

TALES OF TINMOUTH

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Editors' Notes: *Think Spring!! Please pray for all those affected by the war in Ukraine.*

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.

Gail Fallar & Pat Psholka

~ 2022 Town Meeting Results ~

228 voters cast ballots for town questions – 95 in person and 133 early/absentee. There were 400 voters on the checklist. Six new voters registered that day!

224 votes were cast for school questions – then those were co-mingled with votes from Clarendon, Shrewsbury and Wallingford before being counted, the budget passed.

Town:

Article 1. Tax due dates: **221 yes**, 7 no

Article 2. General Budget: **206 yes**, 19 no

Article 3. Highway Budget: **189 yes**, 37 no

Article 4. RSVP/The Volunteer Center: **190 yes**, 29 no

Article 5. Add Town Garage to purpose of Capital Building Fund: **183 yes**, 42 no

Article 6. Transfer General Fund Balance of \$18,800 to Highway: **185 yes**, 45 no

Article 7. Officers

Moderator: **Holly Ross 144**, Michael Fallar 78

Select Board: **Kevin Eaton 174**, Michael Fallar 52

Mill River Unified Union School District Board:

Josh Squier 124, Ingrid Lepley 103

The following were declared winners as they were uncontested races.

Community Center Board: **Martha Stanley**

Lister: **Rick Fallar**

Auditor: **Sandy Goyette** 3 year term

Auditor: **Ann Czar** 1 year term

Delinquent Tax Collector: **Cat Yoder**

~ Homestead Declaration ~

This is a reminder that you need to file an **annual** Homestead Declaration with the Vermont Department of Taxes, form HS-122. You must file this to qualify for the homestead education tax rate and to request a property tax adjustment if you are eligible.

You must also file form HI-144 (household income), **due April 18th**. This is required even if you do not have to file or pay state income taxes.



~ Special Town Meeting ~

In January the Select Board received petitions to switch Town Meeting from a Floor meeting to Australian balloting for budgets and public questions. This has to be decided at a Floor meeting. The Board has not yet set a date, but it will most likely be in April. If you would like to send a *Letter to the Editor* expressing your views in favor of one system or the other, it will be printed in the April *Tales*. Deadline is the 25th.

~ Dog Licenses Due April 1st ~



A current rabies certificate is required. You can call the Town Office if you don't know if your dog needs a shot or not. Fees are \$9 for neutered/spayed dogs and \$13 for those that are not. 50% penalty is assessed after April 1st.

~ Dog & Cat Rabies Clinic ~

The Wallingford Dog & Cat Rabies Clinic is **Saturday, March 12th from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.** All dogs must be on leashes. All cats must be in carriers. Grace Ma-Steenbergen, DVM
Wallingford Town Hall 75 School Street
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

~ Tinmouth Day - July 9th ~

The Tinmouth Day Committee is working hard to start planning our event this summer in July. We are looking for help and ideas for the day. We have lots of ideas and want to hear yours too.

How do you feel about a parade, a dunking booth, kids concert, burgers on the grill, a potluck supper followed by an evening concert, games, contests, crafts, a bouncy house, a scavenger hunt, 5 k run/walk, water gun tag, softball, corn hole and horseshoe tournaments with prizes, pie baking contest, pies as prizes...oh so many ideas!

For more information and to share your ideas, reach out to Meadow Squier meadowsquier@gmail.com.

Job Opening ~ Part-time help needed at the Town Office. Bookkeeper, assistant to the clerk and treasurer, computer literate, Excel savvy, attention to detail a must.

Please contact the town office at 446-2498 or tinmouthtown@vermontel.net for the job description or questions. Flexible schedule ~ 8-12 hours per week.



March 1, 2022

To the Tinmouth Community,

February passed rapidly, but not uneventfully. Students participated in winter sports programs; each Friday children spent the day skiing, boarding, or skating. It was a welcomed relief after two years of pandemic precautions. Additionally, this month, we were graced with several feet of snow and each class had an opportunity to snowshoe on trails behind the school. Sledding during mid-day recess was a daily pastime.



Academically, students completed math and literacy assessments. These assessments as well as classroom observation, give direction to instruction for the remainder of the school year. Grades three and four completed their Scat and Track program sponsored by Vermont Fish and Wildlife. On their final trek while searching for evidence of winter wildlife, the class discovered turkey tracks and scat in their outdoor classroom lean-to!

There was a greater than usual absentee rate among students due to the Omnicron variant throughout the month. Teachers and staff were considerably impacted by the Covid virus during February as well. Many schools throughout Vermont closed for weeks at a time, due to staff illness. We are fortunate to have local substitute teachers willing to fill in. Thank you Ms. Barrett and Ms. Carmen! Absenteeism was an ongoing concern right up until the final week of February, which was our winter break.

Both staff and students are looking forward to the end of flu season and the eventual removal of mask mandates. We are also looking forward to inviting community members back into the school!

Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker
Principal
Tinmouth Mountain School



TINMOUTH CHURCH

~ Tinmouth Community Church ~

Dear Friends,

“We don't talk about that.” It hardly needs to be said. We already know. We have long ago imbibed the unspoken rules in our family. And we have been thoroughly enculturated in society's taboos. But then something happens in us or to us that demands acknowledgement and requires expression. So, we risk speaking the truth. And the door to healing, the door to liberation, opens. Unwelcomed by some, denied by others, spun into counternarratives by vested interests, with vitriol, threat, and even violence sometimes, yet, holding forth an opportunity for breakthrough into new life.

It may seem irrelevant to the scenario I just laid out, but such a dynamic makes what I am thinking about a case in point. I am referring to the taboo against speaking about Jesus in the public forum. It hardly needs to be said - reference to Jesus is to be kept in the church and kept out of the boardroom and civil discourse. Meanwhile, it is generally acceptable to refer to other teachers, philosophies, worldviews and perspectives. Not that they don't have value. But it seems the civility of our society, with all its anger, divisiveness, anxiety, injustice, violence, etc., is unraveling. And all our self-help hasn't been the transforming help we hoped for. Jesus has a lot to say about our human condition. With deep compassion, uncommon wisdom, ethical clarity, and confident trust in God, Jesus shows us the way to healing and liberation, reconciliation and wholeness, new life and joy.

Jesus' teaching and example was never meant to be confined to a church. It is a saving way of life for all of us. You can read it for yourself. Google "Sermon on the Mount." Go from there and see what I mean.

Blessings,
Pastor John

Rev. John Hardman-Zimmerman
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(802) 884-8249 (parsonage)
hzfam@hotmail.com

~ Tinmouth Food Shelf ~

The Food Shelf at the Town Office has been used quite frequently lately, the shelves are beginning to look a bit bare. If you can spare a few cans of soup, fruit, tuna, mayo, or boxes of cereal, pasta, crackers, etc., it would be very much appreciated. *Thank you very kindly.*

**~ PROPOSALS WANTED ~
FOR SUMMER ROADSIDE MOWING**

The Town of Tinmouth is seeking a contractor for the summer mowing of the roadsides in Tinmouth, Vermont. This is a multi-step process completed throughout the summer using the contractor's equipment.

Proposals shall be submitted to Town of Tinmouth, 515 North End Road, Tinmouth, VT 05773 or hand delivered to the Town Office, 9 Mountain View Road, Tinmouth, VT. no later than 5:00 p.m. on **March 22, 2022** to receive consideration. Questions and requests for additional information shall be directed to Gail Fallar, Selectboard Assistant at tinmouthtown@vermontel.net or 802-446-2498 or Eric Buffum, Road Commissioner 802-446-9163 or pickupman1978@aol.com.

The Selectboard shall evaluate proposals and award a contract to the contractor that in their opinion, is best qualified to perform the desired services. The proposal shall be based on a cost per hour for labor and mowing machine. Contractor shall submit a list of date and hours mowed for the summer in order to receive payment. The Town will make two payments, one at the successful completion of the first mow, and a second at the completion of the second mow.

The winning contractor shall, prior to beginning mowing, spend a few hours with Hollis Squier on a date and time that is convenient to both to do a drive around of the roadsides for Hollis to share his 41 years of experience with the new contractor as to areas requiring additional mowing, location of ledges and other hazards.

In the past, the summer mowing has taken 70-85 hours over the course of the summer. The goal of summer roadside mowing is to keep the brush down, maintain good visibility and enhance safety on the roads.

Mowing shall commence in early June-the contractor will mow both sides of the road on all of Tinmouth's paved and gravel roads (State maintained road Route 133 is excluded). The goal is to mow as far back as possible to maximize visibility and keep the brush from growing. The scope includes Town maintained roads in West Tinmouth. Many areas require an extra pass or more to maintain good visibility (especially near driveways), to maintain a safe roadway and to keep the brush down. Class 4 roads will not be mowed.

A second mowing will occur in early September to keep roadsides clear for leaf blowing and winter plowing. Second mowing will be one swath wide on paved and gravel roads.

Proof of Insurance is required.

For complete details and a proposal sheet, please contact the town office via phone or email (see above).

Proposals are due March, 22, 2022.

Have you visited the new "Miss Ruth Little Library" located on the front porch of the Town Office? It's a great way to share a good book or find someone else's favorite.

And it is open all the time! It's quite full at the moment, a good time to stop for a visit and take a good book home!

Please bring only a book or two at a time.

~ Community News ~

Get Well Wishes are sent to **Colton Cook, Linda Gemmell, Mildred Traina, Kevin Ruane, Alyssa Ruane**, and those with **Covid**.

Heartfelt Sympathies are sent to family and friends of **Alma Somers**; to family and friends of **Kathie Fox**; to family and friends of **Steve Eaton** and **Barbara Eaton**; to family and friends of **Rosella Brown**; and to family and friends of **Wilbur Raiche, Sr.**

~ Nature Notes ~

Red-winged blackbirds were spotted on February 26th.
Snow drops were blossoming on February 27th!!
Covered with snow a week later . . .

Woodchucks and robins have also been reported.

Sugar makers are tapping their maple trees. The sun is warm and welcome!



Needing a friend to talk with during these stressful times? Pastor John (Tinmouth Community Church) is only a phone call away.

Any reason is a good reason to call: 802-417-1491.

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~ Meeting Highlights ~

(Complete minutes are available at the town office.)

As the Select Board asked that their minutes only provide the minimum required, there will be a supplemental report provided for readers following each of their meeting's Highlights.

Select Board ~ 2/10/2022 – These Highlights are from approved minutes.

Members present (in-person): Cathy Reynolds, Frank Sears, and Meadow Squier

Others present: Via Zoom Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Sherry Johnson, and Kim Harbaugh; In-person- Stan Wilbur-Public Works Project Manager, Michael Fallar, and Gail Fallar

Board reviewed agenda, added several items.

Minutes of 1/25/2022 – Board voted to approve as corrected. Board discussed minute requirements.

Public Works Facilities Update ~ Stan reported cost to date from the highway budget and is still working on the estimate for site work.

Highway ~ Eric reported highway department is ready for the next storm.

After brief discussion Board voted to authorize Eric to order the arch culvert for Potter's Brook Project, per Board approved Specs.

After brief discussion, Board voted to apply for a State Paving Grant (\$175,000).

Board signed Certificate of Compliance re: Road Standards.

Board discussed and reviewed Feedback Form and Process, will discuss again at their 2/22/22 meeting.

Financial ~

Financial Reports FY22– Board reviewed monthly reports and voted to accept.

Board added Ash Tree Removal Plan to agenda for 2/22/22.

Payroll Warrants

#27 dated 1/08/22 for \$1,921.40

#28 dated 1/17/22 for \$3,102.60

#29 dated 1/24/22 for \$1,696.70

#30 dated 1/31/22 for \$3,111.35

#31 dated 2/07/22 for \$2,686.10

Accounts Payable Warrants

#17 dated 1/27/22 for \$13,985.31

Board voted to approve warrants as presented.

Old Business ~

Mill River Unified Union School District Proposed Amendment of Agreement – Cathy updated Board regarding Zoom meeting with Jim Carroll, Esquire.

Bond Documents ~ Board signed Resolution, Commitment Letter, and other documents provided by Bond Counsel to complete the transaction. Board voted to approve and proceed.

New Business ~

UVM Democracy Internship ~ Board discussed program – designed to help UVM students participate in local civic matters, from January through May, a few hours a week. Meadow volunteered to be the Select Board liaison.

Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project (TPMP) ~ After brief discussion, Board voted to approve letters of support for two grants TPMP is applying for.

Members Concerns – Board discussed rules for public communications and engagement, will review at 2/22/22 meeting, with proposed adoption after town meeting.

Board discussed Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund spreadsheet, will review further 2/22/22.

***Select Board Meeting Supplemental Report for Tales
February 10, 2022***

The Board added several items to the agenda – feedback/complaint form, Select Board public meeting rules and procedures policy, Equipment Fund spreadsheet, TPMP request for letters of support, and BCA meeting to approve additional election workers. They bumped review of mask policy to the 2/22/22 meeting.

Minutes of 1/25/2022 – corrected to remove most of 'Others' paragraph. Board discussed minute requirements - only provide what is required - those present, topics discussed, motions, business enacted – minutes are required to be posted within 5 days to the town's website, and noted that if people were interested in more, they could listen to the recorded meeting.

Public Works Facilities Update ~ Stan reported cost to date from the highway budget totaled \$72,922, and that he is still working on the estimate for site work, engineer will provide estimated amount of stone, sand and pipe, Eric will provide estimated time. Current estimate is \$56,000, it may change \$5-\$10 K, not a drastic change in the big scheme of things.

Board discussed and reviewed Feedback Form and Process, will discuss again at 2/22/22 meeting. Purpose is to provide citizens with a way to voice concerns with town government, highway, town office, SB etc. Form will be sent to the Select Board Assistant, then forwarded to proper department for action/resolution. If no resolution is obtained, SB will review. Public document, on file at the town office. Cathy will prepare press release to advise development of the process, etc.

Bond ~ Board signed documents to borrow \$339,500 from the Vermont Bond Bank for the town garage project.

UVM Democracy Internship ~ Board discussed program – designed to help UVM students participate in local civic matters, from January through May, a few hours a week. Meadow volunteered to be the Select Board liaison. Board suggested first project could be for them to take a look at the Floor Vote vs. Australian balloting process over the last 20 years. It will be the subject of a floor vote again in late April or early May due

to petitions received in January. Meadow also suggested having them help with a town vision survey the E & I Committee is working on.

Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project (TPMP) ~ Gail asked the SB to approve letters of support for two grant applications (milfoil control and watershed planning).

Members Concerns – Board discussed rules for public communications and engagement, will review at their 2/22/22 meeting, with proposed adoption after town meeting. Proctor has been using these for over 10 years.

Board discussed Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund spreadsheet, need to review each year. Cathy explained how it was created and how it works.

Others – Michael suggested the highway crew provide a maintenance schedule for all the town equipment, as the new facility will enable them to take better care of the trucks, etc. Board concurred, will add to March 10 agenda.

Select Board ~ 2/22/2022 – These Highlights are from unapproved minutes.

Members present (in-person): Meadow Squier, Frank Sears, and Cathy Reynolds

Others present: Via Zoom Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, David Birdsall-Tree Warden, Nancy Birdsall, Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, Heather McMahon, and Rick Fallar

In-person- Stan Wilbur-Public Works Project Manager, Michael Fallar, and Gail Fallar

Public Works Facilities Update ~ Stan reported he is still working on the estimate for site work.

Highway ~ Eric reported there is an icy patch in Crampton's Woods that needs four trees removed and ditching.

Board opened Loader Bids:

Milton Caterpillar bid a net of \$159,800

G.Stone Commercial (Doosan) bid a net of \$174,494

CRW bid #1 (Volvo) bid a net of \$177,595

bid #2 (Volvo) bid a net of \$156,595

During discussion it was noted that Milton included a 7 year warranty, CRW only included a 1 year warranty. Board voted to accept/approve the Milton Cat bid.

Board discussed roadside mowing proposal, Board voted to accept and distribute via Front Porch Forum and *Tales of Tinmouth*, requesting proposals for the March 22nd Board meeting.

Board discussed and reviewed Citizen Feedback Form and Process, will discuss at March 10th meeting.

Ash Trees ~ David recommended that the road crew (with the addition of a 3rd person) handle removing the nastiest trees likely to fall into the road, as needed and time allows – starting with Route 140, East Road and North East Road. Board discussed using the stop light equipment for flagging, holding the \$5,000 budgeted for FY22 until FY23, and Game of Logging training for 3rd person.

Old Business ~

Board discussed Mask Mandate adopted 11/11/2021, then voted to continue the mandate until March 10, 2022.

Board reviewed “To-Do” list – ongoing highway projects, work plans, ARPA plan, financial policies, etc.

New Business ~

Board reviewed proposed Select Board Meeting Rules and Procedures – added to agenda for 3/10/22.

Cathy will speak for the SB at the virtual Informational Town Meeting.

***Select Board Meeting Supplemental Report for Tales*
*February 22, 2022***

Public Works ~ Stan advised he approved the invoice from Otter Creek Engineering (OCE) as there was an amendment to the contract. Eric asked Stan to inquire from OCE where the material to be removed from the town garage site should go – can it be moved to the salt/sand shed site? Stan advised that stock piling does not require a permit so it could be stockpiled there. He asked Eric to set a time for them to meet to discuss site work estimates.

Highway – Cathy advised of a problem with the ditch on the north side of Channel Road, Eric noted it needed to be filled, currently there is ice in the bottom.

Board opened loader bids -

Milton Caterpillar bid \$171,900 - \$16,000 trade-in for old loader + \$3,900 for pallet forks for a net of \$159,800.

G.Stone Commercial (Doosan) bid \$176,494 - \$10,000 trade-in + \$8,000 for forks for a net of \$174,494.

CRW bid #1 Volvo L70H \$186,900 - \$15,000 trade-in + \$5,695 for forks for a net of \$177,595

Bid #2 Volvo L60H \$165,900 - \$15,000 trade-in + \$5,695 for forks for a net of \$156,595.

Board reviewed Equipment Fund balance, determined that complete funding would not be available until early August, so it needed to be a FY23 purchase. SB has budgeted \$35,000 as trade-in value, only received \$16,000 – will need to adjust spreadsheet. Cathy explained the spreadsheet, noted it would be better to spread the purchase of trucks out a bit if possible. Eric asked that a replacement excavator (bought in 2017) also be added to the list. Spreadsheet covers 20+ years.

Board discussed Feedback Form, raised concerns with personnel issues being dealt with in open meeting, considered adding executive session language – will research before next meeting.

Ash Borer – David advised information is still being gathered concerning how towns/states are dealing with the issue. He spoke with Eric and Ronnie, wants to mark the nastiest trees that will fall into the road, and have them handle them as time allows. Board discussed hiring a 3rd road crew member (Glenn Merrill is available) to help with that project, \$5,000 budgeted would cover about 5 weeks for one person, how to balance budgeted amount for tree work with regular road crew salary, tree cutting

training for 3rd person as Eric and Ronnie already have it, and using the stop light equipment the town shares with Danby as the flaggers (Eric needs to check with the manufacturer to see if it's possible to program it for that), time sheets will need to track tree work. David offered to look into training opportunities.

David gave Frank a standing ovation for his work on the Select Board.

Others – Sherry advised that it is difficult to hear everyone speaking, need the “Owl”. Gail advised it had been ordered, was expecting it any day, a large TV screen might be needed to allow folks in the room to see who was on the computer.

Mask Mandate – Board discussed - pros and cons were expressed, state and CDC recommendations, and the SB's right to control town buildings. Board clarified that the mandate covers the town office and the old fire house. Voted to keep it in place until after town meeting voting – March 1 – and will reconsider at its 3/10/22 meeting.

Cathy advised that the minutes for the 2007 town meeting reads that the Capital Building Fund's purpose was changed to include town buildings.

Conservation Commission ~ 1/24/22

With thanks to Chuck Bronk, Sec.

Members Present: Ed Hasenohr, Jeff Ams, Rainbow Squier, Doug Fontein, Robbie Leeds (Zoom) and Chuck Bronk (Zoom).

Public Present: Gail Fallar and Doug Inkley (Zoom)

New Business:

The Flower Brook Climate Adaptation Workbook was previously circulated to members for review. This watershed is in the South West of Tinmouth with the majority extending downstream into Danby and Pawlet. While the workbook provides a model for Tinmouth it seems that there are no action items, as there are no town roads nearby. As such it is a template for future use and the Conservation Commission felt it should be passed along to the road crew. Rainbow agreed to forward it to Eric Buffum and also to write a response to the Select Board.

Gail Fallar provided a copy of the Association of Vermont Conservation Commission's Handbook, to Rainbow to review. Rainbow reported that it contains an inventory of local, educational resources for the community. She offered to email the .pdf to Commission members, but commented that we are already doing or have done a number of the action items. Specifically, the handbook suggests supporting education in school, articles in local publications, and slide shows and seminars. Doug reviewed how we have done this in the past and recalled a seminar by Allen Betts, which we shared with the Conservation Commission in Wallingford. All agreed that we need to be out of the pandemic prior to scheduling public events. It would be

good to get public input into the use of town lands, especially those associated with the Transfer Station/Town Garage. Access and parking are critical issues for the use of this space and a discussion of this was tabled to our next meeting. Rainbow commented that increasing community engagement could be the result of multiple town events. She suggested that we communicate with other nearby conservation commissions and review the Tinmouth Town Plan. It was agreed to schedule a cross country ski event on the Channel for the following weekend if weather conditions cooperated, ie. continued cold snap and low snow fall.

Ongoing Business:

The workday at the Tinmouth Mountain Cabin in mid-November completed the battens on the South side but the East remains to be completed. The chimney was extended and the compost bucket/latrine was dealt with. Richard Rogers, a cabin user from Middletown Springs, has expressed an interest in future workdays at the Cabin. Doug noted that future work should include refurbishment of the stove and the battens on the East side. Jeff suggested that he might be able to contribute a spare stove, if replacement made more sense than refurbishment. Doug commented that we would need to ask Hollis Squier if we could use his Gator for transport. Jeff agreed to provide a photo of the stove to Doug.

Gail Fallar reported that there are no longer any bats in the attic of the Town Office. Plugging holes seems to have done the trick. She thanked Doug for his work doing that. Doug Inkley confirmed that he would donate a bat house in the Spring when he returns to Tinmouth. Chuck loaned the bat house, that he intended to donate, to the Tinmouth Mountain School following a request from Ann Lewis, as her class was having a unit on bats. The bat house was returned and is now available for installation.

Rainbow contacted the Webmaster for the Tinmouth Town Website and confirmed that there is sufficient storage space to accommodate the projected Nature Photo contest and archive. She agreed to draft an invitation to submit photos for the review of the Commission.

Doug reviewed the status of the following previous action items: The Tinmouth Mountain School book trail seems to have been rescheduled to Spring. Tasks remaining on the Ridge Trail include cutting the switchbacks and refurbishing the bog bridges. Tinmouth Walking Club is working with Bob Lloyd on mapping various trails. Nancy Birdsall met with Doug to review a number of trails. Cat Yoder expressed an interest in exploring the possibility of creating an ice-skating rink on Town land. Discussion followed regarding the steps necessary for the latter and whether this was a Recreation or a Conservation issue.

Virtual Informational Town Meeting ~ February 26

Due to the continued Covid-19 corona virus Pandemic, the Informational Meeting was held virtually on Saturday, February 26th, with 35-40 attendees.

Michael Fallar, Moderator, called the virtual meeting to order at 1:03, lead the pledge of allegiance and asked for a moment of silence for those who had passed in the last year – *Ramsey Yoder, Grant Reynolds, Fred Aines Jr., Marion Hambly, Doris Schneider, Nathan Ricketts, Alma Somers, Kathie Fox and Steve Eaton.*

State Representatives Salley Achey and Art Peterson spoke regarding legislative matters - redistricting and proposed amendments to Vermont's Constitution. Michael thanked them for their service.

Michael read the Articles on the Warning, asked for discussion, advising voting will take place on Tuesday.

Select Board Member Cathy Reynolds spoke to Article 5, advising that voters had voted a number of times, including the Bond vote, but to be clear, the purpose of the Capital Building Fund needed to specify that construction of a town garage was included. She also spoke to Article 6, advising that the General Fund had a year end fund balance, and that the Select Board would like to use \$18,800 of that for the Town's share of the Potter's Brook culvert replacement project.

Candidates for Select Board – Kevin Eaton and Michael Fallar; School Board – Ingrid Lepley and Josh Squier; and Moderator - Holly Ross and Michael Fallar – all spoke briefly and answered questions. Michael stepped down from role of Moderator to speak as a candidate.

The meeting was recessed until voting begins on Tuesday, March 1st at the Old Fire House.

Tinmouth Planning Commission ~ 2/24/22

Members present in-person: Michael Fallar, Judy Gilmore, and Andy Gilmore

Members present via Zoom: Kim Harbaugh, Larry Carabeau, Vito Macaluso, Pat Psholka, Bob Lloyd, and Rainbow Squier

Others present: in-person Denise McGinley and Gail Fallar, Secretary; via Zoom - Sherry Johnson

The Hearing for proposed amendments to Tinmouth Zoning Regulation's Attachment A – Flood Hazard Area Regulations was opened. Bob noted the financial benefits are clear. No other comments from the public or PC members. Members voted to approve the proposed Flood Hazard Area amendments and send them to the Select Board for further action. Michael, as Chair, will present them to the Select Board at its March 10th meeting.

Preliminary subdivision meeting – Denise presented two options for creation of a one lot subdivision. After discussion, which included noting that the proposed location of a new house is in the Conservation District

which has a 25 acre minimum lot size, she chose to proceed with Option B - 42+/- acres for the new lot, and 30+/- acres will remain with the house and barns. Members voted to allow Denise to proceed with Option B. Once the survey is complete, a formal hearing will be held.

All members with expiring terms – PC - Kim, Bob and Judy, and the ZBA – Vito, expressed willingness to be re-appointed by the Select Board.

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~ March 2022 Calendar of Events ~

Town & School Voting	Tuesday	1 st	8:00 am – 7:00	Old Fire House
Fire Department	Thursday	3 rd	7:00	In-Person/Virtual
Select Board	Thursday	10 th	7:00	In-Person /Virtual
Rabies Clinic	Saturday	12 th	12-2:00	Wallingford Town Hall
Equity & Inclusion Comm.	Tuesday	15 th	7:00	In-Person/Virtual
Planning Commission	Thursday	17 th	7:00	In-Person/Virtual
Conservation Commission	Monday	21 st	7:30	In-Person/Virtual
Select Board	Tuesday	22 nd	7:00	In-Person /Virtual
<i>Tales of Tinmouth</i> Deadline	Friday	25 th	(Special Deadline)	Don't Miss It!

~ April 2022 Calendar of Events ~



Dog Licenses Due	Friday	1 st	8-Noon	Town Office
Fire Department	Thursday	7 th	7:00	In-Person/Virtual
Select Board	Thursday	14 th	7:00	In-Person /Virtual
Easter Service	Sunday	17 th	TBD	Church
Equity & Inclusion Comm.	Tuesday	19 th	7:00	In-Person/Virtual
<i>Tales of Tinmouth</i> Deadline	Wednesday	20 th		Don't Miss It!
Planning Commission	Thursday	21 st	7:00	In-Person/Virtual



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

~ Sunday Church Service ~ 9:00 AM ~

~ The Library is open Thursdays 2:00-5:00 PM ~



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