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Pat Psholka, Helen Mango, Sherry Johnson

~ Town Meeting 2017 ~

Petitions have been received for the following 2017 Officers:

Moderator – Stan Wilbur
Select Board Member – Cathy Reynolds
Town Clerk – Gail Fallar
Town Treasurer – Gail Fallar
Lister – Gail Fallar
Auditor – Alan Held
1st Constable – Bob Emerick
Town Agent – Rick Fallar
Grand Juror – Glenn D. Merrill
Tax Collector (Delinquent) – Cat Yoder

Town Meeting is **Saturday, March 4th** this year. The meeting starts at 1:00 p.m. Public questions and budgets will be voted from the floor at the Community Center. Voting for officers and the new unified school district budget via Australian balloting will be **Tuesday, March 7th** (8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center), or you may cast an early/absentee ballot for that election.

New this year: You do not have to register to vote before the election (deadline used to be five days before). Vermont has instituted **same-day voter registration**, meaning that if you have not previously registered to vote and want to do so on town meeting day, you can register then and there. You do need to be a resident of the town in which you are registering to vote.

Town Meeting will be a bit different this year – as there is no longer a town school district there is no warning for an annual meeting for the school. However, David Younce, Superintendent for the new Mill River Unified Union School District, has asked for time during the town's meeting to discuss school issues and do a presentation regarding the school district budget. The Select Board has added this to the town's warning.

In addition, the Select Board will be discussing a proposal for a new town garage. To shed some light on the need, there will be an **OPEN HOUSE** at the town garage on **Saturday, February 25th** (in the morning), so folks can have a chance to see current conditions and space challenges. Refreshments will be provided.

Town Plan Update

The Tinmouth Planning Commission is gearing up for review and revision of the Town Plan. The first step is to survey town folks to seek input on several issues. They hope to have a questionnaire ready for distribution at town meeting. It may also be sent in the next issue of *Tales*. Your ideas and suggestions are most welcome and needed.

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 7th.

Town Reports will be mailed soon. Please read them and bring them with you to Town Meeting on **Saturday, March 4.**

Calendar of Events

February 2017



Fire Dept.	Thursday	2nd	7:00	Fire House
Special AM Hours	Saturday	4th	9-Noon	Library
Book Discussion	Sunday	5th	1:30	Library
Safety & Wellness Committee	Wednesday	8th	7:00	Town Office
Select Board	Thursday	9th	7:00	Town Office
Writing Group	Sunday	12th	3:00	Library
Tinmouth Community Fund Board	Monday	13th	7:00	Town Office
Solid Waste and Recycling Committee	Thursday	16th	7:00	Town Office
Tales of Tinmouth Deadline	Monday	20th		Don't Miss It!
Planning Commission	Monday	27th	7:30	Town Office
Mill River Unified School District Annual Meeting	Thursday	23rd	7:00	Mill River HS auditorium
Town Garage Open House	Saturday	25th	8 a.m. -Noon	Town Garage



March 2017

Fire Dept.	Thursday	2nd	7:00	Fire House
Special AM Hours	Saturday	4th	9-Noon	Library
Tinmouth Community Fund Annual Meeting	Saturday	4th	11:30 a.m	Community Center
Town Meeting Floor Voting	Saturday	4th	1:00 p.m.	Community Center
Town Meeting Australian Balloting (officers and school budget)	Tuesday	7th	8 a.m.-7:00 p.m.	Community Center
Tales of Tinmouth Deadline	Monday	20th		Don't Miss It!

Sunday Church Service 9:00 a.m. ~ 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

Special Saturday Library Hours February 4th (first Saturday of the month)

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

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

Congratulations

Welcome to Tinmouth's newest arrival, **Clara Ruth Williams**, daughter of **Page and Amanda Williams**, who was born on December 26. She joins big sister **Lilly**.
Congratulations and best wishes!



Get Well Wishes

To **John Marro, Marianne Gagne, Caleb Scott, Lou Hamilton, Alan Held, Penny Jaderlund**, and everyone who has fallen ill with the nasty winter gripe (those who have had it can't get rid of it, and report it really lays one low).

Sympathies

To **Debbie Buffum** and family for the loss of her brother; to **Joan Brooks** and family for the loss of her mother; and to family and friends of **Angela Wright Combes**.

~Tinmouth Community Fund News~

Meeting

February 13, 7:00 p.m.
Tinmouth Town Office

Agenda

1. Approve minutes of TCF meeting of January 4, 2016.
2. Review grant applications, and allocate available funds, to be presented at Annual Meeting
3. Review agenda for Annual Meeting
4. Any other Business

Annual Meeting

March 4, 2017, 11:30 a.m.
Tinmouth Community Center

Agenda

1. Financial Report
2. Review final grant reports (2016 grants)
3. Award 2017 Community Fund grants
4. Report from College Scholarship Committee
5. Report from Camp Scholarship Committee
6. Elections – 3 positions
7. Board reorganization – Elect officers
8. Any other Business

-Helen Mango, Board Secretary



The Tinmouth Community Fund thanks its 2016 donors:

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 Tinmouth Plant Sale
 Tinmouth Town-Wide Tag Sale
 School Tax Stabilization Fund
 Kim Beaty
 David and Nancy Birdsall
 Chuck Bronk and Tracy Byford
 Helen Buffum
 Scott and Penny Buzby
 Ruth Drachman
 Bart and Beth Eaton
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 Doug Fontein
 CJ Frankiewicz
 Jonathan Gibson and Eliza Mabry
 Kim Harbaugh and Sherry Johnson
 Bob and Cynthia Johnson
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 Allyn Kahle
 Martin and Janet Kushnick
 Paul and Jayne Larson
 Travis Lepley
 Tom Lloyd and Grace Phillips
 Vita and Patty Macaluso
 Ellen and Newt Meiselman
 Rose Napolitano
 Louise Perron
 Rep. David Potter
 Cathy Reynolds
 Grant and Jo Reynolds
 Vic and Beth Rickman
 Annie Robbins
 Enid Whittingham
 Rene and Stan Wilbur

~Nature Notes~



What a January thaw we've had!! Day after day of warm (for January, the coldest month of the year) weather. Snow has nearly all melted, temperatures in the 40's and even mid-50's!
Young folks want the snow to play in, older folks are happy each day is one day closer to spring that they didn't have to shovel!

Someone spotted 6-8 bluebirds checking out housing, bobcat and deer tracks and an owl on a wire on Route 140.



TINMOUTH
CHURCH

Tinmouth Community Church

What is the value of unity? I reflected on this as I watched the Women’s March on Washington where speaker after speaker encouraged us not to give up our ideals and values, to hold onto the idea that all people are valuable and to be respected. My musings continued later as I walked through the woods near my home, trying to find some balance in what feels

like a very disturbing and un-centering time. Several thoughts came to me as I reflected back further and further in my life, asking myself the question, “What is the value of unity?” Does unity have any value in today’s world? Is it reasonable to imagine that people can join together as one in any meaningful way?

When I was in Seminary out in California, I was active in the “Beyond War Project” which was a grassroots response to the threat of nuclear war. This group believed that with the advent of nuclear weapons, it was no longer rational to see war as a way to resolve disputes between nations. The Beyond War Project ran seminars through which people were taught this basic premise as well as encouraged to uphold four personal implications:

- 1) I will resolve conflict. I will not use violence.
- 2) I will not occupy myself with an enemy. I will maintain an attitude of goodwill.
- 3) I will take initiative and respond to conflict within these Foundational Ideas and Personal Implications even when others are confused or lost in their fight or flight reflexes.
- 4) I will work together with others to build a world beyond war.

It was fascinating to me, when I researched the history of this group and what they stood for, how deeply these personal implications had become embedded within my psyche. As I read them over again, I realized that they form the heart of how I approach conflict and how I see the world in which we live.

Coming back to the question, though, “what is the value of unity?” I continued to ask myself, does unity have any value today, or are we in such bad shape as a society, as a world culture even, that it is each person for him or herself, each gender for themselves, each race for themselves, each nation for itself? It disturbs me to hear talk of “America first” at a time when this entire world is sitting in a lifeboat together. The stark reality is that there is no first class section in a lifeboat. Everyone in the boat is equally at risk.

This is a time for unity, a time when we need to come together if we have a prayer of solving the problems we are facing as a nation and as a world. Our current problems can

only be solved if we are willing to work together in order to find solutions. No one can afford to sit this out. My prayer is that we can get back to the point where we honor and respect one another’s common humanity, so that we can recognize the power of all that unites us as children of this earth, as sisters and brothers.

Peace to each and every one of us,
Shirley

P.S. If you are looking for a circle of folks who strive to live in ways that serve the greater good, you are welcome to join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 9:00am. The service is always followed by delicious food and lively conversation.



TINMOUTH COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

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Women’s March on Montpelier

Martha Stanley attended the Women’s March in Montpelier on January 21, and sends this report:

In Words:

Massive crowds, traffic jams.

Energizing, exciting, re-assuring, peaceful, respectful, beautiful, musical, moving and Bernie.

Lady in a long grey wool coat matching her silver hair resting on her cane, moving to the music.

Fathers with infants strapped to their backs, grandfathers, brothers, brothers-in-law, husbands, male friends standing supporting same issues.



Library News Ruth Drachman

Writing group will meet on **Sunday, February 12th at 1:30** at the library.

Our Book Discussion Group will meet **on Sunday, February 5th** to discuss *Logbook for Grace* by Robert Cushman Murphy. The discussion leader will be Nelson Jaquay. All are welcome.

New for adults for February:

Born to Run by Bruce Springsteen, an autobiography

The Uncommon Reader by Alan Bennett, a political and literary satire.

Our Revolution by Bernie Sanders; our Vermont Senator tells of his personal experiences from the campaign trail, and talks of the future.

Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead, an award winner; a young slave's adventures as she makes a desperate bid for freedom.

New Picture books for children:

A Unicorn Named Sparkle by Amy Young

Penguins by Cynthia Rylant

Daisy Head Maysie by Dr. Seuss

Monkey with a Toolbelt by Chris Monroe

The Mermaid's Purse by Patricia Polacco

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. **February's date is Saturday, February 4th.**

The library is open on Monday and Thursday, from 10:00 a.m. until Noon, and from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.



New Telephone and Business directory for 2017

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



Marion's Musings for February 2017

By Marion Hambly

Dateline 1966

As you travel up Merrill Spring Road there is a curve followed by a short steep hill. Young Glenn Merrill now lives at the top. One day, way back, when our son John, who was 16 years old, got almost up the hill, the tractor started to slide and then flipped over the steep embankment at the side of the road. It landed upside down with John pinned under the seat. He yelled for his brother, thinking he might be hunting nearby. No luck.

Meanwhile over on Gilmore Road, Pete Gilmore was out in the yard. His son Peter has the farm now. He thought he heard someone but couldn't place where. Now between where John was under the tractor and the Gilmore farm the land formed a sort of valley and John's voice carried over to that place. It is about a half mile away. Pete and his wife Marita got in their car and set out to find the origin of this call. They turned up Merrill Springs Road and stopped to see if they could still hear the call. As they neared the top of the hill, John could hear the car and threw his work glove up to the road. He was still under the tractor. Marita saw it and she and Pete came down and got John out from under the seat. It just caught his foot. His face was scraped a bit. They had to dig a hole in the mud to get his foot out.

They brought him to our house farther up the road and somehow later the men went down and rescued the tractor. I don't remember what happened to the trailer that was hitched to the tractor and John says he doesn't either. He was around 16 at the time.

We did have adventures on that farm. We later added two more children to our family. I will write more about "the tribe" as JJ, my husband, used to call them. Never a dull moment!

Seminar on Hunter Access Offered to Vermont Landowners



The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is holding a free seminar for landowners interested in learning more about hunting, wildlife management, and conservation. The seminar is co-hosted by the nonprofit Vermont Coverts.

The seminar will be held on **Friday, February 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** ANR Annex Building, 190 Jct. Rd. Berlin, Vermont. It will feature workshops and presentations by Fish & Wildlife head of law enforcement Colonel Jason Batchelder as well as several department biologists. They will review the rights of landowners and the limits to liability, and talk about who hunts in Vermont and what other recreational uses of private lands take place here. Biologists will also speak about the science of wildlife management, and discuss hunting as a tool for promoting healthy forests.

“This seminar is designed for anyone who wants to learn more about Vermont’s hunting culture, and how landowners fit in the picture,” said Chris Saunders of the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. “We’ll participate in thoughtful discussion as a group, and address many of the facts and myths about hunting and hunters.”

The seminar is free and includes breakfast and lunch. To sign up or ask questions, contact Lisa Sausville at lisa@vtcoverts.org.

Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities are available upon request. Please include a description of the accommodation you will need. Individuals making such requests must include their contact information. Please email cathering.gjessing@vermont.gov or call the office staff at 802-828-1000 (voice), 1-800-253-0191 (TTY).



Tinmouth Contra Dance

Friday, February 17, 2017,
8:00–11:00 p.m.
Tinmouth Community Center

Dance to the splendid tunes of Shindy (Roger Kahle on guitar and Randy Miller on fiddle) at the Tinmouth contra dance with Lausann Allen. 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.

Please bring clean, non-marring shoes. Admission is \$10-\$12, \$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. Shine up those dancing shoes and bring a couple of friends to dance with! Our email is tinmouthdance@gmail.com. The Community Center is on Route 140 in the center of Tinmouth, 5 miles west of Wallingford.

We dance every third Friday, January-May and September-December, although our November dance is always the Friday after Thanksgiving to accommodate the Game Supper.

~Meeting Highlights~

(Complete minutes are available at the town office.)

Select Board ~ 01/12/17

Present were members Frank Sears, Laurie Phillips, and Matt Patry, as well as Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Stu Johnson – Vermont Local Roads/Agency of Transportation, Kim Harbaugh, Sherry Johnson, Michael Fannin, Gail Fallar – Board Assistant, and Scott Lepley at 7:40 via telephone.

Eric asked that Stu be allowed to go first. Stu provided Select Board with a handout regarding using calcium chloride (“chloride”) on gravel roads to help stabilize the road and maintain dust control. The chloride creates a crust that sheds water and helps keep the road from eroding in a rainstorm. He recommended using a liquid form (flakes work but are highly corrosive and harder to get the right application), following spring grading. Much discussion;

Matt inquired about environment impact – given there are several areas in town that have a large salamander/newt population. Stu advised it is not hazardous material and that the road commissioner would have to be aware of the salamanders’ road crossing in relation to grading and treating. If used appropriately, there should be no problem. Calcium or magnesium chloride could be used. The liquid could also be used in the winter to help winter salt work better.

Stu recommended attaching a roller on the back of the grader – several towns in Addison County have made their own. It also helps with gravel road maintenance.

He also noted that the new municipal road program is stressing keeping roads intact and not allowing run-off to make its way to Lake Champlain.

Board inquired about gravel size; Stu advised this could be a separate discussion that might take an entire evening, but briefly discussed gradation of stone/gravel noting that better quality stone helps keep the road more intact.

Michael advised that there had been extreme dust on Gulf Road and raised concerns with health issues as well as having to close all windows and close up the house when this occurs. There is also an economic impact as his wife is raising flowers for retail sale and no one wants them covered with dust. He urged the Board to do something.

Board will continue to research the issue.

Scott Lepley was then contacted via telephone to discuss replacing or adding an addition to the town garage. He, Eric, Frank and Gail had toured the building recently and discussed options. Option One is to add to the existing structure (Eric has checked corner posts – they appear solid), but adding on could be more expensive than building new. Option Two is to build a new town garage with bathroom facilities, work shop for working on equipment, space for the tandem trucks and plows (currently the plows are outside and must be attached prior to plowing), etc. Option Three would be to do nothing. Board acknowledged that something has to be done. There needs to be water and septic on site; engineering will need to be done for that. Scott felt per square foot cost would be around \$45-\$50, including concrete floor and frost wall, with the road crew doing some of the work (construction of the septic system for example). Eric noted that Mt Holly and Rutland Town had recently constructed town garages that ran \$100 per square foot. After much discussion, Scott offered to develop a simple plan (needs interior wants/needs) that can be used to help determine costs. Gail reminded the Board that the State may still require the town to cover its salted sand pile. Board felt the town garage would be top priority in order to comply with VOSHA regulations and provide the road crew with adequate space and work areas.

Board decided they should consult with voters at town meeting. They also decided that voters should determine the allocation of the \$225,000 received from the school’s

tax stabilization fund – all to highway or split with other town buildings? Board thanked Scott for his assistance.

Eric reported the sand pile is disappearing fast given winter weather to date. He discovered and repaired broken U-bolts in the 2013 tandem truck.

Board and Eric discussed the proposed FY18 highway budget – deciding that there should be an “Open House” at the town garage prior to town meeting to inform voters of the condition of the current building and the need to address issues there.

Board signed annual highway mileage – no changes from 2016.

Board appointed Nelson Jaquay to the Conservation Commission to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Jeff Alexander – they thanked Jeff for his service. They also decided to appoint Chuck Bronk to a vacancy that will occur in March as a current member does not wish to be re-appointed.

Board reviewed proposed FY18 General Budget, deciding to increase the Sheriff Department’s budget to 6 hours per week (more in spring summer and fall and less in winter).

Board decided to hold a special meeting on Thursday, January 26th to finalize budget and sign warning for town meeting.

Board entered Executive Session at 9:00 for the purpose of a personnel issue. Present in the Executive Session were the Board and Gail. Board exited at 9:07; no action taken.

Matt signed the application for a 2017 Milfoil grant for Tinmouth Pond, prepared by Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project Board members.

Planning Commission ~ 01/16/17

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

Members discussed the time line for revision and re-adoption of the Town Plan – needs to be completed by September, 2017. Working backwards, with consideration for hearings required by the TPC and the Select Board, the Plan needs to be ready in June. Attempts to contact Rutland Regional Planning Commission have not been successful. Bob volunteered to work on that as they have census and housing information necessary for the update as well as a list of elements that need addressing. Grant noted that much of the Plan is still valid.

Tinmouth Community Fund Executive Board ~ 01/04/17

- Helen Mango, Board Secretary

Present: Board members Cathy Reynolds (Chair), Patti Macaluso, Jan Krantz (Vice Chair), Ramsey Yoder and Helen Mango (Secretary). Also present: Gail Fallar.

The first order of business was to write thank you notes to everyone who donated recently to the Tinmouth Community and Scholarship funds.

Next the committee members reviewed the annual campaign: Cathy feels that because of the new “giving opportunity” for the Christmas baskets, it may be best for us to move the Scholarship Fund solicitation to April, and the annual Community Fund campaign to the early fall. Ramsey pointed out that many people do all their charitable giving at the end of the year. Gail wondered if it would be better to do one solicitation with the option of donating to either the Community Fund or the Scholarship Fund at one time. The committee decided to keep the current schedule (Scholarship Fund solicitation in April, and Community Fund solicitation in December).

Grant review process: The next item for our schedule is to review the grant application will come in by the January 31 deadline. Helen will collate the applications and send them to committee members, the committee will meet to go over the applications, and Helen will print out certificates to be handed out to successful applications at the TCF’s annual meeting.

The new camp scholarship fund needs a better method for tracking awards to make sure it comes out of the Community Fund.

The committee will meet on Monday, February 13, at 7:00 p.m. to review grant applications and prepare for the annual meeting.

Jan will write a note to last year’s grant recipients reminding them to write a final report of their grant use (especially if they are considering applying for funds this year). She will also follow up with older pending issues (e.g. grants that weren’t fully used so some funds are still encumbered).

The Endowment fund (we can pull 5% of this fund annually but we cannot use the principal) contains \$222,948.67 (without end-of-year interest, which has not yet been calculated). The Reserve Fund (we can pull 5% of this fund annually as well as use principal, but the committee has avoided doing that) contains \$44,796.81. As of September the fund was up 7.8% over last year at the same time.

Members discussed Act 174 – the renewable energy law that requires towns to determine where energy (solar/wind/etc.) projects are suitable and to create a map with those designated areas and add this element to the local town plan. Regional Planning Commissions have been given funding from the State to create a regional map and to help towns create their own which are compatible with it. Members discussed whether this was advisable given that even if the town plan was approved, the Public Service Board only has to give it substantial deference when considering an energy project application. It does not have to follow the town’s approval or disapproval of the project. Grant read a few of the standards; all agreed that those were beyond the ability of towns to do this on their own.

Bob noted that there appears to be a conflict within state government that should be addressed. The Current Use Program rewards landowners for not developing their land, and other state funding (Vermont Housing & Conservation Board) is used to conserve large tracts of farm and forest land. Yet it seems the Public Service Department and the Public Service Board want energy projects developed everywhere. Current understanding of conserved and current use land is that no development would be allowed. He has asked the Tinmouth Land Trust to take the lead and hold a conference of all stakeholders to give this some consideration.

Members discussed the need to survey residents and property owners regarding the update, and energy aspects in particular. How does the TPC determine if any landowners are interested in commercial solar or wind projects? Tess, Grant, Vito and Bob volunteered to work on a draft. Intention is to hand it out at town meeting and send it out via *Tales*. Members will review at their next meeting on February 27th.

Bob reminded everyone that regional planning commissions (rpc) were created by a vote of the Select Boards in their given districts; a discussion followed involving rpcs and their duties to help towns with planning and creation of regional plans and energy maps.

Members also pondered that the state’s goal of being 90% renewable energy by 2050 was not achievable and in the grand scheme of things, tiny Vermont’s 625,000 people’s efforts would only amount to the tiniest of a difference. Not that an effort should not be made, but the mountains of Vermont should not be decimated in so doing.

Next meeting was scheduled for February 28, 2017.

There will be three openings on the TCF board to be filled at the annual meeting (Patty, Ray and Jo). Annie will be stepping down from the board, meaning that a one-year term will also be available. (Note: The terms of Jan, Ramsey, and Annie's replacement will be up in 2018, and the terms of Helen, Cathy and Melody will be up in 2019.) Helen will write to Patty, Ray and Jo asking if they want to volunteer for another stint on the TCF board.

Hunting and Fishing Licenses are available at the Town Office.

The town receives \$1.50 for each license sold!



Tinmouth Elementary School News

The Mill River Unified Union School District Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday February 23, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Mill River High School auditorium.



For Sale ~

Seasonal camp for \$129,900 with two bedrooms on .28 surveyed acres with 53' of lake frontage and dock on a private road at Chipman Lake. There is no public access to this a private, quiet 79-acre lake. One bathroom with shower, living and kitchen combo, two bedrooms and storage shed, gas grill, propane stove and electric refrigerator; septic and filtered lake water. Move-in condition. Being sold furnished, including a paddleboat, two kayaks and life jackets. Great view of the lake from a 10' x 35' porch. Road plowed year round for winter use - great ice fishing. Motor boats allowed. Call Larry at 802-446-2902.

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Recipe Corner – Chocolate Chip Cake

- 1 package yellow cake mix
- 1 cup water
- 4 eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- ½ cup cooking oil
- 1 package German sweet chocolate
- 1 package instant vanilla pudding
- ½ cup chocolate bits

Beat all together (except German chocolate and chocolate bits) with electric mixer for 10 minutes. Grate German chocolate and mix with chocolate bits. Add half chocolate mixture to cake mixture. Pour into ungreased tube pan. Sprinkle remainder of chocolate mixture on top. Bake at 350°F for 1 hour. Let cool in pan. Remove from pan when cool. Sprinkle powdered sugar on top.

Submitted by Kay Reed

Please remember to send recipes to smhb@vermontel.net or 49 North End Road, Tinmouth, VT 0577

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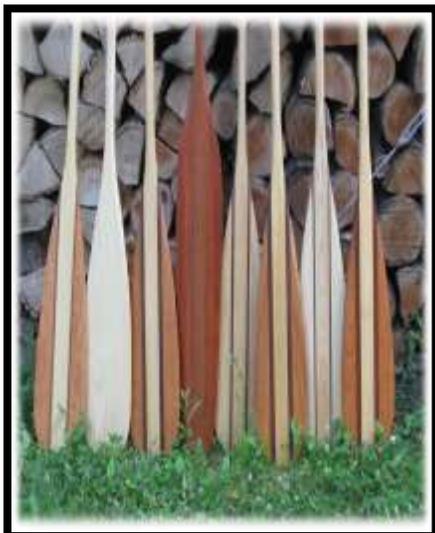
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2 bedrooms, open kitchen/living area, large bathroom with electric baseboard heat, propane heater for the main living area, electric stove. All appliances are new within the last 5 years.

It is being sold furnished, so this means you could simply walk in and start to enjoy!

Check us out on Facebook "Made in the Shade Tinmouth, Vt"

If interested, or know someone who is interested, please contact Barbara or Rob at 802.558.7395, 516.509.7663 or message us on the FB page.

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See and hear about a variety of topics, including bear biology and ecology, as well as the positive outcome of various forest management practices as they stimulate more productive and diversified food and cover resources for the benefit of all wildlife, from butterflies and birds to bears.

We are inviting forest landowners, loggers, and consulting foresters. We will experience in the field a variety of wildlife detection and habitat assessment techniques, with an emphasis on discovering how bears feed and communicate within the forest community.

Directions to the Fire House:

From Wallingford on US RT 7, take RT 140 West 5 miles to Tinmouth, park in Church parking lot.
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Program is free; pre-
registration is
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Bring a bag lunch and
dress appropriately
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Attendance is limited
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