

# TALES OF TINMOUTH

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**Editors' Notes:** *Summer's end is fast approaching, school opens on Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>, days are getting shorter . . .*

The deadline for submissions is the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Tinmouth Town Wide Tag Sales** ~  
**Saturday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**9 am - 3 pm.**



Location maps available at the Town Office or at the Fire House – site of a huge tag sale thanks to many donations, which benefits the Fire Dept.



~ **Library News** ~  
*By Ruth Drachman,*  
*Librarian*

**IF YOU TOOK BOOKS OUT OF THE LIBRARY DURING COVID, AND YOU HAVEN'T RETURNED THEM YET, PLEASE DO SO, SOON!**

**WE ARE STILL MISSING SOME BOOKS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!**

## **New books for adults:**

**Horse** by Geraldine Brooks, “a discarded painting in a junk pile, a skeleton in an attic, and the greatest racehorse in American history; from these strands, a Pulitzer Prize winner braids a sweeping story of spirit, obsession and injustice across American history.”

**The Midnight Library** by Matt Haig, winner of the Goodreads choice award for fiction, has been called a beautiful fable and an engaging read.

**Meet Me at The Museum** by Anne Youngson, charming and sweet, the first novel of 70 year old Anne Youngson. A story about a farmer's wife and a museum curator, and second chances.

**We are open on Thursday afternoons. Come see us!**

~ **State Primary and Special Election Results** ~

Proposed Zoning/Flood Hazard Amendments were approved 108 to 24.

134 voters cast ballots, 68 in person and 66 voted early. 89 cast ballots for Democratic candidates, 46 voted Republican and 2 voted Progressive. 33% of the checklist participated, statewide only 25% voted!

Many thanks to all who volunteered to work at the polls and count ballots.

~ **General Election November 8<sup>th</sup> Updates** ~

In case you haven't heard, the Legislature re-districted this year due to the new census data. Tinmouth was changed back to one voting district for House Representative – there is no longer an east or west district. The 100 or so voters who were in Rutland-2 are now in Rutland-Bennington with the rest of us.

We are now ALL aligned with Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rupert and ½ of Wells.

~ **Early Voting for the General Election** ~

The Secretary of State's Office is going to mail General Election ballots to all active voters in late September. You can return your ballots by mail, drop them off at the town office, or put them in the Special Ballot Return Box located in the vestibule of the town office.

~ **Tinmouth Community Fund Board Vacancy** ~  
*by Jan Krantz*

Did you know that the Tinmouth Community Fund (TCF) has been around since December 1999? It was created to enhance the well-being of Tinmouth residents. TCF is a non-profit under the umbrella of the Town of Tinmouth, organized through the Vermont Community Foundation.

The Tinmouth Community Fund has grown and changed over the years, making it possible to now offer Community Grants, Small Business Grants, K-12 Camp Scholarships, and Continuing Education Scholarships, all awarded in June at an Awards Ceremony.

The TCF Board of Directors consists of nine members who typically meet four times a year to determine fundraising goals/needs, grant and scholarship allocations for the year, and to plan the Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony. **There is currently a vacancy on the Board of Directors.**

Our next meeting will take place on **Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm at the Town Office.** **If you or someone you know may be interested in joining the TCF Board,** please email us at [tinmouthcommunityfund@gmail.com](mailto:tinmouthcommunityfund@gmail.com), with your name and any thoughts you would like to share with the Board, **on or before September 6<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you!

~ **Tinmouth's Website** ~

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



**August 1, 2022**

To the Tinmouth Community,

The summer months are racing by. The school is being repaired, painted, and cleaned from top to bottom in anticipation of the return of students on August 31<sup>st</sup>.

This year's class configuration includes Pre-K, kindergarten-first grade, second-third grade, third-fourth grade, fifth-sixth grade. Please note that the assignment of students to the two third grades was based primarily on room size. Both third grade classes will have access to interventionists and special education services as well as high quality classroom teachers. All third graders will collaborate as always on many projects and activities.

Overall, our student population continues to expand. To date we have 72 students enrolled. It will be a bit crowded this year. We have applied for approval to construct a modular classroom for September 2023 with federal grant money. The state approval process takes approximately a year.

I'm looking forward to August 31<sup>st</sup> when students return for the 2022-2023 school year! (Before-school recess starts at 7:40 AM.) An information letter will go out to all school families this week.

In the interim, keep reading and stay safe!

**September 1, 2022**

To the Tinmouth Community,

The 2022-2023 school year began on Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. It's always astonishing how quickly students mature over the summer months!

TMS Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO) provided waffles and bagels for breakfast on the first day of school. Students celebrated the start of the school year with craft projects. Many thanks to our PTO for making the day exceptional!

Our Four Winds volunteers are gearing up for the school year. The first training is at Shrewsbury Mountain School on September 8<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 11 AM. If you're not part of the Four Winds volunteers, please consider sharing your time and talents with Tinmouth children. Call or email Nelson Jaquay for more information ([jaquay@vermontel.net](mailto:jaquay@vermontel.net) or 802-446-2367)

We are fortunate to have every one of our classroom teachers return this year. (There is a national shortage of teachers.) We do have a new special educator, Ms. Castle.

Additionally, we have a new special education teacher assistant, Ms. Christman. We were very fortunate to hire both educators in late August. We invite parents and volunteers to introduce yourself when in the building. Both special educators will be located in the library when they are not in classrooms.

We are also fortunate to continue with our established bus schedule. Similar to the scarcity of teachers, there is a national shortage of bus drivers. Ms. Cheryl, who drove the bus when many of our parents attended school, is running a similar bus route as last year. This route may temporarily change if one of our bus drivers is incapacitated. The current bus route is on the Mill River Unified Union website.

The classroom gardens in the back of the schools are bursting with vegetables. Many thanks to Meadow and Josh Squier for their help and plant donations this year. Be sure to check out the hefty, yellow pumpkin growing just outside the eastern playground gate.

Our new slide was installed last week. Ms. Edge testifies that it's not only safer than the previous slide but also functional and fun for both children and adults! Feel free to try it out when you get an opportunity!

Teachers and staff are excited and looking forward to the upcoming year. We have been developing plans to mitigate the impact of two years of Covid. There are lingering academic and socio-emotional effects. We anticipate a year where Covid is considered an endemic similar to the flu. This will stabilize the spikes in absences we experienced in the past two years.

Here's to a healthy and successful school year!

*Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker*

**Principal**

**Tinmouth Mountain School**

**September and October  
Friends of the Rutland Free Library  
Book Sales**

**Fri, Sept. 9 (10 - 4) and Sat., Sept. 10 (10 - 2)**

**Fri., Oct. 14 (10-4) and Sat. Oct. 15 (10 - 2)**

**Public Always Welcome!**

Thousands of organized, gently used books, CDs, DVDs and puzzles for all ages.

Always a broad selection of rare and antique books.

*All purchases by donation only.*

**Rutland Free Library  
10 Court Street Rutland, VT (802) 773-  
1860 [www.rutlandfree.org](http://www.rutlandfree.org)**



## Faux Game Supper

By Sherry Johnson

The Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department has once again made the sad decision that we will be unable to hold the annual Game Supper this year. The safety of our community comes first. With the highly contagious omicron variant sneaking around, and the need to hold the dinner inside in crowded conditions, it just is not feasible to safely sponsor the dinner. As some of you may know the Game Supper is the one and only fundraiser the Fire Department holds. The substitute Chicken and Biscuit dinner has been a great success for us.

Not to disappoint, the Fire Department is going to sponsor the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chicken and Biscuit Dinner. We would like to continue the tradition of community support for our supper. Usually, the Fire Department calls members of the community to ask for support making and cooking the components of our supper. This year we would love it if YOU would call and volunteer.

We would like you to volunteer to provide one of the following:

1. Chicken and biscuits (**without the biscuits**). The Fire Department will provide a whole chicken. We can also give you a recipe if you need it, and loan you a pot.
  2. Biscuits packaged in groups of 4. Bags will be provided.
  3. Pie bakers (apple, pumpkin, berry or 'surprise me'). The Fire Department will provide the pie tins if requested.
- If you are unable to cook for us, maybe you can make a donation of berries or other fruit for pies.

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

Right now, we need to know that we have volunteers we can count on to make pies, and chicken, and biscuits.

More details on the Dinner will be in *Tales* and on Front Porch Forum closer to the event.

### Save the date – November 19<sup>th</sup>.

For more information or to volunteer, you can email me ([vtsjohnson@icloud.com](mailto:vtsjohnson@icloud.com)) or call 802-446-3307.

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

### ~ 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 CHURCH

### ~ Tinmouth Community Church ~

God is like death - we can't opt out. Difference is, God is Life, without whom there would be no life. That makes our lives manifestations of the life of God, God expressing God's self as us. Pretty mind-blowing! Incredibly hopeful!

We are talking here about an eternal life, God the eternal One endowing us with the same eternal life, death notwithstanding. We can't opt out of the death of our bodies, but there is more to us than meets the eye or the sleep of death. We have a hope that when life ends here, it is just beginning in another realm, thanks be to God.

We can opt out of believing this, but what are we left with, what explanation of the mystery of life and death, what hope beyond the grave?

Indications of life beyond death are numerous. There is extensive scientific research supporting it. Personal experiences of deceased loved ones making themselves known is common. And paranormal happenings are all but normal.

Belief remains optional. In all our cases, reality will have the last word. I'm expecting that word will be, "He lives!" And because He, Jesus, lives, we too shall live, thanks be to God.

*Blessings,  
Pastor John*

Rev. John Hardman-Zimmerman  
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### ~ Community News ~

*Get Well Wishes* are sent **Bob Emery, Marty Kushnick, Mason Stratton, and Ron Crossman.**

*Heartfelt Sympathy* is sent to family and friends of **Stan Martelle, Sr,** and family and friends of **Betty Fallar.**

*Thank you* to the Tinmouth Gardeners for tending to all the flower beds around the center of town. The one on the south side of the town office has been wonderful! The addition of lilies was a super idea!

And the School/ Community Center gardens are lovely and inspiring!

*Please Recycle or Pass Along Tales!!*

~ 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 ~ 8/11/2022** (Highlights are from unapproved minutes.)

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

Others present:

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

In-person: Eric Buffum-road commissioner, Heather McMahan, Holly Ross, Rick Smyrski – Morton Buildings, David and Jason Hans – Hans Electric, and Gail Fallar-SB Assistant

**Cathy** called the meeting to order at 7:02 and asked Meadow to conduct the meeting as that is easier to do in person. Board reviewed agenda, Cathy asked that the Board add, ‘consider alternate heating for the town garage’, Board also moved up discussion on town garage electrical and ARPA funds.

**Public Facilities Update ~**

Rick from Morton advised progress is being made on slab prep and that building materials will be arriving soon. He reviewed the cost increases – due to sub-contractors prices increasing, Morton is holding its costs. He addressed the change in heating back to the original proposal (on demand unit heaters) per the Board’s inquiry – removing the boiler will save a net of \$19,103 (as Eric had added electrical upgrades – welding outlets, etc.) – Board discussed pros and cons, need to decide tonight. Board discussed adding back the urinal – now \$1,500 with on-demand hot water option. Board also discussed outside lighting – motion detector over the man-door, time out switches in the bays, others on timers, the need for the motion light to come on in a timely manner. Hans Electric assured the Board it was a high-end sensor that could be adjusted.

Board voted to accept the changes as proposed.

Board then voted to authorize Meadow to sign the new change order once it was completed.

**Electrical Bid for Pole to Building ~** Town responsibility, not Morton’s, so the Town went out to bid as it was over \$10,000. Mr. Hans expressed concern that the town had used his proposal as he had spent time preparing it, Eric advised it was used to make sure all companies were bidding on the same specs, so the Board could compare apples to apples.

Board opened bids, Hans Electrical bid \$11,597.43, MC Electric bid \$6,600; \$1,200 if the town bought all the materials. After much discussion, Board voted to

authorize Kevin and Eric make the final decision once they meet with Matt Corey (MC Electric) to inquire about his availability and whether he had the correct meter socket, as it was the low bid. If not, then the bid would be awarded to Hans Electric.

**Window Height ~** After brief discussion, Board voted to authorize Eric to determine where the windows would be placed to allow road crew to open them (bottom at 6 feet).

**Extra Conduits ~** Eric inquired about adding a couple of extra conduits as long as the trench across the driveway was open, one needed for water, one for telephone, another for power, one for future use – for instance a gate across the driveway? After discussion, Board voted to add conduits as proposed by Eric.

**Warranty ~** Kevin inquired about Morton’s warranty on subcontracts. Rick advised Morton warrantees 1 year for labor, materials, and components – including subcontractors. The building is warrantied for 35 years.

**Board** requested Rick give more notice for meetings with Eric, so he would not be on overtime, Rick agreed to that.

**Highway ~**

**Potter’s Brook Project ~** Eric reported both culverts are in, a bit more gravel is needed, Josh Carvajal, state stream alteration specialist, was happy with the project. He noted the road crew is ditching up the hill and the other side to complete stormwater work to take those segments off the list, while in the area. Cathy asked Eric to provide written reports at the SB’s September meeting. Eric advised the updates he had posted have not yet shown up on the state’s map.

**Paving ~** Eric advised paving is done, even the paint striping is completed, shouldering road sides with gravel will happen next week, the road crew shimmed driveways and mail boxes for now.

**Garage Foundation ~** Eric advised that once the foundation is poured, the road crew will install the drainage and back fill to make a level work area for Morton Buildings. He noted the well driller and the engineer are passing the buck about where to locate the pump in the well. The well is 600 feet deep, pump and wire size depends on where the pump is set. Eric and Cathy as Clerks of the Works will take care of it.

**Speed Limit Update Work ~** RRPC has laid lines across roads in four places, is gathering data regarding speed and number of vehicles.

**TAP Grant ~** (for salt/sand shed) – SBA advised she is still waiting for verification from the federal government.

**Feedback Form ~** Board reviewed form from Sherry Johnson thanking Eric for painting a strip on the road and wrapping the stop sign with reflective tape.

**ARPA~** Holly updated SB on progress of the ARPA Committee. The SB asked that projects be separated, not presented as a lump sum – for instance dead trees; EAB (ash trees); and highway equipment. There could be one narrative for them all, with each priced separately. Also

discussed the magnitude of the recreation proposals, Holly suggested the need for a separate recreation committee. Meadow volunteered to be a liaison between the SB and Chuck and Martha (committee members working on rec). Holly noted the ARPA Committee is meeting on August 29<sup>th</sup>, hopefully to finish work requested by the SB. SB decided to meet at 6:00 on September 8<sup>th</sup> to hear the ARPA report before the regular SB meeting.

**Financial** ~ Gail reported end of year reports are not yet ready, progress is being made on the auditor's recommendations. Board voted to approve the payroll and accounts payable warrants.

**To-Do Follow Up List** ~ SB reviewed, removed some that were done or no longer needed.

**IT/Cyber Security** ~ SB asked that this proposal be added to the ARPA Committee's report on the SB meeting on 9/8.

**IDEAL Vermont** ~ Information was forwarded to the Equity & Inclusion Committee.

**Zoning Board of Adjustment Vacancies** ~ There are two vacancies. Todd Dennis, Michael Fallar, Doug Fontein, and Ed Hasenhor, all volunteered to serve. After brief discussion, SB decided to ask each for a brief statement why they want to serve and what they bring to the ZBA for their meeting on 9/8.

**Feed Back Forms** ~ Meadow read the first, from Nancy Gucker Birdsall regarding posting the SB meetings on YouTube and the town's website, details still need to be worked out, but the SB decided to try it for 6 months.

Meadow read the second from Sherry Johnson and Kim Harbaugh regarding concern for the "Owl" – speaker and camera used for Zoom meetings – when the SB goes into executive session. It has been covered, Meadow advised it would remain untouched and be addressed at the next SB meeting.

**Executive Session** ~ Board voted to enter executive session for the purpose of discussion a potential real estate issue at 9:02, Board exited at 9:14. Board voted to accept the proposal for a real estate transaction and authorized Gail Fallar, as SBA, to contact an attorney and a surveyor.

**Next Meeting Schedule** ~ Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>

**8/11/22 Select Board Meeting Notes** ~ *There was much discussion about minutes, what needs to be included, SBA explained her perspective – that meeting minutes should enable anyone not able to attend to understand why actions were taken, and also noted that state statute requires minutes to be taken, but does not require them to be approved.*

*Regarding the executive session, it should be noted that voters will have to authorize final procurement, hopefully at the general election in November and that more information will be available once a Purchase and Sales agreement is signed.*

## **Planning Commission ~ 8/18/22**

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

Members present via Zoom: Bob Lloyd, Pat Psholka, and Kim Harbaugh.

Others present: Sherry Johnson via Zoom, and in-person - Gail Fallar, Secretary.

Rainbow advised that the Conservation Commission was hosting a presentation on carbon sequestration on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup>, invited PC members to attend.

Members expressed areas of concern regarding updating the town plan. There was much discussion about the new energy section, the incorrect information that was used then (2020) to create goals and requirements, and how to obtain better information; energy credits for not cutting trees, carbon sequestration programs. There is a need to add information about the pizza oven and the Equity and Inclusion Committee, as well as work on Action Plans – who decides who does what, etc. There is also a need to update census data and other data, and a need to add a definition of terms section to clarify what is meant by their use. Members also discussed more readable maps; and the transportation section – what is feasible, are the current expectations realistic?

Members discussed a possible survey – possibility of obtaining energy use – electricity, fuel oil, etc. kind of vehicles driven, to be ready for town meeting?

Members made a list of questions for Ed Bove at the September meeting.

Kim inquired about capital planning – while it is a PC responsibility, the TPC has never endeavored to do it. The Select Board has done a bit. He wondered if it might be used to address the need to replace the state's emergency dispatch system used by the fire department. He was advised that the Rutland County Sheriff's Department is working on a plan to take over the responsibility.

Homework will be for members to continue to review the 2020 Town Plan for needed updates, areas of concern, and issues that need to be addressed, in anticipation of meeting with Ed Bove, RRPC in September.

Michael advised he will approach the ARPA Committee to recommend that the Select Board set aside some of the ARPA money for the town plan update – there are no grants available at this point in time.

## **Tinmouth ARPA Committee Meeting ~ 8/1/22**

*With thanks to Martha Stanley, Sec.*

Members present: in-person Charles Bronk, Gregg Casey, Michael Fallar, Holly Ross - Chair, Zoom-Sherry Johnson, phone -Theresa Butts and Martha Stanley–Sec.

Public present: Gail Fallar, and via Zoom Kim Harbaugh and Melody Squier.



**Minutes** of July 11, 2022 meeting were approved with following corrections made:

\* Sherry( fire department proposal) points out SCBA - purchase sets of 3 not 6 and cost of heating the firehouse last year was \$2,600.

\* Chuck ( recreation) pointed out that in reference to property access that the driveway would be east of the transfer station not south, if access was from Route 140.

**Member Reports/ Updates:**

**Gregg Casey- Ash tree/Dead tree removal roadside**

Estimated \$ 25,000 to purchase a mowing head to fit the town's excavator.

Estimated \$ 12,000 to lease big tree removing machine for 40 hours. Removing 12 trees in 3 hours. This is tree removal from top down.

The work would begin on paved roads as they are the most traveled.

To be determined.

\* Effect on landowners. How many days does the landowner have to claim the wood? Gail pointed out the importance of communication with the land owner before work begins.

\* An inventory of trees would need to be done. Eric Buffum, David Birdsall, Glenn Merrill and Gregg Casey would do the inventory.

Gail reminded the Committee that the power company is responsible for trees along the power line, that the road crew has time budgeted for tree work and that Glenn has been hired to do tree work as well.

Gregg concluded his report by saying these trees are a safety issue and the whole town would benefit.

**Sherry Johnson- Fire Department**

Added a 4th point to the proposal for \$2,000 to hire a structural engineer to determine if the building roof design can support more insulation.

**Chuck Bronk- Recreation**

Chuck said that in reality there are 5 to 6 acres with wooded portions that would need clearing.

Chuck presented a spread sheet of ARPA funding for recreation planning. It clearly pointed out that the scope of this proposal is beyond this Committee.

The recommendation could be for the Select Board to form/appoint a Recreation Committee. There is much work and information gathering to be done. For example, maybe this isn't the best property for a recreation area and maybe there are activities that don't require a lot of money. Perhaps the current basketball court could become an outdoor Pickleball court. Holly suggested perhaps a survey could be taken to determine folk's interest in creating a recreation area.

In looking at Health and Safety issues, a recreation area doesn't rise to the top.

We currently have a Community Center, playgrounds and hiking trails.

Also, ongoing costs that result from an ARPA proposal being funded is discouraged. A recreation area as pointed out in the spread sheet would require upkeep such as mowing, trash removal and bathroom facilities.

**Michael Fallar- Old Creamery**

No estimates yet. Old Creamery Committee is meeting Saturday August 6. The OC Committee has money for painting and purchase of clapboards.

**Holly Ross- Select Board (SB) and Other Proposals**

The SB told Holly that this committee could request more time if the September 1, 2022 for proposals to be completed, is needed, and approved the amended proposal list.

**Proposals:**

Solar - This has been looked at and the town buildings are not facing the right direction for solar panels to be effective.

**MRE's( Meals Ready to Eat)**

Suggestion came from a community member who was recommending that the Town be better prepared for emergencies-particularly in the area of feeding people in a time of catastrophic crisis.

Holly gathered the following information.

Cost: \$2000.00 for 720 breakfast meals and 720 dinner meals ( in 12 buckets). Available from Amazon from Wise Company Long Term Emergency Food Supply.

Michael and Gregg suggested doubling the number of buckets purchased. They could be stored downstairs in the Town Office.

**Salt/Sand Purchase**

Suggestion from a Community member.

This proposal would meet the following qualifications outlined by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns:

1. Prioritize Good Governance- by reducing taxes levied for our roads.

2. Invest in Best Uses for Long-term Recovery - by keeping our roads safe and passable in foul weather.

“ In these days of increasing inflation, this use would help reduce our tax burden on Tinmouth Folk”.

Cost: \$80,000

Season 2022-2023 \$20,000

Season 2023-2024. \$20,000

Season 2024-2025. \$20,000

Season 2025-2026. \$20,000

Location: Salt/Sand shed.

**Old Creamery Committee ~ 8/6/22**

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

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

Members discussed proposed projects:

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

for next year. He will order claps for south wall next week. Members discussed re-naming the “clean” room to be created, determined to simply call it a storage room.

Gail reported another electrician has been contacted, still waiting for estimates, and that Kevin and Alex Eaton have been hired to paint the east wall.

Members discussed ARPA funds, narrative should include the amount raised by the OCC and THGS to date, projects completed, volunteer time and energy, and that the building is a town building that should become usable and supported with town funds and a yearly budget for restoration. It is an historic building. Current projects for OCC funds include the south wall claps and painting the east wall. ARPA funds will be requested for the deck/ramp and storage room. Interior paint needs to be checked to see if it is paint or white wash, if it is paint, there will be lead to be dealt with, paint is decades old.

Gail volunteered to work on the ARPA narrative and funding needed, will send to members for review.

Doug noted there needed to be a long-term plan for the building – its needs include dealing with lead paint; structural work on the ceiling/floor with fire damage; stair well to upper level; access door for the upstairs (old loading dock?).

There was much discussion about possible uses – as there is no electric, heat, water, or septic, it will be best to use it seasonally – storage for the historical society, the bake oven, conservation commission signs and equipment, etc. Storage or display area for some of the items under the old town sheds? Is there a need to seek input from townspeople about uses?

Vito and Michael will take a crack at linseeding a window and try to replace a pane and paint.

Next meeting will be a work day to pre-paint claps, to be determined.

### **Conservation Commission ~ 8/22/22**

*With thanks to Chuck Bronk, Sec.*

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

Public Present: Gail Fallar, Helen Mango, and Tim Stout

Doug Fontein asked to make an addition to the agenda - the discussion of the ARPA funding and the use of the town land south of the transfer station for recreation.

#### ***New Business:***

Tim Stout, Principal Founder of Northam Forest Carbon and part owner of Jockey Hill Farm in Shrewsbury, gave a slide presentation and distributed a number of handouts on the subject of “How can family forests help mitigate climate change?” Tim explained how sequestration of carbon occurs through photosynthesis. After a brief review of the carbon cycle in forests, he explained how certain management practices could increase sequestration and thus mitigate climate change. He noted

that the forests in Vermont absorb more carbon than they emit and are thus a carbon sink. Family forests account for some 79% of the forests in the United States.

The Forest Carbon program for Landowners funded by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources has recently reduced the number of acres needed for enrollment from 1000 down to 30. Typical contracts under this program are of 20 years duration, and the current payment range is \$200-300 per acre. He described a number of the land management strategies that they have used at Jockey Hill Farm and provided a detailed trail map of the Farm. He mentioned two upcoming field trips to the farm and invited Commission members to attend. When he finished his presentation and opened the floor to questions, Doug asked if cutting and burning firewood is still considered carbon neutral. Tim responded that it is, and that he heats with wood. Colleen asked if there were programs for smaller holdings, which might allow them to also contribute, and Tim responded that there are none at present. There was also a discussion of Asian jumping worms and a number of other invasives.

Rainbow asked Chuck Bronk to describe the issue of Town roadwork and its possible impact on endangered species. Chuck cited the recent ditching work and culvert installation on Channel Road and the large population of Trillium that was lost. It was suggested that if we knew where roadwork would occur in future, we could prevent the loss of endangered species through relocation. It was suggested that it might make more sense to inventory roadside endangered species. Colleen volunteered to acquire a list. On the plus side, roadwork in the ditches often removes invasive species.

#### ***Ongoing Business:***

Rainbow provided a re-cap of the photo contest that the Commission sponsored at Tinmouth Day. Sadie Martone won first place with her photo of her back yard. Cris Carabeau came in second with her photo titled “ET landing”. David Birdsall was third with his photo of a black bear visiting his chicken coop. Rainbow noted that she now has to work with the Website Committee to get the photos on the town’s website. All agreed that we should continue the contest next year.

Regarding the work day on the Ridge Trail, planned for Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup>, Doug suggested that participants bring shears, impact drivers and weed whackers. A number of blow downs need to be cleared to allow access to the bog bridge repair area. It was agreed that all meet at the Community Center parking lot at 9 AM.

#### ***Other Business:***

Doug reviewed the efforts by the Commission to access the town lot south of the Transfer Station, and the list of possible uses for the land that were provided to the Select Board. The ARPA Committee is considering recreation use of the site as a possible use of the available

ARPA funds. He moved that the Commission write a letter to the Select Board in support of such use of some portion of those funds. His motion was seconded and approved. Rainbow agreed to write the letter and have Doug proof it for her. He cited the possibility to make incremental improvements to the site and provide a recreational site for many residents of the Town.

Next regular meeting - October 24, 2022 at 7:30 PM.

~ 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.

Available during regular town office hours, there are still a few left. Expiration date is 12/31/22 per the CDC.

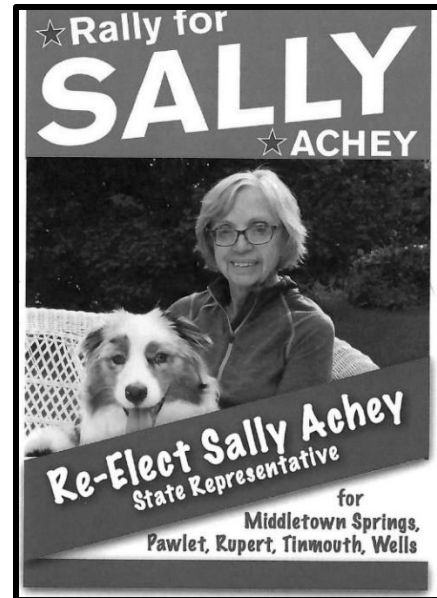
~ Please BE Safe – Wear a Safety Vest ~

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!

~ WiFi Hot Spot ~

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



Sally Achey and her husband Stan have lived in Middletown Springs since 1981. They have three children and eight grandchildren. Sally has a BA from the University of Vermont and did graduate studies at Princeton.

**SALLY IN OUR COMMUNITIES**

- Is Co-Director of Tour de Slate, Inc., a non-profit organization that raises funds to help end addiction.
- Serves on the Board of Listers, and is the Chair for Middletown Springs.
- Co-owned and operated Moonridge Farm, raising Morgan Horses and making maple syrup.
- Comes from a heritage of Welsh slate quarry workers.

**SALLY IN THE STATE HOUSE**

- Energy and Technology Committee.
- Subcommittee on Artificial Intelligence
- Rural Economic Development Working Group, Forest Products.

**SALLY WORKING FOR YOU**

- **NO New Carbon Taxes** on motor and heating fuels. Vermonters are paying too much already!
- **Fight Inflation** by supporting policies that lower the cost of business and encourage affordability.
- **Lower Property Taxes** by reducing costly state mandates on our public schools and expanding school choice.
- **Expand Broadband & Cell Coverage** in our rural communities.

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# PROTECT OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

## Vote **NO** on Article 22

Tuesday, November 8, 2022

### UNDER ARTICLE 22:

- ⊗ Protecting conscience rights of Nurses and Doctors will be prohibited
- ⊗ Doctors/Nurses will be required to participate in controversial procedures or lose their jobs
- ⊗ Many medical professionals will seek jobs in other states, increasing wait times and decreasing the quality of care

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## DON'T ENSHRINE LATE-TERM ABORTION IN THE VERMONT CONSTITUTION

Article 22 (aka Prop 5) will appear on the November ballot for voters to decide whether to add an amendment into the Vermont Constitution that would guarantee abortion right up until the point of birth – even if the baby is fully-developed and capable of surviving outside the womb. No other state in America has ever passed an extreme Constitutional amendment like this.

## Vote **NO** on Article 22

Join the Movement against Article 22:

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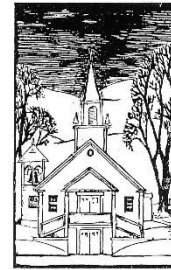
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~ September 2022 Calendar of Events ~

|                                   |           |                  |                                |                       |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Fire Department                   | Thursday  | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 7:00                           | Fire House            |
| Town Wide Tag Sale                | Saturday  | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 9 am – 2 pm                    | All Around Town       |
| Town Office                       | Monday    | 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Closed to Celebrate Labor Day! |                       |
| TCF Board                         | Wednesday | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 7:00                           | Town Office & Virtual |
| Select Board                      | Thursday  | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 6:00                           | Town Office & Virtual |
| Planning Commission               | Thursday  | 15 <sup>th</sup> | 7:00                           | Town Office & Virtual |
| Equity and Inclusion Comm.        | Tuesday   | 20 <sup>th</sup> | 7:00                           | Town Office & Virtual |
| <i>Tales of Tinmouth</i> Deadline | Tuesday   | 20 <sup>th</sup> |                                | Don't Miss It!        |

~ October 2022 Calendar of Events ~

|                                   |          |                  |      |                       |
|-----------------------------------|----------|------------------|------|-----------------------|
| Fire Department                   | Thursday | 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 7:00 | Fire House            |
| Select Board                      | Thursday | 13 <sup>th</sup> | 7:00 | Town Office & Virtual |
| Planning Commission               | Thursday | 20 <sup>th</sup> | 7:00 | Town Office & Virtual |
| <i>Tales of Tinmouth</i> Deadline | Thursday | 20 <sup>th</sup> |      | Don't Miss It!        |
| THGS Annual Meeting               | Sunday   | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 1:30 | Church or Town Office |
| Conservation Commission           | Monday   | 24 <sup>th</sup> | 7:30 | Town Office & Virtual |

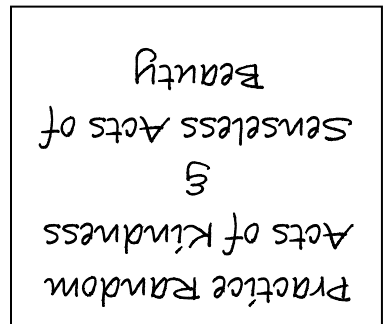
*Transfer Station hours are Wednesday 4:00 – 7:00 pm & Saturday 8:00 am – noon.*

~ Sunday Church Service ~ 9:00 AM ~

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

The Select Board meeting on 9/8/2022 will begin at 6:00 to meet with the ARPA Committee to discuss proposals for using the ARPA funds. Regular SB meeting will begin at the end of that meeting or at 7:00 whichever occurs first.

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