment	350	358	400	400
W/C Fire Dept	2,000	1,351	2,000	1,500
Disability Insurance	325	283	325	325
Insurance Prop/Liability	6,600	5,490	6,600	4,600
Telephone	1,750	1,642	1,750	1,750
Electricity	800	793	900	900
Fuel Oil	2,250	1,413	2,250	2,250
Lawn Care	2,000	665	1,500	1,500
Office Supplies	4,600	4,548	4,600	4,600
Postage	1,500	1,226	1,500	1,500
Town Report	1,200	761	1,200	1,200
County Taxes	6,900	6,329	6,900	6,900
Legal Fees	1,000	460	1,000	5,000
Professional Services	1,500	1,418	2,000	5,000
Computer Software/Hardware	500	215	1,300	1,300
Miscellaneous	750	595	750	750
Old Cemetery Maintenance	500	240	500	500
Mileage	100	0	100	100
Building Repair	1,500	515	1,500	1,500
Marriage/CU Licenses	150	200	150	150
State Dog Tax	800	845	800	800
Dog Control Fees	100	0	100	100

# TOWN OF TINMOUTH

## General Budget Expenses *(continued)*

	Budget FY 19	Actual FY 19	Budget FY 20	Budget FY 21
Workshops/Seminars	500	235	500	500
Planning	1,000	175	1,000	500
Property Map Update	750	0	500	1,000
Building/Repair Fund	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Re-appraisal Fund	500	0	500	0
Web Site Support	500	389	750	750
Conservation Commission	250	150	500	500
Safety Grant	0	268	0	0
TES Wee Folk Playground	0	4,275	0	0
Advertising	0	343	500	500
<b>Total General</b>	<b>\$ 135,360</b>	<b>\$ 123,349</b>	<b>\$ 142,335</b>	<b>\$ 141,465</b>
<b>LAW ENFORCEMENT</b>				
Constable Wages	500	129	500	500
FICA	30	8	30	30
Medicare	10	2	10	10
Workers Comp	60	51	60	60
Equipment	0	40	100	100
Mileage	100	0	0	0
Liability Insurance	650	436	650	650
County Sheriff Contract	14,000	18,502	20,000	23,500
<b>Total Law Enforcement</b>	<b>\$ 15,350</b>	<b>\$ 19,168</b>	<b>\$ 21,350</b>	<b>\$ 24,850</b>
<b>SOLID WASTE</b>				
Salaries	5,800	5,506	6,000	6,000
Hauling ó Solid Waste	4,300	2,200	2,500	2,400
Disposal ó Solid Waste	7,600	6,554	9,100	8,000
HHW Disposal	1,000	856	1,000	1,000
Dues & Fees	2,400	2,682	2,800	3,000
State Trash Tax	1,000	495	1,000	1,000
Supplies/Equip/Repairs	500	417	750	750
FICA	380	360	380	380
Medicare	90	84	90	90
Miscellaneous	200	300	200	200
Workers Comp	1,000	715	900	900
Recycling - Disposal	1,500	1,409	1,600	1,600
Recycling - Hauling	1,800	1,800	2,000	2,000
<b>Total Solid Waste</b>	<b>\$ 27,570</b>	<b>\$ 23,378</b>	<b>\$ 28,320</b>	<b>\$ 27,320</b>
<b>ORGANIZATIONS/DUES</b>				
VACD	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)**

	<b>Budget FY 19</b>	<b>Actual FY 19</b>	<b>Budget FY 20</b>	<b>Budget FY 21</b>
RRPC	975	975	975	975
Rutland Cty Parent/Child	500	500	500	500
Rutland Cty Women's Net.	175	175	175	175
Rutland Free Library	2,925	2,840	3,000	3,100
Rutland Mental Health	550	550	550	550
Rutland NRCD	250	250	250	250
SW Office on Aging	300	300	300	300
Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Pro	1,850	1,850	1,850	1,850
Tinmouth Vol. Fire Dept.	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
VLCT	1,725	1,714	1,725	1,825
VNA/Hospice	800	800	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
A.R.C	800	800	800	800
Poultney-Mettowee Watersh	500	500	500	500
VT Trails & Greenways	55	0	55	55
Tinmouth Cemetery	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Vermont Cons Commission	50	50	50	50
American Red Cross	250	250	250	250
Child First Advocacy Ctr	400	400	400	400
Rut. Reg Marketing Initiative	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Dues &amp; Organizations</b>	<b>\$ 44,160</b>	<b>\$ 44,009</b>	<b>\$ 44,235</b>	<b>\$ 44,435</b>
Milfoil Project Transfer	0	7343	0	0
Record Restoration Vault Work	0	3,083	0	0
<b>TOTAL General Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 222,440</b>	<b>\$ 220,330</b>	<b>\$ 236,240</b>	<b>\$ 237,815</b>

**Town & Highway Budget Totals**

	<b>2019 Budget*</b>	<b>2019 Actual</b>	<b>2020 Budget</b>	<b>2021 Budget</b>
<b>TOTAL General Expenses</b>	<b>222,440</b>	<b>220,330</b>	<b>236,240</b>	<b>237,815</b>
<b>TOTAL Highway Expenses</b>	<b>524,750</b>	<b>554,495</b>	<b>551,950</b>	<b>514,250</b>
<b>TOTAL General + Highway</b>	<b>747,190</b>	<b>774,825</b>	<b>788,190</b>	<b>752,065</b>
<b>TOTAL Revenues</b>	<b>747,190</b>	<b>726,646</b>	<b>788,190</b>	<b>752,065</b>

\* 2018 Town Meeting voters added \$ 5,650 for the County Sheriff and Rutland Regional Marketing (\$747,190 + \$5,650) for new total for FY19 of \$752,840 for both Expense and Revenue Budgets.

**Based on the 2019 Grand List, the 2020 tax rate may go from \$0.7586 to \$0.7003**

**TOWN OF TINMOUTH**  
**Statement of Taxes Raised 2018-2019 Budget**

2018 Total Grand List	\$ 87,393,300
Adjusted for Current Use	8,798,800
Contracts	389,000
Cable Equip. (School Tax only)	320,000
2018 Taxable Grand List	\$ 78,485,500
1 % of Grand List (for town tax)	784,855
Non-residential education grand list (School)	412,093
Homestead education grand list (School)	375,962
Town Tax Rates	\$ 0.6765
Local agreement	0.0004
State School Tax Rates	
Residential	\$ 1.5263
Non-Residential	\$ 1.5825
Total Adjusted Taxes Assessed	\$ 1,757,234.12
Collected by Treasurer	1,531,135.51
State Payments	<u>184,211.46</u>
Taxes turned over to Delinquent Tax Collector	\$ 41,887.15

**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 2020 is 93.08 %. In 2019 it was 99.15%. This decrease means an increase in the School Tax before any budget is approved. It is an indication that properties are selling for more than the Town has them assessed.

It is being appealed as this report goes to print!

**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*

**Tinmouth Planning Commission**  
**2019**

The Tinmouth Planning Commission worked on an Enhanced Energy Plan (EEP) & passing it to the Select Board in December. The intent of the EEP is to provide the Town input if there is an application for an energy project that goes to the Public Utilities Commission.

During 2020 we will be 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 meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. You are invited and encouraged to attend. Your input is always welcome!

*Michael Fallar, Chair*

**TOWN OF TINMOUTH**  
**Accounts Summary 2019**

**General Checking Accounts Summary**

*These accounts reside in the General Checking Acct*

**Constable Equipment Fund**

Balance 7/1/18 \$ 2,394  
Per 2019 Town Meeting vote  
Dispersed \$1,197 to Website Special Account  
Dispersed \$1,197 to Computer Special Account  
**Balance 6/30/19 \$ 0**

**Website Special Account**

Balance 7/1/18 \$ 0  
**Revenue:**  
2019 budget 500  
Transfer from  
Constable Equip Fund (+) 1,197  
**Expense: (-) 389**  
**Balance 6/30/19 \$ 1,308**

**Computer Special Account**

Balance 7/1/18 \$ 0  
**Revenue:**  
2019 budget 500  
Transfer from  
Constable Equip Fund (+) 1,197  
**Expense: (-) 215**  
**Balance 6/30/19 \$ 1,482**

**Re-appraisal Fund**

Balance 7/1/18 \$ 66,732  
**Revenue:** Received from State (+) 4,322  
**Expense:** none  
**Balance 6/30/19 \$ 71,054**

**Record Restoration**

Balance 7/1/18 \$7,812  
Received in FY 19(+) \$ 475  
Vault Work (-) 3,083  
**Balance 6/30/19 \$ 5,204**

**Property Mapping**

Balance 7/1/18 (\$370)  
Annual Allotment (+) 750  
**Balance 6/30/19 \$ 380**

**Lister Education**

Balance 7/1/18 \$ 3486  
**Expense:** 270  
**Balance 6/30/19 \$ 3,216**

**Wee Folk Playground**

Balance 7/1/18 \$ 3,424  
Grants & Donations: (+) 1,574  
**Expense: (-) 4,275**  
**Balance 6/30/19 \$ 723**

**Encumbrances in Checking Account**

Checkbook balance 6/30/19 **\$ 33,037**  
Constable Equipment Fund \$ 0 (see fund notes)  
Website Special Account 1,308  
Computer Special Account 1,482  
Re-appraisal Fund 71,054  
Record Restoration 5,204  
Property Map Update 380  
Lister Education 3,216  
Community Participation Comm 469  
Wee Folks Playground (School) 723  
Pre-Paid taxes 1,539  
**\$ 85,375**

**Unencumbered Balance 6/30/19 \$ (52,338) \***

\* Grant reimbursement of \$57,680 is anticipated for the work on McCoy Road. Work was done at the very end of FY19, so reimbursement will be in FY20.

**Special Accounts Summary**

*These accounts have separate checking accts.*

**Housing Rehab Program**

Balance 7/1/18 \$ 29,278.89  
**Revenue:**  
Interest 74.49  
Re-payments 1,065.00  
**TOTAL: \$ 1,139.49**  
**Expense:**  
**TOTAL: \$ 0.00**  
**Balance 6/30/19 \$ 30,418.38**

**Highway Equipment Fund**

Balance 7/1/18 \$ 21,163.08  
**Revenue:**  
Annual Allotment 75,000.00  
FEMA Reimbursement 47,088.10  
Rebate: New truck 1,000.00  
Interest 402.87  
**TOTAL: \$ 123,490.97**  
**Expense:**  
Dump Body, Wing for  
New Tandem & Plow 68,100.00  
Camera 260.00  
**TOTAL: \$ 68,360.00**  
**Balance 6/30/19 \$ 76,294.05**

**Fish & Wildlife Account**

Balance 7/1/18 \$ 303.75  
**Revenue:**  
Licenses Sold 1,129.50  
**Expense:**  
Paid to Vermont Fish & Wildlife 1,067.00  
**Balance 6/30/19 \$ 366.25**

**TOWN OF TINMOUTH**  
**Special Account Summary 2019 (continued)**

<b>Old Creamery Project</b>	
Balance 7/1/18	\$ 7,081.20
<b>Revenue:</b>	
Interest	20.24
Donations	1,320.00
TCF Grants	500.00
Refreshments OFH, & Tag Sale	<u>490.03</u>
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$ 2,330.27</b>
<b>Expense:</b>	
Construction of north sill, clapboards (east), foundation (south)	<u>6,740.32</u>
<b>Total Expense:</b>	<b>\$ 6,740.32</b>
<b>Balance 6/30/19</b>	<b>\$ 2,671.15</b>

<b>Bill Jenkins School Field Trip Fund</b> <i>(a Town Acct to be used solely for the School)</i>	
Balance 7/1/18	\$ 3,318.02
<b>Revenue:</b>	
Interest	2.97
Annual Donation	1,500.00
<b>Expense:</b>	
Tinmouth 5/6 Grade Trip	1,500.00
<b>Balance 6/30/19</b>	<b>\$ 3,320.99</b>

<b>Capital Building and Repair Fund</b>	
Balance 7/1/18	\$ 461,779.54
<b>Revenue:</b>	
Bank Interest	8,979.33
2019 Annual Allotment	<u>7,500.00</u>
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$ 16,479.33</b>
<b>Expense:</b>	
	\$ 0
<b>Balance 6/30/19</b>	<b>\$ 478,258.87</b>

<b>Capital Paving and Road Reconstruction Reserve Fund</b>	
Balance 7/1/18	\$ 10,005.30
<b>Revenue:</b>	
2019 Allotment	5,000.00
Interest	<u>9.20</u>
	<b>\$ 5,009.20</b>
<b>Balance 6/30/19</b>	<b>\$ 15,014.50</b>

**TINMOUTH MOUNTAIN SCHOOL**  
**2020 Sixth Grade Graduating Class**  
Miles Fallar, Kellen Laferriere, Ethan Patch



**TOWN OF TINMOUTH**  
**2019 Grand List Abstract Report**

Real Estate	Parcel Count	Municipal value	Education (taxable) Homestead	Education (taxable) Non-Residential	Total Education
Residential I	93	17,185,500	12,010,000	5,175,500	17,185,500
Residential II	115	35,993,700	22,598,200	13,395,500	35,993,700
Mobile Homes U	8	254,800	233,100	21,700	254,800
Mobile Homes L	33	3,877,000	2,407,300	1,479,700	3,877,000
Seasonal I	58	9,046,600	177,300	8,869,300	9,046,600
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	2,649,400	0	2,649,400	2,649,400
Farm	12	6,030,500	2,424,700	3,605,800	6,030,500
Woodland	2	935,600	0	935,600	935,600
Miscellaneous	108	8,302,500	589,000	7,713,500	8,302,500
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>87,459,600</b>	<b>40,439,600</b>	<b>47,020,000</b>	<b>87,459,600</b>
<i>Exemptions</i>					
Cable	1	331,100	0	331,100	331,100
Veterans	2	80,000	20,000	0	20,000
TVFD	1	69,000	0	69,000	69,000
Grand-fathered					
Current Use	73	8,654,000	1,526,700	7,127,300	8,654,000
<b>TOTAL Taxable Property</b>		<b>786,566.00</b>	<b>388,929.00</b>	<b>401,548.00</b>	<b>790,477.00</b>



*Behind the scenes at the  
50<sup>th</sup> Annual Tinmouth Game Supper*

**TOWN OF TINMOUTH**  
**Delinquent Tax Report**  
**As of December 31, 2019**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Baker, Carol	4,176.49	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,176.49
Baker, Douglas	104.85	117.62	127.62	136.08	151.42	985.71	1,017.89	2,641.19
Benjamin, Alan & Webster	112.35	126.01	0	0	0	0	0	238.36
Bushee, Penny	0	0	0	0	1,658.96	377.69	0	2,036.65
Carabeau, Larry & Cris	10,715.66	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,715.66
*	708.16	0	0	0	0	0	0	708.16
Carmen, Courtney w/ Cook, Jeremy	1,102.76	1,217.56	0	0	0	0	0	2,320.32
Cassel, Sandra w/Christine & James	2,411.58	2,706.39	2,933.74	330.82	0	0	0	8,382.53
Dunham, Russell et al	254.65	285.79	0	0	0	0	0	540.44
Finlay, Barbara	5,322.06	2,117.77	0	0	0	0	0	7,439.83
Gioffi-Baker, Tracy	3,856.92	4,362.12	2,310.36	0	0	0	0	10,529.40
Green, Myron w/Clyde Est.	785.52	292.10	0	0	0	0	0	1,077.62
*	718.30	0	0	0	0	0	0	718.30
Hier, Morris	684.04	0	0	0	0	0	0	684.04
McConnell, Lorna P et. al.	1,049.08	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,049.08
*	1,008.56	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,008.56
Prouty, Richard & Hazel	2,651.24	2,975.43	671.56	3,435.19	1,715.12	99.62	0	11,548.16
Velde, Lisa	0	277.41	300.71	0	0	0	0	578.12
Velde, Thomas Jr.	0	369.87	345.17	314.14	301.54	344.99	0	1,675.71
Webster, Marsha. w/ Jones, William	716.49	804.01	0	0	0	0	0	1,520.50
Whiting, Fairfield, Jr.	1,248.23	1,400.79	0	0	0	0	0	2,649.02
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37,626.94</b>	<b>17,052.87</b>	<b>6,689.16</b>	<b>4,216.23</b>	<b>3,827.04</b>	<b>1,808.01</b>	<b>1,017.89</b>	<b>72,238.14</b>

Amount includes tax, penalty and interest currently due.

\* Payment in full received after December 31, 2019.

*Cat Yoder, Delinquent Tax Collector*

**Delinquent Tax Collection Breakdown FY19**

Taxes	\$ 41,787.38
Interest	6,233.01
Penalty	2,783.31
Expenses	133.95
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$ 50,937.65</u></b>

## **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](http://Tinmouthcontradance.org), or like us on Facebook ó Tinmouth Contra Dance.

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

### **Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department 2019**

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 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Game Supper was a great success. Thank you for all the help and enthusiasm from the Tinmouth Community.

A big thank-you to Caleb & Weezie Scott for the donation of farm machinery that was sold to purchase a portable jaws of life that can be used anywhere.

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



*TVFD practice drill*



**TINMOUTH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND FUND BALANCE – CASH BASIS**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 AND 2018**

	2019	2018
<b>INCOME</b>		
Town allotment	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Grants	268	-
Donations	15,450	1,545
Donations ó memorial	-	1,225
Game supper	5,775	6,872
Raffle	2,870	1,891
Other	<u>3,356</u>	<u>492</u>
<b>Total income</b>	<b><u>52,719</u></b>	<b><u>37,025</u></b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Equipment purchased	27,291	17,472
Dues	2,112	2,200
Electricity	1,075	1,339
Gasoline and diesel fuel	63	380
Game supper expenses	1,642	1,152
Heat	5,047	4,922
Insurance	4,126	5,751
Office expense	120	77
Raffle expenses	540	1,130
Repairs and maintenance	4,966	7,514
Small tools	1,374	2,748
Supplies	298	996
Telephone	528	527
Education	<u>422</u>	<u>720</u>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b><u>49,604</u></b>	<b><u>46,928</u></b>
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH</b>	3,115	(9,903)
CASH, beginning October 1st	<u>89,188</u>	<u>99,091</u>
CASH, ending September 30th	\$ <u>92,303</u>	\$ <u>89,188</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES:</b>		
Unrestricted	\$ 47,303	\$ 28,688
Restricted ó truck fund	<u>45,000</u>	<u>60,500</u>
<b>Total fund balances</b>	<b>\$ <u>92,303</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>89,188</u></b>

*Steve Goyette, Treasurer*



*Tinmouth Library event:  
 Pizza and Storytelling  
 at the Old Creamery*

## TOWN OF TINMOUTH

### 2019 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 2019 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, Lucy Gilmore, Kim Gaylord, Rene Wilbur, Nelson Jaquay, Ann Czar, Beth Eaton, Lydia Cannon, Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, Martha Stanley, Pat Psholka, Ann Lewis, Betti Jaquay, Hollis Squier, and Gail Fallar, as well as our Trustees, Jan Krantz, Gene Usher, Margaret Morin, Lori Gilmore, and Nelson Jaquay.

Thank you also to the Town of Tinmouth for providing us with our cozy space, heat, and use of the phone. We appreciate it!

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 2019 we purchased 50 NEW books, 19 for children and 31 for adults, and have also added approximately 35 previously read books to our collection. In addition, we also added audio books on CD and 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 sponsored two summer events in 2019: Jon Gailmor, Vermont singer and songwriter, performed a concert, and we held a pizza party and storytelling event. Both events were free of charge and extremely well attended.

Our Writers' Group continued, and encouraged unexpected talents. The Writers' 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 benefitted from 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 22nd 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, as the Town donates to the RFL so there is no charge to Tinmouth Residents!

We believe that reading is essential to our good health!

Respectfully submitted,  
*Ruth Drachman*, Librarian

### Tinmouth Land Trust 2019

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.

*Marshall Squier*, TLT President

*Tinmouth  
Channel*



## **TOWN OF TINMOUTH**

### **Tinmouth Energy Committee Report**

The Energy Committee has re-energized this year with new member, Todd Dennis. We hope to be forward thinking as we encourage efficiency and energy planning here in Tinmouth. We've added a page to the [Tinmouthvt.org](http://Tinmouthvt.org) website, please check it out.

We always welcome new members. 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](http://tinmouthvt.org). We continue to add pages and to train others to post events to the calendar, and to post 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.

With hope that you will all make use of our website, and learn what is available or we have a new 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 February 29, 2020! No one found our clue to the prize last year ~ we hope you will win this year!

Website: [tinmouthvt.org](http://tinmouthvt.org) Check it out, the town website is a terrific resource!

Respectfully submitted, *Cathy Reynolds*

### **Tinmouth Conservation Commission 2019**

While the Conservation Commission has spent much of 2019 consolidating and improving existing initiatives, one new effort is establishing a conservation fund to help finance our various conservation programs. We hope the article to establish this fund will pass at Town Meeting.

The CC continues to collaborate with the Green Up Committee to organize and fund that event. Our Green Up attendance was up this year with about 75 people participating, 30 of whom were children. We collected 75-100 bags of trash and a half ton of tires, metal, etc. Thanks to everyone who took part and please join us for Green Up (free coffee, ice cream and prizes for kids) this coming May 2.

The Tinmouth Mountain Ridge Trail continues to be a popular short but steep hike with a wonderful overlook at the turn-around point. The trail is now on Alltrails.com and there are flyers with a map at the trailhead kiosk. Switchbacks on steep sections and extending the trail south along the ridge are in the works.

The Bob Drachman trail, a short (1 mile) relatively flat hiking, X-C ski and snowshoe trail is being developed on the Drachman property. This is undertaken in memory of longtime Tinmouth resident, renowned pediatrician, hiker and naturalist Bob Drachman. We hope to have this trail up and running sometime in the summer of 2020.

The Tinmouth Mountain Cabin and Purchase Loop Trail usage continues to grow. In addition to hikers, snowmobilers, X-C skiers, we've had a few bike packers. A reminder that 4-wheelers and other motorized vehicles (except snowmobiles) are prohibited. This is to prevent rampant erosion on the trails.

The CC has continued interest in the back portion of the town lot behind the Town Garage and transfer station. We've given input to the select board on this parcel and our hope is that the area can be accessed from the transfer station area and used as park and conservation land.

Thanks to everyone in town who has helped with Green Up, trail building and maintenance, cabin repairs and other conservation initiatives. You're invited to attend any of our meetings, generally held on the third Monday, every other month at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Doug Fontein, Chair*

**TOWN OF TINMOUTH**  
**Tinmouth Community Fund Report 2019**

As of December 2019, your TCF assets have increased to \$395,259 plus the check book balance. In 2019 the Fund paid out Continuing Education Scholarships of \$11,350, Community Fund grants of \$5,276 and camp scholarships of \$1,780. In addition, we awarded the Susan McIntosh Lloyd Scholarship and the Robert and Cynthia Johnson Scholarship for another \$2,350.

We received donations in 2019 totaling \$57,070 including \$4,566 from the Tinmouth Plant Sale, and individual donations of all sizes. The TCF was gratified to receive many donations in memory of Nancy Noble.

We launched the silent phase of a capital campaign to endow the Continuing Education Scholarship Fund in perpetuity, raising \$42,000. Currently this fund relies on the proceeds of the Annual Plant Sale to make annual scholarships. The goal is to grow this fund to \$250,000. Our goal is to raise another \$58,000 so that when the Plant Sale volunteers age out, the Continuing Education Scholarships will continue in perpetuity. You will be learning more about this goal at Town Meeting.

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. Thanks to everyone who has supported the TCF.

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 Nikki Pfeiffer. The Scholarship Committee includes Cathy Reynolds, Bob Lloyd, Ruth Drachman, Caleb Scott, Rene Wilbur, Denise McGinley, Nelson Jaquay, Asha Carroll McCullough, Roxane Johnson DeLear, Melody Squier, and Jan Krantz.

We will hold our Annual Meeting just before Town Meeting on **Saturday February 29, at 11:30 a.m.** at the Community Center. Please attend and participate. We will elect three directors, discuss our progress in 2019 and make plans for 2020. All are welcome.

*Jan Krantz, Chair*

**Tinmouth Community Fund**  
**2019**

<b>Balance 1/1/19</b>	(Town TCF Checking Account)	<b>\$ 6,312.63</b>
<b>Revenue:</b>		
Interest		\$ 90.30
Donations/Fundraising		42,922.20
Plant Sale		<u>4,566.25</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>		<b>\$ 47,578.75</b>
<b>Expense:</b>		
Grants		\$ 5,276.28
Scholarships		11,350.00
Summer Camperships		1,780.00
Transfer to VCF re: Continuing Ed		
Scholarship		28,000.00
Transfer to new local acct for Cont.Ed		1,125.00
Misc.		<u>954.30</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 48,485.58</b>
<b>Balance 12/31/19</b>	<b>Town TCF Checking Account</b>	<b>\$ 5,405.80</b>
*Balance of funds are endowed at the Vermont Community Foundation.		

**Tinmouth TCF Continuing Education Scholarship Fund**  
**2019**

<b>Balance 1/1/19</b>		<b>\$ 0.00</b>
Transfer	\$1,000.00	
Donations	800.00	
Interest	0.09	
<b>Balance 12/31/19</b>		<b>\$ 1,800.09</b>

**TOWN OF TINMOUTH**  
**Tinmouth Community Fund 2019**  
**2019 Grant Awards**

Tales of Tinmouth	Printing and Postage	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 School	Wee Folk Playground	500
Tinmouth Blooms 1 (re-allocated from ø18)	Crab Apple Trees	212
Tinmouth Blooms 2	Crab Apple Trees	500
Tinmouth Elves	Clothes for Needy Families	500
Tinmouth Green-Up Day	Green-Up Supplies and Prizes	250
Tinmouth Pickleball League	Pickleball Equipment	500
Tech Help for Dummies	Two Sessions for Tech Assistance	<u>500</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,962</b>

**Community Fund College Scholarships** **\$ 11,250**

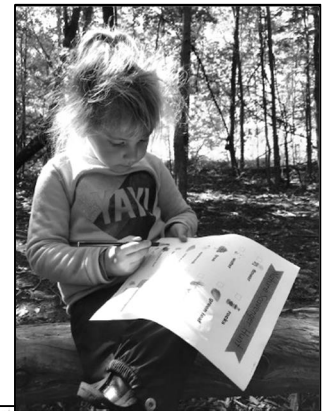
**2019 Recipients:** *Ilona Allen, Anna Hasenohr, Hannah LaMarche, Bess Lewis, Seamus Nauton, and Noah Patry.*

*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.*



*Tinmouth Mountain School – Wee Folks outdoor classroom (3 and 4 year olds)*



**TOWN OF TINMOUTH**  
**Tinmouth Community Center Annual Report**

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>7/1/18</b>	<b>\$ 4,177.25</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>		
Interest		3.58
Donations for Use & Pickleball Lines		<u>1,736.00</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,739.58</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Salary, FICA, for Building Manager		1,103.41
Repair fan		447.64
Pickleball lines		<u>400.00</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,951.05</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>6/30/19</b>	<b>\$ 3,965.78</b>

**2019 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 162 events were held at the Community Center, 25 at the Old Fire House and 7 Community bake oven firings were held.

Events that took place at the Community Center include: Town Meeting, Tinmouth Community Fund Annual Meeting, the (2<sup>nd</sup>) 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Game Supper, the Volunteer Fire Department Potluck, Kamp Kindness, Rutland County Maple Producers Dinner, School Graduation, Trunk or Treat, 1 wedding, 1 Frisbee Picnic/Reunion, 2 Christmas Parties, 2 Birthday parties, 3 Private Gym uses, 3 baby showers, 3 Celebrations of life, 6 yoga classes, 9 Contra Dances, 14 Christian worship and fellowship meals, 48 Volleyball meets, 64 Pickle Ball meets.

Events at the Old Firehouse include: The Tinmouth Art Show, Tinmouth Town Wide Tag Sale, Tinmouth Community Fund Scholarship awards, Tinmouth Book Sale, Sage Rootwords Farm Stories, Theater in the Woods auditions, rehearsals and "Our Town" performances, Floral Design workshop, Republican Caucus, LEAP logger course, Fire Refresher, and 10 concerts.

Events at the Community Bake oven includes: Community gatherings, Library Storytelling and Pizza, Tinmouth Church fundraisers, and School Lunch.

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 Rainbow Squier 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.

*Rainbow Squier, Building Manager and TCC Coordinator*  
[r.squiert@gmail.com](mailto:r.squiert@gmail.com) 802-282-6240

**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.

Please take a look at the detailed information for Use on the town website:

**[www.tinmouthvt.org/community-center/](http://www.tinmouthvt.org/community-center/)**

## TOWN OF TINMOUTH Tinmouth Emergency Management

It's been a busy year for emergency planning. A new state mandate came down that specified that each town shall appoint an Emergency Management Director besides the usual Emergency Management Coordinator. The upshot of this is that I assumed the Directors position and Ray Pratt volunteered to become the Emergency Management Coordinator. From what I've learned, the Director position is described as a person who takes on the administrative duties concerning emergency management. This is probably because of the mountain of paperwork demanded by the state and federal government which we have to submit in order to qualify for full FEMA assistance should we need it. Now I'm a designated paper pusher. I have to mention that Gail, our town clerk, is always a help in these matters, being an experienced paper pusher herself. We are also lucky to have Ray as EMC with his background in the fire department and the Eagle Scout that he is. Be prepared!

In other news, our town participated in the state wide emergency drill that was staged this past fall. Or I should say I participated in the state wide drill spending a long day working the telephone at the town hall with Gail helping out when she could. If the state people had designed something to really reflect the typical emergency situation here in Tinmouth the phone would not have worked. Still I got to know the mechanisms and personalities that I would be interacting with in a statewide catastrophe.

I think that you should know that Tinmouth enjoys considerable respect among the representatives of other communities in the network of mutual aid, not because of anything I've done but because of our well earned reputation as a town that historically has taken care of itself. This is one hallmark of a traditional rural Vermont community. In the many years that I have lived here there has been one example after another of our responding as a group to whatever challenge we might be confronted with. No matter what the world throws at us in the future, if we can maintain our solidarity as a community we will be in a stronger position to cope.

My last piece of advice to my fellow Tinmouthians would be to prepare yourselves better than you have been asked to do before. Go beyond the candles and three days supply of water. Get right down to what you would need for an extended period of disruption. Bite the bullet and invest in what you would need. You can see the trends as well as I. The government can only do so much before it is out of resources if it can even get them to us in a worst case situation. We have to be ready to do what we historically have done and look out for ourselves.

You are the first "first responder" in any emergency. Be prepared.

*Michael Fannin, EMD Director*



*Michael Fannin consults the oracle to divine the future effects of climate change*



*Town Meeting March 2019*



*Town Meeting sound & kitchen crew*



*Honoring Ruth Drachman for her years of service at the Town Office*

**TOWN OF TINMOUTH**  
**Tinmouth Solid Waste and Recycling Committee**

During 2019, the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee (SWARC) addressed the following issues:

1. The Select Board is no longer considering changes to the configuration of the Transfer Station and town garage equipment and storage facilities. The SWARC remains available to give input regarding the operation of the waste and recycling aspects of the project should it be resurrected.
2. Recycling disposal costs have increased due to decreased global demand for recycled and recyclable materials, particularly plastics.
3. The update of the "Ordinance Regulating Solid Waste" was forwarded to the Select Board.
4. Beginning in July, 2020, household organic waste will be banned from solid waste removal. All organic matter will have to be composted one way or another. Buckets for household organic waste (which Wheaton removes for composting) are available for residents to use; the Transfer Station attendants will make them more prominent to encourage their use. The SWARC will continue to educate townspeople about this issue.
5. Costs for all waste disposal continue to increase. Transfer station ticket sales cover approximately half the cost of waste/recycling removal, so the SWARC advised the Select Board to increase the cost of a transfer station ticket to \$25 per ten punches. A survey of neighboring towns by SWARC members indicates that Tinmouth's costs and punch ticket price would be more in line with our neighbors.

Respectfully submitted, *Helen Mango*, SWARC Secretary

**Tinmouth Transfer Station 2019**

The Tinmouth Transfer Station is open on Wednesdays from 4 pm to 7 pm and Saturdays from 8 am to 12 pm. There is a fee of \$2.50 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 a container for scrap metal (a 30 yard container) and electronics (in gaylords/big cardboard boxes in the recycling shed).
- (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 ó you have to bring it to one of the special days that are held in April or September. Please see HHW info on page 37.

For more information, please see the Acceptable Recyclables List on the Town of Tinmouth website at [tinmouthvt.org](http://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. Compost bin is located next to Garbage dumpster. By July 1, 2020, all Vermonters will be required to separate their organic food waste from trash and recyclables. If you have any questions: myself, Charlie or Gunner are always happy to help. Remember: When in doubt Throw it out. It's better than trashing the recycle bin!

You may contact the Manager, Chris Martone, at 802-446-3433 with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Chris Martone*, Transfer Station Manager

## Rutland County Sheriff's Department 2019

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. The assigned deputy balances the number of hours for any given period so that each town gets their dedicated service of least ten hours per week (average).

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	96	81	67	60
Warnings	29	60	37	34
Traffic Stops	96	132	70	85
(Motor vehicle stats include work done under GHSP grants hours)				
Incidents	40	32	93	50
Arrests	5	5	16	5
911 Hangups	0	0	1	0
Crashes	0	2	3	1
Assists	6	5	5	8
Citizen Dispute	1	1	0	3
Vin Inspection	7	1	3	1
Animal Comp	2	1	9	4
Theft	1	0	4	0
Vandalism	0	1	0	2
Property Watch	0	2	5	1
Suspicious	1	0	8	7
Littering	0	1	3	0

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 any time, you can call our office direct at 802-775-8002, visit our web site at [Rutlandsheriff.net](http://Rutlandsheriff.net) or email me direct at [stephen.benard@vermont.gov](mailto:stephen.benard@vermont.gov).

Respectfully submitted,  
*Stephen Benard*, Sheriff  
Rutland County Sheriff's Dept.

*Annual Tinmouth Plant Sale  
& a few of the Plant Sale crew*



**TOWN OF TINMOUTH**  
**Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project**  
**2019**

TPMP continues to work to control Eurasian Water Milfoil, as once it is present it cannot be eradicated. Suction harvesting is still the main focus of this effort. Cat and Shane Yoder are the divers responsible for removing 985 buckets of this pesky weed in 2019. 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 over \$ 6,000, as well as volunteered 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.

The 2020 TPMP Board consists of President Gail Fallar, Vice President Scott Lepley, Treasurer Laurie Bepler, Secretary Laurel Swenson, Financial Secretary Sherry Johnson, Assistant Treasurer Carol Hawley, and Members-at-Large Annie Robbins, Tom Miles, and MaryAnn Reinholt.

*Gail Fallar, TPMP President*

**Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
**January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019**

<b>Beginning balance Jan. 1, 2019</b>		<b>\$ 16,762.61</b>
<b>Income:</b>		
Dues	1,225.00	
Donations	6,485.00	
TCF Grant	500.00	
2018 VT State Grant	7,343.00	
Town Annual Allotment	1,850.00	
Raffles	861.00	
Interest	<u>273.74</u>	
Total of Income and Beginning Balance	\$ 18,537.74	
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Contracted services (divers)	11,730.21	
Insurance	1,386.64	
Repairs	282.14	
P.O.Box/stamps/office supplies/other	<u>385.55</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 13,507.96	
<b>Ending balance December 31, 2019</b>		<b>\$ 21,759.35</b>

*Laurie Bepler, Treasurer*

**The Old Creamery Project**

After a string of years in which the Creamery has been changed from an eyesore to a compatible and useful part of the village, we have little progress to report this year. Work began in 2018 and was completed on the north sill, repairing the south foundation, and wall clapboards on the east wall. We had planned to paint the south, and possibly the east, side of the building, install electricity, finish off and light one room (the clean room), and build a handicapped ramp to the north side door. An array of problems prevented any of them from being accomplished. A crew from the Historical Society did clean up the first floor and at least make way for restoring the first floor office. Next year we will try hard to accomplish this year's plan, plus restoring the first floor office. Some of the problems that occurred this year have been resolved; the rest should be by spring.

The Old Creamery Project financial report can be found on page 17.

*Grant Reynolds, Chair*  
Old Creamery Committee

**TOWN OF TINMOUTH  
2019 Vital Records**

**Births**

**Waverly Ann Hepburn**, August 14, 2019  
**Vincent Michael Lee Hill**, October 29, 2019

**Marriages**

**John William Rucker and Ryan Martin Koss**, September 28, 2019

**Deaths**

**Michael William Smith**, March 21, 2019  
**Nancy P. Noble**, March 29, 2019  
**Enid Whittingham**, June 10, 2019  
**Rosaleen Ella Morris**, September 24, 2019  
**William M. Secoy**, October 26, 2019

**Burial Permits**

**Enid Whittingham**, June 13, 2019  
**Vernon R. Perron**, June 28, 2019  
**Nancy P. Noble**, August 16, 2019  
**Rosaleen Ella Morris**, September 27, 2019  
**Susan M. Lloyd**, October 12, 2019

**Burial Transit Information / Private Burial**

**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.

**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 2019 annual meeting was held on April 18, 2019. 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. Items discussed included pruning and removal of dead limbs and trees, increasing the new section gate driveway width and repairing damaged stones.

Following a long-standing tradition, the elementary school students placed flags on the graves of military veterans before Memorial Day. Thanks go to Glenn Merrill for repairing 9 headstones.

There were five burials in the Tinmouth Cemetery in 2019; Enid Allen Whittingham, Vernon R. Perron, Nancy P. Noble, Rosaleen Ella Morris and Susan M. Lloyd.

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**TOWN OF TINMOUTH**  
**Tinmouth Cemetery Association, Inc. (continued)**

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.

Burial in the Tinmouth Cemetery is restricted to individuals or families with a connection to Tinmouth. The current price for a 4' x 12' lot is \$400. 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 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 normally 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*

**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. An index and past editions are available at the Town Office.

The Society holds three to four working or program meetings each year to collect and preserve Tinmouth's physical and narrative history. The major emphasis over the past several years has been supporting the efforts to enhance the creamery building to maintain the fabric of the Tinmouth Historic District. Current emphasis is to provide clean space usable by town committees and organizations. The Society began sorting items stored in the creamery.

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 2019 annual meeting highlighted a presentation of the 1930 Farm Census presented by Vito Macaluso; and another by Grant Reynolds ~ "Lake Tinmouth." There was a proposal by Hortonia Power to flood the Channel area and build a hydro-dam. The only remaining evidence is the cement wall on North End Rd near the access area for launching canoes near the Channel. The property is now owned by VT Fish & Wildlife (Tinmouth Wildlife Management Area).

With membership stagnating and turn out for programs and activities declining, discussion at the annual meeting also included refining the purpose and roll of the Society. Priorities will be presenting programs with general audience appeal and maintaining and protecting our archived collection.

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 \$5 per year and may be sent to THGS, 515 North End Road, Tinmouth, VT 05773.

Society officers for 2020 are Stan Wilbur, President; Grant Reynolds, Vice President and *Tinmouth Channel* Editor; Gail Fallar, Secretary and Archivist; Vito Macaluso, Treasurer and Membership Chair; and Jo Reynolds, at-large member of the Executive Board.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Stan Wilbur, President*

**TINMOUTH MOUNTAIN SCHOOL**  
**Principal's Report**  
**2019 Annual Report**

Tinmouth Community Members,

Our enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year has remained stable at 59 students. Finding the physical room needed to accommodate small group work has been challenging at Tinmouth Mountain School (TMS) as enrollment has expanded, however, staff members work collaboratively to ensure there are always comfortable spaces where children are able to learn. This includes three new outdoor classrooms that provide the physical space needed for students to explore and study their environment during fieldwork investigations.

Our faculty has evolved over the past two years as seasoned teachers retired, and teachers early to the profession moved on to environments more suited to their style of teaching. Several members of our current team of educators are new to TMS but not to the teaching profession. They bring unprecedented ethics based on years of experience that is evidenced by well-managed classrooms. Our teaching team is focused on developing children who think critically, as well as read and compute fluently while developing student accountability and motivation. Progress is measured through Habits of Work and proficiencies that are included in progress reports shared through student-led conferences each semester.

Our Trailhead project is making measured progress. We continue to develop nature-based performance projects that align with grade-level proficiencies. Over the summer months, teachers worked with the Vermont Fish and Wildlife developing proficiency-based projects for our intermediate scholars. Primary, nature-based performance projects have been reinforced through our ongoing grant-based professional development facilitated by Four Winds.

English language arts and mathematics are a priority in tandem with our performance-based learning. Students who have not yet mastered age-appropriate text and math skills are now working 5 days a week with interventionists. This is in addition to guided reading and guided math groups facilitated by classroom teachers.

The Grant C. Reynolds Wee Folk Playground now includes three new outdoor instruments gifted through the Pam Garceau Fund. These are a xylophone, a funka-phone (steel drum), and a gong. Additionally, two, child-sized violins were donated by community members and two more ukeleles have been purchased and added to our repertoire of instruments. Music has been a unifying force at TMS for years. Our Friday morning round-up continues as a weekly, school-wide tradition. This year, with the diversity of newly acquired instruments, we can look forward to a dynamic spring concert.

Parent volunteerism has been on the rise over the past year. Parents are teaching the Four Winds Program monthly and volunteering in classrooms weekly. Our dynamic alliance of educators and support staff together with the increase in parent volunteers position us to raise the bar at TMS. This partnership is a dynamic collaboration that puts children's needs first and foremost.

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

**MILL RIVER UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Tinmouth Enrollments for the 2019-2020 School Year**

<i>Grade</i>	<b><u>Pre-K3 &amp; 4</u></b> <i>3 &amp; 4 year olds</i>	<b><u>K</u></b>	<b><u>1 &amp; 2</u></b>	<b><u>3</u></b>	<b><u>4, 5 &amp; 6</u></b>
<b>Tinmouth</b>	12	11	14	10	12

Total Elementary Students = 59.

Includes students who live in Ira, Clarendon, and Wallingford as well as Tinmouth.

Middle and High School information is now co-mingled.  
We are now all the Mill River Unified Union School District (MRWSD)

**MILL RIVER UNIFIED UNION HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Principal's Report**  
**2019 Annual Report**

We are quickly approaching the midpoint of the 2019-2020 school year and our faculty, staff, and students are still displaying the eagerness and excitement of the first day of school. As always, our mission at Mill River Union High School is, as a community, to best serve our students and maximize their learning potential. We are extremely proud of our small class sizes, extensive advanced placement (AP) offerings, and our ongoing commitment to and emphasis on a combination of academics, arts, and athletics. All of these lead to what we believe is a personalized, civically-minded, and academically excellent learning environment.

The co-curricular programs at Mill River continue to be strong and are a crucial part of our students' and communities' lives. We offer a multitude of programs, including baseball, basketball, cheerleading, football, soccer, cross-country, Interact Club, Model UN, unified bowling, peer tutoring, skiing, snowboarding, Stage 20, Stage 40, yearbook, wrestling, rock climbing, geo-bee, golf, and student government. Our visual and performing arts programs are a highlight of MRU. Approximately 45% of our student body participates in the performing arts, which speaks wonders for the talents of our student body. Additionally, our athletic teams are thriving. Our boys' varsity soccer team and cross country team highlighted our fall season with a trip to the State Championship in soccer and two of our XC runners competing at the state level and beyond.

Our work in the classroom has also continued to grow and thrive. Teachers and students are continuing their path to proficiency-based learning and assessment. Students are able to personalize their education, all the while manipulating the content learned and applying it to real-world scenarios. No longer are our students just memorizing and forgetting what they have learned. They are obtaining and utilizing the skills necessary to critically think and analyze the world around them. Our learners are becoming global citizens.

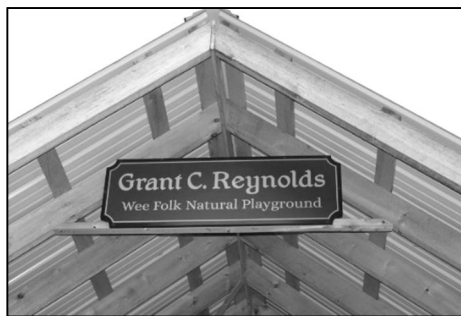
As you can see, Mill River Union High School is preparing our future graduates to be leaders, as well as responsible global citizens. Students are proud of their work and we are proud of them. I strongly encourage you to visit MRU at any time to see the amazing things our staff and students are participating in on a daily basis.

Thank you,

*Tyler Weideman, Principal*



*At Town Meeting, March 2019, Grant Reynolds was recognized for his support of education for Tinmouth students.*



*Grant has been a long-time school board member, ski program and Wee Folk supporter.*

*The Wee Folk Playground was named in his honor.*



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

Mill River Schools Community,

It is my pleasure to offer this report on behalf of the Mill River UUSD Superintendent's Office.

We have excellent work going on in each of our local schools and in your school district. In a state where enrollments are declining, we have remained stable. We are strategically building an instructional foundation for long term success that will last for years to come. We have experienced low turnover with educators and leaders, and we work hard to develop leadership talent from within whenever we can while identifying individuals from other places who will benefit our kids and community. We spend taxpayer dollars judiciously and with clear oversight. We seek to refine and improve our external communication so that community members can find what they need, when they need it. Our educators care deeply about the success of their students - this community's children - and will do whatever it takes to help them find their way toward that success. Our facilities are well-maintained and becoming more efficient with every passing year.

We recently completed a significant set of building projects, funded by a performance bond approved by our voters in March of 2019, which will ensure that our facilities operate as efficiently as possible and are maintained in a way that makes the community proud. We thank you for your support of that necessary work.

The budget that the board is asking you to approve has been developed with a few key concepts in mind:

Maintain staffing at the most efficient, effective levels possible.

Manage the realities of statewide roughly 13% increases in health insurance costs for our employees.

Invest in staff positions that are focused on meeting the social and emotional needs of our students.

Continue to support our Arts programs and PreK programs as they are at the foundation of the long-term success of our students and community.

If you ever feel like you need more information about what our school district and its schools are up to, we want to help you to find the information you are looking for. Please do not hesitate to call or email any of our principals with any questions you may have. Please don't hesitate to call or email our district office with other questions. We'll work hard to point you in the right direction and find answers if we don't know them. We are committed to our students, committed to our schools, and committed to this community. Thank you for supporting all that we do.

Sincerely,

*Dave Younce*, MRUUSD Superintendent of Schools

<http://millriverschools.org>

802-775-3264



*Tinmouth Mountain School and Wee Folks Outdoor Classroom / Playground*

**MILL RIVER UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**School Board Chair Report**  
**2019**

Dear Fellow Members of the Mill River Community,

It is once again my honor and privilege to write to you as the Chair of the MRUUSD Board. On behalf of my fellow board members, please accept this report as an update on what your school board and district have been doing this past fiscal year.

This past year has encompassed a lot of strategic planning. Now that we have our feet under us as a District, the Board felt it was important to engage in strategic planning for our future as a District. As a result, over the past year, the Board has been working hard to identify what we and our communities expect of our schools, our students and ourselves as we move into 2020. I am pleased to identify the following Board and District Goals moving forward:

1. Student Opportunities: The Board identified the Trailhead Project, Arts Program Enhancement and the Pre-K expansion as areas of focus in order to provide our students with additional learning opportunities and make our District more attractive to our families with school-aged children.
2. Student Growth: The Board solidified its belief that it is important for the District to assist our students to develop socially, emotionally and academically in a high-quality proficiency-based learning environment.
3. Equity: The Board identified the goal to develop and adopt an Educational Equity policy for the District by June 2020 and review the District's policies to ensure that we are providing educational equity for all our students.
4. Community: The Board identified the goal for the Board to further engage with the Mill River community and in that regard, the Board set a goal to develop and implement a Board Community Engagement Plan by June 2020.
5. Human Resources: The Board identified the Board and the District's goal of hiring, retaining and developing high quality, effective teachers, leaders and support staff.
6. Finance and Facilities: The Board identified a goal for the effective and efficient management of the District's resources. This will be implemented by continued audits to ensure compliance, an annual community survey, energy efficient, safe and secure district facilities.

We are working with our District leadership and staff to implement these goals and make our District the premier school district in the state.

Over this past year, the District has seen the implementation of the Pre-K program that you helped to make possible by voting in favor of last year's budget has been bustling at all of our schools. This has been a great addition to our district and provides a much-needed resource for our littlest students and their families.

Our building and grounds personnel at the District have been busy this past year. Our physical buildings and grounds have seen the fruits of the prior years' construction bond with installation of improved and more energy efficient heating systems in our buildings, installation of solar panels and the biomass heating system at the high school, and work on many of the other construction and improvement projects that were included in that bond. The Board extends its thanks to Gary Marcy, our facilities administrator, and his staff for putting into place the items that were part of the energy performance contract that voters approved last March and for overseeing and keeping all of our buildings in good repair. As a result of our voters' support of last year's bond for the energy performance contract, our buildings are well on their way to becoming more energy efficient. All of this work will ultimately benefit not only our students, but also our taxpayers.

The Board is excited to work toward the goals that it has approved this year and looks forward to being able to report next year on its status towards achieving the goals established through its thoughtful strategic planning.

As always, I encourage each of you to come to a Board meeting or a committee meeting, especially if you've never attended. We welcome your input.

On behalf of my fellow board members, thank you for your continued support of our schools and our students.

Respectfully submitted,

**Tammy A. Heffernan**, MRUUSD Board Chair

**SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES (SWAC)**  
**2020 Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Events**

**SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2020**

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. ó RUTLAND TOWN Transfer Station, 218 Northward Park, off Post Road Extension, **Rutland Town**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2020**

8:30 am-12:30 p.m. ó FAIR HAVEN TRANSFER STATION, 175 Fair Haven Avenue, **Fair Haven**

2020 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.

**WHAT TO BRING:**

Any substance with labels that say CAUSTIC, TOXIC, CORROSIVE, POISON, FLAMMABLE, DANGER, WARNING, CAUTION, US IN AN OPEN ENVIRONMENT. Examples include: 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:**

**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** ó 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.

**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.

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](http://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 2, 2020	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 2020

<b>February 29</b>	<b>Town Meeting – Budgets &amp; Other Business – Voting from the Floor</b>
<b>March 3</b>	<b>Town Meeting - Australian Ballot Voting – Officers, School Budget, Town Garage &amp; Salt/Sand Shed Bond Vote, Presidential Primary</b>
<b>April 1</b>	Deadline for Licensing DOGS at Town Office
<b>April 15</b>	Federal and State Income Tax Due
<b>May 2</b>	Green-Up Day
<b>May 9</b>	Annual Tinmouth Plant Sale
<b>August 17</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Half of Property Taxes Due
<b>November 16</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Half of Property Taxes Due
<b>November 21</b>	51 <sup>st</sup> Annual Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Dept. Game Supper
<b>November 22</b>	Community Thanksgiving Service
<b>December 31</b>	Hunting & Fishing Licenses expire

*Community Calendar can be found on the Tinmouth website.*

**[www.tinmouthvt.org](http://www.tinmouthvt.org)**

### Minutes TINMOUTH TOWN MEETING March 2, 2019 and March 5, 2019

Moderator Stan Wilbur called the gathering to order at 1:00, noting it was the 245<sup>th</sup> Tinmouth Town Meeting. Bob Noble, 88 years young, oldest voter present, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Stan asked for a moment of silence for those who had passed in the last year ó Glenn W. Merrill, Susan Lloyd, Steve Zimmer and Josh Ruane.

Stan read the warning and advised that announcements would precede official town meeting business.

Tinmouth Mountain School Principal Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker rose to recognize Grant Reynolds, retiring as the Tinmouth representative to the Mill River Unified Union School District. She noted he has done so much for the school, before and after Tinmouth merged into the new MRUUSD. To honor his good works, several students presented him with a sign naming the new playground, the òGrant C. Reynolds Wee Folk Playgroundö, as his good works also involved helping with it. He expressed his appreciation.

Stan read the town report dedication. Town Clerk Gail Fallar presented appreciation and flowers to retiring Assistant Town Clerk Ruth Drachman, who has worked in the office for over 20 years. She will continue to serve as the Librarian, as always in her star volunteer role.

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**Minutes**  
**TINMOUTH TOWN MEETING**  
**March 2, 2019 and March 5, 2019 (continued)**

Nelson Jaquay announced The Motley Writers, in the middle of its writing program, were being hosted by Adam Guettel, playwright and composer, at his studio in mid-March.

Ann Czar, Chair of the Tinmouth Community Center Board, thanked Bess Lewis for her service as TCC building coordinator and announced that Rainbow Squier would be assuming the post.

State Representatives David Potter and Robin Chesnut-Tangerman spoke briefly about issues at the state house in Montpelier.

Stan asked candidates for the school board, Amy Martone and Carolyn Feury, to stand so folks could see who they were and speak with them if they wished. All other officers are uncontested races.

**About 60 voters gathered at the Tinmouth Community Center on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at 1:00 P.M. and acted upon the following articles:**

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

*Doug Fontein moved and Bob Lloyd 2nded to approve. No discussion, passed by unanimous voice vote.*

**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?

*David Birdsall moved and Doug Fontein 2nded to approve. No discussion, passed by unanimous voice vote.*

**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?

*Doug Fontein moved and David Birdsall 2nded to approve. No discussion, passed by unanimous voice vote.*

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

*Nelson Jaquay moved and Pat Psholka 2nded to approve. Betti Jaquay inquired how it would be funded? Cathy Reynolds responded that any money budgeted but not spent in a given year would be go into it, to help keep the budget from spiking if an upgrade were needed. As there was no further discussion, Article 4 was then passed by unanimous voice vote.*

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

*Doug Fontein moved and Bob Lloyd 2nded to approve. Cathy noted it was the same issue as the previous Article, will allow to budget overtime. As there was no discussion, Article 5 was then passed by unanimous voice vote.*

**Article 6.** In the event that Articles 4 and 5 are approved, shall the voters authorize the transfer of the money in the Constables 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.

*Marshall Squier moved and Doug Fontein 2nded to approve. Amount currently in the fund is \$2,394. Cathy explained that constables no longer need equipment like blue lights as they no longer have law enforcement duties. As there was no discussion, Article 6 was then passed by unanimous voice vote.*

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**Minutes**  
**TINMOUTH TOWN MEETING**  
**March 2, 2019 and March 5, 2019 (continued)**

**Article 7.** 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.

*Doug Fontein moved and Carolyn Feury 2nded to approve. Michael Fannin expressed concern about giving any money to REDC based on their actions when OMYA was trying to extract marble several years ago and truck it through Tinmouth. He also questioned whether it was a good investment for Tinmouth, noting the town is thriving, vibrant and doesn't need promotion. Others rose to agree with Michael. Frank Sears, Select Board Chair, advised that Rutland County, of which Tinmouth is a part, is in need of revitalization, and that \$600 is a small amount and was approved last year for one year and that it was again just a one year request. Cathy noted they had produced a video encouraging younger folks to move to the area. After 11 minutes of discussion, a voice vote was too close for Moderator Stan Wilbur to determine the results, so he asked for voters to stand. 31 voted yes, 18 voted no. Article 7 passed.*

**This Article (9) was taken up out of order – there was a snafu with the numbering of articles on the Warning.**

**Article 9. 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 Tinmouth 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 Tinmouth 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.

*Doug Fontein moved and Marshall Squier 2nded to approve. Doug apologized for the length of the article, but noted climate change is a real and growing concern, he sees it in his contracting business as weather changes, this is taking a small step. Marshall advised that it's time for "we the people" to start leading, taking responsibility ourselves, lead from the bottom up – not top down. Michael Fannin produced a crystal ball, looked into it and saw Boston and lower Manhattan under water by 2025 . . . Article 9 passed by a near unanimous voice vote, there was one lone dissenter.*

**Article 8.** To discuss any other lawful business.

The Moderator recognized Rutland County Deputy Sheriff Justin Cram as the officer who patrols 10 hours per week.

Nelson Jaquay asked the 4,5,6 grade teacher Gayle Wetzler and her husband to describe the Trout in the Classroom project they were working on. Mr. Wetzler explained the progress and that hatchlings were growing. Students were very engaged and excited.

Grant Reynolds, retiring Mill River Unified Union Board member, spoke about his experience, noting his best accomplishment was writing the Articles of Association (advising always volunteer to write the first draft) of the new school district, as it insures that a school cannot be closed unless the town votes to do it and the MRUUSD Board votes unanimously to close it. Tinmouth will always have one member on that Board. He thanked people for voting for him. He was given a standing ovation.

Nancy Birdsall, member of the town's website committee, asked folks to use it. In the town report there was reference to getting into a raffle for a free dump ticket if the website was visited, and no one spotted it or visited.

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**Minutes**  
**TINMOUTH TOWN MEETING**  
**March 2, 2019 and March 5, 2019 (continued)**

Marshall, Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department Chief, reminded folks to call 911 in any emergency. TVFD are always looking for volunteers as well, there are many jobs that need doing, not everyone can charge into a burning building. He also suggested starting a discussion to increase attendance at town meeting ó change back to Tuesday, meet Saturday evening, ???

Ann Czar inquired about the Public Works Facility project, is there an update? Cathy advised that a new civil engineer had been hired to help the Board better understand the dynamics of the site and get the best location and plan for them all. An architect has been hired and done a preliminary plan for a town garage. The road crew does lots of work outside in the cold and dark ó chains, hydraulics, etc. The Board is committed to address the needs of the crew and to be mindful of the cost (Michael especially). There will need to be a bond vote as the town does not have enough money saved in the Capital Building Fund. Frank advised that the Board intends to work on a plan, but everything may not be done all at once.

Cathy noted there were posters on the wall regarding Tinmouth Community Fund Grants. She thanked the Lloyd and McIntosh families for establishing a new scholarship in memory of Susan Lloyd.

Stan expressed thanks to the road crew for salting and sanding the church parking lot on Sunday morning, standing ovation given.

Stan reminded everyone of the Australian ballot voting on Tuesday from 8 AM until PM, for officers, school budget and other questions, and a question about appointing rather than electing constables. Frank advised that constable duties have changed, the Rutland County Sheriff's Department now does law enforcement, the town can't afford to train constables to get and stay certified. Board would be able to appoint a qualified candidate.

Meeting was recessed until 8:00 AM March 5, 2019.

**110 voters cast ballots on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 (including 9 absentees) Results as follows:**

**Article 10.** 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?ö

Passed by a vote of **95 yes**, 15 no.

**Article 11.** To elect all Town Officers now required by law.

**Stan Wilbur** - Moderator ó 1 year term

**Frank Sears** - Select Board Member ó 3 year term

**Shirley Bucceri** - Lister ó 3 year term

**Sandy Goyette** - Auditor ó 3 year term

**Sherry Johnson** - Auditor ó 1 year term (to complete a 3 year term)

**Paul Morris** - Constable, 1st ó 2 year term

**Cat Yoder** - Tax Collector (Delinquent) ó 1 year term

**Glenn D. Merrill** - Grand Juror ó 1 year term

**Rick Fallar** - Town Agent ó 1 year term

The above officers were declared winners by Chief Election Official Gail Fallar as they were unopposed. In the only contested race, Board member to the Mill River Unified Union School District, **Amy Martone** received 83 votes and Carolyn Feury received 25.

**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**

See minutes at:  
[millriverschools.org](http://millriverschools.org)  
Minutes for annual meeting 2/28/19

**WARNING**  
**Annual Meeting of the Mill River Unified Union School District**  
**Towns of Clarendon, Shrewsbury, Tinmouth and Wallingford**  
**February 27, 2020**

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 27, 2020, 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, \$18,863,541, 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 \$17,710.81 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 4.22% 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 FY20 to the building sinking fund, not to exceed \$200,000? (By Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE 6** To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

The meeting will then be recessed to March 3, 2020 (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.

**Dated at Clarendon, Vermont this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 2020.**

**Board of Directors:**

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

**Shrewsbury:** Adrienne Raymond, Andrew Richards-Peelle

**Tinmouth:** Amy Martone

**Wallingford:** Bjorn Behrendt, Maria French, Tammy Hefferan, Liz Filskov  
Nichole Peterson, **District Clerk**

**WARNING  
SPECIAL BOND VOTE**

The legal voters of the Town of Tinmouth, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Community Center in the Town of Tinmouth on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, between the hours of eight o'clock (8:00) in the forenoon (a.m.), at which time the polls will open, and seven o'clock (7:00) in the afternoon (p.m.), at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot upon the following Article of business:

**ARTICLE I**

Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Tinmouth in an amount not to exceed Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000), subject to reduction from the receipt of available town, state and federal funds or grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of constructing a public works garage and a salt/sand shed, the estimated cost of such improvements being Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000)?

The legal voters of the Town of Tinmouth are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said special meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

The legal voters of the Town of Tinmouth are further notified that an informational hearing will be held on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at the Community Center in the Town of Tinmouth at One o'clock (1:00) in the afternoon, for the purpose of explaining the proposed improvements and the financing thereof.

Adopted and approved at a meeting of the Select Board of the Town of Tinmouth duly called, noticed and held on January 21, 2020. Received for record and recorded in the records of the Town of Tinmouth on January 21, 2020.

**Select Board Town of Tinmouth, Vermont**

*Cathy Reynolds      Frank Sears*

**WARNING  
TINMOUTH TOWN MEETING  
February 29, 2020 and March 3, 2020**

**The legal voters of the Town of Tinmouth, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Tinmouth Community Center on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at 1:00 P.M. to consider and act upon the following articles (Articles 1-10 ): Viz:**

**The legal voters of the Town of Tinmouth, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to vote at the Tinmouth Community Center on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 between the hours of 8:00 am and 7:00 pm to vote by Australian Ballot on Article 11 (Election of Officers): Viz:**

**Article 1.** Shall taxes be paid to the Treasurer, 1<sup>st</sup> half due August 17<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> half due November 16<sup>th</sup>?

**Article 2.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$237,815 for general expenses of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021?

**Article 3.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$514,250 for highway expenses of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021?

**Article 4.** Shall the voters authorize the establishment of a reserve fund to be called the Tinmouth Conservation Fund (to be controlled by the Tinmouth Conservation Commission) for the purpose of conserving the natural and historic heritage of the Town, including land, waters, trails, infrastructure, and facilities that enhance our wildlife and natural areas for the education, recreation and enjoyment of townspeople?

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**WARNING**  
**TINMOUTH TOWN MEETING**  
**February 29, 2020 and March 3, 2020 (continued)**

- Article 5.** In the event that Article 4 passes, shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$500 in FY21 and funding annually by the Select Board?
- Article 6.** Shall the voters appropriate an additional \$650 (for a total of \$2,500) per year to the Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project?
- Article 7.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$600 to the Rutland County Restorative Justice Council?
- Article 8.** Shall the voters authorize the transfer of \$80,000 in the Capital Building/Repair Fund from Town Buildings to Highway Buildings?
- Article 9.** Shall the voters authorize \$30,000 from the Housing and Rehabilitation Program to the Capital Building/Repair Fund for the new town garage?
- Article 10.** Shall the voters appropriate the additional sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of paving?

**(To be voted by Australian voting on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 ( 8:00 AM -7:00 PM.)**

- Article 11.** To elect all Town Officers now required by law.  
Moderator ó 1 year term  
Select Board Member ó 3 year term  
Community Center Board Member ó 2 year term  
Town Clerk ó 3 year term  
Town Treasurer ó 3 year term  
Lister ó 3 year term  
Auditor ó 3 year term  
Tax Collector (Delinquent) ó 1 year term  
Grand Juror ó 1 year term  
Town Agent ó 1 year term

Dated at Tinmouth, Vermont this 21st day of January, 2020.

**Select Board Town of Tinmouth, Vermont**

*Cathy Reynolds, Chair*

*Michael Fallar*

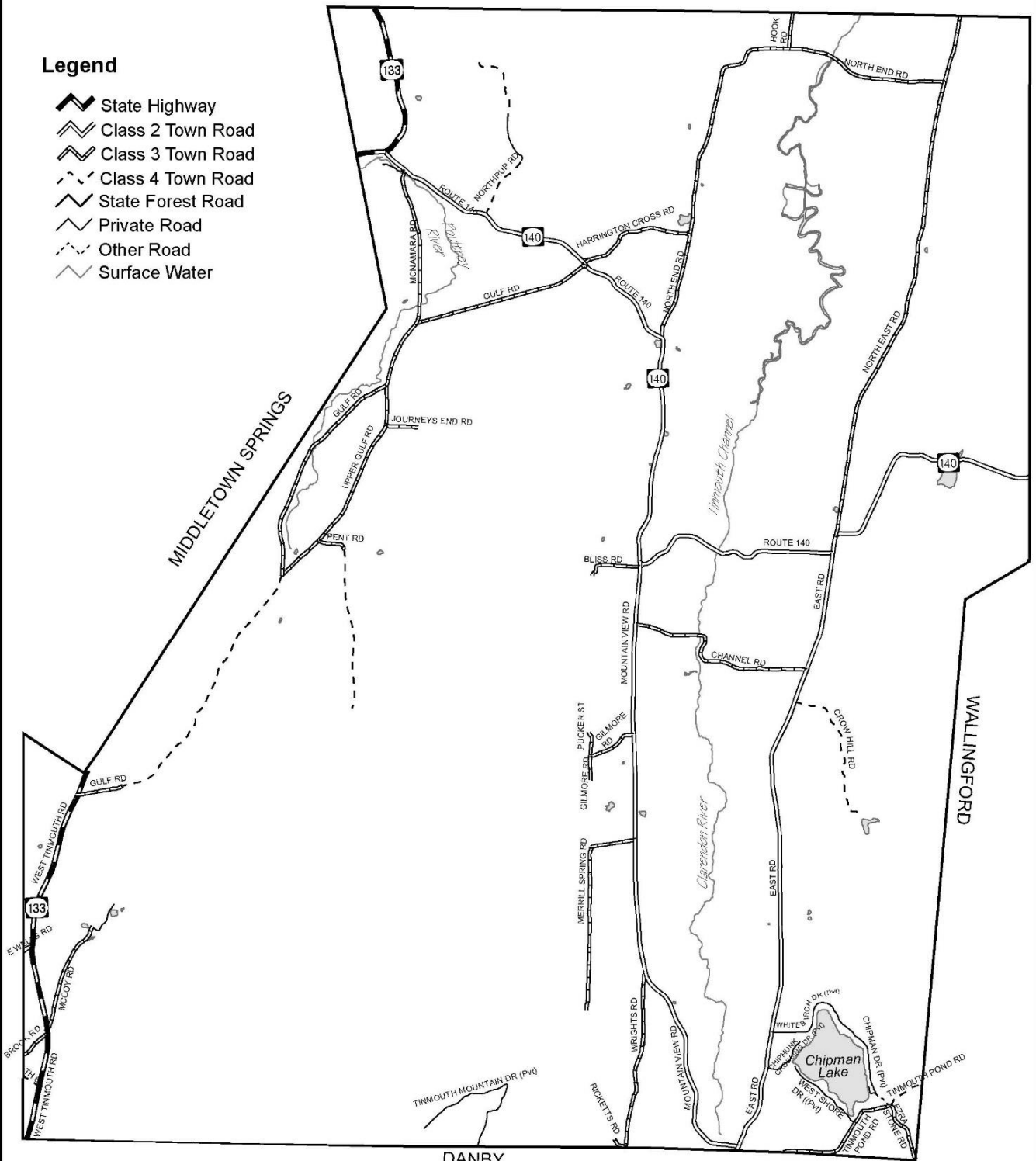
*Frank Sears*



*Future Tinmouth Town leaders?*

## Legend

-  State Highway
-  Class 2 Town Road
-  Class 3 Town Road
-  Class 4 Town Road
-  State Forest Road
-  Private Road
-  Other Road
-  Surface Water



# TINMOUTH, VERMONT

December 2012

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**Tinmouth Community Center:**

***Saturday, February 29, 2020 11:30 am Tinmouth Community Fund Annual Meeting***

***Come early for Lunch, which will be available for sale by the Tinmouth 4/5/6 class.***

***Saturday, February 29, 2020 1:00 pm Town Meeting***

***\*Town & Highway Budgets and Public Questions***

***\*Bond Vote Informational Meeting***

***Tuesday, March 3, 2020 8:00 am to 7:00 pm***

***Australian Ballot Voting for Town Officers & School Budget Items;***

***Tinmouth Public Facilities Bond Vote; Presidential Primary***