**Minutes of the Tinmouth Community Fund annual meeting**

**Mar. 4, 2017**

Present: Jan Krantz (Vice Chair), Ray Pratt (Treasurer), Jo Reynolds, Patti Macaluso, Helen Mango (Secretary), Cathy Reynolds, Ramsey Yoder, Melody Squier, interested citizens of the Town of Tinmouth

Cathy Reynolds (Chair) called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

Cathy wasn’t feeling well, so Jan stepped in to run the meeting.

The minutes of the annual meeting of Feb. 27, 2016, were moved by Melody, seconded by Cathy. Motion passed.

Ray gave a report on the fund’s finances: We began year with $5300 in the checkbook, and ended with almost $11,000.

Interest revenues: $382; Donations: $13,000 (including one $10,000 anonymous donation); Transfer from school tax stabilization fund: ~$75000.

Community Fund grants given out: $5000; Scholarships $9600; Camp Scholarships: ~ $700

Transferred $69,000 to Vermont Community Foundation for the TCF endowment.

Endowment: $272,805.

Total assets: approximately $281,000.

Jan gave a summary of the 2016 awards (10 awarded): total $5000. There was a nice selection of applications.

Doug thanked the TCF for the awards.

Jan reviewed the grants awarded in 2016 – There were nine grants, for a total of $4,500.

Helen handed out the awards for 2017 ($500 each unless otherwise noted):

* Tinmouth Gardeners
* Climbing Wall Boosters
* Tinmouth Contra Dance
* Tinmouth Elementary School Garden Program (PreK/K garden)
* Tinmouth Historical and Genealogical Society
* Tinmouth Blooms
* Tinmouth Milfoil Project
* Tinmouth Handbell Ensemble
* Tinmouth Community Oven Project
* Tinmouth Old Creamery Committee
* Tales of Tinmouth
* Tinmouth Elementary School (upkeep/improvements to school garden)
* Town of Tinmouth (“Take Tinmouth to the Lake”)
* Tinmouth Conservation Commission ($400)
* Old Firehouse Concerts ($450)

Doug noted that some of the Contra Dance grant funds are used to support free admission to people who might not be able to afford the entry fee. Gail noted that the Old Firehouse Concert grant is to subsidize free tickets to concerts for community members who might not be able to afford the entry fee.

Cathy reported from the Scholarship Committee: In 2016, nine scholarships were awarded, totaling $9,600. Thanks to infusion of cash from school tax stabilization fund the balance has increased. Cathy thanked the community for the donations made to the scholarship fund. She described what the scholarship committee members do. Last year’s committee was composed of Bob Lloyd, Ruth Drachman, Rene Wilbur, Annie Robbins, Tess McGinley, Nelson Jaquay and Caleb Scott.

Cathy called for volunteers for the 2017 committee: Tess McGinley, Rene Wilbur, Nelson Jaquay and Jan Krantz volunteered. Cathy will contact Ruth, Caleb and Annie and see if they are still interested in serving on the committee.

Melody reported from the camp scholarship committee: Scholarships are for day camps, on a sliding scale (families contribute something, depending on need).

In 2016, three families were awarded scholarships, totaling $706.25.

Melody encouraged more people to apply for camp scholarships. Ramsey added that he highly recommends the conservation camp.

Elections to TCF committee:

Helen nominated Ray Pratt, seconded by Melody. Jo nominated Asha Carroll, seconded by Helen; Jo nominated Arne Majorell for the one-year term (vacancy due to resignation of Annie) seconded by Gail; Gail nominated Patti, seconded by Jo. No further nominations. Motion carried.

Cathy nominated Jan as Chair, Ray as Vice Chair, Cathy as Treasurer, Helen as Secretary. Seconded by Betti Jaquay. No further nominations. Motion carried.

Cathy reflected on 1988-89; Town Meeting met in the actual firehouse (full of diesel fumes), and then a donation came in and eventually turned into an amazing community center. The leftover money ($85,000) was turned into yearly grants and scholarships, and over $200,000 at the Vermont community fund.

No new business.

Jan adjourned the annual meeting at 12:01 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Mango