

TALES OF TINMOUTH

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Editors' Notes: *Happy Summer, enjoy it before it's gone! Please Pray for Peace and Justice.*

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*

TINMOUTH DAY ~ JULY 9TH 2:00 PM

By Logan Birdsall

A fun-filled afternoon for the whole family! Festivities will start with a parade (all participants welcome), and will continue through the afternoon with games, prizes, a dunking booth, ice cream, and more!

Potluck picnic dinner, community softball game and sparklers will close out the festivities.

Please see enclosed flyer and details on pages 2 & 3. *(The parade starts out at the town garage/transfer station promptly at 2:00 and proceeds up the hill to the Town Green and swings through the Church and School parking lots a time or two. Don't be late! Ed.)*

~ Ideas For Spending Special Federal Money ~

By Holly Ross

As you know, the federal government has given the Town of Tinmouth \$177,000, in one-time money (due to the Covid pandemic) to be used to help the town with "long-term recovery."

A committee of seven people (Gregg Casey, Martha Stanley, Theresa Butts, Chuck Bronk, Michael Fallar, Sherry Johnson, and Holly Ross) has been appointed by the Select Board to research ideas and offer suggestions on how to use the money. This work is being done this summer, with the target date of September 1, 2022 to give the Select Board their suggestions. All meetings are open to the public.

The next meeting will be held at the town office (and available by Zoom) on **Monday, July 11 at 7 p.m.**

DO YOU HAVE A SUGGESTION ON HOW TO USE THIS MONEY?

Although several ideas were raised at the special town meeting on May 2, the ARPA Committee is open to additional suggestions. If you have an idea, please send it to the town office as soon as possible, so research on its feasibility can be completed in keeping with the September 1st deadline.

Thank you for your help in this endeavor!

~ State Primary and Special Election August 9th ~

The Vermont State Primaries will be held on Tuesday, August 9th. This is where major parties choose their candidates for the November General Election.

The Select Board has also warned a special vote on proposed amendments to the Town's Zoning Regulation's **Attachment A – Flood Hazard Area Regulations**. The amendments simply update the Exempt Activities and Non-Conforming Uses and Variances Sections, and are required to enable the town to apply to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program.

Absentee Voting ~ Ballots for both of these elections are now available, you can request an absentee ballot by calling the town office at 802-446-2498 or emailing tinmouthtown@vermontel.net; you can stop by the town office to vote early; or you can cast your ballot on August 9th at the Community Center.

~ TCF Appreciation ~

By Cathy Reynolds

The Tinmouth Community Fund and the Continuing Education Scholarship Fund thank all their donors for their support in 2021-22.

Anonymous, Jeff Ams, Nancy and David Birdsall, Lucille and Richard Blow, Trish and Roger Bromley, Chuck Bronk, Kristina and Tom Burke, Tracylea Byford, Barry Cohen, Ann and Jonathan Czar, Alex Dixon, Ruth Drachman, Judith Farkas, Doug Fontein, CJ Frankiewicz, Jonathan and Eliza Gibson, Mike and Mary Grabowski, Ed Hasenohr, Maurice and Adelina Healy, Theresa Hoffmann, John and Joanne Holler, Nelson and Betti Jaquay, Jan and Ken Krantz, Martin and Janet Kushnick, Paul and Jayne Larson, Elizabeth and Gavin Leckie, Scott and Sam Lepley, Bob Lloyd, Vito and Patty Macaluso, Michael Mackey, Helen Mango, Rose Napolitano, Robert 'Bob' Noble, Lisa and Matt Patry, Dave Potter, Clifford and Kay Reed, Cathy Reynolds, Jo Reynolds, Beth Rickman, Evelyn Ritchie, Annie Robbins, Jack and Deborah Whitehead, Rene and Stan Wilbur, David Wright, Charlie Wrobel, and Lisa Yrsha.

And also, in memory of those who have held Tinmouth dear: *George and Marion Davis, Ethan Parker, Grant Reynolds, Marion Squier and Ramsey Yoder.*

<https://www.tinmouthvt.org/community-fund/>

**The Town Office will be CLOSED on Monday,
July 4th to celebrate Independence Day.**

~ Tinnmouth Day Activities ~

By Emma Weatherhogg

Games, activities, and a whole lot of FUN will be had on Saturday afternoon, July 9th in Tinnmouth!! All ages, abilities, and genders are welcome at each event. Some games and activities will include getting wet, so a change of clothes (or several) and a towel is encouraged. There will be prizes at each station during the field games. Below you will find a description of each game / activity that will take place sometime during the day. Plan to join us!

FIELD GAMES

Whipped Cream Surprise Station

Stick your face in whipped cream, find the gum buried inside, and be the first to blow a bubble.

Balloon Stomp Station

A balloon is tied to each person's ankle with ribbon. The object of the game is to pop the other players' balloons, without using hands. Feet only. Last one standing is the winner. (Modification: create teams by issuing balloons of the same color)

Shoe Flip Station

This is a relay style race where the object of the game is to work as a team and flip a shoe over the endline. Divide the group into three teams. Each team starts behind a cone. Everyone should either be barefoot or have one shoe off. On the start signal, the first person puts on the shoe and flips it as far as they can. The next person runs out to their shoe, slips it on their foot and flips it farther. Each team continues until someone flips it over the endline (must go over the rope).

Drip Drip Drench Station

A duck duck goose style game but instead of touching the head and saying duck duck goose, *it* fills up a cup with water and drips a little bit on the heads (duck) and dumps the whole cup, drench, on the person they want to chase them (goose). *It* runs around the circle while the drench tries to catch them. The goal is to tap that person before they are able to sit down in the drench spot. Drench becomes the new "*it*". If *it* gets tagged, they sit in the middle. Continue to play until time is up.

Water Balloon Toss Station

Players line up in pairs facing each other. Each player holding a water balloon gently tosses it to their partner. If the other player catches it successfully, the partners both take a step backwards. If the balloon breaks, it's game over and that pair is out.

Donuts on a String

Donuts will be tied to strings of various heights. Each person chooses a donut that is of a comfortable height and stands behind it. All players must keep their hands behind their backs and, at the signal, eat their donut.

Disc Golf

Disc Golf is a game in which players attempt to throw a disc golf disc to a target or basket. The object is to complete each hole in the fewest number of throws, starting from a tee area and finishing with the disc coming to rest in the basket. Generally, a course is made up of 9 or 18 holes. The player with the lowest total cumulative throws wins.

*modified from <https://discgolf.com/disc-golf-education-development/how-to-play-disc-golf/>

Cornhole Tournament

A lawn game in which players / teams take turns tossing bean bags at a slanted platform. To play, each player throws their bag at the board opposite of them. When a player gets a bean bag in the hole, they score three points. Any bags that land (and remain) on the board, receive one point. Play continues until the first player or team reaches 21 points.

Fireman's Water Polo

Two teams face off each armed with a firehose (pressurized with water). At the signal, a ball is thrown into the "center" of the area. The teams work together to use the force of water from their firehose to move the ball past their opponents', earning them a point. Teams reform and another round begins. A game of strategy, good aim, and willingness to get wet! Mixed aged teams of all abilities will be formed to allow for kids to join in and help manage the hose.

Softball / Smushball Game

A fun game of softball will be played between two teams. The object of the game is to hit the ball (a regular softball or 16-inch ball will be used) with a bat and run around the bases before the opposing team attempts to either catch the ball or throw you out. Teams will be divided up at the start. If desirable, bring your own glove!

Dunking Booth

A large tank of water, over which a dunk seat is suspended, which can be made to tip or fall. The game is played by a ball being thrown at a target attached to the tank, which, if hit, will cause the seat to collapse, "dunking" the person into the water.

Children's Activities & Tie Dying

There will be a table set up of various children's activities - crafting, drawing, building, etc. - in the Community Center for all to enjoy.

Come and make a colorful piece of wearable art! Fun for all ages and abilities. We will have lots of bandanas and a random assortment of clothing items to choose from. Feel free to bring a blank item from home.

~ **Tinmouth Fun Day Community Potluck** ~

By Logan Birdsall

Tinmouth Fun Day is right around the corner ~ July 9th ~ and with the full afternoon of activities, sports, and games for all ages we're sure to work up an appetite! The Potluck picnic will begin around 5pm, so show up hungry and with everything you need to be comfy out on the green while the band Electrostatic Cats serenades our supper.

Bringing a dish to share is highly encouraged! We'll need folks to bring salads, sides, heartier dishes, and fruit. Thanks to a grant from the Community Fund chips, condiments, and drinks will be provided, and we'll get to dig into the blueberry pies from the contest after they've been judged. Yum!

If you can bring a dish for the potluck, please let Logan know either by phone: (802) 779-5121 or email: logan.birdsall@gmail.com. Dishes can be brought to the Community Center Kitchen anytime between 2 and 4 on Saturday July 9th, but if you would like to arrange to drop something off earlier contact Logan.

Hope to see you all there!



~ **Blueberry Pie Contest** ~

By Cathy Reynolds

Tinmouth Fun Day is coming up on July 9. There will be a blueberry pie baking contest - with prizes and great appreciation for the bakers of blueberry pies of all types. Can you commit to making a pie? It can be left at the Community Center by 2:30 pm on July 9. Awards at dinner, and pie and ice cream for dessert.

We have a dedicated and committed team of judges in place and prizes for top pie bakers.

Hope you plan to attend Tinmouth Fun day this year - parade starts at 2 - potluck supper, exciting games involving water, running, dunking, whip cream, bubble gum, shoe flipping and lots more, live music, fun of all types including a dunking booth, fireman's polo, softball, corn hole, disc golf, fun for all-and a chance to meet and see your neighbors.

Hope to see you all on July 9 at 2:00 at Tinmouth Day.

~ **Tinmouth's Website** ~

Tinmouthvt.org - There is lots of information about the town on its website, take a few minutes and check it out!!

~ **Helpful Items for Loan** ~

Someone getting a new hip or knee? Or just needs some help getting around? The Town Office has walkers - two wheels and four wheels; crutches, a potty seat, a potty chair (commode), and a wheel chair to loan.

Please call 802-446-2498 (town office) to make arrangements.

~ **Tinmouth Community Fund Awards** ~

By Casey Voigtlaender, Chair

The Tinmouth Community Fund would like to acknowledge and congratulate this year's grant and scholarship recipients.

Tinmouth Community Grants, total of \$10,150

- ❖ Sherry Johnson for Sharing the Bounty, the Fire Department, and Community events
- ❖ Tracy Byford for Tinmouth Elves and Publicity for town events
- ❖ Cathy Reynolds for the Imagination Library, Plaques for the Community Center, and Tinmouth Blooms
- ❖ Cat Yoder for the Tinmouth Elves Outerwear Division
- ❖ Laurel Swanson for the Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project
- ❖ Gail Fallar for the *Tales of Tinmouth*
- ❖ Chuck Bronk for Tinmouth Green Up Day
- ❖ Logan Birdsall on behalf of the Community Events group for Tinmouth Day
- ❖ The Tinmouth Mountain School

Small Business Grants, total of \$2,000

- ❖ Babbling Meadows Farm
- ❖ Kevin Eaton, Auto Salon
- ❖ Rachel Stratton, Blue Skies
- ❖ Mike Stratton, Mike's Cleaning

Continuing Education Scholarships, total of \$17,700

- ❖ Allison Nemeth
- ❖ Bess Lewis
- ❖ Casey Voigtlaender
- ❖ Elias Nemeth
- ❖ Hannah LaMarche
- ❖ Jaron Rochon
- ❖ Julia Deppert
- ❖ Michael Stratton
- ❖ Sadira Majorell
- ❖ Rachel Stratton
- ❖ Riley Usher

Susan McIntosh Lloyd Memorial Scholarship, total of \$1,500

- ❖ Elias Nemeth
- ❖ Jaron Rochon
- ❖ Michael Stratton

Pam Garceau Memorial Scholarship -\$2,000

- ❖ Julia Deppert

K-12 Camp Scholarships, total of \$1,000

- ❖ Alana Smith
- ❖ Aliza Smith
- ❖ Isaac Smith
- ❖ Madden Gholston



TINMOUTH
CHURCH

~ Tinmouth Community Church ~

“What if” It's a popular prompt for thinking outside the box, for creative brainstorming, for intuitive dreaming, for expanding our horizons. So, “What If” there is more to life than what we are presently living? Ever feel that prompt of your spirit? And to the Church, “What If” there is more to being a Christian than we've generally realized or put into practice?

If we want to think of the most expansive unboxable “box,” then God is The More and the God-life in us capable of so much more. This God-life is way more than belief, more even than faith. The More of God gives hope for what can be or, better yet, will be when God's purposes for us and our world are realized. This More of the God-life, Jesus showed us, is divine love poured into our hearts, then poured out to others who are in need. And The More is still something more, something that beckons us to still greater possibilities in God. It is the power of God to heal and deliver us, not in the abstract and not just in the hereafter, but here and now.

Jesus said that when The More comes, that is, the Spirit of God, you will do the works I have done and even greater works shall you do. And what were the works that Jesus did? A whole lot more than we usually think ourselves capable of. Check out the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John in the Bible and see what more we can become and what more we can be doing to bring healing, love and wholeness to one another and to our world. And in God's great love for you, may you receive still more of the More of the Spirit that is always more than we have yet realized, appropriated and become. You can hear more about The More, Sunday mornings at 9:00 at Tinmouth Community Church. The more/ More, the better.

*Blessings,
Pastor John*

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~ Grievance Hearings ~

The Board of Listers has completed the 2022 Grand List. Change of appraisal notices have been sent to those whose assessed value changed, or are new owners. Grievance Hearings will be held at on July 7, beginning at 6:30 pm, appointments are required. A Zoom option is available, please call the town office to arrange an appointment.

~ Community News ~

Heartfelt sympathies are sent to family and friends of **Pam Morris**; and to family and friends of **Roland Wilbur**.

The following was written by Rene Wilbur.

Stan's uncle, Roland Wilbur, passed away just this past Saturday morning at the age of 101. Thankfully, he did not suffer a long illness. He had a generous heart and many friends who loved him and cared for him, particularly in the Shelburne United Methodist Church, which he attended faithfully, and in the independent living community where he lived for the past several years following the death of his beloved wife, Ann, and his daughter, Linda. He leaves two other children, Steven and Mari, and their families.

Uncle Roland was, of course, born and raised in Tinmouth in the house we just left. He was a member of the Tinmouth church and never removed his membership from there even though he lived in Chittenden County for all of his working and retirement life. Some years ago, he donated the pulpit Bible to the Tinmouth church in honor of his mother, Edna Elethorpe Wilbur, who was the organist in the old church. He was also a generous donor to the church and to the Anne and Roy Wilbur Fund.

Those of us who knew Uncle Roland loved to listen to his recounting of growing up in Tinmouth. A few years ago, he was the speaker at the event celebrating the initiation of the restoration of The Old Creamery—the business that brought the Wilburs to Tinmouth in the early 1900s. He was a most engaging person with whom to converse. And, you could count yourself among the truly honored if you received one of his vigorous hugs!

Please offer a prayer of thankfulness for Uncle Roland's life, especially among those of us who were privileged to spend time with him and always left with a smile on our faces and gladness in our hearts.

Thank you and blessings to all, Rene

Congratulations to TMS 6th grade graduates: **Brock Buffum, Sophia French, Gabe Laferriere, Jimmy Perron, and Jayden Pytlik**. Good luck at Mill River!!

Congratulations to Mill River Union High graduates: **Dallas Bryant, Julia Deppert, Alex Eaton, and Morgan Predom**. Best Wishes for your next endeavors!

Get Well Wishes are sent **John and Shannon Squier, Jim Perron, and Laurie Cone**.

Congratulations to Newlyweds: **Ryan Staples and Belinda Gagne**, who were married on June 4th, and **Shyanne Griffis and Shane Delorme** who were married on June 18th. Best Wishes for many years of happiness!

Please Recycle or Pass Along Tales!!

Wright's Road Water Wheel



You may have noticed that the water wheel on Wrights Road has disappeared. It has traveled to Pittsford to get a new shaft so it will turn properly. We expect to have it running again by summer's end.

Thanks once again to Hollis Squier, for if he hadn't hauled the wheel out of the woods some years ago, we would not be enjoying it today.

Does anyone recognize the structure in the photo? It doesn't quite fit with our recollection of the house that was on the Wright property until it burned down in 2002. Maybe the wheel was somewhere else in 1943?

We would love to hear your stories of the water wheel. Stop by and chat or write to tinmouthtales@vermontel.net.

The Inkley family – Dale and Pam, Jennifer and Gil, Douglas, Katryn and Bruce, Benson.

~ Words of Wisdom ~

(With thanks to the late Sue Lloyd)

Never run for a bus

Celebrate the arrival of chives

Take yourself lightly

Neatness is comforting

It is possible that you do not realize how much you matter to someone else

Travel light

Making bread keeps you on earth

Dishes are patient

--- Aunt Rhoda

~ West Tinnmouth School Memories ~

An anonymous reader, who grew up in West Tinnmouth and went to school there, would like to share a few memories. The West Tinnmouth School was closed in 1950, along with other one room schools in town, when all students were required to attend the Center School. An addition was added to make that one a two-room school. Check out the different slates on the roof!

Walking to School ~ This was a special time of day, walking along our dirt road in snow, mud or rain, required paying attention so not to get to school all mud or in wet clothes.

There were lots of things to look at along the way, spring flowers, trees with all stages of leaves and the sky filled with many different clouds.

Our school was moved down the road a short distance in early 1900's. Wondered where it was before, now many years later, found the answer – an old foundation.

Recess ~ The time of fun and games, swings, teeter-totter, softball and snowball contests. However, one side of the playground bordered a farmer's pasture with lots of bushes, cattle, and places to explore, play hide and seek, and follow the cows around.

We had a special place to get through the fence. The teacher never saw us disappear, only when the bell rang, it took longer to get back.

Fetching Water ~ Like some one room houses, we had no running water, so getting drinking water meant walking to the neighborhood farm house a short walk away. This was called a chore, but whoever had the assignment considered it a special duty because the farm house had a big friendly kitchen, where we were treated to fresh baked cookies and stories were shared with us. We felt this should be called educational as we learned about the history of the farm and family.

School Bell ~ There was the bell on the roof of the school, rang by pulling a rope at the back of the classroom. This bell was very loud, could be heard a long way.

Our eighth-grade teacher had a special hand bell. This bell was kept in a corner cupboard . . . strange mystery, the bell would disappear. She would look for days, then one day when she opened the cupboard, there it was. She never knew where it had been hiding!

~ Nature Notes ~

Bears, bears and more bears. Please be on the lookout, they have been seen all over town. One Mama has 3 cubs, another has 2, one huge fellow was videoed in the back yard dismantling a bird feeder.

If you walk or hike, one suggestion is to **carry an air horn** – it makes lots of noise!

~ Meeting Highlights ~

(Complete minutes are available at the town office.)

As the Select Board asked that their minutes only provide the minimum required, everyone is encouraged to attend their meetings either in person or via zoom for full details.

Select Board ~ 6/9/2022

Members present(in-person): Kevin Eaton, Cathy Reynolds, and Meadow Squier

Others present: Via Zoom: Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, Pat Psholka, Nancy Birdsall, and Rick Fallar:

In-person: Hollis Squier and Gail Fallar-SB Assistant, Michael Fallar at 8:38.

Board reviewed the agenda, added town day bonfire, ARPA guidelines, driveway permit process, and Better Places grant.

Public Works Facilities Update ~ Gail reported that Jerry Parker, of Parker Water Wells, had discounted some of the increase in the bill for the well – due to lack of water and the need to frac it, which increased gallons per minute from ½ to 1. Board expressed appreciation to Parker Water Wells.

Board discussed State Fire Safety Permit, Stan will send the application, with cover letter that mechanicals will be provided once they are received from Rick Smyrski at Morton Buildings. Still waiting . . . After discussion, Board granted permission to Cathy to meet with Eric regarding electrical and lighting (down facing, motion sensors, timers, etc.). Kevin reported that there was a meeting this morning with Eric, GMP and Morton about the exterior electrical – apparently there is a new requirement for a new ‘box’, which is unavailable (8 month wait time). Later in the meeting, Board talked with Glenn Merrill who advised there was no decision made, a waiver might be granted.

Town Garage Colors: After discussion and consultation with David and Carleen Eaton, Board voted that the body of the building would be cream/ivory and the roof would be evergreen.

Meeting with the Eatons: Board set a meeting with David and Carleen at 6:00, prior to the Select Board meeting on July 14th to discuss concerns with operations/lights.

Morton Buildings: Still waiting for Rick Smyrski to provide plumbing and heating mechanicals.

Highway ~ Eric was on vacation, not present.

TAP Grant Report: Cathy noted there is no word from the state yet.

Back Hoe Bids: Board opened the two bids received – Glenn Merrill bid \$1,018; Hollis Squier bid \$1,027. Board voted to accept the high bid.

G.I.A. Grant Letter of Intent: Board voted to approve and sign Letter of Intent to participate in the State’s

Grant-In-Aid program regarding stormwater projects for FY23. Estimated at \$11,000 this year.

Old Garage Repair: Moved to July 14th meeting. Board discussed painting versus re-siding, need estimates for both options.

Drive Way Permit Process: Cathy wrote a draft, Board will consider on July 14th.

Ash Tree Removal: No David Birdsall, moved to July 14th.

Old Business ~

Follow-Up To-Do List ~ Board discussed repairs to the handicap rails on ramp to library and the old fire house, and painting the town office.

Heat Pump Grants: May be available – need to obtain a quote to ready – Board authorized Cathy to gather more information – also mentioned update for town garage.

Financial ~

Board voted to approve warrants and financial report as presented.

New Business ~

ARPA Guidelines: Cathy reviewed draft she wrote earlier today, to help the committee develop projects for the SB to consider, included a time line and process, justification for the request, on-going cost to town, etc. Board reviewed list of proposals from town meeting, reduced it to five for the committee to review: fire department; pickle ball/tennis court; ash tree removal; recreation on town lot; the old creamery.

Board voted to authorize the town clerk to purchase air purifiers for the old fire house and town office by June 30.

ARPA Committee: Seven people volunteered to serve – Theresa Butts, Chuck Bronk, Gregg Casey, Michael Fallar, Sherry Johnson, Holly Ross, and Martha Stanley. Board discussed size of committee and duties. Board voted to create an ARPA Committee with 7 members, and appointed all those who volunteered. The Committee is charged with reviewing the five projects agreed to above, and can add others if they are justified. Cathy will edit her guidance and include report back by 9/1/22 requirement.

Conservation Commission Vacancy: Board appointed Colleen Balch to fill vacancy created by Nelson Jaquay’s resignation. Term ends in 2024.

Rutland County Sheriff’s Department FY23 Contract: Board voted to approve FY23 Contract with RCSD.

Speed Limit Update: Moved to July 14th, Cathy briefly reviewed process, other factors to consider, amending the Traffic Ordinance, include Stop Sign rules, and the need for volunteers to work on it.

Town Fun Day Bonfire: Kevin reported he and Glenn Merrill (and the TVFD) will oversee the bonfire, light it, put it out and re-seed area on the ball field near the big stone. Board agreed by consensus.

Better Places Grant: Alan Held called to ask the Select Board to support a Better Places grant for his idea for

tennis and pickle ball courts, and a rec area on Merrill Spring Road. Board agreed by consensus.

Feedback Form – None

Executive Session – Board voted to enter Executive Session at 8:45 to discuss potential real estate transaction, invited Gail. Board exited at 8:52. Board voted to authorize Meadow Squier and Gail Fallar to pursue a real estate matter.

Next Meetings Schedule ~ Thursday, July 14th no meeting on June 28th. Meeting on the 14th will begin at 6:00 with a town garage discussion with the Eaton family.

Planning Commission ~ 6/16/22

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

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

Others present: in-person, Ed Bove, Ex. Director of the Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) and Gail Fallar, Secretary.

Ed Bove, RRPC, noted he was the Executive Director only for the next 10 days, when he would then step down and work on special projects for RRPC, our Town Plan update being one of them. He advised that the Town Plan was last adopted in 2017, so it needs to be re-adopted by 2025 (every 8 years). It was amended in 2020 to add an Energy Section. The good news is that it contains all the necessary elements required by statute, but could use updating census data, and some work on font styles, formatting. RRPC can help with that. Gail inquired about state grants – Ed advised that updating town plan grants are pretty hard to get.

Ed reviewed the first Town Plan, adopted in 1974, stating it was very well done, and noted that the Objectives list is still the same, surviving all the revisions and updates since then, including the 2007 Town Plan of the Year (Vermont Planners Association). He passed around a copy for members to review.

Rainbow advised that the Equity and Inclusion Committee's Research and Development Working Group was thinking about conducting a survey regarding the town's future and wondered if a combined survey could be useful with the update. Members briefly discussed the survey done for the 2017 update. Should it be mailed, done by survey monkey, town's website, or a combination of those, no decision made.

Members discussed the similarities with today's concerns and those in 1974, keeping the town rural, agricultural, though we are now down to one dairy farm. Subdivisions, development, preserving ag/open land . . .

Homework will be for members to read the original 1974 and current 2020 Town Plans and determine any areas of concern, issues that need to be addressed. PC will meet in August to discuss, and meet with Ed again in September.

No updates on other proposed subdivisions – still waiting for surveyors to complete work.

Next meeting will be August 18th, no meeting in July.

Conservation Commission ~ 6/13/22

With thanks to Chuck Bronk, Sec.

Members present: Ed Hasenohr, Rainbow Squier-(Zoom), Doug Fontein, Robbie Leeds, Jeff Ams, Colleen Balch-(Zoom), and Chuck Bronk

Public Present: Gail Fallar, Rick Fallar, and Doug Inkley-(Zoom)

New Business:

Rainbow reported that Nelson Jaquay has resigned from the Commission. She thanked him for all his input and service and suggested that at a future meeting we all sign a card of appreciation and thanks to be sent to him.

Colleen Balch offered to fill his position and has been approved by the Select Board. She attended this evening's meeting via Zoom.

Ongoing Business:

As an overview of our Green Up day activities, Ed reported that we had good attendance. Doug commented that 30 people collected 35 bags of trash, and that fully half of the attendees were children. Safety vests were offered to all attendees and a variety of prizes awarded to the youngsters. Virtually all roads in Tinmouth were covered either by attendees or by the "Adopt-a-Road" participants, who cover a section of town roads from year to year. All in all, the effort was a success.

Rainbow announced the need to reschedule the workday, which had been planned for May 21, 2022. She apologized for forgetting to publish reminders and while Doug F. had all the materials ready, there were insufficient attendees to carry out the work. All agreed that we need to publish our intended workdays in both the *Tales of Tinmouth* and on Front Porch Forum in order to attract more attendance. Often, in the past, non-commission members have helped out when there has been sufficient notice of the schedule of a workday.

A tentative workday was scheduled for July 23, 2022 with a 9:00 start at the Ridge Trail Kiosk. The projected work would include the renewal of bog bridges, cutting of new switchbacks and blockage of the old trail portions replaced by the new switchbacks. (Volunteers needed!)

Doug F. commented that he might not be able to attend but that he could have the trailer loaded and ready to go. Chuck agreed to haul the trailer if needed as he has used Doug's trailer in the past. All agreed that Rainbow should confirm the scheduled date before hand by email to all commission members and publish the intended date and time in the *Tales* and FPF.

Rainbow did a screen share, so that members attending could review the submissions to the Photo Contest. Many submissions were made, and many participants could not

decide which of multiple submissions to pick, so they included several, and left it to Rainbow to pick a favorite. This turned out to be a difficult task, but the members agreed that we should hold to the rule that we only accept one photograph per participant. After considerable discussion of how the voting should occur on Tinmouth Town Day July 9, 2022, it was agreed that submissions be numbered and that voters pick their three favorite photos and rank them. While the photos will be projected in a continuous loop, it was suggested that printed proof sheets with all the submissions be available to help with voting, and that we should award prizes for the youngsters who made submissions. There are a number of prizes left over from Green Up day that could be used for this purpose. Commission members will be needed for vote tallying on Town Day following the voting.

Other Business:

Doug F. reported that he took the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade class from the Tinmouth Mountain School, on a kayak tour of the Tinmouth Channel. He mentioned that the 6th graders had produced a Water Quality Report on the Channel and suggested that the Commission review it.

Jeff questioned the positioning of signs for Amphibian Crossings and suggested that we really should be posting zones of crossing, not single points. Chuck pointed out that one of our crossing signs on Route 140 near Nelson's house, has disappeared, leaving only the posts. A discussion of purchasing additional signs and securing them was tabled to a future meeting.

Next regular meeting was set for August 22, 2022 at 7:30 PM.

**Tinmouth Community Fund Annual Meeting ~
6/2/22**

With thanks to Helen Mango, Sec.

Present: Jan Krantz (Chair), Cathy Reynolds (Treasurer), Melody Squier (Vice Chair), Casey Voigtlaender, Lisa Patry, Todd Dennis, Helen Mango (Secretary), and numerous residents of the Town of Tinmouth.

Jan called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. She started by stating that for the first time the TCF is combining the awards ceremony with the annual meeting. She said that, pending nomination, Casey would be taking over as Chair of the TCF at the end of the meeting. Jan gave a very brief summary of the history of the TCF. The Fund began 23 years ago using \$85,000 in funds leftover from the building of the Community Center. The non-profit TCF was created using these funds as seed money. At first there were just Community Grants, then in 2012 the Continuing Education fund was added. In 2014 the K-12 Camp Scholarship fund was started, and in 2020 Small Business grants were added. Special large projects (such as the acoustic panels on the ceiling of the Community Center) have been funded periodically.

Treasurer's report:

Cathy reported that the TCF would be awarding \$13,150 at this evening's event. This leaves the fund with \$211,267. The Continuing Education Fund would be awarding \$17,700, leaving a balance of \$321,780.

Board member elections:

There are three 3-year positions and one 2-year replacement position available on the TCF board.

Cathy, Melody and Helen have all agreed to continue on the TCF board. Gail nominated the above three, and Martha Stanley for the 2-year replacement position. All were elected.

Review of 2021 Community Grants

Helen listed the Community Grants awards from 2021, which were:

- Tinmouth Directory
- Old Creamery
- Tales of Tinmouth
- Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project
- Be Seen In Tinmouth
- Tinmouth Plant Sale
- Tinmouth Elves
- Tinmouth Mountain School

2022 Community Grants

Helen presented certificates to the 2022 Community Grant awardees:

- Sharing the Bounty (\$150)
- Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department (\$850)
- Community Events (\$750)
- Tinmouth Elves (\$750)
- Event Publicity (\$500)
- Imagination Library (\$350)
- Community Center (\$750)
- Tinmouth Blooms (\$550)
- Tinmouth Elves Outerwear Division (\$750)
- Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project (\$750)
- Tales of Tinmouth (\$1000)
- Tinmouth Green-Up Day Committee (\$250)
- Community Events (Tinmouth Day) (\$750)
- Tinmouth Mountain School (\$2000)

2022 K-12 Camp Scholarships

Melody announced that four \$250 K-12 Camp Scholarships were awarded.

2022 Small Business Grants

Casey reviewed last year's grants, and announced that four local business were awarded Small Business Grants in 2022:

- Babbling Meadows Farm (\$500)
- Auto Salon (\$500)
- Blue Skies (\$500)
- Mike's Cleaning (\$500)

2022 Continuing Education Scholarships

Cathy announced that there are 12 awardees this year, whose post-secondary education plans include four-year college, two-year college, massage therapy, yoga training, early childhood education and becoming a Vermont Master Gardener.

Susan McIntosh Lloyd Scholarship –

Bob Lloyd (over Zoom) discussed how Bess Lewis did not apply for this scholarship, but wrote a lovely paragraph about Sue, which Bob read. Cathy then awarded three Susan McIntosh Lloyd Scholarships (awardees write a special application for this scholarship).

Pam Garceau Memorial Scholarship –

Cathy introduced Dan Garceau to the group. Cathy described how this scholarship is for students who exhibit grit and determination. Awardees write a special application for this scholarship.

Continuing Education Scholarship Committee:

Cathy asked for volunteers to serve on this committee. The following people volunteered: Nelson Jaquay, Jan Krantz, Jaron Rochon, and Trish Warfle.

Gail asked for a round of applause to acknowledge the work of the TCF board.

The TCF Executive Board briefly convened to welcome Martha to the board and elect officers. It was moved and 2nded that Casey be nominated as the new Chair, Todd as Vice Chair, Helen as Secretary and Cathy as Treasurer. Motion carried.

Tinmouth ARPA Committee Meeting ~ 6/22/22

With thanks to Martha Stanley, Sec.

Members present: Charles Bronk, Gregg Casey, Michael Fallar, Sherry Johnson (Via Zoom), Holly Ross, and Martha Stanley

Absent: Theresa Butts (work conflict)

Public present: Gail Fallar, Town Clerk

Gail, as town clerk, called the meeting to order at 7:00, welcomed and thanked the members for volunteering. Holly was elected Chair and Martha volunteered to be Secretary.

Gail advised that one of the projects on the Select Board's list, the Pickleball/Tennis court and rec area on Merrill Spring Road, was no longer on the table but could be considered under the recreation proposal for the town's land behind the transfer station.

Members discussed the \$ 175,000 available – Gail noted the Select Board had spent money on the “Owl” used for zoom meetings and an iPad for the road commissioner. Michael suggested not spending it all, leaving \$25,000 aside for something that might come up needing the money between now and when the money needs to be

spent. Holly reminded the Committee that the Select Board requests their work to be completed by Sept. 1st.

Proposals to be considered with members assigned:

- Ash tree removal - Greg Casey
- Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department Equipment- Sherry Johnson
- Recreation (disc golf, walking trails, stage/amphitheater, public swimming, pickle ball/tennis court) - Chuck Bronk and Martha Stanley
- Old Creamery restoration plan - Michael Fallar

Theresa will need to choose a project assignment.

Holly will take on any proposals that may be brought forward by a community member.

Tasks accepted and assigned:

By the next meeting members will have begun to:

- Develop a budget and cost of elements to fund the project.
- Work on a written narrative that supports the project to include those items for consideration as assigned by the Select Board.

Holly ~

- Will reach out to the community for other ideas via an article in the *Tales*.
- Will contact Theresa regarding her work schedule and next committee meeting date and proposal assignment.
- Follow up on resource/contact information - Katie Buckley at VLCT, and the Rutland Regional Planning Commission

(Other committee members may do so as well as there is good information available to support the committee's work.)

Next meeting: Monday July 11 at 7:00 PM

Old Creamery Committee ~ 6/23/22

Present in-person were members Michael Fallar and Doug Fontein, members present via Zoom were Stan Wilbur and Vito Macaluso.

Others present were Gail Fallar- scribe in-person, and via Zoom: Rene Wilbur, Sherry Johnson and Kim Harbaugh.

Committee re-organized. Michael was chosen as Chair, Gail volunteered to continue as scribe. Minutes of 4/20/19 (last committee meeting) were read and approved as written.

Gail, as town treasurer, reported a current balance of \$5,948.61. Increase is due to donations made in memory of former Chair Grant Reynolds who passed in 2021, and a 2021 Community Fund grant written by Michael.

Members discussed work plan for this year, as well as projects to apply for ARPA funding from the Select Board.

1. Paint the east wall, bottom that was re-clapped has been done. Re-side and paint the south wall – claps are too far gone to simply re-nail.

2. Run electricity from the town office to the Old Creamery building to a sub-panel.
3. 'Clean' room – build a storage room 10 ½ feet by 14 feet using the door on the north side of the building. Ceiling joists need replacing and ½ inch sheetrock, walls to be ¼ inch sheetrock covering old surfaces, a new wall on the south and a small spur on the west. Window to be re-glazed to allow in light.
4. Ramp (covered ?) from porch to door on north side – entry to 'clean' room.

'Clean' Room = Storage room for Conservation Commission signs, Historical Society items, folks using the bake oven, etc.

After discussion, Stan volunteered to contact Lothar Schmelzenbach regarding estimates/evaluation for replacing or reglazing windows and re-siding the south wall. Michael will work on an estimate for the ramp – need to check handicap requirements. Gail will contact another electrician (the one hired last year was a no show) and a painter for estimates. A plan for the Clean Room also needs to be developed – concern was expressed regarding all the interior lead paint. There is no paint on the south wall, having been exposed to the weather for decades.

The Select Board has developed guidelines for ARPA projects, Michael is on the ARPA Committee, will take Old Creamery Projects to that entity. The SB also needs a narrative detailing how the project benefits the community, potential importance, etc.

~ **Backyard Burning Reminders Released** ~

MONTPELIER, Vermont – With spring and summer cleaning underway, the Department of Environmental Conservation wants to remind and encourage Vermonters to follow a few guidelines for on-premise or backyard open burning.

Burning materials from spring cleanup can release harmful pollution that can impact neighboring properties. By following these guidelines, Vermonters can help reduce air pollution, avoid nuisance impacts, and protect human and environmental health.

The on-premise or backyard burning of brush, deadwood, or tree cuttings collected from normal property maintenance is allowed under the Vermont Air Pollution Control Regulations, as long as no public or private nuisance, such as excessive smoke, is created. These guidelines can help Vermonters avoid creating nuisance impacts during on-premise or backyard burning:

- Allow green materials to dry prior to burning
- Consider the wind speed and direction before beginning the burn
- Postpone burning if atmospheric conditions are not favorable to disperse the smoke
- Ensure that the fire burns hot

- Obtain a local burn permit from the town fire warden Glenn Merrill – 802-446-2782.

“Our best suggestion is to avoid burning altogether and let the materials decompose naturally,” said John Wakefield, the Department of Environmental Conservation’s Compliance Section Chief for the Air Quality and Climate Division. Additional tips on what to do with excess leaves, grass, and wood – such as composting and brush piles – can be found on this [Waste Management and Prevention Division webpage \(https://bit.ly/3L6wVxy\)](https://bit.ly/3L6wVxy).

For more information on open burning in Vermont, go to the Air Quality and Climate Division’s [webpage on backyard burning \(https://bit.ly/3L9y3Au\)](https://bit.ly/3L9y3Au).


Editor’s Note: Tinmouth’s Solid Waste Ordinance prohibits burning trash or solid waste. All solid waste and recyclables are to be disposed of at the Transfer Station. No burn barrels or burn piles are allowed.
Thank you for your cooperation.

**Ira Historical Society
Roadside Marker Dedication and Re-Enactment
July 30, 2022**

The Ira Vermont Historical Society will host a dedication ceremony on Saturday, July 30th at 2PM for the new Vermont Historic Site plaque describing the town's iconic eighteenth century Ira Town Hall. The marker has been in place for two years and this is our long awaited opportunity to celebrate. After the dedication, the Society's museum on the second floor of the Town Hall will be open to visitors for the first time. Revolutionary War reenactors from the Massachusetts 3rd Regiment will have an encampment with a cooking demonstration, musket firing, and talks on period dress and food planned for the day. Light refreshment offered. For details visit <https://www.iravhs.com/home> or call Robert Kirbach at 802-235-2604.


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~ Bess Lewis's tribute to Sue Lloyd, 2022 ~

Sue had a huge impact on my childhood. I loved attending her reading groups. Knowing Sue as an adult was equally as inspirational. Sue was a person of perseverance, and intelligence; she valued education. She valued community and she was generous with her time helping children and her neighbors. She valued old friendships, and she frequently visited and brought books to my grandmother, who was so elderly she couldn't hear and was living in the Meadows. Sue valued justice. She worked as a mentor for children whose parents were incarcerated. She loved the outdoors and I enjoyed many good skiing expeditions with her and her dog. She sang and performed in various singing groups, and at the Tinmouth and Grace church. She was a talented vocalist and musician. I miss her very much. She would be very pleased with the success of her memorial scholarship.

Bear Co-existence Advisory from Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department

The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department is receiving reports from across the state of black bears seeking food in yards, outbuildings, and livestock enclosures this spring. Many of these situations can be prevented if people take steps to make their backyards bear-safe before a bear shows up.

Bears—and people—are at risk when bears spend time in human-dominated landscapes. And every time a bear finds an easy meal of birdseed, compost, or unsecured garbage, they are learning a dangerous association between people and food. Coexisting with bears starts with **you** taking the following steps to help keep bears wild:

- **Birdfeeders are a big problem!** Take down birdfeeders until December. You can attract birds by planting bird friendly native plants instead—check out Audubon's Native Plants for Birds Program: <https://www.audubon.org/native-plants>
- **Make your garbage inaccessible.** Store garbage in a secure structure and a bear proof container. Learn how to make your garbage can bear proof here: <https://vtfishandwildlife.com/sites/fishandwildlife/files/documents/Learn%20More/Living%20with%20Wildlife/Living%20with%20Bears/bear-resistant-retrofit-polycart.pdf>
- **Dispose of garbage frequently.** If you have pick-up services, wait until the morning to put your garbage out.
- **Follow steps for composting in bear country.** Compost needs to be 3 parts brown materials to 1 part kitchen scraps, turned frequently, and kept in a sturdy tumbler or bin: <https://vtfishandwildlife.com/node/260>

- **Use electric fencing to keep chickens and bees safe.** Fences need to be 4,000-6,000 volts, tested regularly and baited:
- **Clean your grill after every use.**
- **Make bears feel uncomfortable in your yard.** Yell, bang pots and pans, or use other noise devices from inside your home. Never shoot a bear to scare it. Even BBs can seriously injure bears.
- **Please report your bear encounters to Vermont Fish & Wildlife.** These reports allow us to help you prevent future bear incidents. They also give us information to help all Vermonters better coexist with bears: <https://anrweb.vt.gov/FWD/FW/WildlifeBearReport.aspx>

Following these steps can save bears' lives, and help protect you, your neighbors, and your property. Please do your part to be a good neighbor and help keep Vermont's bears wild!

If you have questions, contact the Vermont Fish and Wildlife department at 802-828-1000, or fwinformation@vermont.gov.

~ 2022 Tinmouth Town Wide Tag Sales ~
By Sherry Johnson

Time to save that “stuff” from spring cleaning! We are planning to have the 9th Annual Tinmouth Town Wide Tag Sales in 2022, and look forward to continued community participation. It has been our experience people travel Mountain View Road and East Road. If you “off the beaten path” so to speak and are a Tinmouth resident, we will have limited space available at the Old Fire House and The Old Creamery if you'd like to have a sale in town. Sign up early if you would like one of those spaces. We will of course, have a map with your location listed if you prefer to keep it at home.



Don't want to have a tag sale, but the stuff is too good to toss - items can be donated at the end of August to our charity tag sale. This year the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department will be the beneficiary.

So, please save the date – **September 3rd**, which is the first Saturday of the Labor Day weekend.

Although the “official time” is 9am to 3pm, this year we will mark on the tag sale map if your sale starts before 9am, is a two-day sale or is an inside sale.

Questions? Call Sherry Johnson 446-3307. If you'd like to sign up to have your tag sale placed on the map; please email your location to charles.bronk@gmail.com by August 28th.

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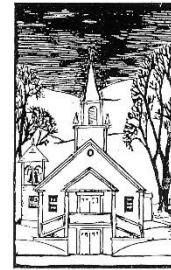
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~ July 2022 Calendar of Events ~

Town Office	Monday	4 th	Closed to Celebrate Independence Day!	
Select Board - Special	Thursday	7 th	5:00	In-Person /Virtual
Fire Department	Thursday	7 th	7:00	In-Person/Virtual
Old Creamery Committee	Saturday	9 th	8:00 AM	In-Person/Virtual
Tinmouth Day	Saturday	9 th	2:00 – Dusk	Center of Town
ARPA Committee	Monday	11 th	7:00	In-Person/Virtual
Select Board	Thursday	14 th	7:00	In-Person /Virtual
Equity and Inclusion Comm.	Tuesday	19 th	7:00	In-Person/Virtual
Planning Commission	No Meeting in July			
<i>Tales of Tinmouth</i> Deadline	Wednesday	20 th		Don't Miss It!
Trail Workday	Saturday	23 rd	9:00 AM	Ridge Trail
Select Board (if needed)	Tuesday	26 th	7:00	In-Person /Virtual

~ August 2022 Calendar of Events ~

Fire Department	Thursday	4 th	7:00	In-Person/Virtual
State Primary Election	Tuesday	9 th	8:00 am –7:00 pm	Community Center
Select Board	Thursday	11 th	7:00	Town Office /Virtual
First Half Property Taxes Due	Monday	15 th		Town Office
Planning Commission	Thursday	18 th	7:00	Town Office/Virtual
<i>Tales of Tinmouth</i> Deadline	Saturday	20 th		Don't Miss It!
Conservation Commission	Monday	22 nd	7:30	Town Office/Virtual
Select Board (if needed)	Tuesday	23 rd	7:00	In-Person /Virtual

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