

TALES OF TINMOUTH

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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, Helen Mango, Sherry Johnson

Green-Up Day Saturday, May 6, 2016

By Doug Fontein

Hello neighbors, it's that time of year again. We'll be doing Green-Up from the Tinmouth Transfer Station on **Saturday, May 6**, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Please join us for this yearly sprucing up of our town's roadsides. We'll meet at the transfer station at 9:00 a.m., get Green-Up bags and pick a section of road to clean up. At 11:00 a.m., we'll reconvene at the transfer station to dump the trash and enjoy free ice cream.

There is also the do-it-yourself version where you get your bags and road assignment beforehand from the town office and green up at your convenience. You can stop by the office the week before Green Up during town office hours.

The school will also be doing Green Up on a day to be coordinated with the school staff. The school undertakes this event as a yearly community service effort. Contact the school for a date and time.

Your volunteer efforts to help keep Tinmouth beautiful are most appreciated. For more information, call Doug Fontein 446-2928, Nelson Jaquay 446-2367, or Ed Hasenohr 446-2676.

Scholarship Opportunity for Mill River Seniors

By Bob Emerick

The Emerick family is again providing six scholarships for Mill River Union High School graduating students. These are not traditional scholarships, which means they can be used at the student's discretion - (books, work-related clothing and footwear, etc). There are no prerequisites for application purposes. This is an ideal opportunity for the average or non-traditional student (one whom is not going on to college). Interested student should apply as soon as possible with Ms. Tedesco or Ms. Pohl-Moore in the Mill River Guidance Office.



Take Tinmouth to the Lake: July 8th – July 15th

The Tinmouth Community Fund awarded a grant to enable the Town to rent the Tinmouth Pavilion property on Tinmouth Pond for a week in the summer to be open to Tinmouth residents. We will have volunteers living at the Pavilion for the week to oversee use and make sure that it is Tinmouth only, and to be a presence on the site. If you would like to be one of the volunteers (free lakefront vacation opportunity!) please contact Cathy Reynolds at 446-2928 or eworks@vermontel.net.

This gives everyone in town a place to swim and recreate (fish) at no charge right here in town. Open daily 8:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m., beginning Saturday, July 8, at 2 p.m. and ending Saturday, July 15, at 10 a.m. No motorboats will be allowed; canoes or kayaks only. No alcohol or glass, and plan to carry out your own trash. Restrooms and changing area are available on site.

There is also a Town Picnic being planned for Sunday, July 9th from noon to whenever. Please bring a dish to share. More details next month.



Calendar of Events



MAY

Fire Department	Thursday	4 th	7:00 p.m.	Fire House
Concert	Friday	5 th	7:30 p.m.	Old Fire House
Green Up	Saturday	6 th	9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.	Tinmouth Roadside
Planning Commission (Special)	Saturday	6 th	9:00 a.m.	Town Office
Writing Group	Sunday	7 th	1:30 p.m.	Library
Select Board (Changed)	Wednesday	10 th	7:00 p.m.	Town Office
Annual Plant Sale	Saturday	13 th	8:00 a.m.-10 a.m.	Next to Town Office
Applications for Scholarships	Monday	15 th	11:59 p.m.	eworks@vermontel.net
Fire Department Training	Tuesday	16 th	7:00 pm.	Firehouse
Planning Commission	Thursday	18 th	7:30 p.m.	Town Office
Contra Dance	Friday	19 th	8:00 p.m.	Community Center
<i>Tales of Tinmouth</i> Deadline	Saturday	20 th		Don't Miss It!
Conservation Committee	Monday	22 nd	7:30 p.m.	Town Office(upstairs)
Concert	Friday	26 th	7:30 p.m.	Old Fire House
Town Office (Closed)	Saturday	27 th		No office hours this day
Town Office/Library	Monday	29 th	CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY	



JUNE

Fire Department	Thursday	1 st	7:00 p.m.	Fire House
Library Closed	Saturday	3 rd	Sorry for any inconvenience	
Select Board	Thursday	8 th	7:00 p.m.	Town Office
Planning Commission	Thursday	15 th	7:30 p.m.	Town Office
Concert	Friday	16 th	7:30 p.m.	Old Fire House
Fire Department Training	Tuesday	20 th	7:00 pm.	Firehouse
<i>Tales of Tinmouth</i> Deadline	Tuesday	20 th		Don't Miss It!
Contra Dance	Friday	21 st	8:00 p.m.	Community Center
School Picnic	Friday	21 st		Lake St. Catherine

The Town Office will be closed Saturday, May 27th and Monday May 29th (Memorial Day)

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 May 6th (first Saturday of the month)

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

Kripalu Yoga, Thursday 5:30-7:00 p.m. \$10 per class Bess Lewis, Instructor, Community Center

Sympathies

Heartfelt sympathies are sent to family of **Nadia McIntosh**

You are in our thoughts and prayers.



Tinmouth Blooms!

Thanks to a grant from the Tinmouth Community Fund, 10 flowering crabapple trees were planted in front of the school/church. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this happen - Tracy Byford, Chuck

Bronk, Weezie Scott, Doug Fontein and Cathy Reynolds. We will do another round next year, to complete the row along the fence, and perhaps add a few more. For more information, contact Cathy Reynolds at 446-2928 or [eworks @ vermontel.net](mailto:eworks@vermontel.net).

A few reminders from the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department



- **Clean Your Chimney**

Now that the weather is nice, take advantage of this time to clean your chimney. Remember a chimney fire can become a house fire in no time.

- **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,*



96th Annual May Breakfast

Wallingford Congregational Church
Wednesday May 3, 2017 6:30-9:30 am

All-you-can-eat breakfast buffet including eggs, breakfast strata, bacon, sausage, homemade corned beef hash, waffles, pancakes, fresh fruit, muffins, fruit juices, coffee, tea, milk, hot chocolate. \$8.00 adults, \$4.00 children four and over, children under four: free.



~Tinmouth Elementary School News~ School Benefit

Enclosed in this issue of *Tales* is a fundraiser for the Parents' Club. If you wish to mail in your donation, please clip off the name and phone number section and send it with your donation to either the Tinmouth Elementary School 573 Rte 140, Tinmouth VT 05773; or Tinmouth Town Office, 515 North End, Tinmouth, VT 05773.



~Nature Notes~

Peepers are peeping!! Frogs are croaking, daffodils are waving in the breeze, coltsen's foot line roadsides all around town, crocuses are blooming, roads are muddy, fields and lawns are greening up fast, pussy willows have come and gone. Hooray, Spring has Sprung!

The redwing blackbirds that mistakenly showed up in February are finally getting some relief!

~ Front Porch Forum ~ Connect with your Tinmouth Neighbors

Need to send out a timely announcement? You can use Front Porch Forum. Announcements are sent out the next day to everyone who has signed up.

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 homeowner you can use your 911 address.

Wallingford Recreation Summer Camp

Open to children who have completed Kindergarten through 6th grade. Monday-Friday 7:30 am-5:15 pm (program 8:45 am-4:15 pm.) The cost of the program is \$65 per week and a one time registration fee of \$20 per family, after May 25th the fee will rise to \$25. Additionally a deposit of \$20 is required for each child required of registration refundable until the first day of camp on June 26th.

Registration forms are available at the Tinmouth Elementary School (and other local elementary schools), the Wallingford Town office or at www.wallingfordvt.com. For more information call 446-2872.



TINMOUTH
CHURCH

~Tinmouth Community Church~

Dear Friends,

We just celebrated Easter at the community church, with services throughout the week beforehand keeping me busy, not to mention deeply engrossed in theological thought. Things at the college are picking up speed too, as we near the end of the semester with papers to be graded and coursework to be wrapped up in a neat package so the students have something worthwhile to show for their time and energy.

As a way of coping with all of this activity, I try to maintain a reasonably consistent meditation practice. Over the past few years I have come to count on the solid foundation that my morning meditations offer as I go about daily life. Most meditations begin with simply following one's breath, observing the in and out, and the slight pause in between, as one breath follows another. Sometimes all it takes to calm myself down when stress or worry are on the prowl, is to stop what I am doing for a moment or two and breathe. In ... out ... in ... out ... As my breathing slows and relaxes, so do I.

This week the scripture that I am working with (John 20:21-22), affirms the value of the breath too. The risen Christ breathes on his disciples and his breath has the sense of being a gift, somehow. I imagine a quiet receptiveness coming over the friends who have gathered, as they receive the breath he is offering. Then he tells them that with this breath they are also receiving the Holy Spirit, whom he refers to as "the Comforter."

I never put two and two together in quite this way before, but it is interesting to think about it. Breath and comfort are inextricably connected to one another. A deep, calm breath can give comfort in the middle of an anxiety-producing day. When you wake up in the middle of the night, hearing the slow and steady breathing of a loved one brings comfort, assuring you that all is well. So, why shouldn't the breath remind people of God's comforting presence? Why wouldn't the breath solidify, in effect, into a reminder that we are not alone in this world?

I have noticed that when someone I am speaking with becomes anxious, if I consciously slow down my breathing, they often follow suit. And with the slowing of their breath, they become calmer, more able to cope with whatever is going on. Maybe this subtle act of breathing together reminds them that they are not alone in whatever it is they are facing? Maybe it reminds them of our interconnectedness? I know it helps me, as I sit with them, attempting to offer some support, some help.

Whatever our spiritual tradition might be, and even if we don't claim one, still, we all breathe. And maybe this breathing is itself the most powerful of spiritual

truths, anyway. With our every breath, we participate in the common religion of being human.

Breathe deep, you are a part of life!

- Shirley

I remember John Squier...

By Nelson Jaquay

There are those who's face and being live on long after they're gone from us. John Squier is one of those people for me. I see his ruddy, weather-worn face; I feel my hand taken in a shake by his huge, work-hardened right hand. I particularly remember our shakes after services I'd conducted at The Tinmouth Church. His words of thanks and approval meant much to this rookie preacher in the seventies.

I remember the red-faced, squinting visage of Farmer John looking up from a huge pile of his vegetables for one of Vito Starinskas's Rutland Herald Magazines' covers as if he'd grown from the earth with them. J.J. was a man of the earth, and he was a gentle man, as well. I played softball with the Tinmouth men during the late 60's shortly after Betti and I arrived here. I can still see John's heavy, running gait legging it to first after a hit, a broad-shouldered bear of a man.

I remember John and others of "the Squier outfit" going by in one of the old Ford pickups that seemed to run well beyond their normal truck lifetimes: carrying hay or milk cans to Granville after bulk tank regulations were passed in Vermont or, wearing an old straw hat, selling corn from the back in Mill Village or on the corner in West Rutland.

One of my favorite memories of John happened in one of my first years teaching 7th and 8th grade in the basement room of the Tinmouth School. It was an election year, and I had invited someone from each of the presidential campaigns to come and speak for the candidate. John came first supporting George Wallace that year. He presented, answered questions, placed a poster on the wall and left. Probably it was the next day that Supt. Edson Phelps came down the stairs on his weekly visit. When he saw that poster (The other candidates weren't represented on the wall yet.) his face went beat red, and, in an apoplectic sputter, he blurted, "What's THAT doing on the wall?!"

What stands highest in my chain of memories from those years was the strength of character of the man. John was invariably first on the scene to meet a need in the community: do a milking, organize a haying or wood-cutting for someone who had become incapacitated or organize a get-well basket or a benefit "Hootenany". ALL

of these things he'd do as quietly as possible ducking any recognition. The message to all was "This is the way you live in a community." Did not his children learn THAT lesson well?

Speaking of influence, the strongest way I became acquainted with John and Marion was through knowing their kids. Make no mistake, Marion was an equal member of that duo in everything: farming, child-rearing and all. These children were all bright-eyed healthy, intelligent beings who weren't afraid to speak their minds and defend their views. I learned later that they were expected to talk about important issues around the dinner table and then express themselves clearly and firmly. If there is an immortality it's in the lives of those Squier offspring. What would this community be without their tireless work and participation?!

We haven't even talked about J.J.'s sense of fun and joie de vivre...



~Library News~
Ruth Drachman

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.

Writing group will meet on **Sunday, May 7, at 1:30 p.m.** at the library. All are welcome!

Our book discussion group will meet on **Sunday, May 21, at 3:00 p.m.** at the Library to discuss *West with the Night* by Beryl Markham. Grant Reynolds will be the discussion leader. All are welcome!

New for adults for May:
DVD Sets:

Baseball, from the 1840's until 2009, the Emmy-award-winning story of America's national pastime from master storyteller Ken Burns. We also have a two-part follow-up that brings the series up to date.

The Roosevelts, an intimate history chronicles the lives of Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin Roosevelt, and Eleanor Roosevelt. Paul Giamatti plays Theodore, Edward Herrmann plays Franklin, and Meryl Streep is Eleanor. This is also an outstanding Ken Burns production.

Books for Adults:

Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake, a memoir by Anna Quindlen

Born to Run, a memoir by Bruce Springsteen

Rescue Road by Peter Zheutlin "The extraordinary story of one man who has driven more than one million miles to rescue thousands of dogs from hunger, abuse and neglect, and give them a second chance at life and love."

And look for *My Italian Bulldozer* by Alexander McCall Smith before the end of the month.

The library will be open on Saturday morning once a month. Look for the librarian to be there on the FIRST Saturday of every month from 9:00 a.m. until noon. The date in May is **May 6**.

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

First Wednesdays Talk at Rutland Free Library



Rutland Free Library
Wed., May 3 at 7:00 p.m.
Fox Room

Author and Jungian analyst Polly Young-Eisendrath will look at the

Buddhist perspective on engaging with daily life in a talk at Rutland Free Library on **May 3 at 7:00 pm**. Her talk, "**What the Buddhists Teach: Finding Clarity in Everyday Life**", is part of the Vermont Humanities Council's First Wednesdays lecture series and is free and open to the public.

How do we develop mindfulness and a compassionate optimism about a highly imperfect world? Dr. Young-Eisendrath will discuss the Buddhist model for remaining fully engaged in the ups and downs of everyday life. Young-Eisendrath, PhD, is a Jungian analyst, psychologist and author. An experienced clinician and teacher, she is Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Psychology at the University of Vermont and Consultant in Leadership Development at Norwich University. She has published thirteen books that have been translated into more than twenty languages, including *The Resilient Spirit*, *Women and Desire*, and *The Cambridge Companion to Jung*.

For more information, contact Rutland Free Library at 802-773-1860, or contact the Vermont Humanities Council at 802-262-2626 or visit www.vermonthumanities.org.

The Tales of Tinmouth is now Online!

Would you like to read the Tales of Tinmouth online? Go to the town's web site tinmouthvt.org, click on About, which the second item from the left, and select Tales of Tinmouth from the drop down menu.

Hunt Safely This Turkey Season



Vermont's spring youth turkey hunting weekend is April 29-30, and the regular turkey season is May 1-31. While Vermont's spring turkey seasons are safe (Vermont had only one turkey hunting incident in the last seven years) precautions are

needed to ensure they stay that way. Camouflage or drab colored clothing is almost mandatory to outwit a keen-sighted gobbler. Unfortunately, camouflage often makes it just as hard for hunters to spot one another as it does for turkeys.

"Almost all of the incidents during turkey season have been caused by hunters who didn't positively identify the target before they pulled the trigger," said Nicole Meier, with Vermont's hunter education program. "And the person they mistake for a turkey is often a friend trying to stalk a turkey call."

With the opening of spring turkey hunting season near, the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department urges hunters to consider these safety tips:

- **Never shoot unless you're absolutely sure of your target and what is beyond it.** Look for a beard as only turkeys with beards are legal during the spring season. If you're not sure, skip the shot. Lack of positive identification could result in shooting an illegal bird, or worse, another hunter. Be sure to have a good backstop any time you shoot a firearm or bow.
- **Never stalk a gobbling turkey.** Your chances of getting close are poor, and you may be sneaking up on another hunter.
- **Avoid red, white, blue and black** in clothing and equipment. A tom turkey's head has similar colors.
- **Stick with hen calls.** A gobbler call might draw in other hunters.
- **Avoid unnecessary movement.** This alerts turkeys and attracts hunters.
- **Don't hide so well** that you impair your field of vision
- **Wrap your turkey in blaze orange** for the hike back to your vehicle.
- **Always sit with your back against a tree trunk, big log or a boulder that is wider than your body.** This protects you from being accidentally struck by pellets fired from behind you.
- **Place decoys on the far side of a tree trunk or a rock.** This prevents you from being directly in the line of fire should another hunter mistakenly shoot at your decoy.

- **Wear hunter orange while moving from set-up to set-up.** Take it off when you are in position.



Rutland Plant Sale

The **Rutland Garden Club's Annual Plant Sale** will take place Saturday, May 20, from 9 a.m. until plants are sold. The sale will be located at the corner of Center Street and Main Street,

Rutland, in front of the Hull Maynard Hersey Insurance Agency, 105 Center Street. A wide variety of assorted perennials, appropriate for zone 4 planting, will be offered. The Rutland Garden Club is a non-profit 501c3 corporation that supports multiple Civic Beautification Projects in Rutland. For more information contact **Carol Kenlan** at mstrgrdnr@aol.com or (802)446-2883

~Ads Policy for Tales~

We would like to clarify and update the ad policy for *Tales of Tinmouth*. Ads must be submitted by the 20th of the month. We would prefer either a Jpeg, scan-able image or text. It is best if your ad has a light background, as it will copy better. In order to keep ads current, starting with the **July 2017** issue, ads will be run six months at a time. So ads received in time for the July 2017 issue will run through the December 2017 issue. If you then wish to continue the ad for January 2018 through June 2018, you will need to email the editors at tinmouthtales@gmail.com or drop the scan-able image off at the Town Office. If you want an ad to run for less than six months, just let us know. We can help you lay out your ad, but in that case would need to have the ad by the 10th of the month. While we carry ads without charge, donations are greatly appreciated. We do not invoice or bill for ads.

~Free Tickets for Old Fire House Concerts~



The Tinmouth Community Fund awarded a grant to provide some FREE tickets to concerts at the Old Fire House for their Spring and Fall Concert Series. NO ONE has taken advantage of these so

far, and two concerts have already been held! The next one on Friday, May 5th will feature Patti Casey and Shady Rill, then comes Northern Flyers (bluegrass) on May 26th and the end of the Spring Concert Series will be on June 2 with the Sky Blue Boys.

There will be six tickets available for each of the remaining seven concerts. They will be handed out on a first come, first served basis; if more than six folks are interested in a particular concert, with names will be drawn from a hat. One ticket per person for the series.

The five Spring Concerts were published in the March Tales and information is available on the town's website – tinmouthvt.org or you can visit www.facebook.com/TinmouthOldFirehouseConcerts/ If you wish to attend one of these, please call the Town Office (446-2498) to be put on the list, you will pick up your tickets at the door the night of the event. Any questions, please contact Gail Fallar at gfallar@vermontel.net.



~Tinmouth Old Firehouse Spring Concert Series~

Patti Casey and Shady Rill Come Back to The Tinmouth Old Firehouse May 5, 2017

The Old Firehouse Crew is delighted to welcome Patti Casey and Tom Mackenzie, performing as

Shady Rill, back to the Old Firehouse in the Tinmouth Village National Historic District at 7:30 p.m. on May 5. The village may be small, in fact tiny, but it's officially historic. And we have fun hosting outstanding performers like Shady Rill.

Patti and Tom are two of Vermont's musical gems. Separately they have been entertaining folks around the country as members of many different groups. Together they explore everything from French Canadian dance tunes, to Tin Pan Alley, to Old Time Country, and a healthy dose of originals.

Patti is an award winning songwriter and her voice will melt your heart. Tom's banjo and voice are a perfect compliment, as the two of them weave their way through the many styles of traditional based songs and tunes. You will leave one of their performances with toes tapping and a smile on your face.

With careers that collectively span decades and richly diverse musical influences that stretch from the British Isles to deep Appalachia, Tom MacKenzie and Patti Casey breathe new depth and present a refreshing take on traditional acoustic music. They have delighted the Firehouse with their banjo, guitar, flute, hammered dulcimer, keyboard, ukulele, seated clogging, and fine humor. You just have to see Patti play the flute while clogging in a chair!

Shady Rill is the third concert in the Tinmouth Old Firehouse Concert Series, at 7:30 p.m. on May 5. The Old Firehouse is at Mountain View Road and Vt. 140 in downtown Tinmouth, between the current Firehouse and the Town Office building. Doors will open at 7 p.m. There is a suggested donation of \$10 to \$15, 90% of which goes to the performers. Home made desserts, coffee and tea will be available. Donations for them will help support community activities. Contact Jo Reynolds at 802-446-3457 or joreynolds@vermontel.net for more information. We are on Facebook at Tinmouth Old Firehouse Concerts.

The Old Firehouse is at Mountain View Road and Vt. 140 in downtown Tinmouth. Doors will open at 7 PM. There is a suggested donation of \$10 to \$15, 90% of which goes to the performers. Home made desserts, coffee and tea will be available. Donations for them will help support community activities.



Everyone Is Welcome in This
Community of Worship and Faith
TINMOUTH COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors



**Experienced House Painter for Hire –
3 years experience, interior and exterior
References available.**

Hardworking and detail oriented.

Dedicated crew of young people looking to fund college and/or travel expenses. Reasonable hourly rates. Booking for summer-email Izzy Fontein at izzyfontein@gmail.com. I am traveling and best reached via email. Back in Tinmouth when the weather warms up!

~Marion's Musings~

By Marion Hambly

When this publication (*Tales*) was first started (30+ years ago), it was written on paper and I believe it was one sheet. It was the brainstorm of my first husband, JJ Squier, and a neighbor named Cathy Ricketts who was the first editor. Gail became editor after a year or so. I don't remember how it got around town, but it kept getting bigger and bigger. It was run off on a mimeograph machine at the school. (Remember those?)

I just talked to Gail to see if she remembered. It started out as a church newsletter and as more and more people read it, meetings and minutes of the selectmen were added, general town and school news, births and deaths, etc. We may have had it printed by a shop in Wallingford. Gail can correct me on this. Somehow it got to the point where we bought paper, and eventually printed it. Then came the mailing process. Now it has grown to be a regular established paper. It is now printed at the Town Office. (Editor's note: *Tales* pays the Town for the paper and printing costs.)

I can remember when I used to write my column, print it on paper and take it to Gail at the Town Office. She was the Editor, who did everything. Proof reading, printer, sorter, and mail clerk. As the years went by, she told me I had to send my contribution by e-mail. At the time, I had a word processor upon which I was printing my story and then taking it in or mailing it. Also at the time I was traveling a lot. She talked me into learning the ins and outs of a computer, which I have been now using for years.

Somehow, this progress from paper and pencil to the present technology is really something. The things which can be done on the TV screen are amazing. One can put graphics, colors, even talk (texting) on phones, take pictures on phones, etc.

I'm afraid it is too much tech. My old brain can only absorb so much. I wonder what the next eighty years will bring. Maybe the people reading this today will be living out in space! Who knows? Maybe I will be living out there waiting for you. I kind of got carried away, maybe I better quit. See you next time.



Friday, May 19, 2017
8:00 p.m.
Tinmouth Community Center,
573 Route 140

Dance to the splendid tunes of the Shrewdberries from Shrewsbury with Lausann Allen calling. This is a young, hot, local band, and we are excited to have them play in Tinmouth on May 19 from 8:00-11:00 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 p.m. 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 of the month. The Community Center is on Route 140 in the center of Tinmouth, Vermont, five 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-December, although our November dance is always the Friday after Thanksgiving to accommodate the Game Supper. This is our last dance until September – Don't miss it. See you in Tinmouth!

Tinmouth Community Fund Scholarship

The Tinmouth Community Fund offers annual scholarships for Tinmouth students studying beyond high school every year. Applications are due May 15.

The application is available on-line at <http://www.tinmouthvt.org/resources/>

Please send your completed application electronically to eworks@vermontel.net by May 15 at 11:59pm. Please read the directions carefully, answer all the questions, and provide financial aid information for the college that you have chosen to attend. This scholarship is available for all years of college study, not just for incoming freshmen.

For more info, for with any questions, call Cathy Reynolds at 446-2928 or eworks@vermontel.net.

~Meeting Highlights~

(Complete minutes are available at the town office.)

Select Board ~ 4/13/17

Present were members Cathy Reynolds, Matt Patry, and Frank Sears as well as Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Kim Harbaugh, Sherry Johnson, Laurie Phillips, Grant Reynolds, Gregg and Tina Casey, James Casey, Lindsay Baker, and Gail Fallar – Board Assistant.

Board reviewed agenda, added certification of road standards and PACIF grant application with Danby. They re-arranged the agenda to let "others" proceed first.

James Casey requested Town approval for a 'nano' brewery to be located at the Tinmouth Snack Bar. He intends to brew craft beers on site – one 31-gallon barrel at a time – provide a tasting room serving 3 oz. samples and selling growlers for offsite consumption. Property owners Gregg and Tina approve, they currently are licensed to sell beer and wine there. Any wastewater generated will be transported to the City of Rutland for disposal at their water treatment plant. Board members questioned what authority they have in the matter as state and federal authorities are the regulators. James advised the feds need to know there is local approval. There was some discussion whether a zoning permit would be required, Gail as Zoning Administrator advised no, the business is within an existing business and is not a change of use. Board voted to approve motion that the Town is supportive of this project and James is moving forward with it.

Jan Krantz advised that the Tinmouth Community Fund had approved a \$500 grant to build a community bake/pizza oven. She introduced the idea and asked for preliminary approval for it to be constructed on town property. She will seek input via Front Porch Forum for volunteers to develop a plan to bring back to the Board – i.e. should it be built of brick or clay, what will be the use and safety guidelines, should it be locked, location, etc. It was suggested that folks could bake pizza the nights of the Old Firehouse Concerts to raise money for local organizations. One possible location discussed was between the Old Creamery and the Town Office. Board voted to approve investigating this proposal further.

Cathy updated the Board on the proposed location of flowering crabapple trees on the Town Green – most likely they will be planted between the fence and the road, more details at a later date.

Laurie noted that the garbage on Mountain View Road has not been removed. Frank will try to deliver letter within the week.

Eric advised that they are busy patching potholes, will start grading gravel roads soon. He advised the Board that he is looking into changing the cutting edges of the grader blades to stinger bits (round teeth) as opposed to the straight steel edges now used (\$300 each, went through four last year). \$2500 cost but will only need to be replaced every four years. Board suggested waiting until the FY18 budget year starts.

Board discussed paving grant application – will include reconstruction/reclamation of half mile of Route 140 starting just north of the center, as well as continuing shim and top coating further along Route 140 towards the

intersection of Route 133. Board voted to apply for the Class 2 Highway grant.

Stan Wilbur sent apologies, as the RFP for the town garage is not yet ready; he's still working on it.

Matt advised that his nephew would like to visit the town garage site in the next couple of weeks to take a gander and provide some preliminary advice regarding site work, i.e. septic location. He also noted that there is now a metal building being made that is much better insulated.

Board discussed invoice from Earle's Trucking regarding loose lug nuts on the rear wheels of one of the tandem trucks – they came loose (or were never tightened following recent brake work) and caused major damage. Difficult to prove, Eric bought a torque wrench to prevent this from happening again. After discussion, Board voted to authorize Eric to negotiate with Earle's regarding the bill, would they split the cost (over \$3800)? Resolution may determine future business with them.

Eric advised that he would like to apply for a safety grant from VLCT PACIF (the town's insurance company) for portable traffic signals in conjunction with the Town of Danby. These would be used in place of flaggers during ditching or construction work. Board voted to apply for this grant. There will need to be a written agreement with Danby concerning use, where they will be housed, etc.

Board reviewed Action Plan regarding the recent risk assessment inspection at the town garage/transfers station/fire house. Eric will take care of most, some will be resolved if the town garage is replaced (like providing bathroom facilities).

Board signed letters regarding appointments to RRPC, RRTC and SWARC. Board re-appointed Gail as Zoning Administrator as recommended by the Planning Commission. Frank volunteered to continue to be the Board liaison with the Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project. Under Old Business, Board reviewed proposed Personnel Policy, discussed whether to require employees to contribute to cost of health insurance premiums. Board decided that it would require that of new employees going forward, as well as requiring that spouses that have other health insurance available must use it. In the meantime, Cathy moved to eliminate the employee's contribution to premium from the PP and commit to negotiate with current employees for the next fiscal year (ask employees to come back with a proposal), Matt seconded, Cathy and Frank voted yes, Matt abstained. Motion passed.

Gail advised that the Tinmouth School's Parents Club had requested a transfer station punch ticket as a prize for their calendar raffle, Board voted to approve their request.

Michael Buffum has offered 40 hours of volunteer service to the town. Board voted to accept his offer, and thanked him for it.

Board moved its May meeting to Wednesday, the 10th due to conflict of schedules.

Old Creamery Committee ~ 4/22/17

Present were members Vito Macaluso, Alan Held, Michael Fallar, Grant Reynolds, and Doug Fontein, as well as Jan Krantz, Jen Calvey, and Gail Fallar.

Jan presented information regarding the possible construction of a community bake oven and wondered if it would be possible to locate it near the old creamery. It could be used to make pizza to sell to concert-goers, or once a month or so invite folks to bring their bread to bake, etc. Members went outside for a site visit; numerous questions were raised. Jan is looking for volunteers to help with the project. Jen showed a photo of the oven she built, describing construction and use of it. No decision was made; more information is needed.

While outside, members then proceeded to the south side of the building to look at the foundation. Alan is proposing to dig it down until the foundation is solid and then remove the loose rocks and rebuild it with those rocks set in cement. Much discussion about the process, members felt a plan was needed to ensure the work was completed. Doug and Alan will prepare a scope of work.

Work on the roof – bids will be sent out with 3 scopes of work, one contractor could do all three. Work includes removal of the slate - without damaging the new standing seam porch roof; repair of the roof sub-structure – repairing fire damage, sistering of rafters, replacing roof sheathing, collar ties, repairing roof trim on east side and covering with synthetic felt; screw down tine to match color of porch roof. Gail will prepare scope of work to be reviewed via email by members, and then send to contractors in town and posted to FPF.

Members briefly discussed fundraising; there is \$3,900 in the checking account, with an additional \$5,100 pledged to date.

The next meeting will be held on May 20 to open bids and continue discussion of fundraising.

Tinmouth Planning Commission ~ 4/20/17

Present were members Michael Fallar, Bob Lloyd, Vito Macaluso, Amanda Chisamore, Kim Harbaugh, Grant Reynolds, and Andy Gilmore, as well as Michael Brown, Barbara Noyes-Pulling (Rutland Regional Planning Commission-RRPC), and Gail Fallar, Secretary.

Mike Brown was present to discuss a proposed subdivision of his 20 acres on East Road. He has a pre-existing narrow long lot; members looked at his survey and made suggestions for him to consider. He inquired about a variance of lot size. Lot sizes cannot be varied, but setbacks can. Each lot needs five acres. He will think about the options and return with a plan.

Barbara apologized for the mix-up on question #8 of the online survey monkey – though it does appear that the tabulated answers are different than the answers to #6 (online it was basically the same question – the paper version had a much different #8 question). Members discussed the survey results briefly (some members were not present for the discussion at the last meeting).

Barbara presented six maps dealing with energy – solar, hydro, biomass, state recognized constraints (wetlands, wildlife habitat, rare and irreplaceable natural areas), current energy sources, and local constraints – conserved land, and land enrolled in the state's Current Use program. There were issues with some of the maps; the southern end of the Class 1 wetland was not included, the town's boundary was not correct, not all Current Use properties were included. Bob had prepared a new local constraints map, with those corrections. He will send it to RRPC. A local constraints map will be included in the new town plan, which will show where renewable energy will be discouraged (constrained) and where it is preferred. The regional energy map for Rutland County includes an overlay of areas within one mile of 3-phase power lines – there is only the slightest tip of one of those near the town line of Wallingford on West Hill Road.

Members scheduled a special meeting for Saturday, May 6, in order for members to review the current town plan to determine what else needs updating from a local standpoint – number of students in the school for instance. Barbara has edited information available at the RRPC level. She will be the official keeper of changes to the Town Plan – need to have it ready for public hearings beginning in July. Steve at RRPC will update the maps as part of the re-adoption process.

Barbara invited members to attend the wrap-up of the High Meadows grant regarding flood resiliency, which will take place in Pawlet on April 26th. The grant involved Tinmouth, Danby and Pawlet.

Next regular meeting was scheduled for May 18th, 2017.



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 3 tablespoons lightly salted butter, melted
 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
 2/3 cup unsweetened shredded coconut
 2/3 cup quick-cooking rolled oats
 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
 1 9-inch unbaked piecrust

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. In a large bowl, beat eggs, maple syrup, melted butter and vanilla until well combined. Stir in coconut, oats and walnuts. Pour the mixture into piecrust. Bake the pie until golden brown, about 45 minutes.

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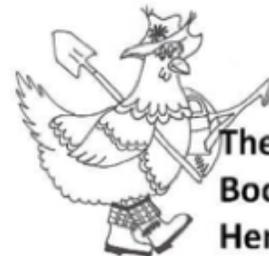
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We welcome diggers (those who can dig and donate special perennials that are weed-free). We need to manage varieties and quantities, so please call or email me before you dig! Special arrangements can be made for delivery of plants on different days if that is helpful.

We are looking for volunteers to pot and mark plants on **Saturday and Sunday, May 6 and 7**. Typically our diggers drop off plants on Friday and Saturday morning and we pot on Saturday and Sunday. We strive to have all our plants potted and marked the week before the sale.

We need potters at 143 Channel Road on **Saturday, May 6**, from noon to 5 p.m. and Sunday morning until we are done. No experience necessary! We work in any weather, so come prepared to be outside (that could mean hats and gloves or sunblock and lemonade). A quick email or call to let me know you can help would be appreciated so I know how many folks to expect.

We always accept donations of plastic pots 5" or larger. Please: no clay pots, 6 packs or hanging baskets. Round and square pots only. Pots can be left on the porch at the Town Office, or dropped off at 143 Channel Road.



From the Tinmouth Gardening Team – thank you!
Questions: call Cathy Reynolds at 446-2928 or email eworks@vermontel.net.