

# TALES OF TINMOUTH

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## ~ Tales Update ~ by Pat Psholka

John Squier (Farmer John) was the originator of *Tales of Tinmouth*, his daughter Gail Fallar, was the second editor (Cathy Ricketts being the first). For 30 years, Gail has done an amazing job continuing the tradition. Her endeavors have enriched our Town life and brought us closer together. As Gail steps aside as editor of *Tales*, and becomes "Editor Emeritus", a transition team has been formed to try to keep "*Tales*", the important publication it has become to all who have enjoyed reading news from our town.

Gail's expertise is unique to her and we do not expect that we can do the job as well as she has. However, to let *Tales* slip away is not an option, so we want to give it a good try to keep *Tales* going. Until we get up to speed, we ask for your patience and understanding.

We all owe Gail our heartfelt thanks for her long term commitment, time and energy she has invested to keep our Town informed and entertained.

*Thank you, Gail!!!!!!*

The cutoff date for submissions will be the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month, for publication on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the following month.

Please email your information to *Tales of Tinmouth* at our new email address: ([tinmouthtales@gmail.com](mailto:tinmouthtales@gmail.com)) or drop it off at the Town Office. Any submissions missing the cutoff date will be included in the following month.

## Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Adjustment

As the tax bills were being sent out, it seemed there were a number of folks who did not yet file their homestead declaration or property tax adjustment. In some cases the tax department had made an error, so you may want to check your status and file (again if need be). Deadline is October 15.

## ~ 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 please use your Tinmouth 911 address.

## ~ Annual Tinmouth Art Show ~ By Barbara Held

Calling all Tinmouth artists! The annual art show at the Upstairs Gallery will have its opening reception on **October 8, 2016**. There is a rumor going around that there will be wine, cheese, crackers, and chocolate! The space is filling up quickly (we have some very talented people in our town!)

All art is welcome, whether it be fiber, paintings, wood, photography, plantings, folk, modern, just anything that you have made.

Please let me know if you are interested. All artwork must be at the office no later than October 6<sup>th</sup>, preferably the 3<sup>rd</sup>. I can be reached at: [joy2\\_all@vermontel.net](mailto:joy2_all@vermontel.net)

Barbara Held 446-3094

I look forward to hearing from you and welcome all crafty artsy ideas!!

## ~ House Representative Rutland-Bennington District Debate at the Pawlet Fire House Thursday, September 29, 2016 6:30 pm ~

Rutland-Bennington District Voters, save the date!!! On **Thursday, September 29, 2016** starting at 6:30 pm, incumbent Vermont Representative, **Robin Chesnut-Tangerman**, and challenger, **Jonas Rosenthal**, will debate the issues that impact Wells, Middletown Springs, Rupert, Tinmouth and Pawlet. John Thrasher, Esquire, will serve as Moderator.

The debate will be held at the Pawlet Fire House located on Route 133 in the Village of Pawlet. Doors open at 6:00 pm on September 29. For information, call Dolores Luebke, Organizer, (802) 645-0109.

## ~ Nature Notes ~

Have you the strange creatures lurking along hedge rows around town? Grapevines, creeping Virginia, and wild cucumbers are climbing, clinging, and covering everything in their path. Great places for something to hide, just waiting for an innocent to happen by. . . .

**Ann Czar** reported sighting a bear on Route 140 between the East Road and the cemetery.

It's getting pretty dry, lawns are browning out, gardens are parched; someone needs to do a rain dance!!

Leaves are beginning to change color – sunrise and sunset are getting closer together – you know what that means . . . time to buck up wood and get ready for the white stuff!!



### September Calendar of Events

Fire Dept	Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup>	7:00	Fire House
Town Wide Tag Sales	Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	8 AM - 2 PM	All Around Town
Labor Day	Monday	5 <sup>th</sup>		Town Office and Library Closed
Select Board	Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup>	7:00	Town Office
Concert	Friday	9 <sup>th</sup>	7:30	Old Fire House
Conservation Comm.	Monday	19 <sup>th</sup>	7:00	Town Office*
Select Board-Special	Thursday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	7:00	Town Office
Concert	Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:30	Old Fire House
THGS Annual Mtg.	Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup>	1:00	Church Community Room
Planning Commission	Monday	26 <sup>th</sup>	7:30	Town Office



### October Calendar of Events

Fire Dept	Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup>	7:00	Fire House
Select Board**	Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup>	7:00	Town Office
Hearing re: Town Plan	Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup>	7:00	Town Office
Concert	Friday	7 <sup>th</sup>	7:30	Old Fire House
Concert	Friday	21 <sup>st</sup>	7:30	Old Fire House
Planning Commission	Monday	24 <sup>th</sup>	7:30	Town Office
Halloween	Monday	31 <sup>st</sup>		Trick or Treat!!

\* Upstairs Meeting Room at the Town Office

\*\* The October Select Board meeting has been changed to the 6<sup>th</sup> – one week earlier. (This is also the date for the Select Board Hearing on proposed amendments to the Town Plan regarding commercial solar development and flood resiliency. Copies are available at the town office.)

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 and Thursday 9:30-noon and 1-5 pm.

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

Kripalu Yoga, Saturday 8:30-10:00 am \$10 per class Bess Lewis, Instructor, Community Center

The Annual Meeting of the Tinmouth Historical and Genealogical Society (THGS) will be **Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00** in the Community Room of the Tinmouth Community Church, refreshments will be provided. **Guest speaker** will be someone from the Vermont 251 Club – an organization that promotes and encourages folks to explore the 251 towns/cities and goes in the state!

All are welcome, plans will be made for programs for next year. **1:00 at the Tinmouth Community Church.**



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~ **Tinmouth Community Church** ~

*Letters to a Young Poet (excerpt) – Rainer Maria Rilke  
(translated by Stephen Mitchell)*

... have patience with everything unresolved in your heart  
and try to love the questions themselves  
as if they were locked rooms or books written  
in a very foreign language.  
Don't search for the answers,  
which could not be given to you now,  
because you would not be able to live them.  
And the point is, to live everything.  
Live the questions now.

Dear Friends,

I write this just before we go to Maine for our last week of summer vacation, asking myself if I have done everything I need to do. When we get a few miles down the road, I will possibly think of something else I could have or should have done, so I am trying to be okay with “what is.”

Rilke's words are echoing in me as I sit here. He is, of course, speaking of larger questions, ones that often take years or even a lifetime to puzzle out. And, in a way, I am talking of the larger issues too. I am thinking of how only a few short months ago I had the entire summer stretching out in front of me luxuriously; languidly inviting me to dive deep into a more contemplative way of being. Gladly, I took summer up on that invitation.

For those of us, like teachers, summer offers the opportunity to take on new challenges, to tackle big projects. It gives us the breathing space to consider the “big questions” of our lives. And so, as I sit here asking myself if I have done everything I need to do before we leave for a week, the *real* question lurking in my mind and heart (and maybe yours too?) is, “have you done everything you hoped to do with your summer?”

The answer, of course, is “No!” It will probably always be “No” because try as we might, there is always so much more we hope for than what each day can possibly deliver. But as Rilke says, maybe we should not so much be searching for answers, as we should be living in the moment. “Live everything” is how he puts it. “Live the questions now.” This is something we can do even in the thick of things, even when summer is over and our lives pick up their pace. It takes some awareness. It requires effort, but maybe we can give it a shot in the midst of getting ready for school and harvesting all those zucchini. I think it will help us all find a good way to move into the next season as it comes. Live the questions now. Yes.

May this be a good transition for all of us,  
*Shirley*

~ **Library News** ~

by Ruth Drachman, Librarian

**Thank you** to all of the generous people who helped us get ready for **The Tinmouth Library Annual Book Sale**. Thank you to the folks who donated books for us to sell, who helped us sort books, who helped us set up for the sale, who helped us sell books, who helped us clean up after the sale, who came to the sale and bought books, and who bought raffle tickets. The afghan throw was won by Gracie Usher! We were a huge success, and made enough money to keep us in new books, books on CD and DVD's for a long time!

The library will be open on Saturday once a month. Look for the librarian to be there on the **FIRST** Saturday of every month from 9:00 A. M. until noon.

**New books at the Library for Adults:**

*All the Stars in the Heavens* by Adriana Trigiani, “a tinsel-trimmed treat for movie buffs and Trigiani fans alike”

*About Grace* by Anthony Doerr, the first novel by the author of *All the Light we cannot see*.

*The Most Dangerous Thing* by Laura Lippman, “an excellent novel of psychological suspense.”

*Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson, a grown-up, beautiful love story between Major Pettigrew (retired) and Mrs. Jasmina Ali

*A Great Reckoning* by Louise Penny, another brilliant Armand Gamache tale.

*My Grandmother asked me to tell you she's sorry* by Fredrik Backman, a charming, warm-hearted novel.

*Come Rain and Come Shine* by Jan Karon, the wedding of Dooley Kavanagh, Father Tim's adopted son.

**For young Adults and Children**

There are many new books for young adults and children. Stop in and check one out.

Writing group will meet on the second Sunday of the month.

Our September book discussion book will be the **Vermont Reads Book**, *The Endurance*, Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition, by Caroline Alexander. The discussion will take place in the **Bear Paw room of the Tinmouth Snack Bar at 3 PM on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**. Dessert will be served.

**The Library is open Monday and Thursday 10:00am until Noon, and 1:00pm until 5:00pm and also the first Saturday morning of the month from 9am until Noon.**

~ **Small 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. Details are available at the town office or transfer station.

~ **Electronic Waste Disposal** ~

So when you dispose of electronics, here's the scoop ~ some electronics we can be paid for, they are "covered" meaning the manufacturer or someone else will pay for them to be disposed of properly.

These need to be sorted into the two gaylords (big cardboard boxes) for electronics in the recycling shed.

**THESE ARE 'COVERED' ELECTRONICS:**

TVs  
Computers  
Computer Monitors  
Computer Peripherals (mouse, keyboard, speakers, scanner, external hard drive, computer speakers, etc.)

Tabletop Printers (including all in one machines that print/fax/scan) No floor models.

**All other E-waste not listed above will still be accepted but we will not get paid for them. Please note that these CANNOT go in the trash and cannot go into the metal bin!**

**THESE ARE ELECTRONICS SUCH AS:**

Cordless phone/Charger  
Answering Machine  
Digital TV Converter Box  
Video Game Console  
Very Light Equipment  
(small CD players/radios, etc.)  
Bag of cords/chargers/misc.  
VCR  
CD/DVD Players  
One Piece Stereos  
Fax Machine  
Stereo Speakers

**If you are not sure which gaylord to place them in, please ask the Transfer Station Attendant.**

~ **Marion's Musings for July** ~

*by Marion Hamby*

When I last wrote, we were in Palm Springs, CA. On our way from Yucca Valley we saw thousands of wind mills on either side of the road. It was quite a sight. Palm Springs is like an oasis. You're driving along with desert and windmills and all of a sudden you come upon this big city in a lush green setting! Palm trees, flowers etc. huge hotels and casinos. Now this 1996, at that time both Bob Hope and President Ford lived there.

We went to a casino but I didn't play, just watched. When we headed back to Yucca Valley, we had to go through the desert again.

We stayed a few days with Dick's sister and family and then took off again for Laughlin, Nevada, where we stayed for the week-end. It is a smaller version of Las Vegas. There are a lot of casinos, a small airport and a little pioneer town nearby named Oatman. There were a few little stores and burros wandered the streets, looking for a treat. Of course there were vendors selling carrots. This place is ten miles out in the desert. There are a few gold mines here.

The next day we headed back for Yucca Valley to pack for the next leg of the journey which is California where Dick has more brothers and sisters.

Today is July 3 and we are off. Frank, a brother, is going to lead us to his mobile home park. California is beautiful in this part anyhow. Flowers, everything green. Frank has a pool and we spent a lot of time in that. I met some more of Dick's siblings.

We ambled on our way up the state. Saw hundreds of acres that had burned. Then we hit a valley that was filled with cotton, tomatoes, onions, orange trees and apricot trees, what a sight! And alongside the road there is an aqueduct which runs for miles, supplying the water for all this stuff. Amazing!

Traveling through the Sierra Mountains there were steep grades and beautiful views. The valleys there were huge. We saw a cattle stockyard that was bigger than most of my land here. BIG!

Huge hay fields and huge farms. Then a valley with fruit and nut trees, the aqueduct makes it possible.

We are now in the San Joaquin Valley in a town called Livermore. More relatives. The campground we are in has hundreds of windmills all going full toot. Livermore is quite a good sized city, very pretty. The houses are bigger than you think when you get inside.

July 14. Tomorrow we start for the redwoods. This is it for this time, now I need to correct this and send it.

*Bye Bye*



**Tinmouth Contra Dance – Pete’s Posse with Adina Gordon calling**

**Friday, September 16, 2016 at 8:00 pm  
Tinmouth Community Center, 573 Route 140**

TINMOUTH. Don’t miss our first dance for the fall with a huge favorite local band, Pete’s Posse. Adina Gordon will do the calling on Friday September 16 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 right at 8:00 for a beginner’s lesson to learn the moves. 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 \$10, \$8 for teens and free for children 12 and under. Refreshments will be available to benefit the dance fund. More info at [tinmouthcontradance.org](http://tinmouthcontradance.org). Like us on Facebook at Tinmouth Contra Dance and mark your calendar for our fall series on third Fridays (except November which is the fourth Friday) through May. Shine up those dancing shoes and bring a couple of friends to dance with! 802-446-2928 or [tinmouthdance@gmail.com](mailto:tinmouthdance@gmail.com) for more info.

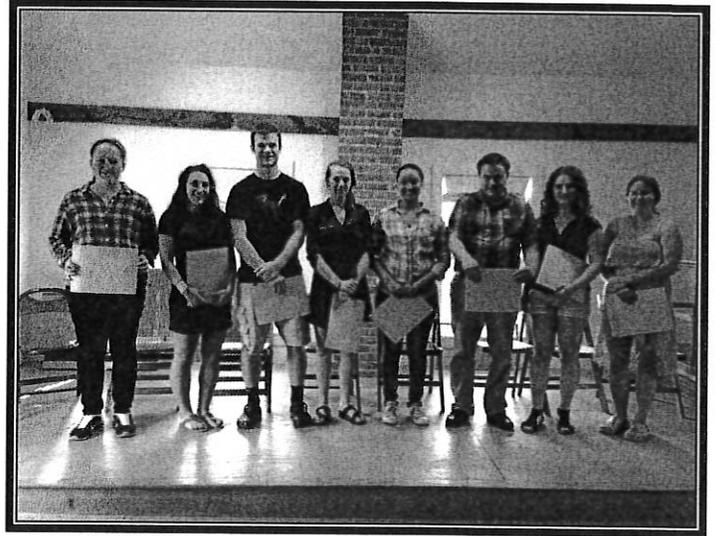


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The Tinmouth Community Fund would like to announce its 2016 Scholarship Recipients. We awarded \$9,500 to 9 worthy scholars. We would like to thank all our donors for their ongoing support to the Community Fund.

Congratulations to (from right to left) Theresa Butts who just graduated from CCV and is continuing her studies in Health Science at Castleton University, Katy Czar studying Physics at UVM, Alex Dixon studying Accounting and Psychology at St. Michaels College, Kayla Durant studying Pre-Vet at Castleton University, Izzy Fontein studying Engineering at Tufts, Megan Fox studying Nursing at UVM (not pictured), Mark Goyette studying Engineering at Clarkson, Ellie Hasenohr studying Biology at UVM, Chelsea Keyes studying Fire Science at VTC.

We wish each of our scholars the best as they start another year of school. We encourage scholars of all ages to apply for Tinmouth Community Fund Scholarships to support their continued education beyond high school. Applications are due in June.

*Cathy Reynolds*, TCF President

**Keep a SMILE on your face ~  
And a SONG in your heart!  
A smile - is a sign of joy.  
A hug - is a sign of love.  
A laugh - is a sign of happiness.  
And a friend like me? –  
Well, that's just a sign of good  
taste!**

## Meeting Highlights ~

(Complete minutes are available at the town office.)

### Select Board ~ 8/11/16

Present: *Select Board* members Laurie Phillips, Frank Sears, and Matt Patry; *Personnel Policy Committee* members Amy Martone, Stan Wilbur, Michael Fannin, Cathy Reynolds, and Pat Psholka; *Others*: Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Korrine Rodrique, Ramsey Yoder, Sherry Johnson and Kim Harbaugh, Grant and Jo Reynolds, Jeff Morin and Gail Fallar- Board Assistant

Reviewed agenda – no additions, but Board did juggle the order to allow Ms. Rodrique to speak first.

Ms Rodrique introduced herself, advising that she is running as a candidate for Rutland County Senator. She gave a brief biographical history, her employment history, and her desire to continue her public service by representing Rutland County in the state house. She was one of the co-founders of Project Vision in Rutland and believes substance abuse is still a big concern in this area. She attended the entire meeting to get a feel for Tinmouth and its concerns.

Board opened bids regarding the sale of the big scoop loader. Dydo & Company bid \$12,800; John Jozwink bid \$11,135 and J. M. Morin Earthworks Inc. bid \$31, 021. Board voted to accept J.M. Morin's bid. Board signed Bill of Sale, he will return next week with bank check and to pick up the loader.

Board reviewed and approved driveway permit for Ramsey Yoder and Tess McGinley at 214 North End Road, after discussion and establishment of conditions.

Amy, as Chair of the Personnel Policy Committee, asked the Board if they had any questions about the proposed Personnel Policy written by the PPC. (Board had received cover letter and policy a week before the meeting). PPC members noted several areas that need the Select Board to make decisions and discussed in detail how they arrived at their final recommendations.

Matt thanked the Committee for its great work, and hoped other towns could use this as a model. Amy advised that the Committee had used a model from the Vermont League of Cities and Town and tailored it to Tinmouth, trying to strike a balance between what was best for the town as well as being fair to employees.. Board decided to hold a separate meeting on July 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss proposal at length. Grant inquired whether the Board would hold a public meeting to discuss it. Board felt they could adopt it on their own.

Eric advised that winter sand has been piled, Laurie inquired about adding stone, Eric noted the sand itself was 3/8 minus and already contained some stones. He noted that the culverts for the ditching project on McNamara Road were ordered; and that Kevin Ruane can't start the project on McCoy Road until after the Rutland Fair is done.

Cathy inquired about a beaver dam on Channel Road – Eric is watching it, Board advised that the game warden will need to be called.

Cathy advised that Pat Psholka had volunteered to be the Town's Website Administrator, and asked that the Website Committee be allowed to spend the \$1,000 in the budget. Board appointed Pat to the Website Committee and thanked her for volunteering her services. Board also authorized spending up to \$1,000 for website upgrades.

Gail asked on behalf of the Listers to correct an errors on the Grand List, the Listers had combined two parcels that were bought last year as they were contiguous. Owners Ken MacLeod and Kim Kachougian wanted them kept separate. A few other properties needed to be updated with their 911 location. Board approved changes.

Board voted to approve the contract with the Rutland County Sheriff's Department. Laurie expressed concern with 4 wheelers traveling in Mountain View Road – they are not legally allowed to do that.

Board approved crushing and recycling of metal drums at the Transfer Station that were once used to collect recycled glass. The glass now goes into the zero sort dumpster. Drums will go into the metal collection dumpster.

Matt inquired whether the Fire Department had cleaned up their metal at the town garage and the old fuel tank in the old fire house – need to check.

Grant announced that there is no longer a local school board, but that the new district board meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at Mill River and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at rotating schools in the district. All are invited to attend, all is going quite well.

Matt raised concerns with the posts on the new porch of the old creamery. One in particular does not set on it pier correctly. After a brief inspection, Board vote to have the builder repair/reset the post. All voted in favor.

Board set a special meeting for Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM to review the Personnel Policy.

Laurie moved to enter executive session to discuss a personnel issue at 8:20 pm. Frank 2nded. Board only attended. Board exited at 8:30 – no action taken.

### Select Board ~ 8/16/16 ~ Special Meeting

Present: *Select Board* members: Laurie Phillips, Frank Sears, and Matt Patry; *Personnel Policy Committee* members Amy Martone and Judi Fox; *Others*: Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Ronnie Crossman, Grant Reynolds, Hollis Squier, and Gail Fallar- Board Assistant

Frank moved to receive an official quotation for the purchase of one Cat 307 Excavator and trailer and one Bobcat Skid Steer loader as has been presented to the Select Board by Road Commissioner Eric Buffum. Quotation should be on company letter head and include the following: base cost to the town, optional service plans cost, equipment warranty. Matt 2nded.

Discussion – Laurie was adamant that a backhoe with the right attachments was what was needed, noting the Select Board in 2013 had decided to hire out excavator work as needed. Eric advised that an excavator was more versatile and that there was a magnitude of ditching to be done that made sense. After much discussion, Matt and Frank voted to go out to bid for an excavator, a skid steer and trailer. Laurie voted against the motion. Motion carried. Need to prepare official bid for next Board meeting in September.

Members reviewed the draft Personnel Policy, section by section. Amy and Judi explained various sections when members had questions, how the committee wrestled with various issues, advised that the Committee or the Select Board should review the policy on an annual basis. The Highway laptop is considered part of the town's computer system; Board needs to update and adopt its Drug and Alcohol Policy; Board needs a smoking in public buildings policy.

Board raised concern over addendum C regarding health insurance, including retirees between the ages of 62 and 65. Amy and Judi explained that the road crew has a very manual job, this might allow someone to retire before they are worn out. It also shows respect for long term employees and acknowledges their value to the town. While the health insurance benefit is very generous, the road crew is on call 24/7 in the winter with no compensation for that. Indeed in the summer there are storms that require above and beyond the normal scope of work.

Hollis noted that it is a very demanding job, it's not easy to find good employees, and the Town needs to take care of employees because they are good.

Amy noted that addendum C does not take effect until January 1, 2017 so the Board has time to consider it.

Matt again thanked the PPC for their stellar work, Tinmouth will be a stronger town for it.

Board voted to accept the proposal without addendum C, pending review by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns. There were minor revisions and typo corrections approved as well.

### **Planning Commission ~ 8/22/16**

Present were members Kim Harbaugh, Bob Lloyd, Grant Reynolds, Michael Fallar, Vito Macaluso, Denise (Tess) McGinley, and Kevin Ruane as well as Sherry Johnson, Frank Sears, and Gail Fallar, Sec.

Michael called the Hearing for Proposed Amendments to the Town Plan to order. Amendments are dealing with energy/solar development and flood resiliency. Bob presented a black and white version of the river corridor map. Members voted to add the map to the amendments with the flood resilience element.

Members voted to close the Hearing and pass the amendments along to the Select Board for the next stage in the process.

Should the PC/Town apply for a state planning grant? Discussion ensued – Town Plan needs updating and re-adoption in September of 2017. Michael suggested the PC review why a town needs a plan. Others raised concerns with statewide goals of encouraging development in a village center and protecting outlying areas. Tinmouth is not and has not been settled that way, a quick look at the 1869 Beers Atlas of Tinmouth shows nearly the same development pattern that exists today. Tinmouth is a typical mountain town. In the end, members decided to apply for the grant – the Select Board has included \$3,000 in the budget for planning work which may help get grant approval. Bob volunteered to draft an outline of an application.

Frank, as a new Select Board member, inquired about a recent series of emails to the Select Board regarding the affordable house on Sugar House Lane. Members explained the affordable house was created when a Planned Residential Development was permitted a few years ago. The Planning Commission does not have anything to do with it now.

Next regular meeting will be September 26, 2016.

### **Personnel Policy Committee ~ 8/11/16**

*(with thanks to Cathy Reynolds, Secretary)*

*Personnel Policy Committee* members present: Stan Wilbur, Amy Martone, Cathy Reynolds, Pat Psholka, Michael Fannin,

*Select Board members present:* Laurie Phillips, Matt Patry, and Frank Sears.

Also attending: Gail Fallar and members of the public who attended the Select Board meeting which began at 7 pm.

Amy called the meeting to order at 6:52 pm

The committee discussed the charge that the Select Board gave to the committee. Stan understood that the committee was charged to develop a set of personnel policies. Cathy agreed and pointed out that we have included a benefit for retirees at 62 to cover health benefits until the retiree reaches Medicare age.

It is our understanding that the Select Board has the authority to create an individual agreement to resolve the open issue as identified in the petition.

The Committee stayed to discuss with the Select Board. The personnel policy was discussed. It was noted that we set full time at 40 hours. Health benefits are available by Federal Law at 30 hours. It was suggested that the issue of other benefits needs to be addressed for hours per week less than 40.

The Select Board will have a follow up meeting to dig into the policy.

Meeting adjourned (Personnel portion of the Select Board meeting) at 7:45.

**Solid Waste & Recycling Committee (SWARC) 8/18/16**  
*(with thanks to Helen Mango, Secretary)*

Present were Gail Fallar, Wheaton Squier (chairman), Gunner Morris, Rick LaCroix, Helen Mango (secretary)

Gail recapped from the last SWARC meeting that she received a letter from John Daley at Agency of Natural Resources – they did an inspection in May and said everything was basically well maintained. There were a few minor issues that are being dealt with - 1.) A new tarp is needed over the garbage roll-off; this will be done by the Road Crew, 2.) The barrels that used to be used for glass collection needed to be crushed and put in the metals container; this has been done, 3.) An impervious floor is needed below the electronics recycling boxes; there is some uncertainty between ANR divisions as to what constitutes “impervious” – Tinmouth will use 6 mil plastic (approved by one division) until/unless we are told to use something else, 4.) We have to amend our certification to allow for composting; that will happen next time the certification is due.

Alan Held has installed a “safety gate” in front of the garbage roll-off per state regulation. Gunner has offered to paint the posts to make them more visible and better looking. In general, the Transfer Station staff are encouraged to keep the site tidy.

It will take a week or two to have the electronics removed, so when the containers are three quarters full we need to call for a pickup.

Next meeting of the SWARC is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 17, 2016, at 7 p.m.

**Tinmouth Elementary School Advisory Council 7/11/16**  
*(with thanks to Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker, Principal)*

Meeting Participants: Ann Czar, Lisa Edge, Gail Fallar, Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker, Grant Reynolds

The following is a summary of suggestions, concerns, and comments:

- The class configuration in the fall is as follows: number of students are in (#).  
Pre-K (15) Lisa Edge & Lana Deppert  
Kindergarten (17) Karen Kay  
Grades 1/2 (9) Melinda Coupe  
Grades 3/4 (9) Allyn Kahle & Kris Kristensen  
Moore (ELA, SS, & MATH) (Science – Lisa Edge & Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker)  
Grade 6 (5) Gayle Wetzler
- It's important to keep an eye on the Fall enrollment for the PreK class since Lana is working alone in PreK during naptime while Lisa teaches science in grade 4.

- Concerns were raised because the current librarian will only be working one day a month. The question of equity was raised and whether librarians were hired in other MRUUSD and how time was allocated to other schools. The Town Librarian and community members will be working with the 5/6 grade through a Vermont Reads book study.

- How will computer literacy be addressed was discussed. Critical thinking is specifically addressed through technology. Brian Hill will be working with teachers and in 5/6<sup>th</sup> grade to develop computer literacy. Technology instruction should be embedded across the content areas.

- It was recommended that TES apply for an Artist-in-Residence grant. The Parent-Teachers Club usually matches the grant funds. The Vermont Arts and Humanities Council sponsors the grant.

- There has been a poor response to the request for participation by the community. It was recommended that parents be asked in person.

~ **Kudos and Appreciation** ~

A BIG thank you and kudos to **Alan Held** for the new safety bar at the Transfer Station. It is meant to keep folks from falling in – not that that has happened.

*Get Well Wishes* are sent to **Harry Chew, Marianne Gagne, Donald Allen, John Marro, and Shannon Squier.**

**Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Mary French - Many happy returns!!**

*Heartfelt Sympathies* are sent to family and friends of **Clifford “John” Bushee, Jr.**

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## Gypsy Reel Will Rock the Firehouse With Celtic Song Again

Gypsy Reel is back at Old Firehouse in Tinmouth on Friday September 23rd at 7.30pm. This little old grange hall with great acoustics is a lovely setting for the Celt band that rocks. They have excited audiences all over the US and Canada, but nobody loves them like the Firehouse folks. Gypsy Reel has been together for over 30 years but, for the first time in 20 years, they will be using a new rhythm section. Joining Graham (fiddle & vocals), Claudine (banjo, mandolin, guitar & vocals) and Camille (mandolin, bodhran & vocals), will be Reagh Greenleaf on percussion and vocals and Silas Hamilton on Standup Bass. Silas is a multi instrumental musical prodigy and Reagh is a great shanty singer who has toured the world with the famous Clancy band. Playing original, traditional and the occasional more modern surprise, Gypsy Reel will have your feet tapping and your soul soaring.

Gypsy Reel is the second concert in the Tinmouth Old Firehouse Fall series, on **Friday September 23** at 7:30 PM.

The Old Firehouse is at Mountain View Road and Vt. 140 in downtown Tinmouth. Doors will open at 7 PM. There is a suggested donation of \$10 to \$15, 90% of which goes to the performers. Home made desserts, coffee and tea will be available. Donations for them will help support community activities.

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### SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2016

12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – SHREWSBURY Transfer Station, 103 Mountain Road, Shrewsbury

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2016

8:00 – 9:30 a.m. – BENSON Transfer Station, Benson

10:30 a.m. - NOON. – SUDBURY Transfer Station, across from the Town Garage, Williams Lane, Sudbury

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – FAIR HAVEN Transfer Station, Fair Haven Avenue, Fair Haven

#### SEPTEMBER 24, 2016

8:00-11:30 a.m. – RUTLAND TOWN Transfer Station, in Northward Park, off Post Road Extension, Rutland

**FREE SERVICE TO:** Residents of the Solid Waste Alliance Communities (SWAC) Towns ONLY - Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, and West Haven. As a resident of SWAC, you may attend the events listed above, even if it is not the one scheduled for your town. Residents of these communities may also drop off their household hazardous waste at the Gleason Road Hazardous Waste Depot during normal operating hours. PROOF OF RESIDENCY REQUIRED.

**BUSINESS WASTE:** Small business (conditionally exempt generators) which may include town offices, schools, and town garages can dispose of their wastes through the Rutland County Solid Waste Management District (RCSWD) Hazardous Waste Depot. Waste may include oil-based paint (no charge), non-architectural paint, pesticides (no charge), and used motor oil. Please call 775-7209 to schedule an appointment. Payment for disposal will be required at the time of drop-off.

- Ⓢ Use products up for their intended use to lower disposal costs for your community. Please keep products in their original containers. Do not mix products!
- Ⓢ No smoking or fires allowed at the collection site.
- Ⓢ **COMPUTER COLLECTION:** Permanent computer collection programs are available throughout the County to serve Vermont residents. For a list of registered collection locations, visit <http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/e-waste/> or call **toll free at:** 1-855-6ecycle (1-855-632-9253). Large businesses should contact the RCSWD at (802-775-7209) to discuss recycling and disposal options. There is a nominal fee for recycling/disposal of business waste. **ELECTRONICS ARE NOT ACCEPTED AT THESE EVENTS.**

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#### ➤ SMOKE DETECTORS AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS - Disposal options:

- Intact carbon monoxide detectors and household smoke detectors are accepted for disposal with regular trash.
- Many manufacturers of smoke detectors have voluntary take-back programs for safe disposal of these items. Be sure to verify current packaging and shipping requirements directly with the manufacturer. Curie Environmental Services also will recycle ionization smoke detectors for a small fee. The program is called Curiepack.
- Businesses should call the Vermont Environmental Assistance Division in Waterbury at (802) 241-3745.

**Limitations, regulations and other specifications:** Ionization smoke detectors do contain a small amount of a low-level radioactive isotope, but the material is not considered hazardous to people or pets at the levels present in household smoke detectors.

- **CONTAINERS** – Any product brought to the household hazardous waste events (including used motor oil) must be left in the container they are transported in. Materials will not be poured off into larger containers at the events.
- **CAR BATTERIES** - Most service stations will accept used car batteries.
- **TIRES** are also accepted at the Gleason Road facility for a nominal fee.
- For additional information, contact the RCSWD (802-775-7209), Pam at the SWAC (802-342-5701), OR VISIT WWW.RUTLANDCOUNTYSWAC.ORG.

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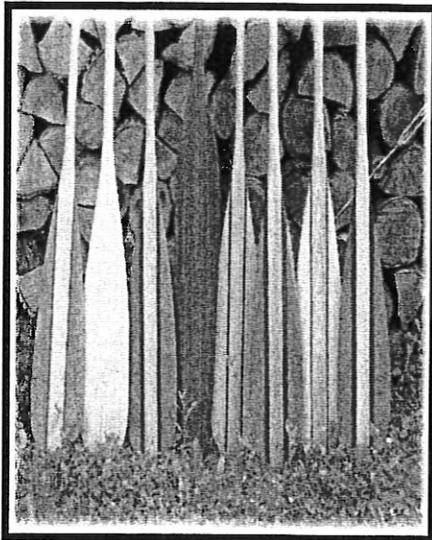
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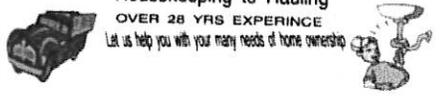
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Left to right, Jonathan Czar, Aaron Schneider, Mary Barron, and Marcos Levy

## The Plumb Bobs Open the Fall Season at Tinmouth's Old Firehouse

We like to hear new bands at the Firehouse, along with some old favorites. Some come from far away to try their music with the enthusiastic Old Firehouse audiences. But this Fall's new band doesn't have far to travel - some of its members are from right here in Tinmouth. The Plumb Bobs open our fall season on September 9 at 7:30 with some colorful music and songs. Its veteran musicians can play most anything, so you never know what you'll hear next. While they all write songs, they also play Irish, Hispanic, roots Americana, and gentle rock music. Listening to them can be a music education with very modest tuition.

The Plumb Bobs are Marcos Levy, who plays acoustic Guitar, lead and backup vocals and one song on the accordion. Jonathan Czar of Tinmouth is at home on the electric guitar, mandolin, and vocals, lead and backup. Aaron Schneider plays electric Bass; and Tinmouth School teacher Mary Barron sings and plays the fiddle in half a dozen traditions.

The Plumb Bobs are the first concert in the Tinmouth Old Firehouse Fall series - **Friday September 9 at 7:30 PM.**

The Old Firehouse is at Mountain View Road and Vt. 140 in downtown Tinmouth. Doors will open at 7 PM. There is a suggested donation of \$10 to \$15, 90% of which goes to the performers. Home made desserts, coffee and tea will be available. Donations for them will help support community activities.

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2 ½ cups sifted flour  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 cup Crisco  
1 egg yolk  
Milk  
1 cup cornflakes

8 to 10 tart apples, pared and sliced (8 cups)  
¾ to 1 cup sugar  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1 egg white

Directions: In medium bowl, combine flour and salt. Cut in Crisco. Beat egg yolk in measuring cup; add enough milk to make 2/3 cup liquid; mix well. Stir egg mixture into flour mixture. On floured surface, roll half the dough to 17x12 inch rectangle. Line a 15 ½ x 10 ½ x 1-inch baking pan with half the pastry. Sprinkle with cornflakes; top with apples. Combine sugar and cinnamon; sprinkle over apples. Roll remaining dough to make top crust; place over apples. Seal edges to dough; cut flits in top for escape of steam. Beat egg white until frothy; brush on crust. Bake at 375 degrees for 50 minutes. Can be drizzled with confectioners sugar glaze if desired.

Submitted by: Shirley Bucceri

Category: Dessert

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Suggestion for recipe submission form (or you may use your own):

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# Tinmouth Community Scholarship Fund

## Annual Appeal for the Tinmouth Community Scholarship Fund

The Community Scholarship Fund, a program of the Tinmouth Community Fund, was created in 2012 and has awarded 29 \$500-\$1,500 scholarships to Tinmouth students – a total of \$26,500 to date.

We have heard from these students that this grant is helpful in buying their computer and books the first year, and particularly helpful in the 2nd year and beyond when many scholarships are discontinued. They have used the funds to pay for computers, books, commuting, childcare and various other expenses that typically fall on students.

We are reaching out to the greater Tinmouth Community to ask for your financial support to continue this effort and grow our fund. Currently funds raised come from private individuals and the proceeds of the Tinmouth Plant Sale (thank you gardeners!). We received a large donation from the School Tax Stabilization Fund on June 30 which is building our endowment, and for which we are very grateful. All donations made to this fund are fully tax deductible.

A separate request will be sent for the General Community Fund (which funds grants to community groups) in December. You may choose to give to either Scholarship or Community (or both)! Thanks for your donation in any amount.

**Won't you help the students of Tinmouth in their pursuit of knowledge?** The Vermont Community Foundation manages our fund and can assist with planned giving or accepting the gift of stocks or mutual funds to boost our balance and ensure the perpetuity of our Scholarship Fund. We would love to grow the Tinmouth Fund and we can with your help.

If you have any questions, feel free to call any member of the Tinmouth Community Fund: Ramsey Yoder, Jo Reynolds, Helen Mango, Cathy Reynolds, Ray Pratt, Melody Squier, Jan Krantz, Patti Macaluso and Annie Robbins. The Scholarship Committee is a special subcommittee of the TCF which includes: Cathy Reynolds, Denise McGinley, Caleb Scott, Rene Wilbur, Nelson Jaquay, Bob Lloyd, Annie Robbins and Ruth Drachman.

We thank you in advance for your support.

Cathy Reynolds, Chair, Tinmouth Community Fund



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