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Editors' Notes: The deadline 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 may be included in the following month.

Pat Psholka and Helen Mango

Celebration of Tinmouth Library!

by Gene Usher

Please come and join us on **October 14, 2017**, as we celebrate the Library's many years of service to our wonderful community and to the fabulous families of Tinmouth! We'd like to share a bit of the Library's history. There will be reading aloud for children of all ages! As well as refreshments for everyone.

If you have a story of your own about the Library, or about the community, we would be delighted if you would share.

On behalf of our Librarian, Ruth Drachman, the Board of Trustees invites you all to join us on **Saturday, October 14th, from 1 till 4 p.m. in the Old Firehouse!**

Trustees: Margaret Morin, Nelson Jaquay, Lori Gilmore, Jan Krantz, Gene Usher

A few reminders from the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department

- **Clean Your Chimney**

Before it gets too cold, now is the time to clean your chimney. Remember a chimney fire can become a house fire in no time.

- **(Brush) Fire Permit**

If there is no snow on the ground, a fire permit is required to burn grass or brush within 200 feet of any woodland. For information about a fire permit or to report a FOREST FIRE, call Glenn W. Merrill, 446-2785 or Glenn D. Merrill, 446-2782. In case of a forest fire, if you are unable to reach this number, call 911.

Glenn W. Merrill, Fire Warden

Glenn D. Merrill, Deputy Fire Warden

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

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

Tinmouth Town Wide Tag Sales Wrap-Up

by Sherry Johnson

The Tinmouth Town Wide Tag Sales that were held on September 2nd seemed to be a great success. The Parents' Club held a successful Bake Sale in the Old Fire House. The early morning shoppers appreciated the hot coffee and goodies that were available. Many people commented on how nice and friendly Tinmouth is. They enjoyed shopping at the various sites.

A benefit sale was held for the Old Creamery, and it raised over \$350!

The positive responses we received has encouraged us to try this again next year. If you did not participate this year, start planning so that you can participate next year. You can participate by having your own sale, or donating items to the benefit tag sale. So if you have treasures you would like to donate, save them for next year.

The date will be Saturday, September 1, 2018.

To make next years' sale even better, we are going to work on the following:

1. *A place for Tinmouth residents to have a sale in town if they feel their location is not very accessible*
2. *Larger, and easier to read signs*
3. *A better map*

We welcome suggestions to improve the sale next year.

If you still have your tag sale sign, we would appreciate it if you would return it to the town office. It doesn't matter what shape the sign is in, we will reuse the stakes. Thanks.

Sherry Johnson (446-3307), Tracy Byford
(tracyleab@gmail.com) and Chuck Bronk
(charles.bronk@gmail.com)



October 2017 Calendar of Events

Fire Dept.	Thursday	5 th	7:00	Fire House
Library	Saturday	7 th	9:00-Noon	Library
Writing Group	Sunday	8 th	1:30	Library
Select Board	Thursday	12 th	7:00	Town Office
Concert	Friday	13 th	7:30	Old Fire House
Library Celebration	Saturday	14 th	1:00-4:00	Old Fire House
Book Discussion	Sunday	15 th	3:00	Library
Conservation Comm.	Monday	16 th	7:00	Town Office - Upstairs
Fire Dept. Training	Tuesday	17 th	7:00	Fire House
Planning Commission	Thursday	19 th	7:30	Town Office
<i>Tales Deadline</i>	Friday	20 th		Don't Miss It!
THGS Annual Mtg.	Sunday	22 nd	1:00	Church
Concert	Saturday	28 th	7:30	Old Fire House
Trunk or Treat	Sunday	29 th	3:00-5:00	Community Center

November 2017 Calendar of Events

Fire Dept	Thursday	2 nd	7:00	Fire House
Library	Saturday	4 th	9:00- Noon	Library
Homeless Prevention	Saturday	4 th	5:00-10:00	Moose Lodge in Rutland
Daylight Savings Ends	Sunday	5 th	Set your clocks back and change your batteries!	
Concert	Friday	6 th	7:30	Old Fire House
Select Board	Thursday	9 th	7:00	Town Office
Veteran's Day	Saturday	11 th	Please thank a vet for their service!	
Planning Commission	Thursday	16 th	7:30	Town Office
Game Supper	Saturday	18 th	4:00	Community Center
Town Office	Saturday	18 th	CLOSED	Ye Olde Clerk has to cook!!
Community Thanksgiving Service	Sunday	19 th	4:30	Church
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	23 rd	Town Office and Library CLOSED	
Contra Dance	Friday	24 th	8:00	Community Center
Town Office	Saturday	25 th	CLOSED	Family Time

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 10:00-noon & 1-5 and Thursday 10:00-noon

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

Knit, Craft or Chat ~ Mondays 3:00 – 5:00 pm ~ Library

Bone Builders ~ Tuesday 10:00-11:00 am & Friday 9:00 – 10:00 am Library

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TINMOUTH COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday Service – 9:00 a.m.

Rev. Shirley Oskamp, Pastor

Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors

~ 49th Annual Game Supper ~

The Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department's 49th annual game supper will be held on **Saturday, November 18th** 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 with your offer to help. Thanks.

Fire Department Raffle Tickets are available at the Town Office!!



~Bone Builders~
by Sherry Johnson

When followed diligently, the Bone Builders program and exercises can help the body to increase bone density and reverse the effects of osteoporosis. If you would like to maintain your bone health and maybe improve it, join us on Tuesdays from 10 – 11 a.m., and Fridays 9 – 10 a.m. Please note the different times depending on the day.

We will be meeting at the Tinmouth Library. This program is available to everyone free of charge. All you need to bring is yourself and wear sneakers, loose fitting clothing and water. Weights will be provided so you do not need to buy or bring them.

We welcome anyone who would like to help decrease bone loss.

For more information, feel free to stop at the Library and talk to Ruth Drachman, our librarian, or email Sherry Johnson at vtsjohnson@icloud.com.

~ Front Porch Forum ~
Connect with your Tinmouth Neighbors

Have you checked out Front Porch Forum yet? To sign up, go to <http://FrontPorchForum.com>. Or stop by the town office to sign up!! 200+ households have signed to date! Good way to discuss community issues, sell a canoe, give away a kitten, etc.. If you are a second home owner you can use your 911 address.

Meeting Notices and Agendas are posted there!



~ **Library News** ~
by Ruth Drachman

COME CELEBRATE THE TINMOUTH LIBRARY ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH FROM 1 P.M. UNTIL 4 P.M. AT THE OLD FIREHOUSE. Sing along with Nelson, enjoy children's stories with Ruth, hear the history of the library, and share your memories of our library. **It is 20 years since we re-opened the library as it is now. Refreshments will be served!**

Writing group will meet on **Sunday, October 8th** at the Library at 1:30.

Our **book discussion group** will meet on **Sunday, October 15th** at 3 P.M. at the library. Our book this month is *The Baker's Secret* by Stephen Kiernan. Stephen lives in Vermont, and is a guitarist as well as an author. He has performed in Tinmouth at the Old Firehouse.

Come to the library to **KNIT and CHAT**, or just chat, or crochet, or whatever handwork you enjoy.....on Monday afternoons at 3 PM until about 5 PM.

The library will be open on Saturday morning, October 7th from 9 until noon.

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., and the morning of the first Saturday of the month.



Arts and Craft Fair

What do you think about a one day Arts and Craft Fair to be held on a Saturday in Fall 2018? Right now we are in the conceptual phase of planning such an event. The current thought is to have the fair outside, with a rain location. There will be no charge for participating.

We are looking for Tinmouth residents who make homemade or handmade items to participate. Example of items might be quilts, homemade food, wooden crafts, paintings, photographs, jewelry and ?? We are really excited about this and hope there is enough interest.

If you think you might be interested in, have questions about, or just want to give us feedback on this event, please contact Sherry Johnson (446-3307), Tracy Byford (tracyleab@gmail.com) or Chuck Bronk (charles.bronk@gmail.com)



Tinmouth School News

To the Tinmouth Community;

On August 30th we welcomed students back to school! The new school year began seamlessly in spite of several changes. Our morning bus route for middle school, high school, and elementary school has been successfully consolidated. We were fortunate that Cheryl Balfour continues to transport our students safely to and from school. I rode on the bus for the first three days of school and it was heart-warming to see older students walking younger students safely across the road when exiting and entering the bus.

Class configurations were amended due to unexpected, last minute enrollment in the kindergarten and first grades. Several first graders were moved into a 2/3 grade to balance class enrollment but more importantly to optimize learning environments for all primary students.

There was a *Curriculum Night on Monday, September 25th from 6:00 to 7:00 PM* at TES. Kindergarten through 2nd grade were scheduled from 6:00-6:30. From 6:30-7:00, grades 3 through 6 teachers presented schedules and discuss curriculum. There was an ice cream social in the community center for PreK through 6th grade students while parents were speaking with teachers. Although PreK had presented curriculum and schedules to families prior to the start of school, we invited our youngest scholars to the ice cream social!

Our Parents' Club provided breakfast and Hip-Hop dance instruction on the opening day of school. Starting the school year dancing was brilliant! Thank you to all the parents who went out of their way to make students' first day back a celebration!

Sixth graders across the district had the opportunity to build relationships and leadership skills at Camp Chingachgook on September 27th, 28th, and 29th. This structured and well thought-out program was designed to prepare students for the transition into middle school.

Finally, our music teachers are teaching students to play ukuleles. Guitar lessons are also being offered as well as band instrumental lessons. Ellis Music demonstrated various band instruments available to rent in the first week of September. We are currently looking for guitars or band instruments such as flutes, clarinets, trombones, trumpets, etc, for students to practice with. Our music teachers will repair and tune the instruments if they are able.

Please consider donating unused ukuleles and guitars to the Tinmouth School.

Thank you to the community, staff, and teachers who all played a roll in creating a safe and welcoming school environment where children can thrive emotionally, physically, and academically! It's been a great start to the school year!

Sincerely,

Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker
Principal, Tinmouth School

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The Bayou

by Marion Hambly – October 1997

The morning so still
Water like a mirror
Reflect bordering trees
Birds perched like statues
Are weathered piles
Watching. Watching
The Bayou

Sun rises, picture changes
Breezes blow, mirror's gone
Daytime heat, birds fly off
Waiting, waiting
For evening's cool
The Bayou

Nighttime falls, quiet reigns
Breeze blows softly, birds return
Resting, resting
'til morn returns
The Bayou

Get Well Wishes sent to **Jo Reynolds, Marion Hambly, Phil Hepburn, Jamie Edmunds, Glenn W. Merrill, and Holly Webb.**

A Hearty Thank You is sent to **George Herrick** for the wonderful apples he's been dropping off at the town office for everyone to enjoy. And **Thank You** also to those bringing pears, cukes, beans, zucchinis, and other veggies to share. Your kindness is very much appreciated.

~ Nature Notes ~

The weather has been fantastic!! Record high temperatures, long dry spells (though we do need some rain), colors are starting to appear again (first batch of leaves turned and promptly fell off), and a wonderful full moon. Lots of monarch butterflies this year too!

Pine trees are loaded with pine cones, have you noticed? Some old timers say that means a long, cold winter and lots of snow!! What say you?



Contra Dance

with The Tartan Raiders and Mary Wesley calling

Friday, October 20, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.
Tinmouth Community Center

Dance to the splendid tunes of the Tartan Raiders with Mary Wesley calling at the Third Friday Dance in beautiful downtown Tinmouth, Vermont, on October 20 from 8-11 p.m. 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 Route 140 in the center of Tinmouth, Vermont, 5 miles west of Wallingford. 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.org.

We dance every third Friday, January through May and September through December, although our November dance is always the Friday after Thanksgiving to accommodate the Game Supper. Don't miss it.

Tinmouth residents and taxpayers who want to come to the dance to try it out are eligible for one of our 20 free passes this year, sponsored by the Tinmouth Community Fund. Email eworks@vermontel.net or call **Cathy at 446-2928** to arrange for your free ticket to the dance.

Shine up those dancing shoes and bring a couple of friends to dance with! Our email is tinmouthdance@gmail.org.

Letter to the Editor:

I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation for the help, prayers, food, cards, calls and assistance I received following my recent knee replacement surgery.

*Kudos to **Ruth Drachman, Nancy Birdsall, Ann Czar, and Pat Psholka** for stepping up and keeping the Town Office humming merrily along!!*

I'm recovering well, and am now able to make it to the town office on a regular basis.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

**Best,
Ye Old Town Clerk
Gail Fallar**



Community Bake Oven Grand Opening

by Sherry Johnson

About 40 people attended the grand opening of the Community Bake Oven on Saturday, September 16th. The oven was fired at 9:30 a.m. and by 1 p.m. pizzas were coming out of the oven. While the fire was hot, it took about 1-2 minutes per pizza. By 2:30, the oven had cooled a bit, and the pizzas took a little longer to cook. The party lasted from noon until 3:30 p.m. Members of the community contributed dough, and a wide variety of tasty toppings. A good time was had by all!

A special thanks to Ken Krantz who was the primary baker at the opening. We have learned a great deal about how to use the oven, and directions will be available soon for those who would like to try their hand at using the oven. This is a work in progress.

Many thanks to all the people who volunteered time and materials, as well as the Tinmouth Community Fund, and other local funding sources, to make this bake oven possible!!

And finally as special thanks to Jan Krantz, who had a vision, presented to the community and got the support.



The oven before it was covered by its roof, which can be seen on the left in the photo above.



Dear Friends,

I spent the past week sitting on the rocky cliffs of an island in Maine, overlooking the ocean. It seemed fitting to be there, balancing on what felt like the edge of the world, during the Equinox. The Fall Equinox is the day when light and dark are perfectly balanced, when day and night are of equal length just

before we turn toward shorter days and longer nights that will eventually (on December 21st) lead us to the longest night of the year, the Winter Solstice.

A friend of mine insists that you can balance an egg on its tip on the Equinox, demonstrating the mysterious nature of this balancing point in the year. Personally, I never had any luck doing this, but that probably doesn't prove anything at all, except maybe that my patience wears out rather quickly when attempting this feat. The bottom line is that there is an ebb and a flow to the way the natural world operates, and maybe the egg trick is our way of trying to express it in a tangible form.

As I sat on one rocky overlook after another, watching the sea, the birds, seals and the waves meeting the shore, I thought a lot about what it is that draws me to edges like that. It doesn't have to do with taking risks. I was not climbing to locations that felt dangerous in any way. I just felt drawn to the places where I could see the waves crashing below, where I could experience firsthand the sea meeting the earth, meeting the sky. I think the draw is that these vantage points feel like a place of possibility, of seemingly endless potential that can be found in each of the three realms – earth, water and sky.

And maybe sitting right there on the edge represents something within each of us that wants to keep all of these possibilities open. But we can't. Much as I might wish it, I can't spend every day sitting on the edge of the sea watching the tide rise and fall.

When I woke up the morning after we returned, I noticed that many leaves had already fallen to the ground. Autumn is already here and there is nothing any of us can do to stop it or even to slow it down. So in some ways, we really can't spend our lives hovering on the edges. We can't refuse to cross over the thresholds that lie in front of us. There are things we need to do, places we need to go, there are people who are depending on us. Life is about movement, not about standing still, even in the most beautiful places, even in the most perfectly balanced of times.

Enjoy the moments!
Shirley

Shirley also sends this announcement:

Green Mountain College is hosting Daughters of Corn Dance Troupe sponsored by Compas de Nicaragua. The Daughters of Corn will bring dancers from Women in Action, and the La Paz project to the U.S. to perform traditional dances while educating audiences about Nicaragua's culture and current affairs.

There will be a public performance in Ackley Theater at 6 pm on **Thursday, October 12th** featuring cultural dances performed in beautiful costumes and dresses as well as short video showings about the group's work in Nicaragua. All are welcome! The performance is free, but donations for the work of Compas de Nicaragua will be gratefully received.

Homeless Prevention Center's Dinner
by Martha Stanley

Save November 4, 2017

For a Fun and Affordable evening while supporting a very good cause.

**Homeless Prevention Center's
4th Annual Dinner, Dance and Silent Auction**

5:00 to 10:00 PM

Moose Lodge

78 Center Street, Rutland, Vermont

The evening includes Dinner, Dancing, 50/50, Cash Bar and Silent Auction. Tickets are \$25.00 per person or \$40.00 for 2 or \$75.00 for 4.

I have 4 free tickets available. I will give you a free ticket for every ticket you purchase until the 4 are gone. Call me at 446-2629.

Another way to support this event is to donate an auction item. Tax deductible!

Any item is appreciated, for example: Maple Syrup, Honey, Jewelry, House Cleaning Hours and Arts and Crafts, Etc.

We identify the donor unless otherwise instructed. This is a great way to promote your talents and products.

Call me at 446-2629.

The Homeless Prevention Center provides services to prevent or rehouse those experiencing homelessness by empowering individuals and families through education, collaboration and stabilization.

Thank you for your support.

Martha Stanley

Homeless Prevention Center Board Member.

Tim Connell Brings his Mandolin to the Tinmouth Old Firehouse on Friday October 13

A world-touring, world class virtuoso mandolinist with over twenty years professional performing experience, **Tim Connell** has created a sophisticated and original global mandolin style. Regarded as one of the top North American interpreters of Brazilian *choro*, Tim has also developed his own unique voice for the instrument, described in a recent Mandolin Magazine cover story as “fiery and energetic, soulful and evocative.” Tim comes to us from Portland, Oregon. At the Old Firehouse he will be playing in a duo with a friend, Brazilian-American 7 string guitarist, Cesar Garabini, on Friday, October 13.

Tim regularly tours Europe and North America in the international mandolin supergroup The Ger Mandolin Orchestra. He performs and teaches solo or with friends all over the country. In his solo and duo acts, Tim shares his career-long exploration of the world's many musical styles as realized on the mandolin and voice. He is currently an Adjunct Professor of Music at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, OR.

The Old Firehouse is at Mountain View Road and Vt. 140 in downtown Tinmouth, next to the new Firehouse. Doors will open at 7 PM. There is a suggested donation of \$10 to \$15, 90% of which goes to the performers. The remainder pays the town for the upkeep of the Old Firehouse. Homemade desserts, coffee and tea will be available



Tim Connell



Cesar Garabini

Saturday, October 28 ~ Daddy Long Legs

Daddy Long Legs is an exciting new band that will be at **Tinmouth's Old Firehouse at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 28**, a change from our usual Friday nights. The band is the creation of three well known Vermont musicians, Dave Gusakov, Rick Ceballos, and Matt Witten. Infusing catchy folk songs, Celtic and “old-timey” melodies, and early minstrel and jazz pieces with passion and intricacy, Daddy Long Legs is playful and dynamic. The three musicians play fiddle, viola, banjo, gourd banjo, piano, guitar, and percussion, as well as sing. Daddy Long Legs creates vibrant, sensitive and surprising 21st-century folk music.

The Old Firehouse is at Mountain View Road and VT. Route 140 in downtown Tinmouth, between the current firehouse and the Town Office building.

Doors will open at 7 PM, concerts start at 7:30. There is a suggested donation of \$10 to \$15, 90% of which goes to the performers.

Homemade desserts, coffee and tea will be available. Donations for them will help support community activities.

Please Recycle or Pass Along Tales!!

Pen's Ready: Annual Horace Greeley Writers' Symposium, October 21st

In its 15th year of offering the writers' symposium, the non-profit Horace Greeley Foundation, funded through donations and proceeds from Symposium fees, is dedicated to promoting the writer's trade and the spirit of public oration that was central to Greeley's life.

What is perhaps equally central to our mission is preserving the sense of place and memory of life in a small New England village. Each year, we meet in those places where Greeley lived, worked, debated and voraciously read the books and journals that fed his intellectual curiosity.

The Symposium will be held on Saturday, October 21st, 2017 from 9am to 5pm, at the United Baptist Church, On the Green, East Poultney, Vermont. Registration for this event is \$80 / (\$65 Early Registration before September 15th), with a special student rate of \$20. Registration is available online at www.horacegreeleyfoundation.org.

Registration forms can also be found in brochures throughout the region, and at the Poultney Public Library. Onsite registration will be available at the event, as well.

The Horace Greeley Writers' Symposium is a celebration of Horace Greeley's life. The symposium explores the art of writing as presented by publishers and writers in the fields of literature, poetry, philosophy, and history.

This year's keynote speaker is Oregon author & filmmaker, Marilyn Johnston. She received a fellowship from Oregon Literary Arts, a Robert Penn Warren Award, the Donna J. Stone National Literary Award for Poetry, and won the 2017 Flash Fiction Contest by the Salmon Creek Journal. She founded the Mid-Valley Veterans' Writers and is a creative writing instructor for the "Artists in the Schools" program, primarily working with incarcerated youth. *Red Dust Rising*, a collection of poems about her family's healing from war, was nominated for a Pushcart Prize

Additional featured speakers include:

Joni Cole, the author of *Another Bad-Dog Book* and a regular contributor to *The Writer* magazine. Joni is founder of the Writer's Center of White River Junction, Vermont.

Jackie Gordon, a self-publisher and public speaker for many years, Jackie is often asked to speak on the personality profile based on her third book ~ *Do You Know You*.

Laird Christensen, Director of the English and Writing programs at Green Mountain College, as well as, the Graduate program in Resilient and Sustainable Communities. The co-editor of *Teaching About Place* and *Teaching North American Environmental Literature*, his poems and essays have appeared in many publications and books. Central to his thinking, is that

writers have the ability to reclaim one of the most ancient roles of story tellers: offering useful reflections on the vast changes already in motion and helping frame our possible futures in ways that inspire courage, resilience, and action.

The Symposium is a dynamic day of learning and nurturing for writers of all ages, experience levels, and genres. This event draws writers and authors from across New York and New England to Poultney, Vermont every year. For more information, or a link to our brochure and registration form, visit our website at www.horacegreeleyfoundation.org or "like" us on Facebook at facebook.com/HoraceGreeleyFoundation.

Recipe Corner



Zesty Salsa for Canning

- 10 cups roughly chopped tomatoes
- 5 cups chopped and seeded bell peppers
- 5 cups chopped onions
- 2 1/2 cups hot peppers, chopped, seeded
- 1 1/4 cups cider vinegar
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 Tablespoons cilantro, minced
- 3 teaspoons salt
- 1 (6 ounce) can tomato paste

Combine all ingredients except tomato paste in large sauce pot. Simmer until desired thickness. Stir in tomato paste. Ladle hot salsa into hot sterilized jars leaving 1/4 inch head space. Seal with lid. (For hotter salsa increase peppers - decrease for milder salsa.)

Got a favorite recipe you are willing to share? Please send it/them to Shirley Bucceri at smhb@vermontel.net or 49 North End Road, Tinmouth, VT 05773. Thanks!

Tinmouth Historical and Genealogical Society's Annual Meeting, Sunday, October 22nd at 2:00 in the community room of the Church.

All are welcome, refreshments will be provided.

Congratulations to Tinmouth's newest newlyweds, **Asha Carroll** and **Andy McCullough** were married on October 7th. Best Wishes for many years of happiness.

Kudos to the many folks who organized the amazing Basket Raffle Fundraiser for the **Barrett family** following the loss of Jim. It was a huge success!

Heartfelt Sympathies are sent to **Pat Psholka** and family for the loss of her Mom; and to **Tracy Carey** and family for the loss of her sister in the tragedy in Las Vegas. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Meeting Highlights ~

(Complete minutes are available at the town office.)

Select Board ~ 9/13/17

Town Plan Hearing and Regular Monthly Meeting

Present were members Frank Sears, Cathy Reynolds, and Matt Patry, as well as Grant Reynolds, Lyle Jepson-Executive Director Rutland Economic Development Corp., Mary Cohen-Executive Director Rutland Regional Chamber of Commerce, Bob Lloyd, Jo Reynolds, Kim Harbaugh, Sherry Johnson, Eric Buffum-Road Commissioner, Scott Buzby, Penny Buzby, Doug Fontein, Robbie Leeds, Gail Fallar-Board Assistant

Frank called the meeting to order welcoming everyone, introducing the Select Board, asking for review of the agenda – added Mr. Jepson and Ms. Cohen and FEMA.

Town Plan Hearing was opened – Frank read the Planning Commission’s report of changes for the re-adoption of the Plan. Gail advised that Planning Commission members did the majority of the update and review. Frank commended the PC for its work, the depth involved that showed that Tinmouth cares about what it was, what it is, and what it hopes to be. Bob noted that the Rutland Regional Planning Commission will be reviewing it next week and the next re-adoption will not be required for eight years. After brief discussion, Board voted to approve and adopt the 2017 Town Plan as presented.

Mr. Jepson and Ms. Cohen presented information regarding economic development and a regional marketing initiative which included census data, the need to bring more people to Rutland County, refuted the myth of lack of jobs in the area, etc. One facet included a request for a town representative on a marketing committee, and financial support equal to \$1 per person in town. The hope is that all communities in the County will contribute to this marketing strategy. They were advised that this request would be placed on the ballot for town meeting, and Mr. Jepson and Ms. Cohen were invited to speak at there.

Eric reported paving was done, shouldering with gravel on the sides of the new paved road will be undertaken soon. Ronnie has returned from fighting fires out west, McCoy Road is in pretty good shape, Class 4 roads washouts are being addressed. Pent Road was discussed – Bob noted that owners on the Class 4 portion would like to do some restoration work, the Town will provide culverts. Eric will work with Bob and their contractor Leon Corey to determine what needs to be done. Bob noted they owned a gravel pit on the Gulf Road if it was needed – Eric will take a look.

Cathy explained work on the Master Plan for the town garage/transfer station completed so far, Options A, B, and C (and possibly D – just adding to the existing garage). The Options moved various buildings around

seeking to find the right placement for their functions. Replacing the town garage and building a salted sand shed could be several hundred thousand dollars. Board wants to do it right the first time, it will more than likely require the Town to bond (borrow for long term) for the first time ever. Transfer Station facilities need to be addressed as well – the thought is to separate highway functions from transfer station functions for a variety of reasons. She noted she had written a grant for a salted sand shed, waiting to hear results. Members discussed whether these projects could be done in phases, or should be done all at once.

Doug and Robbie, representing the Tinmouth Conservation Commission, asked the Select Board in their consideration of the Master Plan to consider recreation uses for part of the Town’s 11 acres; in particular a Frisbee golf course, picnic tables, outdoor volley ball court, etc., and to keep access to that part of the parcel for future uses.

Board decided to hold a public forum to try to gather more input on the Master Plan and set a date of Saturday, October 7th. (*This was later postponed until a later date.*)

Risk Assessment and ATV use of town roads was tables until next meeting.

Scott and Penny expressed concern with safety on the East Road – pulling out of Chipmunk Crossing Drive can be very dangerous, vehicles are traveling too fast from both the north and south. They inquired whether the speed limit could be lowered or other steps taken. Select Board agreed to look into a blinking speed sign; advised that a traffic study would need to be done before the speed limit could be changed.

Penny requested permission to remove the old Coca Cola sign on the side of one of the box trailers at the transfer station. Board took no action at this time.

Gail reported that Marie Regimbald was unable to attend the meeting, but advised that they were still working on moving stuff out of the town’s right of way – though Casella advised the current location of the dumpster is the safest place for it. Frank noted he had stopped by, but found no one home.

Cathy noted the Personnel Policy needs to be reviewed by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) before the Board starts negotiations with employees in the coming months.

Gail reported there is a meeting with a FEMA representative regarding the town’s request for financial help following the big storm on July 1st that caused tens of thousands of dollars in damage to town roads.

Board appointed Matt Patry Voting Delegate to the VLCT’s annual meeting in October (Gail as alternate). Gail advised that VLCT had inquired about town folks who had 50 years or more of public service – those being Glenn W. Merrill and Marshall Squier – both

founding members of the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department. VLCT is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Board discussed Ramsey Yoder's 2nd driveway permit. They do not want to cut trees as required by the permit or use it as a driveway (it was only built to be able to place a shed on the property), so they are willing to remove the culvert and place boulders in the opening. Board rescinded that permit.

Gail advised that Laurie Phillips, Health Officer, may be subpoenaed regarding the rental inspection she performed earlier this year.

Planning Commission ~ 9/21/17

Present were members Michael Fallar, Kim Harbaugh, Bob Lloyd and Vito Macaluso as well as Gail Fallar, Secretary. *Members absent: Tess McGinley, Grant Reynolds, Kevin Ruane, Andy Gilmore and Amanda Chisamore.*

As a quorum was not present - no action taken, but much discussion ensued.

Gail advised that the Select Board had approved and adopted the new Town Plan on September 13, 2017. Bob advised that the Rutland Regional Planning Commission had also approved the new Town Plan and approved Tinmouth's planning process as well.

Bob noted that Village Center Designation adds points to planning grant applications, and could be used for public entities and infrastructure grants as well.

Kim advised that the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce and the Rutland Economic Development Corporation recently attended the Select Board meeting and did a presentation about the local economy – the Select Board invited them to present at Town Meeting.

There was much discussion regarding affordable housing and the two projects in Tinmouth in the past decade. There are issues now with both, but in regards to the one on Sugar House Lane, an attorney needs to be hired to review what Tinmouth's role should be. Select Board will need to be involved as well.

Members discussed a work plan for the upcoming months – Village Center Designation; PUD's (Planned Unit Development) were removed from the Town Plan, they should be removed from the zoning and subdivision regulations; Enhanced Energy Plan; Administrative Review for the Zoning Administrator to grant waivers in the Lake Shore District regarding docks and decks; concern for historic houses that are being abandoned, could a grant be obtained to study what could be done to help save them (affordable housing perhaps?).

Old Creamery Committee ~ 9/16/17

Present were members Grant Reynolds, Stan Wilbur, Michael Fallar, Vito Macaluso, and Doug Fontein, as

well as Gail Fallar, Jan Krantz, Kim Harbaugh and Sherry Johnson.

Gail, as town treasurer, reported the current balance in the OCC checkbook is \$904.34, with an outstanding invoice for paint of \$102. She thanked Stan for the Riordan Place LLC's donation of \$1500.

Members discussed whether the new shed over the new bake oven should be painted. Members of the bake oven committee/builders do not want it painted, but would like a preservative applied to its natural wood. Some members of the OCC wanted it painted in the "town colors" (buff and red). OCC members do not have authority to determine this as the structure is a town building and the Select Board will decide. There was much discussion from both points of view. In the end, Stan moved to ask the Select Board to paint it in the town colors, Michael 2nd, Stan, Grant and Michael voted yes, Vito and Doug voted no. Motion passed.

Jan expressed concern with the condition of the terrain behind the building – it needs to be graded, the bank is hard to mow. OCC will ask the Select Board to have it landscaped a bit.

Doug advised that the interior of the building still poses danger and needs to be added to the to-do list.

Members discussed projects needing attention; the south wall and foundation (Doug volunteered to write an RFP to repair the foundation with piers with pressure treated blocking between the top of the piers and the sill.); east side wall sheathing needs attention (Doug and Michael volunteered to cover with tar paper and batten next week.); floor under the burned area on the north end of the building needs repair (Michael and Doug also volunteered to tack plywood over the soft spots – members approved purchase of the material.); Stan donated clapboards to cover the east side come spring time – Grant volunteered to pre-prime them in his basement over the winter; south side wall – tack loose claps and paint as a stop gap measure; north wall sill needs repair as well as the floor joists and floor in that area – paneling in basement may need to be removed from the ceiling to provide access.

This work will be put out to bid in the spring, discussion as to bundle all together or keep separate, more discussion needed. Need to work on ball park estimates to enable Committee to fund raise as needed. Concrete, painting, clapboard, sill, floor joists, floor.

Members discussed water rights that used to go to the old creamery – when the town acquired the property, the owner kept them for his house, which now has a new owner and a new well. Would it be possible to get them back? Select Board's prerogative.

Fund raising was briefly discussed, several families have offered assistance, but not yet made a donation, should they be reminded? Who will do that? Need to determine how much is needed first.

Conservation Commission ~ 8/21/17

With thanks to Chuck Bronk, Secretary

Present were members Doug Fontein, Ann Czar, Barbara Held, Nelson Jaquay, Robbie Leeds, Chuck Bronk as well as Gail Fallar and Ray Pratt.

Old Business:

Doug Fontein gave an update on the Amphibian Crossing signs. Chuck Bronk has repaired two of the six remaining signs, which are now in storage for the next crossing season. Barbara Held noted the small Duck Crossing signs which have been placed near Ballou's Swamp and a discussion of what signage might be commercially available and what techniques might reduce theft/damage, followed. Chuck agreed to search the web and present alternatives at the next meeting.

Doug reported that he had cleared the blowdowns on the trail up to the overlook, but that additional work would require a group work day, particularly for the trail beyond the Gilmore property. All agreed to set Saturday September 9th as a work day, meeting at the Community Center parking lot. Additional work may continue on the afternoon of Sunday September 10th. Doug listed possible equipment needs under the heading "Weapon of Choice."

New Business:

Nelson Jaquay gave a brief overview of the Drachman trails and agreed to work on flagging them as they are heavily overgrown and in need of clearing. Once cleared the concept would be that Ruth Drachman would be consulted prior to any use.

Doug reviewed the Northwoods Stewardship Center and some of the information on the web site that he put in the draft agenda, which was suggested by Bob Lloyd. While this might prove to be a means to maintaining the upper reaches of the Purchase Loop, some preparation would be required. Doug agreed to initiate a contact with this group for possible assistance this coming summer.

Finally there was a discussion of possible uses for the Town lot behind the Transfer Station. This once was a cornfield and it is crossed by a snowmobile trail. A possible recreation use might be a Frisbee golf course. Doug and Robbie Leeds described the construction, equipment, and use of such a facility to the committee. Access might be an issue of concern given the semi-landlocked nature of the site. Gail Fallar pointed out that access was being considered as part of the Master plan for the Transfer Station. Maintenance issues and the public or town only use of such a facility were discussed.

It was agreed that Doug and Robbie would attend the next Select Board meeting on Thursday September 14th to introduce this possible use of the site.

Nelson Jaquay described the Four Winds Program that will be included in the curriculum of Tinmouth

School this year. The program has volunteers from Town work with the classroom teachers to strengthen Ecosystem studies, following a monthly workshop. It typically involves work outside the classroom. Among others, Nelson and Chuck Bronk will be taking part this year.

Next meeting **Monday** October 16, 2017 at 7:30 P.M.

Solid Waste and Recycling Committee ~ 8/24/17

With thanks to Helen Mango, Secretary

Present were members Gail Fallar, Rick LaCroix, Jonathan Czar, Helen Mango and Alan Held. (Wheaton Squier was out West fighting fires and unable to attend.)

Master Plan for Public Works, Recycling and Solid Waste Gail reported that the Select Board wants the input of the SWARC on reconfiguring the whole transfer station/town garage/salted sand shed. The SWARC was presented with an "Option C" which includes two new compactors and putting all the transfer station equipment near the front gate, and moving the town garage to the far end.

Compactors can be rented (for \$250/month each) or bought (over \$20,000 new). Pickups would be much less frequent than currently. Right now, Hubbard's takes the trash and the metal dumpster, Casella's takes the recycling, and Canusa takes the paper. If we got the compactors, we could have one of the companies pull both. We need to do a cost analysis, looking at how often we currently have the roll-offs pulled, and what do to about paper, and other variables.

Alan will visit Middletown Springs to see their compactors (which were purchased used). Mount Holly purchased one new one. Danby is renting their compactors. Gail will call the Danby town clerk.

Helen recommended that the SWARC work with representatives from the Select Board to determine the costs and benefits of the reconfigured transfer station option. We need more clarity on what exactly the Select Board wants the SWARC to do. Helen will work with Gail to do the cost analysis.

Magnetic Signs This idea needs to be put on hold because of the potential configuration change. Rick suggested trying out a dry-erase board and writing the week's "rules" on what can be recycled (because this can change based on what the hauler will take at any given time). Rick will pick up the dry erase boards.

Solid Waste Ordinance Helen typed up the old Solid Waste Ordinance (from 1994, and formerly only in hard copy). SWARC members will look it over and email Helen any proposed changes to update the ordinance. Helen will also email it to Cathy Reynolds of the Select Board for her input.

Next meeting of the SWARC is scheduled for Wednesday, October 4, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.

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