

# TALES OF TINMOUTH

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**Editors' Notes:** *Please take a moment to be thankful . . . for family, friends, community, and pray for world peace.*

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

## ~ Holiday Greetings ~

It's time for the **Twenty First Annual Community Holiday Card**. For the past 21 years folks have made a donation to the *Roy & Anne Wilbur Fund* and sent their friends and family **Holiday Greetings** (*Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanza, Happy Festivus, Happy New Year – you choose*) in *Tales*. Think of how much you can save and how much your neighbors in need can be helped by your donation!

Please send your wishes and/or names and a donation of any size in care of *ye olde Editor* by **November 20<sup>th</sup>**.

Thank you for your continued support for the *Roy & Anne Wilbur Fund!*

## ~ Community Thanksgiving Service and Supper ~ Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> 4:30

The Tinmouth Community Church invites everyone to join them on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30 PM to celebrate and be thankful for this community.

This event was started many years with the help of the late Bob Whittingham. Community members give thanks, the poem Bob wrote for the very first one is read, local poet Marshall Squier reads a new poem, the bell ringers will play, there is music, words of wisdom, etc.

This is followed by delicious light supper for all. No charge. We are thankful for the opportunity to be together once again and celebrate this special place called Tinmouth. All are welcome. Please see page 3.



**Help us help you.**

**Please Clean Your Chimney!**

Before it gets too cold, now is the time to get your chimney cleaned!! Remember a chimney fire can become a house fire in no time.

*Thank you,  
Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department*

## Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department Game Supper Saturday November 18, 2023 – 4:00 P.M.

*By Melody Squier*

The Annual Tinmouth Game Supper is a true Vermont Community event and the major fundraiser for this small Town's Volunteer Fire Department.

Gourmet "all you can eat" menu includes: Venison and Moose Sauerbraten, Game Cornbread Chili, Secret Marinated Roasts of Venison, Moose, and Bear, Smoked Venison and Bear, Wild Italian Meatballs. Also: Chicken and Biscuits, mashed potatoes and squash, salads, rolls, baked beans, and over 100 homemade pies!

4:00 P.M. Early birds welcome. No waiting outside. Over 500 served. Take-outs available.

Adults: \$30.00 Children 6-12: \$15:00 Children under 6: Free.

**Fire Department Raffle Tickets are available at the Town Office or from any fire fighter!!**

## ~ Thanksgiving Baskets ~

The **Roy & Anne Wilbur Fund** is under the umbrella of the Tinmouth Community Church and helps folks with heat, lights, groceries, etc. It also helps provide **Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets** to folks in town. Donations of non-perishable food and other items (soap, laundry detergent, shampoo, toilet paper, paper towels, etc.) can be left at the town office. Your generosity and help are greatly appreciated.

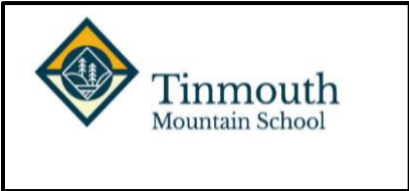
If you, or someone you know, needs a basket, please call Gail at 446-2498. If you have a bounty of potatoes or squash or onions from your garden, they are most welcome as well.

**2<sup>nd</sup> half property taxes are due on Wednesday,  
November 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Town Office will be open 8-12 and 1-5 that day.**



On **November 5<sup>th</sup>**, daylight savings time ends, please remember to set your clocks back one (1) hour when you go to bed on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

And this is the perfect time to make sure your smoke and CO detectors are working by testing them!! **You should also change the batteries in these safety detectors.**



November 1, 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Two events earmarked the month of October at Tinmouth Mountain School. The first was student conferences. We had a good turn-out for conferences on October 6<sup>th</sup>. This was an opportunity to have students set goals for the year and to share with parents the results of tests administered at the start of the year. Although this is one of many data points teachers look at to drive their instruction, these tests also provide a base for measuring annual growth.

The second event that makes October special is our *All Hallows* celebration. This year we incorporated a harvest festival with our Halloween Parade. Students were thrilled with a tractor-pulled hayride! They enjoyed donuts and cider while observing how cider is pressed from apples. After decorating and filling their own treat bag, they participated in a pumpkin relay race (and burned off some of the energy that comes with digesting too much sugar!). It was quite the celebration! Photos ➡

Our after school program (ASP) invited staff from *Farm and Wilderness*, who taught the students how important beavers are to our ponds, streams, and channels. The learning activities were hands on and culminated with students building models of beaver dams with sticks, stones, and a bit of mud. Learning about the world we share doesn't get better than this!

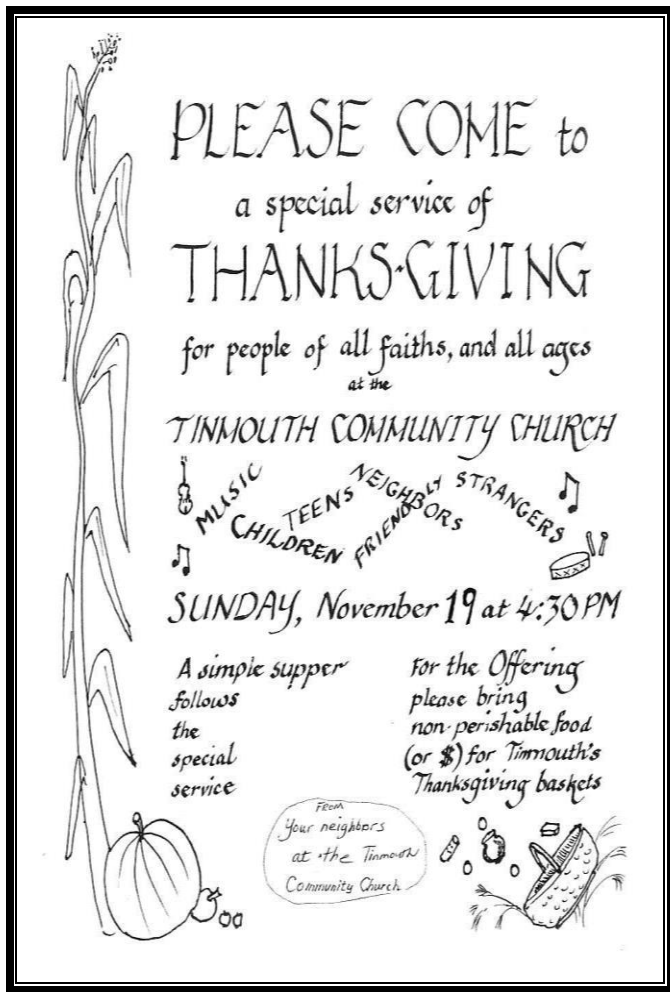
Now that the weather has turned cold, students are focused on clearing the vegetable and garden beds. Apples grown in the Wee Folk Playground were used for making cider during our harvest festival. Students also made salsa and pickles from the vegetables they planted last spring. There may even be enough pickles to share at our upcoming Thanksgiving feast.

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

**~ 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 911 address.





~ Budget Work ~

The Select Board and the MRUUSD School Board are working on budgets for the coming year. If you would like to have input, please attend one of their meetings in November or December. Or call a Board member – names and phone numbers available in the Tinmouth Operator’s Manual annual update.

The *Tales of Tinmouth* is on the Tinmouth website (tinmouthvt.gov), the Town’s new website address! Look under “Info”.

If you would like to read it online. Or if someone in the house recycles it before you get a chance to read it!

There is much more information about the town on the website, take a few minutes and check it out!

**Donations to help pay for paper and postage are always greatly appreciated!**

*“When you have the choice to be right or to be kind, always pick kind.”*

- Dr. Wayne Dyer

Library News ~

By Ruth Drachman, Librarian



*“I cannot live without books.”*

-Thomas Jefferson to John Adams 1815

The Tinmouth Library gets new books all the time. Do come and check the shelves. We are officially open on Thursday afternoons and a librarian is present to help you.

**New Books for Adults**

**The Thursday Murder Club series**---In a peaceful retirement village, four unlikely friends meet weekly. They call themselves “The Thursday Murder Club”. There are four books in this witty romp of fun and murder.

**The Running Grave** by Robert Galbraith (who is actually J. K. Rowling). In this the seventh installment of the very entertaining Cormoran Strike series, the detective pair of Strike and Robin must rescue a man caught in the trap of a dangerous cult.

Come see us on Thursday afternoon from 2PM until 5PM.

~ Community News ~

**Get Well Wishes** are sent to **Bart Eaton, Denise McGinley, Betti Jaquay, Steve Halford, and Elouise Hauserman.**

**Heartfelt Sympathies** are sent to family and friends of **Norman Gagne**, and to family and friends of **Rodney Greene.**

**Congratulations** to Tinmouth’s newest newlyweds. **Shudder Hurd-Burnett and Alyssa Eaton** who were married 10/12/23; and to **John G. Holler and Trisha Cotter** who were married on 10/21/23.

*Best wishes to all for many years of happiness!*

*To My Tinmouth Friends,*

*Because of my age, my family no longer wants me to live alone. I have moved to the Creek Road in Wallingford to live with a niece, Paula Page. It has been a good move as we have a lot in common and I am closer to my family.*

*I will always remember the many friends I made in Tinmouth and hope they remember me.*

**Pauline Munson**

**351 Creek Road**

**Wallingford, VT 05773**

*( Editor’s Note: Pauline will celebrate her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday this month, please send her a card!!)*



Photo by Nancy Gucker Birdsall

~ **Knit? Crochet? Craft? ~**  
By Sherry Johnson

Nancy Gucker Birdsall, Betti Jaquay, Sherry Johnson, Cynthia Pollock would like to extend an invitation.

We would like to welcome other crafters to meet with us every Monday at the Old Fire House at 1pm. We generally are there from 1pm-3pm and welcome new crafters. You can even come to just chat.

If you pick up your children after school, come and join us before pickup.

We have moved inside, and ask that people wear a mask since we are in close proximity, and some of us are vulnerable.

There is a restroom available.  
Hope to see you there.

Email Sherry at [vtsjohnson@icloud.com](mailto:vtsjohnson@icloud.com) or call 802-446-3307 if you have questions.

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

**NOTE: THIS MONTH THE BOOK SALE IS  
JUST ONE DAY,  
DUE TO THE VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY.**

10 Court St., Rutland, VT 802-773-1860  
**Friday, November 10 (10 - 4)**

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. Limit of two grocery bags per family. No book dealers.

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

[www.rutlandfree.org](http://www.rutlandfree.org)

**Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department  
Game Supper ~ Sat. Nov. 18th**

By Marshall "Mo" Squier, TVFD Chief

Here is the schedule of events for Game Supper preparations. Your help is appreciated.

- **Friday (11/3 – Friday 11/10)** Fire Fighters will be making calls asking for specific help. If a message is left, please return the phone call so they do not need to make repeated calls.
- **Tuesday (11/14)** Deliver Bread Crumbs
- **Wednesday (11/15)** Deliver Cider
- **Thursday (11/16)** 6:00 pm ----->Meat cutting (at the Fire House). Bring your knife.
- **Thursday** Deliver Milk, Coffee, Eggs, Salad Dressing, 1/2 & 1/2
- **Friday (11/17)** 6:00 pm -----> Potato and squash peeling, onion chopping (at the Fire House). Bring your peeler and knife. Also, get to watch members of the fire department peel a squash with an axe.
- **Friday night/Saturday morning**----->Set Up (at the Community Center)
- **Saturday (11/18) 8:00 am**----->Meatball making (at the Fire House)
- **Saturday AM** Deliver Green Salads, Pies
- **Saturday by 3PM** Deliver Chicken & Biscuits and Beans
- **Saturday afternoon/night**----->Serving during the supper
- **Saturday night after the supper**----->Clean up!

We have traditionally used landlines to communicate with the Tinmouth Community. If you would prefer to receive a text, email or cell phone call, please let Sherry Johnson know at one of the following 802-446-3307, [vtsjohnson@icloud.com](mailto:vtsjohnson@icloud.com) or text her at 315-823-7627.

If you have meat to donate, call or text Josh Allen at 802-353-1857. If you have a surplus of winter squash or potatoes, let Sherry know.

If somehow we missed you, and you would like to help please call or text Sherry (see numbers above).

As always, the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department appreciates your support so that we can provide help in times of need.

~ **WiFi Hot Spot** ~

There is 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.

You can also log onto 'Town Office Guest' as another option for free WiFi, also at the Town Office.



TINMOUTH CHURCH

~ **Tinmouth Community Church** ~

Evil - in a hundred words or less? Not!  
Evil - in one murdered body or more. Yes, evil.

No volume of words is the reality of evil itself, only a way of illustrating the reality. But the reality of evil is self-evident when we or those we love are the victims of its destruction and death. If we are the perpetrators of the violence, chances are we may not see our actions as evil. We can feel quite justified about our use of deadly force. Aggressions and retaliations are typically promoted as "just" causes, though they solve no underlying condition and only compound the suffering, destruction and environmental degradation. They will likely stoke hatred and become a prelude to the next outbreak of violence. What are we to do about ourselves and our endless proliferation of this evil and its misery? Be run over by it? Fight it?

Jesus showed us another way, a "Third Way" to address the violence within us and against us. "Do not resist evil with evil, but overcome evil with good." Jesus' Third-Way is neither passivity nor counterviolence, neither submission nor assault, neither fight nor flight. It is a jujitsu in initiative that asserts one's dignity while recognizing the humanity of others. It is courageously assertive, nonretaliatory and creatively nonviolent. And long before violence breaks out, the preventative measures of justice - for all - are pursued; friendship sought and nurtured, truth upheld and fear-mongering debunked; violence discredited and love lifted up. Jesus' Third Way was recognized by Tolstoy, employed by Ghandi and Martin Luther King, Jr. and is now the cornerstone of nonviolent direct action by many groups around the world seeking to bring about justice and peace. It is the way of those who have been converted by the Spirit of Compassion to compassionate action that does no harm and is willing to suffer for it.

Society legitimates violence at every turn of the channel, and when war breaks out, we ask God to bless our killing so as to stop the killing. It seems a miracle that we haven't gone completely MAD (Mutually Assured Destruction through nuclear warfare) by now. As Shane Claiborne said, "We may not all agree on whether or not there is a

place for "necessary" evil in the world, but perhaps we can agree to call it what it is - Evil - even when we deem it necessary."

Meanwhile and ultimately, there is a (Third) way forward that can yet lead to our conversion and to the peace desired by the vast majority of humanity.

**Blessings,  
Pastor John**

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

*Look for the good in this world today  
and if you find none,  
become the good.*

**Holiday Treats!  
First Congregational Church  
So. Main St., Wallingford**

**Wednesday, November 23, 2023**

**\*\* Thanksgiving Pie Sale**

Apple, pecan, or pumpkin \$15 each  
Carrot Cake large 9x13 \$20 ½ cake \$10  
\* \*Must be pre-ordered by November 15<sup>th</sup>

**To order call Trudy Dias 802-446-2135**  
Pick up at the Church 12-4 Wed. 11/23/23

**Christmas Bazaar**

**Saturday - December 2, 2023 9 AM - 2 PM**

Theme Basket and Gift Certificate Raffle  
Tickets 6 for \$5 or \$1 each.

Soup and Salad Luncheon will be served - \$5  
Home baked Cookies \$5 per pound

Vendor Tables

Arts & Crafts

To reserve a table for \$25, call **Barb Truex by  
November 15<sup>th</sup> - 802-446-2891**

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*The most I can do for my friend is simply to be his friend. I have no wealth to bestow upon him. If he knows that I am happy loving him, he will want no other reward. Is not friendship divine in this? -- H.D. Thoreau*

~ **Speed Limit Committee (SLC) Update** ~

By Tracy Byford and Sherry Johnson  
on behalf of the SLC

The Select Board has asked the Speed Limit Committee to investigate and respond to citizen concerns about unsafe speeds on individual roads. A number of requests involve lowering the speed limits on several roads. Information gathered from speed monitoring devices previously placed on Tinmouth roads indicates that while the majority of drivers conform more or less to the limits, there are a few who do drive at excessive and dangerous speeds.

To help answer the questions we have learned the following:

A speed limit is the **maximum** speed one can drive safely on a particular road.

If drivers drive faster than the posted speed limit, lowering the speed limit without enforcement may result in more speeders, but not slow down drivers. The only way to force people to drive below or at the posted limit is **enforcement**.

Another possible way to help control excessive speed on our roads is speed feedback signs. These can remind conscientious drivers they are driving too fast, particularly in the area of the Tinmouth school where numerous drivers have been observed driving faster than the posted limit. **The School Zone is 25 mph.**

There are two principles for setting speed limits to achieve reasonable and safe speeds:

The **first** is to protect the public and curtail unreasonable behavior. Motorists should have some assurance that the risk of having an accident is low on that particular road if they obey the speed limit and take into account weather conditions at the time. They should also understand that to disobey the limit may be unsafe.

**Second**, to effectively enforce a law, the public must believe that the law is reasonable. Local officials should not set a uniform speed limit for all roads and streets, nor should they give into pressure by residents to lower speed limits below what is reasonable. The random installation of signs and speed limits can be detrimental to safety by breeding disrespect for all speed limits. Most motorists will drive at a speed that they perceive to be safe. In the absence of a study identifying that speed limit, setting a speed limit too low merely punishes motorists who otherwise obey the law.

To set an effective speed limit the following information needs to be collected and considered:

1. Characteristics of the road surface, shoulder, sight distance, etc.
2. A traffic engineering speed study to find out what speed people are driving. If less than 85% of the

drivers are driving the speed limit or less, then the speed is adequate.

3. Consider roadside development, driveways, rural farmland.
4. Determine a safe speed for curves and hazardous intersections.
5. Record parking and pedestrian uses.
6. Number of accidents in the area in a 12-month period.

If the speed limit is set too low, many drivers will ignore it, and the lower speed limit has the potential to cause unsafe passing.

The Speed Limit Committee is in the process of collecting information on the speed limits set along the entire length of Vermont Route 140 from Wallingford to Middletown Springs. Drivers may note that once they pass out of Tinmouth, the speed limit drops to 40 in both Wallingford and Middletown Springs. The Speed Committee is exploring the history of the lowered limits in these towns and are asking the question as to why in Tinmouth, the speed limit is 10 miles an hour more on this road, and should it be lowered to conform with the rest of this route through our Town.

The Committee has heard from a variety of residents who have concerns on speeds and unsafe drivers their particular road, including Route 140, East Road and Harrington Cross Road. All of these complaints have merit, but unfortunately speed enforcement patrols cannot be in all places needed at the same time. Ideally, we would have more hours of enforcement each week, but this of course costs taxpayer money. We completely understand that excessive speed on our roadways can intimidate residents who wish to walk or bike along the roadways, or simply enjoy the peace and quiet of their property. This is one reason the Committee was formed – to respond to resident concerns about unsafe drivers in Tinmouth.

We would also like to remind people who have complaints about unsafe drivers to record information about the vehicle, the time unsafe behavior occurs and any other helpful data. Then that information should be reported to Rutland County Sheriff's Department at 802-775-8002. This information can help inform patrols and enforcement.

The information we used came from the *Setting Speed Limits: A Guide for Vermont Towns* that was published by Vermont Department of Transportation. The link is below for anyone interested.

<https://localroads.vermont.gov/sites/localroads/files/files/resources/Setting%20Speed%20Limits%20Guide%20Update%20August%202016.pdf>

*Please drive safely.*

**TINMOUTH STORIES**  
**Tinmouth Old Firehouse**  
**Friday, Nov. 3 – 7:00-8:00 pm**



Please join us at the 2<sup>nd</sup> in an ongoing series of storytelling evenings at the Tinmouth Old Firehouse. The evening is free to all (though donations are welcome to cover heat/electric), and snacks will be provided.

The theme / prompt for stories will be "Second Chances", and you can take that idea wherever your memory takes you!

All are invited to share a true story, about Tinmouth or not, from the past, present, or future. Do you remember an event, a special person, a fun time or event, the possibilities are endless!

You can come and listen, you do not need to tell a story – and something you hear may prompt you to tell your own story! **All are welcome.**

**WHAT IS A STORY SLAM – STORYTELLING EVENT?**

A Story Slam is an open mic event in which audience members share stories. Based on a poetry slam format and similar to open mic musical gatherings, or American Idol, or The Moth (public radio storytelling show), a Story Slam is a fun, low pressure chance to share stories. Appropriate language should be used in the stories please.

Each month, we set a theme and invite people from the audience to share a personal story from their lives that relate to that theme. Storytellers (slammers) sign up on the night of the event to tell a 5-minute story on the evening's theme. And, if you're in the audience, you can decide in the moment to participate, too.

Participants are randomly chosen. Depending on how much interest there is, everyone will be able to tell their story.

*With thanks to the late Moe Burden ~*

**ON VETERANS DAY  
REMEMBER THIS**

...It is the veteran, not the preacher,  
who has given us freedom of religion.  
It is the veteran, not the reporter,  
who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the veteran not the poet,  
who has given us freedom of speech.  
It is the veteran, not the campus organizer  
who has given us freedom to assemble.

It is the veteran, not the lawyer,  
who has given us the right to a fair trial.  
It is the veteran, not the politician,  
who has given us the right to vote.

It is the veteran, who salutes the Flag,  
who serves under the Flag,  
whose coffin is draped by the Flag.

Author Unknown

**ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL**

**~ Tinmouth Story Telling ~**

The following was submitted and read for the recent story telling event held at the Old Fire House. Mr. Thomson owns the dam/outlet at Tinmouth Pond, and is 88 years old.

**Serenity on Tinmouth Pond**  
*By John (Jack) Thomson*

During the quietness of the day, I heard some activity near the 'old Oak'. My grandfather said it was coming from the Herrick farm. The kids would come down to swim, and the cows would come down to drink. One of my favorite sounds from childhood is the cowbells echoing across the lake. Each cowbell was its own note, forming a beautiful symphony.

When we were young, by brother and I would spend summers at Tinmouth Pond with my grandfather. It was a special time, an escape from the reality of the war. As a young boy, growing up during the war (WWII) was scary. We lived in anticipation, hearing the air raids at night, sitting in the dark, hearing the air raid warden rapping on the window if we inadvertently left a light on. I always knew something bad could happen, fearing we would be bombed, even though I felt the comfort and safety of being with my parents.

Tinmouth Pond was our escape. It was quiet, peaceful, serene. We were free to be boys. I can still see my grandfather sitting on the porch smoking a pipe filled with Prince Albert tobacco, telling stories to the people that would stop in for a visit. We loved seeing the people who came down from the Rogers' house. They were from New York City, taking the steam locomotive to Wallingford before spending a week or a summer at the lake. Most were professional women who worked for magazines and wanted to escape the rat race of life. One of the women said she wanted to put me on the cover – rowing my boat, pulling my dog, Ginger, in a large galvanized rectangular container, normally used to hold ice and soda for Friday night dances at the Twin Pine Pavilion.

My summers at Tinmouth Pond were indescribable. There was peace and serenity in the middle of a war. People came to escape, even if only for a weekend, helping me create memories I will cherish forever.

When I close my eyes, I can still hear cowbells echoing across the lake.

**~ Nature Notes ~**

No frost until Halloween, which was quickly followed by snow on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November!!

Red winged blackbirds have been flocking up, almost ready to head south.

Some maples had a sad, brown fall, others were able to provide a bit of splendid color here and there.

# Tinmouth Game Supper



**Saturday, November, 18th 2023**

**At the Community Center, 573 Route 140, Tinmouth, VT**

Adults - \$30.00

Children- ages 6-12- \$15.00

Children- under 6 Free

**For More Information Call:**

Town Office (802) 446-2498

Mo Squier (802) 235-2718

**One of Vermont's Largest and Longest running Game Suppers.**

Our wild Gourmet Feast with renowned all you can eat menu consisting of the best game recipes anywhere include: **Venison and Moose Sauerbraten, Cornbread Chili, De-boned roasts with secret marinades, Italian wild meatballs, Smoked deer, moose, and bear. Chicken Pie and endless mashed potatoes, squash, salads. Over 100 homemade pies to choose from!** Beverages include coffee, cider, and milk. Take-outs are available. We serve over 500 people and no one has to wait outside. Come see why this Tinmouth Community event is so special. **Serving 4:00 till all are served.**

**ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE TINMOUTH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**



~ Meeting Highlights ~

Complete minutes are available at the town office.  
Minutes are by Gail Fallar unless other-wise noted.  
All highlights are edited by Ye Olde Editor.

**Select Board (SB) ~ 10/25/2023**

(Regular monthly meeting was re-scheduled due to members' conflicts)

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

Others present:

In-person: Michael Fallar, Devon Neary – Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) Exec. Director, and Gail Fallar-Select Board Assistant (SBA)

Via Zoom and phone: Eric Buffum-Road Commissioner, Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, David and Nancy Birdsall, and Rick Fallar

**Citizen's Input** ~ Eric, as a citizen, requested permission for VAST snowmobilers to travel over the existing trail on the town garage parcel, as in the past. Board agreed by consensus.

**Highway** ~ Eric reported road grading, leaf blowing, and pot hole filling. A new culvert was installed on North East Road and a giant rock was removed on North East Road as well - Dan Allard and his big excavator were hired for that work.

**West Tinnmouth Winter Road Maintenance** – Board received a letter from Frank Sears advising that he would not be able to plow and sand McCoy and Gulf Road this winter due to health issues. Board thanked Frank for his efforts. Board discussed how to proceed – worked on an RFP as there are a couple of interested contractors. Board voted to approve the draft RFP as edited. RFP will be posted and due 11/9/23.

**Devon Neary, RRPC** ~ Devon advised that suggestions regarding planning for the transfer station or a Continuation of Operations Plan do not meet the requirements of the Municipal Technical Assistance Program. They include municipal water and/or waste water, housing, work force, climate, or economic development. RRPC could do a Community Needs Assessment – after discussion of what that entails, and how to reach everyone in town (not everyone is online), Devon offered to send a list for the SB to review.

Devon also advised that RRPC will begin an update of the Rutland Regional Plan, last done in 2014, from scratch. RRPC wants to ensure that all towns' priorities are addressed and that there is more public input. It needs to be approved by May of 2026.

He also noted that there is a new staff person at RRPC to help communities deal with energy planning.

**Small Safety (Tree) Grant Update** – Email from the state advised that due to the summer floods, paperwork has been delayed a month or two.

**Winter Salt Bids** – SBA advised that bids were originally due on 10/12/23 – none were received but Apalachee had called and advised they had mailed theirs on 10/6/23. It finally arrived on 10/16/23, post marked on 10/5/2023. Cargill's transporter advised they were not bidding, but would send a proposal, which they did via email (not acceptable per the Procurement Policy). Board had much discussion about how to proceed, have a policy for a reason – should they re-bid, reject all bids, accept the only bid, etc. In the end, the Board decided table discussion until a special meeting on November 21<sup>st</sup> to enable the SBA to research what other towns have done, did they go out to bid, why Cargill does not want to bid.

**Kevin Brown Driveway Permit** - Board amended previous Permit as the location of the driveway moved to the old lane way already in existence across the road from the old Valentine barn, it will need a culvert, still needs a distance from Mtn. View Road intersection.

**Grader Lease Proposal** ~ Board reviewed, discussed options including budgeting more for the Equipment Fund, advised the Road Commissioner to keep looking.

**Truck Replacement Process** ~ Eric advised he is still working on it, equipment (plow, wing, dump box, sander) could take 18 months, truck could take from 7 months to 2 years before it arrives.

**Salt/Salt Shed Question** ~ A question was raised regarding whether the current contract with D & K included a determination of correct size for the structure. It doesn't appear so, but D & K thinks they will be able to do that if needed. Board decided to proceed with both options.

**ARPA Funds** ~ As neither the fire department or old creamery committee had proposals ready, Board added to the agenda for next meeting.

**VLCT PACIF and MERP Documents** ~ After brief discussion, Board voted to authorize the Select Board Assistant to sign documents on behalf of the Town/Select Board regarding insurance coverage and a contract with Vermont's BGS for the energy assessment.

**Forest & Parks Grant Opportunity** ~ David spoke to the latest grant available – replanting trees as trees are removed (ash for example) – he will research for next meeting. He did advise that the elm tree planted on the Town Green needed to be taken down – it has been struck by lightning a time or two and is not doing well. He will take care of it, as he is the Tree Warden.

**Bills and Orders** ~ Board reviewed warrants and voted to approve all. Payroll warrants 13, 14, 15, and 16 and accounts payable warrants 12,13, and 14.

**Feedback Forms** ~ Meadow read form from Kim Harbaugh and Sherry Johnson regarding needed guidance for committee/board chairs regarding how to make a hybrid meeting (in-person and via Zoom) successful for all participants. Only allowing one person to speak at a time, identifying speakers, better screen sharing of

materials presented in-person, and adjusting the Owl (speaker and camera) in regards to the video being recorded. SB advised they would check with other towns to see if they have procedures that can be shared.

Gail advised that Rick was still waiting for a response from last month, other than the, “we will take it under advisement” given to his feedback form encouraging the Select Board to continue the discussion regarding the job description for the road commissioner. Board decided to add that item to the agenda for its November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Planning Commission ~ 10/12/23**

(Switched Thursdays this month to accommodate the Select Board)

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

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

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

Members continued review of Ed Bove’s proposed changes for the Town Plan update (due in 2025), starting at Chapter 5. Upon completion of that task, discussion ensued concerning Act 174 – energy, and flood resilience. Bob noted it was important to keep the maps he prepared for the current plan regarding constraints on commercial renewable energy production and solar suitability, members agreed.

Members also agreed to keep Appendix A in the new Plan – *Tinmouth Historic and Culturally Significant Features*.

Members discussed housing needs: lack of contractors interested in building to those needs, Vito noted that jobs are needed first, and energy needs: conservation measures needed, hybrid vehicles, lack of infrastructure, nuclear options, etc.

Members decided to have speakers attend future meetings to discuss energy and flood resilience issues and how the Town needs to address them.

### **Speed Limit Study Committee ~ 10/26/23**

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

Others present were Alice Hoisington and Gail Fallar. And via zoom - Kim Harbaugh and Ali Jenkins.

Members reviewed Ethan Pepin’s (RRPC Transportation Planner) email following the last meeting. He provided information regarding the effectiveness of speed feedback carts – they work best near a change (reduction) in speed, good for near the school zone, not so much on the East Road. He offered to conduct more speed studies in various locations for various reasons.

Much discussion about Route 140 – why Wallingford and Middletown Springs have it posted for 40 mph, why not Tinmouth? It was noted that the speed studies done on Route 140 last year indicated that 85% of drivers were not speeding – so that enforcement for those that do, would be in order.

Much discussion about how to enforce the speed limits – can the Rutland County Sheriff’s Department do it all, or does the Town need to hire a Special Officer for a few hours a week to help?

Discussion about three speed feedback signs for the school zone – one on Mountain View Road, one on Route 140 north of the school and one on Route 140 east of the school. It was also noted that a flashing light should be attached to the stop sign at the intersection of Mountain View Road and Route 140, as there are a number of folks who do not stop. Sherry volunteered to get estimates for these units and members decided to recommend that the Select Board use ARPA money to purchase them.

Members reviewed the draft press release (prepared by Tracy and Sherry) from this committee to *Tales of Tinmouth* and Front Porch Forum, regarding work of the committee and speed limits in general. Members edited slightly, Hollis moved and Jeff 2nded to approve, all voted in favor.

Members discussed the draft revised Traffic Ordinance – if more enforcement is needed as the first step, there needs to be an enforceable ordinance in place. Sherry moved and Jeff 2nded to send it back to the Select Board as originally drafted. All voted in favor. Members noted that lowering the speed limit without enforcement was not a wise move and wanted to try enforcement of existing limits first.

Members discussed placement for the Rutland County Sheriff’s Department speed cart on East Road, in conjunction with RRPC’s traffic counters. If the weather allows (no snow – as plows would damage the lines across the road), they may be moved to Route 140 north of the center for a spell.

Next meeting was set for November 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Solid Waste and Recycling Committee ~ 10/2/23**

Present: Wheaton Squier (Chair), Jonathan Czar (over Zoom), Chris Martone, Gail Fallar and Helen Mango (secretary).

Chris reached out to Pam Clapp (Solid Waste Alliance Communities, SWAC) and has yet to hear back, concerning ideas on how solid waste is managed by towns across Vermont. Gail also emailed Pam (who has been away for a couple of weeks). Gail and Wheaton have tried to find online information and it is not evident what all towns are doing to manage their solid waste, recycling and other materials.

Jonathan called Casella Waste and they currently have ten customers in Tinmouth for pickup of garbage and

recyclables. Casella has two rates: Weekly pickup is \$65/month before taxes and fees; every other week is \$50/month before taxes and fees. Gail commented that it would be unaffordable to have Casella pick up at every house in town. (She also noted that we pay more to process recycling than garbage, but we are not allowed by law to charge residents for recyclables.)

Bottom line: There is currently no cheaper way for Tinnmouth to manage all our solid waste than our current system, to the best of the SWARC's research and understanding.

Gail says that Eric has suggested lowering the wall by the dumpster so that trash is thrown over the edge of the dumpster rather than being thrown down into the dumpster. The current retaining wall is beginning to cave in (it is at least 30 years old), so this is an opportunity to make the configuration better.

Saturday is a hazardous waste day in Fair Haven that Tinnmouth residents can use. Gail will put an announcement in Front Porch Forum.

Gail has not heard of any more after-hours dumping. Chris has put up a sign saying that a security camera is in use. There has also been a problem with some folks putting paper into the zero-sort container. Chris will put a sign up to remind people that paper goes in a separate container.

The hanging reflectors over the dumpster seem to be keeping the crows at bay.

Wheaton picks up compost once a week. It usually about 80 lbs./week. The school fills three containers every week. That's another 200 lb./week while school is in session.

Next meeting of the SWARC is scheduled for Monday, January 22, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

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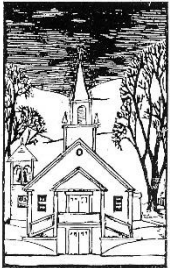
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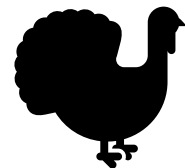
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~ November 2023 Calendar of Events ~

<b>Fire Department</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Fire House</b>
<b>Tinmouth Story Telling</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>7:00 – 8:00</b>	<b>Old Fire House</b>
<b>Select Board</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Town Office/Virtual</b>
<b>Veteran’s Day</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Honor a Veteran</b>	
<b>Conservation Commission</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Town Office/Virtual</b>
<b>2nd Half Property Taxes Due</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5:00</b>	<b>Town Office</b>
<b>Planning Commission</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Town Office/Virtual</b>
<b>TVFD Game Supper</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4:00</b>	<b>Community Center</b>
<b>Community Thanksgiving Ser.</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4:30</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b><i>Tales of Tinmouth</i> Deadline</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Don’t Miss It!</b>
<b>Town Office</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Closed to Celebrate Thanksgiving!</b>	

~ December 2023 Calendar of Events ~

<b>Christmas Bazaar</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>9:00 am-2:00 pm</b>	<b>Wallingford Congo Church</b>
<b>Fire Department</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Fire House</b>
<b>Select Board</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Town Office/Virtual</b>
<b><i>Tales of Tinmouth</i> Deadline</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Don’t Miss It!</b>
<b>Planning Commission</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Town Office/Virtual</b>

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