

# TALES OF TINMOUTH

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**Editors' Notes:** *Please find time to enjoy fall foliage, a few remaining warm days, and start bucking up your firewood!*

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*

## Vermont General Election ~ November 8, 2022

A statewide General Election will be held on **TUESDAY**, November 8, 2022 to vote for candidates for the following offices: U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, State Treasurer, Secretary of State, Auditor of Accounts, Attorney General, State Senators, State Representatives, Probate Judge, Assistant Judge, States Attorney, High Bailiff and Justices of the Peace; and to vote on two proposals of amendment to the Vermont Constitution.

## Proposed Vermont Constitutional Amendments

### • Proposal 2

To see if the voters will amend the Vermont Constitution by amending Article 1 of Chapter 1 to read:

“Article 1. [All persons born free; their natural rights; slavery and indentured servitude prohibited] That all persons are born equally free and independent, and have certain natural, inherent, and unalienable rights, amongst which are the enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing and protecting property, and pursuing and obtaining happiness and safety; therefore ~~no person born in this country, or brought from over sea, ought to be holden by law, to serve any person as a servant, slave or apprentice, after arriving to the age of twenty one years, unless bound by the person's own consent, after arriving to such age, or bound by law for the payment of debts, damages, fines, costs, or the like~~ slavery and indentured servitude in any form are prohibited.”

### • Proposal 5

To see if the voters will amend the Vermont Constitution by adding Article 22 to read:

“Article 22. [Personal reproductive liberty] That an individual's right to personal reproductive autonomy is central to the liberty and dignity to determine one's own life course and shall not be denied or infringed unless justified by a compelling State interest achieved by the least restrictive means.”

## ~ Early Voting for the General Election ~

The Secretary of State's Office mailed General Election ballots to all active voters on September 26<sup>th</sup>. You can return your ballots by mail, drop them off at the town office, or put them in the Special Ballot Drop Box located in the vestibule of the town office. If you wish to vote in person on November 8<sup>th</sup>, please remember to bring your unvoted ballot with you.

## ~ Justice of the Peace ~

There are five JP seats – and there are six candidates. Two were nominated by the local Democratic Committee, two by the local Republican Committee and two are Independent and had to file a petition to run.

**Michael Fallar (I), Nelson Jaquay (D), Sherry Johnson (D), Anna Majorell (R), Nate Miner (R), and Marshall Squier(I).**

## ~ Special Town Meeting Vote ~

The Select Board is meeting October 6<sup>th</sup> to consider warning a special vote on November 8<sup>th</sup> regarding obtaining a right of way to the southern end of the town garage parcel. This access would allow for recreational uses such as a walking trail, picnic tables, and Frisbee Golf. The Conservation Commission has been discussing creating recreational opportunities for this area.

The ballots for Justice of the Peace and the local vote will be mailed by the Town Office. As with the general election ballots, you can mail them back, return them to the town office, put them in the new drop box, or bring them with you on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Any questions, please call the town office at 802-446-2498. Sorry for any confusion.

## ~ Rutland-Bennington District ~

The Legislature re-districted this year due to the 2020 census data. Tinmouth was changed back to **one** voting district for House Representative – there is no longer an East or West district.

We all are now in the same district with Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rupert and ½ of Wells. Candidates are **Sally Achey (R)** and **Robin Chesnut-Tangerman (D)**. Please see their ads on page 10.

**Please be advised that *Tales of Tinmouth* does not endorse any political advertising, the opinions expressed by those ads are those of the advertiser.**

**We do remind folks that everyone has a right to their opinion and a right to express it.**

~ Ye Olde Editors



Photo: Nick Mango

~ Photography Exhibit at the Old Firehouse ~

How much can your gloves say about you? Actually, quite a lot. The exhibit "Hand in Glove: A study of gloves and the people who wear them" by photographer Nick Mango, will be at the **Old Firehouse in Tinmouth** on **Saturday, October 15** (11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) and **Sunday, October 16** (12:00 – 4:00 p.m.).

The photographs include portraits of people in Tinmouth who use different kinds of gloves for a remarkable mix of different occupations and activities, accompanied by "portraits" of the gloves themselves, with all their character.

*The exhibit is free and open to all.*

**Wallingford Town Hall Concert Series Presents  
'DaddyLongLegs'  
Wednesday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>**



A bluegrass trio, *DaddyLongLegs*, will be performing at Wallingford Town Hall on Wednesday, October 26th at 7:00 p.m.

The band features three of Vermont's finest acoustic players. Violinist [David Gusakov](#) was a member of Burlington's progressive bluegrass pioneers Pine Island the gypsy-jazz outfit Swing Noire. Banjo specialist [Rick Ceballos](#) and multi-instrumentalist [Matt Witten](#) are well known in Vermont traditional, old-time and bluegrass circles.

The group performed at Wallingford Town Hall twice in the past to rave reviews!!

Suggested donations of \$10 to \$15 at the door.

**PLEASE SUPPORT LOCAL LIVE MUSIC!!**

**Friends of the Rutland Free Library  
October Book Sale**

**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)

**~ Tinmouth Genealogical & Historical Society  
Annual Meeting – Sunday, October 23 ~**

Please join us at 1:30 at the Town Office to discuss THGS and how it can entice new members and an interest in Tinmouth's History. Cider and cookies provided!

*All are welcome!!*



TINMOUTH  
CHURCH

~ Tinmouth Community Church ~

"It is what it is." That's what my friend Duane, back in Pennsylvania, often said. And he wasn't a capitulator.

Duane was recently hospitalized. When I called him, he said, "It is what it is." Since it was difficult to understand him, I wasn't sure if he meant, "It is what it is and I'll be going home as soon as I get better." Or, "It is what it is" as a statement of profound awareness and acceptance of dying. Turns out, Duane was dying. Turns out, Duane died. At his funeral I heard more than once, "It is what it is."

Yes, it is what it is. Death is death. But it is more than it appears to be. It is not only the death of the body; it is the death of all the expectations and desires everyone had for their life together, of life as it had been known, of an uncertain, perhaps scary, future, and more.

Everything is more than it appears. Look more closely. Ponder more deeply. "It is what it is." But everything is more than it appears to be, even death. Religious teaching, along with the research into near death experiences and the witness of paranormal experiences, tell us that our life goes on. "It is in dying that we are born to eternal life," Saint Francis of Assisi affirmed.

At a graveside, death is undeniable. *It is what it is.* But everything is more than it appears, thanks be to God.

***Blessings,  
Pastor John***

Rev. John Hardman-Zimmerman  
(802) 282-7532 (cell, preferred)  
(802) 884-8249 (parsonage)  
[hzfam@hotmail.com](mailto:hzfam@hotmail.com)

~ Covid 19 Antigen Self Test Kits ~

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

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, there are still a few remaining. CDC expiration date is 12/31/22.



**Tinmouth**  
Mountain School

October 1, 2022

To the Tinmouth Community,

It's hard to believe we are a month into school! TMS has been running at full tilt the entire month.

Teachers are currently finishing up student literacy assessments (Fountas and Pinnell) to gauge where students have grown over the summer months, what they are struggling with, or where they have lost ground. These assessments help teachers to assign flexible groups for reading instruction and to tailor instruction to specific student needs.

At the beginning of October, we are assessing math knowledge as well as general reading ability with the STAR 360. This is a computerized test that takes approximately an hour for math and an hour for reading. Younger grades take a combined math/literacy Star 360 assessment that is shorter in duration. These tests are one of many data points used to assess students' learning needs. We use many data points including teacher observation because we are aware that online assessments may be a measure of computer ability rather than math or reading knowledge.

Several field trips took place during the September. These include A visit to Mad Tom's Apple Orchard by the kindergarten/first graders. PreK students visited Hathaway corn maze and pumpkin patch. Grades 5/6 have visited Merck Forest several times and brought back decomposition observation bins.

Our students are developing expertise at fire drills! The fire alarm was faulty and twice, the Tinmouth Fire Department brought trucks and gear! It was impressive how quickly they responded and how thoroughly they investigated all possible safety issues. Students and staff are very appreciative!

We are also appreciative to the community members who have volunteered on field trips and Four Winds! It's great to have community on board again after the Covid hiatus!

***Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker  
Principal  
Tinmouth Mountain School***

***Please Recycle or Pass Along Tales!!***



~ Letters to the Editor ~

**Editors' Note:**

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**To the Editor:**

In our Society and in Vermont we have minimal age limits on most things. There are age requirements on driver's licenses, on purchase of cigarettes, on voting and on purchasing alcohol. And yet the proposed Prop 5/Article 22 Amendment to our Vermont State Constitution has no lower age limit on "personal reproductive autonomy" !!! This translates to minor children having access to abortion, sterilization, transgender hormones and surgeries; all WITHOUT parental consent or even parental knowledge!

The Vermont legislature wants you to think that this proposed Amendment is all about a woman's "right to choose", when indeed you can terminate your pregnancy right up until delivery. Third trimester abortions are available in Burlington. The "ethical board" at Medical Center Hospital will help you decide whether to keep or kill your baby and there is at least one Doctor whom is willing to abort your third trimester Baby!

So folks, don't be HOODWINKED!!! Vote NO to Prop 5/Article 22 Amendment on November 8, 2022!!!

**Paula M Bonazinga**

**To the Editor:**

Chuck and I would like to lend our support to Robin Chesnut-Tangerman in his election bid for Vermont State Representative. We always found Robin accessible when we had a concern, wholly involved in community, and a hard worker. Robin will help advance climate and energy initiatives, something that must happen for all of us and our children to have a viable future.

Please join us in voting for Robin this fall!

**Tracylea Byford and Charles Bronk**

**To the Editor:**

Please vote YES on Proposition 22 to amend the Vermont Constitution to secure the right to reproductive freedom.

You may have seen signs saying "vote no on 22, no third trimester abortions". In truth the only third trimester abortions performed in Vermont are tragedies which occur due to the serious risk to the health and life of the mother and/or the fetus. In places where these abortions are banned, women die.

Abortion is health care and these difficult decisions should be made by the patient and doctor, not the government.

**Betti Jaquay**

**To the Editor:**

I would like to voice my support for Robin Chesnut-Tangerman for Tinmouth's Representative. I have known Robin for over 20 years and I have always noticed how he is able to listen to all sides of an issue. In these times of divisive hard-core politics, Robin will be a breath of fresh air.

During his last tenure as Tinmouth's Representative, he was consistently informing us of the issues facing our town and State. He was always honest and transparent with his decisions. And always responded to any communications we had with him.

Help get us back to working together! Vote for Robin Chesnut-Tangerman to represent us in Montpelier!

**David Birdsall**

**To the Editor:**

We are sharing a link to a commentary titled "Protecting Patient Rights and Public Health" written by John R. Brumsted, MD, president and CEO of UVM Health Network and printed in VT Digger on Sept. 19, 2022 in support of the Reproductive Liberty Act. <https://vtdigger.org/2022/09/19/john-brumsted-protecting-patient-rights-and-public-health/>

We agree with Dr Brumsted's perspective that every patient should have the right to make decisions about their health care.

The U.S. Supreme Court's decision to revoke the right to an abortion and then follow up actions by politicians in some states to cut or remove access to safe abortion services — erodes health care access for millions of people. Access to reproductive health care — previously a constitutional right — is now based on geography, politics and privilege.

This November, Vermont voters will consider a constitutional amendment declaring that "personal reproductive autonomy is central to the liberty and dignity to determine one's own life course." Please join us in voting YES on November 8 or in whenever you complete your ballot.

**Doug Fontein and Cathy Reynolds**

**Letter to the Editor:**

Why YOU should vote for Robin Chesnut-Tangerman.

Robin is a good communicator, and he cares about the people of Tinmouth.

In the time it takes the elevator of the Gryphon Building, in Rutland, to reach the top floor, Robin can explain the most complicated piece of legislation so that it is intuitively obvious to a disinterested third party.

Over the years, I have noticed that anytime there are 3 or more pickup trucks in a driveway, one of the trucks is Robin's. He is tireless in his efforts to know what the people of Tinmouth want.

Please join me in voting for Robin.

**Kim Harbaugh**

**To the Editor:**

We support Robin Chesnut-Tangerman for representative because he has shown himself to be an active and engaged listener and legislator. He keeps his constituents well informed about issues and legislation going on and how he is voting. He appreciates feedback and responds to citizen questions and concerns.

Please vote for Robin when you fill out your ballot.

***Doug Fontein and Cathy Reynolds***

**To the Editor:**

Please vote FOR Article 22.

I have received several mailings, and texts containing misinformation about Article 22.

There has been discussion of "late term" abortions. This is not a medical term but rather a political one used to generate an emotional response. When a medical procedure has to be done later in a pregnancy it is because a lethal or sever fetal condition has been detected or the life of the mother is at risk. This medical procedure is not undertaken on a whim. It is a surgical procedure.

I believe that medical decisions should be between a person and their doctor.

Please vote yes to put these rights into the Vermont Constitution.

***Sherry Johnson***

**To the Editor:**

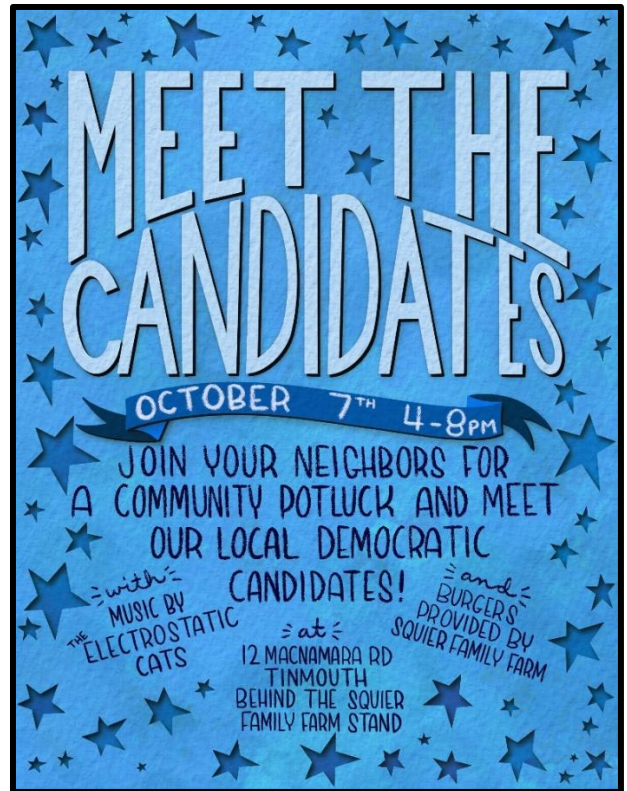
I support Robin Chesnut-Tangerman to be our Legislative representative in Montpelier. The last time Robin was our rep, he kept us regularly informed of what was going on in Montpelier, what issues he was involved in, and gave us the rationale for his opinions and voting. He constantly encouraged people to let him know what issues are important to them so that he could represent us well. With our current rep, there has been mostly a resounding silence. With the exception of some vague campaign literature sent during the last election season, I have no idea what, if anything, she is doing for Tinmouth. With Robin, we will have a representative who communicates with his constituents, is a good listener and a hard worker, and will represent Tinmouth along with the other towns in the district.

***Helen Mango***

**To the Editor:**

We encourage you to vote for Robin Chesnut-Tangerman for State Representative. We have known Robin for many years and he is thoughtful, hardworking and sensible. When he was our representative, he did an excellent job of keeping us informed of the major issues before the legislature and the issues his committee was working on.

***Nelson and Betti Jaquay***



**On Friday October 7 from 4-8pm**, meet the Democratic candidates at a community potluck at Squier Family Farmstand with live music by the Electrostatic Cats, Burgers will be provided by Squier Family Farm, please bring a dish to share if you can. This is a family friendly event hopefully to be held outside so we can have picnic blankets on the grass. The event will be held in the barn if it is raining, but dress for the weather regardless.

Info Cathy Reynolds 446-2928 or [cathyreynolds802@gmail.com](mailto:cathyreynolds802@gmail.com)

**~ Community News ~**

A big thank-you to **Doug Inkley** for the construction and installation of a new bat house near the town office. Hopefully the bats in the attic will vacate to their new home for the winter!!

A big thank you also to the **many gardeners** who supplied the "Share the Bounty" stand on the town office porch. Zucchini, summer squash, tomatoes, cucumbers, potatoes, apples, huge cabbage, huge carrots, onions, garlic, winter squash, peppers, broccoli, kale, spider plants, house plant cuttings and more.

It was very much appreciated by all who were able to stop and pick up a something for lunch or dinner!

**Congratulations** to newlyweds **Alexander Holl and Angela Lucian** who were married on August 20<sup>th</sup>; **Austin Lamon and Ann Keating**, who were married on October 1<sup>st</sup>; and **Tyler Dana and Theresa Butts** who were married on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*Best wishes for many years of happiness!*

## ~ Bromley Family Farm Help Needed ~

By Melody Squier

As many of you know on August 26th, during a severe thunderstorm the Bromley farm family in Wallingford/Clarendon VT endured a devastating loss when their historic barn full of hay collapsed on the milking herd below. The family members were thankfully all protected however they lost about half of their dairy herd. Community members from near and far have come to assist and the remaining herd was moved to the Carabeau farm in Tinmouth VT. Cecil and Sarah and their four young children, Gracie, Faith, Hope and Delos and the rest of the Bromley family are grateful for all of the help and generosity already given by this greater community.

Cows have been donated, people have come to assist milk, feed animals, clean barns, do field work, fix machinery, provide meals, and help in so many ways.

As the Bromley family moves into this new routine one of the ways that would be quite helpful, would be providing meals for the family.

Their herd will be at the Carabeau farm in Tinmouth while they plan and rebuild which will most likely take a year or more.

I know what an amazing greater community we share and all the creative cooks who are part of it!

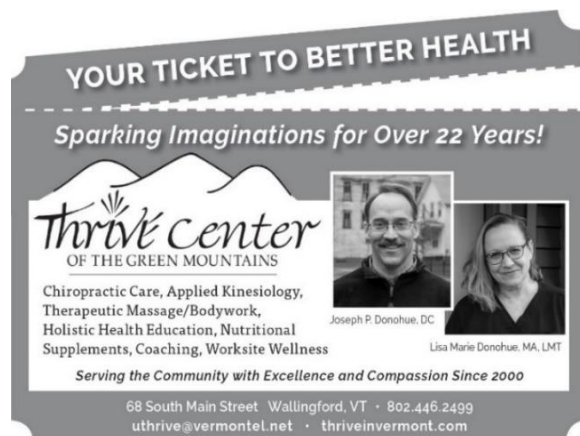
Please share this link with anyone you know who would like to help. I am also sharing the gofundme link for the Bromley family.

[mealtrain.com/g95oql](http://mealtrain.com/g95oql)

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/the-bromley-family-fern-hill-farm-roof-collapse>

Thank you for all you do!

All the best,  
**Melody**



## ~ Nature Notes ~

Colors are slowly peeking around corners, blazing from the tree tops, spreading a palette across the mountain sides.

Oodles of turkeys have been seen everywhere.

A string of bright lights, all in a row, high in the sky were recently seen in the night sky . . .

**Hurricane Ian** lambasted Florida in late September. From the Gulf Coast through the middle of the state to the Atlantic Ocean – Fort Myers to Daytona Beach. Towns and cities were flattened, nearly 100 killed, huge electrical power outages, mass destruction everywhere.

A week earlier, **Hurricane Fiona** skipped up the east coast – at sea – and slammed into Canada - Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island, causing havoc and destruction.

Thankfully both of these missed Tinmouth!

*Please keep them all in your prayers.*



## 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.

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.

**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.*



~ Meeting Highlights ~

(Complete minutes are available at the town office.)

**Select Board ~ 9/8/2022** (Highlights are from unapproved minutes.)

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

Others present:

*Via Zoom*: Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, Paul Morris, Nancy Gucker Birdsall, Todd Dennis, Frank Sears, Rick Fallar, and Rick Smyrski-Morton Buildings .

*In-person*: Eric Buffum- road commissioner, Holly Ross-ARPA Chair ARPA Committee, Hollis Squier, Alice Hoisington, and Gail Fallar-SB Assistant

Cathy called the meeting to order at 6:00, noting the earlier time was to discuss the ARPA Committee's report to the Select Board (SB). (*ARPA is short for American Recovery Plan Act, federal dollars to help with issues related to the pandemic.*)

Holly reviewed her cover letter to the Board and the report regarding individual projects. Cathy presented a spread sheet with a summary of the total costs - \$315,890, noting that no decision had to be made tonight. The ARPA report suggested allowing voters to decide how to spend the money, even though the Select Board has the authority to decide. There was discussion regarding how to engage voters: a special meeting; voting at the general election in November or at town meeting in March; ways to engage or gather input from townspeople; how to share the information gathered (**it was suggested that Tales and the minutes advise copies of the ARPA report are available at the town office**); no decision was made. Cathy expressed concern that this was one time money that should be spent for one-time expenses, not ongoing budget items that would see an increase once the ARPA money was gone.

Board discussed some of the projects, Board voted to approve the **town office cyber security project** for \$2,570. Board decided to continue working on others – will look at estimates an on-demand generator for the town office (emergency command center) at its October meeting. Board thanked the ARPA Committee for its work, asked for help from them if a community meeting was held.

**Citizen's Input** ~ Frank advised that he would be dropping off several old school desks from the West Tinmouth School, for the Historical Society.

Todd advised he appreciates detailed minutes of meetings, helps those who can't attend.

Hollis advised the new culvert on Potter's Brook needed more cover over it – Eric advised it's on the to-do list.

**Public Facilities Update** ~ Eric advised that slab had been poured, will install drainage and back fill so that Morton will have a flat work area. The 1500gallon special septic holding tank has been ordered. He needs to contact

Otter Creek Engineering regarding the retention pond construction.

Board authorized 2<sup>nd</sup> payment to Morton Buildings of \$92,676. Materials are supposed to be arriving the week of the 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Highway** ~ Eric advised roadside shouldering on the newly paved Mountain View Road has been completed. Road crew will be done with town garage site work soon, and get back to road work. He noted Glenn is available to cover his upcoming vacation time; Ron may not be headed out west to fight fires; still working on storm water reports; and finalizing reports for the grant-in-aide stormwater work.

**Roadside wood** – Who owns wood when trees are cut in the town's right of way? Hollis advised it has always been thought it belonged to the owner and that if the owner wanted it, but couldn't get it right away, he would move it out of the right of way onto the property owner's land. Research is continuing on what happens if the owner does not want it, how can the town dispose of it?

**Driveway Permit** for 400 Route 140 – Fontein/Reynolds – on the east side of the Tinmouth Cemetery. Cathy moved to the other side of the table to explain the application, Eric advised no conditions were needed, after brief discussion, Kevin moved and Meadow 2<sup>nd</sup>ed to approve, both vote in favor, Cathy abstained.

**Constable** ~

Paul advised he was the elected constable for 4 years, would like to be appointed to the position (it is currently vacant), and feels it is necessary to have someone local when a situation arises. Board discussed voters choosing to not have law enforcement authority for the constable and giving the Select Board the authority to appoint, the cost of training and insurance for constables. Frank suggested the Board review statutes relating to constable duties. After discussion, Board voted to table until the SB's October meeting and have the SBA research insurance costs and duties.

**More Public Works** ~ Rick Smyrski reported the foundation was in; Eric and the road crew did a great job with site work; building material delivery was scheduled for Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> and the crew would start construction a week later, so the structure should be done about a month after that. Plumbing, electrical will follow that, with a possible turnover date of 11/1/22. He advised he was going on a long delayed vacation, but the crew foreman would be on site daily and he would have a pre-construction meeting the week before he left.

**Financial** ~ Board reviewed FY22 end of year reports – balances in Equipment Fund, Paving/Reconstruction Fund, Capital Building Fund, end of year fund balances, and encumbrances in the checking account for other designated special funds. Speaking of those encumbrances, the town treasurer (Gail) advised that with advice from PVR, the Lister Ed Fund was dispersed to the

Re-appraisal Fund and to cover overbudget lister costs for FY22, as the tax department now covers lister education training. The Treasurer inquired about the Citizen Participation Committee's \$469 holdover from 2012 – Board decided the Equity and Inclusion Committee could request it if they needed it. Original use was for publication and distribution of the Town Operator's Manual, which the E & I is currently updating.

Board discussed the rollover of the highway budget surplus, and how to handle the general fund surplus – it is usually used for cash flow while waiting for taxes to be paid. Board could ask voters in November or March if they wish to move it to special funds. Taken under advisement.

Board voted to approve warrants.

**Bond Bank Requisition** ~ After brief discussion, Board voted to authorize the Select Board Chair (Cathy) and Treasurer (Gail) to sign any paperwork needed to draw down the \$339,500 of bond money for the new town garage.

**Zoning Board of Adjustment Appointments** ~ There are two openings, three people have expressed interest in serving. See Executive Session below.

**Old Town Garage** ~ Board discussed using some of the highway FY22 surplus in addition to regular FY23 budget for building maintenance to fund painting (\$7500-\$8,000), replacing people doors, fixing the roof, adding overhead doors on the south side – they currently slide from side to side. No decision was made – Eric had left the meeting by this point.

**Upcoming Budget Work** ~ SBA noted that there most likely will be a big increase in health insurance premiums, need to remember that benefits are used to support employee dedication – being on call all winter for instance.

**Feed Back** ~ Nancy Gucker Birdsall reported on the process for getting Select Board meetings on line – she it posted to You-tube, which can be public or private(you need to use a link on the town's website to access). After brief discussion, Board voted to use the “public” form for SB meetings. Nancy will post to FPF. Board thanked Nancy for her efforts.

**Executive Session** ~ Board voted to enter executive session at 8:01, to discuss personnel issues and for the purpose of discussion a potential real estate issue. Board and the SBA attended. Board exited at 8:35.

Board voted to appoint Todd Dennis and Ed Hasenohr as regular members and Michael Fallar as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Board voted to authorize the Select Board Assistant to proceed with the Purchase and Sales agreement for the right of way.

**Mail/Correspondence** – VTel letter applying to renew Certificate of Public Good regarding fiber optic program. No action needed.

**Member's Concern** ~ Board discussed moving to monthly meetings, beginning at 6:00, all agreed, will begin with the October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Board did agree to a quickie meeting on 9/29/22 to approve and sign a warning for a special town meeting/vote on November 8<sup>th</sup>, if the Purchase and Sales agreement is finalized in time.

### **Planning Commission ~ 9/15/22**

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

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

Others present: in-person – Ed Bove, Rutland Regional Planning Commission, and Gail Fallar Secretary, and via Zoom Sherry Johnson

Ed spoke about process for updating the Town Plan, noting some data needs to be revised – census, school, etc. He asked for members thoughts about the update.

First was discussion about the energy section. Members posed many questions regarding the data used to create the goals in that section and suggested more accurate data should be collected and used to revise it. Ed advised there is new data being collected, it is in the pipeline – hopes it will be available before this process is finished. Members inquired about getting energy credits for not cutting trees - Tinmouth has many acres of conserved land that include lots of forests. Ed noted that the Town Plan could state that ‘Tinmouth is meeting’ its goals and quantify that with reference to the amount of carbon the trees are sequestering. There are folks working on that concept – details still be worked out.

Ed suggested that the energy section does not have to meet ‘enhanced’ standards, but after discussion members felt it was better to have it remain. Ed noted being very specific in the regular energy section could be enough should a commercial energy application come before the Public Utility Commission. The PUC could still override the Enhanced Energy Plan.

Members suggested adding a definition/glossary to clarify terms i.e. renewable energy, rural, farm, scenic vistas, scenic landscapes, sustainable – words specific to this plan.

Members discussed how to proceed with the update. Homework will be for members to review the 2020 Town Plan by chapter by chapter (1&2 for October) for needed updates, areas of concern, and issues that need to be addressed. Ed Bove will review. Kim suggested that photos have footnotes of where and what they are. Ed offered to be the ‘keeper’ of the plan – additions, deletions, etc. Ed will attend every other meeting, suggested less photos and maps, will have Steve Schild, RRPC mapper, take a look at the maps for updates.

Barry Cohen asked for a hearing on his proposed subdivision at the October PC meeting.



## **Tinmouth Community Fund ~ 9/6/2022**

*With thanks to Helen Mango, Sec.*

Present: Board members Jan Krantz, Cathy Reynolds (Treasurer), Todd Dennis (Vice Chair), Lisa Patry, Martha Stanley, and Helen Mango (Secretary; via Zoom); Melody Squier joined the meeting at 7:18 p.m. Also in attendance: Gail Fallar.

Todd, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order.

### Treasurer's report:

Cathy reported that as of June 1, 2022, the following funds were being managed by the Vermont Community Fund for the TCF:

Continuing Education: \$307,892

Community Fund (Endowed): \$138,112

Community Fund (Reserve): \$47,348

Cathy noted that the fund drops as the stock market drops. Gail reported on the TCF town checking accounts.

### New board member

The TCF board needs a new member to replace Casey Voigtlaender (who moved out of Tinmouth). Logan Birdsall has volunteered. After brief discussion, the Board appointed her.

The TCF board also needs a new Chair. Jan nominated Todd, seconded by Cathy. Todd declined. Cathy asked if Jan would be willing to be Chair for the remainder of the term. After some discussion, including the suggestion that another board member may be willing to step into the role at the next election, Jan agreed to take up the mantle again. Cathy moved that Jan be Chair, seconded by Lisa. Motion carried (with Jan abstaining).

### K-12 Camp Scholarships

Discussion on how to treat "out of season" applications. Board agreed to stick to the current schedule of due dates for applications. Board discussed how to make sure that people know about the K-12 scholarships and are encouraged to apply for them by the deadline. This will be put on the agenda for the next TCF board meeting. Agreement that April works better than June as a deadline for these applications.

### 2022 Community Grants

The list of awardees can be found in the Minutes of the June 2, 2022. The total awarded was \$10,150.

### 2022 K-12 Camp Scholarships

The total awarded was \$1000.

### 2022 Small Business Grants

The list of awardees can be found in the Minutes of the June 2, 2022. The total awarded was \$2000.

### December Fund-Raising Appeal

Board discussed having an additional meeting for deciding on the fund-raising appeal to be sent out in December. Last year was the first time we had only one appeal for the whole year. There was a lot of information included (some of which can be found in the Town report, so perhaps is redundant). Gail suggested making the

appeal shorter. Lisa and Martha volunteered to begin the drafting process.

Past practice has been that towards the end of November some TCF board members get together to assemble the appeal/envelopes for inclusion in the December *Tales of Tinmouth*. Board members decided to combine that with a short meeting to discuss when grant applications should be due and when to award them.

## **Equity and Inclusion Committee ~ 9/20/2022**

*With thanks to Logan Birdsall, Sec.*

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

Members present in-person: Todd Dennis, Michael Fallar, Meadow Squier, and Rainbow Squier

Members present via Zoom: Logan Birdsall, Kim Harbaugh, Sherry Johnson, and Emma Weatherhogg

Guests in-person: Gail Fallar

### **Working Group Reports**

#### Events Working Group Report

Since the last E&I Committee meeting, this working group met to debrief about their experiences of fun day. Overall, it was a great success, with only small changes in efficiency and cleanup being anticipated for next year.

Next meeting date for the Events Working Group set for October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm.

#### Mutual Aid Working Group

This working group postponed their meeting and so have not met since the last E&I Committee meeting.

Next meeting date for the Mutual Aid Working Group set for October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

#### Research and Development Working Group

Rainbow has been working on recruiting new members to this working group, and will set a meeting date with those new members before the next E&I meeting;

Rainbow asked for suggestions from the committee for area the working group could focus on, and Meadow suggested investigating not only ways of matchmaking landowners and farmers, which has been discussed past meetings, but also rental property owners with people looking to rent in town.

### **Other Business**

Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department Chicken and Biscuits Dinner - Sherry asked for recruits to make biscuits and pies – Emma, Rainbow, and Logan volunteered.

#### IDEAL Vermont Initiative

Meadow brought forward the invitation from the State of Vermont's IDEAL (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Action, Leadership) Initiative to participate in a membership interview or informational chat. Meadow booked an interview with the initiative, and Emma, Rainbow, and Logan expressed interest in joining.

More information about IDEAL can be found at: <https://racialequity.vermont.gov/ideal-vermont>

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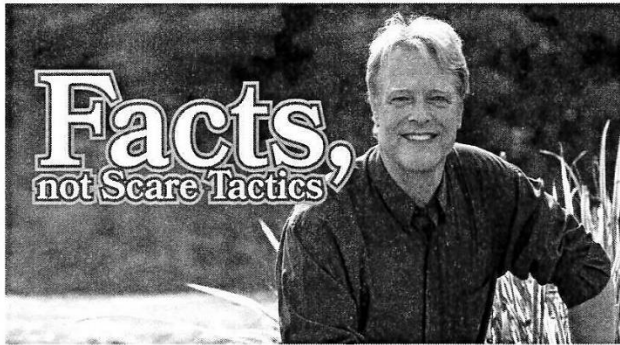
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In keeping my promise to you, the people in my district, I committed to view every bill through this filter:

Would it keep the state government smaller?

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Our most vulnerable safer?

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This will be my guide for as long as you, my friends and neighbors, allow me to represent you. I hope I honored your vote of confidence in 2020 and earned it again for 2022.

Remember that voting is a privilege and a responsibility.

With deepest thanks and respect,  
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In order to correct misleading statements from a full page ad regarding Article 22 in the September Tales, a clarification using real facts is in order.

The proposed Vermont amendment, Article 22 ensures that no future Vermont law can be passed restricting your right to reproductive liberty, including choices for birth control so you can choose to plan your family. Choices for reproduction should be a patient/ doctor decision, not a decision by the government.



**Voting no would allow the government to determine your choices.**



**Voting yes, means you and your doctor make any decisions about your reproductive choices and health, and in serious cases, potentially could save your life.**

The rhetoric about late-term abortion is misleading. It is not used in medical settings and was invented by anti-choice people to evoke a sense of emotion and the false idea that full-term babies were being aborted. There is absolutely zero truth to their statement. Less than 1% of abortions occur after 21 weeks and many of them involve the health of the mother and fetus, late in the second trimester, not late in the third trimester. In many of these cases, a medical professional has determined that continuing the pregnancy could seriously affect the health of the mother. Medical professionals will not abort a viable fetus. This is called delivery.

Nurses and doctors will not leave the State if this law is passed. To spread that false narrative is fear- mongering. Doctors who have limited ability to save a pregnant patient due to the law may in fact leave States where the patient rights have been eroded, rather than watch a pregnant woman die from pregnancy complications, or face sanctions and punishment for saving her life.

**Don't let the government decide on your potentially life-saving choices. Vote "YES" on Article 22 to make sure that you and your doctor retain the rights to your health.**



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Vote NO on Proposal 5/Article 22



Proponents claim that Proposal 5/Article 22 is just “a simple amendment to protect a woman’s right to an abortion.”

But the amendment language doesn’t contain the word “abortion” and does not refer to “women.”

What does the proposed amendment to the Vermont Constitution actually say? Read it for yourself:

### *Article 22. [Personal reproductive liberty]*

*That an individual's right to personal reproductive autonomy is central to the liberty and dignity to determine one's own life course and shall not be denied or infringed unless justified by a compelling State interest achieved by the least restrictive means.*

## SIX REASONS TO OPPOSE PROPOSAL 5/ARTICLE 22

The proposed amendment is:

### 1) INHUMANE

The amendment strips any opportunity for future legislatures to legally protect an unborn baby at any time throughout all nine months of pregnancy. While 215 plants and animals have legal protection in Vermont, unborn children will not be protected under Proposal 5, leaving them exposed to scientific experimentation, sale of baby body parts, and much more.

### 2) DANGEROUS

Proposal 5 would effectively shield abortion businesses from state oversight or regulation. Planned Parenthood of Vermont is the largest provider of abortions in our state (annually they perform approximately 1,100 abortions in their VT clinics). Other abortionists could also freely commit abortions throughout pregnancy without regulation, oversight or accountability leading to harm for young girls and women.

### 3) EXPLOITATIVE

The following scientific practices would likely have constitutional protection: human cloning, 3-parent embryo creation, gestational surrogacy trafficking, trafficking in human embryo creation, designer babies and womb transplants – and much more.

### 4) EXPENSIVE

Proposal 5 would likely require taxpayer funding of all abortions. Taxpayer funding could also be required for sterilizations and transgender surgeries along with reversals of those surgeries.

### 5) UNCONSCIONABLE

Medical professionals would be prevented from conscientiously objecting to participation in procedures that they consider morally reprehensible or that go against their best medical judgement.

### 6) CONSEQUENTIAL

Proposal 5 would prevent parents from any involvement in the most serious decisions regarding their minor children – from abortion to sterilization to transgender hormones and surgeries. There is no lower age limit in the language of proposal 5/Article 22.

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Don't be **HOODWINKED!**

Vote NO on Proposal 5/Article 22

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*Oxford Dictionary Definition*

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~ October 2022 Calendar of Events ~

|                                   |             |                                     |              |                          |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| Select Board - Special            | Thursday    | 6 <sup>th</sup>                     | 5:00         | Town Office & Virtual    |
| Fire Department                   | Thursday    | 6 <sup>th</sup>                     | 7:00         | Fire House               |
| Meet "D" Candidates               | Friday      | 7 <sup>th</sup>                     | 4-8          | Squier Family Farm Stand |
| Select Board                      | Thursday    | 13 <sup>th</sup>                    | 6:00         | Town Office & Virtual    |
| Photography Exhibit               | Sat. & Sun. | 15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> | (See page 2) | Old Fire House           |
| Mutual Aide Working Group         | Monday      | 17 <sup>th</sup>                    | 7 – 8        | 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!           |
| Conservation Commission           | Monday      | 22 <sup>nd</sup>                    | 7:30         | Town Office & Virtual    |
| THGS Annual Meeting               | Sunday      | 23 <sup>rd</sup>                    | 1:30         | Town Office              |
| Presstival                        | Saturday    | 29 <sup>th</sup>                    | 11-4         | 789 Route 140            |

~ November 2022 Calendar of Events ~

|   |          |                  |                   |                                   |
|---|----------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Fire Department                         | Thursday | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 7:00              | Fire House                        |
| Informational Meeting                   | Monday   | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 6:30              | Community Center                  |
| General Election                        | Tuesday  | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM | Community Center                  |
| Select Board                            | Thursday | 10 <sup>th</sup> | 6:00              | Town Office & Virtual             |
| Property Taxes 2 <sup>nd</sup> Half Due | Tuesday  | 15 <sup>th</sup> | 5:00              | Town Office                       |
| Equity and Inclusion Comm.              | Tuesday  | 15 <sup>th</sup> | 7:00 -8:00        | Town Office & Virtual             |
| Planning Commission                     | Thursday | 17 <sup>th</sup> | 7:00              | Town Office & Virtual             |
| TVFD Chicken & Biscuits                 | Saturday | 19 <sup>th</sup> | 4:00              | Take Out from the Fire House      |
| <i>Tales of Tinmouth</i> Deadline       | Sunday   | 20 <sup>th</sup> |                   | Don't Miss It!                    |
| Town Office                             | Thursday | 24 <sup>th</sup> |                   | Closed to Celebrate Thanksgiving! |

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~ Sunday Church Service ~ 9:00 AM ~ ~ The Library is open Thursdays 2:00-5:00 PM ~

Drop-In Basketball – Sunday Evenings 8-9 at the Community Center

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