

TALES OF TINMOUTH

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Editors' Notes: *Happy Summer, enjoy it before it's gone!!*

The deadline for submissions (news, items of interest, get well wishes, ads, etc.) 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

The Town Office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, July 3rd and 4th in observance of Independence Day.

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~ **Tinmouth Fun Day** ~

By Cathy Reynolds

Tinmouth Fun Day is right around the corner ~ **JULY 8** ~ and with the afternoon of activities, sports and games for all ages, we're sure to work up an appetite! **Check out the schedule on the enclosed Insert.** Dinner is a potluck and your dinner donations can be dropped at the Community Center kitchen from 2:00 pm on.

3:00 Festivities begin with the tiny town parade! Don't be late or you will miss it. On the Town Green. Would you like to join in the parade and wave to the "crowds"? Want to walk your dog (on a leash) in the parade? Drive your tractor or shiny car, ride your bike or other fun mode of transportation? Costumes, musicians, pretty much anything goes. Line up at the town garage at 2:45. We welcome parade participants of all kinds – two loops around the Green, so if you are a viewer, don't be late.

Note: Route 140 will be closed for 15-20 minutes to allow for the parade to travel from the Town Garage up to the Town Center, two loops around the green and then back to the Town Garage. Please plan accordingly. We will post signs to remind travelers to redirect during this brief festivity.

Next up ice cream sundaes at the *Old Creamery Porch*, the Conservation Commission Photo Contest at the *Old Firehouse*, tours of Tinmouth's historic carriage sheds and the equipment stored there. The *Library* will be welcoming guests with cookies and to check out a book or three. Face painting too (maybe after you eat that giant sundae, not before).

AT ~ 4:00 we will migrate up the hill to the Town Green for fun with water and kids activities – super entertaining to watch if you do not want to get wet! Fireman's "water polo", the return of the dunking booth, games involving water and fun, tie die at the Wee Folk Playground and the Bouncy House. Bring a towel and a change of clothes! Tie dyers can bring a 100% cotton item to tie dye. More face painting too.

4:30 music will begin near the playground ball field and the return of the family softball game. We will also have the cornhole court set up. Bring your mitt, your beverages of choice and a lawn chair if you plan to be a spectator/music appreciator.

The Potluck Picnic will begin around 5:30, so show up hungry with a dish to share. If you can bring your own plate and utensils that would be great too. Please bring a dish to share so we have an abundance of delicious choices for a Tinmouth dinnertime feast. Hotdogs, lemonade and iced tea will be provided and the rest is up to us all. See you on fun day! Dinner will be followed by more music outside, a watermelon feast and quite likely another round of ice cream sundaes.

A fun day for all. Hope to see you all on the 8th.

Questions, ideas or to volunteer, contact:

The Fun Day Committee ~ Meadow Squier, Sherry Johnson, Nancy Birdsall, Frank Sears, Cathy Reynolds, Ray Pratt



The late Grant Reynolds and crew ~ 2004 Parade

“Practice Random Acts of Kindness and Senseless Acts of Beauty”

~ **Tinmouth Community Fund** ~

By Cathy Reynolds

The Tinmouth Community Fund made its annual grant and scholarship awards on Wednesday June 21 at the Old Firehouse.

2023 Community Grants

Equity and Inclusion (\$1000) for welcome signs
Fun in Tinmouth (\$750) fun free events
Old Creamery (\$750) upgrades and repair
Tales of Tinmouth (\$750) printing and postage
Tinmouth Operator's Manual (\$1000) printing
Imagination Library (\$300)
Tinmouth Blooms (\$750) free trees to residents
Community Center (Fresh Air Division- ie fans) (\$750)
Tinmouth Elves (\$750) Christmas gifts for youth
Tinmouth Elves (Outerwear Division) (\$750)
Supporters of Tinmouth (Fun Day) (\$750)
Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project (\$750)
Tinmouth Event Publicity (\$500)
Tinmouth Historical and Genealogical Society (\$750)
(Old Honor Roll Update and Repair)

2023 Small Business Grant

Sumner's Property Maintenance (\$500)

K-12 scholarships totaling \$1,350 for summer camp and travel soccer were awarded to: Sadie Martone, Mathias and Morgan Miner, Alana, Aliza and Isaac Smith.

Continuing Education Scholarships totaling \$17,500 were awarded to Julia Deppert, Sadira Majorell, Tor Majorell, Allison Nemeth, Elias Nemeth, Morgan Predom and Jaron Rochon.

The Pam Garceau Memorial Scholarship of \$2,000 was awarded to Morgan Predom.

The Tinmouth Community Fund Board thanks all our donors, volunteers and grant and scholarship recipients for helping to make Tinmouth a place we all want to live.

Tinmouth Community Fund Board Members - Todd Dennis, Jan Krantz, Helen Mango, Cathy Reynolds, Martha Stanley, Melody Squier, Lisa Patry, Bess Lewis and Lynn Buffum.

~ **Front Porch Forum** ~

Connect with your Tinmouth Neighbors

Have you checked out Front Porch Forum yet? To sign up, go to <http://FrontPorchForum.com>. Or stop by the town office to sign up!! 200+ households have signed to date! Good way to discuss community issues, sell a canoe, give away a kitten, etc. If you are a second home owner you can use your Tinmouth 911 address.

Please Recycle or Pass Along Tales!!

~ **2023 Tinmouth Town Wide Tag Sales** ~

September 2nd

By Sherry Johnson



Time to save that "stuff" from spring cleaning! We are planning to have the 10th Annual Tinmouth Town Wide Tag Sales in 2023, and look forward to continued community participation. 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. Sign up early if you would like one of those spaces. We will of course, have a map with your location listed if you prefer to keep it at home.

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

So, please save the date – **September 2nd** - which is the Saturday of Labor Day weekend. The first Saturday in September.

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

Questions? Call Sherry Johnson 802-446-3307. 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 25th. Organizers:

Sherry Johnson (446-3307) vtsjohnson@icloud.com

Tracy Byford tracyleab@gmail.com

Chuck Bronk charles.bronk@gmail.com

July Friends of the Rutland Free Library

Book Sale

10 Court Street, Rutland, VT 05701 802-773-1860
Friday, July 14 (10 - 4) and Saturday, July 15 (10 - 2)

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

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All purchases by donation only.

Limit of two grocery bags per family.

No book dealers.

Proceeds to support library programs and collections and designated library projects.

www.rutlandfree.org

~ **Nature Notes** ~

Smoke, smoke and more smoke. Tinmouth Mountain is barely visible at times. From Canada no less!!



TINMOUTH
CHURCH

~ **Tinmouth Community Church** ~

R. I. P.

We usually associate this acronym with that final "rest" we call death. At that end point, all striving has certainly ceased and we "rest". And "peace"? Well, hopefully the passing was peaceful. What about "peace" as an ongoing state of eternal being? Well, hopefully. Some of us believe so. Some of us have had signs or dreams or visitations from beyond that give us peace. Some of us remain restless for want of either.

We don't have to wait for R.I.P. to "rest", of course, although in our hectic lives, it can be elusive. Judaism and Christianity, among other religions, have a weekly day of rest built into their personal and communal life, a Shabbat/Sabbath. This day of rest is rooted in a theological paradigm that God rested after bringing Creation into being, so we need to rest after our work "week" as well.

Resting on Shabbat/Sabbath is meant as a time for physical, emotional, and spiritual renewal, so important for our health and well-being. As important as work is for our sense of purpose, provision, and worth, and as a way of contributing to the good of society, being on the go-go-go wears us down. When Communist Russia under Stalin tried enforcing a 7-day work week, it wore the people out and had to be nixed. We can find ourselves doing much the same. Burnout is not uncommon.

Wouldn't it be nice to have an extended Shabbat/Sabbath, a sabbatical of sorts that is also a spiritual retreat? This month, for the first time, I have done just that. Rather than retiring or taking a vacation in which I'm likely to be just as busy, I have extended my day of rest to a month of rest with an emphasis on using that time as a spiritual retreat. Turns out, rest came by way of sickness for the first half of the month - a sure sign I needed just that. Now, physically rested up, I have more energy than I've known in a long time. Now I am able to attend to the "spiritual retreat" aspect of my sabbatical as I listen to the rest of what the Spirit is saying and rest in a peace that is alive with gratitude, awe and wonder at the life we've been given.

Needing Shabbat/Sabbath, perhaps a "sabbatical" of sorts as well? R & R to rest and reflect? They are so healing and healthy for body, mind and spirit. Now is the time, before we R.I.P.

**Blessings,
Pastor John**

Rev. John Hardman-Zimmerman
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(802) 884-8249 (parsonage)
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~ **Library News** ~

By Ruth Drachman, Librarian

The Library will be open from 3:15 to 4:00 during the Town Fun Day. We have a HUGE plate of cookies to share. Please stop by to get a book and a cookie after you enjoy your ice cream at the Old Creamery.

~ **Community News** ~

Get Well Wishes are sent to **Carleen Eaton**.

Heartfelt Sympathies are sent to family and friends of **Marty Kushnick**; and to family and friends of **Roger Payne**.

Congratulations to 12th grade graduates: **Sierra Carey** and **Allison Usher** from MRUUHS (forgot them last month – sorry).

Congratulations to **Jaron Rochon**, son of **Shannon Zandy** of Tinmouth and **Wayne Rochon** of Fair Haven for graduating Summa Com Laude from Castleton University. He received his degree in Archaeology, Geography & Applied Anthropology and Music.

Congratulations to newlyweds **Zachary Bronzo** and **Vanessa Borges Chaga Pires** who were married on June 3rd. Best Wishes for many years of happiness.

The Tinmouth Historical and Genealogical Society sends a big *thank you* to **Rhonda Phillips** who recently donated a box full of old Valentine family photos and papers obtained at Bill Valentine's auction.

The **Theater in the Woods Camp** will present showcases of each camp's work on the following dates:

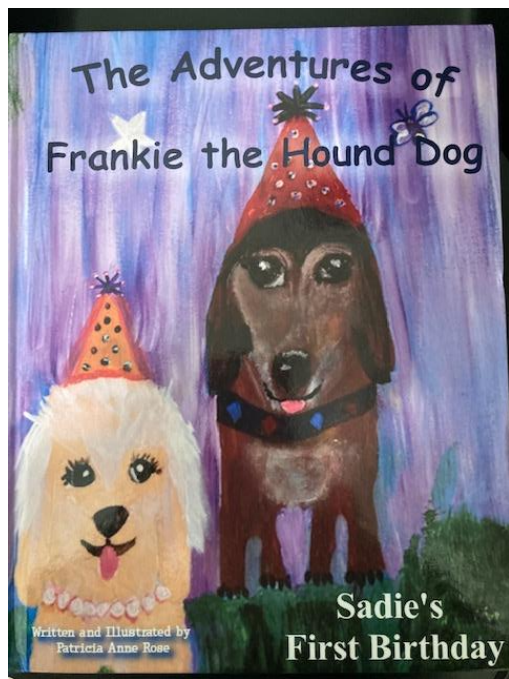
Friday, July 14 An original play by the campers

Friday, July 28 An adaptation of T.H. White's *The Sword in the Stone*

All performances begin at 2 pm, at 30 Orchard Road in Middletown Springs.

All are free and open to the public. Welcome!





I am pleased to announce I have just written and illustrated my first children's book titled "The Adventures of Frankie the Hound Dog; Sadie's First Birthday".

Please join Frankie in his quest in finding his friend Sadie and meet other friends along the way. Mr. and Mrs. Tom in the meadow and Mrs. O'Possum with her babies in the Shamrock bed. Finally, the hero that he is, Frankie finds Sadie and lets her know she will always have her friends.

The book is based on Butch Towsley's little hound, Frankie. The book is available on Barnes and Nobles (on line) and also available on Amazon. Please check it out and tell your friends.

Patricia Anne Rose



~ Discover Books Book Collection Program Launches in Rutland County ~

Tinmouth is one of the locations to get a collection box – located at the Transfer Station near the Zero-Sort Bin.

Hopefully it will be here by the end of July.

Rutland County, Vermont (July 12, 2023) – The Solid Waste Alliance Communities (SWAC) and Rutland County Solid Waste District (RCSWD) are pleased to announce their collaboration with Discover Books to launch a book collection program in multiple locations in Rutland County. *Collection locations should be in place by the end of July 2023.*

Approximately 2 billion pounds of books in the U.S. are wasted each year! Although books are mostly paper, they are challenging to recycle because of the adhesives that bind them.

Discover Books is a book collection and online reselling company which re-distributes, resells, donates, and recycles used books giving books a new life through online sales and charitable donations.

Since its inception, Discover Books has donated over 10 million books to non-profit organizations in North America and internationally. That number continues to grow. They have also recycled over 500 million pounds of paper, saving books from landfill demise.

Discover Books believes reuse is the best possible form of recycling and focuses on getting used books into the hands of people who want and need them most rather than allowing them to become waste.

In addition to all hardcover and softcover books, Discover Books also collects videos, DVDs, and audiobooks.

Watch Front Porch Forum for the announcement that the box has arrived!!

~ 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, and a potty chair (commode) to loan.

We even have a high chair.

Please call 446-2498 to make arrangements.

~ More Nature Notes ~ Lots of bears have been sighted, all over town. *Be aware of the bear!!*

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~ Meeting Highlights ~

(Complete minutes are available at the town office.)

Select Board (SB) ~ 6/13/2023

Members present (in-person): Meadow Squier, Kevin Eaton, and Judy Gilmore

Others present:

In-person: Eric Buffum-Road Commissioner, Michael Fallar, Hollis Squier, and Gail Fallar-Select Board Assistant (SBA)

Via Zoom: Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, and Rick Fallar.

~ Highway ~

Public Works Update – Meadow reported the SB and CSC met jointly on May 17th and decided to recommend DuBois & King for the design engineering for the proposed salt/sand shed, pending negotiation. That negotiation resulted in the cost being reduced by \$7,800. After brief discussion, Board voted to award D & K the contract for \$53,060 for design engineering for the proposed salt/sand shed. Board then voted to dissolve the CSC. The SB will assume ongoing responsibilities required by the TAP grant.

Road Commissioner - Eric reported the road crew has been busy ditching, getting ready for paving. He noted the state had tentatively approved the culvert grant for North East Road, will wait for final approval before ordering the culvert. Reviewed summer work plan, discussed removal of the maple tree near Ballou's swamp – grinding stump will not be possible as there is ledge right there. Ditching is needed there per State stormwater rules. He advised that he would like to include a budget line for help with bigger construction projects, as Dan Allard will be needed for that tree and for replacing a culvert at the top of Cobb Hill before paving is done.

Used Grader Purchase Authorization – Eric presented request with specs to replace the grader as scheduled. Much discussion about whether the grader needed to be replaced, cost of repairs, hours used yearly, grader is a Champion which is hard to get parts for, John Deere and Cat are better choice, how to source another. Board asked Eric to research what is available. Board voted to approve Eric's request for authorization, all voted in favor.

Small Safety Grant – Board reviewed VTRANS grant application for \$35,000 to cut dead and dying trees on Route 140. Approved by consensus, Board also signed a letter of support.

Citizen Concerns ~ Hollis inquired about the large tree on the Butterfoss property on Route 140 – now that leaves have come out, there needs to be brush cut to improve visibility and safety. Eric will speak to Mr. Butterfoss about it. He also inquired about ditching on Route 140 near the Wallingford town line, wondering if stone would be added – Eric noted that state rules do not require it there – seeding and mulching will be enough. Hollis asked the

SB to take a look at the new culvert on North End Road – Potter's Brook, raising concerns about the need for headers, reflectors, and more stone in the ditches as they are quite deep. SB took under advisement.

Request for Proposals for Diesel Fuel and #2 Fuel Oil

Board reviewed and approved draft RFP for FY24. Kudos were given to the late Bob Noble for his help in establishing the RFP form a number of years ago.

End of Year ~ Eric noted the black truck needs 8 tires for next winter, dealers advised it would be a two month wait. He ordered them, they are here already, would like to purchase them in this fiscal year. Board agreed as there is room in this year's budget.

Financial Reports – Board reviewed and approved reports and warrants. Anticipated revenue includes \$200,000 paving grant and \$36,000 culvert project grant.

FY24 Wage and Salary Schedule ~ Board reviewed salaries, Listers request to increase their hourly rate for the re-appraisal work, Board approved all.

~ Old Business-

ARPA List Review ~ Board postponed until upcoming SB meeting on the 27th. Gail advised that the SB can transfer ARPA money into the Capital Building Reserve Fund, per VLCT ARPA staff.

RFP for Generator Grant – Board reviewed and approved draft RFP for electrical panel upgrade at the town office and on-demand generators for the town office and TVFD, due on the 27th.

~ New Business -

Equity and Inclusion Committee ~ Meadow reported Emma Weatherhogg had moved out of town and stepped down from the E&I Committee. She then moved to nominate Todd Dennis, Kim Harbaugh, Lothar Schmelzenbach, Melody Squier, Rainbow Squier and herself to be re-appointed, (all remaining members), except Michael Fallar. Much discussion about purpose of the committee, not appointing someone willing to serve who has a different point of view, how other members of the committee felt about it, etc. Eventually Kevin 2nded the motion. Meadow and Kevin voted in favor, Judy voted against.

Recreation Committee – Board postponed discussion until 27th.

SWAC Alternate ~ After brief discussion, Board voted to appoint Gail Fallar as an Alternate to the Solid Waste Alternatives Committee.

911 Road Name ~ As there is a 3rd house being added to a private right of way, it now needs an official road name. Owners chose North Meadow Lane, Select Board approved by consensus. It was formerly known as 174 Morgan Road, Route 133.

Next Meeting Schedule ~ Board decided to hold a special Board meeting on June 27th, next regular meeting on July 13.

Select Board ~ 6/27/2023 ~ Special Meeting

Members present (in-person): Kevin Eaton, Meadow Squier, and Judy Gilmore

Others present:

In-person: Eric Buffum-Road Commissioner, Michael Fallar, Glenn Merrill, Sheriff David Fox, Hollis Squier, Robbie Leeds, Doug Fontein, and Gail Fallar.

Via Zoom: Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, Cathy Reynolds, Nancy Gucker Birdsall, Rick Fallar, and Pat Psholka.

Highway ~

Board opened **Diesel Fuel and #2 Fuel Oil bids.**

Champlain Valley Fuels bid 15 cents over the Valero rack price in Rutland per gallon for both diesel fuel and #2 fuel oil. Also offered a set price for fuel oil.

Marcell Oil bid 15 cents over the Valero rack price in Rutland per gallon for both diesel fuel and #2 fuel oil, with a cap on fuel oil, also included furnace cleaning @ \$175 each.

After discussion, and consultation with the road commissioner, Board voted to accept Champlain Valley's proposal.

County Sheriff ~ Sheriff Fox discussed the FY24 contract for law enforcement services. He doesn't feel the town needs more hours, but is willing to shift officers around (can work earlier hours to catch early morning speeders) for more productive enforcement. After discussion, Board voted to approve the FY24 contract.

Recreation Committee ~ Robbie and Doug spoke to their willingness to serve on a recreation committee, along with Colleen Balch, all who are on the Conservation Commission. They have an interest in developing the town lot behind the town garage with a walking path, disc golf course and picnic tables. Others present suggested other properties to consider; conducting a survey to see what kind of recreation folks in town want/need; using the existing playground area, etc. Access to the south end of the town lot was discussed, currently that is by passing through the transfer station. After much discussion, Board voted to re-create a Recreation Committee with five members, appointing Doug Fontein, Robbie Leeds and Colleen Balch. SB will seek two more members.

Capital Building Fund Transfer ~ Board voted to transfer \$60,008 from the Capital Building Fund to the Highway to cover expenses for the new town garage (labor and materials) reimbursement.

Unlicensed Dog Warrant ~ Board approved and signed warrant for Animal Control Officers to round up unlicensed dogs.

Tinmouth Cemetery Association ~ Glenn, as President of the Tinmouth Cemetery Association (TCA) requested an increase of \$800 to the Town's allotment to help with maintenance of the cemetery. Judy advised that she is treasurer of the TCA. After brief discussion, Board voted

to approve the request for FY24 allotment increase from FY23 general fund.

EOC Grant Electrical Bids ~ Board opened bids from Stubbins Electric and Corey Electric.

Stubbins bid \$32,700 for the grant work and \$4,100 for the Old Creamery Project work.

Corey bid \$32,000 for the grant work and \$3,800 for the Old Creamery Project work.

After discussion, Board voted to accept Matt Corey's proposal.

Garmin Camera ~ Cathy spoke about the special camera requested in the grant. With a new Emergency Management Director advising it is no longer needed, Board voted to not purchase it.

Board discussed location of the generator and tank on the town office property – it is on the National Historic Register – so care must be taken with disturbance of soil and visibility.

Vacancies – Gail noted that the E & I Committee was created with 10 members, now only has 6, so 4 vacancies need to be advertised. Along with the two seats on the Rec Committee that need filling.

Fun Day ~ Cathy asked Eric about the town trucks being in the fun day **parade**, he said yes.

Planning Commission ~ 6/15/23

Members present in-person: Michael Fallar, Judy Gilmore, and Andy Gilmore; present via Zoom: Kim Harbaugh, Rainbow Squier, Pat Psholka, and Vito Macaluso.

Others: present in-person: Susan Mandel and Glen Morgan - applicants, and Gail Fallar Secretary; and via Zoom: Tom Morgan (applicant), Sherry Johnson, Carol Miller, and Ann Lundquist.

Subdivision Hearing for the Mandel and Morgan application for a one lot subdivision was called to order. Michael reviewed the requirements, members agreed that all that needed to be met, indeed were. After brief discussion, PC voted to approve as presented.

Members briefly discussed photos in old town plan, members will send comments on them to the secretary for work on the new plan. New photos were encouraged as well as captions/locations for those to be kept.

Rainbow will review photos from the Conservation Commission's photo contest to see if any of those will be helpful and send to the secretary.

Ed Bove, RRPC, will attend the July meeting, hopefully with a draft of work to date on the town plan update.

Town Plan update homework for next meeting – review photos in current plan, decide what to keep, what to replace, add captions, etc.; read Act 174; and review sections PC was to work on.

Conservation Commission ~ 6/19/23

With thanks to Chuck Bronk, Sec.

Members Present: Ed Hasenohr, Rainbow Squier, Doug Fontein, Robbie Leeds, Colleen Balch, and Chuck Bronk
Public Present: Gail Fallar and Doug Inkley.

Draft Minutes from April 24, 2023 were reviewed and approved with the correction of the Doug Fontein's commitment to brush hog a "trail" on the Town parcel South of the Transfer Station.

The agenda was accepted as warned with the addition of a discussion of the Town Lot under the discussion of future plans, projects and ideas.

On the subject of a recap of Green Up Day, it was noted that we had fewer children in attendance this year. Doug noted that he had spoken with Principal Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker and asked her to not do Green Up at Tinmouth Mountain School and to encourage her students to attend Green Up on Saturday. Ed Hasenohr suggested that next year we come up with a handout to go home with every student advertising our event and the prizes for participation, perhaps including a photo of a family at the event.

In order to Green Up the mess on Gulf Road, a tractor and a winch would be required along with a dump truck to haul the material to the metal dumpster. This would ideally be a separate project shared with the Road Crew. Ed agreed to discuss this with Eric Buffum, Road Commissioner.

A discussion of the 2023 Photo Contest. Rainbow noted that there had been 13 submissions as compared to 22 last year, and that virtually all were new submitters. Rainbow suggested that the deadline be extended to the first week in July and advertised in the Tales and Front Porch Forum. It was agreed that voting on paper for best photo worked last year and would continue this year. The Website Committee is still working on last year's photos. While there have been no further developments in the access to the Town Lot South of the Transfer Station, members discussed the overlap with the newly formed Recreation Committee. A site visit was planned for June 25th, meeting at 8 AM at the Transfer Station, to review possibilities for the site. It was noted that the road commissioner typically brush hogs the site once a year. The consensus was that this should take place following the completion of bird nesting in late August.

Rainbow encouraged members to come to the next meeting with ideas for conservation projects, speakers, and ways to increase participation in Commission events.

Next regular meeting be set for August 14, 2023.

~ **More Nature Notes** ~ Lots and lots of rain, and still the ground is dry. Hay is not growing, a number of farmers have reported getting about half of their normal first cut.

Tinmouth Community Center Board ~ 6/17/23

With thanks to Judy Gilmore, Sec.

Present were members Martha Stanley and Judy Gilmore, as well as Gail Fallar - Town Treasurer/SBA, Rainbow Squier - Community Center Manager (retiring), and Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker - School Principal.

Martha was elected Chair, Judy as Secretary. Member Josh Squier was not in attendance.

As Rainbow had submitted her resignation as Building Use Manager, the Board discussed the sole applicant and voted to hire Trish Warfle.

Rainbow and Website Committee will get Trish into the necessary emails and calendars. Rainbow will train Trish.

Board reviewed and updated several Tinmouth Community Center (CC) documents including the Rental Agreement, Procedure for Building Use, and Manager Job Description. Rainbow will make the edits and send to the CC Board for review. Martha thanked Rainbow for all the updating. The CC Board appreciates the efforts for a smooth transition made by Rainbow.

For the most part, the school and CC Board have been happy with conditions after other use of the CC.

Board decided to meet again in December, prior to the Selectboard's budget meeting to determine if rental rates or the Tinmouth Community Center Building Manager salary needs to be adjusted.

Next meeting was tentatively set for December 11, 2023.

Community Fund Annual Meeting ~ 6/21/23

With thanks to Helen Mango, Sec.

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

Jan gave a brief summary of the history of the Tinmouth Community Fund (TCF). The TCF is in its 23rd year. Ramsey and Patty Yoder were remembered as founding members of the TCF, and in whose spirit the TCF continues its work.

Treasurer's report:

The TCF is a committee of the Town of Tinmouth. Most of the funds are held and invested by the Vermont Community Foundation. Cathy, as TCF Treasurer, reported that the Community Fund has approximately \$190,000, which generates between \$7,000 and \$8,000 to be used for grants. The Continuing Education Fund has approximately \$316,000, of which \$15,000 is available for scholarships. The proceeds of the Tinmouth Plant Sale (about \$13,000) are also put towards all grants and scholarships.

Board member elections:

There is one vacancy on the TCF board and one "retiring" member. Lisa Patry has agreed to continue in her position on the TCF board. Cathy nominated Lynn Buffum,

seconded by Martha. Motion carried. Jan nominated Bess Lewis, seconded by Melody. Motion carried. Jan nominated Lisa, seconded by Cathy. Motion carried. The 2023 Community Grants; 2023 Small Business Grants; 2023 K-12 Camp Scholarships; and 2023 Continuing Education Scholarships were presented.

(Ed. Note: Please see press release on page 2 for details.)

Pam Garceau Memorial Scholarship – Cathy gave a brief summary of Pam’s history with the Tinmouth Community School, and the grit and determination that she displayed and to which the scholarship in her memory is dedicated. This year’s recipient is Morgan Predom.

This year there were no applicants for the Susan McIntosh Lloyd Scholarship. Cathy explained that Bob Lloyd has proposed expanding the parameters of the scholarship for next year.

Continuing Education Scholarship Committee: Jan asked for volunteers to serve on this committee. She described the goals of the Scholarship Committee and how the scoring rubric works. The following people volunteered: Lynn Buffum, Amy Martone and Bess Lewis.

The TCF Board briefly convened to elect officers. Lynn and Bess were welcomed to the board. Board elected Todd, Jan, Cathy and Helen as Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, respectively.

Speed Limit Committee ~ 6/22/23

Present were members Kevin Eaton, Hollis Squier, Tracy Byford, Ray Pratt, Jeff Warfle, and Sherry Johnson (via zoom).

Public present Gail Fallar and Alice Hoisington, and Kim Harbaugh (via zoom).

Members reviewed and edited latest ordinance draft, Ray and Kevin provided information regarding yield and stop signs and distances for certain speed limits.

Members discussed rules/regulations for yield and stop signs, when they are required, allowed, etc.

Route 140 is a town highway, not a state highway despite its name. Question was raised about whether the Select Board could set the speed limit for it – the State erected new speed and traffic signs with a special safety program several years ago.

Members compiled a list of recommendations for the Select Board, agreed to by consensus:

- * Review draft traffic ordinance, have it reviewed by legal counsel for adoption.
- * Obtain and install speed feed back signs for the school zone – all three directions.
- * Discuss more productive enforcement from the County Sheriff’s Department.
- * Consider adding stop signs on Pent Road, Bliss Road and Journey’s End Road.
- * Consider speed study for Route 140 in various areas.
- * Flashing light for stop sign in the center of town.

* Education for the community regarding action to be taken regarding enforcement.

Kevin will present these to the Select Board at its July meeting.

Sherry and Tracy volunteered to draft an article for *Tales* encouraging safe driving and explaining the Speed Limit Study Committee’s work.

Next meeting will be at the call of the Chair.

~ 2023 Wallingford Day Celebration is Saturday, July 15 ~

WALLINGFORD - Wallingford Day, the town's annual community celebration, is shaping up to be a day chock-full of family-friendly events. Starting with a morning of town-wide yard sales and the final hours of the town newsletter's silent auction fundraiser, and culminating in a fireworks display at sundown, the day promises something for just about everyone. The main events center on the village and nearby recreation field, with activities up, down, and around Main Street.

The morning and afternoon see an electric vehicle exhibit in the Baasch Dental parking lot, village-wide scavenger hunt launching from just south of the light, events at the library, and free hotdogs and ice cream at the Wallingford Rotary. Sustainable Eats and Hot Toddy's food trucks will be serving up their specialties beginning at 10 am in the heart of the village, then moving to the rec field for the mid-afternoon and evening. Local businesses will feature their wares, food and drink, and perhaps a special or two. The Wallingford Rescue is hosting an open house and the Wallingford Block will have a BYOB block party in the afternoon and evening. Other featured events include a kid-centric bike decorating session and parade (BYO bike or trike, decorations will be provided), culminating in games and activities at the rec field. Music will be a big part of the day's festivities, with live music by the Plumb Bobs, a contra dance, and DJ Brett Myhre, to name a few, beginning in the later afternoon right up until the final event of the day, the **Laurence Kaminsky Memorial Fireworks**, provided by the fabulous folks at C & C Fireworks.

All are invited to come and take part in the day's festivities. For more information, follow @WallingfordDay on Facebook and Instagram.

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Townwide Reappraisal

As the Town's CLA is below 80,
 the State requires the town to
 reappraise all property in town.

The Select Board signed an
 agreement with Douglas McArthur,
 who had done the last 3
 reappraisals, to work with the Town
 Listers to update assessed values.

The 2024 Reappraisal will be
 getting underway in August.

Solid Waste Alliance Communities (SWAC)

Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Tinmouth, Middletown Springs, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, and West Haven



Household Hazardous Waste Alternatives

Instead of this:	You can use this:
Household Cleaner	Combine 1 tsp liquid soap, 1 tsp borax, 1 squeeze of lemon, and 1 qt warm water.
Kitchen Cleaner	Combine 4 Tb baking soda and 1 qt warm water
Window Cleaner	Combine 1/2 cup white or cidar vinegar and 2 cups water.
Cutting Board Cleaner	Cut 1/2 lemon and rub over surface and wipe clean. For tough stains, allow to sit for a few minutes before wiping.
Microwave Cleaner	Place 3/4 cup vinegar and 1 Tb lemon juice in a bowl in the microwave. Turn microwave on for 2 minutes, allow to sit for 2 minutes before removing a wiping.
Mildew Remover	Dissolve 1/2 cup vinegar with 1/2 cup borax in warm water.
Air Freshener	Fill spray bottle with water and 10 drops of favorite essential oil.
Toilet Cleaner	Pour 1/2 cup vinegar, 2 Tb baking soda, and a few drop of essential oil into toilet bowl. Scrub with toilet brush.
Bathroom Cleaner	Combine 1/3 cup vinegar, 1/3 cup alcohol, 1/3 cup water, and a few drops of essential oil.

HHW Event Schedule

SWAC contracts U.S. Ecology for HHW collection events. Any SWAC resident can take their HHW to any of the collection events listed. Used waste oil will be accepted at the Rutland and Fair Haven designated collection areas during the events. Several local businesses also accept it for free year round. Please give your waste oil to transfer station attendant.

For more information please visit, www.rutlandcountyswac.org.

Saturday, April 29, 2023

TIME: 8:30-12:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Rutland Town Transfer Station, off Post Rd. Extension

Saturday, October 7, 2023

TIME: 8:30-12:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Fair Haven Transfer Station, Fair Haven Ave., off West St.

If you live outside of a SWAC town, please visit www.rcswd.com for more information.

SWAC residents may also purchase a non-district permit to utilize the Rutland County Solid Waste (RCSWD) Gleason Road facility and drop off household hazardous waste and trash at current rates, and access to recycling drop-offs. For more information, visit: www.rcswd.com.

HHW events are hosted by local towns and are expensive endeavors. Reducing the amount of HHW products purchased, giving them away to someone who can use them, or use them for their intended purpose will help reduce the cost to your towns.

~ July 2023 Calendar of Events ~

Town Office	Monday	3rd	Closed for Independence Day
Fire Department	Thursday	6th	7:00 Fire House
Community Fun Day	Saturday	8th	3:00 – 7:00 Town Center
Select Board	Thursday	13th	7:00 Town Office & Zoom
Equity and Inclusion Comm.	Tuesday	18th	7:00 Town Office & Zoom
Planning Commission	Thursday	20th	7:00 Town Office & Zoom
Tales of Tinmouth Deadline	Thursday	20th	Don't Miss It!

~ August 2023 Calendar of Events ~

Fire Department	Thursday	6th	7:00	Fire House
Select Board	Thursday	10th	7:00	Town Office/Virtual
Conservation Commission	Monday	14th	7:00	Town Office/Virtual
First ½ Property Taxes Due	Tuesday	15th	5:00	Town Office
Planning Commission	Thursday	17th	7:00	Town Office/Virtual
Tales of Tinmouth Deadline	Thursday	20th		Don't Miss It!

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

~ **Sunday Church Service ~ 9:00 AM All are welcome!** ~

~ *The Library is open Thursdays 2:00-5:00 PM AND on the first Saturday of the month from 10-12!!* ~

~ **Vacancies Still in Need of Volunteers** ~

There are vacancies on the Energy Committee (2), the Safety & Wellness Committee (1) and the Equity and Inclusion Committee (4). The Energy Committee meets once or twice a year, the S & W meets quarterly and E & I meets every other month. Please consider volunteering to help your community.

The Select Board is also looking for two more members willing to serve on the newly created Recreation Committee. Please contact the Town Office to volunteer or for information – 802-446-2498 or tinmouthtown@vermontel.net by 7/13.



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