

# TALES OF TINMOUTH

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**Editors' Notes:** *Enjoy the sunshine and changing colors, and then do a little rain dance!! All of Vermont is in a severe drought! Please be careful with your water!*

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*

## ~ Proposed Tower on Route 140 Update ~

**Industrial Tower and Wireless, LLC** formally applied for a Certificate of Public Good from the Public Utility Commission in early August for a radio tower (for 2-way radios). The Select Board and the Planning Commission again filed responses advising that the project does not comply with the Tinmouth Town Plan and the telecommunication section of the Zoning Bylaws.

Over 30 community members also filed comments on the proposal.

As day light hours are getting shorter . . .

## ~ Please BE Safe – Wear a Safety Vest ~

If you walk, run/jog, bike, or hike, (or even fix fences) along town roads, **PLEASE** make sure you wear a safety vest so anyone driving along can see you.

Sometimes you might be in the shadow of the trees and no one can see you! Thank you for your cooperation!

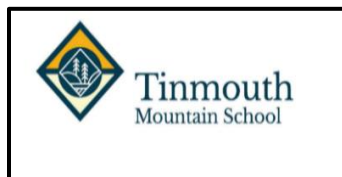
## ~ Tinmouth Girl Scouts ~

*By Cate Stone*

Greetings Tinmouth Community,

Troop 66104 is live with the Girl Scouts of Green and White Mountains! This troop is specifically for Tinmouth Residents. The leaders are working on the required training. We hope to have a parent/caregiver meeting within the next few weeks and our first Girl Scouts meeting the first full week of October.

If you would like more information, you can contact Cate Stone, [c.butterfli@gmail.com](mailto:c.butterfli@gmail.com), see our Facebook Page: Girl Scout Troop 66104: <https://www.facebook.com/share/15KEoZAJir/> or reply from here. ;)



School is right around the corner (or maybe underway by the time you read this)! Our teachers have been setting up their rooms, organizing materials, and reconnecting with each other. I love the buzz of having the staff back; you can feel the anticipation of the school year about to begin. As I mentioned in my last update, August 27<sup>th</sup> marks the first day of school, starting with a family pancake breakfast and activities, and concluding the evening with our Open House from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. New this year I will have many outside groups Girl Scouts, 4-H, Dolly Parton Library, to name a few sharing their group information during our Open House.

During the spring of the previous school year, I applied for a Whole Foods Grant to support our gardens and natural playground. I am pleased to announce that we have been awarded the grant. The money will allow us to purchase raised greenhouses for starting plants, supplies to maintain the natural playground, a wagon (instead of a wheelbarrow), a sturdy metal hose reel, a new hose, gardening supplies, and more. Thank you to my staff for their insight and to the community members assisting me in determining what items we may need.

I will be continuing with the introductions of our staff members this year and this month I would like to introduce, Bridget Hughes, our 3/4 teacher. Bridget and her husband, Billy, and their 6-month-old daughter, Elanor, come to us from New Jersey (and their two rescue dogs). Billy will be working at Kinhaven Music School in Weston, where he has a long-standing history and is excited to continue working with them year-round. While I am still getting to know Bridget myself, I do know she enjoys a good yoga session and being outdoors; she will fit right in at TMS.

I wish you all a happy end of summer and will see many of you shortly at TMS.

**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



Many thanks to the Tinmouth Historical & Genealogical Society for restoring the old Honor Roll that was on the side of the Old Town Sheds and now hangs under the porch of the Old Creamery (better visibility and protection from the weather). The Tinmouth Community Fund provided a grant for this project. Thank you.

Kudos to Lothar Schmelzenbach for the restoration work which included framework repair, replacing the plexiglass, and painting, to Betti Jaquay for adding two missing names (Elizabeth Young and Hugh Young), to Nelson Jaquay for the plaque that explains that this honors Tinmouth veterans from World War II and the Korean War, and to members of the THGS who removed it from old sheds and hung it on the new wall once the restoration work was completed. This includes Stan Wilbur, Vito Macaluso, Michael Fallar and sons Miles, Ari, and Benjamin, and ye olde town clerk.

Thank you to all who helped.

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~ 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](mailto:tinmouthtown@vermontel.net).

~ Tinmouth's Website ~

[Tinmouthvt.gov](http://Tinmouthvt.gov) - There is lots of information about the town on its website, take a few minutes and check it out!!

*Please Recycle or Pass Along Tales!!*

~ Share the Bounty Bin ~

Many thanks to everyone who has provided fresh fruit and vegetables this summer, sharing their 'bounty' with friends and neighbors. There was a wide variety of goodies, very much appreciated by all who stopped by the Town Office Porch.

~ Zucchini Casserole ~

George Herrick recently stopped by the Town Office with veggies for the Share the Bounty bin and a recipe that was included in the January, 2017 *Tales of Tinmouth*, which had been submitted by **Janet Kushnick** – he advises that it is very good and a good way to use all those zucchinis!!

- 4 cups zucchini – quartered lengthwise, then sliced
- 1 cup shredded cheese (assorted. e.g.– cheddar, mozzarella, etc.)
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- Salt and pepper to taste.

Buttered breadcrumbs

Mix cheese, onion, egg and mayonnaise. Stir in zucchini. Add salt and pepper to taste. Spread in 8" x 11" pan. Put buttered breadcrumbs on top. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes, uncover and bake 10 minutes more or until breadcrumbs are slightly brown.

Enjoy!!

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

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

**Friday, Oct. 10 (10 - 4) and  
Saturday, Oct. 11 (10-2)**

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~ Helpful Items for Loan ~

Someone getting a new hip or knee? Or just needs some help getting around? The Town Office has walkers – two wheels and four wheels; crutches, a potty seat, a wheel chair, a shower seat, and a potty chair (commode) to loan. Please call 446-2498 to make arrangements.

## Letters to the Editors:

*Hello to my Tinnmouth friends and neighbors. I want to apologize for not properly saying good bye to each of you when I moved to a Rutland apartment.*

*Sadly, and reluctantly leaving Paul's and my home of 47 years. I will miss you all very much and the life Paul and I loved in Tinnmouth.*

*I hope to come out sometime to a community; event where I might see many; of you in person.*

*I want to especially thank those of you who were so kind and supportive during Paul's illness and after his death. I will always be grateful for your extraordinary acts of generosity - both physical and emotional.*

*Sincerely,  
Maggie Morin*

## THANK YOU, TINMOUTH VOLUNTEERS

*By Nelson Jaquay*

The day after the completion of Tinnmouth's latest gathering place, our new Pavillion, Betti and I took a picnic lunch to share on a picnic table under it. While we ate, we basked in the wonder of our neighbors' handiwork. For many of us our favorite pronouns are WE and US. Forty or fifty folks have made this happen from the site preparation, to the construction to the cooking and serving of food for the workers.

From these thoughts we began to look around for other volunteer projects: the playground (I remember mixing cement for two days to anchor the play stations), the additions to the school: (two south of the main building which had begun as The Tinnmouth Center School and was added on to in 1950 AND then, of course, the Tinnmouth Community Center.

At the two south additions the able town carpenters would give us the instructions for the work that particular weekend. The Spirit of Tinnmouth was palpable as men, women and children worked away. We often shared goodies at end of the day not in any hurry to leave, sharing the day's successes and learning what was for us to do the next day.

Our list was long walking around town: The Wee Folks Playground, The Old Firehouse renovations, The Creamery Porch and renovations, the town wood-fired pizza oven.

I remember walking away after its first firing with Ruth Drachman when she said "It's not JUST about the pizza is it?!" All of these celebrating the WE and the US of our community, Tinnmouth.

*Nelson and Betti*

## ~ Library News ~

*By Ruth Drachman, Librarian*



***The Board of Trustees would like to express its appreciation to Michael Drachman for conducting the Summer Reading Program!!***

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.

## ~ Community News ~

***Congratulations to newlyweds Jennifer Calvey and Stuart Gerrol.*** May you have many years of happiness.

***Get Well Wishes*** are sent to **Beth Eaton, Helen Buffum, Chuck Bronk, and former Tinnmouth residents Ralph and Sandra Weindel.**

***Heartfelt Sympathies*** are sent to family and friends of **Claudia Catella.**

***Happy Birthday Wishes*** – to **Rose Napolitano** who is celebrating 103 years and to **Mary French** who is celebrating 99 years this month.

*May you both have a happy and healthy year!*

## ~ Front Porch Forum ~

### Connect with your Tinnmouth 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.

## ~ Nature Notes ~

The drought is causing much stress for trees and shrubs. This is allowing viruses and bugs attacking them to do more damage. Hopefully they will be able to recover next year. It has been recommended that diseased leaves be removed if possible so they don't overwinter.

There are some leaves changing colors, and then dropping off, so if you see a bright spot, take a moment to enjoy it as it might not be there for long.

Long dry spell, can someone do a rain dance? Let's all do one!!



TINMOUTH CHURCH

~ **Tinmouth Community Church** ~

By Rev. Robert Noble III

Two willow trees grew a short distance from a stream in New Mexico. One of them was sturdy and rich with leaves, while the other was smaller and less attractive.

Over the years the owner of the property wondered why the two trees should have such a different quality and appearance. Unable to find an answer, he dismissed the puzzle from his mind.

One week while digging near the trees, his shovel struck something hard. When uncovering it he solved the mystery of the trees. Years earlier, someone had buried large slabs of stone wall in the spot. The underground wall prevented the roots of the frail tree from reaching the water in the stream. But there was no wall between the flourishing tree and the water.

When we do not give ourselves time to worship God...when we do not spend time communing with God and having fellowship with God...then we are like that tree that was shut off from the life-giving flow of the stream.

*"Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while."* said Jesus. Good advice. We need time to relax with our friends and family and we need a time to worship God.

That most prolific of all poets, *Anonymous*, once put it like this:

- Take time to **laugh**, it is the music of the soul.
- Take time to **think**, it is the source of power.
- Take time to **play**, it is the source of perpetual youth.
- Take time to **read**, it is the foundation of wisdom.
- Take time to **pray**, it is the greatest power on earth.
- Take time to **love and be loved**, it is a God-given privilege.
- Take time to be **friendly**. It is the road to happiness.
- Take time to **give**, it is too short a day to be selfish.
- Take time to **work**, it is the price of success.
- Take time for **God**, it is the way of life.

*Everyone is welcome in this community of worship and faith*

**Sunday Service 9:00 a.m.**

**I'm Still Looking for Marbles!!**  
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- **Framing**
- **Siding**
- **Trim Work**

**S. Cameron Lepley Construction**

**802.446.2900**

~ **Presstival - an Apple Pressing Gathering** ~

*By Robbie Leeds*

**September 28, 2025**

**11 AM to 3 PM**

This year's **Presstival** date is Sunday September 28th from 11am-3pm at the home of Wheaton Squier at 789 Route 140 Tinmouth, VT.

For those who have not participated before, **Presstival** is an annual apple pressing gathering we have been hosting since 2014. We will press apples into cider, share food and have fun! All are welcome to attend this event. Bring a potluck dish to share, a chair and friends.

We also encourage you to bring a container to take home some cider. If you have access to apples or any other pressable fruit (we once pressed a watermelon!) please bring some to the event, Or contact Robbie Leeds at (802) 398-7746 or Wheaton Squier (802) 446-2082 and we can come pick up apples from you or grab them off your trees!

If you have any other questions feel free to call as well. Hope to see you there!

~ **Thank You from the TVFD** ~

*By Kevin Eaton and Sherry Johnson*

We were so happy to see everyone turn out for the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department's Tag Sale.

We raised over \$2,000 in sales and donations for the fire department.

Thank you to everyone who bought items, donated things for the sale and just stopped by to say hi.

We would also like to thank the community volunteers who helped sort, price, set up and clean up. Without these volunteers this sale would not be possible.

This is what makes Tinmouth a wonderful community. Two dates to save:

November 22, 2025 - The TVFD Annual Game Supper  
September 5, 2026 - TVFD Annual Tag Sale

~ **Old Creamery Meeting** ~

The Old Creamery Committee will meet on **Sunday, September 28 at 1:30 PM** at the Town Office.

Discussion topics include developing a plan to for next steps and volunteer work on windows and painting.

~ **Historical & Genealogical Society Meeting** ~

The THGS will also meet on **Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**, **but at 2:30** following the Old Creamery Committee meeting. On the agenda is to organize the THGS annual meeting and discuss a possible "dig" in the spring time of one of the old blast furnace or foundry locations. There are still items to be sorted from various donors this summer. Refreshments are provided, all are welcome!!

~ **Meeting Highlights** ~

*Complete minutes are available at the town office.*

*All highlights are edited by Ye Olde Editor.*

**Select Board (SB) ~ 8/14/2025 (Regular)**

Members present (in-person): Kevin Eaton, Melody Squier, and Judy Gilmore. Others present: In-person: Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Michael Fallar, Ann Lundquist and Gail Fallar-Select Board Assistant (SBA)

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

**Citizen's Input** ~ Sherry thanked the road crew for participating in the town fund day parade and thanked Melody for shepherding the pavilion project – it looks wonderful.

**Highway** ~ **Eric** reported the road crew is busy with ditching, culverts and brush removal. He advised that Fuller's Sand & Gravel would be paving in the next couple of weeks. Board discussed paving an apron for the town garage driveway – 60' x 30' will cost about \$2600, approved by consensus.

He noted that another **radio** will be needed if the black truck is kept as a spare and that the loader needs one as well. He has been researching radios; some towns are using their own channel with a digital system. They won't communicate with the fire department however. He has tried out one system – worked very well but is very expensive. He will continue researching options.

**Culverts** – *near the community center* - just the culvert will cost nearly \$11,000, also needs \$6,000 of tree work, and perhaps moving of an electrical pole; *near the cemetery* – 112' feet of culvert is needed, waiting for more information, but will need a state structure's grant due to cost.

**Sand Quote** – Eric asked Pike for a quote for winter sand, was over \$12,000. Discussion about bid policy – over \$10,000 needs to go out to bid. He only wants to use Pike's product, SLC's sand is white, others have clay in the sand. In the end, the Board decided that bids should be sought from at least 3 vendors, specs are 1/2" minus, dry screened sand, due 9/11/25. FY26 winter sand budget is \$15,500, need cost per ton, quantity to be provided.

**Equipment Fund** – Board scheduled a special meeting to review for September 23, 2025.

**Financial** ~ Treasurer advised that the end of year reports are still being worked on.

**Bills and Orders** ~ Board reviewed warrants and voted to approve. Payroll warrants #2,3,4,5, and 6 and accounts payable #1,2, and 3.

**Proposed Tower Update** ~ ITW filed its application with the Public Utilities Commission seeking a Certificate of Public Good. After brief discussion, Board voted that the Town become an Intervenor and appoint Gail Fallar, SBA, to represent the Town.

**Pavilion Guidelines ~ Community Center ~ School Issues** ~ Issues include communication with the Mill River Union Unified School District’s Facilities Manager, keys, scheduling maintenance, etc. SB decided that a joint meeting with the Community Center Board is needed – to review the Agreement between the Town and MRUUSD – and to review procedures and use guidance to incorporate the new pavilion - SBA will try to schedule soon.

Melody advised that she is reviewing how other towns handle guidelines for their pavilions. She and Cathy Reynolds are working on it. Melody agreed that use of the pavilion should follow the school rules regarding the playground – no public access during school hours.

**Insurance** ~ Does the Town insure the pavilion or does the school if it is going to use it as an outdoor class room (they cover the playground)? Town’s insurance carrier – VLCT PACIF is currently providing coverage, but does not insure school use.

**Committee Appointment** ~ Melody, as the Equity & Inclusion Committee Chair, advised that the E & I Committee had meet and interviewed Eleanor Ewing who is interested in joining the E & I, and they recommend that the SB appoint Ellie. Melody noted that she is a retired attorney, and provides a different perspective. Board voted to appoint Eleanor Ewing to the E & I Committee.

**Error and Omission Request** ~ Gail as Chair of the Board of Listers requested SB permission to correct an error regarding the Lewis property on Tinmouth Pond – they now have four parcels that are contiguous and should be assessed a one, not four. Board voted to approve request and signed the form.

**Focus Group Request** ~ Judy advised that she had been invited to participate in a focus group regarding tech assistance being provided to towns – and asked if there were concerns that the Board wanted her to relay. These included recent advisories regarding culvert sizes (60” to replace a 12” driveway culvert for instance), hydraulic studies, infrastructure planning, energy planning, community assessment, lack of common sense.

**Mail/Correspondence:** Senator Terry Williams requested input from the SB, the SBA will invite to the next SB meeting in September.

**Next meetings:** September 11, 2025 – regular  
September 23, 2025 – Equipment Fund

**Planning Commission ~ 8/21/25**

Members present in-person: Michael Fallar, Vito Macaluso, Ann Lundquist, Larry Carabeau, Judy Gilmore, Andy Gilmore, and members present via Zoom: Kim Harbaugh and Pat Psholka

Others: present in-person: Sean Beatty - Rutland Regional Planning Commission and Gail Fallar Secretary And via Zoom: Sherry Johnson

Michael advised that the Tower Company (ITW) had filed a formal application for a Certificate of Public Good with Vermont’s Public Utility Commission and that the Town had 30 days to respond. After brief discussion, Members voted to seek Intervenor status and appoint Gail Fallar to speak for the Tinmouth Planning Commission.

Everyone introduced themselves to welcome Sean Beatty who began his job with RRPC on July 1<sup>st</sup>. He had reviewed work done on the new Town Plan and made comments etc. Due to technical difficulties, and not everyone having the same version, it was a bit difficult, but progress was made. Changes had been proposed by Ed Bove, Jennifer Trepal, and Sean, all who had worked on editing the document, as well as PC members.

Members decided to continue the review (all with the same version) on Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30.

**Planning Commission ~ 8/26/25 ~ Special**

Members present in-person: Michael Fallar, Vito Macaluso, Ann Lundquist, Larry Carabeau, Judy Gilmore, Andy Gilmore, and members present via Zoom: Pat Psholka and Kim Harbaugh

Others: present in-person: Sean Beatty - Rutland Regional Planning Commission and Gail Fallar Secretary  
And via Zoom: Sherry Johnson

Michael called the meeting to order at 5:35 and welcomed all, noting that the purpose of the meeting was to continue review of the draft updated Town Plan.

Members continued review of draft changes – as some census data seemed incorrect it was decided not to include it. Members decided to leave the 2020 Energy section intact for this round of changes. Most other changes were word smithing to clarify intent and correcting typos from former version’s formatting style. Members decided to keep the land use and conserved land maps created by Bob Lloyd. Kim suggested adding a noted that conserved land helps with energy conservation. There were a few sections that needed a bit more information for Sean to complete.

Members decided to review and propose adoption of this version and make a list of needed amendments that would be prepared in a couple of months – these include finalizing the EEP which the PC has worked on for many months but RRPC staff left before it was done; adding a scenic resources protection section with details of location of those; adding a section for “Aging in Place”; adding a telecommunications section; and adding a stream bank /river corridor protection section.

Sean advised he would try to have a final version by the end of the week.

## **Planning Commission ~ 9/3/25 ~ Special**

Members present in-person: Larry Carabeau, Ann Lundquist, Vito Macaluso, Michael Fallar, Joe Buffum, Judy Gilmore, Andy Gilmore, and members present via Zoom: Pat Psholka and Kim Harbaugh

Others: present in-person: Gail Fallar Secretary

Michael called the meeting to order at 5:30 and welcomed all, noting that the purpose of the meeting was to continue review of the draft updated Town Plan.

Members continued review of draft changes – Vito assumed the Chair at 6:30 as Michael had to leave. Need include a note about the Channel's ability to hold water re: Tropical Storm Irene in the flood resilience section.

Ann and Gail will meet with Sean from RRPC to make sure final changes are included.

Members decided to do a final review of September 18<sup>th</sup>. It is anticipated that the PC will move the document to a public hearing, and pass along to the Select Board for their review, hearing, and adoption.

## **Equity & Inclusion Committee ~ 07/24/2025**

*With thanks to Alyssa Adler, Sec.*

Members present via Zoom: Kim Harbaugh and Sherry Johnson: Members present in person: Alyssa Adler, Melody Squier, Cynthia Pollock

Others present: Ellie Ewing and Gail Fallar

Members welcomed Ellie, and after brief discussion voted to recommend that the Select Board appoint Ellie to the E & I Committee.

Tinmouth Fun Day - follow up

The Committee discussed the success of ice cream attendance and the new serving location. Melody stated and all agreed that this year's event went well and all seemed to enjoy it - good potluck, band, games and crafts. Committee agreed softball before the potluck was a better order of events. There was one response on Front Porch Forum to Sherry's post requesting feedback. This individual recommended fun day include fireworks, Melody pointed out that unfortunately fireworks are out of the budget. Sherry shared that the Recreation Committee will be taking over the water balloons.

Cindy recommended some posts to Front Porch Forum encouraging more folks join in the actual parade next year. Alyssa offered her driveway as a starting point for some parade walkers next year as the hill can be a bit steep up from the transfer station.

Pavilion Raising

Melody reports about 8 volunteers are needed on Friday (8/1), 20 on Saturday (8/2), and 8 on Sunday (8/3). There will be a potluck on Saturday for lunch.

The Committee then briefly explained some matters in the works for Ellie - such as the town welcome signs, updating the town operator's manual, and revisiting the committee's focus.

## **Recreation Committee ~ 7/14/25**

Members present were Robbie Leeds and Doug Fontein, with Martha via Zoom. Others present were Gail Fallar and Sherry Johnson via Zoo.

Members discussed upcoming workdays on the new pavilion; a snafu with the kayak trip up the Channel – everyone was required to wear a safety vest and there was a bit of pushback – but it was enjoyed by the 12 people who ventured into the wonderland that is the Channel area; and the need for a new map for walking/hiking trails.

Doug reported the other basketball hoop is up at the school playground, with thanks to Robbie and David Levant as well as LaValley's Lumber for supplying the cement for the post.

Sherry discussed Fun Day events, what worked and what could be done better next year, and thanked the Rec. Committee for being willing to take that on.

Martha volunteered to work on a pickle ball event in the Fall to encourage folks to try it.

Next meeting was set for September 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **Conservation Commission ~ 7/21/25**

Members present were Ed Hasenohr, Doug Fontein, and Robbie with Doug Inkley and Colleen Balch on zoom. Public present was Gail Fallar.

Members expressed great appreciation to Chuck Bronk who is resigning for health reasons. He has been on the CC and its secretary for quite some time, and an energetic volunteer. Members wished him the best.

Robbie volunteered to be secretary. Members discussed possible new members, will inquire about interest. The Select Board will need to appoint.

Members discussed trail maintenance, what needed to be done, Doug F. advised he had taken a new seat up to the outhouse (porcupine ate the last one). Set August 16<sup>th</sup> as a work day.

It was noted that there was an old sap line on the Ridge Trail – no one was sure whose lines they were, Doug I. advised he was willing to remove them when he came in August, Colleen volunteered to help.

Doug F. reported on the new sign for non-motorized vehicles on the trail to the Mountain Cabin, thanked Chuck for laminating them. They do have a notice of when bicycles are okay, someone will need to monitor.

Discussion about motorized vehicles on other town trails, like the one at the end of Merrill Spring Road.

Members discussed invasive species, such as Japanese knotweed, and concern with phragmites invading the Channel – Doug I. volunteered to research the Vermont Fish & Wildlife website to see if there were any programs to help with that.

Next meeting will be October 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Video Histories Premiere at  
MSHS Annual Meeting and Open House on  
September 21**

The Middletown Springs Historical Society (MSHS) invites the community to a large screen premiere of four recently completed videos of the *MSHS Video History Series*. The screening and discussion with the videographers will be held as part of the Society's 2025 Annual Meeting and Open House on Sunday, Sep. 21, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., in the historical society building on the town green. Admission is free.

The video series is part of a 2024-2025 video project designed to capture local history reflections from longtime Middletown Springs resident and MSHS President David Wright, a Society member since the early 1970s. Wright was asked to sit for informal, unscripted interviews over two 5-day sessions. The sessions were videotaped, edited, transcribed and indexed as archival material.

Multiple storylines were identified and four were selected for the video series: *A Town Built on Agriculture*; *Crossroads: How Topography & Transportation Shaped a Vermont Town*; *Horse*

*Power: The Story of A.W. Gray & Sons*; and *The Mineral Springs and Montvert Hotel*. Following the presentation the four videos will be available for viewing on the MSHS YouTube channel, accessible via [mshsvt.org](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmshsvt).

In selecting storylines, video series producers Sally and David Caras of Ferguson Caras, Middle Granville, N.Y., worked with MSHS Collections Manager Mary Lou Willits, to find the most compelling stories of significant local history that could be readily illustrated by visuals from MSHS collections and other sources.

Willits tapped the extensive MSHS photo & document collection while the producers shot village footage for the videos and sourced additional images from the Library of Congress, Poultney Historical Society, Vermont Historical Society, United States Department of Agriculture, Adirondack History Museum, and other collections.

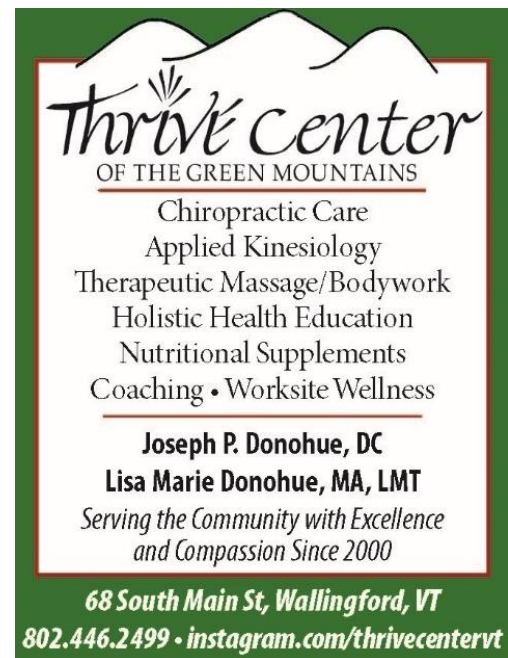
"These are visually interesting, narrative videos that make Middletown Springs history and the project come alive," says Willits. "We're pleased that we could do this for many reasons. Anyone who has talked with David about this town and its past knows some of the great stories about Middletown he can tell".

The MSHS Video History archive of video footage, transcripts, and indexes joins other important resources in the Society's collection such as Barnes Frisbie's *History of Middletown (1867)*, Frances Krouse's *A Gem in the Hills (2002)*, and the museum's ongoing *Timeline Exhibit* by Jon Mathewson, which chronicles the history of the town from 1761 through 1961.

The Museum, including this season's exhibit, "Patterns and Provenance: Quilts of Middletown Springs, 1840-1920" will be open for viewing before and after the Annual Meeting program. Refreshments will be available before and during the meeting. For more information, contact Pat Hemenway at 802-235-2421 or [ladyh@vermontel.net](mailto:ladyh@vermontel.net).



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~ September 2025 Calendar of Events ~

Town Office	Monday	1 <sup>st</sup>	Closed for Labor Day!	
Select Board ~ Special w/ Community Center Board	Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7:00	Town Office & Virtual
Planning Comm. ~ Special	Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7:00	Town Office & Virtual
Fire Department	Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	5:30	Town Office & Virtual
Recreation Committee	Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup>	7:00	Fire House
Select Board	Monday	8 <sup>th</sup>	7:00	Town Office/Virtual
Planning Commission	Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup>	7:00	Town Office & Virtual
Select Board - Special	Thursday	18 <sup>th</sup>	7:00	Town Office & Virtual
<i>Tales of Tinmouth</i> Deadline	Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00	Town Office & Virtual
Old Creamery Committee	Saturday	20 <sup>th</sup>		Don't Miss It!
Historical Society	Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup>	1:30	Town Office
	Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup>	2:30	Town Office

~ October 2025 Calendar of Events ~

Fire Department	Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7:00	Fire House
Select Board	Thursday	9 <sup>th</sup>	7:00	Town Office & Virtual
Planning Commission	Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup>	7:00	Town Office & Virtual
<i>Tales of Tinmouth</i> Deadline	Monday	20 <sup>th</sup>		Don't Miss It!
Conservation Commission	Monday	20 <sup>th</sup>		
THGS Annual Meeting	Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup>	1:30	Church Community Rm

*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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