

TALES OF TINMOUTH

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Editors' Notes: *May has escaped us, June is now upon us. Sadly, May news was deleted (Green-Up, Plant Sale, Bell Ringing, Contra Dance, TCF Award Night), but a bit of July's has been added!*

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).

~ Donations and Support for Tales is Needed!! ~

Speaking of the *Tales of Tinmouth*, expenses for 2025 totaled \$2,934.82 and revenues were only \$2,383.00, so we ended the year **\$551.82 short**. All time spent gathering information, layout, editing, proofing, folding, taping and sorting is done by volunteers. The only paid expenses are for paper, printing and postage.

Your donations are needed to enable *Tales* to continue. Your support is greatly appreciated. *Tales* is now in its 40th year of publication, being mailed to all town property owners, residents, and some past residents who like to keep up with Tinmouth news. Nearly 500 copies are sent each month.

It is not a 'Town' endeavor, although the Town allows us to use the copier, *Tales* reimburses the Town for paper and the cost of printing. It is a private entity.

Most years, donations have covered expenses, but not so in the last few years. Only about 50 subscribers send money on a yearly basis. Many thanks to those loyal donors!!

Please send contributions to *Tales of Tinmouth*, 515 North End Road, Tinmouth, VT 05773.

Thank you very kindly for your help.

Ye Olde Editor ~ **Gail Fallar**

~ 2026 Grand List Work ~

The Board of Listers, Rick, Pat, and Gail, have been out and about taking photos and measuring new structures to add to the Grand List. They are also updating ownership for those who have bought or sold since April 1, 2025. April 1 is the cut-off date for determining ownership, so if you purchased after 4/1/2026, your name will not appear on the Grand List until 2027 – you will receive a tax bill for this year in the former owner's name. April 1 is also the date the Listers use for % done for new construction.

Change of Value notices will be mailed soon, with Grievance Hearings to be held thereafter, date has not yet been set.

Any questions, please call the Town Office at 802-446-2498 or email tinmouthlisters@vermontel.net.

~ TINMOUTH GREEN UP ~

~ 2026 ~



Thank you to all who partook in Green-Up this spring, there were a number of families who gathered to clean up on May 2nd, and many others who made time to clean up the roadsides individually.

People are also welcome to continue Green-Up by getting bags from the Town Office and cleaning a section of roadside as your schedule allows. While nearly all roads were covered, within a couple of weeks stuff started appearing once again. 😞

And there is also the option of "adopting" a section of roadway in town and keeping it litter-free year-round as you walk or drive on it.

Thank you as well to the Green-Up Committee and the Conservation Commission for your efforts to organize this event every spring.

~ Annual Tinmouth Plant Sale Thank You ~



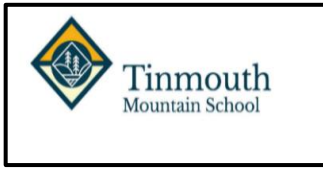
The 2026 Tinmouth Plant Sale raised \$14,451.29 to support the Tinmouth Community Fund!!

Thank you to the many volunteers who make this event happen ~ plant donors, diggers, potters, transporters, sellers, buyers, and organizers. Great job!!

~ Tinmouth Historical & Genealogical Society ~ 250th Trivia Night at the Old Fire House Friday, August 7th – Save the Date!!

Do you know which battle of the Revolutionary War was actually fought in Vermont? How about the original name for Camel's Hump? Or who was the first governor of Vermont? Test your wits while spending time with family and friends. You'll compete against other teams for prizes and learn fun new facts about the Green Mountain state.

Vermont History Trivia is great way to have fun with friends and family. Expertise isn't necessarily needed-questions are multiple choice to help newbies and history lovers of all ages engage with our state's past (and present). For 2026, the Vermont Historical Society has created special sets of questions that explore aspects related to the 250th anniversary of the U.S. within Vermont. You may learn about things like early Vermonters, significant battles, Indigenous culture, or Vermont place names.



~ May School News ~

'Tis the season of warmer weather, spring sports, and end-of-year activities. May was full for us at TMS: 5th and 6th will be going to Boston for their overnight; K-4 will go to MRU to watch a Stage 20 performance; 3rd and 4th will visit Fort Ticonderoga; K-2 is going to Smokey House; TMS Spring Concert (5/27); and Pre-K to VINS. Those events and our regular academic lessons made May fly by.

This year, we have twelve 6th graders graduating: **Eddie Briggs, Chase Buffum, Olivia Davis, Tayla Davis, Aubrey Ford, Ethan French, Asher Galusha-Mulcock, Danny Gilmore, Aleyanna Morales, Reese Sumner, Lilah White, and Zachary Zielinski.** This is a big class! This class holds a special place in my heart, as they were starting Pre-K, and I was starting at TMS as their Pre-K paraeducator with Lisa Edge. I went on to teach many of them in 3rd, 4th, and now 6th-grade math. I know they are all more than ready to go off on their next adventure and will continue to grow into themselves.

Since the middle of April, I have been using a new program to send my Friday newsletters. At the beginning of the year, I changed how I sent my updates, and it wasn't very user-friendly. I was aware of the difficulties and wanted something more accessible for our families. Luckily, Sean Robinson brought to my attention that he uses Smore for his newsletters. I liked how it looked and how easily I could add photos. Moving forward (for now at least), I will continue to use this platform and have heard many positive comments. If you are interested in checking it out, please email me at:

jgalusha@millriverschools.org, and I will share the link.

Lastly, a special shout to **David Levant** and everyone involved in creating our new raised beds. Plus, many thanks to the **Parents' Club** for helping us kick off Spring Break with Spring Fest Fun.

~ June School News ~

The year is winding down, and there has been so much activity around our school, both inside and out. We are incredibly fortunate to have such an amazing community helping us close out the 2025–2026 school year with so many highlights.

Outside:

Our pollinator garden has been beautifully upgraded and restored thanks to **Cathy Reynolds and Tess McGinley.** It is now organized, vibrant, and thriving. My hope is to add plant labels so everyone can identify them, especially when we use the space for nature drawing.

In May, **David Birdsall** visited and planted a new tree

for us. The entire school had the opportunity to ask him questions, and he graciously answered each one. We are excited to have this new tree growing near the spot where the old one once stood on the playground. Our Wee Folk Playground has also been refreshed with a generous donation of wood chips from Hunter Woods Products, along with a new construction play area (featuring toys, sand, dirt, and rocks) provided by the **Maniery family.**

Inside:

We were fortunate to welcome artist Betty Gatewood, who worked with our 3rd/4th and 5th/6th grade classes. She created nature journals and guided them through the process of nature journaling. We also enjoyed a fabulous spring concert, our students worked incredibly hard, and their efforts truly paid off. Additionally, the Leed family generously donated new board games through a Community Fund grant. These games are a wonderful addition and will be enjoyed during indoor recess and special activity days.

Looking Ahead:

We will wrap up the school year with several exciting events:

- Field Day – June 8
- Graduation – June 10
- Elfin Lake Family Day – June 11
- Last Day of School (half day) – June 15

If you need to contact the school during the summer, please feel free to reach out via email at jgalusha@millriverschools.org.

Jenn Galusha-Brothers

Principal ~ Tinmouth Mountain School

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

~ **Workday at the Old Creamery ~**
Was Saturday, May 16th

The Tinmouth Historical and Genealogical Society (THGS) and the Old Creamery Committee's work day included replacing window panes, beginning work on restoring the old upstairs door, some painting, and some cleaning. Thank you to all who made an effort.

The late **Grant and Jo Reynolds** and former residents **Stan and Rene Wilbur, and others** worked very diligently to bring the building back to life – as a vital part of the historic Tinmouth Center. Vito Macaluso and Michael Fallar are continuing this effort.

~ **Tinmouth's Website ~**

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

Save the Date!!
Tinmouth Community Fun Day!
Saturday, July 11th in "downtown" Tinmouth
3:00 pm – 7:00 pm
By Sherry Johnson

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

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

This will be followed by *dedication* of the new Flag Pole to celebrate America's 250th anniversary! THGS is organizing this.

There will be *cookies and books* at the Library (and maybe a story will be read), horse drawn equipment and other old stuff on display at the old Town Sheds - across from the Town Office, and the Tinmouth Historical & Genealogical Society will display *numerous exhibits, photographs, and artifacts* in the Old Fire House.

Ice cream sundaes will be under the new Pavilion this year. An *Arts & Crafts Exhibit* will be inside the Community Center. And all around the Center, there will be games, water activities, cornhole, family softball game, potluck supper, and the *Electrostatic Cats* will be performing in the afternoon/evening— GREAT music to enjoy, and/or dance to.

Dinner is a potluck, and your dinner donations (think salads, casseroles, desserts, snacks) can be dropped at the Community Center kitchen from 2:00 pm on. The Community Fund is providing hot dogs, rolls, and lemonade.

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

Tinmouth Contra Dance!

By Cathy Reynolds

When: June 5, 2026, 7 to 10 PM

Where: Tinmouth, VT

Join us at the Tinmouth Community Center from 7-10.

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



~ **Library News** ~
By Ruth Drachman, Librarian

SUMMER STORY HOURS
FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES

There will be story hours this summer aimed at children, but we welcome people of all ages.

Mr. Michael will again be in Tinmouth from mid-June until the second week of August.

Story Hours will be Wednesdays at 11A.M. The first one is **Wednesday, June 24th**. The last one is August 9th.

Come and join in the fun!

There are many new books in the library.

For adults:

* The Correspondent by Virginia Evans, Ann Patchett calls this book, "A cause for celebration."

* Louise Penny ~ We have all of Louise Penny's books (and there are many of them) including The Grey Wolf and The Black Wolf. And we have the newest one on order.

* How to Read a Book by Monica Wood, a heartfelt character-driven and uplifting story.

~ **Community News** ~

Get Well Wishes are sent to **Helen Young, Roscoe Jones, and Eric Buffum**.

Heartfelt Sympathies are sent to friends and family of **Bob Bradley**. And to family and friends of **H. Victor Rickman**. They will be missed.

Congratulations to Tinmouth Mtn School 6th grade graduates: **Eddie Briggs, Chase Buffum, Olivia Davis, Tayla Davis, Aubrey Ford, Ethan French, Asher Galusha-Mulcock, Danny Gilmore, Aleyanna Morales, Reese Sumner, Lilah White, and Zachary Zielinski**. Best Wishes as you head to middle-school!

And *Congratulations* to Mill River High School 12th grade graduates: **Mitchel Carlson, Miles Fallar, Ethan Patch, Gracie Usher and Robin Woodsum**.

Best Wishes for your next endeavors!!

Speaking of **Ethan Patch**, he is a champion wrestler – having 114 wins in his career at Mill River High School. This places him in the top 8 of MR wrestlers who have won over 100 matches!! Great Job **Ethan!!**

The Tinmouth Community Fund Annual Meeting and Awards Night was May 4th

Please see TCF meeting highlights on page 14.

~ **Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department** ~

By Sherry Johnson

The Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department would like to recognize **Tyler Martin**, who is our newest **Fire Fighter 1**. Tyler attended the Vermont Fire Academy each week from August 2025 until January 2026.

Tyler joins other members of our department who have completed Fire Fighter 1, and other trainings.

Members of Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department volunteer their time, and the Department supports their efforts by paying for the training.

If you are thinking of joining the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department, speak to one of our members or Chief Marshall Squier or Assistant Chief Kevin Eaton.

We welcome everyone!

~ **TVFD Ice Rescue Training**~

By Sherry Johnson

On March 10th and 21st members of the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department participated in ice water rescue training. The Middletown Springs Fire Department provided classroom training, and the practical training was held on Tinmouth Pond. They provided the specialized equipment needed for the practice.

We practiced ice rescue using suits specific for ice response with hands and feet and hood all part of one suit, and other equipment. These suits are not wet or dry suits, and one size fits all. The suits kept the rescuers dry and warm.

We would like to share some of the information we learned:

- * **No ice is safe ice.**
- * If you are on the ice, you should have a plastic pea-less safety whistle
- * Have a set of ice-picks so that you can pull yourself along the ice.
- * If you see someone fall in, call 911 and only perform a shore-based rescue. **Do not go in yourself, or there will be two people to rescue.**

The Fire Department decided at their next meeting to go ahead and purchase 4 suits and the related equipment needed for ice-water rescue. The cost of this equipment will be about \$7,000.

This equipment can be used on Tinmouth Pond; any of the many farms ponds we have in Tinmouth; and in the Tinmouth Channel.

If you are interested in helping the department with this purchase, we would appreciate your support!



~ **2026 Tinmouth Town Wide Tag Sales** ~

Saturday, Sept. 5th

9am-3pm

By Sherry Johnson

Time to get out that “stuff” from spring cleaning! The 13th Annual Tinmouth Town Wide Tag Sales will be happening again in 2026, rain or shine.

September 5th, the Saturday of the Labor Day weekend. 9 am - 3 pm.

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



Please sign up early if you would like one of those. We encourage you to join in the fun.

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

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

Alternately, items can be brought to the Fire House between Noon and 6pm on September 4th. We would prefer large items to be brought on the 4th.

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

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

We will also have the lists on-line on the town’s website-tinmouthvt.org.

Questions? Call Sherry Johnson 446-3307.

If you’d like to sign up to have your tag sale placed on the map; please email your location to me vtsjohnson@icloud.com by August 23rd. *As always, the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department appreciates your support.*

**The Summer Reading Club kickoff is June 6
from 11 AM to 1 PM at Rutland Free
Library!**

By Randal Smathers, Dir.



**Rutland
Free Library**

Join us on the lawn for tie-dye, sensory bins, scavenger hunts, snacks, and more. Don't forget to sign up for Summer Reading and grab your challenge packets and goodies while you're here. The first 50 kids and teens to sign up will receive some extra goodies in their packet. Check back for cancellation or change of plans if the forecast calls for rain.

Summer reading is here!

The Summer Reading Club is under way at Rutland Free Library (RFL)!

This year's theme is "Unearth a Story," and there will be events all summer long. Check the calendar at www.rutlandfree.org for regular updates. Expect to see lots of dinosaurs, storytimes, take & makes ... did we mention dinosaurs? And don't peek now, but yeah, even the back-to-school pizza party is on the calendar, along with weekly favorites like Dungeons and Dragons for teens and (separately) tweens, playgroup, open crafts ... always lots to do.

Some events require registration (so we can have enough supplies on hand) so it pays to plan ahead. All RFL events are free and open to everyone.

Park & Museum passes

Every year we tell people about the park and museum passes we loan out, and every year people are surprised by them, so here goes:

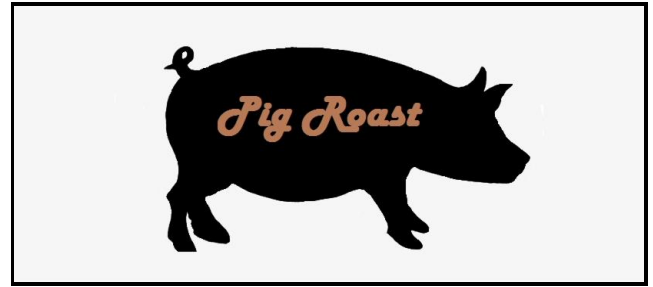
RFL has passes from over a dozen museums and attractions, from ECHO on the waterfront in Burlington to MOMA down in Massachusetts, along with more-local favorites like WonderFeet Kids Museum right in Downtown Rutland, Billings Farm Museum in Woodstock, and Hildene in Manchester. Passes range from free to reduced admittance.

And we have a handful of state park passes that grant free admission to parks and historic sites statewide. Borrowing one is a great way to save a few dollars while getting the whole family out to enjoy all the state offers. Passes go out for three days at a time and can be reserved in advance, so drop in or call ahead at 802-773-1860 to book your adventure today!

New beach reads!

We're constantly adding new titles in regular print, large print, paperback, ebook on CD, and downloadable ebook and audiobook formats. The Libby app (a statewide system) tends to have long wait time, so check out The Palace Project for no-waitlist borrowing (details on our website at <https://rutlandfree.org/borrow/download-audiobooks-ebooks-2/>)

Happy reading!



**2026 Pig Roast Fundraiser
Benefit for the Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project
Friday, July 3, 2026
from 4:30 to 6:00 pm.**

86 West Shore Drive. Tickets are \$25 (pre-order), children under 12 are \$15. To help Jim better prepare, at the door all tickets will be \$30. Take out is \$30 - bring your own containers.

There are picnic tables, as well as a building in the event of rain.

The menu includes slow roasted pork, creamy homemade macaroni and cheese, baked beans, salad, and dessert.

This is becoming an annual event you do not want to miss - hope to see you there! Visit with your neighbors, invite friends to join the event. This event is held rain or shine.

To Preorder: visit the TPMP website at <https://sites.google.com/view/tinmouthpondmilfoil> - tickets can now be ordered online!! Or by contacting: Laurel Swenson at 70 West Shore Drive, call 802-446-9383, email alam2@cox.net; or Gail Fallar at 802-446-2870, gfallar@vermontel.net or stop by the Tinmouth Town Office to purchase tickets.

There will also be a Chinese Auction and Quilt Raffle (see photo on next page - or in color if you read *Tales* on the Town's website). All benefit the Milfoil Project's efforts to control milfoil.

~ Vacancies – Positions Open ~

There are two openings on the Conservation Commission, and an opening on the Planning Commission. The CC meets every other month, the PC meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday.

If you are interested in serving or need more information about the duties of the various committees, please call the Town Office at 802-446-2498.

Please consider serving your community.

RAFFLE TICKETS

\$5 EACH

BENEFITTING THE
**CHIPMAN LAKE / TINMOUTH POND
MILFOIL PROJECT**

Help combat invasive milfoil and keep our lake clean!

DRAWING ON JULY 3RD

Enter for a chance to win this quilt!
KEEP OUR LAKE CLEAN!

Tickets available at the Town Office or online at
<https://sites.google.com/view/tinmouthpondmilfoil>

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

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

**Friday, June 12 (10 - 4) and
Saturday, June 13 (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

~ Nature Notes ~

Bear Alert – The Vermont Fish & Game Department
advised removing all bird feeders as bears are coming out
of their dens and they are hungry!! There are MANY
reports of bears being seen all over town. Including one
at the Transfer Station who ripped the door off the
compost shed (it has been since put back on).

Don't walk or jog alone!!

~ 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 local 911 address.

~ Town Food Shelf Help Needed ~

A reminder that folks need help during the summer, not
just during the holidays. Laundry detergent, cleaning
supplies, dog food, cat food, paper towels, toilet paper,
canned tuna or chicken, mayo, ketchup, sweet or snack
treats, Kleenex, and if you have extra eggs, or vegetables
from your garden, they would be most welcome.

Thank you so much for helping your neighbors.

**Vermont's Summer Free Fishing Day is
Saturday, June 13**

MONTPELIER, Vt. –Vermont's annual, statewide
Summer Free Fishing Day is **Saturday, June 13** this year,
and it will be highlighted by a free family fishing festival
in Grand Isle as well as opening day of the state's regular
bass fishing season.

"Vermont's Free Fishing Day gives resident and
nonresident anglers the opportunity to go fishing without
a license for the day in Vermont lakes and streams," said
Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Jason Batchelder. "Free
Fishing Day is a great opportunity for an experienced
angler to be a mentor to friends who have not gone fishing
before. A day on the water could lead to a lifetime of
great experiences and healthy local food."

Vermont's regular bass season also opens on June 13,
marking the start of some of the hottest bass fishing action
in the northeast. The season opens each year on the
second Saturday in June and extends through the last day
of November.

To learn more about fishing in Vermont or to purchase
a fishing license, visit the [Vermont Fish and Wildlife
website](http://VermontFishandWildlife.com).

~ Free Kids Bicycles ~

David Oney has refurbished and repainted several
kid's bicycles. He would like to pass them along to kids
who need a bike, for **Free!**

They are at the Town Office, some are on the porch, if
you would like to check them out.

Stop by or call 802-446-2498 to see the others.

Thank you, Mr. Oney!!!

~ Meeting Highlights ~

Complete minutes are available at the town office.

All highlights are edited by Ye Olde Editor.

Select Board (SB) ~ 04/9/26 (Regular)

Members present were Judy Gilmore, Kevin Eaton, and Melody Squier

Others present: In-person: Eric Buffum–Road Commissioner, Marshall Squier, and Gail Fallar–Select Board Assistant (SBA) and via Zoom: Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, Jennifer Trepal, David Birdsall, & Rick Fallar

Members reviewed the **agenda** – Gail requested adding Grant-In-Aide Letter of Intent, bike race involving the Class 4 section of Tinmouth Pond Road, condition report for the big culvert, and saplings for town tree planting – Board approved adding all.

Highway ~

Eric advised that the road crew has been busy playing in the mud and snow, grading and graveling back roads. Gravel budget has been spent, black truck (2019) has been serviced, waiting to hear from Viking regarding new truck's equipment. He inquired about pre-purchasing winter salt – given last winter's lack of availability and price increase. After brief discussion, Board approved spending \$6,000 – money from last year's grant received this year will cover.

Salt/Sand Shed ~ Eric presented a quote from Lussier Barn Builders for a Calhoun canvas covered building installed on our foundation for \$108,660. Also needed is a \$21K paved floor with stone base, waste block foundation, roller rent, etc. another \$18K or so. The SBA advised that this needed to go out to bid, as the cost exceeds the \$15K threshold for purchases. Bid specs are needed, Board decided to hold a special meeting on April 16th to approve those. (*That meeting was postponed.*)

Grant In Aide ~ Eric advised this year's GIA project would include renting a stump grinder to grind the big Balm of Gilead stump near Butterfoss/Jenkins and to also cut the big pine on Jenkins, near the Crampton Cemetery and grind that stump as well. Board inquired of the Town's Tree Warden, David Birdsall, if the big tree needed to be cut down. DWB advised the tree was healthy, but very near the road (has been nicked a time or two with the town's plow truck), so he wouldn't say no, but preferred the tree to stay. Eric noted there is a problem with it being so near the road with the wing on the plow truck and with farm equipment passing by. No decision was reached; Select Board will decide whether or not to have it taken down.

Paving Grant ~ Board reviewed FY27 Paving Grant application for work to reconstruct and repave Route 140 through Crampton's Woods, from the intersection with North End Road to the intersection with Gulf Road, project totals \$312,000. Board voted to approve.

Paving ~ Eric advised 2026 paving would carry forward from just north of the center of town – last year's stopping place – and proceed about a mile north on Route 140 to the corner of North End Road. A VTRANS paving grant is being applied for, so if awarded, that work would be in 2027, proceeding up through Crampton's Woods.

Grant In Aide Letter of Intent~ Board voted to send Letter of Intent to participate in the 2027 Grant In Aide program. The State provides \$6K-\$10K per year for towns to work on stormwater issues with this funding.

Big Culvert on North End Road ~ SBA reported that VTRANS staff inspected the 108" culvert where the Channel crosses under North End Road - installed in the early 1960's – and they found it in good condition.

Saplings ~ David reported he had acquired several 5' to 6' saplings – elm, maple, linden, and swamp oak for town shade trees and wondered where they might be planted.

Ash Tree Removal Project ~ David sent emails to Board members with 3 options –

1) hiring Marshall Squier, Glenn Merrill and David Birdsall to cut the dangerous and dead trees along Gulf Road, using the Town's excavator. Roscoe Jones will clean up and take the wood in return – the new landowner, Unity Farm, has approved doing that with the wood;

2) hire a private tree cutting company (Lear) for \$1,200 a day, with no clean up;

3) a combination of both . . .

David is still waiting to hear from Green Mountain Power regarding how many trees they will be removing and whether it's one or both sides of the road.

Discussion included clarifying that Marshall, Glenn and David would be hired by the Town as part-time road crew members – they have all been certified by The Game of Logging, a tree cutting safety course taught by David. The brush will be windrowed into the hedgerow, wood removed. Road will be closed as there is a detour available by using McNamara Road. Work on Gulf Road and some on McNamara Rd, if time and funds allow.

Board voted to approve Phase I – to be done by June 30th; cost not to exceed \$5,000; Glenn will run the Town's excavator – when the road crew doesn't need it; Gulf Road from Route 140 to McNamara Rd. Board will revisit plan - Phase II in July. Kevin and Judy voted yes, Melody recused herself as Marshall is her husband.

Website Committee Proposal ~ Melody, as Chair of the Website Committee, advised that the current town website is not working very well so the Website Committee did some research into various options and is recommending hiring a new company, Town Web, to revamp it. They will migrate existing information and reformat, make it ADA compliant (required by 2027), for \$1,200, per year for five years, with no start-up fee. Committee members felt there were other add-ons that might be helpful, asked the SB to approve up to \$2,500 in expenditures. Members described various features they

are considering. After discussion, Board voted to approve the Town Web proposal to upgrade the Town's website for \$1,200. The Website Committee can come back to the SB with other upgrade proposals for approval – due in main part to this being a 5 year commitment/contract.

Financial ~

FY26 **Financial Report** - 3/31/26 report was reviewed and approved.

Bills and Orders ~ Board reviewed warrants. Board voted to approve and accept. Payroll warrants #38, 39, 40, and 41 and Accounts Payable warrants #28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33.

Resolution for Special Account ~ Board voted to authorize the Town Treasurer to move the Re-appraisal Special Fund to a separate account (currently the funds are in the general fund checking account).

Old Business ~

605 Mtn. View clean up. SBA advised an attorney was working on the lien for repayment of cost and an agreement to keep it clean.

Committee/Board Guidance document ~ Discussion included conflict of interest if too many family members were on one committee, and whether Select Board members should be chair of any of the committees. Melody is working on the ethics training required for town leaders and conflicts of interest – will report back. SBA reminded the SB Chair that he needed to take the Secretary of State's Open Meeting yearly training.

New Business ~

Annual Appointments to Committees, Commissions and Other Duties – See attached list – most responded they wanted to keep serving, Board voted to re-appoint all, with the exception of the Alternate to the RTAC - Eric Buffum was appointed to represent Tinmouth as the TAC Alternate. (Rutland Transportation Action Council)

Members Concerns ~ None

Mail/Correspondence: Gail advised there is a road race this summer including bicycles and hikers, that covers several towns, and the course includes Tinmouth Pond Road, including the Class 4 section that is no longer accessible for regular vehicles. No action required by the Town, this is just advisory.

Board decided to meet on April 16th at 6:30 to work on bid specs for the proposed salt/sand shed and paving and to meet on April 23rd at 5:00 to work on employee evaluations.

Select Board ~ 04/23/ (Special)

Members present (in-person): Kevin Eaton, Melody Squier, and Judy Gilmore

Others present: In-person: Eric Buffum–Road Commissioner, Hollis Squier, Ray Pratt -Emergency Management Director, and Gail Fallar-Select Board Assistant (SBA); And via Zoom: Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, and Rick Fallar

Ray explained the updates to the LEMP – Local Emergency Management Plan. After brief discussion, Board voted to approve the LEMP and the NIMS. Board thanked Ray for his efforts with emergency management.

Driveway Permit for 90 Route 140 – Eric advised it is a dangerous spot, no good place for it, but it is a pre-existing lot and the proposed location is the best it can be. Trees will need to be cut to provide better site distance, some ledge may have to be blasted as well. Board approved with conditions, including posting blind drive signs for oncoming vehicles.

Inquiry about moving a driveway at 690 Route 140 – Board decided a permit is necessary to ensure standards are met. Will review application at the next SB meeting.

Paving Bid Specs~ After brief discussion, Board approved 2026 paving bid specs, to be opened on May 14th, next regular Board meeting.

Paving Bid Specs for Floor for Proposed Salt/Sand Shed ~ Tabled, as the exact size of the building is not known and the floor will have to be inside.

Building Specs for Proposed Salt/Sand Shed ~ Much discussion about the location, angle, drainage, size, floor, and lack of final plan showing that. In the end, members reviewed the specs sent by the Calhoun Company who agreed to allow the Town to use those for its bid specs, and added standard request for proposals/bids language. Bids will also be opened on May 14th.

Employee Evaluation Forms – Board will review and send comments/suggestions to the SBA.

Select Board ~ May 11, 2026 (Special)

Members present (in-person): Kevin Eaton, Judy Gilmore, and Melody Squier

Others present: In-person: Eric Buffum–Road Commissioner, Ronnie Crossman, and Gail Fallar-Select Board Assistant; and via Zoom: Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, and Rick Fallar

Kevin called the meeting to order at 5:00 and welcomed everyone, noting the purpose of the meeting was to deal with a personnel issue and therefore needed to be in Executive Session.

Board voted to enter Exec. Session to discuss personnel issues at 5:03. Those present in person were invited to join, those on zoom were asked to leave – which they did with a request to be called when the E. S. was over.

Board exited Executive Session at 5:18. Zoomers were called to re-join.

Board voted to appoint Ronnie Crossman acting road commissioner/road foreman until Eric was able to return to work.

Eric advised that he had been injured at work, surgery was scheduled soon, and he would be in recovery for a month or two. HPPA rules prevent further discussion.

Planning Commission ~ 4/16/26 Regular Meeting

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

Others: present in-person Gail Fallar Secretary

And via Zoom: Sherry Johnson, Ken and Jan Krantz

EEP Update ~ Sean Beatty from RRPC will attend the May meeting with the latest version of the Enhanced Energy Plan (EEP).

Judy advised the Regional Plan's last hearing will be held in May – no official comment from the TPC.

Special Places maps from the early days of the Conservation Commission were discovered upstairs at the town office. Many of the same places as noted at the recent open house, included some wildlife sitings.

Michael advised that the PC needs to re-visit the zoning regulation's Agriculture Overlay District rules – to ensure community rights to a view scape are protected and balanced with landowner's rights to sell/build. Two recent applications to the Zoning Board of Adjustment have brought this to light – need to ensure there is less intrusion into the Ag Zone, that buildings are kept closer to the tree line, as the intent of the Ag Zone Overlay is to retain large tracts of undeveloped, open land in areas identified as having a high resource value for agriculture. The Overlay District seeks to preserve open space and prevent the fragmentation of land into parcels too small to farm. The Map may need to re-visited as well – some pastures that were included are now overgrown and becoming woods. A joint meeting with the Zoning Board of Adjustment was suggested to discuss the Ag Zone overlay.

Other issues are: Aging in Place, what does that mean, how can the PC find measures to encourage it (builders – ramps, wider doors, no stairs, etc.); housing – hard to make affordable given the current cost of building, and the high cost of living in Vermont – if someone doesn't have family with land here, it is hard to find a parcel. Several members advised that they had made a choice, and had to make sacrifices to move or return here. Lack of well-paying jobs was another hurdle.

Members again discussed recording video versus only audio, pros and cons of each. Easier to communicate in person, could an avatar be used instead of someone's face, more research is needed. No decision. It was noted that written minutes are the official record. After more discussion, including to make the video's private after a certain time period, Members voted to remove the videos from the Town website after 1 year.

The Select Board is going to host a meeting for ATV/SXS folks to explain their request to travel with those vehicles on town roads. Date to be determined.

Watch Front Porch Forum and *Tales* for details.

Tinmouth Planning Commission ~ 4/11/26 Open House – Special Places

Members present: Michael Fallar, Ann Lundquist, Vito Macaluso, Larry Carabeau, Judy Gilmore, Andy Gilmore, and Pat Psholka

Others: Nelson and Betti Jaquay, Paula Bonazinga, Melody Squier, Ken Krantz and Gail Fallar Secretary

Michael welcomed everyone to the Old Fire House to discuss special views, places and resources as the Planning Commission is seeking input from the community as it seeks to protect them in the Town Plan and zoning regulations. This is important in order for the Town to receive “substantial deference” in any state permit process that goes before the PUC.

It is important to identify natural resources to be protected and identify areas that are suitable for development of various sorts. Vito had a laptop running a loop of photographs he and the late Grant Reynolds took in 2019 of many of these sites. He noted there were a number of changes in just 8 years.

A number of places were mentioned ~ the Tinmouth Channel being a wonderful world apart – only one house is visible when visitors canoe, kayak, cross country-ski, hike or skate therein; views from the East Road – north of Channel Road to Route 140 – looking northwest; the meadows at the Wallingford town line on Route 140; sunsets from Gulf Road near the big red barn; open fields at the intersection of Route 140, East Road and North East Road; Ballou's Swamp; a view of the valley falling away as one exits the woods on the North East Road headed south. It was noted there are numerous other sites with splendid views as well.

There was also discussions about: the need for affordable housing - how that is hard to create in a rural town; the need for jobs to attract more workers; the need to address ‘Aging in Place’; the concerns for protecting views from being excluded by buildings being constructed in front of them over time; houses being constructed that seem ‘out of character’ for this community; changes in agriculture – we are down to one dairy farm; landowners' rights if development is restricted; and other planning concerns.

Appreciation was expressed to those who attended and provided input.

The Open House concluded at 3:10 with everyone nibbling on cookies, fruit, and desserts of all flavors.

**The Town Office will be closed
Thursday, July 4th in observance of Independence
Day.**

Tinmouth Conservation Commission ~ 04/20/26

With thanks to Robbie Leeds, Sec.

Members present were Ed Hasenohr, Robbie Leeds, and Doug Inkley- (Remote), as well as Gail Fallar, public.

Green up Day prep was started by Doug Fontein. He put up the banner by the Community Center. It is scheduled for May 2nd from 8:30 to 11am and the meet up is at the transfer station. At 11am, everyone returns for ice cream and the awards ceremony.

Nelson J. plans to do some Green Up work with students at the Tinmouth Mountain School the Friday before Green Up Day.

A map will be available in the entryway of the Town office so folks can sign up.

Doug Inkley requested to do Wrights Road with brother Benson.

Ed will reach out to Chuck and Tracy about prizes. Ed will ask Chuck about latex gloves. Robbie will pick up gloves if none are left over from last year.

Gail will have green bags available in the Town Office entryway as well.

Ed will bring the easel and map to the transfer station.

Robbie will post on FPF and send something out to Jenn Galusha for the school.

Invasive discussion was tabled to the next meeting so Colleen can be present.

Next discussion was The Special Places meeting through the Planning Commission.

At the meeting, the Planning Commission and community members mapped what special places were in town.

The Vermont Public Utility commission is asking for more specific details in town plans. So by identifying these special places it makes it clearer where big projects can and cannot be sited in town.

Ed brought up a Vermont Trails and Greenways meet up on May 5th that Gail had passed along. He said he may try to attend but it is very far north.

Web Site Committee ~ 04/09/26

With thanks to Jennifer Trepal, Secretary

Members present: Gail Fallar and via Zoom: Melody Squier, Jennifer Trepal, Cathy Reynolds till 12:25 p.m.

Also present: Doug Fontein via zoom till 12:25 p.m.

Individual members had contacted other towns and Town Web to look at their sites and/or ask questions. See reports in attachments 1, 2, and 3 (at Town Office).

A discussion of the proposal from Town Web Design LLC followed.

Cathy said the Town Web proposal for a basic site solves our immediate problems and has the potential to last us a long time. She also said this would be a good time to review the information on the existing site and “clean

house,” citing specifically the comments from the town clerk of Vernon, Vt about having to update things in multiple places.

Jennifer said she still had one answered question for Paulo, from Town Web Design, but even if the answer is “no”, it is not a deal breaker and she felt the basic site offered by Town Web would satisfy the town’s needs.

Melody noted that the other three vendors looked at by Middletown Springs were either more expensive or offered a less attractive site for a similar cost. She recommended appointing two to three committee members to review the town’s current site and recommend changes for the new site to the whole committee.

Members voted to recommend to the Select Board at tonight’s meeting that we spend up to \$2,500 for the basic package and the ability to add more features if needed.

Web Site Committee ~ 04/30/26

With thanks to Jennifer Trepal, Secretary

Members present: Melody Squier, Trish Warfle, Nancy Gucker Birdsall and via Zoom: Gail Fallar and Jennifer Trepal, and Cathy Reynolds at 7:30.

Melody reported that the Select Board approved moving forward with the basic website offered by Town Web for \$1,200/year for 5 years. If we want to spend more to add other features, we can return to the Board.

Jennifer explained her review of the current web site and draft content for the new site. Members discussed how to proceed with the draft and agreed that Nancy, Cathy, and Jennifer would continue work on the draft for presentation to the committee at the next meeting.

Nancy wanted to confirm that we can link to external sites so we can continue to use the reservation calendar for rental of town venues. A quick look at Middletown shows we can link to external sites.

Members reviewed some proposals for the design of the new site. Muted colors were preferred.

A draft of the website hierarchy was discussed, with some changes recommended. One-click access is desired whenever possible. We don’t want users to have to wade through a lot of verbiage to find things.

It was reported that the Historical Society asked if they could have pictures on the site. Consensus was “yes,” with limits.

Use of a logo was discussed. Members agreed to see what Town Web comes up with for their free version. Using a version of the welcome sign to the town was also suggested. Possibly including Tinmouth Channel in the design was also mentioned.



Tinmouth Community Fund Annual Meeting ~5/4/26

With thanks to Helen Mango, Secretary

Present: Members Todd Dennis (Chair), Cathy Reynolds (Treasurer), Jan Krantz (acting Vice Chair), Melody Squier, Lisa Patry, Chris Martone, Martha Stanley, Helen Mango (Secretary), and numerous residents and friends of the Town of Tinmouth.

Todd welcomed everyone to the meeting. Todd gave a brief recap of the formation and history of the Tinmouth Community Fund, including the increase in the number and types of grants awarded to members of the Tinmouth community.

Treasurer's report:

Cathy reported that the TCF will be disbursing about \$32,000 tonight, which is pretty awesome for a little town like Tinmouth. She had a "TCF Finances" handout available. The major points are:

The 2025 Tinmouth Plant Sale brought in \$19,262. Plant Sale revenue is typically directed to the general grants fund (as the Continuing Education fund tends to have a larger balance).

2025 donations: Total = \$8,065, including a \$3,000 bequest from the estate of Annie Robbins. In addition, donations were made specifically for the Pavilion project.

Pavilion: The TCF provided \$10,000 and the Plant Sale provided \$10,000 from 2025 revenue.

She broke down the TCF funds held at the Vermont Community Foundation as of 12/31/25:

Continuing Education Fund: \$381,430 (5% can be drawn per year)

Tinmouth Community Endowed Fund: \$178,039 (5% can be drawn per year)

Reserve Fund (for short-term projects): \$43,655 (no restriction on annual spending)

Funds in the "check books" (these are kept by the Town Treasurer and ensure some liquidity):

Tinmouth Community Fund: \$5,337

TCF Continuing Education Scholarship Fund: \$2,770

Board member elections:

Lisa Patry and Bess Lewis have decided to leave the board as their current terms have ended. Robbie Leeds and Alison Alexander were nominated and elected. Chris Martone offered to serve another term and was duly re-elected.

2026 Community Grants

Helen presented certificates to the 2026 Community Grant awardees:

Tinmouth Mountain School (replacement tables for Community Center): \$1,500

Tinmouth Mountain School (board games for each classroom): \$500

Tinmouth Elves (books and toys, ages 0-7): \$599

Tinmouth Elves (books and toys, ages 8-16): \$599

Tinmouth Elves (Outerwear Division, ages 0-7): \$599

Tinmouth Elves (Outerwear Division, ages 8-16): \$599

Tinmouth Contra Dance: \$599

Tinmouth Select Board (Old Firehouse chairs): \$750

Imagination Library: \$200

Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department (chafing dishes for Game Supper): \$610

Tinmouth Fun Day: \$575

Tinmouth Historical and Genealogical Society (250th celebration-flag pole): \$750

Tinmouth Events (advertising): \$200

Tinmouth Town Gardeners (school gardens): \$500

Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project: \$750

2026 Small Business Grants

Helen announced that one local business was awarded a Small Business Grant:

Tinmouth Roadhouse: \$500

2026 K-12 Camp Scholarships

Melody announced that fourteen K-12 Camp Scholarships were awarded for horse lessons, gymnastics, theater, summer day camp, disc golf, soccer camp, and rock-climbing camp. She handed out the awards to the recipients. Violet Alexander, Ivy Briggs, Waverly Hepburn, Jaxon Lorton, Erin Martone, Sadie Martone, Ryder Pfeiffer-Leeds, Grayson Pedom, Isaac Smith, Aliza Smith, Mason Stratton, Sophia Warfle, Liliana Williams, and Clare Williams.

2026 Continuing Education Scholarships

Cathy announced that there are four Continuing Education Scholarship awardees this year:

Alanna Smith, Ethan Patch, Leah Majorell and Tor Majorell.

Susan McIntosh Lloyd scholarship (\$500 each):

Cathy gave a brief summary of this award (it is for interest in music and forestry/agriculture). Three students are studying music: Liliana Williams, Eliza Smith, and Sadie Martone.

Pam Garceau Memorial Scholarship (\$4,000 this year) – Cathy gave a brief summary of Pam's history with the Tinmouth Elementary School, and the grit and determination and compassion that she displayed and to which the scholarship in her memory is dedicated. This year's recipients are Alana Smith and Ethan Patch.

Todd reviewed the work of the scholarship committee and asked for volunteers to serve on the review committee. Usually only one meeting in April is involved (in addition to reading the scholarship applications). Cathy explained how the assessment process worked and encouraged folks to volunteer.

The TCF Board briefly convened to elect officers.

Duly elected: Todd as Chair, Robbie as Vice Chair, Cathy as Treasurer, and Helen as Secretary.

Robbie and Alison were welcomed as new board members.

Please Recycle or Pass Along Tales!!

~ **Legislative Wrap-Up** ~

By Rep. Chris Pritchard

The Legislature adjourned for the biennium Friday, May 29th, a little after 8:00pm and I just wanted to share a recap with everyone on some of the actions that were taken. I will speak about bills that have become Acts (Law) in future updates. The House introduced a total of 957 bills this biennium, the Senate introduced 330 for a Total of 1287. The Governor still has some bills to act on but as of adjournment 236 of those bills have become law (18%) The remaining bills not taken up and sent to the Governor will be discarded (At a cost to the taxpayer of approx. \$1 million dollars) and will have to be reintroduced by the next elected legislature for consideration in the next biennium.

Nearly one third (43) of House members have made the decision not to seek reelection including Speaker Krowinski. Some of the members that made the decision not to return were Chairs and Vice Chairs. Including my Chair of Environment Rep Amy Sheldon of Middlebury and Vice Chair Larry Labor of Morgan. Education Chair Peter Conlon of Cornwall, Chair of Government Operations and Military affairs Matt Birong of Vergennes, Chair of Commerce and Development Mike Marcotte of Coventry and Chair Kathleen James of Manchester and Vice Chair Scott Campbell of St. Johnsbury of the House Energy and Digital Infrastructure Committee. There will be many new faces in the freshman class to start the next biennial session.

I feel the change that Vermonters voted for in the last election to create a more balanced legislature was a positive step and am hopeful that it improves to trend in that direction. Supermajorities are never good regardless of which party is in control. They stifle collaboration and consensus resulting in legislation that is extreme to one side or the other. Driven more by self-interest than those we were elected to represent.

Act 181 from the prior biennium was a good example of this. The imbalance that existed allowed this bill to become law over the Governor's Concerns and his veto, a veto that could not be sustained due to the imbalance that existed. Act 181 was not driven by Vermont values, much like Act 59 was not. This was a Global initiative facilitated by NGO's (Non-Governmental Organizations) that had a seat at the table and in the Committee rooms to pave this path. Organizations that have no accountability to Vermonters, bear no financial responsibility for their actions and leave Vermonters to pay for the legislation they lobby to enact.

A pretty amazing thing happened in the second half of the biennium. A movement started. At first it was a small group of Rural Vermonters perhaps a few dozen but they were joined by other rural Vermonters across the state and in a few short months those few dozen voices turned into over 15,000 Vermont voices, some of those

voices came to the Statehouse and they came to the Committee rooms to testify and make their voices heard regarding the impacts they were facing because of Act 181 and Act 59. This was their message. You have left us on the sidelines, we were not given a seat at the table and process when we should have been, you are affecting us, our families, our livelihood, our property rights and our very existence on the Vermont landscape and we have lost our trust in you!

The Road Rule, Tier 2 and Tier 3 all written into Act 181 would have had devastating impacts for Vermont rural families and communities had they been allowed to take effect. It would have made things cost prohibitive through permitting and engineering cost and fees and it would have given the State jurisdictional authority over their land limiting the ability to use their own land. As one of the presenters stated while testifying in front of our committee it was nothing less than "Rural Gentrification".

Our committee took jurisdiction over Senate bill S.325 and we were able to collaborate and work together to repeal The Road Rule, Tier 2 and Tier 3 provisions written in to Act 181 and we voted it out of committee on a unanimous 11-0 vote if it were not for the balance Vermonters elected to this current legislature this likely would never have happened. Had the current balance that exists been present the prior biennium it is unlikely that Act 181 would have ever existed, certainly not in the form that existed when the Governor's veto was overridden. S.325 came to the floor and Greg Burt the Representative from Cabot offered 2 floor amendments, one related to defining a Homestead and one relating to Farm accessory business. Several Democrats broke from House leadership and supported these amendments both of which passed and I and many others were very grateful to them for their support. While the Senate watered down his amendments, they still became part of the bill.

In the coming weeks I will share more updates including the Education bill which I will talk about in the next update. We finished the session with 4 bills, the Transportation bill which I will also talk about in upcoming updates. The Education Bill and Yield Bill were both roll called on the floor I voted YES on both of those bills and again will talk about them in future updates. And the last bill was the Budget bill. The Budget bill was not roll called and was done by voice vote. I voted NO and I was in the minority. It is hard to judge by voice but I would guess that three quarters of the body was in favor. I had spoken to the Minority leader and the Governor's Chief of Staff when the budget was put forth and while I appreciate that the Governor's budget only contained an organic increase (negotiated pay and benefit increases) which came in as a 3% increase, I could not support a budget that did not come in under \$9 billion. In addition, \$12 million dollars was put towards a new sports complex for UVM which I simply cannot support. Over

the last 5 years property taxes have increased over 40 %, for some even more and I simply cannot support adding to that burden.

Lastly, I want say Thank You to everyone that allowed me this opportunity to represent you in Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rupert, Tinmouth and Wells. I have had many that I represent personally reach out to me in person or phone calls or emails they personally sent, including local elected representative Select Boards, School Boards, Planning Commissions, Zoning Administrators and Town Clerks. I have tried to be prompt in my responses and actions to their concerns and questions and to find resolutions for them if possible. I have tried to do this to the best of my ability. There have been 76 Roll call votes held during my time serving, I have been present and have voted on all 76 roll call votes held and will provide a link to all those votes and a link to all the bills I co-sponsored. I was present in every committee meeting and House floor session held with the exception of one excused morning committee meeting and one excused floor session where I was attending a forum with Lt Governor Rogers. Again, thank you for giving me this opportunity. Please feel free to contact me if there is something you think I may be able to help you with.

Chris

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P.S. After considerable deliberation, I have decided to run for re-election, and look forward to seeing you on the campaign trail. Contact info above.

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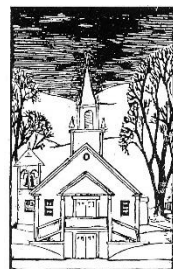
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~ June 2026 Calendar of Events ~

Fire Department	Thursday	4 th	7:00	Fire House
Mill River H.S. Graduation	Wednesday	3 rd	6:30	Mill River H.S.
Contra Dance	Friday	5 th	7:00	Community Center
Graduation T.M.S.	Wednesday	10 th	5:30	Community Center
Select Board	Thursday	11 th	7:00	Town Office/Virtual
Conservation Commission	Monday	15 th	7:00	Town Office/Virtual
Planning Commission	Thursday	18 th	7:00	Town Office/Virtual
<i>Tales of Tinnmouth</i> Deadline	Saturday	20 th		Don't Miss It!

~ July 2026 Calendar of Events ~

Fire Department	Thursday	2 nd	7:00	Fire House
Town Office – CLOSED	Saturday	4 th	Happy 4 th !!	
Transfer Station – OPEN	Saturday	4 th	8:00 – Noon	Transfer Station
Select Board	Thursday	9 th	7:00	Town Office/Virtual
Town Fun Day	Saturday	11 th	3:00-7:00	Parade Starts @ 3:00
Recreation Committee	Monday	13 th	7:00	Town Office/Virtual
Planning Commission	Thursday	16 th	7:00	Town Office/Virtual
<i>Tales of Tinnmouth</i> Deadline	Monday	20 th		Don't Miss It!
E & I Committee	Thursday	30 th	7:00	Town Office/Virtual

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

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

~ *The Library is open Thursdays 2:30-4:30 PM ~ And the first Saturday of the month, 10 - noon.*

Knit/Craft Club ~ Mondays ~ 1:00-3:00 All Welcome!

Now knitting outside, at the Creamery/Old Fire House until school is out for the summer, then at the Pavilion.



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