

# TALES OF TINMOUTH

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**Editors' Notes:** *Summer is speeding right along ~ take time to enjoy sunny days, take an evening walk, take a dip in a cool stream, read a book, eat a maple creemee!*

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](mailto:tinmouthtales@vermontel.net)) or drop it off at the Town Office. Thank you.

*Gail Fallar & Pat Psholka*

## **Tinmouth Community Fun Day!**

**Saturday, July 12th in "downtown" Tinmouth**

**3:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

*By Sherry Johnson*

This is a day to celebrate summer, community, and fun in Tinmouth! The day is free to all, and will be filled with fun, games, and lots of chances to cool off in the summer heat.

The day will kick off with a **parade in the center of town at 3 pm**, followed by lots of great activities. Want to be in the parade? Decorate a tractor, bicycle, 4-wheeler, motorcycle, lawnmower ... and join the fun from the Transfer Station (line-up is at 2:45), and up and around the loop by the church, school, and Route 140!

There will be *cookies and books* at the Library (and maybe a story will be read), *ice cream sundaes* next to the old Town Sheds - across from the Town Office, and the Tinmouth Historical & Genealogical Society will display *numerous exhibits, photographs, and artifacts* in the Old Fire House. Up at the Community Center/School there will be games, water activities, cornhole, family softball game, potluck supper, and the *Electrostatic Cats* will be performing in the afternoon/evening– GREAT music to enjoy, and/or dance to.

Dinner is a potluck, and your dinner donations can be dropped at the Community Center kitchen from 2:00 pm on. The Fire Department is contributing food from the Game Supper, and the Community Fund is providing hot dogs, rolls, and lemonade.

**We need volunteers to set-up and clean-up. Please contact Melody Squier ([melodysquier@gmail.com](mailto:melodysquier@gmail.com)). Check the town's web site and Front Porch Forum for updates!**

## **TO RECAP**

**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/transfer station 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/Transfer Station 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 in the shade** across from the Town Office; the *Library* will be welcoming guests with cookies and to check out a book or three; and the Historical Society's display at the *Old Firehouse*, as well as viewing Tinmouth's historic carriage sheds and the old horse drawn equipment and other items of historic interest that are kept there. (The Old Town Sheds are located across the road from the Town Office.)

**The events** will then 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 games involving water and fun, tie die and other crafts at the Wee Folk Playground. 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 ~ A family friendly softball game**, softball game will begin near the playground ball field. 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 music will start at 5:00 pm** music will begin outside the Community Center.

**5:00 ~ Potluck dinner** The Fire Department is contributing food from the Game Supper, and the Tinmouth Community Fund is providing hot dogs and rolls and lemonade. Please bring a dish to share – think salads, veggies & dip, and desserts are always a great addition!

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## **~ 2025 Grievance Hearings ~**

The Listers have lodged the abstract of the 2025 Grant List and set hearings for Grievance for **Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 6:00 pm** at the Town Office.

By appointment only, please call the Town Office at 802-446-2498 or email [tinmouthtown@vermontel.net](mailto:tinmouthtown@vermontel.net). Zoom appointments are also available.

And as the Grand List is late this year, **tax bills will be mailed later**. Anticipated new due date for the first half of property taxes is August 30<sup>th</sup>.



~ 2025 Tinmouth Town Wide  
Tag Sales ~  
August 30<sup>st</sup> 9am-3pm  
By Sherry Johnson

Time to get out that “stuff” from spring cleaning! The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Tinmouth Town Wide Tag Sales will be happening again in 2025.

**August 30th, the Saturday of the Labor Day weekend. 9 am - 3 pm.**

Once again, we have limited space in the town center for people who are not on the East Road/Mountain View Rd/Route 140 loop. It has been our experience people travel Mountain View Road and East Road. If you are “off the beaten path” so to speak and are a Tinmouth resident, we will have limited space available at the Old Fire House and the Old Creamery if you’d like to have a sale in town. Please sign up early if you would like one of those. We encourage you to join in the fun.

Don’t want to have a tag sale, but the stuff that is clean and too good to toss - items can be donated at the end of August to our charity tag sale that benefits the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department.

If you found something you would like to donate the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department, call or email me to make arrangements to drop them off. We can take small amounts of small items starting August 15th

Alternately, items can be brought to the Fire House between Noon and 6pm on August 29th. We would prefer large items to be brought on the 29th.

As always, we ask that items NOT be left at the Fire Station. It is a working station, and we never know when we will be toned out. These items can impede the ability of us responding to an emergency.

Sale locations can be emailed by request or picked up at the Town Office a few days before the event. There will also be a list at the Fire House the day of the sale. More information will be forthcoming on Front Porch Forum. Although the “official time” is 9am to 3pm, this year we will mark on the tag sale list if your sale starts before 9am, is a two-day sale, or is an inside sale.

We will also have the lists on-line at the town website [tinmouthvt.org](http://tinmouthvt.org).

Questions? Call Sherry Johnson 446-3307.

If you’d like to sign up to have your tag sale placed on the map; please email your location to me [vtsjohnson@icloud.com](mailto:vtsjohnson@icloud.com) by August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

*As always, the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department appreciates your support.*

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*“There are three ways to ultimate success:*

*The first way is to be kind.*

*The second way is to be kind.*

*The third way is to be kind.”*

~ Fred Rogers

**BROC Community Action’s *Voices & Choices*  
Program**

*By Brittany Battease*

If you or someone you know has been affected by a crime, compassionate help is close to home. Through BROC Community Action’s *Voices & Choices* Program, Victim Liaison Brittany Battease provides free, confidential, and trauma-informed support for individuals and families navigating the aftermath of harm.

Whether you need someone to talk to, assistance with safety planning, or help navigating the legal system, Brittany is here to support you with empathy and respect. Services include emotional support, help with victim compensation claims, court accompaniment, referrals to resources, and more.

In addition to crisis intervention and criminal justice advocacy, the program also offers help with applying for public benefits, victim rights, and coordination with schools, employers, and landlords.

No matter your background or circumstances, everyone deserves to feel safe and supported. If you need help, don’t hesitate to reach out at 802.665.2519 or [bbattease@broc.org](mailto:bbattease@broc.org).

Learn more about your rights and available support. Healing begins with connection.

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If you've been affected by a crime, you don't have to go through it alone. The *Voices & Choices* Program at BROC Community Action offers free, confidential support through our Victim Liaison, Brittany Battease.

Services include crisis intervention, safety planning, assistance filing protective orders, victim compensation claims, emotional support, resource referrals, and advocacy.

Everyone deserves to feel safe, heard, and respected. Contact Brittany for support at 802.665.2519 or [bbattease@broc.org](mailto:bbattease@broc.org).

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**Friends of the Rutland Free Library**

**June Book Sale**

10 Court St., Rutland, VT 802-773-1860

**Friday, July 11 (10 - 4) and**

**Saturday, July 12 (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. 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 Pond Milfoil Project (TPMP)  
Fundraising Raffle**

Drawing is August 16<sup>th</sup> at the TPMP Annual Meeting  
You don't have to be present to win.

TPMP is raffling the following prizes:

- \* Rooster vase made by Patty Hebert (photo below)
- \* Set of four quilted fishing lure placemats
- \* A homemade strawberry rhubarb pie
- \* Circus lesson
- \* Face cord of firewood
- \* Men and Women bicycles
- \* Tinmouth Pond Sweatshirts
- \* Homemade cookies, brownies and sweet rolls
- \* "802" Hooked wall hanging
- \* Many other items are being gathered as well

To purchase tickets (\$5 each), you can send a check made out to TPMP and indicate how many tickets you would like to purchase. Send your check to TPMP, PO Box 462, Wallingford, VT 05773. Please remember that it often takes several days to get from one end of town to the other!!

You can also purchase tickets from Laurel Swenson (70 West Shore Drive), or Gail Fallar at the Town Office. Alternately, you can visit the TPMP website <https://sites.google.com/view/tinmouthpondmilfoil> and order and pay for tickets there!!

Once Eurasian milfoil invades a water body, it can never be eradicated, one can only try to control it. So fundraising is an annual endeavor for the TPMP to raise \$27,500 to harvest milfoil to try to protect the water quality of Tinmouth Pond aka Chipman Lake.

Thank you for your support, it is greatly appreciated.



**SUMMER STORY HOURS  
AT THE TINMOUTH  
LIBRARY**

WITH MICHAEL DRACHMAN

WEDNESDAYS AT  
11A.M.

STARTING JUNE 25TH

ALL AGES WELCOME



The **Share the Bounty bin** is back on the Town Office Porch. If you have extra produce, fruits, veggies, etc., you are most welcome to bring it to pass along to others who do not have a garden. *Thank you for sharing!!*

**Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Adjustment  
Late Filing**

There are *still* a number of folks who filed last year, and have not yet done it for 2025! It's not too late, but if you don't file, it means that you will be taxed at the non-residential rate (higher than the residential tax rate) and will not get a property tax adjustment if you qualify.

Once you file, you will receive an adjusted tax bill.

~ **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.

~ **Community News** ~

*Get Well Wishes* are sent to Carol Bohlin and Ann Lundquist (belated).

~ Raising the Pavilion – August 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> ~

By Cathy Reynolds

The Pavilion on the Town Green next to the playground will be raised on August 2 and 3 and you are invited!

**Saturday August 2** we will raise the frame from 8-5 and volunteers are needed. Once the frame is in the air and the rafters are laid, we will begin sheathing and roofing which we hope to complete on Sunday from 8-5 and again, volunteers are needed! We hope you can help by either raising and constructing the frame or providing a potluck coffee break treat or dish to share for a community lunch on Saturday at noon in the Community Center.

All are welcome whether you are up on the staging helping with the raising or there to see the structure go up or just stopping by for coffee break and lunch.

You may have noticed the preliminary work that has been completed on the site. Allard Excavating did the site work with help from Mo and Hollis Squier and Doug Fontein. An accessible path to the site has been laid and the 8 piers and surepak "floor" are in place. We are ready to go. Thanks to the Allards and the volunteers who made this happen.

The frame will arrive on August 1 at about 3, will be unloaded and the four bents will be constructed to get us ready for the Saturday raising. We are told that the structure should be ready to have the roof sheathing installed by mid-day. Volunteers will sheath the roof and install the metal roofing to complete the project.

We would like to provide 10 picnic tables to live in the Pavilion. Each table costs \$250. Donations can be made via check made out to the Tinmouth Community Fund and mailed to 143 Channel Road Tinmouth 05773 or the Town Office.

It is exciting to see this project moving forward and we appreciate your help and participation.

We hope to see you on August 2 and 3! Contact the Pavilion Project team: Melody Squier 802-235-2718 Doug Fontein 802-353-6826 Cathy Reynolds 802-881-6775 with any questions.



- New Construction
- Additions
- Renovations
- Framing
- Siding
- Trim Work

**S. Cameron Lepley  
Construction**

**802.446.2900**



**Dave Merrill**

**Tractor and small excavator work**

**802-417-6278**

**Stump grinding. Rototilling.  
Etc.**



**CROSSMAN'S GENERAL STORE**

**8 EAST STREET**

**MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS, VT 05757**

**802-235-2251**

**COME CHECK OUT OUR NEW DELI !!**

**THE DELI IS OPEN**

**MONDAY - WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY**

**FROM 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.**

**WE CAN CUSTOM MAKE SANDWICHES DURING THOSE HOURS OR THERE ARE PLENTY OF PREMADES TO GRAB AND GO!**

**WE WILL ALSO HAVE PIZZA - HOT DOGS AND SOUP OF THE DAY DURING DELI HOURS ALONG WITH SOME SANDWICH SPECIALS.**

**DON'T FORGET YOUR SLICED DELI MEATS & CHEESE**

**BIGGEST AND BEST SANDWICHES AROUND**

**COME VISIT AMBER AND TASTE FOR YOURSELF!**

**STORE HOURS: MON-SAT 6:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M. SUNDAY 7:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.**

**WELCOME HOME REAL ESTATE**

**60 S. MAIN STREET**

**WALLINGFORD, VT 05773**

**(802)345-8167 CELL**

**MARKNOBLEREALESTATE@GMAIL.COM**

~ **Meeting Highlights** ~

*Complete minutes are available at the town office.*

*All highlights are edited by Ye Olde Editor.*

**Select Board (SB) ~ 6/12/2025**

Present were members Kevin Eaton, Melody Squier, and Judy Gilmore, as well as Hollis Squier and Gail Fallar, and via Zoom Sherry Johnson and Kim Harbaugh.

**Citizen's Input** ~ Sherry requested that participants at the upcoming tower meeting sit in a chair near the Owl speaker system to speak so that everyone can hear, including those on Zoom.

**Highway** ~

No road commissioner – Eric is on vacation for the month.

**Equipment Fund** – postponed until July, need to have a special meeting for this one topic. Cathy Reynolds is working on updating the spreadsheet with replacement schedules and anticipated costs with regards to the Board's discussion at its May meeting.

Hollis expressed concern with **culvert upsizing** requirements – recent state recommendations of increasing a 12" culvert to 60" makes no sense, as well as concern with the culvert replacement on Potter's Brook a couple of years ago – it should have been longer. He asked for information about who to contact at the state about these concerns. Judy volunteered to research request.

**Erosion Control Inventory Contract** – proposed by the Rutland Regional Planning Commission. This culvert inventory is required by the state, due in 2027. A \$4,080 state grant has been approved for it, and after brief discussion, Board voted to approve the RRPC contract.

**Proposed Telecommunication (radio) Tower** – Board discussed possible questions to ask at the public meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> – Is this a line-of-sight facility? If so, how many are needed, how far apart? Who will use the radio frequency – how many businesses? Will it interfere with any other communication systems? Are there any cell phone companies ready or willing to co-locate?

**Pavilion Update** ~ Melody advised that work on the pavilion would begin next week, getting the piers and floor ready for raising the structure in early August.

**Financial** ~

Financial reports not yet ready. There will be a fund balance surplus (general and highway) – need to research who decides who it is spent, the SB or voters?

**Bills and Orders** ~ Board reviewed warrants and voted to approve all.

Board corrected the amount of **ARPA** funds transfer to the General/Highway Fund to close out the account.

**Waiver of Penalty for Late File Homestead Declaration** – After brief discussion – SBA noted it has been the practice for many years, Board voted to waive the late filing penalty for Homestead Declarations.

**FY26 Wage/Salary Increase** – Board agreed by consensus to approve a 3% raise for all town

employees/workers for FY26, as budgeted. That was the amount budgeted.

**TPMP – Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project State Grant** – Board voted to accept as approved. It is a pass-through grant – state sends to town, towns passes along to TPMP.

**Committee Vacancy** – SBA advised there was a volunteer for the Equity and Inclusion Committee, Melody (as E & I Chair) noted the E & I Committee wanted to interview them.

**FY26 Rutland County Sheriff's Contract** – Board reviewed and edited language from town manager to Select Board Chair, Board voted to approve as amended.

**Liquor Licenses**- Board approved by consensus applications from Corrine Best – Tinmouth Roadhouse for liquor licenses for inside and outside consumption.

**Members Concerns** ~ Kevin requested payment for his son and himself when they recently had to drive the 550 dump truck to New Hampshire to pick up the rental crack sealer machine and the rubber for it (Complicated situation). Board authorized \$15 per hour, it took 7 hours over and back, they will submit time sheets.

**Public Input: Pavilion** - Hollis advised a ditch was to be constructed on the western side near the property line as part of the pavilion project to catch the water and divert it to the existing swale, where it ended up anyways – will help take water away from the playground and ball field as well. Board agreed by consensus.

**Next meetings:** June 19<sup>th</sup> Tower Public Input; July 10-regular meeting; July 24<sup>th</sup> meeting with other committees at 6:45 (Melody moved the E & I meeting to 6:00)

**Select Board and Planning Commission ~ 6/19/25**

**Special Joint Meeting**

**RE: Proposed Telecommunication Tower**

Select Board members present were Kevin Eaton, Judy Gilmore, Melody Squier. Planning Commission members present Michael Fallar, Vito Macaluso, Larry Carabeau, Andy Gilmore, Ann Lundquist, Kim Harbaugh, and Pat Psholka

Also present:

Michael Swain – Vermont Department of Public Service

Industrial Wireless Technology (ITW) – Louis Hodgetts - engineer, Eric Kallio - ITW site acquisition, A.C. LaRosa - Esq., all in person and Kevin Delaney - VP ITW via Zoom

Also present were 50 or so members of the public, most in person, 10 or so on Zoom.

Kevin and Michael called the meeting to order.

Mr. Swain gave a brief explanation of the 248a process, noting the Department of Public Service is the advocate for consumers in this process. He also described how the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) makes their decision on whether to issue a Certificate of Public Good.

The ITW folks presented their project, noting they had moved the location of the facility out of the Protection District after they were advised that only agriculture and forestry were allowed uses. It is for 2-way radio service for business use, designed to allow cell carriers to co-locate, but none were proposed at this time.

They reviewed the simulated photos taken from various locations and distances from the site showing what the lattice tower would look like; reviewed size, buffers, rare plants, sited to avoid mountain tops (which are also protected), tried hard to minimize environmental impacts.

They then answered questions from the Select Board and Planning Commission: it is not being built on speculation, they are trying to cover a gap in coverage in this area, while radio frequency was not in the wheel house of the ITW representatives present – they noted that the waves emitted are far below FCC standards – the cell phone in your pocket may emit more – that there is much mis-information available, etc.

Public questions and comments included concern with health issues; decommissioning; the possibility of satellites making these towers obsolete; concern with more emissions if cell carriers co-locate and the number of frequencies increase (each carrier has its own equipment and frequency); stricter regulations in other countries; location of a house less than 500 feet whose occupants have multiple health issues; effect on property values – any compensation for surrounding land owners (no); Tinnmouth receiving no benefit; fire department and county sheriff would not benefit; scenic view scapes being disrupted; could photos be provided showing how it would look with cell antennae attached – much different than just lattice work; what part of town would be covered if cell carriers co-located; view from historic cemetery; scenic values mean a great deal to Tinnmouth people; project does not meet Town Plan and Zoning Bylaws regarding telecommunications; concern for the Tinnmouth Channel – a wilderness unto itself; etc.

It was noted that Tinnmouth in the past has had to deal with a proposed industrial gas pipeline, wind turbines on mountain tops, and trucking crushed marble from a quarry in Danby on its way to Florence, and now a tower. One speaker urged ITW to work with towns to find the best locations.

Mr. Swain urged everyone with comments and concerns to submit them within 30 days to the PUC – it is all online.

Everyone was thanked for keeping comments and discussion civil.

### **Select Board and Planning Commission ~ 6/19/2025 ~ Special Joint Meeting**

#### **Re: Proposed Telecommunication (Radio) Tower**

Select Board members present Kevin Eaton, Judy Gilmore, Melody Squier; Planning Commission members present Michael Fallar, Vito Macaluso, Larry Carabeau,

Andy Gilmore, Ann Lundquist, Kim Harbaugh, and Pat Psholka. Others: Gail Fallar and Sherry Johnson.

Michael and Kevin called the meeting to order at 8:20 - it immediately followed the public meeting held to gather input from townspeople regarding the proposed radio (telecommunications tower).

Copies of relevant sections of the Town Plan and Zoning Bylaw Telecommunication were distributed, discussion of information presented by ITW this evening, general discussion of the process, general consensus that the proposal as presented does not comply with the Town Plan or Zoning Bylaw in this location, and asked the SBA/PC Sec/ZA to draft a response. All agreed to meet on Thursday June 26<sup>th</sup> to review and make a final determination.

The Planning Commission postponed its regular June meeting to follow the joint meeting next week.

### **Select Board and Planning Commission ~ 6/26/2025 Special Joint Meeting**

#### **RE: Proposed Telecommunication (Radio) Tower**

Select Board (SB) members present Kevin Eaton, Judy Gilmore, Melody Squier; Planning Commission (PC) members Michael Fallar, Vito Macaluso, Larry Carabeau, Andy Gilmore, Ann Lundquist, Kim Harbaugh, and Pat Psholka. Others: Gail Fallar and Sherry Johnson

Members reviewed the agenda – added Rutland Regional Plan Update re: Tinnmouth Pond

Both entities reviewed a draft response to the proposed telecommunications (radio) tower at 440 Route 140. Based on information presented at the public meeting held on June 19, 2025 and provided in the application process to date, after brief discussion, SB and PC voted to approve the response as presented. (*See separate article below*).

The RRPC had inquired whether either the SB or PC had any further input regarding the new regional plan being developed. After brief discussion, SB and PC voted to request they remove the “Resource Designation” from the map and any language that mentioned it, in regards to Tinnmouth Pond/Chipman Lake. Members felt it was misleading to anyone reading the Regional Plan, as all of the lake shore is privately owned with no public access. Town zoning has a lake district that encompasses current lake lots, the proposed area was many times that.

**Planning Commission ~ 06/19/25 – Postponed to 6/26 following joint meeting with SB that night.**

**Planning Commission ~ 06/26/25 – Followed joint meeting with SB, see notes above.**

Planning Commission members present in-person: Michael Fallar, Vito Macaluso, Larry Carabeau, and Andy Gilmore

PC members present via Zoom: Ann Lundquist, Kim Harbaugh, and Pat Psholka

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

Members discussed the draft EEP prepared by Jeremy Gildrien at RRPC – need to add back in references to protection of scenic resources contained in the 2020 version. The Town Plan needs to be specific about what scenic resources are to be protected – per the Public Utilities Commission review standards.

Judy, Larry and Michael volunteered to meet on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> to review compare draft to changes proposed by the PC and then report back to the full PC.

Devon Neary, Executive Director of RRPC, had responded to a request for help completing the town plan and EEP updates. He advised finishing the EEP first as that was part of the town plan as well. Members reviewed time frame to meet the September deadline. July meeting may need to be later.

Sherry expressed a citizen concern that the new town plan should address finding ways to help elders stay in Tinnmouth, age in place, as it were. Members thought that was a good idea, could add a goal to address it in the Plan - suggestions included wider doors (wheel chair accessibility), teens helping ‘elder sit’ – not just baby sit, network connection for weekly welfare check, etc.

Gail, as Zoning Administrator, advised that Kevin Brown, one of the partners of the Valentine Farm LLC, would like to amend the subdivision permit previously granted to VFLLC to adjust proposed lot lines – small adjustments to lot size., has a new survey and mylar for three lots – will make this phase I, other lots will follow – others also with minor adjustments. And VFLLC would like to request a waiver for submitting the original mylar – the 180 day window was missed – waiting for the surveyor to complete hiking up the mountain to locate a western boundary. Members decided they could proceed by submitting an application.

Next meeting will be at the call of the Chair following the Working Group meeting regarding the EEP review.

**This is the response the Select Board and Planning Commission sent to ITW regarding their proposed radio tower.** Per the 248a process the SB and PC have to determine whether the proposed facility complies with the Town Plan and Zoning (Telecommunications) Bylaws.

*This letter is in response to the filing by Industrial Wireless Technologies, Inc. on February 12, 2025 and its revised filing dated May 28, 2025 received from W. Cooper Hayes, Esq at MSK Attorneys of Burlington, VT.*

*This project proposes to erect a 160 foot communication tower with an additional 13 feet of antennas on its top located at 440 Route 140 in Tinnmouth. It is located in the Conservation District identified in the Tinnmouth Zoning bylaws, just outside the Protection*

*District. The Town appreciates the applicants’ adjusting the location out of the Protection District which allows only agriculture and forestry uses. It is still very close to the largest Class I wetland in the state. And is located at the southern end of Vermont Fish & Wildlife’s Tinnmouth Wildlife Management Area, which encompasses over 1200 acres in the belly of our valley. The Tinnmouth Channel winds its way through this vast area – when one is in a canoe it is like being in a world apart – only one dwelling is visible. Our town has many scenic vistas, including Route 140 as it winds its way across the valley into the center of town. This facility would tower above anyone approaching it. The intersection of Route 140 and the East Road are included as a Scenic Resource in our Town Plan.*

*Tinnmouth first adopted a Town Plan in 1974. The vision then and now is to maintain the rural aspects of the town including active productive farms, open meadows, substantial forests, and scenic mountain vistas. Objectives of the original Plan continue to this date, including preserving the rural character of Tinnmouth; protecting and preserving scenic and historic features, open spaces, fragile and wildlife habitats and other natural resources; and prohibiting incompatible and uncoordinated development activity.*

*Telecommunication bylaws are part of our zoning bylaws which were adopted to implement the policies of the duly adopted Town Plan. Objectives therein include preserving the rural character of Tinnmouth; protecting and preserving scenic and historic features, open spaces, fragile areas and wildlife habitats and other natural resources; and requiring that public utilities be located in such a way that they will not have an undue adverse effect on the scenic quality and land values of the town. Telecommunications Facilities are a Conditional Use under the bylaw – those standards include screening from roads and adjacent properties, and proximity of lots used for residential purposes, which this project cannot meet.*

*Wireless Telecommunications Facilities – Section 409 – includes protecting scenic qualities and minimizing visual impacts, and requirements include limiting the height to 130 feet and no more than 20 feet above the average tree line.*

*In addition, it is being located in the Conservation District: **Description:** Conservation areas contain lands that are sensitive to development. These include large regionally connected forested blocks, steep slopes (often with shallow soils), high elevations, wetlands, stream banks and wildlife corridors, as well as areas of scenic, ecological, cultural, or historic significance. Its **Purpose** includes: To preserve the physical, natural, and scenic characteristics of lands in the district.*

*The Town Plan also includes a list of historic features/sites. The proposed tower would be sited across the road from Tinnmouth's historic cemetery, where*

Nathaniel Chipman, lawyer, US Senator, Chief Justice of the Vermont Supreme Court and one of those instrumental in the getting Vermont admitted as the 14<sup>th</sup> state, lies in rest, under a monument erected by State. The proposed facility would tower over the entire cemetery, which is unacceptable.

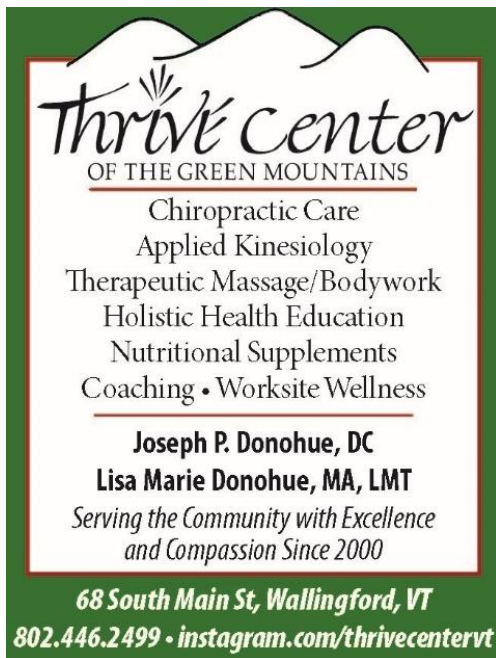
The Tinnmouth Select Board and Planning Commission voted at a special meeting held on June 26, 2025 to find this project does not comply with the Tinnmouth Town Plan or its telecommunication bylaws and recommends that the applicant not move forward with this tower application to the PUC for this location. This proposal does not preserve the rural and scenic qualities that so many residents and those from away appreciate.

The Town would consider working with the applicant to find an acceptable location.

### I'm Still Looking for Marbles!!

Any size, any color

Please contact Daniel Gervais at 236-1915 or 293-5746



**Thrive Center**  
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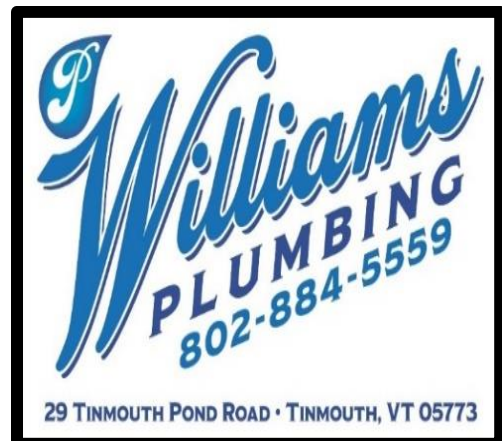


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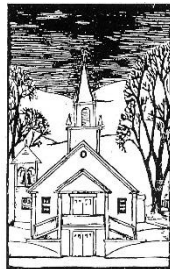
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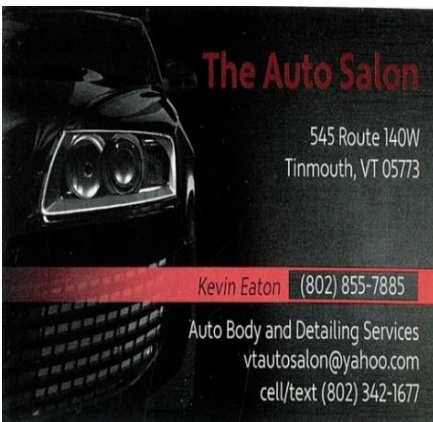
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<b>Story Hour</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>Library</b>
<b>Fire Department</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Fire House</b>
<b>Story Hour</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>Library</b>
<b>Select Board</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Town Office &amp; Virtual</b>
<b>Town Fun Day</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3:00-7:00</b>	<b>Center of Town</b>
<b>Recreation Committee</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Town Office/Virtual</b>
<b>Story Hour</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>Library</b>
<b>Planning Commission</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Town Office &amp; Virtual</b>
<b>Tales of Tinmouth Deadline</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Don't Miss It!</b>
<b>Conservation Commission</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Town Office &amp; Virtual</b>
<b>Story Hour</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>Library</b>

~ August 2025 Calendar of Events ~

<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 &amp; Virtual</b>
<b>Planning Commission</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Town Office &amp; Virtual</b>
<b>Tales of Tinmouth Deadline</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Don't Miss It!</b>
<b>Historical Society Meeting</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>1:30</b>	<b>Town Office</b>

*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 the first Saturday of the month, 10-noon.*

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