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Editors' Note:

The cutoff date for submissions is the 20th of the month, for publication on the 1st of the following month. Please email your information to *Tales of Tinmouth* (tinmouthtales@gmail.com) or drop it off at the Town Office. Any submissions missing the cutoff date will be included in the following month.

Pat Ishoka, Sherry Johnson, Helen Mango

New Telephone and Business directory for 2016

Please notify us at tinmouthtales@gmail.com of any corrections/additions/deletions for future publication.

~ **General Election** ~
Tuesday, November 8, 2016
Polls are open 8:00 a.m. 'til 7:00 p.m.
at the Community Center

Deadline to Register to Vote - If you haven't already registered to vote, you have until 5:00 pm on **Wednesday, November 2nd** to be able to vote in the General Election on November 8th. The Town Office will be open from 3:00 - 5:00 pm that day.

Early/absentee voting can be done at the town office, or a ballot can be requested by phone, mail, email, or in person if you want to vote at home. The request deadline is 5:00 on **Monday, November 7th**. You will need to mail the ballot back, drop it off at the town office, or deliver it to the Community Center by the close of voting on Election Day - 7:00 pm on the 8th.

~ Game Supper ~

The Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department's 47th annual game supper will be held on **Saturday, November 19th** this year. *It's always the Saturday before Thanksgiving.* Volunteers are needed to help with this major fundraiser for the department (pie makers, potato and squash peelers, meat cutters, salad makers, wait staff, dish washers, etc.).

Please call Chief Marshall Squier at 235-2718 or David Birdsall at 235-2908. *Thanks.*

~Monday Meditation~

Join us for a relaxing half hour at the Library on Monday evenings at 6:00. Offered by Alan Held.

Tuesday Volleyball at the Community Center

Non~competitive volleyball on Tuesday evenings at 7:00. Must be willing to have fun while getting good exercise!!!!!!!!!!!!

~ 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.

Hunting and Fishing Licensees are available at the Town Office.
The town receives \$1.50 for each license sold!

~ Kudos and Condolences ~

Kudos to Bob and Cynthia Johnson celebrating 65 years of marriage.

Condolences to the family and friends of Sue Potter.

~Nature Notes~



Vito Macaluso came across a woolly caterpillar that he believes is the caterpillar of the Isabella tiger moth (Pyrrharctia Isabella). If it is, then Vito thinks we are in for a severe winter. Better cut some more firewood!



October 2016 Calendar of Events



Fire Dept	Thursday	6 th	7:00	Fire House
Select Board	Thursday	6 th	7:00	Town Office
Select Board Hearing	Thursday	6 th	7:00	Town Office
Concert	Friday	14 th	7:30	Old Fire House
Tales of Tinmouth	Thursday	20 th		Deadline
Contra Dance	Friday	21 st	8 – 11 pm	Community Center
Planning Commission	Monday	24 th	7:30	Town Office
Concert	Friday	28 th	7:30	Old Fire House
Trunk or Treat	Sunday	30 th	3:00-5:00	Community Center

November 2016 Calendar of Events



Fire Dept	Thursday	3 rd	7:00	Fire House
General Election	Tuesday	8 th	8 am – 7 pm	Community Center
Select Board	Thursday	10 th	7:00	Town Office
Game Supper	Saturday	19 th	4 – 7:30	Community Center
Thanksgiving Service	Sunday	20 th	4:30	Church
Tales of Tinmouth	Sunday	20 th		Deadline
Conservation Comm.	Monday	21 st	7:00	Town Office
Thanksgiving	Thursday	24 th		Give Thanks!
Thanksgiving	Thursday	24 th		Town Office and Library Closed!!
Contra Dance	Friday	25 th	8 – 11 pm	Community Center
Planning Commission	Monday	28 th	7:30	Town Office

The Select Board changed its October meeting to Thursday the 6th.

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 and 1-5 pm

Monday evenings ~Meditation ~ 6:00 pm in the Library

Tuesday evenings ~ Fun “non-competitive” Volleyball at 7:00 pm at the Community Center

Wednesday evenings ~ Kripalu Yoga, 5:30-7:00 pm at the Community Center \$10 per class.

Bess Lewis, Instructor



**Tinmouth Contra Dance
Shindy with Luke Donforth calling
Friday, October 21, 2016 at 8:00 pm
Tinmouth Community Center, 573 Route 140**

Come dance in Tinmouth with Shindy playing the music and calling by Luke Donforth. Shindy is Randy Miller on fiddle and Roger Kahle on guitar. Friday October 21 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, five 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. 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!

Upcoming dances-

November 25: Brendan Taaffe on guitar and George Wilson on fiddle with David Kaynor calling.

December 16: The Tartan Raiders-Joanne Garton on fiddle and Brendan Taaffe on guitar with Mary Wesley calling.

**WARNING
TOWN OF TINMOUTH
AMENDMENT OF THE TINMOUTH TOWN
PLAN**

Residents and voters of the Town of Tinmouth, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned that the Tinmouth Select Board will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** on **Thursday, October 6, 2016 at 7:00 PM** at the Tinmouth Town Office to consider amendments/revisions to the Tinmouth Town Plan .

Statement of Purpose - These amendments/revisions amend the existing **2012 Town Plan** with changes regarding Commercial Energy Generation and Transmission Siting; adds a Section regarding Flood Resilience; and adds a Section for Historic and Culturally Significant Features.

The Town Plan is applicable to the entire town.

COMPLETE COPIES OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TINMOUTH TOWN OFFICE.

Dated at Tinmouth this 16th day of September, 2016.

By Matthew Patry, Chair - Tinmouth Select Board

*Please Recycle or Pass
Along Tales!!*

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**TINMOUTH COMMUNITY
CHURCH**

Sunday Service – 9:00 a.m.
Rev. Shirley Oskamp, Pastor

Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors



Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice
Dorset Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice



Community Health Clinics – October 2016

October Blood Pressure/Foot Care Clinics

The cost of the foot clinic is \$10.

- Monday, 10/03/2016, Pittsford, Village Manor, 11:30 am
- Wednesday, 10/05/2016, Wallingford, Wallingford House, 10:30 am
- Thursday, 10/06/2016, Rutland, Parker House, 10 am
- Thursday, 10/06/2016, Rutland, Bardwell House, 12:30 pm
- Thursday, 9/08/2016, Benson, Benson Heights, 10 am
- Friday, 10/07/2016, Poultney, Young at Heart Senior Center, 9:30 am
- Friday, 10/07/2016, Ira, Ira Town Hall, 12:30 pm
- Thursday, 10/13/2016, Castleton, Castleton Meadows, 12:30 pm
- Friday, 10/14/2016, West Rupert, Rupert Firehouse, 8:30 am
- Wednesday, 10/26/2016, Rutland, Godnick Adult Center, 12:30 pm
- Thursday, 10/27/2016, Fair Haven, Appletree Apartments, 9:30 am

Please call 802.770.1536 for more information. *No appointment necessary.*

RAVNAH also offers Cholesterol Screenings for \$30 every month:

Clinics held at the Rutland Office are the 1st Wednesday - call 802.775.0568 for an appointment.
Clinics held at the Dorset Office are the 3rd Wednesday - call 802.362.1200 for an appointment.

Travel Well with RAVNAH's Travel Health Clinic!

RAVNAH is the region's resource for comprehensive and safe travel health services including vaccines and individualized disease prevention plans to international travelers. For more information call Cathleen at 802.770.1536 for a personal appointment or email gohealth@ravnah.org.

Bereavement Group

RAVNAH's monthly bereavement group is held Tuesdays at 6pm at Grace Congregational Church. RAVNAH's Chaplain, Andrew Carlson, will be facilitating. For more, please contact Andrew at 770-1613. The group is free and open to the public.



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To Tinmouth Residents,

Two years ago I was elected to represent the towns of Tinmouth (from East Road westward), Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Wells and Rupert in the State legislature. I believe that I have done a good job representing you in Montpelier and I hope that you agree.

In my first term I have earned a reputation for asking productive questions, for willingness to work across the aisles, and for taking an independent stand when appropriate for our district.

I will continue to be a strong advocate for Vermont families, pushing for fair wages and benefits, accessible health and dental care and affordable child care.

Vermont is facing many of the same challenges that confront all of rural America; we are struggling with a stagnant economy, education funding, affordable health care, and the ripples of opiate addiction. We need innovative approaches, like switching education funding from a property tax to an income tax. I will strive to preserve the best of Vermont's distinctive character and traditions while we move into a modern, competitive, digital world. And I would appreciate your vote on November 8th.

Please contact me if you have questions or concerns:
235-2050 or rchesnut-tangerman@leg.state.vt.us.

~Tinmouth Community Church~

Dear Friends,

As I write this, it is the eve of the Autumn Equinox, one of two days of the year when daylight and darkness are equal. There is an awful lot said these days about balance, that we need to balance work and play as well as family and community responsibilities. Balance shows up almost everywhere! *My sister, who is an exercise physiologist, often has a difficult time convincing her clients (and a certain brother-in-law who shall remain nameless), that it is not good for your body to exercise every day of the week, that your muscles need to rest in between workouts or you will not get stronger.* In other words, too much of even a good

thing is too much. We hear from every quarter that it is important to seek balance in our lives, in order to stay healthy in body, mind and spirit. I was once cautioned that balance is not a simple matter of having equal parts of one thing and another, though. Balance is more often a subtle blend of many different things, and this is true of our lives as much as it is true of everything else. So just measuring the hours spent at work and being sure you are home an equal number of hours may not actually work in the way you might hope. There is an ebb and flow to this principle.

Achieving balance is something that folks who meditate know about, from having attempted to quiet their minds time after time. Meditation is called "practice" because even after years of doing it, you may have success on some days - achieving a sense of calm and centeredness, but on other days you may not be able to quiet the mind at all. Still, the discipline of sitting there, paying attention to your breath, has a positive effect even on those less than perfect days.

This is what balance in our lives looks like too. It is not a perfect science of measuring out exactly equal portions of ourselves to each aspect, but there is a discipline to it that says we take our need for friendship and joy, for spiritual fulfillment and simple pleasures, as well as our need for meaningful work and responsibility, seriously. And when we do this with a sense of ease and open-heartedness, the true pleasures of a life lived well, are possible.

May the blessings of Autumn be yours,
Shirley

~Community Walking Program~
By Anne Robbins

Do you want to improve your fitness level with like-minded people? Do you want to learn how to get fit? Please consider our community walking program. Recent studies show most people prefer walking over other forms of physical activity. We meet every Thursday at 4:00 in front of the Tinmouth Pond Pavilion. The walk is about 2 miles. For more information call me at 446-2343. This program is free and open to all who want to improve their fitness through walking.

Tinmouth School News

Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker, Principal

School began on August 31st in the Community Center where students and families gathered to celebrate the first day of the 2016-17 school year with quite an array of mouth-watering baked goods. *Head Over Heal* instructors challenged students' balancing skills and core body strength by guiding them through various gymnastic feats. Thank you to the parents club for providing the food and activities that made our opening celebration a success!

Our current student population is 52 students. We have three new additions to our staff this year. The first is our new kitchen manager, Jessica Casey. Jessica comes to us with a wealth of experience and we are fortunate to have her onboard. Sarah Williams was hired as a para-educator to support struggling learners. She is a perfect fit for the Tinmouth school community and has already earned the respect of staff and students alike. We are also fortunate to have Meadow Squier working in the afternoons primarily with third and fourth graders. Meadow supports teachers in writing and science. Her expertise in environmental science is an asset we have tapped into already as the third and fourth grade students learn how botanists collect data on plant attributes to identify trees.

The teachers at Tinmouth School have always been passionate about integrating science throughout the curriculum. The fifth-sixth graders are currently participating in the Starbase Program in Rutland. They are using CAD programming, designing rockets, and working on robotic projects. I'm sure we will see one of these Tinmouth students onboard a NASA spacecraft in the not too distant future.

This year we are implementing proficiency-based report cards. This new grading system is closely aligned with the standards based measures used on previous report cards; however, it is an improvement over how traditional grades were assigned. For example if an assignment is late, the student's grade is not affected. Grades reflect students' understanding of the concepts and content. In a separate section of the report card, *Habits of Work*, children's progress toward submitting work in a timely manner or completion of assignments is evaluated. The segregation of work habits and children's academic

progress is clearly and concisely presented under the new reporting system.

The October board meeting of the Mill River School District will be held in the Tinmouth Community Center on October 19th. Students will be showcasing the projects they are working on for board members and community members. We invite you to join us and let students know that what they are learning here at Tinmouth Elementary matters not only to teachers and parents, but also to the community as a whole!

~Tree Stand Safety for Hunters ~

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Tree stands get hunters out of sight and smell of wary deer, but they can also get hunters into trouble. Here are some tips from Vermont Fish & Wildlife to help stay safe and get the most out of your tree stand hunting experience:

- **Choose a live, straight tree.**
- **Buy smart.** Only use stands certified by the Treestand Manufacturers Association (TMA).
- **Inspect your tree stand each time you use it.**
- **Know the rules.** On state lands, it is illegal to place nails or other hardware into trees or to build permanent structures. On private lands, you must have landowner permission to erect a tree stand, cut or remove trees or other plants, or to cut limbs. All stands, including ground blinds, must be marked with the owner's name and address.
- **Always wear a full-body safety harness, even for climbing.** Most falls occur going up and down the tree and getting in and out of the stand.
- **Don't go too high.** The higher you go, the smaller the vital zone on a deer becomes, while the likelihood of a serious injury increases.
- **Never carry firearms or bows up and down trees.** Always use a haul line to raise and lower all gear. Make sure your firearm is *unloaded*, crossbow cocked but *unloaded*, and be sure broadheads are transported in a hard case.
- **Familiarize yourself with your gear before you go.** The morning of opening day is a poor time to put your safety belt on for the first time.
- **Be careful with long-term placement.** Exposure

can damage straps, ropes and attachment cords. Also, the stand's stability can be compromised over time, as the tree grows.

September is *Tree Stand Safety Awareness Month!* "Hunter education instructors want you to be safe this coming season," said Nicole Meier, information and education specialist with Vermont Fish & Wildlife. "Falls from tree stands are a major cause of death and serious injury to deer hunters, but they are preventable by always wearing a full-body harness and staying connected to the tree."

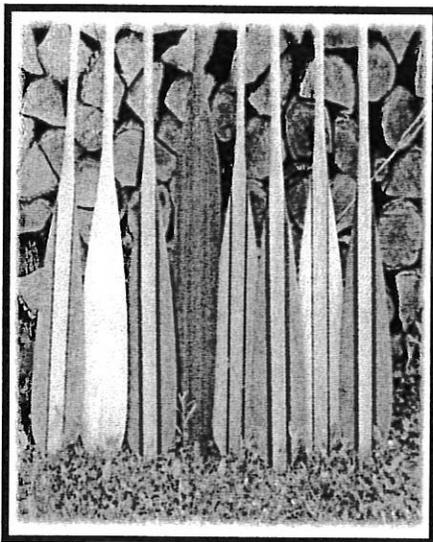
Learn more about *Tree Stand Safety Awareness Month* here:

<http://tinyurl.com/TreestandSafetyAwareness>

**Hunting and Fishing Licensees are available at the
Town Office.**

The town receives \$1.50 for each license sold!!

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Save the Dates – the Tinmouth Old Firehouse Fall Concert Series

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

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



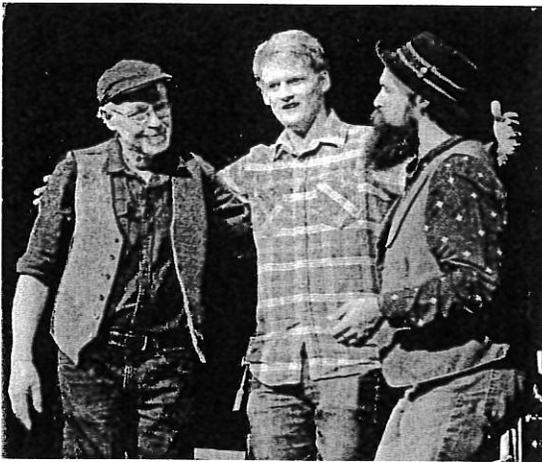
The Crew welcomes Dana and Susan Robinson back on October 14

The Crew is so excited to have Dana and Susan Robinson back at the Firehouse for the first time in many years. The Robinsons are two guitar-playing, banjo-frailing, fiddle-sawing, and harmony-

singing interpreters of the American experience. Their unique blend of contemporary songwriting and traditional Appalachian music bring to their performances a deep understanding of America's musical heritage. They are celebrating not only their twentieth year of national and international touring, but a new CD as well!

The genius of a Dana and Susan Robinson performance lies in their ability to capture the imagination of their audience, evoking a transformative experience that touches on the deepest humanity. They can make the audience howl with laughter or hush with poignant reflection as they take listeners on a journey across America and convey the mystery and wonder of the places they visit.

Many songwriters have been heralded as modern day Woody Guthries or keepers of the American rural spirit, but that mantle might be better entrusted to musicians like Dana Robinson, who embodies both the heart and the soul of folk music.



Pete Sutherland and his Posse wrap up the Old Firehouse season on October 28

The Firehouse always looks forward to a visit by Pete's Posse. Not a bunch of armed, horse-riding lawmen, it is composed of peaceful folks: acclaimed musician Pete Sutherland (fiddle, piano, banjo and vocals), his protégé Oliver Scanlon (fiddle, mandolin, dobro, foot percussion and vocals) and the dynamic Tristan Henderson (guitars, mandolin, jaw harp, bodhran, foot percussion and vocals). Twin fiddles in tight, wild harmony over high-powered guitar and pounding footwork with mandolin, clawhammer banjo, jaw harp and rocking keyboards adding their voices to the mix. Songs and tunes, old and new,

lyrical and driving; that's the multi-generational heart and mind of PETE'S POSSE, at work and at play.

~ **Marion's Musings for October** ~
by Marion Hambly

Here I am again still on the go. We are on our way to the Redwood National Forest. Those trees are something else! Make one feel very small. Traveling up Route 100 along the coast is an experience. We went up mountain passes you wouldn't believe! The grade was 7% or more. Our Ford 250 made it just fine. Didn't have a problem pulling our 28 ft. fifth-wheel. Dick had a special rear-end power thing built in.

Coming along Route 199, we headed for Oregon and Crater Lake. It was formed years ago when a volcano erupted and sealed the crater. It is cold but beautiful. We were there in July and had to wear jackets. On the way up the mountain to the lake, we saw remains of ten foot high snow drifts left from the past winter. They get 144 feet of snow there.

Continuing on the next day we came to the Dallas (a huge dam) but could not find an empty campground, so we kept going.

The hills are up and down, rolling and then going back up again. Everything is planted with grain. We came upon a town called Maupin which was deep in a valley. The road promptly went right up again. All you could see was grain growing. We will camp here tonight and then head for Washington State. We are getting closer to the Columbia River.

Here there is a lot of grain grown. Now and then the fields turn to big elevators but we never did get to see any grain harvested. Probably because it was July while we were traveling.

Passing through Spokane, we finally got into Idaho and are now camped for the night. We are parked right next to a balsam tree. Made me think of Vermont.

On the road again. Just came up a long mountain pass and arrived in Montana. Now on Mountain Time, in a campground in Butte. On the mountain here there is a huge statue called the Lady of the Rockies. It is 90 feet tall and weighs 51 tons. Its width (fingertip to fingertip) is 48 feet and its hands are 8 feet wide. The project began in December, 1979. It was placed on site on Dec. 20, 1985. It is right on the continental divide. There are lights on it at night. It can be seen for miles and miles.

Traveling through Bozeman and Billings (Montana), we saw huge hay farms, horse ranches, etc. At one point there were hay fields of huge bales, round and oblong bales for miles and miles. Then there were the wheat fields. Huge combines lined up three deep all working at once.

Tomorrow, on to South Dakota to visit Mount Rushmore. If any of you have been to Mount Rushmore, you know what the road is like: curvy and narrow. At some points you go through tunnels carved in a big rock, one car at a time. We went on a small tour bus and it seemed to me there wasn't much between the walls and the outside of the bus.

It is worth the trip. Seeing pictures on post cards can't beat the real thing. Next stop, the Bad Lands. It's got the right name. Everything is so desolate: 244,00 acres of it. You have to see it to believe it.

Minnesota is next. Dick has relatives there. The campground is nice. It's called Buffalo valley. It has a huge statue of a buffalo at the gate. We will rest here awhile and then take off for Detroit where Dick's son lives. Next time I will conclude this trip and write about the Columbia River trip. See you.

Meeting Highlights ~

(Complete minutes are available at the town office.)

Select Board ~ 9/8/16

Present were members Laurie Phillips, Frank Sears, and Matt Patry, as well as Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Sherry Johnson and Kim Harbaugh, Kevin Ruane, Josh Ruane, Crystal Laroche, Michael Fallar-Chair Planning Commission, and Gail Fallar-Board Assistant

Board changed the order of the agenda for folks present. Josh spoke to the issue of his renting his house to Ms. Laroche. Gail advised the Board to seek legal advice. Board voted to hire an attorney to investigate any Town responsibility regarding the affordable house at 52 Sugarhouse Lane.

Eric advised that the old loader is being repaired; road crew is currently graveling shoulders along recently paved portions of Route 140; Kevin Ruane is nearly done on the project on McCoy Road; ditching project on McNamara Road is done – would like to continue on Gulf Road; beaver dam on Channel Road may need attention – has contacted state – need to lower at 6 inches per hour; beavers are also busy at the big culvert on North End Road.

Gail requested the Board review the Equipment Fund Replacement Schedule and fiscal consequences; she also advised that the Board needed to approve bid documents for an excavator, skid steer and trailer; Board voted to approve bid specs as presented. Frank noted that the Board needed to move forward with this proposal. Board set a special meeting on September 22, 2016 at 6:30 pm to open bids.

Penny Buzby requested signs be posted north and south of Chipmunk Crossing Drive advising drivers that caution was needed due to safety concerns. After discussion, Board voted to install "Caution Children at Play" signs on the East Road as requested.

Eric requested authority to purchase a tire repair/plug kit estimated at \$140. Board approved.

Reasonable Suspicion Training – Eric will attend, no Select Board member is available.

Michael advised that the Planning Commission had addressed the Select Board's concerns and re-worded its proposed amendments to the Town Plan regarding commercial solar development projects and asked that the Select Board hold its hearing on them. After discussion, which included Board concerns for entry points into town (Rte 140 and the Wallingford town line) being developed with solar projects or housing developments, and concern with the word prohibited (re: solar) – Michael advised this was language for the Public Service Board to consider, there are many places in town where solar would work – but there are some that need to be protected; Board accepted the proposed changes to the Town Plan and set a hearing date of October 6, 2016, asking that the properties effected be advised of the proposed language.

Board signed letters to Ken Krantz (old creamery work); VTel (boring profiles and removal of old pedestals); Sidonia Fischer (leaf debris in ditch); and Howard and Marie Regimbald (use of town right of way and concerns with work being performed on the East Road).

Michael Fannin requested the Town pay for annual maintenance for the new generator at the Community Center. Board declined, noting that the School is responsible for that.

Board changed its regular October meeting to Thursday, the 6th due to a member's conflict.

Special Select Board Meeting ~ 9/22/16

Present were members Laurie Phillips, Frank Sears and Matt Patry, as well as Eric Buffum-road commissioner, Grant Reynolds and Gail Fallar-Board Assistant.

Board opened bids for an excavator and a skid steer from Nortrax (John Deere), Champlain Valley Equipment (Bobcat), and Milton Cat (Caterpillar). After review of the various offers including warranties, Board voted to accept the bid from Milton Cat for \$141,000 for both pieces of equipment.

Board entered executive session to discuss affordable housing issues at 52 Sugar House Lane with Attorney Tad Powers via telephone conference call – present were Board members and Gail. Board exited, no action taken.

Board discussed old creamery post – decided that it needed to be replaced/re-positioned. Frank donated a new 6x6 post from Phil's Mill.

Board prepared questions for the house representative debate to be held in Pawlet.

Website Committee ~ 9/8/16

Members present were Cathy Reynolds, Gail Fallar, Nancy Gucker-Birdsall, Pat Psholka, and Carmen Fallar

Members voted by consensus to organize as follows: Chair – Cathy Reynolds; Vice-Chair – Carmen Fallar; Website Administrator – Pat Psholka; Secretary – Carmen Fallar

Members voted to have the Web Master (at this point in time Guillaume Sparrow-Pepin) create a manual for posting to the website.

Website Administrator duties and responsibilities:

1. Post minutes and agendas in PDF
2. Edits to the website – typos and such – local entities such as the fire department, church, library need to review their information and provide corrections to Pat
3. Update officers, terms, meeting days and times after town meeting as needed

Members decided to include a year's worth of Tales under the ABOUT tab, and decided to include the Operators Manual in this section.

Cathy Reynolds created a document for the process all secretaries of various boards should follow when warning a meeting and posting an agenda.

Members created and adopted by consensus a Policies and procedures document for uploading agendas and minutes.

Events on the calendar for recurring events in the community center and old firehouse are the job of the community center manager. Cathy Reynolds and Nancy Gucker-Birdsall take care of Contra Dance and OFH concerts.

Conservation Commission ~ 9/19/16

Present were members Doug Fontein, Jo Reynolds, Barbara Held, Ann Czar, and David Birdsall as well as Gail Fallar.

Doug reported briefly on the Green Storm Water Infrastructure meeting. Only Tinmouth CC members and their staff present, despite other towns invited. Their message seemed more pertinent to larger towns with more infrastructure and Gail reported that Tinmouth is already doing much of what they were suggesting.

Doug presented, hopefully his last edit of the Tinmouth Mountain Cabin Use Policy.

David suggested modifying the statement about Reservations, making it clear that it is to be used as an overnight shelter by reservation. Doug reported that the log book has 61 entries/visits. Some are repeat users for sure, but nice to see it is being used.

Jo and Ann blazed the Southside Loop Trail in white. From the Summer Parking lot Kiosk to the cabin.

Doug reported that the gate by the Summer Parking lot is down. He will repair it.

Gail is going to try to edit the Informational Brochure for the Cabin to get it to fit on two sides of a page.

Ridge Trail – Doug reported that there is some blowdown of trees across trail. He is working on removing these. The Hildene "Cairn" telling of the Award given to the Tinmouth Land Trust is at beginning of trail now.

Future workshops – Doug has confirmed with Leslie Silver to do an Edible Plant walk in late Spring.

Doug would like to ask Alan Betts, who is a local authority on Global Warming to come speak. CC spent some time deliberating on whether folks would show up or not. Doug will talk to Alan to see if he

thinks there is an appropriate angle to speak to that will engage the public. It is one of the most important topics that we face, just need to find the right presentation that would draw folks in.

Salamander, Frog, Turtle Crossing! - CC would like to make a few signs that would make traffic aware that they are approaching an important road crossing for these animals. Jo offered her basement to build the signs sometime this winter. Barbara will make stencils of the critters for the signs. David will talk to Lisa Thornton, Dept. of Forests, Parks & Recreation about her ideas for placing signs.

Work Day for Cabin. Nov. 6, 2016 at 1:00. Meet at Winter Parking Lot, refreshments will be provided. Hope is to finish putting Battens on Cabin and pick up the site from the construction etc.

Planning Commission ~ 9/26/16

Present were members Bob Lloyd, Vito Macaluso, Michael Fallar, Grant Reynolds, and Kim Harbaugh, as well as Gail Fallar, Sec.

Members discussed emailed comments from Bob and Grant regarding what is required to update the Town Plan – meeting state planning goals (and how they do or don't apply to Tinmouth); updating information, updating maps, etc.. Bob has met with Ed Bove, Executive Director of the Rutland Regional Planning Commission to review the process and RRPC's involvement. After much discussion, members decided to ask for a grant of \$5,000, and as

the Town has budgeted \$3,000 that should enhance the likelihood of approval of the grant request.

Members felt the need to involve community members in the update process, particularly regarding commercial solar and other renewable energy development and water quality issues.

Bob read the questions on the application, members provided input in regards to answers. Bob will prepare a draft application for approval at the next PC meeting (10/24/16) and submit the application by the 10/31/16 deadline. The Select Board will also need to approve and sign a resolution.

Next regular meeting will be October 24, 2016.

Community Center Board ~ 9/22/16

Present were Board members Denise McGinley, Grant Reynolds, and Frank Sears as well as Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker, principal, Carmen Fallar, building manager, and Gail Fallar (busy body).

Board re-organized – Denise is Chair, Frank is Vice Chair, Gail volunteered to take minutes.

Board authorized expenditures for FY 16.

Maureen reported hot water issues were addressed speedily by the new school district building manager-had to replace a pump. She also asked permission to install plugs in the electrical sockets as that is required by After School regulations, Board approved.

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