

TALES OF TINMOUTH

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Editors' Notes: *Many thanks for the generous donations recently received, they are very much appreciated!*

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*

~ 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. This means that you will receive ballots for all three major parties - Democratic, Progressive, Republican - but you are only allowed to vote on one party's ballot.

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.

The Informational Meeting for that will be **Monday, August 8th at 6:30 PM** at the Community Center.

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 in person; or **you can cast your ballot on August 9th at the Community Center between the hours of 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM.**

The Town received (with thanks to the Vermont Secretary of State's Office) an Official Ballot Drop Box. It is located between the two doors at the Town Office. If you vote early/absentee, you may deposit your ballots there.

There are a number of open seats this year, so voting in the Primary is important to help the Parties choose who the candidates will be in November.

~ Road Closure NOTICE ~

Tinmouth's **North End Road** from the intersection of Harrington Cross Road to Clarendon's West Tinmouth Road, will be **CLOSED** to through traffic from Monday, August 1st, 2022 until Tuesday, August 9th. A large culvert is being installed on Potter's Brook. The hope is to complete the project in less time, but there are no guarantees.

Your cooperation and understanding is appreciated.

Tinmouth Day ~ July 9th

Was a fun-filled afternoon for the whole family! Festivities started with a parade that featured Emeline Squier (age 6) with her pet goat and Mom, Meadow leading the way, followed by a horse (man-powered – Marshall, John and Mohammed) drawn wagon from the old town sheds filled with kids, five fire trucks, two town trucks, a tractor, a kid filled decorated pick-up truck, a 4-wheeler, an old truck, mini bikes, and more, for a twice around the town green spin so everyone could see.

Then came ice cream donated by Stewarts (thank you very kindly), cookies and stories at the Library with Miss Ruth, and games of all kinds and crafts throughout the afternoon, a dunking booth, great music by Jonathan Czar and friend, a delicious potluck dinner, a community softball game, and finally, a bon fire closed out the festivities.

Over 100 folks of all ages attended, played games, talked, ate and had a great time!

Congratulations to **Robbie Leeds** for winning 1st prize for his blueberry pie, and to **Cris Carabeau** for finishing a close 2nd! All the pies were delicious.

Thank you to all who worked so hard to put it together!



Miss Ruth reads at the Library.

~ Tinmouth's Website ~

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

~ 2022 Tinmouth Town Wide Tag Sales ~

Saturday, Sept. 3rd

By Sherry Johnson



Time to get out that “stuff” from spring cleaning! The 9th Annual Tinmouth Town Wide Tag Sales again in 2022,

September 3rd, the Saturday of the Labor Day weekend. 9 am - 3 pm.

New this year, we have limited space in the town center for people who are not on the East Road/Mountain View Rd/Route 140 loop. It has been our experience people travel Mountain View Road and East Road. If you are “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. Please sign up early if you would like one of those.

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. You can drop things off from 2pm-6pm on September 2nd at the Fire House.

There will be a yard sign for each location, and the yard sign will be delivered to each location the day before the event. Sale location maps can be emailed by request or picked up at the Town Office a few days before the event. More information will be forthcoming on Front Porch Forum. 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.

~ Covid 19 Antigen Self Test Kits ~

The Vermont Department of Health recently sent a supply of At-Home antigen self-test kits to the town office for distribution to the public on behalf of the Vermont Department of Health.

These are available to all members of the public, up to 4 test kits (8 tests). The tests are for the purpose of detecting an active COVID-19 infection. The At-Home tests should not be used by persons under the age of 2 years old.

Available during regular town office hours, while supplies last. Expiration date is 12/31/22 per the CDC.

~ 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.

~ Please BE Safe – Wear a Safety Vest ~

If you walk, run/jog, bike, or hike, (or even fix fences) along town roads, **PLEASE** make sure you wear a safety vest so anyone driving along can see you.

Sometimes you might be in the shadow of the trees and no one can see you! Thank you for your cooperation!

~ Share the Bounty ~

By Sherry Johnson

The next time you go to the Town Office, check out the “Share the Bounty” stand. The stand is for people to drop off extra fruit and vegetables from their garden. Traditionally there has been a cardboard box with zucchini, tomatoes, and other extras. Now we have a well-ventilated visible stand. Currently the stand has zucchini and summer squash. Feel free to leave garden surplus or take what you need.

Thank you to Al Swenson (see photo below) who designed and built the shelf; and to the Tinmouth Community Fund for the grant.

Please be respectful of the time and effort that was expended to create the shelf; and continue to leave non-food items on the bench in front of the office.



~ Property Taxes Due ~

First half property taxes are due, Monday, **August 15th**. The Town Office is open that day, from 8-noon and 1-5. You may pay both halves if you wish.



TINMOUTH
CHURCH

~ Tinmouth Community Church ~

“Are you a Christian?”

The question is hardly asked any more. Perhaps the goodness and integrity of our lives makes it obvious that we are. Or, perhaps our virtue doesn't stand out enough to be asked.

For many people the question probably wouldn't come to mind simply because they have little knowledge of the Christian faith. Or perhaps the question comes to mind as an indictment that matches what is seen and stereotypically believed about Christians.

Personally, and even though I am a pastor, I am sometimes a bit hesitant to identify myself as a Christian, lest I be associated with that which is anything but Christ-like. Better to let my life bear witness to Christ and assume the risk of imperfection, which can so easily be accosted.

To be a Christian is more than a religious identity or church affiliation. It is to be a "Christ-bearer", a person in whom the Spirit of Christ is living and being lived out. And that Spirit, as seen in Jesus Christ, is all about love, the supreme calling and challenge of life.

There is a sense, if I may say, in which we are all Christians, all Christ-bearers, all bearers of that universal Spirit of Life Christians call Christ, (although this Holy Spirit in us goes by other names as well). It is our deepest spiritual nature, encrusted though it be, in which we are evolving, with our cooperation, to become the Christ-like persons which we most deeply are.

As we hear the Spirit's call and respond to the great challenge to love with the love epitomized in Jesus Christ, we are able to affirm our true identity and claim that God-given surname.

As "Christ-bearers," we are more deeply and truly Christian than we might have thought, whether anyone would label us that way or not.

By our love, let us leave no doubt.

*Blessings,
Pastor John*

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

Please Recycle or Pass Along Tales!!

~ Community News ~

Heartfelt sympathies are sent to family and friends of **John Crossman**; to family and friends of **Ron Loomis Sr**; and to **Roseanne Merrill** and family for the loss of her mother.

Get Well Wishes are sent **John** and **Shannon Squier**, **Jim Perron**, **Laurie Cone**, **Carolyn Feury**, **Paul Larson**, **Pam Inkley**, and **Nancy Gucker Birdsall**.

~ Nature Notes ~

Lots of wildlife this summer: four hummingbirds were recently seen fighting over a feeder – zooming around - flying straight up opposite another – fanning their tails – bumping each other . . . monarch butterflies swarming the milk weeds – wildly flitting around . . . four hen turkeys with 13 poults, six hen turkeys with more than two dozen poults – all most the same size as Mama . . . woodchucks, rabbits, turkeys, and deer all enjoying feasting in the garden . . .

~ Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project Annual Fundraising Raffle – Drawing August 13th ~

by Laurel Swenson

There are many wonderful prizes!!

- \$50 Wallingford Locker gift certificate
- A homemade strawberry-rhubarb pie, for delivery in May or June 2023
- A set of rustic Birch picture frames
- Key lime pies
- Wallingford Thrift Store gift certificate
- Hand-knitted gnome
- Two separate gift baskets
- A framed set of Nancy Young basket pictures

To purchase tickets, (\$5 each) you can send a check made out to TPMP and indicate how many tickets you would like to purchase. Send your check to TPMP, PO Box 462, Wallingford, VT 05773. Your check will need to arrive by August 10th.

Or you can see Laurel Swenson (70 West Shore Drive), Sherry Johnson (64 White Birch Drive) or Gail Fallar at the Town Office. Alternately, you can email Sherry at vtsjohnson@icloud.com.

Thank you for your support!

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.

~ 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 ~ 7/7/2022 Special Meeting (Highlights from approved minutes)

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

Others present:

Via Zoom: Sherry Johnson and Kim Harbaugh

In-person: Alan Held, Barbara Held, Rick Fallar, Michael Fallar and Gail Fallar-SB Assistant

Cathy called the meeting to order at 5:00, welcomed everyone, and turned the meeting over to Meadow. Meadow assumed the Chair.

Board reviewed draft warning for special zoning vote on August 9th. Board voted to approve as written and signed the warning for amending the Flood Hazard regulations.

Board voted to accept \$200,000 State Paving Grant for FY23, and authorized Cathy to sign.

2022 Tax Rate – for FY23: Treasurer briefly explained calculation to arrive at rates needed, voters at town meeting authorized using \$18,800 of the general fund FY21 fund balance for the culvert project on North End Road, which helped reduce the proposed tax rate. After brief discussion, Board voted to set the town rate at \$0.7976 and the local rate (due to veteran's exemptions) of \$0.0018 for a total of \$0.7994.

FY23 Salary Schedule: After brief discussion, Board voted to approve with the addition of other employees' payroll schedule – DTC, Community Center Building Manager, etc. for clarity.

Alan Held addressed his letter of concern regarding Cathy's actions regarding his proposal to donate land for a pickle ball/tennis court on Merrill Spring Road. He noted Cathy's support and suggestion to apply for a grant, the amount work he had done regarding grant funding, only to find out that Cathy had emailed two members of the newly appointed ARPA Committee to suggest that the pickleball/tennis could be included in the consideration for the recreation proposals for the land behind the transfer station. Once he learned of her action, he immediately withdrew his offer and canceled the grant application. There were many emails – copies were given to other members of the Board.

Cathy agreed that what Alan had reported was all true, but noted that miscommunication was part of the problem. She should have been more transparent when after the last Board meeting, (as an individual), she sent an email to encourage consolidation of two of the five ARPA ideas. She had no intent to hurt or sabotage Alan.

She was trying to encourage finding the best idea that would be acceptable to most of the town. She apologized for causing hurt and angst.

Alan asked her to not run for re-election when her term is up next town meeting.

Kevin advised that he supported Alan's pickleball proposal.

Meadow declared there would be no action taken by the Select Board at this time, and felt that everyone had a chance to express themselves. No more discussion is needed. She suggested that Cathy and Alan have a talk.

Alan thanked the Board for listening.

Michael asked to speak again, Meadow again advised, not now.

Board discussed adding a contrasting color (same as the roof/dark green) to the town garage as wainscoting for the bottom of the siding, suggested by Morton, no additional cost. Board decided by consensus to approve. Cathy will inquire about changing the color of the white doors.

Michael noted he had wanted to make a comment when the Board reviewed the meeting procedure at the beginning of the meeting and was advised to wait. He suggested the Board's procedure was overly restrictive by not allowing the public to provide input on items being discussed by the Board at the time the Board was discussing it. Members of the public could only speak then, if either the Chair or a majority of the Board allowed it. (*The SB procedure only allows public comment at the beginning of the meeting or with special permission. Ed.*)

Michael also asked Meadow and Kevin to re-organize the Board and elect a new Chair given re-occurring issues with the current chair. No action taken.

The Board voted to have the SBA send the SB meeting procedure to the Vermont League of Cities and Towns for review. Discussion noted that the Board had used the town of Proctor's procedure as a model.

SBA advised that Bob Noble and Stan Wilbur have resigned from the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Board decided to post vacancies and fill at their August meeting. Michael volunteered to serve.

Board thanked Bob and Stan for their years of service on the ZBA.

Member's Concern ~ Cathy inquired about the status of the SAM'S number being reported to the state so that the TAP grant can proceed. Gail advised she is still working on it.

Cathy reported that Rick Smyrski from Morton Buildings advised he is still working the on the mechanicals for plumbing and electrical, no answers yet.

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

Select Board ~ 7/14/2022 (*Highlights are from unapproved minutes.*)

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

Others present:

Via Zoom: Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, Stan Wilbur, Rick Fallar, Bart Bonazinga, Paula Bonazinga, David Birdsall, and Nancy Gucker Birdsall.

In-person: Eric Buffum- road commissioner, David Eaton (until 6:20), Holly Ross, ARPA Chair (@6:30), Michael Fallar (@6:40), Rick Smyrski – Morton Buildings (@6:50), and Gail Fallar-SB Assistant.

Cathy called the meeting to order at 6:00, welcomed everyone, noting that the beginning of the meeting was to address issues of the Eatons regarding the town garage.

David Eaton raised four concerns – 1) There is lots of stuff piled and left in an unsightly heap in plain view of his house – could it be moved elsewhere? 2) Headlights shining in the windows especially at night during the winter, 3) Consideration of start time – back up alarms and other loud noises , and 4) Lighting for the new town garage, will the lights be on motion detectors, more of a problem in the winter when there are no leaves on the trees?

Board tried to address each one – 1) Eric advised some of the stuff was going to move, once the new sand/salt shed is built, there will be a flat space back where the current pile is kept. 2) Eric advised the road crew will try to be more sensitive when loading salt or sand and turn lights off when the truck is pointed towards the house – they have been trying. 3) start time for the road crew is 5:30, when they mostly roll out and do not work at the garage at that time 4) new lighting will be wall mounted, down facing on timer switches, no pole lights.

Regular Board business began at 6:19.

Public Facilities Update ~ Stan reported the state provided a real quick turn-around time for the Fire and Safety Permit. Cathy reported Morton had advised that there would be a 10% increase in the cost of construction – only options are to pay or terminate the contract and pay costs accrued to date. Board discussed at length, expressing many concerns. Board also discussed repairs to the old garage, nothing has been included in the new garage budget or regular highway budget to address this. Board decided to have Eric patch the roof and wait until next year for other repairs.

Rick from Morton Buildings arrived – Board expressed frustration with lack of progress and lack of communication, asked for a guarantee that the building would be done before winter. Board was reluctant to approve change order of \$60,510 without answers to a number of questions. Rick advised he would get answers ASAP. He was asked to put everything in writing. After much discussion, Board voted to accept/approve the \$60,510 increase contingent upon receiving

documentation from Rick – a commitment to no more increases, documentation of what was spent to date by Morton, contact information for Rick’s supervisor, and a completion date for the town garage being all done; and authorized Meadow to sign the Change Order once these were received.

Colors – Board discussed and approved by consensus that the overhead doors would be ivory, passage doors white, white window trim, ivory sides and trim, with a green roof and wainscoting.

Highway ~

Eric reported he had updated the 30 road segments completed in the computer, still needs to be able to print reports from the ANR Atlas. Troubles with both tandem trucks have been resolved. He asked about town policy for roadside wood, does the land owner have to take possession within 7 days? When does it become property of the town? Research is needed, SB added to agenda for 8/11 meeting. Work on culvert replacement on Potter’s Brook should begin 1st week of August; he hasn’t heard from Fuller Paving about summer paving.

Driveway Permit Process – After brief discussion and minor edits, Board voted to approve Driveway Permit Process.

Speed Limit Ordinance Update – Sherry reported the Rutland Region Transportation Council will help with speed studies and updating the ordinance for no charge. SB agreed by consensus to ask Sherry to request RRTC for assistance.

Annual Fuel Bid – SBA advised there would not be one this year, given current fuel prices, has asked Champlain Fuels for a new contract. SB acknowledged action and agreed.

ARPA~ Holly updated SB on progress of the ARPA Committee, had questions from the committee for the SB. Could the Committee consider other proposals (solar panels on town buildings, MRE’s, share equipment purchases with other towns, add dead trees to ash tree removal)? Is access for recreation part of ARPA project? Set aside money for paving or special project not yet determined? Eric expressed support for sharing equipment with other towns, but also put in a pitch for a brush head for the excavator (it would become a one-man operation) or a wood chipper – has estimates for both.

SB advised that the Committee was appointed to assist the SB with research, to present pros and cons of various projects - discouraged the solar idea – school pays for the electric on the school/community center, so there’s no incentive, no other town buildings’ roofs face the correct way; dead trees can be incorporated along with Eric’s equipment request; recreation access will be a SB issue – not the Committee’s; don’t spread work out too far – September 1st deadline can be extended, and thanked the Committee for their work.

Financial ~ Gail reported that end of year reports are not yet ready; progress is being made on the auditor's recommendations. Board voted to approve warrants.

Citizen's Input – Sherry inquired about status of reflective strip and paint stripe near stop sign at intersection of Mountain View Road and Route 140. Eric has tape, will try to get to it soon.

IT/Cyber Security ~ Gail noted Zach Bronzo is scheduled to take a look soon.

Old Fire House Repair ~ SBA reported the post on the railing has been fixed, hand rails will be replaced soon.

Heat Pumps ~ Cathy noted the State is still developing protocols for grant applications, so the town needs to wait before going out to bid.

Select Board Meeting Procedures ~ SB discussed comments from VLCT – they were asked to review – SB has the authority to determine when members of the public can comment, but recommends allowing brief comments while SB is discussing an issue. Much discussion of when, pros and cons of before, during or after. Board left as is for now. *(Please see Meeting Notes below.)*

Minutes of 7/7/22 – Meadow proposed edits, other members accepted, Meadow moved and Kevin 2nded to approve as amended, they voted in favor, Cathy abstained. SBA was again asked to keep minutes shorter.

Executive Session ~ Board voted to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing a potential real estate issue at 8:45, Board exited at 9:05. Board voted to authorize Meadow and Gail to make a real estate offer.

Town Garage Electrical Issue ~ Rick from Morton had presented a quote from an electrician to run power from the pole to the new garage – it's not in the scope of Morton's contract. As it was over \$10,000, the Town's Purchasing Policy requires going out to bid. Board voted to have the SBA prepare bid docs for power from the pole to the town garage.

Next Meeting Schedule ~ Thursday, August 11th; no meeting on July 26th unless Morton Buildings does not produce required documentation and Board needs to revisit increase in cost decision.

7/14/22 Select Board Meeting Notes ~ *There was much discussion about the Select Board Meeting Procedure that included when to allow public comments, how to allow them (is permission needed), civility, lack of respect, rudeness, 3 minute time limit, past and future behavior, the need for concise comments, the value of public input, allowing all voices to be heard (as long as they are civil), and that board members and the public need to follow the rules.*

Planning Commission ~ No Meeting in July

Next meeting will be August 18th.

Tinmouth ARPA Committee Meeting ~ 7/11/22

With thanks to Martha Stanley, Sec.

Members present: Charles Bronk, Gregg Casey, Michael Fallar, Holly Ross-Chair, Sherry Johnson (via Zoom), and Martha Stanley (via telephone).

Public present: Gail Fallar

Minutes of June 22, 2022 were reviewed. Gregg requested that "dead road side trees" be added to the ash tree proposal. With this addition, members voted to approve the minutes.

Committee Members' Proposal Updates:

Gregg Casey - Ash tree/dead tree roadside removal. Gregg has met with Eric Buffum, road commissioner and with David Birdsall, tree warden.

- They are working on costing out purchasing or renting equipment. Information from a Bennington guy – cost- \$250 - \$300 an hour to rent a machine designed to take down trees from the top down.
- Costing out brush removal while looking at the most economical way to do it.
- Considering the liability of the town for problem trees on town roadside.
- Role of the landowners.

Sherry Johnson - Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Dept.

Three projects are included in the TVFD proposal.

- SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus)

To include: Tank, Mask, Communication Equipment. Purchase 3 sets of 2 over time as the equipment expires – don't want to have to replace them all at once. Goal is to have 4 sets working at a time. 4 sets offer opportunity for 2 people to be rescued or relieved.

Estimated Cost: \$42,000

- Insulate Roof of Firehouse.

It cost \$2,500 last year to heat the firehouse.

Estimated Cost: \$40,000

- Have each Truck on its own Electric Circuit

Estimated Cost: \$2,600

Total: \$84,600

Charles Bronk - Recreation

- Recreation area would be directly behind the transfer station.
- Currently lacks reasonable access.

There are two options for access. One is to hug the property east of the town garage/transfer station, the other would be an entrance from the west that requires an easement from the landowner either walking or driving. Martha and Chuck assumed driving.

- 7 to 8 acres may be available.
- The Conservation Commission has done a lot of work. They developed a list of potential recreation opportunities. Should the committee deal with the list

only or also consider basketball, pickleball, and tennis that would require a hard surface while other activities like horseshoes and volleyball can be played on sand?

- Also do we consider an amphitheater and stage?

A question they have for the Select Board - Is the challenge of getting property access part of our charge?

Gail advised that someone requested consideration for a bike path that is safe from traffic.

Michael Fallar - Old Creamery Proposal

Michael reported that the Old Creamery Committee has had 2 meetings. The old creamery is a historical structure that was saved by the Tinmouth Historical Society, with preservation to date done by volunteer labor and donations (and a little town money).

The Old Creamery Committee does have some money – about \$5,000.

- Working on estimates for:

Re-clapping the south wall

Painting the east and south walls

Running power from the town office

Replacement windows

Lead abatement (if needed)

The big picture is that this Historical structure is a safe space that community members are able to walk into and use. For example, the space could be used as a meeting house and for storage.

Holly Ross - Other Suggestions/ Requests

John and Joanne Holler suggested:

- Solar panels on town buildings
- Batteries
- Car charging station

Another suggestion:

- Looking at food storage for those struggling should emergency event occur. MRE(meals ready to eat) might be a possibility. Holly will research how long they last.

Holly also reported on the response from Katie Buckley (ARPA resource person at the Vermont League of Cities and Towns). She suggested sharing equipment with other towns. It was noted that looking to other towns to share equipment costs has been helpful in the past, for example the traffic control lights with Danby.

Holly reported looking at websites to learn what other communities are doing with ARPA monies. She learned a small community in NC was offering small business loans and spending money on cyber security.

Michael reminded the committee that considering all that is going on in the world, this committee should advise the SB to consider reinvesting 20% for town infrastructure.

The Select Board is meeting on Thursday July 14th. Holly will attend and ask:

- Is gaining access to the property for the recreation area proposal part of the ARPA budget?
- The amended projects list – is it okay to consider more suggestions?
- Add Solar on Town buildings?
- Purchase of MRE's (meals ready to eat)?

Next Meeting Monday August 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Committee members are to have more definitive numbers together and a narrative description that provides justification for each proposal.

Old Creamery Committee ~ 7/9/22

Members present in-person Michael Fallar, Vito Macaluso, and Doug Fontein; via Zoom was Stan Wilbur.

Others present were Gail Fallar- scribe in-person, via Zoom - Sherry Johnson, and Lothar Schmelzenbach via telephone.

Members discussed proposed projects:

Michael reported he is still working on estimates for the deck and roof on the north side, it may be a project for next year.

Gail reported an electrician has been contacted, waiting for estimate.

Painting the east wall was discussed. Could it be done with volunteers? It's pretty high – 3 stories, not a volunteer friendly proposal.

Re-clapping and painting the south wall were discussed. Lothar provided information about cost of claps, amount needed, condition of the windows (may not need to replace – might be able to replace and re-glaze the few panes that are missing). After discussion, members decided to buy pre-primed claps, volunteers will paint before they are nailed to the building (Vito and Michael). Discussed the unlikelihood of finding a contractor this summer/fall with time to remove and replace claps.

Vito volunteered to try to repair a sash on one of the windows. Vito also volunteered to pull together photos of the work done so far for the ARPA narrative for the Select Board.

By consensus, members agree to have Michael order the claps and paint and authorized Gail to find a painter for the east side.

Next meeting - Saturday, August 6th at 8:00 am.

Equity and Inclusion Committee ~ 7/19/22

With thanks to Logan Birdsall, Sec.

Meeting was held at the Tinmouth Town Office and virtually through zoom.

Present in-person: Logan Birdsall

Present via Zoom: Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, Emma Weatherhogg, Rainbow Squier, Meadow Squier

Guests in-person: Gail Fallar

Logan was convenor for the meeting.

Working Group Reports

Events Working Group

1. Tinmouth Day overall felt like a big success. The change from morning to afternoon was a positive one, and there seemed to be enough scheduled that there were no lulls in the day. Little things including clean up, will need to be addressed in the next working group meeting to ensure future events go smoothly. It was remarked that it was wonderful to see the community feeling alive and celebrated.
2. A future meeting date has not yet been set, but Logan will email the group to schedule a debriefing meeting.

Mutual Aid Working Group

1. The first read-through of the Tinmouth Operator's Manual was completed at the last working group meeting on July 18th. The next steps will be to re-read the edits and send out individual sections to people involved in what those sections refer to, to ensure the information in the manual is as accurate as possible.
2. One question the group is facing is what to do with the information in the sections on Town Meeting.
3. The date of the next working group meeting was tentatively set for September 12th, though it could be subject to change.

Research and Development Working Group

1. The R&D Working Group has not met since the last committee meeting in May. Rainbow is searching for and inviting in new voices in this group, and once new members are found she will organize more meetings.

Other Business

Since this meeting was not warned 24 hours in advance, all action taken during this meeting will need to be ratified at the next meeting, including approval of minutes.

Things to Ponder.....

The ability to speak several languages is an asset, but the ability to keep your mouth shut in any language is priceless.

Be decisive. Right or wrong, make a decision. The road is paved with flat squirrels who couldn't make a decision.

Happiness is not having to set the alarm clock. Getting another set of teeth would be much more useful at 60 than at age 6.

"The starting pay is \$40,000. Later it can go up to \$80,000."

"Great, I'll start later."

Trust science. Studies show that if your parents didn't have children there's a high probability you won't either.

If you're not called crazy when you start something new, then you're not thinking big enough.

Only in math problems can you buy 60 cantaloupe melons and no one asks - "What the Hell is wrong with you?"

*"I'm 85 and my body is full of aches and pains."
"Well, I'm 85 and I feel like a newborn baby."
"Really?" "Yep, no teeth, no hair, and I just wet my pants."*

When the pool re-opens, due to social distancing rules, there will be no water in lanes 1, 3, and 5.

Tip: Save business cards of people you don't like. If you ever hit a parked car accidentally, just write, "Sorry" on the back and leave it on the windshield.

When I get a headache I take two aspirin and keep away from children just like the bottle says.

Just once, I want the username and password prompt to say, "Close enough."

Becoming an adult is the dumbest thing I've ever done.

Life is like a helicopter. I don't know how to operate one either.

Did you hear about the restaurant on the moon? Great food; no atmosphere.

If you see me talking to myself just move along. I'm self employed. We're having a meeting.

"Your call is very important to us. Please enjoy this 40 minute flute solo".

I envy people who grow old gracefully. They age like a fine wine.

I'm ageing like milk. Getting sour and chunky.

Does anyone else have a plastic bag full of plastic bags, or is it just me?

I hate it when I can't figure out how to operate the iPad and my tech support guy is asleep. She's 5 and it's past her bedtime.

Today's 3 year-olds can switch on laptops and open their favorite apps. When I was 3, I ate mud.

Tip for a successful marriage: Don't ask your wife when dinner will be ready while she's mowing the lawn.

So you drive across town to a gym to walk on a treadmill?

From the Email bag

You think English is easy? Check out the following:

1. The bandage was wound around his wound.
2. The farm was cultivated to produce produce.
3. The dump was so full that the workers had to refuse more refuse.
4. We must polish the Polish furniture shown at the store.
5. He could lead if he could get the lead out.
6. The soldier decided to desert his tasty dessert in the desert.
7. Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present to his girlfriend.
8. A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
9. When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
10. I did not object to the object which he showed me.
11. The insurance was invalid for the invalid in his hospital bed.
12. There was a row among the oarsmen about who would row.
13. They were too close to the door to close it.
14. The buck does many things when the does (females) are present.
15. A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
16. To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
17. The wind was too strong to wind the sail around the mast.
18. "Upon seeing the tear in her painting, she shed a tear.
19. I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
20. How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

Heteronyms - These are brilliant. Homonyms or homographs are words of like spelling, but with more than meaning and sound. When pronounced differently, they are known as heteronyms.

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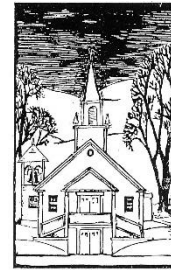
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ARPA Committee	Monday	1 st	7:00	Town Office & Virtual
Fire Department	Thursday	4 th	7:00	Fire House
Old Creamery Committee	Saturday	6 th	8:00 AM	Town Office & Virtual
Informational Meeting	Monday	8 th	6:30	Community Center
State Primary Election	Tuesday	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	5:00	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
Ridge Trail Workday	Saturday	27 th	9:00 AM	Ridge Trail near Comm. Center
ARPA Committee	Monday	29 th	7:00	Town Office & Virtual
First Day of School	Wednesday	31 st		School

~ September 2022 Calendar of Events ~

Fire Department	Thursday	1 st	7:00	Fire House
Town Wide Tag Sale	Saturday	3 rd	9 am – 2 pm	All Around Town
Town Office	Monday	5 th		Closed to Celebrate Labor Day!
Select Board	Thursday	8 th	7:00	Town Office & Virtual
Planning Commission	Thursday	15 th	7:00	Town Office & Virtual
Equity and Inclusion Comm.	Tuesday	20 th	7:00	Town Office & Virtual
<i>Tales of Tinmouth</i> Deadline	Tuesday	20 th		Don't Miss It!
Select Board (if needed)	Tuesday	26 th	7:00	Town Office & 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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