

TALES OF TINMOUTH

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Tinmouth
Vermont

Editors' Notes ~ Please be kind

The deadline for submissions is the 20th of the preceding month. Please email your information to *Tales of Tinmouth* (tinmouthtales@vermontel.net) or drop it off at the Town Office.

Pat Psholka, Helen Mango & Gail Fallar

~ Town Wide Tag Sales ~

By Sherry Johnson



We would like to thank all the people who participated in the Tinmouth Town-Wide Tag Sale by browsing, buying, selling or donating. Without a community of people to participate, the tag sale would not be possible.

Many people commented on the great day they had shopping in Tinmouth. They enjoyed the merchandise and the general friendliness of the people of Tinmouth.

We would like to continue this tradition next year and are looking for comments, both good and bad, and suggestions to improve this event. We noticed this year most of the sales were found on the East Road/Mountain View Road loop.

What can we do to help people who live in Tinmouth, outside of the Mountain View/East Road loop have a sale? Email me at VTsjohnson@icloud.com, Chuck Bronk charles.bronk@gmail.com or Tracey Byford tracyleab@gmail.com or give me a call at 446-3307.



The **Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department** wants to thank everyone who donated items to our tag sale, and purchases items at our tag sale. Your support helps us with our training and equipment. We made almost \$2,000, enough to buy 2 tires for one of our trucks!

This total was made possible because we had several high value donations in addition to our normal mix of items. Once again, thank you.

Help us help you. Please Clean Your Chimney.

Before it gets too cold, now is the time to get your chimney cleaned!! Remember a chimney fire can become a house fire in no time.



~ Chicken and Biscuits ~

By Sherry Johnson

As we mentioned in last month's *Tales of Tinmouth*, The Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department has once again made the sad decision that we will be unable to hold the annual Game Supper this year. Last year, the substitute Chicken and Biscuit dinner was a great success for us.

Not to disappoint, the Fire Department is going to sponsor the **2nd Annual Chicken and Biscuit Dinner**. We would like to continue the tradition of community support for our supper. (*Take-out option only!*)

If you are new to Tinmouth, you may not be aware of how the Game Supper was a great community event traditionally held each November. Each member of the Tinmouth Community donates food, cuts up meat, bakes pies, makes salad, helps set up, or clean up. Usually, the Fire Department calls members of the community to ask for support making and cooking the components of our supper. This year we would love it if YOU would call us to volunteer. There are only 3 things we need community members to provide.

We would like to ask volunteers if they could provide:

1. **Chicken (gravy) and Biscuits (without the biscuits)**. The Fire Department will provide chicken and tins. We can also give you a recipe of you need it. We need 6 more cooks to make chicken gravy.
2. Biscuits packaged in groups of 4. Bags will be provided. We can use two more people who can make 100 biscuits each.
3. Pie bakers (apple, pumpkin, berry or surprise me) The Fire Department will provide the pie tins if requested. We need about 35 more pies.

If you are unable to cook for us, maybe you can make a donation of berries or other fruit for pies.

We found the **pre-ordering** of pies and chicken and biscuits for pickup at the Fire House worked very well.

More details on the ordering Dinner and Pie will be in *Tales* and Front Porch Forum closer to the event, which will be held on November 20th, with pickup from 4pm-7pm.

If you already volunteered, **Thank you.**

For more information or to volunteer, you can email me (vtjohnson@icloud.com) or call 446-3307.

*Thank you for supporting our Tinmouth
Volunteer Fire Department.*



Tinmouth
Mountain School

October 1, 2021

To the Tinmouth School Community,

Tinmouth Mountain School is currently finishing ELA (English Language Arts) inventories and STAR 360 (math assessments) testing. The data provided from these assessments guides our instruction going forward. Students are setting specific learning goals based on these assessments and during conferences (October 6th), they will be asking parents to support them in reaching these goals. This may include reading with children daily or playing math games that target math facts and strategies.

Reading groups are in place. These are cohorts where students work in small groups at their instructional level to develop appropriate decoding and comprehension strategies. At the beginning reading level, the focus is on phonics and word families. Older students are learning to take responsibility for comprehending novels through literature circles (a deliberate and structured book group discussion). Historic fiction is read in older grades that tie to the history topics that students study throughout the year.

The recent and sudden loss of one of our school community members has certainly impacted our students. We had a very high absentee rate during the week following this tragic loss. This was anticipated. Tinmouth parents have always been considerate about keeping all children safe. Many of the absences were due to having students Covid tested and waiting for the results. Several counselors were available when word of the death was first shared to help children process the loss. This incident is a long-term concern, which is being closely monitored.

The start of the school year has had unexpected occurrences, but to date our students have demonstrated resilience. Social-emotional wellbeing, academic progress and habits of work remain the focus of staff and students.

Warm Regards,
Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker
Principal
Tinmouth Mountain School

*Education is not preparation for life;
education is life itself. - John Dewey*



TINMOUTH
CHURCH

~ **Tinmouth Community Church** ~

I find myself forgetting now and then, especially names. In younger years I didn't think much about it. Now, I wonder, "Is this the beginning?"

Many families have experienced a loved one with some degree of dementia. Right now, I am sitting with my mother here in PA. We just had a verbal exchange that was going nowhere. She was locked into accusatory judgement, and reasoning with her seemed fruitless. Still, I tried, encouraging her to let her attachment become a gift, so her anger could be released. Perhaps that thought got through the gummed up synapses. It turned quiet.

My sister had given me a heads up before leaving for CO. She's had her head bitten off a couple of times lately by angry comments from our mother. They hurt even though she understands what is going on with mom. It's hard to take the sting of such remarks in stride, especially when you have been doing all that can be done to care for your loved one. Talk about a challenging discipline to our spirit.....

Before I left for PA, I spoke with my wife about my mother's recent decline. Her wisdom on the matter recalled last month's article on healing prayer. "Don't try to reason with her when she no longer fully can," Sue counseled. "Invite her to pray with you."

At a minimum prayer is a beautiful and intimate gesture of love, as long as it is not used to manipulate. I trust that love gets through to our spirit, if not to our minds and emotions. And prayer is a much needed blessing for the person praying as well.

An angry soul can make dying a lot more difficult, as I have seen in my hospice work. I don't want to see my mother in that emotional pain, now or then. So I pray for wisdom and love to prevail in me and in any of you who are in trying circumstances. Come what may, it is into God's care that I commend our mother, now, and at the hour of her death, amen.

I just heard her humming.....

Rev. John Hardman-Zimmerman

(802) 282-7532 (cell, preferred)

(802) 884-8249 (parsonage)

hzfam@hotmail.com

Postscript: We are now meeting in-person at 9am for Sunday morning worship service.

*Practice Random Acts of Kindness
& Senseless Acts of Beauty*

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

Have you checked out Front Porch Forum yet? To sign up, go to <http://FrontPorchForum.com>.

200+ households have signed to date! Good way to keep track of events dealing with the coronavirus, discuss community issues, sell a canoe, give away a kitten, etc..

If you are a second home owner you can use your 911 address.

~ **Community News** ~

*Happy Birthday to **Rose Napolitano**, who recently celebrated being 99 years young!! And *Happy Birthday to **Alma Somers** who recently joined the 90 years club!**

Best Wishes to both of you!!

Get Well Wishes are sent to **Trish Warfle, John and Shannon Squier, and Norma Pope.**

Heartfelt Sympathies are sent to family and friends of **Nancy White** (belated); to **Cathy Ricketts** for the loss of her daughter **Mary Jacobie**; to family and friends of **Doris Schneider**; and to family and friends of **Nate Ricketts**.

*Welcome to **Phoebe Martell**, daughter of **Joe and Clara Martell**, who arrived on 9/9/21. She joins big sister **Elouise** and big brother **Nolan**. Proud grandparents are **Toby and Anne Lewis**.*

Congratulations and Best Wishes!

~ **Nature Notes** ~

Does anyone know caterpillars? In late August there was a pale green fellow snuggling up on a small tree a few feet above the ground – it was about 3 inches by two inches with double feelers of different colors, red, blue, green, and yellow. After grandkids were called to come look, it transformed itself into a long, slender, critter about 9 inches long!! Was never seen again, neither was a cocoon found.

Only a few red-winged black birds were seen/heard flocking up to head south.

Fall peepers have been busy singing, and climbing the back door to peek into the kitchen . . . Anyone remember peepers in the fall? Thought they were a spring time thing!

One recent evening found a brilliant yellow sunset – upon going outside to get a better look and take in the whole scene, a double rainbow was shining in the eastern sky. Only lasted for a few moments – easily could have been missed - please make sure to take a moment to pause each day, and give thanks for the wonder and beauty of where we live.

The September full moon (Harvest Moon) rose quickly from behind the mountain, and then seemed to get stuck once in the sky.

Leaves are turning and falling ...

~ **WiFi Hot Spot** ~

There is now a WiFi Hot Spot next to the town office – FREE – look for ‘Project Connect’ on your device. It is unsecure, but available to anyone who wishes to use it. It beams toward the church and school, will also work in front of the town office.

~ **Burglary Complaints** ~

To RCSD Contract Towns:

In late August, the Rutland County Sheriff’s Department handled several burglary complaints targeting businesses and job trailers. The target of choice for this group is copper and power tools. There are persons of interest in these cases and Deputies are actively working the cases to hopefully make arrests in these cases.

Please make sure to spread the word within your towns in order to make sure things are locked up. If you have job trailers etc. It might not be a bad idea to get some kind of surveillance on them in the form of trail cameras. I just wanted to make towns aware of the recent cases in order to take proactive measures. We believe the same suspects are responsible for the recent three cases in Proctor and Clarendon. In one of those cases a vehicle was taken and later recovered.

Lt. James Bennick, RCSD



Need to Borrow a Table?

The Tinmouth Community Fund has awarded a grant to the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department to purchase lightweight portable tables for community use. The tables replace the old, heavy, Masonite tables that previously available for use.

We now have six (6) – 6 foot long white tables for community use. Members of the Tinmouth Community can sign out these tables for use at receptions, parties, tag sales, etc. These tables are marked with orange duct tape on the legs to easily identify them. We ask that you return the tables clean and promptly when you are finished with them.

If you would like to borrow one or more tables, please call Sherry Johnson (446-3307) or email her vtsjohnson@icloud.com to check availability and make arrangements. Please call before taking a table since someone else may have made arrangements for the table.

Please do not deposit wood ashes in the town’s brush pile at the Transfer Station. A couple of months ago, a fire started there due live coals in some ashes. Your cooperation is appreciated!

~ Meeting Highlights ~

(Complete minutes are available at the town office.)

Select Board ~ 9/9/21

Present were members Meadow Squier and Cathy Reynolds in person, and Frank Sears via Zoom @7:50, as well as Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner (via Zoom phone), Sherry Johnson & Kim Harbaugh (in person until 8:15 – virtual @8:30), Hollis Squier, Pat Psholka, Todd Dennis via Zoom, Michael Fallar @8:15, and Gail Fallar.

Cathy called the meeting to order at 7:00 and welcomed everyone.

Public Works Facilities Update ~ No Stan, no update.

Highway- Eric advised paving is nearly done. Requested adding more part-time for Glenn Merrill – wants to keep him on for a while, lots to do. Would also like to discuss adding a permanent third highway person at budget time, lots to do – tree work, stormwater work, road stabilization work, etc. Board inquired how much longer this year, discussed using part of the carry-forward balance (estimated at \$30,000). Board voted to keep Glenn on part-time until November 1, 2021, using part of the Highway Balance Forward.

Crack Sealing – Eric reported it is around \$4,000 per day, looks like at least 2 days are needed, company is coming to take a look.

Potter’s Brook Culvert Project Arch Culvert Bid – Board opened only bid submitted for the arch culvert – Ferguson bid \$22,827.90. After brief discussion that included potential unavailability of the culvert (6-8 weeks) and state requirement regarding timing of work (not allowed after October 15th), Board voted to reject the bid and rebid for spring time.

Potter’s Brook Culvert Project Installation Bids – Only one bid was received – Dan Allard bid \$24,625. Board voted to accept this bid with installation to be done in 2022. Select Board Assistant advised the three bid requests had been sent for both parts of the project. Allard, Markowski and Hunter for the excavation/installation and Lane, Ferguson and Contech for the arch culvert.

Emergency Management/Mitigation Grant Opportunity – Board discussed possible grant application for the salt/sand shed. Cathy noted she tried in 2017 and was denied. SBA advised trying again. After brief discussion, Board voted to apply. Cathy volunteered to write it. Cathy asked Eric for input – he advised 85’ x 120’, put on posts and use waste blocks on the inside – and that he does have a solid number for the cost.

Hollis inquired about a **repair on the “S”** turn on North End Road. Eric advised it’s on the list – maybe next week. Hollis offered to do it for free if he could use the town’s grader. After brief discussion, Board and Eric agreed. Hollis also advised that as he was mowing the roadsides, he noticed a number of **smaller culverts that**

needed cleaning – ends were clogged – Eric advised the road crew is taking care of them as best they can.

Pay for Hollis – Board voted to pay Hollis for his time with the grading work, due to insurance concerns.

Hollis also reminded the Select Board that the **wood stove** in the town office is still his property on loan to the town (for over 30 years).

Pat Psholka inquired about the culvert on their driveway, Eric advised he had sent the road crew to inspect it last week.

Wood Chips for the Community Center Playground -

Cathy asked Eric if the road crew could deliver – Eric replied yes, but the road crew will not spread them. Board voted to authorize the road crew to haul the wood chips for the playground. Grass is taking over; wood chips are badly needed. Meadow offered to find volunteers to help spread them.

Kim inquired about worms in the wood chips – controlling them might make the chips last longer, Cathy asked him to research it.

Emerald Ash Borer – No Update

Equity and Inclusion Committee –

Cathy read the list of 11 volunteers. Board discussed size of committee – decided 9 would be best (Building Committee had 11 and that was unwieldy). An organizational meeting was suggested to clarify the purpose for all and to make sure everyone wants to participate. Cathy suggested the Committee read an article in the Rutland Magazine concerning a Welcome Committee in Pittsford.

Frank joined at this point (7:50), Cathy continued as the Chair. Board brought Frank up to speed.

Board discussed process, how to include everyone willing to serve, Meadow will be the SB liaison and an ex-officio member. After discussion, Board voted to authorize Meadow to coordinate with Todd and organize a meeting to include all volunteers and others with the goal of determining 9 members for the SB to appoint.

Financial ~

Financial Report – Treasurer advised FY22 monthly report not yet ready.

Warrants Reviewed ~ Payroll Warrants #6 dated 8/16/21 for \$3,456.12; #7 dated 8/23/21 for \$2,095.75; #8 dated 8/30/21 for \$3,812.53; and #9 dated 9/7/21 for \$2,825.08; and **Accounts Payable Warrant** #3 dated 8/24/21 for \$23,678.89 were reviewed and approved.

Audit ~ Meadow volunteered to contact Barry Cohen and the town auditors to discuss delinquent tax budgeting.

Old Business ~

Task Forces – Research continues.

United Way - Meadow reported a clinic is being scheduled at the old fire house for October or November.

Tech Plan – Meadow noted the new speaker is working okay – Todd advised that it was easy to hear those at the table, not so much others in the room. Some towns are

using a speaker with an attached camera. Board added ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds to agenda for 9/28/21 – may be able to purchase equipment from those funds for meetings.

Water System Repair – Cathy reviewed her contact with Superintendent Dave Younce and the need to appoint someone from the SB to work on resolution going forward with who is responsible for maintenance of the water system and other issues that may arise. After brief discussion, Board voted to authorize Gail and Cathy to meet on behalf of the SB and bring back a proposal.

Old Slide at the School – Board voted to authorize Michael Fallar to take away the old slide as soon as possible. MRUUSD had it uprooted – it is laying on its side. Michael will remove the metal part. Board decided the road crew will remove the cement feet (large balls of concrete) and debris once the metal part has been cut away. No rubble will be left.

Liaison with MRUUSD – Board discussed need to delegate some authority to allow smoother communications between the town and the school district. Frank moved to authorize the Select Board Assistant to work with the MRUUSD Facilities Manager, Cathy 2nded with an amendment that any expense agreed to could not exceed \$2,000 (up to but not to exceed). All voted in favor.

Speed Cart Update – Frank reported he had contacted the Rutland County Sheriff's Department and asked them to track speeders near the Wallingford town line on Route 140 and near 692 Route 140 (1/2 mile north of the community center). It was suggested that East Road speed be set at 40 MPH for its entire distance – currently some is 40 and some is 45 MPH, needs more research. Gravel road speed limits were all set at 35 MPH by a previous Select Board. Concern was expressed about a speeder on Channel Road.

New Business ~

Transfer Station Recertification – Board approved application for re-certification of the Transfer Station. A big thank you to Helen Mango for her efforts with this project.

Planning Commission Vacancy – Michael, as PC Chair, reported the PC could not decide between the two candidates, feeling they were both qualified, so they presented both names, Judy Gilmore and Todd Dennis, and asked the SB to decide. After brief discussion, and Todd noting that Judy was not on any other committee and that it would be good to include her, Board voted to appoint Judy. Board thanked Todd for his current service on the Website Committee, Energy Committee, Community Fund Board and the new Equity and Inclusion Committee and for stepping aside to include Judy.

Zoning Board of Adjustment Vacancy – Two folks volunteered, Tracy Byford and Michael Fallar.

After brief discussion, Board voted to appoint Tracy.

New Town Office Assistant – Gail advised that Cate Hannah has been hired as a new town office assistant.

Board of Civil Authority – Town Clerk advised that the BCA needed to meet to review the voters on the checklist to make sure all were eligible to vote. This has to be done every two years – in the off-election year. As the SB is part of the BCA, they decided to hold the meeting on Tuesday, the 14th.

Members Concerns – Meadow, as Health Officer, wondered if there needed to be a mask policy at the Community Center. It was noted that would be a matter for the Community Center Board to deal with, and that the school principal should be consulted. Town Clerk has posted a sign that masks are needed to enter the town office due to the recent increase in covid cases. Frank reminded everyone that the SB agreed last year to follow state and CDC guidelines regarding Covid-19.

Mail/Correspondence – None

Executive Session – There was a brief discussion regarding those on Zoom being able to reconnect after an executive session – need to research “Wait Rooms” to see if that would work. In the meantime, all were asked to leave the meeting and they did.

At 9:08 Board voted to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue, to include Gail. At 9:26 Board voted to exit. No action taken.

In other business, Board voted that all public(town) meetings include the option for virtual participation (Zoom).

Select Board ~ 9/28/21 ~

Present were members Frank Sears, Cathy Reynolds, and Meadow Squier @7:50, as well as Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner (Zoom phone), Sherry Johnson & Kim Harbaugh (Zoom), Michael Fallar(Zoom phone), and Gail Fallar – Select Board Assistant (SBA).

Minutes: Minutes of 9/9/2021 – Cathy moved to approve with correction explaining Board voted to pay Hollis for grader work for insurance purposes, Frank 2nded, both voted in favor.

Public Works Facilities Update ~ No Stan, Board discussed email from Rick Smyrski (Morton guy), still waiting for Morton reply regarding using an Alaskan slab due to the Soils Report.

Highway- Eric reported he will install another stop sign at the western end of Harrington Cross Road to meet state standards; culverts have been installed on Channel and Merrill Spring Roads, also clearing brush and berms on Merrill Spring (storm water segment work); and hauling sand. He asked Board to approve salt bid requests – noting salt availability may be an issue this year. Board reviewed draft salt bid request, added language regarding no fax or email bids accepted. Board voted to approve.

Annual Highway Financial Plan – Board voted to approve as presented.

Roller – Frank inquired about the status of the roller – Eric advised that the parts were at the town garage, he needs to build it. Grant folks approved it this way.

Emergency Management/Mitigation Grant for Salt/Sand Shed – Cathy reviewed information to be submitted, still looking for a final number, needs site work and engineering estimates.

Emerald Ash Borer – No Update

ARPA Funds (American Rescue Plan Act) – Tinmouth will receive about \$177,000 to be used for waste water, water, and/or broad ban purposes. Board discussed possible other uses as Tinmouth does not have public waste water or water systems and the town is covered with fiber optic for broad ban. Other uses possible uses could include stormwater projects, Board asked Eric to review list and work on budgets for them; and developing the recreation area behind the town garage. Board would like to get input from public for possible uses. Rutland Regional Planning Commission will help Board interpret federal/state guidelines. Board will discuss at it October 14th meeting.

Financial ~

Financial Report – Board reviewed FY22 expenditure report and discussed FY21 Highway End of Year balance – carry forward is \$3,274 (not \$30,000 as thought at the last meeting), due to inclusion of the expenses for the new town garage needing to be included in the highway expenditures for FY21 (\$26,874) as they did not come out of the Building Fund. Board voted to accept Financial Reports. Board also discussed liability and workers comp for law enforcement – needs a bit of research.

Warrants Reviewed ~ Payroll Warrants #10 dated 9/13/21 for \$3,409.35; #11 dated 9/20/21 for \$1,990.89; and #12 dated 9/27/21 for \$3,308.55; and **Accounts Payable Warrants** #4 dated 9/14/21 for \$14,552.62 and #5 dated 9/20/21 for \$641,899.27 were reviewed. Board voted to approve warrants as presented.

Old Business ~

COOP – Still a work in progress.

United Way - Meadow reported a dental clinic is being scheduled at the old fire house for October.

Equity and Inclusion Committee – Meadow and Todd are working on setting a date that all volunteers can attend, will meet in the Old Fire House and via Zoom.

New Business –

IT Plan – SBA advised that there needs to be a plan for tech help, security, etc., and will attend a meeting on the 8th to bring back information for the Board.

Voting Delegate to VLCT, VLCT PACIF, and VLCT BERM annual meetings – Board appointed Gail Fallar.

Members Concerns – Speeding and loud muffler on Channel Road. Frank will check with Rutland County Sheriff's Department regarding speed cart.

Mail/Correspondence – Notice was received from Richard Amore, Planning & Outreach Manager, Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development, that Tinmouth received a Village Center Designation. Gail noted Bob Lloyd deserved a big thank you.

Agenda - Add to first meeting of the month whether 2nd meeting is needed.

Planning Commission ~ 9/16/21

Present in-person were members Michael Fallar, Larry Carabeau, Vito Macaluso, Rainbow Squier, Pat Psholka, Judy Gilmore, Andy Gilmore, with Kim Harbaugh via Zoom, as well as Sherry Johnson(Zoom) and Gail Fallar, Secretary

Judy was welcomed as a new member. Michael reported he had presented the Select Board with Judy and Todd Dennis as possible appointees. After a brief discussion by the Select Board, Todd graciously suggested appointing Judy, in part having to do with her being a new volunteer (he is currently on the Energy Committee, Website Committee and on the Board of the Tinmouth Community Fund). When asked, he advised he would consider being appointed in the future if there was a vacancy.

Village Center Designation Update – Michael noted the State Board will consider Tinmouth's application at a meeting on September 27th at 1:00 – via Zoom. He encouraged all that are able to attend virtually.

Subdivisions are still in progress. Scribner hopes to be ready for the November PC meeting.

Conservation Commission ~ 8/30/21

With thanks to Chuck Bronk, Sec.

Present were members Ed Hasenohr, Nelson Jaquay(Zoom), Rainbow Squier, Doug Fontein, and Chuck Bronk, as well as Gail Fallar and Doug Inkley.

Ongoing Business:

Rainbow reported that the Walking Club was still waiting to hear back from Bob Lloyd regarding a master walking trail map. While Green Mountain Power would have no problem with the use of its Right-of-ways as trails, such use would still require owner permission. The Club suggested that such use was a long way off and that they would attempt to formalize a loop on Tess McGinley's property.

Regarding efforts to educate residents about Emerald Ash Borer, Rainbow reported that David Birdsall had 5-6 people attend his walk on Tinmouth Town Day, July 17, 2021. He also noted that Ash Borer traps had been pulled the previous Friday August 27, 2021 and sent in to be recorded. His general sense was that the spread of the Borer has slowed somewhat from previous projections. While the critical phase was projected for 2 years out it now seems to be 5-10 years out. Doug Inkley commented

that in the part of Maryland that he is familiar with, basically all the ash trees are dead.

Since Robbie Leeds was unable to attend, there was no update on getting the Tinmouth Purchase loop trail on Alltrails.

On the extension of the Drachman Trail spur to the overlook vista and the Ridge Trail switchbacks, Doug reported no progress as of yet.

Rainbow gave the following overview of our current projects:

- * Literature trail at Tinmouth Mountain School – paused no update.

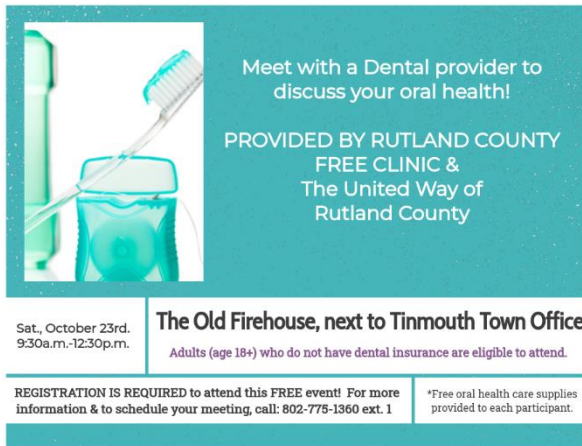
- * Access to a potential recreation space south of the Transfer Station – paused no update.

- * Purchase loop, Tinmouth Mountain Cabin, battens unfinished, lumber on site under tin.

- * Trail upkeep, Ed Hasenohr did the Ridge Trail but reports that several of the bog bridges have rotting ends. Doug commented that there might be some hemlock stored on site.

A workday was scheduled for October 9, 2021 from 8AM-11AM, meeting at the lower Kiosk, to work on the Tinmouth Mountain Cabin, with the intention of completing the batten project. Hammers and a stepladder would be helpful in installing battens on the East side, as the rest of the Cabin is complete.

Next regular meeting set for October 18, 2021.



Meet with a Dental provider to discuss your oral health!

PROVIDED BY RUTLAND COUNTY FREE CLINIC & The United Way of Rutland County

Sat., October 23rd. 9:30a.m.-12:30p.m.

The Old Firehouse, next to Tinmouth Town Office

Adults (age 18+) who do not have dental insurance are eligible to attend.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED to attend this FREE event! For more information & to schedule your meeting, call: 802-775-1360 ext. 1

*Free oral health care supplies provided to each participant.

This is an informal opportunity to meet with a licensed dental provider to discuss your oral health. It is not a physical exam so there is no need to feel anxious. The dental provider can offer education and guidance on next steps you could consider to improve your oral health.

There is absolutely no fee for this event. It is provided by the Rutland County Free Clinic and United Way of Rutland County.

You will also receive free dental supplies for yourself and anyone living in your home!



NEWBROOK FIRE & RESCUE

NEWBROOK FIRE & RESCUE

31 DAY GIVE AWAY

\$25 ticket

Prizes will be drawn every day in December 2021

DECEMBER 2021 PRIZE LIST

1 \$500	17 BLACK AGES PRO SERIES PUMP 12 GA
2 RUGER LC9S 9MM	18 SCCY CPX-2 DOUBLE ACTION 9MM
3 SAVAGE AXIS II XP 308 W/SCOPE	19 \$500
4 S&W M&P 2.0 9MM	20 WEATHERBY VANGUARD 270
5 POINTER 12GA. SEMI-AUTO	21 IFC TACTICAL SHOTGUN 12 GA
6 RUGER AMERICAN RIFLE 6.5 CREEDMOOR	22 \$500
7 BUSHNELL BINOCULAR 10X42MM	23 DIAMONDBACK DB15
8 \$500	24 BROWNING X-BOLT HELLS CANYON 30-06
9 BARNETT EXPLORER XP370 CROSSBOW	25 \$1,000
10 CZ-USA 612 MAGNUM 12GA. PUMP	26 WEATHERBY VAN. CAMILLA WILDERNESS 243 WIN
11 \$500	27 TRADITIONS NITROFIRE 50 CAL.
12 HENRY GARDEN GUN 22LR	28 KEL TEC PMR30 22 MAG
13 ESCORT SUPREME SEMI-AUTO 12GA.	29 \$500
14 BROWNING BUCKMARK MS CONTOUR	30 WINCHESTER WILDCAT SEMI-AUTO 22LR
15 \$500	31 \$1,000
16 S&W M&P 16-22 SEMI-AUTO AR 22LR	

OFFICIAL RULES

Drawing will be held each day for the month of December.

Winners will be notified daily. Participants win the prize listed for each particular day.

Winners must comply with federal and state fire arm laws.

Winners are responsible for sales tax.

If a particular gun is not available, we reserve the right to replace it with one of equal value.

Prizes must be claimed at Gun Supply of Vermont within 30 days.

Daniel Gervais dropped off this poster and wants everyone to know that he is helping out Newbrook Fire Department (Newfane/Brookline) by selling raffle tickets.

Please contact Daniel at 236-1915 (cell) or 293-5746 (home).

Middletown Springs Library Book Sale October 9 -11

The Middletown Springs Public Library is holding its first book sale in two years on **Columbus Day Weekend, Saturday-Monday, October 9-11**. The sale will be held at the Historical Society, on the Green in Middletown Springs.

The library has two years' worth of donations so there will be a wide selection of gently read books, movies, puzzles, and games; fiction, biographies, history, nature, children's books and more. The hours are Saturday 8am-3pm; Sunday 10am-3pm; and, on Monday there will be a bag sale from 10am-3pm. The bag sale will be by donation. Customers will be encouraged to fill a bag or a box and make a donation in any amount. All proceeds benefit the library.

For more information, contact the library at 802-235-2435 or middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com.



**2021 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE
(HHW) COLLECTION EVENT**



**SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES
(SWAC)
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021**

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. – **FAIR HAVEN Transfer Station**, 175 Fair Haven Avenue (off West Street), Fair Haven

2021 HW Contractor - ENPRO Services of Vermont, Inc. a US Ecology owned company. **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. Weekend permits sales are not available at either location. Telephone 802-775-7209 for additional information and current rates. You can also purchase a permit online at rcswd.com.

WHAT TO BRING:

Any substance with labels that say CAUSTIC, TOXIC, CORROSIVE, POISON, FLAMMABLE, DANGER, WARNING, CAUTION, USE IN AN OPEN ENVIRONMENT. **Examples** include: antifreeze, turpentine, stains, varnishes, carburetor cleaner, creosote, drain cleaner, propane tanks, mercury thermostats, oven cleaner, fertilizer, paint strippers, thinners, solvents, gas treatments, old gasoline, engine degreaser, floor, metal, and furnisher polishes, latex and oil based paint, pool chemicals, and pesticides, herbicides, and fungicides (fertilizer without pesticides, herbicides, and fungicides is not a hw - use it for its intended purpose), and batteries (single use or rechargeable - for large batteries, see note below).

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.

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 sites 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 and some SWAC transfer stations. Contact your local transfer station for more information.

VAPING DEVICES - Check with our local law enforcement officials for options for disposal.

BUSINESS WASTE:

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

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.

EVENT MANAGEMENT: Please place all items to be disposed in the trunk of your car or the back of your van or truck. **DO NOT** exit your vehicle. **PLEASE** wear a mask for personal protection and leave pets at home.

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

For additional information, please call Pam at 802-342-5701.

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~ **ATTENTION!!** ~

VTEL (aka Vermont Telephone) has been announcing for a few months that we will soon be required to dial 10 digits when making any phone call. This mandatory requirement starts on **October 24, 2021**.

It is a nationwide transition required to implement “988”, a system for users to reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.



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**ARPA ~ American Rescue
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The Select Board will soon be looking for input on how these funds should be spent. Tinnmouth will receive about \$177,000.

There are certain guidelines and restrictions for these funds. More details next month as the Board gets more information.

Please be thinking about possibilities and needs of the town and its residents to address conditions caused by the Covid virus.



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~ October 2021 Calendar of Events ~

Fire Department	Thursday	7th	7:00	Fire House
HHW Day	Saturday	9th	8:30-12:30	Fair Haven Transfer Station
Select Board	Thursday	14th	7:00	Town Office
Conservation Commission	Monday	18th	7:30	Town Office
Equity & Inclusion Committee	Tuesday	19th	6:00	Town Office or OFH
Planning Commission	Thursday	21st	7:00	Town Office
<i>Tales of Tinmouth</i> Deadline	Wednesday	20th	Don't Miss It!	
Free Dental Clinic	Saturday	23rd	9:30-12:30	Old Fire House, by Appointment
Select Board	Tuesday	26th	7:00	Town Office

~ November 2021 Calendar of Events ~

Fire Department	Thursday	4th	7:00	Fire House
Select Board	Thursday	11th	7:00	Town Office
2nd Half Property Taxes Due	Monday	15th	Midnight	Town Office
Planning Commission	Thursday	18th	7:00	Town Office
TVFD Chicken & Biscuits	Saturday	20th	4:00 – 7:00	Take Out at Fire House
<i>Tales of Tinmouth</i> Deadline	Saturday	20th	Don't Miss It!	
Select Board	Tuesday	23rd	7:00	Town Office
Town Office	Thursday	25th	CLOSED to celebrate Thanksgiving	

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

~ Sunday Church Service ~ 9:00 am ~

~ Library – Now open Thursdays 10:00 -Noon and 1:30-4:30 ~

Meetings are in-person and virtual via Zoom. Check the agenda or call the town office for the Zoom link.

**Stay Safe
Stay Healthy,
Stay Home!**

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