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*Editors' Notes: Please pause to give Thanks . . .
For family, friends, community, state and country.
And to pray for those not as fortunate . . .*

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 may be included in the following month. Thanks.

Pat Psholka and Helen Mango

Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department Game Supper Saturday November 18th 2017 - 4:00 P.M.

By Melody Squier

The 49th Annual Tinmouth Game Supper is a true Vermont Community event and the major fundraiser for this small Town's Volunteer Fire Department.

Gourmet "all you can eat" menu includes: Venison and Moose Sauerbraten, Game Cornbread Chili, Secret Marinated Roasts of Venison, Moose, and Bear, Smoked Venison and Bear, Wild Italian Meatballs. Also: Chicken and Biscuits, mashed potatoes and squash, salads, rolls, baked beans, and over 100 homemade pies!

4:00 P.M. Early birds welcome. No waiting outside. Over 500 served. Take-outs available.

Adults: \$15.00 Children 6-12: \$10.00
Children under 6: Free.

~ Game Supper ~ Saturday, November 18th ~ Help Needed!!!

The Fire Department needs your help with preparation, (meat cutters – Thursday night; potato and squash peelers, onion choppers – Friday night at the fire house); as well as help with set-up, serving, clean-up – Saturday; and baking pies, making salads, etc.

If you are willing to help, please call the fire chief **Mo Squier at 235-2718** or **David Birdsall at 235-2908**.

Your generosity and help in regards to the firefighters calling to request pies, salads, cider, etc, is very much appreciated. ***If you don't get a call, let us know.***

This will be the 49th annual Game Supper!!

**The Town Office and Library will be closed on
Thursday, November 23rd in observance of
Thanksgiving.**

~ Community Service of Thanksgiving ~ Sunday, November 19th 2017, 4:30 p.m. Tinmouth Community Church

By Lydia Cannon

"*The seasons swirl around us . . .*" begins the poem written by Robert T. Whittingham, the founder of the annual Community Service of Thanksgiving where we gather to give thanks for our bounty. Bob passed away in December, 2002. He is remembered each year at this special service when his poem is read by his daughter.

You and your family are invited to attend the service at **4:30 p.m. on November 19** in the Tinmouth Community Church followed by a delicious supper and gathering of friends. "*. . . And so in winter's days we look and praise ourselves, for skillfully gathering in, this bounty of the land . . .*"

Because Tinmouth cares about their friends and neighbors in need, a good will offering of non-perishable food (or money) for Thanksgiving baskets and Tinmouth's food shelf will be appreciated.

~ Thanksgiving Baskets ~

The **Roy & Anne Wilbur Fund** is under the umbrella of the Tinmouth Community Church and helps folks with heat, lights, groceries, etc. It also helps provide **Thanksgiving** and **Christmas Baskets** to folks in town. Donations of non-perishable food and other items (soap, laundry detergent, shampoo, etc.) can be left at the town office. Your generosity and help is greatly appreciated.

If you, or someone you know, needs a basket, please call Gail at 446-2498. If you have a bounty of potatoes or squash from your garden, they are most welcome as well.

~ Holiday Greetings ~

It's time for the **Seventeenth Annual Community Holiday Card**. For the past 16 years folks have made a donation to the *Roy & Anne Wilbur Fund* and sent their friends and family **Holiday Greetings** (*Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanza, Happy Festivus, Happy New Year – you choose*) in *Tales*. Think of how much you can save and how much your neighbors in need can be helped by your donation!

Please send your wishes and/or names and a donation of any size in care of *ye olde* Editor by **November 20th**.

November 2017 Calendar of Events

Fire Dept	Thursday	2 nd	7:00	Fire House
Library Open	Saturday	4 th	9:00- Noon	Library
Old Cemetery Work Day	Saturday	4 th	1:00-4:00	Rte. 140/Northrup Rd
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!	
Book Discussion	Sunday	5 th	3:00	Library
Select Board	Thursday	9 th	7:00	Town Office
Veteran's Day	Saturday	11 th	Please thank a vet for their service!	
Writing Group	Sunday	12 th	1:30	Library
Planning Commission	No Meeting in November			
2 nd Half Prop. Taxes	Wednesday	15 th	8-12 and 1-5	Town Office ~ Special Hours
Game Supper	Saturday	18 th	4:00	Community Center
Town Office	Saturday	18 th	CLOSED	Ye Olde Clerk has to cook for the Game Supper!!
Community Thanksgiving Service	Sunday	19 th	4:30	Church -All Welcome
<i>Tales Deadline</i>	Monday	20 th		Don't Miss It!
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

December 2017 Calendar of Events

Library ~ Open	Saturday	2 nd	9:00-Noon	Library
Fire Dept.	Thursday	7 th	7:00	Fire House
Select Board	Thursday	14 th	7:00	Town Office
Conservation Comm.	No Meeting in December			
Caroling	Sunday	17 th	6:00	Meet at the Church
Fire Dept. Training	Tuesday	19 th	7:00	Fire House
Planning Commission	No Meeting in December			
<i>Tales Deadline</i>	Wednesday	20 th		<i>Don't Miss It!</i>
Holiday Open House	Thursday	21 st	4:00-6:00	Old Fire House
Christmas Eve Service	Sunday	24 th	5:00	Church
Town Office & Library	Monday	25 th	CLOSED for Christmas	
Town Office & Library	Monday	January 1 st	CLOSED for New Year	

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 & 1-5

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

~ November reminder from your local Fire Department (TVFD) ~

Remember to set your clocks back one hour for Sunday, November 5th. This is also a good time to test your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors, AND change their batteries.

2nd half property taxes are due on Wednesday, November 15th. Town Office will be open 8-12 and 1-5 that day.

~ **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.

~ **Budget Work** ~

The Select Board and the MRUUSD School Board are working on budgets for the coming year. If you would like to have input, please attend one of their meetings in November or December. Or call a Board member – names and phone numbers available in the Tinmouth Operator’s Manual annual update.

~ **Tinmouth Cemetery Association Notice** ~

Cemetery gates are now closed for the winter. Anyone going in is asked to close the gates when leaving. If gates are constantly left open, they will lock the gates and only allow foot access.

They also remind people to refrain from using the cemetery for snow-mobiling, sliding, skiing, snowboarding, etc. This is for liability reasons and out of respect for those who reside there.

Thank-you for your cooperation.

Hunting and Fishing Licensees are available at the Town Office.

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

~ **Morgan/Darling/Rising Cemetery Work Day** ~
Saturday, November 4th 1:00 – 4:00

Volunteers are needed to haul brush and help clean up one of the oldest cemeteries in Tinmouth. On Saturday, November 4th, 1:00-4:00, we will be working on the old Morgan or Darling/Rising cemetery on Route 140, just past Northrup Road on David and Nancy Birdsall's property.

Please bring work gloves, brush cutters and tick repellent.

For more details, please contact Gail Fallar at 446-2870. Refreshments will be provided.

Vacancies ~ There are vacancies on the Planning Commission and the Conservation Commission. If you are interested, please contact the town office for more information. And consult your Tinmouth Operator’s Manual for details on what these groups do!!

~ **Library News** ~

By Ruth Drachman, Librarian

Writing Group will meet on Sunday, November 12, at the Library at 1:30 p.m.

Our Book Discussion Group will meet on Sunday, November 5, at the library. The book this month is *Wind, Sand and Stars* by Antoine de Saint Exupery.

New this month for Adults:

Glass Houses by Louise Penny. “More than the accused is on trial. Gamache's own conscience is standing in judgment.”

Y is for Yesterday by Sue Grafton. The alphabet series is coming to a close. Only one letter is left!

Trace by Archer Mayor. The Vermont Bureau of Investigation (VBI) has been pulled into three cases at the same time.

Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a family and Culture in Crisis by J. D. Vance. N. Y. Times Best Seller.

The library will be open on Saturday morning, November 4, from 9 a.m. 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.

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

~ **Art Exhibit** ~

Patty Yoder's fabulous hooked rugs are on display at the Shelburne Museum located in Shelburne, Vermont, and this exhibition, which is titled "**HOOKED ON PATTY YODER,**" is worth seeing. It will be at the Shelburne Museum until January 21st. It is an amazing display of her work and her talent. Patty described her work as "painting with wool!" It is incredible to behold!

Consider going to Shelburne to see Patty's hooked rugs. They are really spectacular! Take a friend!

- Ruth Drachman

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Alternate Site for the Town Garage?

At the special Select Board meeting held on October 26th to discuss the Master Plan and highway and solid waste and recycling facility needs, it was suggested that the Board consider an alternate (flatter) site for a new town garage.

If there is any land owner interested in selling (or gifting) such a parcel to the Town, please call the Town Office before the next Select Board meeting on November 9th. Flat and near the center of town!!

~ **Tinmouth School News** ~

"I would rather sit on a pumpkin and have it all to myself, then be crowded on a velvet cushion."

-Henry David Thoreau

To the Tinmouth Community,

Tinmouth students in grades K through 6 successfully led their conferences with parents this week. They shared their goals and samples of work they've completed since the start of the year. In third through 6th grade the students shared an online portfolio they utilize to hold summaries of their various projects. The staff and I are very grateful to parents for supporting their children. By attending this event, parents honor the work of the Tinmouth teachers and give students the message that what they do at school matters.

Caiden Rochon and Bryce Cook presented a PowerPoint at the Mill River Board Meeting on Wednesday, October 18th. They discussed their trip to Chimney Point Historic Park where they worked on an archeological dig for Native American artifacts.

The students in PreK through grade 3 visited Winslow Farm and learned about growing and harvesting pumpkins, gourds, and apples. Each brought home a gourd which they painted. These are on display in the classroom hallway outside Ms. Coupe's room.

The 4th through 6th grade class has set up their poetry boards in the back of the community center auditorium. Please stop by and take a look!

Our garden is starting to shape up thanks to the efforts of Hollis Squier and F.A.S. who mowed the encroaching vines that were taking over just outside the garden fence. And along the hedgerow. Thank you Mr. Squier!

Four Winds has been the highlight of our month. Under the direction of Nelson Jaquay, volunteers are bringing students out of the classroom to explore insect life cycles and fall seeds in the fields and forest surrounding the school. Our volunteers are brilliant and students are engaged and excited when Four Winds day approaches!

The Wee Folk Playground will be up and running in the spring! We received a \$2,500 Small & Inspiring Grant from the Vermont Community Foundation to be used for building a natural playground for the younger students at Tinmouth School! We'll be looking for materials such as bark chips, cedar posts, lawn fabric, and lumber. We also will be asking folks in the community to volunteer to help build this play area in the spring of 2018. Please consider helping out!

Through its Small and Inspiring grants program, the Community Foundation hopes to help foster the spark and hope that keeps Vermonters healthy and happy by finding and supporting projects where a small grant can make a big difference.

Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker
Principal, Tinmouth School

~ **Library Celebration Was Great Fun!** ~

By Gene Usher

Did you know that the history of the Tinmouth Library goes back more than 100 years? That's right. In 1916, thanks to the efforts of interested townspeople, the Tinmouth Free Library came into being with a few loaner books on the shelves! The Town Reports, covering several years from the 1920s to the 1950s, chronicle the library's history. It was located in the attic of the Tinmouth Church which burned in November, 1968. During some of those years, the library boasted an inventory of nearly 2,000 books!

Nelson Jaquay related this history to the group of townspeople who gathered in celebration of the Library. He added one of his own poignant memories of, during the fire, seeing the pages of the burned books floating in the air.

The current incarnation of the Library began more than twenty years ago, when Ruth Drachman asked if she might use the back room of the Town Office for a children's story hour. Town Clerk Gail Fallar said certainly she could, "But we might want to clean it up a bit!" We all know the outcome of that conversation, as Ruth has done a wonderful job as librarian.

These were just a few of the memories shared by the group who gathered on October 14.

We also enjoyed a bit of singing, led by Nelson, and other stories from various people. There were yummy refreshments, provided by the Library Trustees. Pictures and videos were taken by Vito Macaluso.

All in all it was a fun time and a great way of recognizing and celebrating the past and the present of Tinmouth Library!

Ed. Note ~ A bit more history . . . After the Church burned and the library was gone, a new library was created in the back of the "old store" (hadn't yet become the Town Office) in the late 1970's – it was a children's library, the brain child of local carpenter Jack Szanto.

Anne Lewis, Susan Mackey, Nelson Jaquay, and others were instrumental in getting it up and running. Lorraine Balestra was part-time librarian for a while.

After the school was required to have its own library, it mostly went into hibernation until Ruth Drachman started working at the Town Office in the mid 1990's, and asked about starting a story hour. It now provides books and services for all ages! Many volunteers pitched in to clean, paint, make curtains, sort books, etc. to bring it back to life. Ruth has received many grants to purchase books, videos, CD's, shelving, theme bags, programming, visiting authors, etc.

The celebration was mostly to honor Ruth for her 20 years of dedication, hard work, and enthusiasm and to thank her for her tireless volunteer efforts and service to the Library on behalf of the Tinmouth community.

**ON VETERANS DAY
REMEMBER THIS**

...It is the veteran, not the preacher,
who has given us freedom of religion.
It is the veteran, not the reporter,
who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the veteran not the poet,
who has given us freedom of speech.
It is the veteran, not the campus organizer
who has given us freedom to assemble.

It is the veteran, not the lawyer,
who has given us the right to a fair trial.
It is the veteran, not the politician,
who has given us the right to vote.

It is the veteran, who salutes the Flag,
who serves under the Flag,
whose coffin is draped by the Flag.

Author Unknown

ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

Poet's Corner:

Walking and Talking

By Marion Hamby

I was walking down an old dirt road
and much to my surprise,
A partridge hen and fourteen chicks,
were right before my eyes.

The mother told her brood to scoot
and started after me!
I said to her, now you see here
I won't have this, you see.

She headed straight for my old bones,
I thought she'd knock me over.
I stomped my feet and waved my arms,
she headed for the clover.

On I did go, with head held high
my heart was all a flutter.
On the side of the road, came a porcupine.
What next? What next? I mutter . . .



Tinmouth Contra Dance

Friday, November 24 at 8:00

Note this is the fourth Friday!

Tinmouth Community Center, 573 Route 140

The Turkey Trot Contra Dance

Contra Dance with Shindy and David Kaynor Calling

Dance off all that turkey and bring your friends and family to the 13th annual Turkey Trot Contra Dance in beautiful downtown Tinmouth, Vermont. Dance to the splendid tunes of Shindy - The Excellent Band with David Kaynor calling on Friday **November 24** from 8 p.m. – 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, refreshments, and a fun night for all.

The dance takes place in the Tinmouth Community Center on the third Friday except this month when it is on the fourth Friday to accommodate the Famous Tinmouth Game Supper, which is November 18 this year. The Community Center is on Rte. 140 in the center of Tinmouth, Vermont, 5 miles west of Wallingford.

Please bring clean, non-marring shoes. Admission is \$10-\$12, \$8 for teens and free for children 12 and under. 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.

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. See you in Tinmouth!



**TINMOUTH COMMUNITY
CHURCH**

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

Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors
Everyone Is Welcome in This
Community of Worship and Faith

~ **Tinmouth Community Church** ~

Dear Friends,

Thanksgiving is coming up, and with it the opportunity to get together with family and friends. The idyllic Norman Rockwell vision of Thanksgiving is what many of us hold in our hearts. This picture includes smiling faces, delicious food, meaningful conversations with people we care about and maybe some football later in the day.

The challenge is that the real thing does not always meet our expectations or hopes. Gatherings of family and even friends can be challenging. People have different ideas of what makes a good meal – tofurkey anyone? Actually, people have different perspectives on all kinds of things from football teams to family dynamics to current events. All this adds up to the disappointing reality that people, even people to whom we are related, do not always get along.

So what can we do about it? Some folks avoid the whole problem by not celebrating Thanksgiving with family. Others paste on a smile and pretend that they have no opinions for the afternoon. And still others dig in and argue for all they are worth, letting the fur fly.

Depending on our family of origin and our comfort level with lively discussions, this last option may work for some. But I am guessing that most of us would love to be able to be ourselves, to eat a great meal, to share our lives, our ideas and opinions, without all of the drama.

In his poem entitled *The Guest House*, Rumi reminds me about the deeper value of being in relationship with people with whom I may not see eye to eye. It is a helpful perspective for us to hold onto, as we gather around the table during this season, and any season.

*This being human is a guest house.
Every morning a new arrival.
A joy, a depression, a meanness,
some momentary awareness comes
as an unexpected visitor.
Welcome and entertain them all!
Even if they are a crowd of sorrows,
who violently sweep your house
empty of its furniture,
still, treat each guest honorably.
He may be clearing you out
for some new delight.
The dark thought, the shame, the malice,
meet them at the door laughing and invite them
in.
Be grateful for whatever comes,
because each has been sent
as a guide from beyond.*

- Jellaludin Rumi, translation by Coleman Barks

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving, and please join us at the church for a wonderful Community Thanksgiving Celebration followed by a delicious meal, on **Sunday, November 19th at 4:30 pm.**

**Blessings,
Shirley**

Pastor of Tinmouth Community Church
soskamp@gmail.com

~ **Condolences, Get Wells, Appreciations & Kudos** ~

Get Well Wishes are sent to **Nancy Noble, Glenn W. Merrill, John Crossman, and Marion Hambly.** Please keep them in your prayers.

Pauline Munson is celebrating her 90th birthday on the 15th, let's shower her with cards and good wishes. Her address is 92 West Shore Drive, Tinmouth, VT 05773. *Happy Birthday and many happy returns!*

Heartfelt Sympathies are sent to **Harry and Ann Constantinos** for the recent loss of their son.

Kudos and thanks to the **gardeners** who took care of the town and school flower beds this summer, they looked great! And kudos to **F.A.S Trucking & Landscaping**, the folks who mow the town, school, and church lawns and the ball field! The center of town has looked great all year.

Kudos to the following Mill River students for their participation in fall sports: **Sadira Majorell – Cross Country; Amanda Deppert, Annie Hasenohr, and Allison Nemeth – Girls Soccer; Cameron Smith – Boys Soccer; Colby Fox and Brian Eaton – Football.**

~ **Thank you** ~

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all they have done for us. I know a lot of time and hard work went into the event that was so successful.

We deeply appreciate the support and generosity of our neighbors and friends. We are so grateful to be part of this wonderful community. Thank you again for thinking of us at this difficult time.

**Sincerely,
Lisa and Jimmy Barrett**

The Tinmouth Community Fund thanks **Ann Czar and Christine Grosse** for their donations to the Tinmouth Scholarship Fund in the past months.

Tinmouth Community Food Basket & Gift Donations

Once again there are Tinmouth Elves working their magic to help less fortunate Tinmouth residents this holiday season. There will be food baskets/boxes and gifts for children at Christmas.

We are asking for folks to contribute money to enable the Elves to purchase clothing, needed items and gifts for the kids, and for folks to donate non-perishable food items to help fill up the food baskets. Turkey or ham and fresh items will be added by the Elves.

Monetary donations can be made to the Roy & Anne Wilbur Fund (which is under the umbrella of the Tinmouth Community Church) and mailed to 515 North End Road, Tinmouth, VT 05773 or dropped off at the Town Office.

Non-Perishable Food Items can be donated on Saturday, December 16, at the Tinmouth Church between 9:00 a.m. and noon, or at the Tinmouth Town Office anytime during regular hours.

Suggested Food Items:

Peanut Butter/Jelly/Jam
Applesauce
Pineapple
Oatmeal
Cereal
Flour
Sugar
Oil
Soup
Pasta
Pasta Sauce
Bottled Juice
Tuna Fish
Canned Veggies
Canned or Dried Fruit

Suggested Household Items:

Laundry detergent
Dish Soap
Shampoo
Facial Tissue
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Toilet Paper
Hand Soap
Fabric Softener

Suggested Pet food: Canned cat food, Canned dog food, Small bag dry dog food, Small bag dry cat food, Dog or Cat treats

The Tinmouth Elves thank you for your generosity and help with their efforts. Last year with the help of the Mill River National Honor Society, 27 families were provided with food for the Holidays. And the Elves provided gifts for 15 families with kids with the help of RSVP's Operation Dolls and More.

Meeting Highlights ~

(Complete minutes are available at the town office.)

Select Board ~ 10/12/17

Present were members Matt Patry, Cathy Reynolds, and Frank Sears, as well as Eric Buffum-Road Commissioner, Sunny Hance, Grant Reynolds, Kim Harbaugh, Sherry Johnson, Joe Frankiewicz, Hollis Squier, Ingrid Lepley, and Gail Fallar-Board Assistant

Eric reported that the Gulf Road (Class 4 portion) is now open, Pent Road is passable though there are some culverts that are crushed, but should work for a while; the town will need to replace eventually. The Lloyds and their co-owners are working with a contractor to upgrade some of that road. He also noted that he is waiting for Fuller Sand & Gravel to complete the gravel shouldering on the new reconstructed and paved portion of Route 140.

In other road discussion, Gail advised that the Rutland County Sheriff's Department may be able to conduct a traffic study on the East Road.

Printed copies of Options A, B, and C of the Master Plan were handed out. Cathy noted that the town may have to bond for \$500,000 in addition to the \$322,000 currently in the Capital Building Fund. The town had never bonded before. She also advised that the grant application for a salted sand shed was denied (not close enough to the Class 1 wetland - > than 250' and too expensive).

Size of the salt shed was discussed – currently they can only hold three loads, need much more due in part to weather changes over the past years – used to snow and be cold all winter, now there are many thaws creating ruts if not salted and there is the expectation of roads being clear – not packed snow cover.

Frank urged caution, not doing this in a rush, but noted need to move forward. The town garage is the biggest must – the current facility is too small, not enough storage or work area and there is no water or septic facilities as required by law.

Members discussed the options: Option A has traffic concerns, transfer station is still on the southern end, garage nearer the road and requiring a berm - everyone decided it was not viable. Option B had a right of way across private property which the owner has declined to provide, eliminates much of the future recreation area. Option C moves the transfer station closer to the road (discussion about compactors and whether it might smell), covers the current sand pile, and moves the town garage to the rear. Some concern with pipe currently under the easterly side of the driveway near the road.

Shrewsbury and Mt. Holly have built new garages in the past few years, \$550,000 to \$750,000. Phase I could be the town garage, move the transfer station and purchase or rent compactors, build a salt building that

can be added onto at a later date to include the salted sand pile.

Some folks wondered about building onto the current town garage, it has been mentioned that it could be as expensive as building new and still have an old building at the center.

Members discussed the transfer station, compactors would make recycling easier – zero sort for all recycling – paper would not have to be sorted; more time for the road crew to do road work (currently the road crew spends 3 or 4 hours per week on trash/recycling stuff). The Solid Waste and Recycling Committee is working on a chart for hauling, tonnage of trash and recycling. It was also mentioned that funding for this could be from the General Fund side of the Capital Building Fund – transfer station expenses are currently paid for from the general fund, not highway budget.

Board decided to hold a public forum to try to gather more input on the Master Plan and set a date of Thursday, October 26th, with the intention of inviting as many builders and construction guys as can be mustered. Could the town/volunteers do come of the work? Does someone have a better idea?

Gail presented Board with email from Stephanie Lorentz, Esq. regarding the Affordable House on Sugar House Lane – how is the affordability value determined? Ingrid, a neighbor, expressed concern with past inhabitants of the property. Sunny advised that they are trying to lease to own and the bank won't allow affordable housing to be rented. Board voted to get legal counsel for this matter.

Risk Assessment and ATV use of town roads, no action, tabled until next meeting.

Cathy noted again, that 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 Ann and Nancy are compiling information for FEMA regarding the town's request for financial help following the big storm on July 1st.

Board reviewed FY 17 end of year reports, both highway and general budgets were under spent, but revenues were also under budget by nearly \$20,000.

Board reviewed FY18 budget to date report. Storm damage account is still missing Holcomb's invoice for gravel/fill for McCoy Road.

Board discussed the school's water leak problem, water meters at the fire house and school clearly show there is a leak, it is just not surfacing anywhere at the moment.

Cathy advised that MRUUSD is willing to pay for plowing the Church yard and for mowing the ball field during the summer months. Board voted to wait until next fiscal year to start charging the school for trash removal.

Select Board ~ 10/26/17 ~ Special Meeting

Present were members Cathy Reynolds, Matt Patry, and Frank Sears as well as Eric Buffum-Road Commissioner, Stan Wilbur, Doug Fontein, Pat Psholka, Chuck Bronk, Tracy Byford, Grant Reynolds, Jo Reynolds, David Birdsall, Helen Mango, Joe Frankiewicz, Kim Harbaugh, Sherry Johnson, Sunny Hance and daughter Samantha, and Gail Fallar-Board Assistant.

Frank called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for coming, explained that the Select Board has been working on upgrading highway and transfer station issues for quite some time and would like input on moving forward.

Maps indicating Options B and C were distributed, discussion of pros and cons of each were discussed. Issues concerned neighbors interests, separating transfer station and highway functions, complying with state rules/laws, what requirements must be met regarding transfer station functions (locked gate or locked compactors), composting requirements, salt shed needs (current is too small to hold more than one storm's worth), covering the sand pile, sizing the garage correctly, whether the projects could be phased or should be done all at once, etc.

Stan inquired whether there could be an Option D – finding a different site entirely for the town garage functions, suggesting a flat spot on the East Road or north of the town center on Route 140. Based on a straw poll, the Board decided to inquire via Tales of Tinmouth and Front Porch Forum to see if there was any interest.

Next steps – the Select Board needs to pick an option, finalize the Master Plan, and move forward with engineering and architectural design bids. In the end, voters will be presented with a bond vote to decide whether to borrow the money to complete the projects.

Matt thanked everyone for their input, noting that the Board is trying to find the balance that is right for the town and best for the long term.

Planning Commission ~ 10/19/17

Present were members Bob Lloyd, Michael Fallar, Vito Macaluso, Kevin Ruane, Kim Harbaugh, and Grant Reynolds, as well as Gail Fallar, Secretary

Gail reported that Amanda Chisamore advised she had taken a second job and would no longer be able to attend meetings and was resigning from the PC.

Members discussed work plan for the next year – deciding to work on amendments to the zoning and subdivision regulations to bring them in line with the newly adopted town plan. This includes removing Planned Unit Development (PUD's). They will also consider amending administrative review authority for the zoning administrator in regards to deck set back

requirements in the lake shore district. Historic houses falling into disrepair – is there anything the PC can do to address this to encourage property owners or others to find a way to re-hab them? Village Center Designation might also help infrastructure grant applications. And lastly, consider working on an Enhanced Energy Plan – most felt it would be more prudent to wait and see – let other towns do it and venture before the Public Utilities Commission (formerly the Public Service Board) to see if it makes a difference in the permit process.

Members discussed the affordable housing question regarding Sugar House Lane – what is the town's responsibility. Members discussed finding a replacement for Amanda and perhaps another member who no longer attends meetings. Bob will work on a blurb for Front Porch Forum and *Tales of Tinmouth*.

Members decided to not hold a meeting in November (some members work on Game Supper preparations) or December (too close to Christmas). Next meeting was set for Thursday, January 18, 2018, 7:00 pm. Start time was changed back to 7:00.

Conservation Commission ~ 10/16/17

(With thanks to Chuck Bronk, Secretary)

Present were members Doug Fontein, Ann Czar, Jo Reynolds, Nelson Jaquay, Robbie Leeds, and Chuck Bronk, as well as Gail Fallar.

Old Business:

Chuck gave an update from a web search on commercially available Amphibian Crossing Signs. While a wide variety of standard signs are available both for amphibians and reptiles, there are not a great many that represent the diversity on our custom signs. Costs for standard 18" x18" signs range from \$12-\$25 without sign poles. Custom signs are more expensive and most users quote the installed cost for a custom sign complete with double poles to be around \$100. Consensus was reached that we should spend no more than \$50. Robbie agreed to explore what would be available from a local design firm and Chuck agreed to forward the standard design that everyone agreed upon, so that it could form the basis for an estimated cost.

Doug reported on the progress made on the Ridge Trail on the most recent work day, September 9th. Trail was cleared and blazed from the Gilmore property south for approximately ½ mile. Passage across the Gilmore property was reported by Ann to be easy to follow from North to South but difficult on the reverse path. Gail suggested a possible volunteer for trail extension, Doug Inkley, a yearly visitor to Tinmouth. Doug F. suggested an additional work day this fall with the goal of extending the trail to Miles Notch. At that point the Cabin in the purchase would still be about 1 ½ miles to the South. It was agreed that Saturday October 28th at 1 PM would be set as the next work day on the upper trail.

Chuck and Nelson agreed to set another time to work on the lower portion of the trail to improve the bog bridges. Once that time is set, with sufficient notice, Doug agreed to organize delivery of material to site.

Doug also reported on improvements to the Purchase Loop and the Tinmouth Mountain Cabin. He noted that Pent road has been considerably improved and is now passable to the summer parking kiosk. The work day crew completed the toilet and the compost bin installation. All that remains is the installation of hardware cloth to keep animals out of the compost bin. Doug circulated an operations guide to the use and maintenance of the toilet for discussion. It was suggested that a permanent mark be made on the buckets to indicate the point at which they should be dumped, cleaned and replaced. In addition, for winter use, spraying the bucket with compostable oil might ease the cleaning process if the contents are frozen.

A discussion of ways to improve participation in Green Up day followed. It was noted that the Tinmouth School participation on Friday may be leading to less participation on Saturday. Nelson agreed to promote Saturday participation at multiple Friday Roundups. Doug agreed to resurrect the prizes awarded for various items collected on Green Up day and all agreed that the ice cream at the close of the collection should continue

New Business:

Doug and Robbie reported on their attendance at the Select Board meeting and their sense of the Board's focus on matters other than recreational use of the remainder of the Transfer Station parcel. It was their sense that logistical problems with recreational use of the back portion of the site would prevent its consideration until the more pressing issues of recycling, transfer station and town garage were settled.

Doug reviewed the Northwoods Stewardship Center for members unfamiliar with it, but has not yet made contact with the group.

Nelson provided an update on the Drachman trails. Plans are to take advantage of Peter Drachman's knowledge of the trails, when he is visiting next, to get them flagged. The possibility of a work day was discussed.

Next meeting **Monday** January 15, 2017 at 7:30 P.M.

Solid Waste and Recycling Committee ~ 10/4/17

(With thanks to Helen Mango, Secretary)

Present were members Gail Fallar, Rick LaCroix, Jonathan Czar, Helen Mango (secretary), and Alan Held.

Gail spoke with the Select Board and was asked to look up several years' worth of hauling and disposal costs

Recycling: FY '15, 15 hauls. FY '16: 14 hauls; FY '17: 11 hauls.

Trash: FY '15: 11 hauls. FY '16: 10 hauls. FY '17: 10 hauls.

Alan asked about the possibility of compacting the recyclables to save on hauling. We currently haul about 12 tons per year, so the paper that is currently sorted and sent to CANUSA (sometimes we get paid and sometimes we have to pay) and amounts to 13 tons would need to be added to this program to make it more feasible, still the hauling would be reduced to 4 or 5 times per year.

Danby's costs are \$230/month for each of two compacters. \$106/ton paid to Casella and Rutland County Solid Waste District for processing. They pull weekly. Their dues to Rutland County Solid Waste District are much higher than ours.

For disposal we currently pay \$66/ton trash and \$48/ton recycling. We pull once a month or less frequently. \$1500-1800 per year is our dues to SWAC.

Gail will have Ann or Nancy summarize the last three years of data for all costs, tons hauled, etc., to see if renting or buying compacters will be cost effective. Gail will present the results to the Select Board at their next meeting and send the summary to the SWARC as well. It currently appears that compacters will not be cost-effective. We keep paper out of the zero-waste recycling (it gets hauled separately) to keep hauling costs down.

Rick has installed white boards at the Transfer Station to remind people of what goes where. The biggest problem remains plastic bags.

Ordinance: Pam Clapp of the SWAC made some suggestions that have been incorporated. The ordinance will now go to the Select Board for their approval.

Website: We will work with SWAC to have links to Tinmouth's town website to keep information up to date. Helen will work with Cathy Reynolds to update solid waste and recycling information on the town website.

Next meeting of the SWARC is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.

~ Nature Notes ~

Warmer than usual weather continued through October, making it the warmest on record. Many days were in the 70's setting records in many places. There were a couple of frosty nights, and then the red leaves began to pop! Still there were geese sighted heading north!!

The "golden tunnel" once again appeared on North End Road, the overhanging branches were covered in yellow leaves and as the sun shone through, one could imagine riding in splendor. If you were lucky enough to venture through first, the road was covered with a carpet of gold as well.

In the spring, green slowly creeps up the mountain side, and in the fall the colors drop from the top and winter's gray slowly makes its way down.

Dandelions, poppies and raspberries were picked on the 29th!

Recipe Corner



Creamy Apple Squares

- 1 pkg. Pillsbury Plus yellow cake mix
- ½ c. margarine or butter
- ¼ cup firmly packed brown sugar
- ½ tsp. cinnamon
- 3 apples thinly sliced
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 egg

Preheat oven to 350. Combine cake mix and margarine or butter until crumbly. Reserve 2/3 cup for topping. Add sugar and cinnamon to reserved topping and set aside.

Press the remaining mixture onto the bottom of an ungreased 13 x 9 pan. Arrange apple slices over base. Blend sour cream and egg and spread evenly over the apples. Sprinkle reserved topping mix over all.

Bake for 25-30 minutes or until topping is golden brown and bubbly. Serve warm – refrigerate leftover.

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, Tinnmouth, VT 05773. Thanks!



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