

TALES OF TINMOUTH

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

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

~ Holiday Greetings ~

It's time for the **Twenty Fifth Annual Community Holiday Card**. For the past 24 years folks have made a donation to the *Roy & Anne Wilbur Fund* and sent their friends and family **Holiday Greetings** (*Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanza, Happy Festivus, Happy New Year – you choose*) in the *December Tales*. Think of how much you can save and how much your neighbors in need can be helped by your donation!

Please send your wishes and/or names and a donation of any size in care of *ye olde Editor* by **November 30th**.

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

~ Thanksgiving Baskets ~

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

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

~ Christmas Elves Looking for Families ~

If you are, or know of a family, that could use a bit of assistance with the Holidays this year, there is a group of people willing to help out. The Tinmouth Community Fund provides grants to help cover costs of outerwear, clothes, and books/games/toys. The Roy & Anne Wilbur Fund, hopefully with assistance from the Mill River Honor Society, provides food 'baskets' (really boxes).

**Please contact Gail at the Town Office for details.
802-446-2498**

~ Community Thanksgiving Service and Supper ~ Sunday, November 23rd 4:30

The Tinmouth Community Church invites everyone to join them on Sunday, November 23rd, at 4:30 PM to celebrate and be thankful for this community.

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

This is followed by delicious light supper for all. No charge. We are thankful for the opportunity to be together once again and celebrate this special place called Tinmouth. **All are welcome.** See page 5 for more details.

**2nd half property taxes are due on
Saturday, November 15th.
The Town Office will be open 8-12 that day.**



On **November 1st**, daylight savings time ended. Hope you remembered to set your clocks back one (1) hour when you went to bed on the 1st.

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

~ Community Center Rental ~

Anyone who wishes to use the Community Center, the Pavilion, the Old Fire House, or the Bake Oven, needs to check with **Trish Warfle**, Building Use Coordinator, for availability and to fill out a use form.

Her contact number is **802-236-3163**. Thank you for your cooperation.

~ Community News ~

Happy 98th Birthday to Pauline Munson! Best Wishes!

Get Well Wishes are sent to **Chuck Bronk, Sally Allen,** and **Alice Hoisington.**

Heartfelt Sympathies are sent to family and friends of **Helen Buffum;** to family and friends of **Janet Kushnick;** and to family and friends of **Edwin Reynolds** (Betti Jaquay's brother.)



~ **Tinmouth Game Supper** ~

By Sherry Johnson

We hope that you can help us make this a successful fund raiser. At the beginning of November, Fire Fighters will be calling members of the community and ask each family to provide something specific for the Game Supper. We realize that some members of our community are struggling. When you get the call, and feel you are unable to help us out, please let us know. We do not want to pester you. Some of the items we need are homemade pies, chicken and biscuits, baked beans, green salad, eggs, cheese, coffee, milk, and cider.

We also ask other members of the community to purchase some of the materials needed to make Venison and Moose Sauerbraten, Cornbread Chili, De-boned roasts with secret marinades, Italian wild meatballs, smoked deer, bear, and other game.

Here is the schedule of activities. We invite everyone to participate in at least one of these activities. It is a great way to reconnect with members of the community and meet new people.

- Thursday (11/20) 6:00 pm -----> Meat cutting (at the Fire House). Bring your knife.
- Friday (11/21) 6:00 pm -----> Potato and squash peeling, onion chopping (at the Fire House). Bring your peeler and knife. Also, get to watch members of the Fire Department peel a squash with an axe.
- Friday night/Saturday morning-----> Set Up (at the Community Center)
- Saturday (11/22) 8:00 am-----> Meatball making (at the Fire House)
- Saturday afternoon/night-----> Serving during the supper
- Saturday night after the supper-----> Clean up!

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

If you have meat to donate, call or text Josh Allen at 802-353-1857.

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

Marshall "Mo" Squier, TVFD Chief

~ **Tinmouth's Website** ~

Tinmouthvt.gov - There is lots of information about the Town on its website, take a few minutes and check it out!!

Schedule for the delivery of Game Supper supplies

There is a master list of contributors on the side of the refrigerator that is just inside the door.

Please check off your name when you drop off your items, so we can keep track of donations. *Thank you!!*

Delivered to the Fire House

Tuesday (11/18) Eggs

Wednesday (11/19) Bread Crumbs

Thursday (11/20) ½ and ½

Friday (11/21) Coffee, Cheddar Cheese, Milk, Cider, Whipping Cream(cartons not cans)

Delivered to the Community Center

Saturday (11/22)

Tossed Salad by 1pm

Pies by 3pm

Hot Food between 3 and 4

Holiday Treats!

**First Congregational Church
So. Main Street, Wallingford**

Wednesday, November 26, 2025

**** Thanksgiving Pie Sale ****

Apple, pecan, or pumpkin ~ \$15 each

Carrot Cake -Large 9" x13" ~ \$20 ½ Cake ~ \$10

* * Must be pre-ordered by **November 19th**

To order call Barb Truex 802-446-3891

Pick up at the Church 12-4 Wed. 11/26/25

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday - December 6, 2025 9 AM - 2 PM

Theme Basket and Gift Certificate Raffle

Tickets 6 for \$5 or \$1 each.

Soup and Salad Luncheon available

Home Baked Cookies

Vendor Tables

Arts & Crafts

To reserve a table for \$25, call **Barb Truex by**

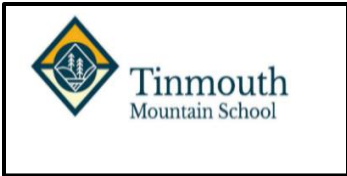
November 21st - 802-446-3891

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!



November can be seen as a month of reflection and as we reflect on all that makes our school a special place to learn and grow, we're filled with gratitude for the incredible support of our community.

To our families, neighbors, and friends—thank you for your continued dedication to our students and staff. Your care and involvement make a difference every day.

A special thank you to *Doug Fontein* for generously volunteering his time and skills to rebuild the bridge to our playground—your hard work has created a safer, more inviting space for our children to play. Our basketball court is now safe and fully functional because of *Doug Fontein and Robbie Leeds*, thank you!

We also send our appreciation to the *Tinmouth Select Board and Community Center Board members, MRUUSD School Board, and Gail Fallar* for their advocacy and commitment to the future of our school building. Your determination and vision ensure that our students have a thriving place to learn.

Thank you to the *Parent's Club* for your continued dedication to supporting our school—and for always bringing the fun! Your creativity and energy add joy to our community.

And a big thank you to *Nelson Jaquay*, who continues to harness our sense of community with our weekly Round-Ups. Your enthusiasm brings us together and reminds us of the power of connection.

Finally, to our amazing staff, who teach, guide, and connect with our students each and every day—thank you for all that you do.

Together, we make our school stronger and the place to be!

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

~ Transfer Station Reminder/Request ~

If you are able, please squish, squash, stomp, or crumple all plastic. It takes up a lot of space when it's not flat – and the cost of hauling the container is way more than the cost of processing the material. If we can stuff more recyclables into it, we can haul it less often and that will save the town money!

And please remember you can put metal cans into the metal roll-off along with other metal items. There is no charge for that disposal.



Food Drive For

**The Tinmouth Community
Christmas Food Baskets**

Saturday, December 13th

10:00 AM until 12:00 Noon

at the Old Fire House – next to the Town Office

These items will be used for less fortunate families in town, who really appreciate your generosity.

Or you can drop items off at the Town Office anytime between now and then.

Non-Perishable Food Items such as peanut butter, jelly/jam, applesauce, pineapple, oatmeal, cereal, flour, sugar, oil, soup, pasta, spaghetti sauce, juice, boxed cake mixes, stuffing, tuna fish, crackers, rice, mac and cheese, beans, vegetables, fruit, cookies, etc.

Household Items such as laundry detergent, dish soap, hand soap, shampoo, facial tissue, toothbrushes, toothpaste, toilet paper, sanitizer, wipes, Clorox.

Pet Food such as canned cat food, canned dog food, small bag dry dog food, small bag dry cat food, dog or cat treats.

Monetary donations to help cover the costs of perishable items such as meat, milk, juice, eggs, produce, fruit, and bread. Tax-deductible contributions can be made to the Roy and Anne Wilbur Fund (which is under the umbrella of the Tinmouth Community United Methodist Church) and left at the Town Office or mailed to 515 North End Rd, Tinmouth, VT 05773.

Also needed are *monetary donations* to help provide clothes and gifts for kids (books, socks, mittens, toys).

Thank you to the Tinmouth Community Fund for four grants to help with this!!

Thank you for your kind generosity!

Joyous Holidays to All!

The *Tales of Tinmouth* is on the Tinmouth website (tinmouthvt.gov). Look under “Resources”.

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

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

Donations to help pay for paper and postage are always greatly appreciated! The cost of paper and postage have increased again this year.

Donations have not kept up with expenses. 😞

Thank you for your support! 😊

~ **Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project's Appreciation** ~
By Gail Fallar, Treasurer

The Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project (TPMP) would like to thank everyone who donated and/or bought raffle tickets, nearly \$900 was raised to support TPMP's effort to control Eurasian Milfoil in the lake.

Here is the list of prizes and winners. This is an annual effort, please look for the raffle again next summer. Your support is appreciated.

2025 Raffle

- * Rooster Vase made and donated by Patty Hebert
- Diana Link
- * Set of four quilted fishing lure placemats donated by Susan Juckett - Rick Fallar
- * A homemade strawberry rhubarb pie donated by Susan Juckett - Rob Noble
- * Circus lesson donated by Elsie Smith - Gail Fallar
- * Face cord of firewood donated by Jim Westbrook
- Barbara Leiser
- * Men and Women bicycles donated by Chris Nash
- The Gordon Family
- * Two Tinmouth Pond Sweatshirts embroidered and donated by Debbie Whitehead
- Ellie Ewing and Jonna Loomis
- * Homemade sweet rolls donated by Gail Fallar
- Pauline Munson
- * "802" Hooked Rug Wall Hanging donated by Anonymous - Jack & Debbie Whitehead
- * ½ Gallon of Josh Allen's Maple Syrup donated by Rick Fallar - Joe Beil
- * Air Fryer Oven donated by Joe Faucher
- Evelyn Ritchie

TPMP is all very appreciative of the Town's annual donation of \$2,500 and the TCF Grant of \$900 to help with its efforts. TPMP also received a DEC grant of \$7,295. Homeowners around the lake raised an additional \$17,255 through dues, donations, raffles and a Pig Roast.

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

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

Friday, Nov. 14 (10 - 4) and

Saturday, Nov. 15 (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



~ **Library News** ~
By Cathy Reynolds

~ **Vermont Reads** ~

The Light Pirate by Lily Brooks-Dalton is this year's Vermont Reads book and the Tinmouth Library is hosting a book discussion with free copies of the book available.

"Set in the near future, this hopeful story of survival and resilience follow Wanda - a luminous child born out of a devastating hurricane-as she navigates a rapidly changing world."

Thanks to the Vermont Humanities Program, the Tinmouth Library has received 15 copies of the book which are available free to any Tinmouth reader. Middletown Springs Library also has books for Middletown readers.

We will host a book discussion in conjunction with the Middletown Library on **Saturday, December 6th at 1:30 at the Tinmouth Roadhouse**. Remote attendance will be available; please contact Cathy below if you would like to participate remotely. Our book discussion leader will be Marsha Cassel, and delicious treats, tea and coffee will be served.

Books can be picked up at the Tinmouth Library anytime the Town Office is open, or by contacting Cathy Reynolds by phone or text at 802-881-6775.

You don't have to come to the discussion to receive a copy of the book, but we hope you will.

Give a call or text Cathy with any questions or for more information at 802-881-6775.

~ **Tinmouth Old Firehouse Concert Series** ~
By Lendy Krantz

The Old Firehouse concert series finishes this fall with an exceptional Vermont musician bringing authentic folk traditions to life.

Old Firehouse, 9 Mountain View Road (next to the town office) Tickets: \$15-\$20 suggested donation Info: tinmouthvt.gov/events/

Rachel Bell - December 5 at 7:30 pm

Rachel Bell is a dynamic accordionist sought after for concerts, contra dances, and festivals across New England. Her playing spans an enormous range of emotion, from nuanced and sensitive to exhilarating and powerful, pushing the boundaries of what is expected from an accordion. Drawing inspiration from Celtic, French, English, New England, and Quebecois traditions, Rachel demonstrates a rare ability to honor the past while embracing innovation. Her work is infused with a contagious enthusiasm for her instrument and deep respect for musical traditions.

Tinmouth Game Supper



Saturday, November, 22 2025
 At the Community Center, 573 VT-140, Tinmouth, VT 05773

Adults - \$30.00
 Children- ages 6-12- \$15.00
 Children- under 6 Free

For More Information Call:
 Mo Squier (802) 282-1779
 Sherry Johnson (802) 446-3307

One of Vermont's Largest and Longest running Game Suppers. Our wild Gourmet Feast with renowned all you can eat menu consisting of the best game recipes anywhere include: **Venison and Moose Sauerbraten, Cornbread Chili, De-boned roasts with secret marinades, Italian wild meatballs, Smoked deer, moose, or bear, Venison stir fry, Chicken Pie, Mac & Cheese. Endless mashed potatoes, squash, and salads. Over 100 homemade pies!!!** Beverages include coffee, cider, and milk. Take-outs are available. We serve 350 people and no one has to wait outside. Come see why this Tinmouth Community event is so special.
Serving 4:00 till all are served

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE TINMOUTH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

St. Patrick's Craft Fair

Saturday, December 6th
 Wallingford, VT
 9a.m. to 2p.m.

**Homemade Crafts
 Once Loved Christmas Items
 Silent Basket Auction
 Raffles and Bake Sale
 Luncheon!!**

The bake sale will include take-out of homemade soups, baked beans, chili and mac and cheese.

Other locations to visit for "Christmas in Wallingford" would include the Wallingford Elementary School, First Congregational Church, and Gilbert Hart Library.

RUTLAND FREE LIBRARY

FY25 IN REVIEW



100,000+
 VISITS TO THE LIBRARY



6,803
 TIMES
 WIFI WAS
 ACCESSED

17

**AVG
 DAILY
 WIFI
 USERS**

638
 PROGRAMS
 OFFERED

13,631
 PROGRAM
 ATTENDANCE

139,833

ITEMS WERE CHECKED OUT



1,986
 PUBLIC
 COMPUTER
 SESSIONS



4,268
 SOCIAL MEDIA
 FOLLOWERS



37,707
 DIGITAL
 CHECK OUTS

7,798

**ACTIVE
 BORROWERS**
2,116
 NEW CARDS
 THIS YEAR



2,300+
 VOLUNTEER
 HOURS



5,357
 NON-LIBRARY
 MEETING
 ATTENDEES

3,578

BOOKS, DVDS,
 AUDIOBOOKS, &
 OTHER ITEMS
 ADDED TO OUR
 COLLECTION



All Tinmouth residents can get a free Library card at the Rutland Free Library!

PLEASE COME to
 a special service of
THANKSGIVING

for people of all faiths, and all ages

at the

TINMOUTH COMMUNITY CHURCH

MUSIC
 CHILDREN FRIENDS
 TEENS NEIGHBORS STRANGERS

SUNDAY, November 23 at 4:30 PM

A simple supper
 follows
 the
 special
 service

for the Offering
 please bring
 non-perishable food
 (or \$) for Tinmouth's
 Thanksgiving baskets



The Tinmouth Community Fund thanks its donors for their support in 2023, 2024 and so far in 2025!

By Cathy Reynolds

Donations were received to support the Tinmouth Community Fund, the Continuing Education Fund, the Pavilion, the Alan Hochberg Science Fund and in memory of Tinmouth residents who have died. Our most generous donor is the Tinmouth Plant Sale followed by the many donors who wish to remain anonymous. Thank you all.

In this edition of the *Tales* you will find our annual appeal letter; we hope you will donate this year to help us continue offering grants and scholarships.

To learn more about the Tinmouth Fund and grant opportunities available to Tinmouth groups and individuals, check out our webpage at tinmouthvt.gov/community-fund/

Grants and Scholarships awarded in 2025:

18 Community Fund Grants to Tinmouth non-profits, committees of the Town or the School and individuals making good things happen in town;

1 small business grant;

12 K-12 scholarships to help students attend summer camps, take horseback riding lessons, participate in sports camp or travel team, attend Theater in the Woods or attend gymnastics camp.

We awarded two Continuing Education Scholarships plus the \$2000 Pam Garceau Memorial Scholarship, plus three Susan McIntosh Lloyd Scholarships to support kids taking music lessons.

In total we awarded \$24,950 in 2025 to support our community and its residents.

Thanks to the following for their support of the Tinmouth Community Fund in 2023, 2024 and so far in 2025.

ANONYMOUS	David Reiser & Irene Huntoon	Martha and David Stanley
Andrew Moyer	David Wright & Mary Lou Willets	Melody Squier
Annie Robbins	Denise McGinley	Pat and Sherman Hunter
Annie Simon	Evelyn Ritchie	Paul Larson
Barry Cohen	George Trogler	Phil and Michele Lapp
Bart & Beth Eaton	Helen Buffum	Rogers Family Foundation
Best Moon & Tinmouth	Jack & Deborah Whitehead	Rose Napolitano
Roadhouse	Jeff Ams	Ruth Drachman
Beth & Vic Rickman	Jill Sabotka	Rutland Economic Development Corp
Bill Biondolino	John Laurino	Scott and Sam Lepley
Blew Skies Holistic Massage	Jonathan Haas	Sherry Johnson and Kim Harbaugh
Bob & Melinda Hochberg	Jonathan Reiser	Stan and Rene Wilbur
Bob Lloyd	Jospeh Skudlarek	Terry McGann
Cathy Reynolds & Doug Fontein	Kathy Faben	Tom and Eleanor Ewing
Charles Cherington	Ken and Barbara Hochberg	Tom and Jane Sullivan
Chuck Bronk & Tracy Byford	Ken and Jan Krantz	Travis and Gabby Lepley
Cindy Pollock & David Levant	Laurel and Alan Swenson	Vic Henningsen
CJ Frankiewicz	Lenore Reiser	Wonderfeet
Cliff and Kay Reed	Louise O'Keefe	
David and Nancy Birdsall	Marian Hochberg	
David Potter	Marshall Klein	

Stories Told in Tinmouth:

Tinmouth Old Firehouse



**Please join us for an ongoing series of storytelling evenings at the Tinmouth Old Firehouse in beautiful downtown Tinmouth
Weather permitting - the 2nd Friday of each month – 7:00 PM.**

December 12 – *Kitchen Adventures*
(future prompts will be chosen at each event)

January 9

February 13

March 13

April 10

Come share your true **5-minute story** with a live audience of kind and supportive listeners, or come to listen and enjoy!

Use the prompt to inspire you, or share a story based on your own inspiration.
Stories about Tinmouth are always welcome.

~ Please join us for the fun and refreshments ~

This event is based on our desire to share experiences in stories.
It is based on the STORY SLAM model. **Audience members put their name in a basket and storytellers are chosen randomly to tell their true story.**

**This is a free event sponsored by the Tinmouth Community Fund.
All are welcome!**

Follow us on Facebook: facebook.com/TinmouthOldFirehouseConcerts

**Tinmouth Old Firehouse Concerts & Town Events
Questions: 802-881-6775 (call or text)**

~ Meeting Highlights ~

Complete minutes are available at the town office.

All highlights are edited by Ye Olde Editor.

Select Board (SB) ~ 10/9/2025 (Regular)

Present were members Judy Gilmore, Kevin Eaton, and Melody Squier as well as Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Ann Lundquist, and Gail Fallar-Select Board Assistant (SBA) and Via Zoom: Cheryl Gonzalez – MRUUSD Superintendent, Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, and Rick Fallar.

Judy read the SB draft letter to the **Mill River Unified Union School District** (MRUUSD) regarding lack of maintenance at the Community Center and School – as required by the 2016 Agreement between the Town and the School District. Board approved and signed. It will be dropped off at the SU on Friday, along with a similar letter from the Community Center Board.

Cheryl advised that she is committed to working collaboratively to get the repairs done. And is willing to take a walk-about prior to the MRUUSD Board meeting on the 15th at the Community Center. A contractor has been hired to do the repair on the kitchen wall before cold weather. The Board expressed concern that the damage may be major due to its repair not being done sooner. She explained the bid process required and lack of contractors willing to submit a bid. She also noted that the concern should be directed to the MRUUSD's Building and Grounds Committee first.

Sherry Johnson expressed concern with the handicap ramp and the need for it to be repaired before the Fire Department's Game Supper in late November.

The Board asked the local contractors/carpenters be included in the bid process.

Minutes of 9/2/25, 9/11/25, 9/23/25 and 9/29/25 were not yet ready, tabled until next meeting.

Highway ~

Eric noted paving is done, gravel shouldering on the road side of the new pavement will happen soon

Financial ~

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

Bills and Orders ~ Board reviewed warrants, and voted to approve and accept. Payroll warrants #11, 12, 13, and 14 and accounts payable #6, 7, and 8.

Board voted to transfer the former ARPA funding (now part of the end of year fund balance) that was transferred to the Capital Building (\$15K) and the Old Creamery Project (\$20K), then back to the General Fund due to ARPA rules, back to the respective special funds.

Attorney for PUC Process – Gail advised that a draft PUC decision denied the ITW application for a Certificate of Public Good, based on substantial deference to the Tinnmouth Town Plan and Zoning Regulations. ITW still has time to appeal. After brief discussion, Kevin moved and Melody seconded to hire Andrew D. Cliburn, Esq.

and the firm DesMeules, Olmstead & Ostler, conditioned on ITW appealing the PUC draft decision. A donor has already wired the \$10,000 retainer.

After brief discussion, Board voted to apply for a Municipal Planning Grant with the assistance of RRPC, for updating the **Local Hazard Mitigation Plan** due to expire in April of 2026.

Recreation Committee Appointment ~ The Board appointed Chris Martone to the Recreation Committee based on the Committee's recommendation.

Treasurer advised that the late **Annie Robbins** donated \$5,000 to the Town to be passed along to the Tinnmouth Community Scholarship Fund (\$3K) and the Tinnmouth Pond Milfoil Project (\$2K). The Board expressed appreciation to Annie for including these organizations in her will.

Members Concerns ~ Kevin expressed concern with the amount of trash scattered on the ground at the transfer station, current culprits of pulling it out of the dumpster and spreading it around appear to be ravens/crows. A new wire mesh cover is being worked on - the current plastic tarp was easily damaged by the birds/bears.

Salt shed – Board discussed abundance of hoop buildings appearing on Facebook Market place – need to revisit that subject – added to November agenda.

Pavilion Use Guidelines – discussed edits, need to define 'neat and tidy' and add a welcome message. Added to November agenda as well.

Select Board (SB) ~ 10/28/2025 (Special)

Present were members Judy Gilmore, Kevin Eaton, and Melody Squier, as well as Michael Fallar, Planning Commission Chair and Gail Fallar, via Zoom: no one.

Kevin called the meeting to order at 5:30, welcomed everyone and noted the purpose of the meeting was to accept the proposed update to the Town Plan.

Michael, as PC Chair, explained the process – the PC started in 2022, but due to several factors and change of staff at RRPC, it's full review was delayed. The current version is complete, but will have amendments proposed in the coming year to further update certain sections which include the EEP (Enhanced Energy Plan), telecommunications, resource protection, aging in place, river and stream bank protection, and updating the historic map, due to time running out.

Michael also noted that the PC is a dedicated group with nine members who meet consistently.

Board voted to accept the proposed Town Plan. The Board then set a hearing date of Monday, December 1st at 5:00 to gather public input on the proposed Plan.

In other business, the Board moved its regular November 13th meeting to Tuesday the 11th as all members are planning on attending a special event for local leaders - a Reimaging Rural Capacity Summit on Thursday the 13th in Randolph.

Planning Commission ~ 10/23/25 Meeting and Hearings for Town Plan and VFLLC Subdivision

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

Others present: Kevin Brown (applicant), Cate Stone, and Gail Fallar Sec., and via Zoom: Sherry Johnson

Subdivision application 25-01 for the Valentine Farm LLC requested to amend its 24-01 permit. There was no mylar filed, as the surveyor needed to complete work, therefore that permit is not valid. There are five lots that have minor changes to their original acreage/lot lines. Michael read the notice, no interested parties were present, no comments from PC members. The Zoning Administrator noted the correct deed book is 49, pages 3-7, and the new mylars have been filed in Map Book 3, page 42 for lots 4, 6, and 7 and page 43 for lots 1,5, and 6. PC voted to approve application 25-01 as presented.

Opened Hearing for Town Plan

Michael advised there would be more work on the update once the Select Board adopts/approves proposed version. No public comments received via mail, email, telephone or at the Hearing. PC voted to move the proposed Town Plan to the Select Board for their review and approval. Hearing Closed.

Members decided to work on other proposed Town Plan updates in the new year, need to meet with RRPC to work out a schedule.

Members raised concerns with having to re-visit a subdivision permit – advised the Zoning Administrator to not accept an application until it was complete. PC voted to add language to the application, process and guidelines to ensure only complete applications are accepted and brought to the PC.

Update of the proposed ITW 2-way radio tower – Gail advised that ITW had filed an objection to the proposed denial of the certificate of public good and the Town's recommendation to deny. Most likely the Public Utility Commission will order a hearing to be held. The Select Board had hired an attorney for the next steps.

Ann reported she attended a RRPC meeting regarding the new Rutland Regional Plan. There are several towns in the county that would like to have more development – Killington would like to be the 'hub' of the county. She noted it was generally a positive plan.

Members decided to not have a regular meeting in November. Will meet again on December 18th.

Conservation Commission ~ 10/120/25

With thanks to Robbie Leeds, Sec.

Present were members Ed Hasenohr, Robbie Leeds, Doug Fontein; via zoom Doug Inkley and Colleen Balch, as well as other Gail Fallar.

Agenda additions: Doug Inkley-discussion on Phragmites

aka "Common Reed" and Doug Fontein-discussion on trails pertaining to his communication with Charles C. and the Drachman Trail.

Doug F. reported on the August 16th work day. Doug F., Colleen, Cathy R, Theresa Hoffman, and Ed were present. They cleaned up blow downs, re-blazed trails, and tidied up the trail. Colleen mentioned it was a good amount of work and they got everything they wanted to complete for the day done.

On another Purchase Loop hike, Doug, Robbie, David L. and Cathy, did trail mapping using *All Trails* and Doug re-enforced the toilet seat to prevent porcupine damage.

Doug F. reminded everyone that the Bike signage is up. This sign lets trail users know if the conditions are acceptable for biking. As a Commission, we need to update the sign depending on the trail conditions.

Doug F. noted the state of the trails should be good for Cross Country skiing.

Ed then moved discussion to what needs to be done for future trail maintenance.

Ed mentioned the bog bridges may need some work. Doug F. said there were some more blow downs to clean up. It was agreed a work day in spring should be planned.

Doug F. let the committee know that Robbie and himself will be mapping the Merrill Springs Road to Ricketts Road Trail using the *All Trails* app as well.

Doug I. expressed some concerns about motorized vehicles on the trail. After discussion, it was acknowledged that it is a "trail" and not a class 4 road. The trail is used to access sap lines with motorized vehicles.

Doug F. suggested adding some signage to both recognize that it is a trail and to show who/what can access it. Doug I. agreed to write something up for this.

More trails and trail ideas were discussed but no actions were taken on them because further discussion with land owners is needed. Added to agenda next CC meeting.

Doug I. updated the group on the work day he headed to remove the old sap lines on the Ridge trail. He and two other volunteers removed and disposed of it.

Doug I. shared some of his research on Phragmites (Common Reed). Noting that there is a lot in Tinmouth and that the invasive species is hard to get rid of.

The Commission decided that they would write up some information about Phragmites and share it on social channels in Tinmouth (FPF, Tales, etc.) so community members can become more aware of it.

The next meeting was set for Monday, 12/15 at 7pm.

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~ Nature Notes ~

Super moon – nights with a large red ring around it. Lots of roaring winds, rain, most leaves have fallen. Tamarack and beeches and birches have been brilliant yellow, deep reds of the oaks hanging on.

Nights with lots of satellites streaming through the sky. November 2nd there was a snow cap on Tinnmouth Mountain. On November 10th & 11th several inches of snow fell all over town, and stuck!!



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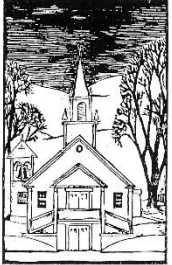
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Mandala Rock Painting Class	Sunday	2nd	1:00-4:00	Old Fire House
Fire Department	Thursday	6th	7:00	Fire House
Recreation Committee	Monday	10th	7:00	Town Office/Virtual
Select Board ~ Change of Night	Tuesday	11th	7:00	Town Office & Virtual
Planning Commission		No Meeting this Month		
Tales of Tinmouth Deadline	Thursday	20th		Don't Miss It!
TVFD Game Supper	Saturday	22nd	4:00	Community Center
Community Thanksgiving Service	Sunday	23rd	4:30	Church
And Supper				

~ December 2025 Calendar of Events ~

Equity & Inclusion Comm.	Thursday	4th	6:15	Town Office /Virtual
Fire Department	Thursday	4th	7:00	Fire House
Concert	Friday	5th	7:30	Old Fire House
Christmas Bazaar	Saturday	6th	9 am – 2 pm	Wallingford Congo Church
Christmas Bazaar	Saturday	6th	9 am – 2 pm	St Patrick's Church
Vermont Reads	Saturday	6th	1:30	Tinmouth Roadhouse
Select Board	Thursday	11th	7:00	Town Office/Virtual
Story Telling	Friday	12th	7:30 – 9:30	Old Fire House
Food Drive	Saturday	13th	10-Noon	Old Fire House
Planning Commission	Thursday	18th	7:00	Town Office/Virtual
Tales of Tinmouth Deadline	Saturday	20th		Don't Miss It!

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

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

~ *The Library is open Thursdays 2:00-5:00 PM ~ And the first Saturday of the month, 10-noon.*

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