

TALES OF TINMOUTH

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Editors' Notes: *May your New Year be filled with Health and Happiness!! Pray for Peace. . .*

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.

Many, many thanks for the donations to keep *Tales* in print. They are very much appreciated.

Pat Psholka & Helen Mango

~ Town Meeting 2018 ~

Town Meeting is **Saturday, March 3rd** this year. Public questions and budgets will be voted from the floor at the Community Center. Officers will be chosen on **Tuesday, March 6th** via Australian balloting, or you may cast an early/absentee ballot for that election.

Thinking about serving your community? Town Meeting will find voters choosing the following officers:

2018 Officers to be elected:

Moderator - Town - 1 year term
Select Board Member - 3 year term
Road Commissioner - 3 year term
Lister - 3 year term
Auditor - 3 year term
1st Constable - 1 year term to complete term
2nd Constable - 2 year term
Town Agent - 1 year term
Grand Juror - 1 year term
Tax Collector (Delinquent) - 1 year term

If you wish to run for office, you must file a petition with the town clerk with **five** voters' signatures by 5:00 PM Monday, **January 29th**. Petitions are available at the town office. Candidates must also sign a consent form.

Petitions for Articles to be placed on the warning are due by 5:00 pm **Monday, January 22nd**. 5% of voters (21 voters) must sign the petition. Voters must be registered to vote in Tinmouth.

Matt Patry is not running for re-election to the Select Board; Bob Emerick has retired as First Constable - so there is a one year term open to complete the term of that office.

Eric Buffum is running for re-election as road commissioner and Laurie Phillips has announced that she is also running for road commissioner.

~ Legislative Contact Info ~

The Vermont General Assembly will soon be back in session. If you wish to contact your State Senators or Representatives, here is the info:

You can call the Sergeant-at-Arms at 1-800-322-5616 and leave a message, or email addresses below.

Rep. David Potter: 438-5385, or 642 East Tinmouth Rd, West Rutland, VT 05777 or email dpotter@leg.state.vt.us.

Rep. Tom Burditt: tburditt@leg.state.vt.us

Rep. Robin Chesnut-Tangerman: rchesnut-tangerman@leg.state.vt.us

Sen. Peg Flory: pflory@leg.state.vt.us

Sen. Kevin Mullin: kjmbjm@aol.com

Sen. Brian Collamore: bcollamore@leg.state.vt.us

You can also access the Legislature's website at www.leg.state.vt.us. There you can find who is on which committee, what bills have been introduced, track each bill's progress, review committee agendas, etc. There is a wealth of information available.

Your input can be important in their decision-making.

~Tales of Tinmouth ~

In 2017, the *Tales of Tinmouth* published twelve issues. Total expenses for paper, labels, printing and postage was \$2,939.45. Revenues which consisted of donations, Tinmouth Community Fund grant and ads totaled \$3,178.60. We are back in the black by \$239.15!

Many thanks to everyone who sent a donation to help pay for paper, printing and postage. Many thanks too, to the numerous folks who show up each month to fold, tape and label *Tales*.

~ Winter Driving ~

A number of folks have commented on the condition of the roads this year, not just in Tinmouth, but neighboring towns as well. It's been a rough start to winter, the wind has kept road crews busy trying to keep up.

Please SLOW down and give yourself more time to arrive at your destination. If you don't have studded snow tires, you will have more trouble staying on the road. Vermont does not have a "bare" road policy, expect some roads to be snow covered.

And a big thank you to Eric and Ron for the many, many hours they've spent plowing and sanding our roads - including Christmas Day!

January 2018 Calendar of Events

Fire Dept	Thursday	4th	7:00	Fire House
Library OPEN	Saturday	6th	9-12 a.m.	Library
Select Board	Thursday	11th	7:00	Town Office
Writers' Group	Sunday	14th	1:30	Ruth Drachman's
Conservation Comm.	Monday	15th	7:30	Town Office
SWARC	Wednesday	17th	5:00	Town Office
Planning Commission	Thursday	18th	7:30	Town Office
Contra Dance	Friday	19th	8:00	Community Center
Tales of Tinmouth Deadline	Saturday	20th		Don't Miss It!
Book Discussion	Sunday	21st	3:00	Library
Article Petitions Due	Monday	22nd	5:00	Town Office
Conservation Committee	Monday	22nd	7:00	Town Office
THGS	Sunday	28th	2:00	Town Office
Officer Petitions Due	Monday	29th	5:00	Town Office
TCF Grant Deadline	Wednesday	31st		Town Office or TCF

February 2018 Calendar of Events

Fire Dept.	Thursday	1st	7:00	Fire House
Library OPEN	Saturday	3rd	9-12 a.m.	Library
Select Board	Thursday	8th	7:00	Town Office
Writers' Group	Sunday	TBA	1:30	Library
Planning Commission	Thursday	15th	7:30	Town Office
Contra Dance	Friday	16th	8:00	Community Center
Tales of Tinmouth Deadline	Tuesday	20th		Don't Miss It!
THGS	Sunday	25th	2:00	Town Office

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 ~ Wednesday 11:00-12:00 am & Friday 9:00 – 10:00 am Library

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

Please remember to keep your walkways shoveled and clear – even to the doors you only use occasionally – you never know when you might need the Rescue Squad or which door they may need to use. Goes for the inside too, don't block doorways with 'stuff'. You may need to make a hasty exit (in case of fire) or the Fire Department may need to get in.

TVFD also reminds everyone to make sure your smoke/radon detectors are working and that you have more than one way out of your house!



Village Harmony Concert January 4 at 7 pm at the Tinmouth Community Church

20 young adult Village harmony veteran singers perform traditional music from South Africa, Bulgaria and Corsica, American shape-note songs, baroque and contemporary works. At the Tinmouth Community Church in downtown Tinmouth at 7:00 pm on Thursday January 4.

Suggested admission is \$12, students and seniors \$8.

Information 426-3210 or 881-6775.

Bone Builders has switched its Tuesday work out to Wednesday at 11:00 AM.

All are welcome!

~ **Tinmouth Community Fund Grants** ~

The Tinmouth Community Fund (TCF)'s annual grant cycle is beginning. These are the grants for community projects. You can pick up grant applications at the Town Office or download one from the town's website: <http://www.tinmouthvt.org/resources/>. Applications need to be completed and returned to the Town Office or emailed to: krantzkj@vermontel.net by **January 31, 2018**. It helps us a lot if you can fill them in electronically. Scholarship applications are due May 15 and camp scholarship applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

We are always looking for new ideas to fulfill TCF's purpose: "To provide funding of needed services and facilities for the well-being of the citizens of and for the sense of community in the town of Tinmouth."

To give you a sense of the type of projects that might be funded think in terms of the following activity areas: historical, culture, arts, recreation, social services, education, health, conservation, environment, aesthetics, and community development. If you are thinking about a project that fits in any of these areas, download the application today. Might it be computer classes for elders, or Thanksgiving dinners for shut-ins or singles either at home or the community center, or a movie series at the Old Firehouse? Use your imagination, take some action, create something fun for your town. Won't you give it a try?

Grant awards will be announced at the Tinmouth Community Fund's Annual Meeting on March 3rd, just before Town Meeting at the Community Center at 11:30. Hope you can join us!

Jan Krantz, Chair, Tinmouth Community Fund

~ **Non-Traditional Scholarships** ~

Bob Emerick would like to remind seniors at Mill River Union High School, that he and his brother Jack, are sponsors for non-traditional scholarships. If you are planning on taking a gap year or attending a trade school, please see the guidance counselor for details and an application.

~ **Safety Advice** ~

Please wear reflective clothing when you are out walking, **ESPECIALLY AT NIGHT!** Drivers need to be able to see you. A number of folks have reported near misses due to not being able to see someone walking along the roadside as they were wearing dark clothing, both in Rutland (stepping from behind a parked car) and in surrounding communities. The road crew and anyone working on road projects are required to wear fluorescent clothing that also has reflective strips. This is a good idea for walkers, too!

~ **Library News** ~

By Ruth Drachman

Happy New Year from the librarian and the Library trustees. We all hope that the new year will bring you good health and happiness, as well as many good books to read!

Writing group will meet on Sunday, January 14th at 1:30PM at the home of Ruth Drachman. In addition to writing, they will share a pot luck dinner.

Book discussion group will meet on Sunday, January 21st at 3 PM. The book this month is **The Murder of Mary Russell** by Laurie King

New this month for Adults:

* **Patty Yoder and Esther Knipe, Rug Hooking Traditions**, by Kathy Wright and Judy Knipe. This book explores the lives of Patty and Esther, two rug hooking artists. It is full of pictures, and is a beautiful book!

* **To the Bright Edge of the World**", by Eowyn Ivey, a well-written "man against nature" story.

* **Uncommon Type, Some stories** by Tom Hanks, Yes, the actor, and yes, he writes very well. His writing has been called wise, hilarious, moving, and deeply touching, as well as gloriously inventive.

* **If the Creek don't Rise**, a novel by Leah Weiss, has been called a brilliant first novel.

There are many new books for the New Year for adults and for children. Come and check us out!!

The library will be open on Saturday morning, January 6th from 9 until noon.

The library is open on Monday and Thursday, from 10:00 A. M. until Noon, and from 1:00 P. M. until 5:00 P. M., and the morning of the first Saturday of the month.



**Tinmouth Elementary School
News**

by Principal Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker:

The Tinmouth Elementary School staff wishes all of our families a holiday season filled with wonder and joy. We hope the upcoming year is blessed with gratitude!

~ **Marion's Musings for January 2018** ~

Marion is taking the month of January off, but promises some "good farm stories" for the rest of the year.



~ **Kudos and Appreciation** ~

Kudos and Thank You to the many elves who worked (shopping for food, shopping for gifts (and clothes), wrapping gifts, sorting food, packing boxes, donations of food, donations of \$'s, donations of time, making cookies, sweet breads, nut butter, set-up and clean-up) to share the Christmas spirit with 23 families who received food baskets (3 or 4 boxes of food) and toys/clothes for those with children and 20 fruit baskets delivered to some of our elders, those with the loss of a loved one, those in need of a kind act, etc. (all separate from the other 23)! They were very much appreciated.

Thanks are also extended to Mill River Union High School's National Honor Society and the Mill River Unified Union School District for all the fixings for a turkey dinner; Operation Dolls and More for gifts for little ones; and Thomas' Dairy for milk and eggs. And for the food drive organized by the Wallingford Rescue Squad and another by the Tinmouth Elementary School. The food shelf at the Town Office has been re-stocked as well, thanks to those efforts. If you need a bit of help with food, please stop in! Or if you can spare non-perishables (pasta, tuna, laundry detergent, etc.) please drop them off.

There were about a dozen carolers out and about just before Christmas. Voices were well tuned, very harmonious and wonderful to listen to and sing along with. What a lovely on-going tradition!!

Dear Carolers,

I just want to thank all of you that came to my home on Sunday. I so much enjoyed your beautiful voices. Thank you for your gift also, it was very thoughtful of you.

Merry Christmas!

Rose Napolitano

The Christmas Eve Service at the Tinmouth Community Church was splendid! There were choral singers, bell ringers, violin players, pianist and organist, and magic as *Silent Night* was sung by those holding candles encircling the pews. Thank-you to all who participated and were involved in this wonderful celebration of Christ's birth.

I would like to thank everyone who came to my aid on December 2nd of 2017 at my ATV accident on the Upper Gulf Road in Tinmouth. The Poultney Rescue Squad, Tinmouth 1st Response and Tinmouth Fire Department all did a great job and my family thanks everyone. I would like to tell my best Tinmouth neighbor, Toby Lewis, thanks for being helpful as you always are to me and my family.

A special thank you goes to Brett Blanchard who saved my life and for being there when I needed you most. Angels come in all sizes and shapes.

Morris Hier

Tinmouth is an amazing town, with many caring folks who live here.

Many thanks are sent to **George Herrick, III**, who had a bumper crop of apples this fall, and kept bringing them to the town office. Many, many bushels of apples were shared with everyone who came to the office or happened to stop by and fill a bag or two. Lots of delicious apple sauce and apple pies were made!

Happy 90th Birthday to **Betty Fallar**, many happy returns!

Welcome to Tinmouth's newest member, **Vivian Rosalie Briggs**, daughter of **Mark and Carrie Briggs**, born on November 20th, she joins a big brother. Congratulations and best wishes.

~ **Get Well Wishes** ~

Get well wishes are sent to **Burritt Larson, Toby Lewis, Phil Hepburn, Kevin Ruane, Penny Jaderlund**, and all cold and flu sufferers.

~ **Condolences** ~

Heartfelt sympathies are sent to family and friends of **Mary Hyde Ryan**; family and friends of **Pam Garceau**; to **Sherri Ruane** and family for the loss of her mother; and to **Steve Goyette** and family for the loss of his mother.

~ **Nature Notes** ~

Marion Hambly reported a blue bird visited her just after Christmas.

It is hoped that the poor fellow found a safe and warm cubby as bitter cold soon followed, and followed, and then the snow came, and wind and more cold. It was reported that at one point the wind chill factor on Mt. Washington in New Hampshire was 100 degrees below zero.

There was a super moon on January 1st and there will be another on January 31st. That one will also be a "blue" moon – it occurs when there are two full moons in the same month. 25 years or so ago, there was a blue moon on New Year's Eve, and those lucky enough to venture outside indeed were surrounded by an eerily blue hue that reflected off the snow.

~ **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 only 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!



TINMOUTH
CHURCH

Tinmouth Community Church

Dear Friends,

Most of us will do anything we can to bring our families together for the holidays. Just before Christmas I found myself driving to Burlington to pick up my daughter. The snow was already falling as Sarah and I left the house early that morning. The temperature hovered around 17 degrees. We had traveled more

than halfway when Caitlin called to tell us that her flight was cancelled due to weather.

Sarah and I stopped in Vergennes to eat breakfast and wait to hear what Caitlin was able to work out as an alternative. We sat at a counter looking out a large window onto the street, watching even more snow come down, shopkeepers shoveling to keep the sidewalks passable, cars and trucks creeping along.

Albany turned out to be our new destination. Temperatures there were more moderate and the snow was supposed to be lighter. We walked down the street, looking in a few shops before getting in the car again, this time heading south. If the weather was supposed to be an improvement in this direction, it wasn't obvious. The roads were coated with several inches of snow and traffic crawled carefully; even on the highway where three plows abreast still could not keep the roadway clear. We made our way slowly, arriving just in time to pick up a travel weary daughter, adding some groceries along the way and returning home almost 12 hours after we had started out.

I know we are not the only ones who went to some effort to come together for the holidays. I heard the account of another friend who drove, took several ferries and more than one plane before returning to his Tinmouth family.

It feels good being with the folks who love you and know you. Maybe it has something to do with Robert Frost's sentiment in "The Hired Hand," *'Home is the place where, when you have to go there, They have to take you in,'* but I think it runs deeper and is far less cynical than that.

All of us appreciate being with people who know us well enough so that we don't have to pretend to be anything other than who we are. Our faults and failings don't have to be hidden or denied. Our strengths and gifts can shine as well. The folks who make up our sense of home are often our proving ground, in that we have tested ourselves with them. Over the years we have stretched and grown, no doubt experiencing growing pains along the way. They see us at our worst, when we fall flat on our faces. They watch us struggle to become our full selves, bearing witness when we achieve hard-won successes.

It can be challenging to be with people who know us so well, a fact of which most of us do not need to be reminded. This is why we usually put a time limit on our family gatherings. Even so, I get a bit melancholy when the holidays start to wind down, knowing my loved ones will soon return to their own lives in somewhat distant places.

But the truth is, we need to make our own ways in the world, just as much as we need to touch base with our loved ones periodically. Energized from our time together, we need to go back out into the world, returning to the lives we have each crafted for ourselves. We need to keep fighting the good fight, while drawing on the love and support of those who are "home" for us. We need to go out and do the good we can do in our own corners of the world in our own way.

So, yes, in a few days I will get up and out the door early in the morning to drive my daughters to flights that will take them back to their independent lives. My eyes might tear up a bit as I reflect on our time together, but the sadness and missing of them will blend with the joy of knowing that each of us is well and strong and living a good life, thanks in part, to the support and love we share. We are all so very blessed.

**May your New Year be bright,
Shirley**

~ 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.

Hunting and Fishing Licensees are available at the Town Office.

**The town receives \$1.50 for each license sold!!
Licenses expired on December 31st!!**

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!!

From the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department:

VT F&W Offers Ice Safety Tips



MONTPELIER, Vt. – The recent arrival of cold temperature has formed early-season ice on Vermont ponds, lakes and rivers. The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department reminds winter enthusiasts that ice should never be considered safe

and ice conditions vary.

“We are urging all outdoor enthusiasts – people going ice fishing, cross-country skiers, hikers, and snowmobilers -- to be extremely cautious and prepared if they are going to venture out on any ice,” said Vermont Fish & Wildlife’s Chief Game Warden Jason Batchelder. “Ice conditions can vary dramatically on different parts of a lake. Remember, even though it may look thick enough on the surface, moving water from currents, rivers and springs can cause ice to form unevenly.”

“Once we have sustained cold weather to form good ice, activities such as ice fishing can be safe and a lot of fun,” said Batchelder, “but when we go onto the ice, we need to use good judgment and observe several safety precautions.”

- **Leave your car or truck on shore.** Every year several motor vehicles go through the ice on Vermont lakes, and some people have drowned as a result.
- Leave information about your plans with someone -- where you intend to fish and when you expect to return.
- Wear a personal flotation device and don't fish alone.
- Fish with a friend. Ice fishing is a great sport to share with family members and friends, and having a partner with you increases both the fun and the safety.
- Ice varies in thickness and condition. Always carry an ice spud or chisel to check ice as you proceed.
- Be extremely cautious crossing ice near river mouths, points of land, bridges, islands, and over reefs and springs. Current almost always causes ice to be thinner over these areas.
- Avoid going onto the ice if it has melted away from the shore. This indicates melting is underway, and ice can shift position as wind direction changes.
- Waves from open water can quickly break up large areas of ice. If you can see open water in the lake and the wind picks up, get off!
- Bring your fully-charged cell phone with you.
- Carry a set of hand spikes to help you work your way out onto the surface of the ice if you go through. Holding one in each hand, you can alternately punch them into the ice and pull yourself up and out. You can make these at home, using large nails, or you can purchase them at stores that sell fishing supplies.

- Carry a safety line that can be thrown to someone who has gone through the ice.
- Heated fishing shanties must have good ventilation to prevent deadly carbon monoxide poisoning. Open a window or the door part way to allow in fresh air.

If you have questions regarding ice fishing or ice conditions, contact your local Vermont State Game Warden via your closest state police barracks or by calling Vermont Fish & Wildlife Headquarters at 802-828-1529.

And Bird Feeding Basics

MONTPELIER, Vt. – With winter weather now taking hold, Vermonters are readying their bird feeders. But before residents put up their avian offerings, Vermont Fish & Wildlife recommends a review of the bird feeding basics.

“Birds of all species have very interesting behaviors, shapes, and plumage, and observing them up close is a great source of enjoyment throughout the winter months,” said John Buck, Vermont Fish & Wildlife’s migratory bird biologist.

Buck recommends that people only feed birds during the winter months to avoid attracting bears. Bears are very fond of suet and bird seed, especially black oil sunflower seed. Bringing feeders in at night doesn’t work, because bears will still feed on seed that is spilled on the ground, and bears can also be active during the daylight hours. Bears that are lured by birdfeeders can become unafraid of people, which can result in the bear needing to be put down.

While the Department suggests a general feeding window of December 1-March 31, bears will continue to be present when the ground is snowless and abundant fall foods are available. Buck recommends waiting to put feeders out until 4-6 inches of snow cover occurs to be reasonably assured bears have dened for the winter.

According to Buck, birds don’t generally need food from backyard feeders to survive, but the activity is a great way for people to interact with nature and if done properly, won’t harm bird populations. Many local hardware stores sell bird feeders and a variety of seed mixes that will appeal to different types of birds. For an all-purpose food, black oil sunflower seeds will attract many native bird species.

Buck also urges people to clean birdfeeders at least once a month to prevent a buildup of harmful pathogens. Bacteria, viruses, fungi, and parasites can be spread through dirty feeders and make birds ill, particularly vulnerable species are common redpolls, pine siskins, sparrows, finches, and cardinals.

Buck recommends using a solution of one-part bleach to nine parts hot water to kill bacteria. Hot water with unscented dish detergent also does an excellent job. Bottle brushes work well in tube feeders. He recommends thorough rinsing and drying before refilling feeders, and cleaning up seeds and droppings below the feeder. Buck also recommends checking feed after rain or wet snow to look for clumping or rotting seeds. And feeders are best

placed away from larger windows that birds can sometimes crash into. With some forethought and precautions, bird feeding can be a really rewarding activity on a dark winter's day.

Vermonters who feed birds will have plenty of company. Nearly half of households in Vermont feed birds each winter, contributing an estimated \$65 million to Vermont's economy. People can help birds and other wildlife by making a tax-deductible donation to the Nongame Wildlife Fund on line 29 of the state tax returns or by purchasing an annual Vermont Habitat Stamp, available at www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

Vermont's Free Ice Fishing Day is January 27
Ice Fishing Festival to be held at Lake Bomoseen State Park in Castleton

CASTLETON, Vt. – Vermont's fifth annual Free Ice Fishing Day is set for Saturday, January 27, and will be celebrated by a fun-filled ice fishing festival in Castleton.

Vermont's Free Ice Fishing Day, which takes place each year on the last Saturday in January, enables both residents and non-residents to go ice fishing on any legal waterbody in Vermont for the day without a license.

"Free ice fishing day creates opportunities for a range of anglers, and really helps to showcase the great ice fishing we have here in Vermont," said Louis Porter, commissioner of Vermont Fish & Wildlife. "From those looking to try out the sport for the first time, to non-residents who may want to sample some of Vermont's quality fisheries, the day offers full accessibility to great ice fishing fun across Vermont."

Vermont's Ice Fishing Festival also occurs annually in concert with Free Ice Fishing Day, and the 2018 celebration will be held at Lake Bomoseen State Park in Castleton.

The festival will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on January 27 and is free and open to anyone interested in ice fishing.

Staff from Vermont Fish & Wildlife and instructors from the Let's Go Fishing Program, will be on hand to teach ice fishing basics including knot tying, drilling holes, rigging and using an ice fishing rod, setting tip-ups and preparing for a day on the ice. Fishing regulations and fish identification will be covered as well.

Fisheries biologists will also operate a fish fry station to cook up participants' catches, and there will be other refreshments on hand including plenty of hot cocoa in the warming huts. Lake Bomoseen State Park also offers opportunities for ice skating, and a playground for the kids.

"The ice fishing festival is a free, easy and fun way for newcomers to get started in ice fishing, and also a great opportunity for kids and families to enjoy time together outdoors," said Nicole Meier, information and education specialist with Vermont Fish & Wildlife. "We encourage people of all ages to come out for the day, wet a line, try

some fresh-cooked, local fish and enjoy all that Vermont has to offer during the winter."

Vermont Fish & Wildlife will lend ice fishing equipment to attendees for the day, but participants may bring their own tackle if they wish. Participants are advised to dress warmly and wear ice cleats if possible.

Pre-registration is encouraged but not required, and can be completed online at www.vtfishandwildlife.com. For more information, contact Nicole Meier at 802-318-1347 or nicole.meier@vermont.gov.

To learn more about ice fishing in Vermont or to purchase a fishing license, visit www.vtfishandwildlife.com.



From the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee (SWARC)

It's hard to keep track of what can and cannot be put into the Zero-Sort recycling roll-off. The rules seem to change when the wind blows. The SWARC will try to keep everyone updated on what is and is not currently allowed into the Zero-Sort bin. This month we'll look at **plastics**.

You **can** recycle pretty much any plastic container that is labeled #1, #2, #5 or #7. Look for the number in the little recycling triangle embossed somewhere on the container.

You **cannot** put plastic bags, plastic wrap, or Styrofoam into the recycling bin, no matter what its number is. And please, **NO LIDS!** Lids are sometimes made of a combination of different plastic types, which makes them very difficult to recycle. Also, they are small enough to fall through or jam the sorting machinery at the Zero-Sort facility.

Thank you for your cooperation!

~ THGS ~

The Tinmouth Historical and Genealogical Society will meet on **Sunday, January 24th** at the town office to continue archiving work - sorting photos, papers and ephemera at the town office – and working on a cataloging system.

2:00 ~ refreshments provided.

All are welcome.

If you have some old photos you would be willing to share, please bring them along. We would like to scan them. They will be promptly returned.

*Commas save lives:
Let's eat, Grandma!
Let's eat Grandma!*



Tinmouth Contra Dance

Dance to

**Shindy with Adina Gordon
Calling**

Friday, January 19 at 8:00 pm

**Tinmouth Community Center,
573 Route 140**

TINMOUTH. Warm your toes and get your blood pumping at the Tinmouth Contra Dance in beautiful downtown Tinmouth, Vermont. Dance to the splendid tunes of Shindy with Adina Gordon calling on Friday January 19 from 8 pm – 11 pm 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 of the month when it is on the month at 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.org. Phone 802-881-6775.

We dance every third Friday January through May and September-December. Don't miss it. See you in Tinmouth!

Recipe Corner ~ Éclair Pie

1 cup water
1 stick margarine
pinch salt
1 cup flour
4 eggs
1 large or 2 small packages vanilla pudding
8 oz. cream cheese
1 container Cool Whip
Chocolate syrup



Preheat oven to 400°F.

In a medium saucepan, bring water, margarine and salt to a boil. Remove from heat. Add 1 cup flour and mix well. Mix in eggs, one at a time, to make a thick paste. Spread in a greased 9 x 13" cake pan (up the sides a little also). Bake for 30 minutes.

Mix pudding according to recipe on box. Cream in the cream cheese. Pour into baked shell. Spread Cool Whip on top. Drizzle with chocolate syrup. Chill and enjoy!

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



New Telephone and Business Directory Update for 2018

Please notify us at tinmouthtales@gmail.com of any corrections/additions/deletions for future publication.



TINMOUTH
CHURCH

Everyone Is Welcome in This
Community of Worship and Faith

TINMOUTH COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday Service – 9:00 a.m.
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~Meeting Highlights~

(Complete minutes are available at the town office.)

Select Board ~ 12/04/17

Present were Matt Patry, Frank Sears and Cathy Reynolds, as well as Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Cat Yoder, Alan Held, Barbara Held, Heather McMahon, Wes Usher, Kim Harbaugh, Sherry Johnson, Grant Reynolds, Jo Reynolds, Ramsey Yoder, Nathaniel Hance, Sunshine Hance, and Gail Fallar – Select Board Assistant.

Eric reported road crew has been catching up on other items while waiting for snow. Gravel shouldering is done on new paving and he purchased the sander for the one ton truck. Board discussed the Master Plan – Eric, Cathy and Gail walked the site, and asked Craig at Ottercreek Engineering to meet with Eric (he declined, felt it was not necessary). Cathy raised concerns with screening the transfer station effectively, and run-off to neighboring property.

Regarding the Master Plan, Matt advised that he had walked the property on his own and feels very strongly that moving the transfer station closer to the road is too close to neighboring houses and just wrong. He prefers to consider Stan Wilbur’s suggestion to think outside the box and consider moving the transfer station off site. He raised concerns with the future need to accept meat/bones for composting (smell, flies, etc.).

It was asked whether the Town has to operate a transfer station, Gail noted that the Town has a “responsibility” to manage solid waste/recycling. It is unclear what that means exactly.

Frank noted there is a need to build to suit for years down the road, hard to predict state and federal regulations. The Select Board needs to keep moving through the process.

Matt expressed concern with the tenor of the November meeting noting he felt it was dismissive and not handled well. There was discussion of composting - what was going to be required, (Town will not make compost – will provide containers for a composter to take materials away.) Discussion of whether voters would want to purchase more land for a transfer station and how to keep the whole project affordable.

Alan reported his visit to the Middletown Springs transfer station was impressive, they have compactors and there was no smell, everything was neat and clean.

Gail advised the Board that she had not submitted a grant application for replacing culverts on McCoy Road as the estimates came in WAY too high. Eric noted that there may be other options than building a cement culvert. Gail noted there may be FEMA mitigation grant money available.

Alan raised concerns with the recent construction of an overhead maple sap line on Merrill Spring Road. He walks it every day, loves the road, and feels it is a horrible sight. He presented a nine minute video to explain his feelings, and concern for a leaning tree. He asked that it be removed

during most of the year, only there during sugaring season. Board advised that they had given Shane and Cat Yoder permission to move it from the culvert to overhead at their July meeting, the only condition being the height (20 feet) above the road. Cat advised that it is not feasible to remove it on a yearly basis (also dangerous), and that they are not done working on it. Wes and Ramsey spoke in support of Cat & Shane. Grant noted that maple sugaring is considered agriculture and towns generally can’t regulate ag.

Gail advised that Tad Powers, Esq., has advised that the Select Board really has a limited role in the affordable housing question on Sugar House Lane. The Planning Commission (PC) has to decide whether to terminate the affordable housing condition of the permit or try to modify the permit (would need all parties to agree) to more suitable and enforceable language. Consensus of the Board is that the PC was well intended in 2006, but they, the Select Board are not willing to pursue enforcement at this point and will defer to the PC. The PC will be meeting soon for just this issue.

Board discussed draft highway budget – need to address Personnel Policy Addendum C – decided to hold a special Board meeting on Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 6:00 to resolve, and negotiate with employees for FY19 budget.

Board discussed chloride, Eric noted about \$15,000 of equipment is needed. Matt advised that using more chloride is adverse to amphibians.

Eric inquired about moving to a three person road crew – two flaggers are needed at times, vacation times leave a crew of one, etc. Board asked Eric to present formal request at next meeting, pro and con of full time or part time.

Gail inquired about burying the power line between the dumpster and the recycling shed – Hubbard’s truck (picking up the dumpster) has taken down the overhead line for a third time. Board approved.

Board, by consensus, approved holiday bonuses of \$65 for all employees. It is treated as income.

Board discussed Highway Equipment Fund – 10 year replacement seems too long, should it be 7 years? Eric will get prices to help Board with calculations for budgeting.

Gail noted that the School is looking at problems with student drop-off and pick-up in the Church parking lot (really part of the town green), can they erect signs? Board decided to ask that education be tried first – ask parents/drivers to go one way – counter clockwise. Eric will work it out with the school principal.

Gail advised that Adam Guettel recently donated \$5,000 for restoration work on the old creamery building. Board expressed its appreciation.

Bob Emerick sends word that he is resigning as first constable as of December 31, 2017 due to health issues. Board extended appreciation for his many years of service.

Board discussed draft general budget – should the Board add more hours for the sheriff’s contract, or have voters decide?

Gail advised that the State did not want to permit the SolarBees on Tinmouth Pond for use in control of an aquatic nuisance (Eurasian milfoil) but preferred an application for an encroachment permit, cost of \$300 (no fee to town for the former). She advised the Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project would pay the fee for the town. Town needs to obtain and hold the permit. Board approved.

Board asked for job descriptions for their meeting on the 21st to help with their review. Cathy noted the new Personnel Policy (PP) calls for an annual review of the PP as well as developing job descriptions and an annual review/evaluation of employees.

Gail inquired whether the carpenters working on repairing the old town sheds could be town employees, given that a couple of years ago the painters working on the town office were treated as employees. Board decided by consensus to allow this.

Board added the Solid Waste Ordinance to its January agenda. The Solid Waste and Recycling Committee has proposed a couple of amendments.

Select Board ~ 12/21/17 ~ Special Meeting

Present were Matt Patry, Frank Sears and Cathy Reynolds, as well as Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Ron Crossman – road crew, Kim Harbaugh, Sherry Johnson, and Gail Fallar.

Frank called the meeting to order at 6:18 pm. Board moved into executive session for the purpose of personnel issues. Board invited Eric, Ron and Gail to negotiate with them. Board exited executive session at 7:00 pm Board voted to continue past practice of providing health insurance without employee co-pay (BCBS platinum plan) and a 3% cost of living increase in pay.

Gail inquired what rate of pay the carpenters fixing the old town sheds should receive; Board moved to set it at \$25 per hour. They were hired as town employees for the temporary job.

Eric advised that the blue truck (2009) is in need of replacement – repairs are starting to add up. The Equipment Fund has it scheduled to be replaced in fiscal year 19 – which begins July 1, 2018. He has explored prices and a trade-in allowance, and was advised that if the Town wants to replace the truck, it should be ordered as soon as possible. – there is a six month wait time. After discussion Board voted to authorize Eric to go out to bid for a new tandem truck and equipment (plow, wing, dump box, sander, etc.) for the Board's January 11th meeting.

Board discussed the Equipment Fund, whether the 10 year replacement practice for trucks should be scaled back to the former 7 years – what are other towns doing?

Kim inquired about the PC decision regarding affordable housing in the Sugar House Lane/Pumpkin Mill development. Gail advised that the PC, on the advice of the town attorney, had decided to consider termination of the

affordable housing condition on that permit. The attorney felt that the regulations in effect at the time were unenforceable and the language was not standard.

Eric advised he had attended a Snow & Ice workshop, is trying a new salt product that will use less salt and change the process (treat and re-treat) for application. He has tried it once, seems to be working, will use much less salt and is better for the environment.

Kim noted that using small stones in the sand really helps when ice appears.

Frank reported on the Rutland County Sheriff Department's Advisory Council meeting recently held in Ira. The deputy was introduced (Cpl. Ed Hunter). Members discussed how to reach 40 hours per week between the towns of Ira, Middletown Springs, Danby and Tinmouth. Ira being the town with least population raised concerns about budgeting for 10 hours. Board discussed adding another three hours for Tinmouth – currently the Town budgets for seven hours per week. Board could include it in the budget and voters could amend the budget from the floor if they chose not to support the proposal. Frank suggested that RCSD should update the four towns monthly via Front Porch Forum on the progress of the project.

Planning Commission ~ 12/11/17 ~ Special Meeting

Present were members Michael Fallar, Kim Harbaugh, Denise McGinley, Grant Reynolds, Kevin Ruane and Vito Macaluso as well as Frank Sears, Select Board Chair (ex-officio member), Cameron Lepley, Sherry Johnson and Gail Fallar, Sec.

Michael explained the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the affordable housing question in regards to 52 Sugar House Lane.

Gail, as Zoning Administrator, explained that at the time in 2006, a PRD permit was issued to Pumpkin Mill LLC for a subdivision off of East Road that included a provision that an affordable house be made available. The Planning Commission encouraged but did not require that a housing agency familiar with affordable housing be engaged. The current owner of the house would like to sell, but the amount due to the bank exceeds affordability guidelines. The town retained attorney Tad Powers to help deal with the situation. After reviewing the zoning regulations in effect at the time; the covenants created to enforce the affordability; and whose duty it was/is to enforce, he determined that it would be in the town's best interest to modify the permit to terminate that requirement.

Grant noted it was an experiment that failed and he concurred with the attorney's opinion. The town has no way to enforce what the selling price should be.

Cameron, as one of the land owners of the group who created the subdivision, also agreed with the attorney. They wanted it to continue to be affordable, but given the bank is owed more than is affordable, that is not an option.

After more discussion, Grant moved to move forward with the process to have Permit 2006-02 and Permit 2006-02A (it was amended) modified to terminate the requirement for affordable housing, #3. Denise 2nded, all voted in favor, except Kevin who recused himself as his son owns the house.

Next meeting is January 18, 2018, it is anticipated that a modification request will be received by the end of December so that a hearing on it can be held at the PC's January meeting.



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