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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 creemie!*

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. Thank you.

Gail Fallar & Pat Psholka

~ 2025 Tax Rates and 1st Half Due Date Change ~

The Select Board changed the due date for the first half tax payment from August 15th to **August 30th** – tax bills are a bit late this year and 30 days notice is required. The 2nd half payment due date of November 15th did not change.

Tax Rates ~ The town tax rate went from \$0.5548 to \$0.5394. The amount of town taxes to be raised went from \$750,272 to \$734,???. State set education tax rates went from \$1.2807 to \$1.1428 for homesteads and from \$1.3652 to \$1.2331 for non-homestead property, the amount of education taxes to be raised went from \$1,790,665 to \$1,639,852!

~ Library News ~

By Ruth Drachman, Librarian



The last of the Summer Story Hours will be on Wednesday, August 6th. 11:00 AM

Come and join the fun. All ages are welcome!

Michael Drachman will be the reader. Miss Ruth will be there too!

The books in the *Miss Ruth Little Library*, located on the porch of the Town Office, has had a complete change of books. So, if you haven't stopped by to check it out in a while, please do. Remember you can put and take, leave a favorite you think others would enjoy, and/or take one for yourself.

The Library is open on Thursday afternoons from 2 until 5 and the first Saturday of the month from 10 until Noon.

The Town Office will be closed on Saturday, August 16th. And Monday, September 1st (Labor Day). Please plan accordingly.

~ 2025 Tinmouth Town Wide Tag Sales ~

August 30th 9am-3pm

By Sherry Johnson



Time to get out that "stuff" from spring cleaning! The 12th

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.

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 me vtsjohnson@icloud.com by August 23rd.

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

~ **Raising the Pavilion – August 2nd & 3rd** ~

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.

... *Update on the Pavilion* ...

~ **Tinmouth Has a Pavilion Next to the Playground** ~

By Cathy Reynolds

Thank you to all the volunteers and TimberHomesVt for a successful weekend of Pavilion raising. The building is 99 percent done - worth a visit!

35 building volunteers worked over three days to raise the timber frame and roof the building and there were an equal number of bakers and cooks who fed the crew over three days. Thank you all.

There are photos and some Timelapse videos on Facebook at Tinmouth VT Community and we will post

again when we get more photos and the videos up on the town website.

Melody Squier, Doug Fontein and Cathy Reynolds

~ **Tinmouth Community Fun Day** ~

By Sherry Johnson

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported Tinmouth Community Fun Day.

Thank you also to everyone who helped make this a successful event, and we were so fortunate that the rain held off until the ice-cream had been served.

Once again, we were so glad that the Electrostatic Cats provided great music.

Thank you to Stewart's Shops who provided the ice-cream and sundae makings. We served over 130 people.

Thanks to Ruth and The Library Committee for their warm welcome and yummy cookies! And a big thank you to the Historical Society for their wonderful exhibits. And a final shout out to Patrick and Bill who let us serve ice-cream on their lawn. The shade was well appreciated, and the space provided a safe place for people to visit.

Also, thanks to The Theater in the Woods, Tinmouth Road Crew and the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department who filled out the parade.

The Tinmouth Recreation Committee and E&I Committee thank you for all your help, because it takes a village.

While the event is fresh in your mind if you have suggestions, improvements or ideas, please post to FPF or email me.

~ **Vacancies / Positions Available** ~

There are still opportunities to serve your town! There openings on the **Conservation Commission**, the **Old Creamery Committee**, and the **Recreation Committee**.

A new **Health Officer** and **Deputy Health Officer** are also needed (these are nominated by the Select Board and officially appointed by the Vermont Department of Health).

If you are interested in serving on any of these, or need more information about the duties of these committees, please contact the Town Office at 802-446-2498 or tinmouthtown@vermontel.net.

~ **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.

At **Celebration of Life for Bob Lloyd**, held in June, two of his grandchildren (Maya and Max) shared the following advice he had given them

Ten Life Lessons from Bob Lloyd:

1. *Get involved with your community.* It will bring you a sense of purpose and help build deep connections with the people and places around you.

2. *Maintain a robust mental catalogue of jokes at all times.* A proper joke requires at least 3 minutes to tell and the punchline will be...questionable.

3. *Make art.* Your time on earth is short, what you create matters.

4. *Create a space for people to gather.* Even if decades of land co-ownership with friends and family bring out differences of opinion, having a singular place to come together will be meaningful for you and future generations.

5. *Children make for excellent free labor.* Hot July day? Tom Sawyer them into stacking firewood. Want beans for dinner? Those little hands are great at shelling. Field to clear? That brush can be gone in no time.

6. *If you can build it yourself, you should.* You'll save money, you'll learn something, and you'll probably do a better job anyway.

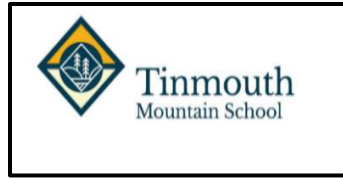
7. *Reading is important.* Travel nowhere without a book and always have at least one mystery series in rotation.

8. *Stick to your guns, go after your goals, and fight for what you believe in.*

9. *Do what you can to take care of the planet.* Minimize your impact and treat the land around you with respect.

10. *Stay curious.* Keep learning.

---- Maya Lloyd



Happy Summer!

The 2025-2026 school year is fast approaching.

This summer has been a time of reflection and introspection. I have recently returned from North Carolina, where I participated in an intense week focused on my first year as a leader and how my community viewed my leadership. About 4 months ago, I asked 33 members of the community (teachers, peers, supervisors, and community members) to assess me. The results were positive and brought to my attention a few ways I can move our school community forward. This will focus on collective efficacy, specifically creating shared meaning among staff and delegation. I share this because it is part of my personal goals as a leader to be transparent, to acknowledge that I am always trying to improve and move forward (knowing that at times I may need to step back too). This goal may not be as noticeable to outsiders, but it is essential to share.

The first day of school is August 27th. Students can be dropped off at 7:40 am (please ensure staff are outside before leaving), with school officially starting at 8:00 am and ending at 3:10 pm. We will continue with the drop-off and pick-up lines we instituted last year. I will send a message home with a visual and reminder closer to the start of the year. The first day of school is a very special one because we have a soft start with a family breakfast and activities, then move to the classrooms by 10 am. We will also be hosting our Open House/Meet and Greet on the first day of school from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. It is early this year, so that parents can meet our new teachers, Bridget Hughes (3rd/4th) and Alexa Stamey (K), right off.

During the summer, we have had new tiled floors installed in the main hallway of the school, and the first and second grade classroom has been repainted. We also decided to try something new with the vegetable gardens this year and planted herbs. We found that the growing season was not truly benefiting our school. We plan to dry the herbs for cooking and making tea; in this way, we are using what we grow.

I hope you all enjoy the rest of your summer time, finding time to relax and prepare for the next season. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please email me (that is best right now, as the phones are currently out of order) at jgalusha@millriverschools.org.

Jenn Galusha-Brothers
Principal
Tinmouth Mountain School

"If a child can't learn the way we teach, maybe we should teach the way they learn." Ignacio Estrada

Friends of the Rutland Free Library

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Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project (TPMP)

Fundraising Raffle

Drawing is August 16th 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 Rug Wall Hanging
- * ½ Gallon of Josh Allen's Maple Syrup
- * Many other items are being gathered as well

Circus Lesson ~ Take a free circus-inspired lesson from Elsie Smith. In your 1 hour lesson you can try from a selection of activities including stretching, juggling, low trapeze, aerial fabric and more. I'm happy to teach ages 5 to 105, and all body types and abilities, and if you are younger or older please ask and I'll have options for you, too! About your teacher: Elsie is an award winning aerialist and circus arts educator and co-owner of Nimble Arts. She co-founded the New England Center for Circus Arts after a career that included Cirque du Soleil. Your 1 hour lesson can include up to 3 people and will take place at 86 West Shore Drive. Donated by Elsie Smith

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.

~ Community News ~

Get Well Wishes are sent to **Beth Eaton, Helen Buffum, Chuck Bronk, Jason Buffum and Claudia Catella.**

Heartfelt Sympathies are sent to family and friends of **Bart Eaton** and to family and friends of **Jim Goodwill.**

~ Nature Notes ~

Smoke from Canadian wildfires has descended upon the Green Mountain State, for days and days. Makes for colorful sunsets and orange moons!

There is a virus or bug or something that is attacking maple trees, lilacs, elm trees and more. The leaves just turn brown and curl up. So sad to see.

Baby humming birds are being observed on someone's porch learning to feed from flowers and the humming bird feeders.

Long dry spell, can someone do a rain dance?

LOTS of rabbits on the north end of town, others report a family of foxes who are keeping the bunnies in check on the south end.



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~ Legislative Update ~
By Rep. Chris Pritchard

For this update, I wanted to share the committee I was assigned to for this legislative session and how that process works.

The Speaker of the House determines committee assignments and determines what committee each of the House members will be assigned to. It is usually determined before the start of the session. This biennium was a little different as the Speaker's position was contested this year and the Speaker wasn't chosen until after all the House members were sworn in.

The current Speaker, Jill Krowinski (D), from Burlington, was challenged by Laura Sibilgia (I), from Dover.

Shortly after the November Election, I received as did all the House members, a Survey from both Speaker Krowinski and Representative Sibilgia asking to list the top 5 choices for committees to be on and what contributions and related experiences and expertise you have that would be helpful to that committee. I received phone calls from both candidates. The conversation was mostly a introduction, welcome and congratulations. We spoke about the survey and committee preference, both conversations were pleasant and positive regarding the new session.

One of the first actions House members took after they were sworn in was to elect the Speaker. Each member was given a paper ballot for their vote, the ballot was collected and counted. Speaker Krowinski was re elected by a margin as I recall of 112-38.

Speaker Krowinski read all the appointments on the floor and at the close of the session for the day all the House members went to their respective committee rooms to meet all the members they would be working with for the next two years. I was appointed to serve on the Environment committee.

The Environment committee has jurisdiction over the following areas: Act 250 & Act 181, Conservation, Land Resources and Development, Wetlands, The Clean Water Act, Solid Waste Management, Climate Change Mitigation and Fish and Wildlife Policies.

The committee spent the first 4-5 weeks reviewing and being educated in all these subjects. New bills were introduced almost daily during each House floor session. The Speaker assigned those bills to the committee that has jurisdiction in that area. Then the bill was posted on "The Wall". The committee chair has sole discretion as to which Bills will come off "The Wall" for discussion and consideration.

This has been a point of frustration for myself and some other members on the committee.

One example is H.217, a bill introduced by Representative Burt from Cabot, which relates to geoengineering and cloud seeding. Four members on our

committee wrote a letter to Chair Sheldon asking for consideration to take up this bill and three others that were on the Wall. The request was granted. Each Representative was given 15 minutes to present their bill. After that, each of those bills were tacked back on the Wall and none have been revisited. It seems unlikely that they will be given any consideration in the second part of the session which would be most unfortunate.

It seems that discussion on geoengineering, eliminating the spreading of bio solids on farm fields and correcting the Great financial harm that the three acre law will cause to Vermont families and businesses including The Rutland fair which has existed for over 170 years has not been made the priority some committee members had hoped for.

The 677 original names on the 3 acre list has grown to over 800 and will no doubt continue to grow. The estimated remediation and compliance cost for the original 677 names is 240 million dollars! Our committee has spent almost twice the amount of time on H.473 (A bill on performing a feasibility study to reintroducing Cougars back into the State) than these other four bills combined.

Our committee was assigned 45 bills this session. Six were voted out of committee and four of those have become law. 39 still remain on the wall and they will be joined by new bills introduced in the second half of the biennium. Any bills still on the wall at the close of the session will be discarded and will have to be reintroduced when the new legislature is elected for the new biennium.

I will put a link to our committee home page at the end where you will be able to see all the members on the committee, their biographies, all the bills in and out of committee and all the testimony we took through the entire session. You will also be able to livestream all the committee meetings and hearings we had throughout the entire session.

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/detail/2026/12>

Respectfully,
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~ **Meeting Highlights** ~

Complete minutes are available at the town office.

All highlights are edited by Ye Olde Editor.

Select Board (SB) ~ 7/10/2025 (Regular)

Members present Kevin Eaton, Judy Gilmore, and Melody Squier

Others present: in-person: Matt Patry, Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Michael Fallar, Hollis Squier and Gail Fallar-Select Board Assistant (SBA)

Via Zoom: Sherry Johnson and Kim Harbaugh

Minutes of 6/12/25 – regular – corrected to say that Hollis *requested* (not *advised*) regarding the discussion about the ditch near the pavilion; special meetings on 6/19/25 (Tower), 6/19/25 and 6/26/25 with the Planning Commission, Board voted to approve all as written, with the correction to 6/12/25.

Citizen's Input ~ Sherry requested that speakers identify themselves so that anyone watching the recording can know who is talking.

Highway ~

Eric advised that roadside mowing was being worked on as well as grading, graveling, and cold patching. He reported the new **Peterbilt cab and chassis** is at Lucky's in Royalton for dealer prep - but that the body and equipment will not be added by Viking until next March. He noted the salesman advised that the warranty would not start until it was "built" and ready to use. The SB asked him to get that in writing.

Concern was raised about mowing the **poison parsnip** so late, letting it go to seed, Eric advised it was not going to seed yet. It is recommended to cut it before June 30th. Matt noted that he was taking care of it on the roadside of his property – down to only 6 plants.

Board discussed size of the **apron** to be paved at the town garage driveway, still looking for information about cost, any base needed, etc. 20 feet was suggested as reasonable.

Culvert near the Community Center – The State sent the hydraulic study report, SB took it under advisement, and asked Eric to get an estimate for replacement. Melody noted that the present culvert seems to be handling the water well.

Equipment Fund – Cathy Reynolds prepared several scenarios regarding how to fund this reserve fund for highway equipment replacement – Board will schedule a special meeting to review before budget time.

Driveway Permit - Kevin Brown finalized plans for a new driveway on Route 140, 1490 feet north of the intersection in center of town. Board reviewed with Eric, 15" x 40' culvert will be needed, the old farm road driveway will go away. Board voted to approve.

Matt requested help with recent flooding in his field, caused by the work done several years to a culvert on the south end of his property. He had asked for a ditch to have

the water from the culvert flow along the hedgerow and not across his field – was advised then that it was out of the town's right of way and could not be done. Now the water has washed out a pollinator garden he was required to install and it has to be re-done – cost was over \$500 the first time. He wants a ditch to divert the water so when the garden is re-done it doesn't wash out again. Much discussion, not a town issue, it's on private property, town equipment can't be used. In the end, Hollis offered to make a swale to divert the water. It was noted that Matt had allowed the town to store equipment and materials when the big culvert project near his house was done last year.

Hollis raised concern with an event last winter where there was a crash on the East Road, near the Carabeau farm, due in part to snow drifting across the road. He offered twice to use the town's loader to create a snow fence – made out of snow- to slow the drifting snow. Eric refused and instead hired Dan Allard for \$1,000 to bull doze it. Eric reported he could not get the loader to do it, so he hired it done. Hollis noted that he has been trying to help, at no charge, was trying to save the town money and is frustrated that his offers are always refused.

Financial ~

End of year reports are still being worked on.

Bills and Orders ~ Board reviewed warrants then voted to approve. Payroll warrants #50, 51, and 52 for FY 25 and #1 for FY26.

2025 School Tax Rates - set by the state, homestead is \$1.1435 for this year (was \$1.2807) and non-homestead is \$1.2331 (was \$1.3652).

2025 Town Tax Rates – Board set a special meeting on July 24th to set the Town's rate. Listers have not yet filed the final grand list – pending grievance hearings next week. Treasurer advised it will be about the same at 2024.

Due Date ~ Board voted to **change the due date for the first half tax payment** to August 30th to allow for the required 30 day notice of taxes due.

New Business ~ Board approved a request for a Special Event for a caterer for an event at the Rootin' Tootin' Farm on August 2nd.

Select Board (SB) ~ 7/24/25 – Special Meeting

Select Board members present: Melody Squier, Kevin Eaton, and Judy Gilmore

Others: present in-person: Todd Dennis – President of the Tinmouth Community Fund (TCF) and Chair of the Energy Committee, Sandy Goyette, Chair of the Auditors, Gail Fallar Select Board Assistant

And via Zoom: Zach Bronzo, Chair of the Website Committee, and Kim Harbaugh and Sherry Johnson

Kevin called the meeting to order noting that one purpose of the meeting was to meet with various town committee and boards.

Sandy Goyette, Chair of the Board of Auditors, reviewed what the Auditors' duties are and how they do it – review payables, receivables, reports, etc. and noted that the Auditors should report their findings to the SB. She advised the SB that the Gail needed to hire more help - there needs to be a separation of duties (noting that she as an auditor, is reconciling the general fund bank statements), and that there should be a procedure manual of everything Gail does. Gail advised that there are components of that for bookkeeping - payroll and paying invoices, etc. The SB thanked her the other auditors for their work.

Todd Dennis reviewed what the TCF does – provides grants and scholarships for town residents to enhance a sense of community, with funds raised by the Plant Sale and through donations. Their Executive Board meets a few times a year – once to review applications. 2025 saw only two post high school scholarships, but a big increase in camp scholarships for K-12 kids. It was noted that this year the TCF also had a special project regarding the pavilion for the community center/play ground – covering expenses with its reserve fund pending receipt of a state grant to cover part of the cost.

Todd as Energy Committee Chair, reported they had not met in years. He was advised that two new members had been appointed and that by state statute the Town was required to have an Energy Committee and Coordinator. He advised they will try to have a meeting in the fall.

Zach Bronzo, Chair of the Website Committee, reported on activities regarding security of the Town's website (keeping bad actors from accessing it), thanked the Board for adding two new members, and noted that the website switched from a .org to a .gov. SB had a brief discussion regarding whether it needed an overhaul – Zach advised it would cost \$30K or so, and advised against that as it is not needed. Brief discussion about citizens being able to register their dogs or pay taxes online – lots to consider.

The Community Center Board was discussed – the SBA advised that the SB and the CCB needed to have a joint meeting to discuss whether the CCB was needed – it was created when the community center was created (and owned by the town) and the school was owned by the Tinnmouth School District. The Town now owns all the buildings and there is no more Tinnmouth School District as the school is now part of the Mill Rive Unified Union School District.. It was also noted that there needed to be a meeting to discuss guidelines for use of the new pavilion – reserve use through the Community Center Building Use Coordinator? If one rents the community center is the pavilion included, what kind of events would require someone using the pavilion to rent the community center, etc.

Kevin inquired about getting a compactor for the transfer station as the bear has been wreaking havoc with the dumpster and compost bin. Gail advised that a small

shed was being built for the compost bin, and that the last time it was suggested, 3 phase power was needed to run the compactor which would be very expensive. After brief discussion, it was suggested that the dumpster be pulled when half full so that the bear could not get into it.

Town Tax Rate: The Treasurer advised that the tax rate be set at \$0.5354 and the local agreement tax rate (exemptions from taxes voted by the town) be set at \$0.0051 for a total of \$0.5394 – less than 2024. Board voted to set those rates.

Town Plan Update: Judy noted that the Select Board may need to hold a special meeting regarding the process for hearings and adoption of the updated Town Plan to help move it along. The EEP will be updated and adopted at a later date. Board agreed.

Proposed Tower: Judy advised that the Rutland Regional Planning Commission had voted to send a second letter of support for the Town's opposition regarding the proposed radio tower.

Conservation Commission Resignation: The SB accepted with regrets, Chuck Bronk's resignation from the Conservation Commission, thanking him for his many years of hard work and dedication.

Planning Commission ~ 7/17/25

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

Members present via Zoom: Kim Harbaugh and Pat Psholka

Others: present in-person: Gail Fallar Secretary

And via Zoom: Devon Neary – Executive Director - Rutland Regional Planning Commission, and Sherry Johnson

EEP – Michael reported the Working Group had met and had several questions and comments. In the meantime, Michael and Judy had met with Devon to discuss the re-adoption of the Town Plan as it needs to be done ASAP.

Devon agreed that the Town Plan update and re-adoption needed to be done soon, and that the existing EEP could be used for the re-adoption of the Town Plan and updated at a later date. RRPC staff has been busy with updating the Regional Plan as it is in its final crunch and that there has been some turnover of staff. He explained the process for the update of the Town's plan – 30 days before the PC hearing it needs to be sent to adjoining town, the RRPC and the State. The PC has to warn its hearing 15 days prior, hold the hearing, consider comments and then submit the Plan to the Select Board which also needs to warn a hearing with a 15 day notice. If the SB has no changes they can adopt at its next meeting (a special meeting can be called for that).

Devon advised the RRPC would review the existing draft to ensure it meets statutory requirements/elements

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~ August 2025 Calendar of Events ~

Story Hour	Wednesday	6 th	11:00	Library
Fire Department	Thursday	7 th	7:00	Fire House
Select Board	Thursday	14 th	7:00	Town Office & Virtual
Town Office ~ Closed	Saturday	16 th	Taking a personal day!!	
Conservation Commission	Saturday	16 th	9:00 am	Work Day on Loop Trail
<i>Tales of Tinmouth</i> Deadline	Wednesday	20 th		Don't Miss It!
Planning Commission	Thursday	21 st	7:00	Town Office & Virtual
Historical Society Meeting	Sunday	24 th	1:30	Town Office
1 st Day of School	Wednesday	27 th	See Article on page 3	
1 st Half Property Taxes Due	Saturday	30 th	8-Noon	Town Office
Town Wide Tag Sale	Saturday	30 th	9am – 3 pm Main Event @ the Fire House	

~ September 2025 Calendar of Events ~

Town Office	Monday	1 st	Closed for Labor Day!	
Fire Department	Thursday	4 th	7:00	Fire House
Select Board	Thursday	11 th	7:00	Town Office & Virtual
Planning Commission	Thursday	18 th	7:00	Town Office & Virtual
<i>Tales of Tinmouth</i> Deadline	Saturday	20 th		Don't Miss It!
Recreation Committee	Monday	22 nd	7:00	Town Office/Virtual

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.

Craft Club ~ Mondays at the Old Fire House ~ 1:00-3:00 All Welcome!

The Tinmouth Historical and Genealogical Society will meet on Sunday, August 24th at 1:30 at the Town Office. Discussion will include a possible “dig” of a former blast furnace/foundry, work on the THGS display upstairs at the Town Office, and organizing the annual meeting in October. All are welcome, refreshments are provided!!



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