

TALES OF TINMOUTH

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Editor's Note: Hooray, we're half way through winter!! The old timers used to say, "On February 1st there should remain, half the hay and half the grain." And probably half the wood pile!

Please send news, ads, and items of interest to tinmouthtales@vermontel.net. The deadline is the 20th of the preceding month. Gail Fallar, Editor, 515 North End Rd, Tinmouth, VT 05773

~ Town Meeting 2016 ~

Town Meeting is **Saturday, February 27th** this year. Town and School public questions and budgets will be voted from the floor at the Community Center starting at 1:00 PM. Australian balloting **Tuesday, March 1st** will include the election of town and school officers; a special vote regarding merging the school district; a proposed amendment to Tinmouth's Zoning Regulations regarding setbacks and screening for commercial solar projects; and the Presidential Primary.

There will be a change in voting hours on March 1st – polls will not open until 10:00 AM – this is due to the special school vote – per state statute for this proposal, all towns must be open the same time and as Shrewsbury, Clarendon and Wallingford don't open until 10:00, Tinmouth must also. Thank-you for your cooperation and understanding. You may cast an early/absentee ballot for any voting that takes place on March 1st.

Folks running for office have filed their petitions. There are **three** contested races, Select Board, Road Commissioner and the 2 year Lister position. They have all submitted a short explanation of who they are and why they are running which can be found on **page 3**.

Moderator - Town & School - **Stan Wilbur**

School Director – vacant (Write-in campaign anyone?)

Select Board Member - **Gregg Casey,**

Amanda Buffum Gill, Frank Sears

Road Commissioner – **Eric Buffum, Kevin Ruane**

Lister - **Shirley Bucceri** 3 year term

Lister – **Carmen Fallar and Carolyn Feury** 2 year term

Auditor – **Sandy Goyette** 3 year term

Auditor - **Alan Held** 1 year term

2nd Constable - vacant

Town Agent – **Rick Fallar**

Grand Juror – **Glenn D. Merrill**

Tax Collector (Delinquent) – **Cat Yoder**

School Director White Rocks Unified School District –
Grant Reynolds

~ Town Meeting 2016 Continued ~

If you wish to request an **Absentee Ballot**, you must do so before **5:00 pm on Monday, February 29th**. **Voted ballots must be returned by 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 1st**. You can also vote **early** at the town office anytime after **February 8th**.

The last day to **register to vote** for Town Meeting is **Wednesday, February 24th**. The Town Office will be open from 3:00 – 5:00 that day.

Town Reports will be mailed soon, please read them and bring them with you to Town Meeting on Saturday, February 27th.

The Tinmouth School Board sends this message:

TINMOUTH SCHOOL IS NOT GOING TO CLOSE!

The proposed merger of the school districts in Rutland South Supervisory Union does not close any schools.

The merger is our defense of Tinmouth School. Under Act 46 all small districts will have to merge into larger ones by 2020. If they do not help design their own merger, the state will design one for them.

Your School Board helped design this merger in order to save Tinmouth School. The Articles of Agreement give us a legally binding guarantee that no school can be closed without a unanimous vote of the Union School Board, including the Tinmouth representative, AND A VOTE OF THE TOWN TO CLOSE THE SCHOOL.

So closing Tinmouth School will remain in our hands, not that of the merged school district. A state-designed merger will not give us such a guarantee. Most likely, it will be designed to encourage closing small schools like ours to reduce the number of teachers in the state.

The proposed merger will be on the Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 1. Please come and vote!

~ TCF Annual Meeting ~

The **Tinmouth Community Fund** will hold its **Annual Meeting at 11:30 am on Saturday, February 27th** at the Community Center. Grant awards will be presented as well as reports for the past year, and election of Directors and officers. All are welcome!

~ Town Meeting Lunch ~

Tinmouth Elementary School Grades 5 & 6 will be selling lunch and baked goodies to help raise funds for their class trip. Come early to grab a bite before Town Meeting starts! They will also have a bake sale on Election Day, Tuesday March 1st.



February 2016 Calendar of Events

Fire Dept	Thursday	4 th	7:00	Fire House
School Board	Wednesday	10 th	7:00	School
Select Board	Thursday	11 th	7:00	Town Office
TCF Grants Due	Friday	12 th	5:00	Town Office
Conservation Comm	Monday	15 th	7:00	Town Office
Contra Dance	Friday	19 th	8:00	Community Center
THGS	Sunday	28 th	2:00	Town Office
Last Day to Register to Vote	Wednesday	24 th	3:00-5:00	Town Office
TCF Annual Meeting	Saturday	27 th	11:30	Community Center
Town Meeting	Saturday	27 th	1:00	Community Center
Planning Commission	Monday	29 th	7:00	Town Office
Last Day to Request an Absentee Ballot	Monday	29 th	5:00	Town Office

March 2016 Calendar of Events

Australian Balloting*	Tuesday	1 st	10 am – 7 pm	Community Center
Fire Dept	Thursday	3 rd	7:00	Fire House
School Board	Wednesday	9 th	7:00	School
Select Board	Thursday	10 th	7:00	Town Office
Contra Dance	Friday	18 th	8:00	Community Center
THGS	No March Meeting			
Planning Commission	Monday	28 th	7:30	Town Office

* Includes election of officers, Presidential Primary, Zoning Regulation Amendment and the School Merger

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

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

Library Hours ~ Monday 9:30-noon & 1-5 and Thursday 9:30-noon

Fun "non-competitive" Volleyball on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm.

Kripalu Yoga, Thursdays 5:30-7:00 pm \$10 per class Bess Lewis, Instructor, Community Center

Exercise Class, Monday 5:30 pm - \$6 per class - Annie Robbins, Instructor, Community Center

~ Hook-In ~

by Shirley Bucceri

There will be a "Hook-In" at the Tinmouth Community Center on **Saturday, February 6, 2016** from 9:00 to 3:00 or 4:00. This event was started by the late Patty Yoder, an outstanding rug hooker and continued by the late Susan Mackey, also excellent in this craft. Everyone is welcome - - hooking, knitting or any fiber craft.

Or, if you'd like to learn more about rug hooking there will be many present that would love to share and/or show you how it's done. Bring a lunch and if you'd like a "goodie" to share. Coffee, tea and water supplied by the GMRHG (Green Mountain Rug Hooking Guild).

Any questions, please call Shirley @802-235-3434.

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~ Running for the Select Board ~

My name is **Gregg Casey**. I am a long time resident and local business owner (Tinmouth Snack Bar). I have been an environmental consultant for 30 years. I am seeking re-election to the Tinmouth Select Board. We have a lot of challenges coming with new legislation specifically regarding roads and storm water. I feel my experience and back ground will greatly assist the town in meeting these challenges in a cost effective manner.

Thank you for your support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregg Casey

Hello,

I'm **Amanda Buffum Gill** and I am running for Select Board. For those of you who don't know me, I live on Gulf Road with my husband and two kids. I have lived in Tinmouth most of my life and I love this town, I couldn't imagine raising my kids anywhere else.

I have thought about running for Select Board ever since I moved back to town ten years ago, and now that my kids are teens I figured it was time to do it. My grandfather Cecil was on the Select Board for many years and he is the main reason I am running, I want to carry on the tradition of serving our town.

Thank you for your time. I hope to have your support on town meeting day.

My name is **Frank Sears**. I am the current owner of Phil's Mill, (a saw mill located in West Tinmouth). It is my desire to become more involved in the community of Tinmouth. As such I am running for election as Select Board Member. I am a 1973 Graduate of Rutland High School with roots which extend into Tinmouth from when I worked with my Uncle Lynn Fenton, during summer school breaks.

After graduating from high school I enlisted in the Air Force, as a Supply Management Specialist and was ultimately stationed in Alaska where I lived the past 40 years. During my time in Alaska I worked within the Oil Industry supporting the transportation of equipment and employees, in and out of Alaska.

As time went by the desire to return to Vermont and family became my priority. I do not hold any college degrees but have attended the University of NH and the University of Alaska for a total period of 3 year, majoring in Business.

If elected as a Select Board Member my goal is to work, in a positive manner, along side the other Select Board Members, ensuring the Tinmouth Community remains a healthy community where all systems work well (and together) and in which all Citizens, current and future, enjoy a good quality of life.

Feel free to phone me, directly, at the Mill (802-325-3594) with any questions you may have.

~ Running for Road Commissioner ~

Hi, my name is **Eric Buffum** and I am running for Tinmouth Road Commissioner. I have lived in town for 14 years. I grew up on a hobby farm in Mt Holly, Vermont where I have been running equipment since I was 10. I graduated Black River High School in 1996. I also took Industrial Mechanics and Welding for 2 years at Springfield Technical Center. I have been working in the Construction Industry for 19 years, where I have been supervising all types of jobs including several covered bridge projects and earth work. I have also spent a couple winters in the shop doing repairs and servicing all types of heavy equipment.

I look forward to helping keep everything running smoothly and meeting those of you I don't know.

Thanks for your time and support.

To the registered voters of Tinmouth,

I, **Kevin Ruane**, am asking for your vote on March 1, 2016 for Road Commissioner for the Town of Tinmouth.

I applied and was chosen by the Town of Tinmouth Select Board in November to be Road Forman. I would like to continue that job as Road Commissioner.

I have many years of experience in taking care of roads and up keeping equipment. I have worked with several towns and the State of Vermont on road projects. I was Road Forman for the Town of Ira for almost a decade. I filled in for Hollis Squier while he was out on medical leave.

I enjoy working with the Select Board and the town employees.

Thank you for your support and your vote on March 1, 2016.

~ Running for Lister ~

I am running for the 2 year Lister position. I think this would be a great way to get to know more about the folks of Tinmouth. I always hear friends and relatives referring to other residents, or where they live, etc. and I never know who or where they are. I am also ready to be more involved in the community.

I hope to get your vote! **Carmen Fallar**

I thought to throw my hat in the ring because it's a way to give back to this community. This community is a great place to live and most people are willing to help those who they know or not. I'm proud to live here and to help when I can.

Carolyn Feury

~ Letter to the Editor ~

I am endorsing *Eric Buffum* for *Road Commissioner* and *Frank Sears* for the *Select Board*.

Thank you, **Hollis Squier**

~ **Tinmouth Community Fund Grants** ~

The Tinmouth Community Fund (TCF)'s annual grant cycle is beginning. You can pick up grant applications at the Town Office or download them from the town's website - tinmouthvt.org. They need to be completed and returned to the Town Office **by February 12, 2016**.

We are looking for new ideas to fulfill TCF's purpose. That purpose being; **"To provide funding of needed services and facilities for the well being of the citizens of and for the sense of community in the Town of Tinmouth."**

To give you a sense of the type of projects that might be funded think in terms of the following activity areas. Historical, cultural, arts, recreation, social services, education, health, conservation, environmental, aesthetic, and community development. If you have a project that fits in any of these areas pick up a grant application.

Might it be computer classes for elders, or Thanksgiving dinners for shut-ins or singles either at home or the community center, or a movie series at the Old Firehouse? Use your own imagination, take some action, ask for more participation by citizens in making Tinmouth a better place to live.

Please give it a try.

Grant awards will be announced at the Tinmouth Community Fund's Annual Meeting on February 27th.

Cathy Reynolds, Chair

~ **THGS** ~

The Tinmouth Historical and Genealogical Society will meet on **Sunday, February 28th** to continue archiving work - sorting photos, papers and ephemera at the town office. Working on a system to catalog what's there.

2:00 ~ refreshments provided.

All are welcome.

If you have some old photos you would be willing to share, please bring them along. We would like to scan them. They will be promptly returned.

~ **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.

Meeting notices and agendas are posted there!

~ **There was a Public Forum on the Proposed Act 46 Merger on Wednesday, January 20th** ~

You can view this presentation on the RSSU's website www.RSSU.com, click on video under the RSSU Act 153 Merger Information Banner

~ **The Act 46 Amendment and What It Means for Tinmouth** ~

by Grant Reynolds, Chair, Tinmouth School Board

In a post-midnight session last Friday the House passed the Senate amendments to the Act 46 "cap tax" bill. Act 46, you may remember, counted twice any dollar budgeted for 2017 (school year that starts this fall) over the amount budgeted for 2016(current school year). For Tinmouth it meant that our tax rate, in the event the merger failed, would go up 14 cents on \$100 of assessed value, due to unavoidable increases in cost and loss of tuition income. (\$210 on a \$150,000 house). All the numbers in this post are my estimates; the business manager will have more accurate ones later this week.

The Senate first passed a bill 27-1 to repeal the cap entirely. The House balked, went round and round far into several nights, got into Republican-Democrat fights, and finally passed a bill that made some changes that don't affect us and reduced the dollar for dollar penalty for exceeding the cap to twenty five cents on the dollar. This could have raised our taxes 3.5 cents on the \$100, or about \$52 on a \$150,000 house. Back it went to the Senate, which totally reversed itself, gave in completely to the House, and RAISED the penalty for exceeding the cap to FORTY cents, or 5.6 cents on the hundred. Suddenly they had discovered that reducing this penalty, supposed to affect only a few high spending districts, was going to cost the Education Fund \$1.8 million. The penalty tax had become a revenue tax. This is the bill the House passed Saturday morning. This could increase the tax bill on a \$150,000 house by \$84 - but if we act wisely, it won't. Two of our representatives, Robin Chesnut-Tangerman and Dave Potter, voted for it, and Burditt of West Rutland voted against it. It seems to have become a Republicans against Democrats party line issue, on which all of them would have been under pressure to vote with the caucus regardless of the interests of their constituents.

As we pointed out a few days ago, the budget we have submitted for Tinmouth Town School District assumes that the merger PASSES. The merged district will have no cap, and a tax rate less than our rate last year. As a result, if the merger PASSES our tax rate would go down 7 cents from last year, to \$1.26 per \$100. (a reduction of \$105 on a \$150,000 house). Passage of the merger also means that the muddled Legislative action on the cap would have no effect on us.

However, if the merger FAILS, our taxes would go up. They would be around 20 cents per \$100 higher than last year (\$300 increase on a \$150,000 house).

Whatever we do, if the merger fails taxes will be higher than if the merger succeeds.

~ Tinmouth Community Church ~

Dear Friends,

I have been preaching a lot about love lately. You could chalk it up to Valentine's Day coming up or 10 years of marriage or reading 1 Corinthians 13 yet again; but for whatever reason, this is where my mind has been. During this time, the whole concept of love has been undergoing some interesting transformations. Maybe you have experienced something like this, when you focus long enough on a subject it starts to morph right before your eyes? Sometimes new correlations become apparent as you puzzle over it more and more. Sometimes the initial thought changes so much that the word itself starts to feel strange and unfamiliar.

Love has a lot of different forms. It permeates our intimate relationships if we are lucky - between life partners as well as between parents and children. Animal companions often connect to our heartstrings too, and the beauty of the natural world around us. Love also touches our lives in more subtle ways in terms of how we choose to spend our time at work and during leisure hours. If we really love what we do, then there is a wonderful flow. Life can be full and rich when love is present in one or more of its forms.

A friend of mine suggested that Valentine's Day need not just be about sweethearts, encouraging each of us go out and buy a packet or two of those small valentines and sign them - perhaps with our names, perhaps with some more mysterious message. Once we had them ready to go, we were to hand them out randomly. We might give them to friends who seem to need a pick-me-up, to a person who provides a service to us such as a mail carrier, cashier or waiter, or even to a stranger we pass on the street. If we are really feeling brave, we could give a Valentine to someone we have had a falling out with - not with the expectation that it will make everything better, but just as an opening to possibility.

It can take courage to give a Valentine to someone, because it represents that our heart is open and accessible. In our culture, we are not used to engaging with everyone in such a heartfelt way. But maybe this is what our world needs more of - this willingness to see the friend in a stranger. What is at the heart of my friend's idea is that love is much too valuable to save for special occasions. Love is a gift to be given, and in the giving, love just might transform us, and our world.

Happy Valentine's Day!
Shirley

P.S. Tinmouth Community Church gathers for worship every Sunday at 9am - even Valentine's Day! Come and enjoy the music, the message and the love.

~ Marion's Musings ~
by Marion Hambly

Today it really acts like winter; 10 degrees above last night and just as cold tonight. Wind blowing all day and a cold sun in the sky. But as someone pointed out, it isn't the first of December; it is nearly the first of February, may be a short winter?

This is the first time in many years that I haven't spent the winter months in Florida. It hasn't been a very warm one down there so far. Up near Daytona, in Edgewater, the temperature has gotten down to the 40's and stayed there for a few days, with a lot of rain. My friend Fred did say yesterday it hit nearly 60. As far as I'm concerned, that is not shorts weather. And there was a tornado in Sarasota on the west coast.

My sister, Norma lives in St. Louis, Missouri, and it has been wet out there. She said the Mississippi River crested at St. Louis the highest in 90 years. She lives in a suburb NOT down near the Arches, and some of the major highways are still under water, nothing near her home, but.

I have been busy. Had a nice Xmas with all my children, their children, and their children - which by the way are my great-grandchildren. I believe there are now 16 or so and more expected in May and June. The Squier Tribe has sure expanded!

I told Gail I am running out of material for this column. I think for my future ones, I am going back over my old ones and material from my travels to see if I can find something of interest to write about. I am also going to rename my column so let me know what you think when I do it.

Marion

~ Fund Raising Help Needed ~

Hi everyone, this is Jody Buffum. On **March 26, 2016** I will be having a **fundraiser** at The Tinmouth Community Center for my cousin **Derrick Edmunds** who was diagnosed with Leukemia on Oct 30 2015. He is waiting for a bone marrow transplant along with his chemo treatments.

I will be having a Basket Party along with selling raffle tickets. If you would like to donate an item or items I would surely appreciate it. Derrick and his family have a long road ahead of them and not to have a financial burden would give this family a big relief. Then they can focus on Derrick.

Hope to see you there. Please call me if you would like to help. 446-3611 Thank you!



**Hot Band – Hot Caller - Cold Weather Contra Dance
in Tinmouth**

**Nova with Will Mentor calling
and guest fiddler Oliver Scanlon**

Friday, February 19, 2016 at 8:00 pm

Tinmouth Community Center, 573 Route 140

TINMOUTH. Hot dance, hot caller – don't miss this dance with up and coming band Nova and Will Mentor calling on Friday February 19 from 8-11 pm at the Tinmouth Community Center. All dances are taught, and you do not need a partner. If you are a beginner, come at 8:00 for a beginner's lesson. There will be live music, enthusiastic swinging and dancing and a fun night for all.

The dance takes place in the Tinmouth Community Center on the third Friday. The Community Center is on Rte 140 in the center of Tinmouth, Vermont 5 miles west of Wallingford. Please bring clean, non-marring shoes. Admission is \$9, \$7 for teens and free for child-ren 12 and under. Refreshments will be available to benefit the dance fund.

More info at tinmouthcontradance.org. Like us on Facebook at Tinmouth Contra Dance and mark your calendar for our upcoming dances:

Shindy* with Mary Wesley Calling on **March 18*

Red Ace and the Garden Flyers* with Peter Stix calling on **April 15*

Gam-Ham Band* with Licia Gambino-Hamilton calling on **May 20*

Shine up those dancing shoes and bring a couple of friends to dance with!

Everyone Is Welcome in This
Community of Worship and Faith

**TINMOUTH COMMUNITY
CHURCH**

Sunday Service – 9:00 a.m.

Rev. Shirley Oskamp, Pastor

Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors

~ Vermont Community Foundation ~

**Rutland County Receives \$9,950 in 4
Small and Inspiring Grants for Local Projects**

Four nonprofit organizations in Rutland County received a total of \$9,950 in Small and Inspiring grants from the Vermont Community Foundation for local projects last fall. One of a number of competitive grant rounds at the Community Foundation, the Small and Inspiring grants program funds work that helps connect people to their neighbors, their land, and their history in ways that strengthen community.

Community Foundation fund holders partnered with the Foundation in making some of the grants.

“These projects remind us of the importance of community,” says Jen Peterson, vice president for program and grants. “As we are confronted daily with news stories that incite feelings of fear and distrust, we are honored to support work that brings us together and nourishes the social fabric of our Vermont communities.”

Nonprofits interested in applying for a Small and Inspiring grant are encouraged to visit www.vermontcf.org/SmallandInspiring for more information. There are three remaining rounds in 2016, with deadlines at 5:00 p.m. on March 8, July 26, and October 11.

Fall 2015 Small & Inspiring Grants in Rutland County

Four Winds Nature Institute received \$2,450 to support the creation of a nature playscape at Rutland County Head Start's Hickory Street site.

Lothrop Elementary School received \$2,500 to support a public performance of an adapted Shakespeare play through a ten-week residency directed by Middlebury Town Hall Theater's Education Director.

The Ruth Stone Foundation received \$2,500 to bring artists and writers to Goshen to visit, be inspired by, and work on Ruth Stone's literary and physical estate while also making vital stabilizations to the historic house.

Town of Tinmouth received \$2,500 to support the community-driven construction of a front porch for Tinmouth's Old Creamery building, modeled after an original which sheltered farmers' wagons, to create a community gathering space.

The Vermont Community Foundation is a family of hundreds of funds and foundations established by Vermonters to serve their charitable goals. It provides the advice, investment vehicles, and back-office expertise to make giving easy and effective. The Foundation also provides leadership in giving by responding to community needs, mobilizing and connecting philanthropists to multiply their impact, and by keeping Vermont's nonprofit sector vital with grants and other investments in the community.

Visit www.vermontcf.org or call 802-388-3355 for more information.

~ Tinmouth Planning Commission Considering Commercial Solar Arrays ~

By Grant Reynold, PC Member

Solar arrays are blossoming all around us. Towns have little to say about their size or location. The Public Service Board, made up of 3 political appointees with 6 year terms, makes all the decisions. They have proven to be almost immune to local pleas. Hardly any proposal, regardless of size, is disapproved. However, the law – Section 248 of the public utility laws – requires them to give “due consideration” to town plans. So far they have simply made excuses not to follow town plans, or have used the lack of solar array coverage in a plan as an excuse to ignore any concerns the town may have. The law does give the towns some authority over screening.

The experience throughout Vermont is that companies – there are a lot of them – strike a private deal with a landowner for a long term lease of his land. The first the town hears of it is when it gets the 45 day notice the developer must give before he submits his application to the Public Service Board. The town only has the right to comment on it, though it can also hire lawyers and experts to appear before the Public Service Board when it holds a hearing on the application.

Tinmouth hasn't had this happen yet, but there is active probing in town for land on which to place solar arrays. The Planning Commission believes that any solar development, other than home or farm based, should not harm the natural beauty of the community. On November 30 the Planning Commission passed and sent on to the Select Board amendments to the Zoning Bylaws prescribing screening requirements for commercial solar arrays. These are any array over 150 KW, which is about half an acre in extent, regardless of ownership. Natural screening, like a hill or standing forest, is preferred, but a double row of evergreens is called for where nature doesn't help. The town's screening requirements for solar arrays must be the same as the requirements for commercial zones. We have no commercial zones, but we did have screening rules for gravel pits. We applied those to commercial solar arrays. These requirements do not apply to small solar arrays that serve a home or a farm, and are on the property.

The Planning Commission is also working on solar array amendments to the town plan. As noted above, the Public Service Board is required to give “due consideration” to the town plan (but not our zoning). The town has 45 days after an application for a commercial array is filed to comment on it, though its comments can be ignored. The only real influence the town has is to address solar arrays specifically in the town plan, and particularly to specify its “crown jewels” – the places where it would be least desirable to fill the fields or woods with solar panels.

In addition to reinforcing screening requirements, the town plan should contain both “preferred areas” and “exclusion areas”, though it's easier to define where not to put them than where they should be located. Commercial solar facilities are an industrial use, not otherwise permitted in Tinmouth. They should be located in areas that reinforce Tinmouth's

traditional and planned pattern of use, which is of a countryside that includes large amounts of working farm and forest land and scattered housing on large lots. Large solar arrays conflict with this vision. Desirable locations, therefore, are those where topographical features or existing forest screen the site from main roads. Gravel pits, former quarries, closed landfills, and the least productive or recently abandoned agricultural land may also be desirable sites.

Prohibited, or exclusion, areas begin with locations that require clearcutting of woodland, or fragmentation of Tinmouth's working landscape. Habitat for rare, threatened, or endangered species, and migratory routes and travel corridors for all species, are prohibited areas. Land subject to a conservation easement is prohibited, even if the holder of the easement might be willing to consent. Class I, II, and III wetlands, and all of the Tinmouth Channel Wildlife Management Area, are off-limits. So are lands within the Lakeshore District, the Ridgeline Overlay District, the Conservation District, the Protection District, and the Flood Hazard District.

More specific exclusion areas are related to the town's appearance and scenic beauty, in turn closely related to agriculture and open fields – which are economically attractive to solar developers. Some exclusion areas might be:

- Open fields at the entrance to the town, on Rte 140 at the Wallingford line, Rte 133 at the Middletown Springs and Ira borders, and Rte 133 in West Tinmouth.

- The agricultural heart of the Tinmouth Valley: Open fields along Rte 140 and East and North East Roads, from Channel Road on the south to the east-west tree line on North East Road on the north, and from tree line to tree line east and west of East and North East roads.

- Open fields at the intersection of Gulf Road and Rte 140.

- A site that causes significant adverse impact to historical and cultural resources, including Tinmouth Village National Historic District, State Historic Register sites, and other such sites identified in the town plan. (A list is being developed with the help of the historical society).

- Specifically, no commercial solar arrays within 1000 feet of the Tinmouth Village National Historic District.

- Power lines shall follow existing power line rights of way, provided they are in use and not abandoned, or public road rights of way. Clearcutting new power line rights of way through forest lands is not permitted, nor shall new lines cross working agricultural property.

The Planning Commission is trying to strike a balance between solar developers' demand for land and the maintenance of our town's appearance. We hope that a reasonable approach will appeal to the Public Service Board so that it will respect it. **The Commission will be returning to the Town Plan at its meeting on February 29 at 7:30 PM at the town office. Your ideas, comments, and complaints are all welcome. In the meantime, you could speak to any of the planning commission members, or post your comments on Front Porch Forum.**

Meeting Highlights ~

information from unofficial minutes

(Complete minutes are available at the town office.)

Select Board ~ 1/14/16 ~

Present were Board members Matt Patry, Laurie Phillips, and Gregg Casey, as well as Stan Wilbur, Wendy Loomis-Director of Children First Advocacy Center, Ross Loomis, Todd Eaton – Circuit Rider for Vermont Local Roads, Grant Reynolds, Kevin Ruane-Road Foreman, Frank Sears and Gail Fallar- Board Assistant.

Agenda was re-arranged to allow visitors to go first.

Wendy requested that an appropriation request for \$400 be placed on the town meeting warning to support the non-profit group Child First Advocacy Center which is dedicated to providing a safe and supportive environment to assist victims and their families in the discovery, intervention, treatment and prevention of child sexual abuse, severe physical abuse and children affected by violence. Board voted to add it to the warning.

Todd presented a power point demonstration explaining pavement assessment, treatment and management. He noted that a paved road should be thought of as a roof structure, if it leaks it could cause major damage. He described four types of damage, how to deal with them, 'the right treatment, the right road and the right time'. Some roads merely need shim and top coating, some should be crack sealed, pot holes need emulsifier before the hot/cold mix is added, geo textile binder can be used in places, etc. Keep good roads good, and work on poorer roads as dollars and time allow. Most towns have a mix of good and bad roads; they need to determine how to allocate available money to keep them in the best shape possible – a dollar spent on prevention keeps from spending eight dollars on restoration.

Kevin reported lots of plowing and sanding, hub on blue truck needed repair, first batch of tools are here, equipment is getting rusty from salt – need to be able to wash it.

Gregg had researched cost of a jet pump to feed the pressure washer from the small pond near the town garage; the problem needs to be addressed now to get the salt off the vehicles. Board approved purchase the jet pump, hose and water tank to hook to the pressure washer (purchased last year for thawing culverts) spending up to \$600.

Gregg and Kevin attended a workplace safety workshop. VOSHA will be conducting inspections of all town garages; the town needs to be prepared. There is a program that is a voluntary inspection (Project Worksafe), but once started the town has to correct all deficiencies. Todd suggested that the town have its insurance company's (VLCT PACIF) risk assessment staff do a preliminary inspection first. Gail will contact Wade Masure. It was also suggested that the town apply for a PACIF grant for two dump blocks which are needed when working on the dump trucks. Grant will pay 50%, blocks are \$620 each.

Kevin is still working on estimate for repair of the loader - \$7,300 so far (radiator, windshield, tires, brake pedal, steering column, injectors) before the motor, which needs an oil analysis, but as he just changed the oil, it needs to run for at least 100 hours before that test can be done. Use averages about 300 hours per year. Board voted to get brakes and steering column fixed now. Discussion of whether to repair and keep for another five years, more information is needed.

Grant asked on behalf of the Old Creamery Committee that the Board allocate \$5,200 from the Town's Building/Repair Capital Fund for the proposed porch on old creamery, so that the project can go forward this spring. The OCC has received a Small Communities Grant (\$2,500) from the Vermont Community Foundation and anticipates another \$500 from a TCF grant. In addition, Stan noted on behalf of the Tinmouth Historical and Genealogical Society that they are also applying for a TCF grant and will match it with \$500. Grant and Stan advised that both groups will work on fund raising and will do their best to replace the \$5,200. After discussion, Board approved allocating \$5,200 from the Capital Building Repair Fund for the old creamery porch, with the understanding that THGS and OCC will pay it back.

Matt called the Hearing for proposed Amendment of the Zoning Regulations to order. Grant spoke for the Planning Commission, explaining these were setback and screening requirements for the Public Service Board to consider if a commercial solar project was proposed in Tinmouth. The Town has no permitting authority regarding solar projects as they have to go to the Public Service Board for approval. Board expressed concerns about the size requirements (applies to projects greater than 150KW and greater than 1 1/2 acres). Board wants to encourage solar development. After discussion, Board voted to warn the vote for March 1, 2016. Grant also advised that the Planning Commission is working on an amendment to the Town Plan regarding possible solar project locations.

Matt read letter from Planning Commission Chair Michael Fallar requesting \$3,050 be added to the FY17 budget for revision of the Town Plan which must be done by September 2017. The PC's planning grant application was not approved by the state. The PC needs professional help with some aspects of the update. Board thought that there should be money set aside each year to make sure there was enough when the next revision would be required. Board voted to add \$3,050 to the FY17 budget for planning. Board decided to not fund the reappraisal yearly set-aside and use that money for planning for FY17.

Board reviewed draft highway budget, need more dollars for culvert work as the list from the recent culvert inventory lists several as critical. Discussed culvert on Rte 140 near the Gulf Road, need size to request hydraulic study from the state. Discussed the need to replace the

back hoe – its replacement is not on the equipment fund list – Board will look for a used one.

Board reviewed draft general budget, no big changes, did increase Sheriff patrol a bit.

Board set January 21, 2016 for a special meeting to finalize proposed budgets and warning for town meeting.

Board received a petition to place an article on the town meeting warning, signed by 33 voters, having to do with providing health insurance to a retiree. Matt advised that per state statute the Board has no obligation to put it on the warning as voters don't have the authority to decide personnel policy. Members did not want to add it as advisory only, noting it could be very controversial. After brief discussion, Board voted to reject the petition on the grounds that it is not legally operative as statute does not give voters that authority.

Matt then suggested that the Board appoint a Blue Ribbon Committee to assist the Board in developing a new personnel policy, comparing salary and benefits with other towns of similar size, etc.. No action was taken.

Gail requested the Board approve a 30 day extension of the deadline to file the 2015 Grand List final 411 with the State as there were still ongoing exchanges happening regarding Current Use between the Listers and PVR. Board voted to approve extension.

Gail advised that the School Board was willing to share the cost of an attorney to properly transfer title of the school building to the town. Board voted to approve.

Board reviewed Rutland Town's Resolution regarding local input for solar projects. Board voted to support this resolution seeking greater input from municipalities.

Gail requested that the Board share the 21st with the Board of Civil Authority which needs to meet to set time for the election on March 1st (opening time has to be changed to 10 AM to match other towns for voting on the school merger) and add volunteers to the election worker list. In addition the Board of Tax Abatement will meet immediately after the BCA (BCA is part of that Board) to hear a request for tax abatement. Select Board agreed to allow those two Boards to meet prior to the Select Board meeting that evening, as they are also members of those Boards.

Select Board ~ 1/21/16 – Special Meeting

Present were Board members Matt Patry, Laurie Phillips, and Gregg Casey, as well as Cathy Reynolds, Kevin Ruane, and Gail Fallar- Board Assistant.

Board reviewed agenda, added Alan Held's request to use part of the basement of the old firehouse.

Board reviewed final drafts of highway budget (\$481,660) and general budget (\$212,810). Projected increase in the town tax rate is 3 cents. Board voted to approve and submit these to voters at town meeting.

Board reviewed draft town meeting warning, Board voted to approve and signed it.

Board discussed Alan's request to clean out and use part of the basement of the old firehouse for stained glass classes. Much concern was expressed regarding the lead that would be used. Board wants more information and a written proposal from Alan before deciding.

School Board ~ 1/13/16

Present were Board Members Grant Reynolds and Sarah Graham, as well as Stan Pawlacyzk, RSSU Business Manager, Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker-Principal, Jo Reynolds, and Gail Fallar – Treasurer and temporary scribe

Board approved warning for Act 153 vote on March 1st.

No superintendent present – no superintendent report. Mr. Younce had a meeting in Clarendon regarding Act 146/153.

Maureen reported that the library is her 'office' four days a week; a space has been created for students needing a time out for disruptive behavior; and that it was too costly to replace locks on all the outside doors, so the students will access the playground by exiting the Community Center back door to avoid walking on ice and through the parking lot.

The School will get special mats to absorb water to protect the Community Center floor.

She also noted that the problem with the tile floor weeping was due to the glue not properly curing. Wanda Stiles, custodian, has removed some of the tiles and re-set them following manufacturers instructions and the problem has disappeared. Maureen recommended hiring Wanda over winter and spring breaks to repair the rest of the floor. This is above and beyond her normal work duties; \$1,100 would cover labor and materials. Board voted to approve this proposal, and asked Maureen to inquire about a refund from the original vendor.

Pre-K room is overheating, there were once insulated shutters for the upper windows, but they are missing; she will get an estimate for replacement. She is still waiting for estimates for exterior painting.

She presented Professional Development Overview that staff will be attending in the next couple of months while students are skiing at Pico.

She also advised that the 5/6 grades are planning fundraisers for their class trip to Washington, D.C. in the spring.

She noted that she had sent a letter to parents and the community inviting them to the proposed consolidation meeting on January 20th.

Maureen also spoke to the teacher structure, and how it will need to be flexible as there is a large class that as it moves through the school, teachers may be asked to teach 3 grades – depending on student count for each grade, requirements for Kindergarteners, etc. All hands will pitch in as needed to make sure all subjects are covered. In her role as instructional leader she wants to raise the bar of

what teachers are teaching and students are learning. Principal is budgeted at .6 FTE for next year, Instructional Leader at .4 so the job is full time.

Stan presented the latest version of the budget for FY17, the Spanish program has been added to the budget, though it is privately funded, revenues and expenditures were added in anticipation of the merger. He provided many handouts explaining the budget, proposed tax rates with and without the merger, etc.

Board discussed the After School Program, first hour is free, not many kids are staying after that, funding is not sustainable. Others schools in the SU require parents to pay for all time. 21st Century grant may not be continued. If it is, current After School staff would not qualify as a certified teacher must be the director. Maureen will conduct a survey to determine need, ability to pay for all services, etc. There are some folks who would qualify for state monies, but need to fill out paperwork to receive it. Board discussed adding money to the budget, but in the end did not.

After brief discussion, Board voted to set FY 17 tuition at \$15,000. FY16 rate is \$14,200.

Board voted to submit a proposed budget of \$1,576,503 to voters at town meeting. The warning has to include information for voters that that amounts to spending \$16,668.25 per equalized student and that it is 10.73% higher than current spending.

Board voted to approve the town meeting warning, Board will sign on the 25th.

At 8:45 Board voted to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters. Board exited at 8:50. Board voted to offer Maureen a two year contract for principal/instructional leader. Maureen accepted.

Gail inquired whether the Board would be willing to share cost of an attorney with the Town regarding the transfer of the school buildings to the town. Board voted to approve.

Board set next meeting for February 10th at 7:00.

Planning Commission ~ 1/25/16

Present were members Grant Reynolds, Michael Fallar, Denise (Tess) McGinley, Vito Macaluso, Bob Lloyd, Kevin Ruane, Andy Gilmore, and Kim Harbaugh, as well as Gail Fallar, Secretary.

Members continued review of proposed town plan amendments regarding solar development – discussed whether a map should show where it is allowed or where it should be prohibited – members looked at the ortho photo map of the town to get a sense of where open spaces are and where possible projects might be. Also discussed was the amount of land that has conservation restrictions and land in the state's current use program and whether either of those would allow solar development. Bob will check with the Vermont Land Trust and Gail will check with the Current Use Board – she is a member and has a meeting in

the near future. Members also discussed protecting future agricultural use. Bob volunteered to produce a map showing conserved and current use properties for the next meeting.

Members then discussed the Enhanced Review of the Town Plan done by the Rutland Regional Planning Commission in the fall of 2014. It seems the state is encouraging village development and concentrating new growth there as opposed to out lying areas. Tinmouth's village area has always been small, with pockets of development and hamlets in out lying areas, how can this be addressed? Members will ponder the remainder of the document for the next meeting – looking at areas the RRPC felt did not address the required elements of a plan and compare that to the current town plan.

Next regular meeting set for February 29, 2016. (Leap Day!!) Members changed to the fifth Monday as some members were not available on the 22nd.

Old Creamery Committee ~ 1/4/16

Present were members Michael Fallar, Vito Macaluso, Grant Reynolds, Alan Held, Doug Fontein, and Stan Wilbur, as well as Gail Fallar.

Grant reported that the Vermont Community Foundation had approved a Small Community Grant of \$2,500 for the porch on the old creamery. He anticipates a \$500 grant from the Tinmouth Community Fund. Therefore the OCC needs to raise another \$5500 to pay for the new porch. Members discussed whether to ask the Select Board for money from the Town's Capital Repair/Building Fund, to ask them to include it in the FY17 budget or whether it should be a request from voters at town meeting. In the end, members decided to ask the Select Board for money (\$5,200) from the Town's Capital Building/Repair Fund and offer to replace the money as donations are received.

Members also discussed a clean-up in early spring to make the premises more presentable. The cribbing may need to be re-arranged to ensure more stability. Members also discussed what the next step should be, south wall, south sill, carrying beam, roof, north wall/sill/foundation. Doug and Michael will take a look and report back at the next meeting which was set for February 1st.

Alan suggested a film showing as a fund raiser, featuring Charlie Browers' animated movies from the early 1930's, in the old fire house. Really Cool!!

Gregg suggested building a fake wall just inside the door which would hold photos and donation information.





Efficiency Vermont

Project Description

The Southwest Vermont Council on Aging is now receiving a grant from Efficiency Vermont to help seniors over the age of 60 (as well as eligible younger disabled folks) save energy and money in their homes through home energy visits. The process of this project breaks down in the following ways:

A home energy referral form is filled out and then passed into SVCOA's volunteer coordinator, Aaron Brush. If the home *has* been weatherized in the last 3 years, then nothing *more* can be done. If it *has not* been weatherized, then SVCOA checks the individual's home electricity usage (kw/h). From this point, there are two types of referrals; **high-users (>10,000 kWh/year)** and **non-high users (<10,000 kWh/year)**. If the individual is a *non-high user* (regardless of income), then an SVCOA will send a trained volunteer to go in and complete a walkthrough and direct install of energy efficient products. If the individual is a *high-user*, then we look at income in the following manner:

- Low income (household income of < \$42,062.40) individuals – an SVCOA volunteer will go in and do a walkthrough but *without* the direct install of energy efficient products. Instead, the volunteer will assist the client in filling out the "Target High Use Form". The Target High Use Form will then be forwarded on to Efficiency Vermont and BROCC. Then, within 30 days of receiving the Target High Use Form, BROCC will send out one of their trained volunteers to complete the direct install of energy efficient products as well as to install new appliances (if need be).
- Not low income (household income of > \$42,062.40) individuals – an SVCOA volunteer will go out and complete the direct install of energy efficient products.



A home energy visit involves:

- Installing low-cost energy efficient products, such as compact fluorescent light bulbs and low-flow showerheads;
- Identifying energy saving opportunities in the home, and
- Providing seniors with resources and information to help them save more energy.

A home energy visit is not a professional energy audit, but rather a walk-through assessment. Visits are conducted by trained volunteers who have been approved by the Southwest Vermont Council on Aging. Each visit lasts approximately 1 – 1 ½ hours.

If you are interested in scheduling a visit, please contact Aaron Brush at 802-772-7835 or fill out a home energy visit referral form (www.SVCOA.org). You can also contact Aaron or Courtney with any questions that may arise.

~ Kudos and Appreciation ~

Get Well Wishes are sent to **Art Psholka, Nelson Jaquay, Marion Hambly, David Aubrey, Lena Hill, and Richard Prouty.**

Heartfelt Sympathies are sent to family and friends of **Bob Drachman**, he will be very much missed; and to **Ryan Deppert** and family for the loss of his father.

~ Nature Notes ~

Winter continues on the mild side – much rain fell on February 3rd – if it had been snow, we'd be buried! Temperatures are setting record highs for this time of year. Many maple sugar makers are busy tapping out, some even made syrup in January!

On February 7th, snow drops were blossoming and daffodils were poking their leaves up about ½ an inch.

But on the 14th, temperatures dipped to 20 degrees below zero, coldest of this winter, and didn't get above 0 all of Valentine's Day!!

Someone needs to do a Snow Dance!!

~ Batteries Are Now Being Recycled! ~

Batteries are now being collected at the Transfer Station and the Town Office – any battery that weighs less than 4.4 pounds is acceptable. You were previously allowed to put them in the dumpster, please don't, please recycle them!! It's FREE, they can be regular or rechargeable. Cell phones are accepted as well.

Check out the back page for details!

~ Save the Dates for ~

The Tinmouth Old Firehouse Spring Concert Series

The Old Firehouse Crew is delighted to announce its Spring 2016 dates. We have some amazing musicians performing on our small stage this spring. We hope to see you at all of them.

All concerts are on Friday nights at **7:30 PM** in Tinmouth village. The Old Firehouse is on Mountain View Road just a few hundred feet south of the intersection with Vermont 140. Park on the road or on the Town Green in front of the church. Suggested donation of \$10; 90% goes to the musicians. 10% goes to the Town to support maintenance of the Old Firehouse. Local groups provide refreshments. Your donations support their activities.

The Old Firehouse Opens April 8 with Bluegrass by Possum Haw

The Old Firehouse is opening its 2016 season with an old favorite of Firehouse-goers: the Vermont band Possum Haw. This is a special combination: the drive of bluegrass and the original lyricism of folk, delivered by one of the finest female vocalists in the region, Colby Crehan. Formed in 2004 by Colby and husband Ryan (banjo player) and lead guitarist Charley Eiseman, the group has evolved into a well-oiled machine with stunning vocal harmonies and stellar acoustic instrumentation. They have filled the Firehouse to the brim before and we are looking forward to hearing them again.

Hilton Park Comes Over From Maine With Roots Music on April 22

The Old Firehouse likes to be refreshed from time to time with folks we haven't heard from before. Hailing from Southern Maine, Hilton Park is known in the Northeastern U.S. for earthy, emotionally expressive and superbly crafted Americana, Folk & Blues. Every song tells a story, and there's a story behind every song. Combining veteran musical & songwriting skill with teen enthusiasm, father/son team Bruce and Conor Hilton and family friend Gregg Pannier explore intimate musical textures with their sophomore release "Strings", digging into the roots of American Blues, Folk Rock and Country, while maintaining a contemporary feel that is 100% Hilton Park.

Their songwriting style shows New England savvy, yet with roots in the Deep South. They've won multiple awards for their performances, including "Best Band in Maine"

The Crew Welcomes the Great Bill Staines to the Old Firehouse - May 13

The Crew is so excited to have Bill Staines at the Firehouse that we almost don't care if anyone comes but us. But we expect all our regulars, irregulars, and lovers of traditional American music to join us. Bill has performed all over the country since the early days of the folk revival. His songs are so familiar that sometimes people don't know

he wrote them, including the Crew's favorite, the love song "Roseville Fair". Singing mostly his own songs, he has become one of the most popular and durable singers on the folk music scene today, performing nearly 200 concerts a year and driving over 65,000 miles annually. He weaves a blend of gentle wit and humor into his performances and one reviewer wrote, "He has a sense of timing to match the best standup comic." Bill's music is a slice of Americana, reflecting with the same ease his feelings about the prairie people of the Midwest or the adventurers of the Yukon, the on-the-road truckers, the cowboys and trappers of earlier times, and the other everyday workers that make up this land. Composer David Amram recently described Bill as "a modern day Stephen Foster...his songs will be around 100 years from now."

House Blend to Rock the Old Firehouse on May 27

House Blend is an assembly of 20 veteran singers from Vermont and New Hampshire, devoted to the collective exploration of the many styles of mostly *a cappella* singing from around the world and throughout musical history. They'll fill the little stage at Tinmouth's Old Firehouse on Friday, May 27 starting at 7:30. They have visited us several times before, filling the house with excited fans every time.

A democratically-governed party of self-professed singing addicts, the "Blenders" look to the artistic direction of all of its members rather than a single director, Coming together from differing walks of life undoubtedly influences the creative energy of this ensemble. Their occupations range from teachers to a web designer, from an airline pilot to a carpenter. The infectious welcoming energy of House Blend engages the audience with a passion for the music they sing. Their repertoire includes early music, contemporary arrangements by local composers, songs from American folk traditions such as spirituals, soulful gospel songs, hill songs from Appalachia; village music from many countries, and anything else the singers choose to add to the mix.

Jenni Johnson Returns to the Old Firehouse with the Jazz Junketeers - June 10

Jenni is a widely travelled jazz singer whose home and roots are in Vermont. Her full, smooth voice offers an ideal format for her collection of American jazz classics, as well as, blues, swing, and funk music. Firehouse audiences have been excited many times by her unique style and versatile renditions. She's had them smiling from their souls, while their feet danced happily to the beat. Jenni says she's still learning how to use her instrument, the vocal chords, with each performance. At the Old Firehouse she'll be backed by the Jazz Junketeers, a group of jazz playing friends who blend perfectly with Jenni.

~ The Old Firehouse Crew ~

~ SWAC Request ~ Survey Available To Residents ~

The Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) delineates how solid and hazardous waste will be managed in the Solid Waste Alliance Communities (SWAC) towns (Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, **Tinmouth**, and West Haven) over the next 5 years. The SWIP is available for review on the SWAC website at www.rutlandcountyswac.org.

One requirement of the Solid Waste Implementation Plan is for solid waste management entities to survey residents on their knowledge of variable rate pricing, recycling, organics, C & D (Construction and Demolition Debris), HHW (Household Hazardous Waste)/CEG (Conditionally Exempt Generator), and Electronic Waste and Universal Waste.

Your participation in filling out the survey would be most appreciated. The survey can be found at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S86DB77>.

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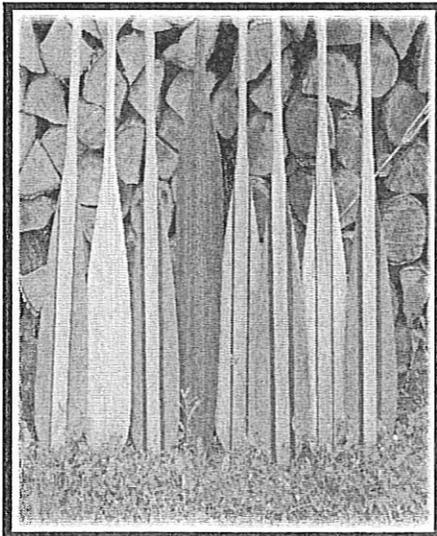
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