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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.

Sherry Johnson has chosen to take a break. Thank you, Sherry for all of the word processing and layout work.

Pat Psholka, Helen Mango

Community Bake Oven

By Jan Krantz

A group of people in town are in the process of planning out the construction of a community bake oven. The outdoor wood fired oven will be located in the center of town, between the Old Creamery and the Town Office. The current plan is for the base of the oven to sit on a concrete form, and be created out of cinder blocks. On top of this base, will be an insulation layer of sand, held in place by bricks. Fire brick will then be carefully laid on top of the sand, to form the base and cooking surface of the oven. The oven itself will be constructed on top of the fire brick in layers, and will be composed of clay and other natural materials. As the oven cannot be sealed to function properly, it will require a covered structure over it. An open sided wooden structure is in the planning stages, to protect it from rain or snow.

Prior to beginning the construction of the oven, work needs to be done on the north side of the Old Creamery. Once this is completed, the project can move forward. It will need to be done in stages, to allow materials to cure in place in a timely manner. Once the oven is finally constructed, a small test fire will need to occur, to put the final touches on the curing process. We will inform everyone when the oven is finally ready for use.

It is envisioned that the oven will be meant for members of the community to cook pizzas, bread, and other baked items. Use will be coordinated in the same way that we all share the Community Center and Old Firehouse. Interested individuals or groups will need to coordinate with Bess Lewis through the community calendar. We hope that folks will use and share the oven as appropriate, and know it is available for fundraising for groups in town. We plan to have a training for anyone who is interested in using the oven, to go through the mechanics of safely using it. Each person or party who signs up to use the oven, will be expected to have gone through the training, or have someone in the group who

has. Wood will need to be provided by the people who use the oven.

Please understand that safety and responsibility are key components in the use of the oven.

The Oven Committee is open to anyone to join. We look forward to people enjoying each other's company and good food together, created in the community bake oven, in the near future!

If you would like to be involved in any way or have questions, please e-mail me at krantzkj@vermontel.net or call 446-2919.

Take Tinmouth to the Lake July 8-15!

By Cathy Reynolds

The Tinmouth Community Fund has provided the Town with a grant to rent the Pavilion at Tinmouth Pond for a week. This will provide an opportunity for all Tinmouth residents and taxpayers and their invited guests to swim, relax and enjoy the lake, which does not have public access. Plan on lots of swimming and lake enjoyment July 8-15!

Our time at the lake begins on **Saturday July 8** at 2 pm and ends on **Saturday July 15** at 10 am. Volunteers will be at the Pavilion to greet visitors, check any non-motorized boats that are brought in for invasive plants and to otherwise promote lake enjoyment. The pavilion is available for use-it has a kitchen and restrooms, and an eating/relaxing area that will also be stocked with board games should the rains descend upon us and draw folks inside.

Town Picnic! Sunday July 9 from noon on, rain or shine. This is a family outing opportunity for Tinmouth folks and their guests-all are welcome. There will be games (2 pm start planned), swimming and general lake fun in the afternoon (watch FPF for details) and a Community Meal at 5 pm—bring a dish to share. We will have a grill fired up and will be grilling hot dogs and a veggie alternative for all. Bring non-motorized boats, fishing poles, suits and towels, and plan for a day at the lake. Please no glass, and bring a dish to share for the community meal.

See you on Tinmouth Pond!

Info or questions to Cathy at [446-2928](tel:446-2928) or eworks@vermontel.net on either the Picnic or the week at the lake. I could use one or two more volunteers to be a host for a day-give a call to volunteer.

Calendar of Events

JULY

Library Open	Saturday 2nd	9-noon	Library
Town Office/Library	Monday 3rd		CLOSED FOR 4th of July
Fire Department	Thursday 6th	7:00 p.m.	Fire House
Town Week at the Lake	Saturday 8th (after 2:00) thru the 15th (until 10 AM) Pavilion at T. Pond		
Special Church Service	Sunday 9th	9:00 AM	Pavilion at Tinmouth Pond
Town Picnic	Sunday 9th	Noon – until ?	Pavilion at Tinmouth Pond
Writing Group	Sunday 9th	TBA	Pavilion at Tinmouth Pond
Select Board Special Meeting	Tuesday 11th	4:30 p.m.	Town Office
Select Board (Location Change)	Thursday 13th	7:00 p.m.	Pavilion at Tinmouth Pond
Old Creamery Celebration	Saturday 15th	1:00 p.m.	Old Creamery (next to town office)
Book Discussion	Sunday 16th	3:00	Library
Conservation Commission	Monday 17th	7:30 p.m.	Town Office (Upstairs)
Fire Department Training	Tuesday 18th	7:00	Fire House
Planning Commission	Thursday 20th	7:30	Town Office
Tales of Tinmouth Deadline	Thursday 20th		Don't Miss It!

AUGUST

Fire Department	Thursday 3rd	7:00 p.m.	Fire House
Library Open	Saturday 5th	9:00-noon	Library
PC Hearing for Town Plan	Tuesday 8th	7:30	Town Office
Select Board	Thursday 10th	7:00 p.m.	Town Office
First half taxes due	Tuesday 15th		Town Office
Writing Group	Sunday	TBA	Library
Fire Department Training	Tuesday 15th	7:00 p.m.	Fire House
Planning Commission	Thursday 17th	7:30 p.m.	Town Office
Book Discussion	Sunday	TBA	Library
Tales of Tinmouth Deadline	Sunday 20th		Don't Miss It!
Library Book Sale	Saturday 26th	TBA	Old Firehouse

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 June 3rd (first Saturday of the month)

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

Kripalu Yoga, Monday 5:30-7:00 p.m. \$10 per class Bess Lewis, Instructor, Old Fire House

Knit, Craft or Chat Mondays 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. Library

Tinmouth Food Shelf – a recent donor relayed that each time she shops where there is food she buys at least one thing to put in a box at home. When the box is full she either brings it to the Tinmouth Food Shelf or one in Rutland. Thank you, thank you!!

The Food Shelf is well stocked thanks in part to the local mail carriers food drive in May. Thank you residents of Tinmouth and Wallingford.

Anyone you know need a box of food? Please encourage them to come use the Tinmouth Food Shelf at the Town Office.

Correction: Last month's poem about Leo was written by Sue Lloyd.

Tinmouth Community Fund Awards College Scholarships

by Cathy Reynolds

The Tinmouth Community Fund awarded \$10,500 in scholarships to Tinmouth students on Monday June 19 at the Old Firehouse. The scholarships were awarded based on a combination of potential, merit and financial need.

Our nine recipients in 2017 are:

- **Theresa Butts**, a senior at Castleton studying Biology in preparation for pursuing an advanced degree to be a Physician's Assistant
- **Katy Czar**, a junior at UVM studying Physics
- **Alex Dixon**, a senior at St. Michael's College studying Accounting
- **Kayla Durant**, a junior at Castleton studying Biology and planning to become a veterinarian
- **Megan Fox**, a senior at UVM studying Nursing
- **Mark Goyette**, a senior at Clarkson studying Mechanical Engineering
- **Ellie Hasenohr**, a junior at UVM studying Microbiology
- **Chelsey Keyes**, a senior at Vermont Technical College studying Fire Science
- **Seamus Nauton**, a freshman at Wentworth Institute of Technology studying Computer Science

The Scholarship Committee thanks the Town of Tinmouth for their donation of 25 percent of the School Tax Stabilization Fund, the Tinmouth Plant Sale, and generous individual donors for their support. We continue to desire to grow this fund to insure its perpetuity. *Please see insert for donation opportunity!*

Feel free to call or email Cathy Reynolds with any questions at 446-2928 or eworks@vermontel.net or speak to any Scholarship Committee Member.

Tinmouth Scholarship Committee: Ruth Drachman, Nelson Jaquay, Bob Lloyd, Denise McGinley, Caleb Scott, Rene Wilbur, Annie Robbins, Asha Carroll, Jan Krantz.

~ Nature Notes ~

Kay Reed called on June 13th to report returning home from a ride @ 4:00 to find a bear on the back porch – it was after the bird feeder (which has since been put away)

Last week Susan Juckett went hiking the Tinmouth Mountain Trail – access near the Community Center – took a brief rest near the big boulder – and when she started again – found a large tree down cross the path and spotted a bear running away. She decided to return from whence she came being armed only with a camera and a water bottle!

Rain dancers can stop anytime, farmers need to get their hay in the barn!



~ Library News ~ by Ruth Drachman

Summer Activities for children are underway at the Library. Check the schedule of events for children found elsewhere in the *Tales*.

Our Annual Book Sale is Saturday morning August 26th. Save the day!

We are now accepting book donations for the sale. Books must be clean, and in good condition! We do NOT accept encyclopedias, textbooks, or Reader's Digest condensed books.

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.

Writing group will meet on **Sunday, July 9th** at the Town Picnic.

Our **book discussion group** will meet on **Sunday, July 16th** in the Library at 3 PM. The book we will discuss is *Behind the Scenes, or, Thirty Years a Slave, and four years in the White House* by Elizabeth Keckley.

New for adults in July:

Books:

* *My Italian Bulldozer* by Alexander McCall Smith, a stand alone book, it is reported to be laugh out loud funny.

* *The Women in the Castle* by Jessica Shattuck, Set at the end of World War II in a crumbling Bavarian Castle, a story of three widows whose lives become entwined.

* *The Baker's Secret* by Stephen P. Kiernan, a Vermont author who "paints a brilliant and vivid tableau of humanity during one of the most harrowing points of modern history".

DVD Sets:

* **The National Parks, America's Best Idea**, a documentary film made for TV, a Ken Burns production.

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

The library is open on Monday and Thursday, from 10:00 am until Noon, and from 1:00 pm. until 5:00 pm., and first Saturday of the month, 9:00 am until noon.

Get Well Wishes are sent to: **Lothar Schmelzenbach, Jim Barrett, and Terry Williams**

Heartfelt Sympathy is sent to: **Marie Regimbald** and family for the loss of their mother; and to the family and friends of **Joel Williams**, brother of **Terry** and father of **Page**.

You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Tinmouth Community Church

Dear Friends,

I am writing this from an island off the coast of Maine. Monhegan Island is a place Gary and I have returned to for several years now. We love the peacefulness of a life that depends on our own two feet to bring us wherever we want to be and being surrounded by thoughtful, artistic folks of all stripes. The scenery is amazing, too – craggy rocks to sit on as we overlook the sea, sunsets over the mainland, trails through dark cedar woods and gorgeous flowers no matter what the season.

As a part of being here I have been reading a bit about island life – not just this island, but any island – and it seems that most who write about this agree that island life can be lonely. On a small island people can know an awful lot about one another, and yet this is often coupled with a desire to respect each other's privacy. What can grow out of this is a sense of being alone in whatever you are going through because you know other people are aware of your plight, but they don't want to invade your privacy by bringing it up.

Island life is a reflection of all of our lives, in a world where social media lets us know a whole lot about the ups and downs of one another's lives, and yet we are never really sure how much to say to them. We have a reticence about getting too involved in the lives of other people, even friends. We assume that they will reach out when they need us. But frequently the truth is that when people are hurting it is difficult for them to ask for help.

When we are hurting we often tend to curl up in our own cozy cocoon of the familiar. There is comfort in this, and yet there can also be a deep and profound loneliness. We may wish that a trusted friend or loved one would reach out to us, but we don't have the reserves to do the reaching out ourselves.

The truth is, there is a delicate balance between giving someone space to heal and being present to and with them to support them. Maybe the best we can do is express our support in ways that surround someone's lonely island with love, so that when they are ready to step off the shore of that island, they are embraced by love and compassion and presence. I think Joan Baez had it right when she sang:

*No man is an island,
No man stands alone,
Each man's joy is joy to me,
Each man's grief is my own.*

*We need one another,
So I will defend,
Each man as my brother,
Each man as my friend.*

In the midst of times of personal challenge and through deep divisions in our country, my prayer is that we can somehow remain supportive of one another, recognizing that none of us is an island. We need one another now and always.

*Many blessings for a wonderful summer,
Shirley*

Come and join in the Tinmouth Community Church Worship Celebration on **Sunday, July 9th** at 9:00 a.m. at Tinmouth Pond (Chipman Lake) Pavilion.

There will be smiling neighbors and uplifting music, Faith-filled readings and inspirational insights,

A moment for the child in us all and refreshments to enjoy afterward.

Come as you are and enjoy a soul-refreshing morning at the lake!

Front Porch Forum

Connect with your Tinmouth Neighbors

Need to say something to your neighbors between the publication of *Tales* issues? or to send out a timely announcement? Agendas for meetings are usually posted as well as changes to meeting dates and times. You can use Front Porch Forum. Announcements are usually 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 please use your 911 address.

Just another way to stay connected.



~Bone Builders~

We are excited to announce that The Tinmouth Bone Builders will have their first meeting on **July 18th** at the Tinmouth Library at 10 a.m. Bone Builders is a program to help people halt bone loss due to aging. The program is open to everyone, free of charge. We meet twice a week, 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.

If you have participated before, you still need to have your physician complete a form that gives you the OK to participate with weights. The forms are available at the Tinmouth Library. The completion of this form should not involve an office visit. If you do not have the form completed, you can participate, but without weights.

Weights will be provided so you do not need to buy/bring weights.

~Marion's Musings for July ~
by Marion Hamby

The Fourth of July!! My sister and I loved it. We lived in the country and didn't have near neighbors, so when school was out, we only had ourselves for company.

We would go into Fair Haven a town nearby for shopping, but aside from that we stayed home.

The Fourth was special to us as there usually a picnic with neighbors and relatives where we got to see cousins, etc.

But the biggest thing was watermelon which we only got once a year. At that time I don't think there were any seedless ones, at least the ones we had were filled with seeds. Can you picture a dressed in their best herd of little children running around spitting seeds all over the place? And their little faces just dripping with juice? When we had a lot of people, it was utter chaos. The grownups soon learned to designate certain places where this could be done. What turmoil!

We played games, we ate too much potato salad, but the main food treat was hot dogs. Yes we had them way back then. I may be old, but I'm not ancient!

I don't remember if Fair Haven had a parade or not. But we had a celebration come dark, on the farm. Yep that's right, fireworks. We children had sparklers to wave around and I remember my Dad and my uncle would set off things from the ground. Anyone remember Roman Candles? We would watch them being lit and hold our breath as they zoomed upward, then BANG! Then there were other things that just put up a spiral of color. And of course, firecrackers!

That was a good many years ago. We left the farm and moved to Middlebury where my father's work was. Of course being a small city, the Fourth was a different thing. There usually was a parade and music in the bandstand in the park. I even marched in a parade, when I was a Brownie in the Girl Scouts.

I grew up, got married and ended up in Tinmouth. I think we sometimes went to the parade in Rutland. Anyway, we had a farm to run and a house full of young ones so we were pretty busy.

There was a little snack bar in Tinmouth and one summer I worked there. However, the snack bar closed at nine and I remember JJ and the kids waited until I got home and we then we would have our own private celebration.

Over at Tinmouth Pond, the campers would set off fireworks and we could watch them from our farm on the hill across the valley.

Sometimes there would be displays at the Fair Grounds in Rutland. We could see the glow and hear the booms.

I doubt the kids of today even think of the significance of the meaning of the Fourth. They are too busy watching their phones and texting. Oh well, times change. Anyway, I enjoyed it.

On 103 After Roots on the River

Is there anything more desolate
Than traveling on a dark road
Trees encroaching from either side
Having just listened to
Music that struck a chord?

Live music woven through the words of a storyteller
So heartfelt and melancholy
That the on-stage bantering was a short cure
To balance against the somberness of the songs.
And the rise and fall of the music
Made you lean in and then draw back
Emphasizing your lack of someone
To turn to and look at in that knowing way.

Oncoming headlights reach towards you
And miss making a connection
Nowhere near the memory made
When recognition of a turned phrase struck home.

The sadness in the songs was near as sweet
As the notes plucked short or held long
Filling in the spaces between the voices.
The percussion so joyous in exuberance
Could not be denied as you moved to its beat.

With eyes almost as alert
To the conditions of the road
As the snippets of sounds and sights
You replay over and over again.

Driving towards home
It doesn't matter that you're alone
Because you still have the music.

Susan Juckett
June 6, 2015



TINMOUTH
CHURCH

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

Old Creamery Porch Celebration Set for July 15

By Grant Reynolds

The Tinmouth Historical and Genealogical Society and the Tinmouth Old Creamery Committee invites everyone to a party to celebrate the installation of the porch on the Old Creamery. There will be a band, refreshments, and a short talk about the Creamery and how it was used as a key part of Tinmouth's early 20th Century dairy economy. Mr. Roland Wilbur, son of C.J. Wilbur first the manager and then the owner, will tell us how it was used. And of course there will be refreshments.

Celebrate a Porch? That's just a small addition to a building. But adding the porch to the Old Creamery was a huge change in the appearance of the Tinmouth village National Historic District and a welcome addition to our community facilities. The Old Creamery is now largely restored to its 1906 appearance.



1906 picture by C.J. Wilbur, creamery manager.

The original purpose of the porch was to protect transfer of milk cans from wagons to the creamery. In the late 30's it was torn down and a different front end added.



Old Creamery in 2014, with the 1930's addition in front.

This addition was removed by Kevin Ruane to prepare the way for Ken Krantz's porch, which was built last Fall.



The Old Creamery in October, 2016, with picnic table and creamery sign.

The result is a great improvement in appearance over the battered old barn in the 2014 picture. Not only is it historically pretty accurate, but with a good roof and shiny paint the porch changes the "battered old barn" into the Old Creamery – a building we can be proud of, even though it still needs a lot of work.

The 2017 project is to replace the battered, patched roof on the main building. Funds have been raised and Ken Krantz contracted to do the work. It includes a good deal of interior repair work, most of it from a fire in a stove in the northeast corner. Once the structure is sound again Ken will install a metal roof. Slate is not only too expensive but probably too heavy for the old structure.

Donations for next year's project, the south foundation and clapboard wall above it, would really be appreciated. Donations are made by writing a check to the Town of Tinmouth, owner of the building. They are tax deductible.

But by all means come to the party. If all goes well the new outdoor wood stove will be completed next to the Creamery, and we can have hot pizza!

Remember the Date: Saturday, July 15th

Time: 1:00 -3:00 PM

Location: Old Creamery (next to the Town Office)

Reminiscing, music, refreshments, a fun time!

Tinmouth Pond Boat Decontamination

By Sherry Johnson and others

As of May 2017, the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation has identified 11 aquatic invasive species in Vermont waterways. We are fortunate that Tinmouth Pond *only* has Eurasian water milfoil. Lake St. Catherine, Lake Bomoseen and other lakes close to Tinmouth are infested with the following invasive species: Alewife Asian Clams, Brittle Naiad, Curly Leaf Pondweed, European Frogbit, and Zebra mussels.

The best way to avoid the introduction of these invasive species to Tinmouth Pond is to decontaminate boats that are entering the pond. To be considerate of other lakes it is important to decontaminate your boat when you leave.

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation recommends that you do the following when entering a water body:

1. Before entering a water body, do a visual inspection of a boat and trailer for plant material.
2. If a boat has come from another lake, it should be decontaminated. The best way to decontaminate a boat is to power wash it with hot water (140°F-150°F) for 10 seconds or more. There is no need to soap or use other chemicals. The heat is enough to kill the larvae but will not damage hulls, motors and other equipment.

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation recommends that you do the following when leaving a water body:

1. Clean off any mud, plants (even small fragments) and animals from boats, trailers and equipment.
2. Drain boat including the bilge, live wells, bait buckets and storage compartments.
3. Allow your boat, trailer and all equipment including fishing equipment to dry.
4. Never release plants, fish, bait or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water.

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation is going to provide a boat decontamination unit for the Town to use during the "Take the Town to the Lake" days.

To make this process go smoothly, you will be asked what body of water your boat was in last, and when it was in the water.

Dry boats that have not been in the water for 5 days should be okay to launch. If your boat has been in a water body with a known invasive or is wet, the operator of the decontamination unit will gladly clean your boat so you can launch into Tinmouth Pond. This should not take more than 5 minutes. *We encourage you to have your boat decontaminated when you leave.*



Monday Knit, Craft and Chat Group.

Tinmouth Library, Mondays at 3:00 to 5:00.

Everyone is welcome.



From the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department

By Sherry Johnson

In conjunction with the Tinmouth Elementary School, the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire department held a fire drill with a search and rescue component. The fire department arrived with sirens blaring, and the fire fighters in turnout gear. Two pumpers, the tanker and the brush truck all responded.

The fire fighters entered the building and systematically searched the building. They successfully found the missing teacher and student!

This drill helped the firefighters become aware of the layout of the school building; and the students were familiarized with the response of the department and the appearance of the fire fighters in turnout gear.

~Meeting Highlights~

(Complete minutes are available at the town office.)

Select Board ~ 06/08/17

Present were members Matt Patry, Frank Sears, and Cathy Reynolds, as well as Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, Lt. David Fox from the Rutland County Sheriff's Department, Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Hollis Squier, Doug Fontein, Jan & Ken Krantz, and Gail Fallar- Board Assistant.

Board reviewed agenda and added a number of items – Yoder driveway permit, Better Roads Pilot grant, PACIF grant, caution signs near Snack Bar, bake oven site, and penalty waiver for late filed homestead declaration.

David was present at the request of the Select Board. The Sheriff's Department had been asked last year to enforce state statute about use of the town's right of way – permission is needed – in regards to Howard Regimbald on East Road. Howard and Marie had been contacted about the meeting, but were unable to attend due to the illness of her mother. They advised they will attend the Select Board meeting in July.

David advised that the Sheriff's Department can't issue fines for civil matters, his read of one the statutes dealt only with ditching and construction. Concern was raised with safety for drivers, for Howard and Cindy (his daughter who works with him), and for pedestrians. David advised he would need written statements from witnesses and photos if possible of work being done in the road before he could act; date, time of day, weather, length of time it occurred, etc. It was noted that sometimes it is someone who stops to talk and doesn't get out of the vehicle, but that blocks visibility for oncoming cars. David suggested that the Town should initiate action; it was noted that the Vermont League of Cities and Towns had suggested using existing statutes regarding highway rights of way and that was why the Sheriff's Department was contacted.

Further discussion included junk yards; the Agency of Natural Resources visited a couple of years back giving Howard 30 days to clean it up, yet no further action was taken by them. David advised that he will speak with Howard to advise him that tickets are a possibility and that enforcement is coming.

Jan asked that the Board approve the final site of the community bake oven, Board and all took a brief visit outside – it is to be located five feet back from the west face of the old creamery, and be ten feet away from the north side of the building. Cathy noted that Michael Fallar had called with concerns, asking that it be located further back. After brief discussion and looking at the stakes in the ground, Board voted to approve the lay out as staked out – little shed for the oven will be at least five feet back and ten feet from the old creamery

Board opened bids for the RFP for a Master Plan for

the town garage/transfer station property. There were bids from OtterCreek Engineering - \$6,650; Marble Valley Engineering - \$10,545; and DuBois & King - \$7,800. Members reviewed each proposal, including items 1-7, after discussion, Board voted to accept OtterCreek's proposal

Eric advised that the grader has a leaky wheel, he's working on trying to repair it, couldn't find a replacement anywhere. He requested the Board approve crack sealing on Route 140, he obtained a quote from NICOM, the company that does it. NICOM felt that using it on Mountain View Road may not be as beneficial. After discussion, Board voted to approve crack sealing on Route 140.

Board voted to hire Hollis Squier, as a subcontractor, to mow the roadsides.

Board voted to ratify the annual highway plan for the state that the Board signed individually.

Board reviewed risk assessment plan, Eric reported on progress being made, all vehicles have safety triangles, the stairs in the bushes have been re-purposed for the storage trailer (they still need a hand rail), and the eye wash station has been updated.

Gail advised that there had been a complaint about 4-wheelers riding on town roads, tearing up the old roads once they get to them. 4-wheelers are illegal on town roads, and need written landowner permission to ride on someone else's property. Eric inquired whether the town would allow them on certain town roads, Board advised that someone would have to come to talk to the Board about that. He noted that some folks now ride on town roads and trails to get up over the mountain to connect with a VASA (an ATV association similar to VAST-Vermont snowmobilers) trail that goes to Dutch Hill. Board asked that the Sheriff's Dept. be made aware of the complaints.

Gail advised that Marcell Oil submitted a proposal to provide diesel fuel and fuel oil cheaper than what Irving is currently charging. Board asked that it go out to bid, Cathy volunteered to work on it.

Board signed letter of intent to participate in a Better Roads grants-in-aid pilot project that encourages towns to use best management practices for erosion control and flood resilience.

Gail reported the PACIF Safety Grant for portable traffic control signs had been approved. It was a joint application with the town of Danby. The device will be housed in Tinmouth.

Board discussed request for caution signs on Rte. 140 near the Snack Bar – backing into the road is illegal, and there have been a few close calls. Board felt it might give folks the wrong impression and make them over confident, better to have a sign on the building urging care when backing into the road. Board took the matter under advisement.

Board signed a driveway permit for Ramsey Yoder on North End Road – for an animal run-in shed.

Gail reported the trash problem on Mountain View Road had been cleared up, only to find out that they had started a new pile.

Cathy reported that she had contacted Ryan Deppert about plowing the school and church yard – he is willing to do clean up if the town road crew can make a sweep through first. He currently does the Community Center. The facilities manager for the school district seems to be on board, trash disposal and mowing of the ball field can be addressed in the next budget year, issue kept on next month's agenda.

Board voted to ratify Matt's signing of the LEOP, and to approve the 2017 LEOP as developed by Michael Fannin, Emergency Management Coordinator. LEOP = Local Emergency Operations Plan.

Gail, as treasurer, inquired how the Board would like to invest the \$445,000 in the town's Capital Building and Repair Fund. Board decided on a 9 month CD for \$400,000, as some will be needed for studying the town garage situation in the coming months.

Gail asked that the Board once again approve the waiver of the penalty for late filed homestead declarations. Board approved

Planning Commission ~ 06/15/17

Present were members Bob Lloyd, Michael Fallar, Grant Reynolds, Vito Macaluso, Denise (Tess) McGinley, and Kim Harbaugh, as well as Ed Bove, RRPC Executive Director, and Gail Fallar, Sec.

Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus with Gail's addition of NeighborWorks/October Hill update.

Ed reviewed elements of the town plan update, noting that all required elements are included, but that there is some jumping around of issues, some data is still outdated, some elements need goals or policy/action items, and the formatting is not uniform. He also noted that the contract was only for \$3,000 and thus a full blown re-write by the RRPC was not in the offing. He asked what RRPC could do at this point to help. He also noted that many towns are now scaling down town plans to about half the size (our current version is around 80 pages). He suggested combining some issues/data sets.

Members expressed support for the larger plan; it includes much information about the town and planning in general, also noted that commercial energy and flood resiliency elements are now required, and the 2016 amendment added historical and cultural information. Ed noted that many plans are becoming more regulatory. It used to be the town plan was a plan and that zoning and subdivision regulations (that tracked the town plan) were the regulatory and enforcement entities. Grant noted that from a historian's perspective, the plan contains much information that will be most welcome years from now.

Members expressed concern with RRPC's work so far, a preliminary draft from March did not include all the census and other data updates needed. Bob and Grant have done much of the re-write. Bob is editing all changes and has re-formatted it to Word from the 2007/2012 version done in Publisher – took over 10 hours. Bob has also prepared newer maps.

Process for adoption was discussed, the Planning Commission has to post a 30 day warning for a hearing, then it goes to the Select Board who must wait at least 30 days to hold their hearing – but it only needs to be warned with 15 days notice. The Select Board cannot make any changes in the 15 days prior to the hearing. If they make any substantial changes, they must go back to the Planning Commission for review. The intent is to have both hearings so that the Select Board can approve/adopt the new updated plan by September 13, 2017, the expiration date of the 2012 plan.

Members discussed what to do with the remainder of the RRPC contract – extend it and use it for an energy update or other planning needs later in the year? Color copies of the new town plan? No decision was reached.

Ed suggested the town consider requesting Village Center Designation from the state. State planning grant applications give deference or extra points to towns with them. The chance of Tinmouth receiving more planning grants is slim to none without it. Members noted there really is no village center to designate.

Members scheduled a special meeting for June 28, 2017 to review and give final approval the 2017 Town Plan Update, tentatively set a hearing date for the new plan for August 3, 2017 – with no meeting in July. Bob will compile all the suggestions, additions, typos, etc. and have a clean copy available by June 25th. Members will review for their meeting on the 28th.

Gail relayed that she had advised an attorney for NeighborWorks/October Hill that their subdivision permit had expired or become void and they would need to re-apply for their PRD (planned residential development permit).

Planning Commission ~ 06/28/17 ~ Special

Present were members Kim Harbaugh, Bob Lloyd, Michael Fallar, Vito Macaluso, Grant Reynolds, and Tess McGinley as well as Luddy Biddle and Gregg Over from NeighborWorks, and Gail Fallar Sec.

The Draft 2017 Town Plan was approved and moved to a public hearing set for August 8, 2017. Bob was given huge appreciation for all his efforts.

Members decided to hold a special meeting on July 20th to allow NeighborWorks to present an application for a PUD (planned unit development) as the PRD permit for the October Hill project has expired, and they have a family willing to purchase one of the affordable houses.



Recipe Corner

Strawberry Rhubarb Brown Sugar Crunch (traditional and gluten free recipe)

2 cups chopped strawberries
 2 cups thinly sliced and chopped fresh rhubarb
 1 cup sugar
 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 1 tablespoon cornstarch or arrowroot
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/4 cup orange juice
 1 cup all-purpose flour
 1 1/2 cups old fashioned oats
 1 cup light brown sugar
 1 cup butter, melted

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Place the fruit in a mixing bowl. Add the sugar, cinnamon, salt and cornstarch. Stir to coat and add the orange juice. Stir again and set aside.

In a separate mixing bowl, combine the remaining dry ingredients and then add the melted butter. Stir to combine. Press half of this mixture into a buttered 9 x 13 pan. Pour the fruit over the bottom crust and then sprinkle the rest of the dry mixture on top.

Bake for 30-35 minutes, until the crust turns golden brown. Serve warm from the oven or let cool completely and slice into servings.

Note: To make this recipe gluten-free substitute 1 1/3 cups brown rice flour and 2/3 cup tapioca starch for the all-purpose flour in this recipe.

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