

TALES OF TINMOUTH

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Editors' Notes: *Happy Spring, well almost!!*

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).

~ Town Meeting 2026 ~

About 25 voters attended the informational meeting on February 28th, 139 voters cast ballots on March 3rd – 109 in person and 20 via early/absentee voting.

Voters re-elected the following officers:

Moderator - **Holly Ross**
Select Board Member - **Judy Gilmore**
Community Center Board Member –
Martha Stanley
Town Clerk – **Gail Fallar**
Treasurer – **Gail Fallar**
Lister - **Gail Fallar**
Auditor – **Ann Czar**
Tax Collector (Delinquent) – **Cat Yoder**

Town and School budgets and all public questions were also approved.

Tinmouth Community Potluck *A time to share food & stories*



A Family Friendly event to share food and stories with neighbors and friends.

Please bring an appetizer, main dish, or dessert that has some significance to you. It may be a recipe that's been passed down over the generations, or an old family favorite, or a special dish you discovered while traveling.

This is a time to share memories and stories inspired by some of our favorite foods!

Join us at the Tinmouth Community Center
for more information contact Melody Squier at 802-779-4893
This event is hosted by the Tinmouth Equity and Inclusion committee

~ Dog Licenses Due April 1st ~



Vermont law requires all dogs, aged 6 months and older, to be registered by April 1st each year. A current rabies certificate is required. You can call the Town Office if you don't know if your dog needs a shot or not.

Fees are \$11 for neutered/spayed dogs and \$15 for those that are not.

You can also license them by mail if you wish.

~ Homestead Declaration ~

This is a reminder that you need to file an **annual** Homestead Declaration with the Vermont Department of Taxes, form HS-122. You must file this to qualify for the homestead education tax rate and to request a property tax adjustment if you are eligible.

You must also file form HI-144 (household income), **due April 15th**. This is required even if you do not have to file or pay state income taxes.

~ Tinmouth Historical & Genealogical Society ~

THGS will meet on **Sunday, March 22nd** at 1:30 at the Town Office, to discuss possible programs for 2026 – an archeological dig at one of the old iron works sites, 250th Celebration, interview of a Tinmouth 'elder'?

All are welcome, refreshments will be provided.

~ Community News ~

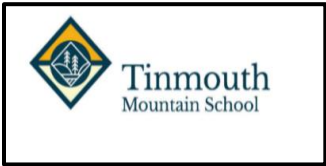
Get Well Wishes are sent to **Helen Young, Chuck Bronk, Beth Eaton, Alice Hoisington, Thom & Carolyn Feury, and Elsie Smith.**

Heartfelt Sympathies are sent to friends and family of **Carl Buffum**; and to family and friends of **Walter Bohlin.**

Ian Sinclair sent this note: *Sadly, Scott Buzby passed away on February 11 at the age of 97. He absolutely loved his time on Tinmouth Pond but was unfortunately not able to make the trek the past few summers due to ongoing health challenges. Penny is still doing ok and we hope she can make a visit when the weather is warmer.*

~ Tinmouth's Website ~

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



The 5th and 6th graders did it! They have raised enough funds to support their overnight trip to

Boston this May. A big thank you goes out to our entire community: staff, parents, volunteers, and supporters, who helped make this opportunity possible. Your generosity and encouragement mean so much.

These same students have also been taking advantage of the cross-country skis during recess, which has inspired younger students to give it a try as well. It has been wonderful watching them persevere through the challenges of learning a new skill while encouraging and helping one another along the way.

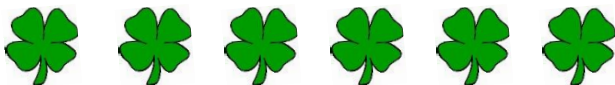
In March, our students in grades 3–6 will take the state assessment (VTCAP). In preparation, students will spend time learning how to navigate the tools available to them on the computer and will participate in practice sessions to become more familiar with the system. We recognize that students have a wide range of feelings about assessments, from nervousness and anxiety to simply seeing it as another task to complete. This year, TMS is working to shift that mindset by encouraging students to view the assessment as an opportunity to demonstrate what they know and to take pride in their effort. We hope that through preparation, familiarity, and support, students will feel more confident and ready to meet the challenge.

Lastly, I would like to revisit TMS’s continuous improvement goals that I shared last month. I am proud to report that we met them! Our students increased math performance from 15.6% to 30% at or above benchmark, and reading performance rose from 60% to 63%. These gains reflect the hard work of our students and staff. As always, I welcome conversations about our school’s data. While I may not have every answer immediately, I am committed to asking questions, learning, and continuing to support our students’ growth.

Have a fabulous March!

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



How does Rutland Free Library serve Tinmouth?



Books. But you knew that. Books in print, magazines, newspapers. **Some 70,000 items to borrow or browse onsite ... fiction, nonfiction, graphic novels, large type.**

Online books. Libby offers **ebook and audio book downloads.** You can play them on a laptop, desktop, tablet, phone. They **DO NOT** require a lot of broadband. A typical file is about 20MB ... a fraction of streaming services, and requires a single download, not a stream. Take it hiking, skiing, out to the back 40. **The Palace Project** also offers **ebook and audiobook downloads ...** a different selection, available in several languages. **We recently added online magazines,** which have no waitlists or restrictions.

Movies. If you’ve got the bandwidth, **we’ve got the streaming shows.** Kanopy and Biblio+ offer high-quality movies, documentaries, and series. Kanopy also has **The Great Courses.** Freegal offers **free music streams (ad free!) and downloads.** For folks with **DVD machines, we’ve got movies and TV shows** on those handy little discs.

Programs. Reading clubs, storytimes, yoga, book club, speakers ... **Et cetera**

Charge us! Ever get into town and need a phone or other device charged? We can help (**plugs, cords, adapters, even a comfy chair or 30**). Cool off in summer or get warm in winter. Enjoy a public access PC to upload photos, check your email. We don’t judge.

Meet a friend. In person or online. Book a **conference room for a personal or business meeting,** make a Zoom call with our fiber-optic network.

Learn something new. Our databases (fact-checked and trustworthy), cover everything from homeschool essentials to Chilton (car repair manuals), Mango Language, Consumer Reports, Morningstar investment guides ... all available at no charge to residents of towns (**Yay Tinmouth! Thank you!**) that support our library.

www.rutlandfree.org * 10 Court St Rutland VT 05701 * 802-773-1860

With thanks to Randal Smathers, RFL Director

Note: All Tinmouth residents can get a FREE Library card at the Rutland Free Library!

From *Colleen Balch* on behalf of the
Tinmouth Conservation Commission

Hope you're all out enjoying the winter season. Tinmouth's Conservation Commission is asking for everyone's help to figure out where a particular plant called Phragmites grows in our town. This is the perfect time to look for Phragmites canes before leaves sprout again. We'd like to help folks protect Tinmouth's waters, favorite pastimes, and our enjoyment of the Vermont we're so lucky to have.

This plant is an enormous grass. It can grow to 10-12 feet tall in the wet places it likes. It grows in such dense patches that it strangles and kills off all the other plants that used to grow there. And, unfortunately, it provides poor habitat for Vermont's fish and eliminates the plants that our native wildlife need. Getting rid of Phragmites is much harder than not letting it get a firm toehold in the first place. Over time, people have figured out the things that work to get rid of it. Want to see what Phragmites looks like? Head out of the town center on Route 140 toward Ira, and find the spot on your left, across from the start of North End Road, where there used to be an open water pond that is now 100% Phragmites. (*Editor's Note – that used to be called the 'Cat Tail Pond'!!*)

To help the Conservation Commission figure out how we can do the most to help our town, as you walk Tinmouth's land in late winter, are out sugaring, snowshoeing, on a snow machine, or taking a drive in town, please let us know where you've found any of this plant and we'll add it to our map.

If you've got a smartphone in your pocket or a computer at home, send us a note telling us where you found this plant, and a couple photos too. You can send us info via email to celibalch@gmail.com or through a text to 209-822-8628. Add Phragmites to the subject line, and thanks in advance for protecting and caring for our great little town. If you're low tech and want to chat, you can call the number as well. We'll keep you posted on how things are going.

Let us know if you'd like to get even more involved, the more the merrier. And, if you're looking for more information about how to control invasive plants effectively and safely, check out this page on the Vermont DEC website:

<https://vtinvasives.org/invasive/common-reed>.

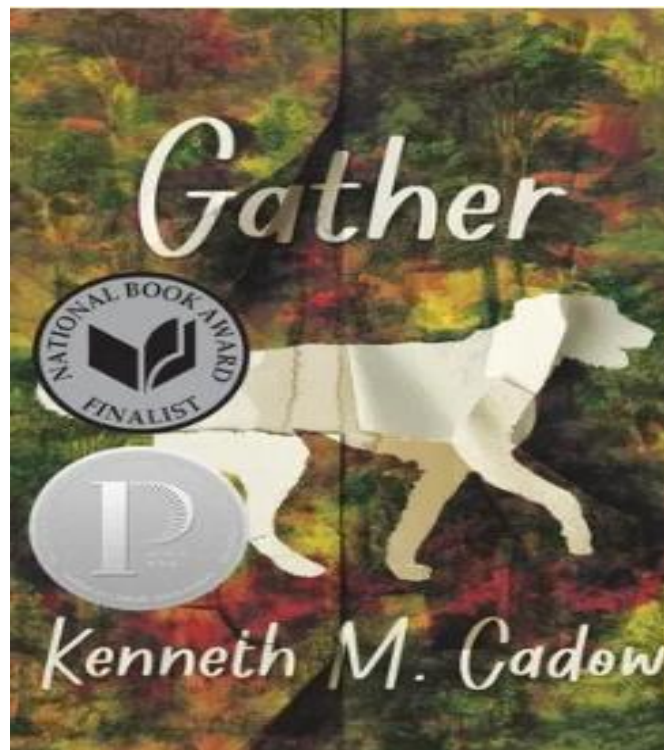
*"Winter is on my head,
but eternal Spring is in my heart."
~ Victor Hugo*

Cookies, Tea and a Book Discussion of
Gather

Saturday, March 21 at 10:30

Tinmouth Old Firehouse

by *Cathy Reynolds*



Join us for a discussion of Gather.

Ian is a resourceful teenager from rural Vermont. He isn't supposed to have a dog, but his adopted pup Gather soon becomes a good friend. Although he hasn't yet finished high school, Ian works hard to take care of his mother, who is trying to overcome her addiction to opioids. In between classes and other responsibilities, Ian helps his family make ends meet by fixing things for neighbors and working at a sawmill off the books. Sadly, he needed to quit the school's basketball team to support his family.

Above all, Ian wants his family to remain on the land where they have lived for generations. But after a tragedy, he and Gather leave Vermont. Living on the run, Ian draws on his well-honed survival skills to care for himself and his dog. At the same time, a community of folks come together to try to provide a way home for Ian and Gather. Copies of the book can be checked out of your local library and the Tinmouth Library has several copies available for loan whenever the Town Office is open. This is a great book whether you come to discuss it or not.

Marsha Cassel will be our book discussion leader. There is no charge – Sponsored by the Tinmouth and Middletown Springs Libraries. Info 802-881-6775.

Tinmouth residents and groups – you could get a grant or scholarship from the Tinmouth Community Fund!

By Todd Dennis

Applying is easy and help is available to complete your application.

The Tinmouth Community Fund is pleased to announce grants and scholarships available for 2026. Last year 33 groups or individuals received grants totaling over \$24,000. All applications are due April 1 by 11:59 pm and awards are made at a community event in May.

There are several categories of grants and scholarships (award amounts may change following a TCF Board meeting in mid-March):

The Tinmouth Community Fund offers grants of up to \$599 for individual projects that support the community. Grants made to non-profit organizations, the school or committees of the Town can apply for grants up to \$750. <https://tinyurl.com/TCFG> Reminder: If you have been awarded a grant in 2025 we need a final grant report. The final grant report is required prior to being considered for another grant.

<https://tinyurl.com/TCFGGrantFinalReport>

K-12 Camp Scholarships are available up to \$350 (a 50% match is required) for students to support summer camps or extracurricular activities that charge a fee. <https://tinyurl.com/TCFK12>

The Continuing Education Scholarship Fund offers scholarships for education beyond high school such as 2 or 4 year colleges, internships, training programs, CDL training, yoga or massage school, lineman training or other continuing education opportunities. Scholarships are awarded based on the application and financial need. Funds can be used for tuition, room and board, books, travel, child-care to allow attendance and other costs of attending.

<https://tinyurl.com/ContinuingEducationScholarship>

The Small Business Grant awards up to \$500 to support or enhance a Tinmouth business.

<https://tinyurl.com/TCFSmallBusiness>

The Susan McIntosh Lloyd Scholarship supports those wishing to pursue music, agriculture or forestry with annual grants. <http://tinyurl.com/SusanMcIntoshLloyd> Last year we supported music lessons for residents of all ages.

The Pam Garceau Memorial Scholarship awards \$2,000 annually to a Tinmouth High School graduate who is pursuing a college degree, this application is an optional essay in the Continuing Education Scholarship: <https://tinyurl.com/ContinuingEducationScholarship>

More information about the Community Fund and all grant applications are available at the Tinmouthvt.gov website or by following this link:

<https://tinmouthvt.gov/community-fund/>

If you want help applying, reach out to one of our Board members by phone or email.

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or email us at tinmouthcommunityfund@gmail.com

~ Legislative Contact Info ~

The Vermont General Assembly half way through its session, meeting in person but also sometimes virtually. If you wish to contact your State Senators or Representatives, here is the info:

You can call the Sergeant-at-Arms at 1-800-322-5616 and leave a message, or use email addresses below.

Rutland-Bennington District –

Rep. Chris Pritchard: cpritchard@leg.state.vt.us

Rutland County Senators-

Sen. Brian Collamore: bcollamore@leg.state.vt.us

Sen. David Weeks: dweeks@leg.state.vt.us

Sen. Terry Williams: tkwilliams@leg.state.vt.us

You can also access the Legislature's website at www.leg.state.vt.us. There you can find who is on which committee, what bills have been introduced, track each bill's progress, review committee agendas, etc. There is a wealth of information available. You may also be able to watch debate live via video links.

Your input can be important in their decision-making. Let them know your concerns!

Please Recycle or Pass Along Tales!!

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

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

**Friday, April (10 - 4) and
Saturday, April 14 (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

**~ Annual Committee and Officer Appointments ~
~ Vacancies – Positions Open ~**

Some folks have decided to not seek re-appointment.
*Thank you for your service and allowing others an
opportunity to serve/contribute.*

There are two openings on the Conservation
Commission, and a vacancy on the Website Committee –
does anyone know Word Press?

A new **Health Officer** is needed (these are nominated
by the Select Board and officially appointed by the
Vermont Department of Health). Currently Kevin Eaton
is tasked with doing this as Chair of the Select Board.

If you are interested in serving on any of these, or any
of the other annual appointments (see pages 2 & 3 of the
town report) or need more information about the duties of
the various committees, please call the Town Office at
802-446-2498 by April 9th. The Select Board will be
making annual appointments that night.

Please consider serving your community.

~ Nature Notes ~

Lots of reports of robins and red-winged black birds!
Snow drops appeared on March 10th, daffodils are poking
up about 2 inches!

The weather has been wild, record high temps (70
degrees), 2 feet of snow melting with barely any run-off,
then back to 15 degrees, and LOTS of high winds!!

And there was a lunar eclipse with the Blood Moon!!

Bear Alert – The Vermont Fish & Game Department
advised removing all bird feeders as bears are coming out
of their dens and they are hungry!!

A bald eagle was spotted catching a crow!



**~ 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.

**Public Meetings
Notice**

Every eight years, the Rutland Regional
Planning Commission (RRPC) updates
its visionary plan for the future of the
Rutland Region. The strategies outlined
in this plan guide decisions on how
communities will grow and develop.

Shape Our Future Together!

The RRPC has finished drafting the
2026 Rutland Regional Plan update and
begun the plan adoption process. The
first public hearing is on March 17, 2026
in Rutland City.

To encourage public participation in the
Plan adoption process, the RRPC is
hosting three supplemental public
meetings around the Region.

The final public hearing will be held on
May 19, 2026 in Rutland City.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission
is accepting general and specific
comments on whether the
2026 Rutland Regional Plan
conforms to the
state planning goals
in 24 VSA§4302.



2026
RUTLAND REGIONAL PLAN

Brandon

Thursday, March 19, 2026 @ 6:00 PM
Town Hall, 1 Conant Square

Wallingford

Tuesday, March 24, 2026 @ 5:00 PM
Town Hall, 75 School Street

Poultney

Thursday, March 26, 2026 @ 5:30 PM
Public Library, 205 Main Street

Visit rutlandrpc.org/plan2026
for remote access links for each
meeting and more information,
including a copy of the
proposed Plan.

**~ TINMOUTH GREEN UP ~
2026**

Green Up Day is Saturday, May 2nd



Mark your calendars, more details next
month in *Tales* and on Front Porch Forum.

There are green-up bags available at the Town Office.
Please stop and grab a couple if you would like to get
started early!! *Thank you.*

Stories Told in Tinmouth: Tinmouth Old Firehouse



Please join us for the final storytelling evening of the season
at the Tinmouth Old Firehouse in beautiful downtown Tinmouth
Weather permitting – April 10th – 7:00 PM.

April 10 - the prompt: Animal Encounters

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)**

Tinmouth Contra Dance is Back!

By Cathy Reynolds

When: **Mar 6, 2026, 7 to 10 PM**

Where: **Tinmouth, VT**

We have scheduled three dances and if we get enough dancers, we will schedule more.

Join us at the Tinmouth Community Center on March 6 from 7-10 for the first contra dance since 2020.

We also have scheduled two more dances on **May 1 and June 5**. (First Friday, but skipping April).

There will be a live band and caller and we will have a beginner lesson at 6:45 if you want some pointers. All dances are
taught and you do not need a partner. We will have yummy refreshments and are hoping to have enough dancers to make
this event a success! Sliding Scale \$15-\$25 suggested per person.

This dance is sponsored by the Tinmouth Recreation Committee and dedicated volunteers who love to dance.

Info at 802-881-6775

~ Meeting Highlights ~

Complete minutes are available at the town office.
All highlights are edited by Ye Olde Editor.

Select Board (SB) ~ 2/12/2026 (Regular)

Members present: Kevin Eaton and Judy Gilmore, and Melody Squier; others present: Eric Buffum–Road Commissioner and Gail Fallar-Select Board Assistant (SBA) and via Zoom: Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, and Rick Fallar

Members reviewed the **agenda** – added an executive session to discuss personnel issues.

Citizen’s Input ~ None

Highway ~

Eric advised that there is a shortage of rock salt given the storms countrywide – may not get any more until the end of the month, if then. He talked with Innovative Solutions, the company that provides liquid chloride in the summer, who advised their product (magnesium chloride) works well in the winter as well, and all that is needed is a different sprayer bar. They also advised that there is a rust preventative in it. It is used to pre-treat, he used in the last storm, it worked great.

He also reported on the joint meeting with other road commissioners hosted by the state to discuss the salt situation with Innovative Solutions. There are other towns already using this product this way.

He reported he had contacted Viking Industries regarding the equipment for the new truck, build date is now in June. He asked them for a quote to change the tail gate to a “barn door”, opens from the side and adding a tank for the liquid salt, brings total to \$109,000, Board voted to approve.

Board moved discussion about salt/sand shed to the March meeting, wondered what the correct size might be per the tonnage currently being used.

New Road and Bridge Standards - after brief discussion, Board voted to approve.

Certificate of Compliance, Board signed that as well as the new Road and Bridge Standards.

VTRANS grant – structure or paving – will determine at March meeting.

Board asked SBA to contact Brian Sanderson, District 3 VTRANS, regarding **inspection of big culvert on North End Road** (the Channel runs through it).

Financial ~

FY26 **Financial Reports** were reviewed and approved. **Bills and Orders** ~ Board reviewed warrants. Board voted to approve and accept.

Old Business ~

Kevin, as Health Officer, reported he is continuing work on getting 605 Mtn. View cleaned up. Contractors need to do a site visit. SBA was instructed to contact an attorney for help with the lien for repayment of cost and an agreement to keep it clean.

New Business ~

Board reviewed draft *Guidance for serving on committees, commission, and boards* – to avoid conflicts of interest, clarify who can speak for a committee, separation of power, limit participation on multiple committees so others can have a chance to serve, etc. After discussion, Board postponed decision until March meeting, asked to have VLCT review/comment.

2024 and 2025 Grand Lists – Sealed and Signed No Suits or Appeals Pending- the Board of Listers and the Select Board signed to close and finalize those grand lists.

Executive Session - At 8:10. Board entered executive session to discuss personnel issues. Board members and the SBA attended, those on zoom signed off. At 8:36 Board exited the executive session; Kevin noted no action will be taken at this time.

Planning Commission ~ 2/19/26

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

Others: present in-person: Gail Fallar Secretary and via Zoom: Sherry Johnson, Ali Jenkins, and Melody Squier.

Update of the proposed ITW tower – Gail advised that a time line to proceed has been established, still hoping that the PUC will determine that substantial deference for the Town’s recommendation to deny will prevail.

Judy reported that the Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) formally voted to accept and confirm the new Tinmouth Town Plan at their February 17th meeting. RRPC members were impressed that Tinmouth has a 9 member planning commission.

EPP – Enhance Energy Plan – Sean Beaty from RRPC will work on last draft (from July) and attend the PC meeting on March 19th. He will also bring updated maps and help with the other updates.

Ali advised she was attending to hear the update about the proposed tower.

Melody advised she had attended a webinar regarding the State’s new plan for housing – CHIP – found it very interesting, mentioned aging in place, housing development, VLCT has more information.

Scenic Resources ~ Members discussed holding an **Open House** to gather public input – decided on **Saturday, April 11th** – (all Sundays have been booked at the Old Fire House for April and May) to encourage community members to gather to discuss scenic/important places that needed to be protected. These need to be specific – details needed for each site, photos, and a map marked with locations. A couple of those include the “fen” in the south end of town is a special environment, as is “The Channel” – a wonderful place to kayak or canoe. PC members will provide desserts – 2:00.

Members continued discussion about audio only vs video recording of meetings. Some members felt communication with sight is important, some folks find it easier to follow a video – hard to identify who is speaking with only audio. Concerns with AI and the video recordings of meetings being on the Internet – many felt members’ identity would be more secure if only audio recording was done – state statute allows audio or video. Those who participate via zoom can chose to use only audio (they can turn off their camera), those in person are captured on the Owl’s camera. More research and discussion is needed.

Members briefly discussed Act 181 and changes to Act 250 – need to pay attention to the rules being created for changes to a town’s rights for planning and effects on landowner’s use of their property.

Members were reminded about upcoming informational and town meeting – need to invite everyone to the Open House in April.

Meeting adjourned and members devoured cookies provided by Cris Carabeau (again, thank you!!).

Conservation Commission ~ 2/16/26

With thanks to Colleen Balch, temp scribe

Present were members Ed Hasenohr, Doug Inkley - remote, Colleen Balch - remote, and Doug Fontein, as well as Gail Fallar (town clerk).

It was noted there was an online webinar for Phragmites Removal and a presentation by the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council concerning the draft Vermont Conservation Plan, for anyone available or interested.

Ongoing Business:

Doug will reach out to a land owner to set up a site/trail inspection. When a former owner had the property, he installed a fence and the fence pushes the trail around the field, out of its approved right of way. (*Editor’s Note: It is an official town trail*). The CC is curious to know how he feels about the trail as it exists currently (can it be returned to its previous route through the woods? Trail is from near the intersection of Wright’s Road and Mtn. View Road heading west to Merrill Spring Rd.

Phragmites Discussion:

After a brief discussion, members voted to authorize Colleen to edit for brevity and submit an article on phragmites to the *Tales of Tinmouth* and to Front Porch Forum.

Another Town Trail – South End of Merrill Springs Rd to the end of Ricketts Road. After discussion members decided that Doug Inkley (as a landowner) and Doug Fontien (on behalf of the Conservation Commission) will attend the next Select Board meeting to propose that the SB determine that the trail’s acceptable use be restricted

to non-motorized traffic with the exception of landowners engaged in land management activities.

Trail adjacent landowners are not opposed to the trail, but they have witnessed and are concerned by continued motorized vehicle use on the trail that encourages the trespass on connected private trails on private property and worsens potential erosion on private property.

Adjacent landowners will post the junctions of their trails with the Town Trail. (*The Town Trail is fairly flat and straight – 4 -wheelers and snowmobilers use it to get to the private trail that goes up and over the mountain and beyond.*)

The Conservation Commission will suggest that the Select Board approve signage at both ends of the Town Trail with the text: Town Trail Authorized Vehicles Only.

Next meeting will be April 20th.

Old Creamery Committee ~ 2/22/26

Members present: Vito Macaluso, Stan Wilbur, and Michael Fallar

Also present: Gail Fallar – Town Treasurer

Financial report: \$25,611.05 in the check book. The \$20,000 in former ARPA funds has been transferred back from the General Fund surplus by the Select Board.

Progress Update ~

Lead paint ~ Stan reached out, is waiting to hear from someone in Rutland to understand options, and get an estimate of inspection and report.

Discussed a work day in May – the 16th to work on removing plywood covering windows and doors and replace glass to make the building more presentable.

Michael will set up his staging again to try to finish painting south wall – most of it was primed last fall. Some claps need to be nailed. Perhaps a weekend in May or June. He volunteered his time, asked that his helpers be paid, members agreed by consensus.

Maintenance schedule – paint one side each year – 2026 – south; 2027-west; 2028 – north; 2029 east. Vito inquired about when the Town would assume maintenance – it is a town building. The OCC and THGS has brought the building back from the grave, raising nearly \$40K with donations, and grants, (less than \$4K was tax payer dollars).

Discussion about whether the building is on the National Historic Register, or just part of the National Historic District. Need to find paperwork from late 1980’s. Should the building have a plaque?

Members felt three members was a good number for the committee, will so advise the Select Board.





Imagination Library Gifts Books to Local Nonprofits

Rutland, Vermont — The Imagination Library at Rutland Free Library is celebrating Library Lovers Month (February) in a big way. As the program

approaches its fifth anniversary, it proudly announces that it has mailed 24,072 books and served 1,155 children living in Rutland City, Rutland Town, Ira, Mendon, and Tinmouth—communities affiliated with the Rutland Free Library.

The Imagination Library has also expanded its network of book donations to include three Rutland-area nonprofits. The program began a partnership with the Homeless Prevention Center four years ago, donating unclaimed books returned due to family address changes. That partnership now grows to include NewStory Center and Tatum’s Totes, both of which will also receive book donations. The goal of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library is to spark a love of reading at an early age.

“NewStory Center is thankful for the continued generosity of the Imagination Library. Books are a perfect way for a parent and child in crisis to escape for a short time. They offer moments of peace and the opportunity to dream of a future free of violence,” stated Avaloy Lanning MSW, Executive Director of NewStory Center. Elizabeth Grimes, Founder of Tatum’s Totes explained, “We would like to thank the Imagination Library at Rutland Free Library for their donation of books to Tatum’s Totes. We love to include books in every bag going out to our Vermont children in foster care. We are run solely on donations from our community members and appreciate all the generous donations that we receive.”

“The books we are able to pass on to families through the Imagination Library bring a lot of smiles,” said Angus Chaney, Executive Director, Homeless Prevention Center. “Kids love the chance to pick out a book and bring it home with them, whether that home is one of our shelter apartments or home to their own apartment. A book that is a manageable-size world you can bring with you wherever you go.”

The Imagination Library at Rutland Free Library is open to all children under the age of five living in Rutland City, Rutland Town, Ira, Mendon, and Tinmouth. Eligible children who sign up at:

www.rutlandfree.org/imagine receive one free, brand-new, age-appropriate book each month until their fifth birthday.

Families in other communities can visit www.imaginationlibrary.com to find a local program.



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Town Meeting Voting	Tuesday	3 rd	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM	Community Center
E & I Committee	Thursday	5 th	6:00	Town Office
Fire Department	Thursday	5 th	7:00	Fire House
Recreation Committee	Monday	9 th	7:00	Town Office/Virtual
Select Board	Thursday	12 th	7:00	Town Office/Virtual
Story Telling	Friday	13 th	7:00	Old Fire House
Rummage Sale	Saturday	14 th	8:00-2:00	Community Center
Community Fund Board	Monday	16 th	7:00	Town Office/Virtual
Planning Commission	Thursday	19 th	7:00	Town Office/Virtual
<i>Tales of Tinmouth</i> Deadline	Friday	20 th		Don't Miss It!
Heritage Family Dinner	Saturday	21 st	5:00-7:00	Community Center
THGS Meeting	Sunday	22 nd	1:30	Town Office
E & I Committee	Thursday	26 th	7:00	Town Office
Select Board - Special	Thursday	26 th	7:30	Town Office/Virtual

~ April 2026 Calendar of Events ~



Fire Department	Thursday	2 nd	7:00	Fire House
Easter Service	Sunday	5 th	9:00	Church
Select Board	Thursday	9 th	7:00	Town Office
Story Telling	Friday	10 th	7:00	Old Fire House
Conservation Commission	Monday	20 th	7:00	Town Office/Virtual
Planning Commission	Thursday	16 th	7:00	Town Office/Virtual
<i>Tales of Tinmouth</i> Deadline	Monday	20 th		Don't Miss It!
THGS Meeting	Sunday	19 th	1:30	Town Office

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

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

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