

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.

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

Pat Psholka & Helen Mango

The Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department invites you to a **Community Pot Luck Supper to be held on Saturday, February 24th beginning at 6:00** at the Community Center. No charge!

They will be providing the meat – unfreezing leftover meatballs, roasts, etc. from the game supper. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. All are welcome!

~ Town Meeting 2018 ~

Town Meeting is **Saturday, March 3rd 1:00 at the Community Center**. Public questions and highway and general budgets will be voted from the floor. You have to be there to vote!

Officers will be chosen on **Tuesday, March 6th** via Australian balloting at the Community Center. You may cast an early/absentee ballot for that election.

There is only one contested race this year, **Eric Buffum** and **Laurie Phillips** are both running for road commissioner.

The Mill River Unified Union School District voting for the school budget and other fiscal matters, including a bond for construction will be on Tuesday, March 6th from 8:00 am – 7:00 pm at the Community Center.

~ Town Meeting Lunch ~

Tinmouth Elementary School Grades 5 & 6 will be providing lunch and baked goodies. Come early to grab a bite before Town Meeting starts! They will also have a bake sale on Election Day, Tuesday March 6th.

~ Registering to Vote ~

You do not have to register to vote before the election (the deadline used to be five days before). Vermont has instituted **same-day voter registration**, meaning that if you have not previously registered to vote and want to do so on town meeting day, you can register then and there.

You do need to be a resident of the town in which you are registering to vote, and proof of that (like a utility bill).

~ Absentee Ballots ~

If you wish to request an **Absentee Ballot**, you must do so before **5:00 pm on Monday, March 5th**. **Voted ballots must be returned by 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 6th**. You can also vote **early** at the town office until 5:00 on March 5th.

~ Town Reports ~

The town reports were mailed. Please read them and bring them with you to Town Meeting on **Saturday, March 3rd**. A HUGE thank you to Nancy Birdsall for doing such a great job putting it together!

~ TCF Annual Meeting ~

The **Tinmouth Community Fund** will hold its **Annual Meeting at 11:00 am on Saturday, March 3rd** at the Community Center. Grant awards will be presented as well as reports for the past year, and election of Directors and officers. All are welcome!

Please plan on attending to find out what the Tinmouth Community Fund is all about! How TCF is working to enhance the great sense of community that Tinmouth enjoys.

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 and Annual Appointments~

The Select Board will be making annual appointments at their March meeting. Please see the town report for openings/positions. There are also vacancies on the **Planning Commission** and the **Conservation Commission**. If you are interested in any of these, please contact the town office at 446-2498.



March 2018 Calendar of Events

Fire Dept.	Thursday	1 st	7:00	Fire House
Special Library AM Hours	Saturday	3 rd	9-Noon	Library
Tinmouth Community Fund Annual Meeting	Saturday	3 rd	11:00 AM	Community Center
Town Meeting Floor Voting	Saturday	3 rd	1:00 PM	Community Center
Writers' Group	Sunday	4 th	1:30	Library
Town Meeting Australian Balloting	Tuesday	6 th	8:00 AM - 7:00 PM	Community Center
	(Officers and School Budget/Bond)			
Planning Commission	Thursday	8 th	7:00	Town Office
Select Board	Thursday	15 th	7:00	Town Office
Contra Dance	Friday	16 th	8:00	Community Center
Conservation Commission	Monday	19 th	7:30	Town Office
Tales of Tinmouth Deadline	Tuesday	20 th		Don't Miss It!
THGS	Sunday	25 th	2:00	Town Office
Rabies Clinic (Dogs & Cats)	Saturday	31 st	10-noon	Wallingford Town Office

April 2018 Calendar of Events

Easter Service	Sunday	1 st	9:00	Church
Dog Licenses Due	Monday	2 nd	All Day	Town Office
Fire Dept.	Thursday	5 th	7:00	Fire House
Library OPEN	Saturday	7 th	9-12 AM	Library
Select Board	Thursday	12 th	7:00	Town Office
Planning Commission	Thursday	19 th	7:00	Town Office
Contra Dance	Friday	20 th	8:00	Community Center
Tales of Tinmouth Deadline	Tuesday	20 th		Don't Miss It!
THGS	Sunday	22 nd	2:00	Old Fire House

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
All are welcome!**

The Select Board and Planning Commission switched Thursdays for the month of March.

**Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department Potluck Community Supper, Saturday, February 24th ~ 6:00 at the
Community Center. Free, please bring a side dish or dessert to share!**

2018 Tinmouth Town Wide Tag Sales – September 1

By Sherry Johnson

We are planning to have the Tinmouth Town Wide Tag Sales again in 2018, and look forward to continued community participation.

Are you doing your spring cleaning and finding treasures that are too good to throw away? How about saving these treasures for the Tinmouth Town Wide Tag Sales? If you found some treasures, but you do not want to have a tag sale, they can be donated at the end of August to our charity tag sale. This year the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department will be the beneficiary.

More details to follow.

Any organization that would like to raise money with either a Bake Sale or Pizza Oven Sale should contact Sherry Johnson (446-3307) vtsjohnson@icloud.com or Tracy Byford tracyleab@gmail.com or Chuck Bronk charles.bronk@gmail.com

~ Tinmouth Community Fund Annual Meeting ~

By Jan Krantz, Chair

The Tinmouth Community Fund will hold its Annual Meeting at **11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 3**, at the Community Center. Please note the earlier-than-usual starting time, to allow for a presentation at 11:30 a.m. We will discuss the work of the committee, celebrate the community groups who are receiving grants for the 2018 season, report on scholarships awarded to Tinmouth residents, and hold elections. All are welcome!

Agenda

1. Financial Report
2. Review final grant reports (2017 grants)
3. Award 2018 Community Fund grants
4. Report from College Scholarship Committee
5. Report from Camp Scholarship Committee
6. Elections – 3 positions (3 three-year)
7. Elect officers
8. Any other Business

At 11:30 a.m., we will have a special presentation by Elisabeth Marx, from the Vermont Community Foundation (VCF). She has an interesting presentation to share about the work of VCF, where our funds are endowed and managed, and how this relates to the Tinmouth Community Fund and its programs. I hope you will join us for the annual meeting, and the presentation!

~ Homestead Declaration ~

This a reminder that you need to file an **annual** Homestead Declaration with the Vermont Department of Taxes, form HS-122. You must file this to qualify for the homestead education tax rate and to request a property tax adjustment if you are eligible. You must also file form HI-144 (household income), **due April 17th**. This is required even if you do not have to file or pay state income taxes.

~ Library News ~

By Ruth Drachman

Knit and Chat is on Mondays from 3 PM until 5 PM. Come and do any kind of handwork, but be prepared to chat as well!

The Department of Health has provided libraries with snowshoes, and Tinmouth is no exception. You can come to the library on any day that **we are open** and check out the snowshoes as if they were a book. I'm sure we can expect more snow, so plan to go snowshoeing and come and borrow the snow shoes. They are fun! We have 2 adult pairs, and 4 pairs for children. They can be checked out for one week.

The library will be open on **Saturday morning, February 3rd** 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.

~ Free Tax Assistance ~

BROC Community Action is again offering free tax assistance as a VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) site. With the help of volunteers from Castleton University's accounting program, they are ready to make you an appointment to have your taxes prepared. If you make \$54,000 or less, are a person with a disability, or are elderly, the volunteers and staff can prepare and file Federal income tax returns, Vermont State income tax returns, homestead declarations and property tax adjustment claims, household income schedules and renter rebate claims.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) sponsors the VITA program and all volunteers and staff receive training from the IRS and the Vermont Department of Taxes.

Call for an appointment today; 802-775-0878 or toll free 1-800-717-2762. Visit broc.org to learn more about the programs and services offered at BROC Community Action.



New Telephone and Business Directory Update

Please notify us at tinmouthtales@gmail.com of any corrections/additions/deletions for future publication **before March 31st**.

~ **Tinmouth Historical and Genealogical Society** ~
THGS Spring Program Meeting Schedule

The THGS will meet on **Sunday, February 25th at 2:00 at the town office** to continue archiving work - sorting photos, papers and ephemera. Working on a system to catalog what's there.

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

March 25, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Old Creamery
Sorting, indexing and displaying THGS items stored in the Old Creamery. Bring work gloves.

April 22, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Old Firehouse
Metal detectors and what is under the grass in your front yard. John LaFontain will present information about metal detectors and then there will be a field trip across the road to the Wilbur's front yard. If you have a metal detector, please bring it!

Refreshments always provided. All are welcome.



~ **Dog Licenses Due April 1st** ~

A current rabies certificate is required. You can call the Town Office if you don't know if your dog needs a shot or not. Fees are \$9 for neutered/spayed dogs and \$13 for those that are not. 50% penalty is assessed after April 1st.

The Town of Wallingford is hosting a Rabies Clinic on March 31st, (see back page for details) and then stop by the Tinmouth Town Office to register your pet.

~ **Help Needed** ~

2017 was the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department. We are trying to compile a list of everyone who was ever a member or helped them out. Please contact the town office if you or someone you know served. We need your help to locate them.

We want to create an honor roll for all these volunteers. 446-2498 or tinmouthtown@vermonte.net

Thank you for your help!

Please Recycle or Pass Along Tales!!



Tinmouth Contra Dance
Dance to

Dugan Murphy calling and
Cedar and Arthur and Guillaume from
Cloud Ten and Nova
Friday, March 16 at 8:00 pm
Tinmouth Community Center, 573 Route 140

Dance to the splendid tunes of Cedar and Arthur and Guillaume from Cloud Ten and Nova with Dugan Murphy from Maine calling on Friday March 16 from 8 – 11 p.m. at the Tinmouth Community Center. All dances are taught, and you do not need a partner. If you are a beginner, come right at 8:00 p.m. 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. Bring your friends and family to the Tinmouth Contra Dance in beautiful downtown Tinmouth, Vermont.

The dance takes place in the Tinmouth Community Center on the third Friday of the month at the Community Center is on Rte. 140 in the center of Tinmouth, 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 802-446-2928.

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



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Tinmouth Community Church

Dear Friends,

In the Christian tradition, Lent mirrors Jesus' time spent in the desert fasting, praying, dealing with temptation and discerning what his ministry might entail. Many Christians give up some habit as an act of devotion for Lent, spending the freed up time in prayer, meditation and fasting. Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, fell on Valentine's Day this year, and so we contemplated how love relates the Lenten season and its time of letting go. We talked about opening our hearts to God and to Love with a capital "L". This love goes beyond what individuals are capable of, a deeper love that requires *all* of us to bring it into reality.

We talked about opening our hearts in vulnerability and in a desire to make the world we live in a better place for all. One of the questions we reflected on was, "*What makes your heart break?*" And then, instead of giving something up for Lent, each of us chose something we would *take on* for Lent, a prayer focus or a task that related to this breaking of our hearts.

Driving home from the service, we heard about the shooting at a school in Parkland, Florida; and my heart broke even more. There have been 18 school shootings this year alone, and hearts all over this nation are breaking, grieving the pointless loss of life. Maybe your heart is breaking too? Our hearts are breaking with the despair, loneliness and anger that are way too present in the lives of too many of our young people in this nation.

In response to all of this, we need to pray, of course, for the victims and their families, but we also need to pray for this nation of ours. We need to send loving and healing thoughts in whatever way we do those sorts of things, to all of the people who need support and care. But we also need to give of ourselves to the young and to the vulnerable people in our midst. We need to invest in them and in their lives. We need to show interest in their thoughts and ideas, their hopes and fears. We also need to speak up alongside them, to let those in leadership know that we will not accept living with such devastating violence. We need to stand with the youth who are speaking truth to power as they march on Washington, as they tell our leaders that the time for responsible gun control is way overdue.

We cannot afford to let our hearts keep breaking like this, over and over. We cannot afford to lose any more beautiful young lives. Every life is precious, every single one. This Lenten season, my prayer is that we will all look deep into our hearts to see what we can do to bring Love with a capital "L" back into our communities, into our nation and into the world. Lent ends on Easter, which this

year Easter falls on April 1st – April Fool's Day – wouldn't it be wonderful to put our past foolishness aside, to have reason to laugh and celebrate together?

*In that deep Love,
Shirley*

P.S. Please join us at Tinmouth Community Church any Sunday morning at 9am, where we endeavor to bring Love alive. On Easter, you are invited to come to a community breakfast before the service and an egg hunt afterward for the children. Together, let us *be the community* that we all need.

~ Community News ~

Happy March Birthdays to **Enid Whittingham, Colton Cone, Ari Fallar and Giana Squier**, many happy returns.

Get well wishes are sent to **Holly Webb, Beth Carroll, Toby Lewis**, and all cold and flu sufferers (it's still going around and around!).

Big thank yous to **Rick Fallar** for hanging the curtains that **Art & Pat Psholka** donated to the town office. Being lined they are helping keep the heat in at night!

~ Nature Notes ~

January had a real cold snap, and then the temperature soared to 60 degrees only to plunge to 0 the next day.

And what a wild February! Most of the snow melted, on the night of the 17th six inches fell, and by the 20th, it was washed away with rain. As this is being written on February 21st, the temperature is nearing 70 degrees! And snow drops are blossoming happily in a south side flower bed.

Someone reported a white finch?!? Or what was it? Lots of woodpeckers at the feeders this year. Nancy Noble reported gold finches on February 5th.

Marion Hambly reported a big fat woodchuck trapesing through the snow in her back yard early in the month – when it was still 20 degrees.

In places, it looks like mud season has arrived!! Sap trucks can really do a number on a back road.

~ 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.

Marion's Musings for March

By Marion Hambly

Winter is still acting like a roller coaster, up and down, BUT town meeting is just around the corner and I always figure that spring is not far behind. Even if it snows, spring is on the way.

This winter has been a quiet one for me. There has been too much snow and ice for me to hardly be able to stick my nose out the door. My poor old bones will not take it. I feel like a woodchuck being stuck in one place. And you know me, I've always loved being on the road, going places, doing things. Well, all good things have to slow down sometime. Maybe this summer I will change all that.

I remember as a child, we used to have winters with a lot of snow, cold and blustery but, they didn't do roller coasters. It usually started snowing just before Thanksgiving and no thaw until January or February. We didn't mind. We just enjoyed it. Kids you know. Now we know better but I still enjoy watching a quiet snowstorm. In fact, I used to go walking with the flakes coming down, big soft flakes, we would also spend hours sliding. By we I mean my sister and me. We were on the farm and had to make our own recreation. No iPod, no TV, not even a radio. Boy, I am ancient.

We did have a telephone, one that hung on the wall and you had to ring operator for a call. Of course, it was a party line and all kinds of news got passed around. We had a round oak stove in the kitchen and I remember my mother putting bricks on the flange that ran around it, to heat during the day, then at night, she would wrap them in newspaper and we girls would take them upstairs to put at our feet for the night. There was no heat upstairs. In the morning, we would have to get psyched up in order to get out from under the blankets and run downstairs to the stove to get dressed. Such fun!

During the school year, the neighbor man would come to pick us up for school. It had all of nine pupils and five of them were brother and sisters. We had a good teacher and good playmates. Of course, the 'facilities' were out back, but we were used to it. Also, we had recess.

My sister and I moved away when we were in the fourth grade to Middlebury, where my father was transferred. The fourth grade there had forty children. Us poor little farm girls didn't know what to think. We made it though, but I never liked the city, I'm a country girl.

I have lived in a few different places but here in Tinnmouth is the best. I also have traveled most of the United States but here is where I want to stay.

Enough about me. I have a cousin who sent me a birthday card and on the envelope there was this old English blessing written. I would like to share it with you.

*May your path
Be strewn with flowers,
Memories, friends
And happy hours.
May blessings come
From heaven above,
To fill your life
With peace and love.*

Experience the Region's 9th. Annual Dim Sum of Yoga & Much More:

Thrive Center Sponsors "A Trifecta Twist Winter ~ Spring Sampler: Classes & Workshops"

Experience the joy of restoring movement to all areas of your body while learning how to unravel the restrictions produced from daily life; with 3 different instructors, on the following Sundays:

3/11 - A PILATES FOCUS with Mandy Rigler-Dansereau of Motivation Studio,

3/18 - FITNESS & YOGA with Christie Garofano of Body Essentials Personal Training,

3/25 - YOGA with Darci Whitehorne of Therapydia.

The classes and workshops of "The Sampler" are open to those who are new to yoga and other offerings (some new twists this year!), as well as, those who are looking to grow an experienced practice.

The SESSIONS will start at 2:30 PM, and will be held at the Wallingford Elementary School Gymnasium, 126 School Street / Route 140 East, Wallingford. The investment (Fee) is either: \$10.00 per class and \$20.00 per workshop, each to be announced. Pricing subject to change.

On Saturday, 3/31, "Easter Eve" THERE IS A CHANCE that a class or workshop field trip MAY BE offered. Details to be announced, if so.

For further detailed information and to register call 802-446-2499 or Email: uthrive@vermontel.net, today! For weekly updates check:

<https://www.facebook.com/ThriveCenteroftheGreenMountains/>

Dress **WARMLY** for movement; bring a mat, blanket, and water. A portion of the proceeds will directly benefit the: Wallingford Elementary School - (Building Use), the Rutland Open Door Mission, as well as, The Wallingford Historical Society. This year's offering is being dedicated to the late Maryann Gagner, a long time Thrive Sampler supporter and enthusiast.

~ Payments can be brought day of, dropped off, or mailed to: Thrive Center, c/o: Lisa Donohue, 68 South Main Street, P.O. Box 539, Wallingford, VT 05773 ~ (with checks payable directly to each instructor.) [Please denote the date(s) you are registering for. Refund-ability on checks paid, will be the discretion of the instructor.]

Join Us ~ Experience the Region's Dim Sum of YOGA & Much More! RE: inclement weather potentials ~ If you do not hear from us directly ~ the workshop or class is still being held!

~ 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

~Meeting Highlights~

(Complete minutes are available at the town office.)

Select Board ~ 2/8/18

Present were members Cathy Reynolds, Frank Sears, and Matt Patry, as well as Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Michael Fallar, Heather McMahan, Kim Harbaugh, Sherry Johnson, Grant Reynolds, Jo Reynolds, Jeff Delurey (Delurey Sales & Service Inc.) and Gail Fallar.

Board discussed truck bid process. Frank raised concerns about the legality of the bid opening on January 25th, and the information gathered following. One of the bids was sent via email, and thus was not a sealed bid. Much discussion about the process, how to proceed, whether to start over and re-bid whether to re-bid the truck and equipment as one unit.

In the end, Matt moved to reject the emailed truck bid (for not following bid specs requiring a sealed bid), Frank 2nded, Matt and Frank voted yes, Cathy voted no. Motion passed.

Board then moved to choose from the original three bidders who complied with the specs, Frank 2nded, Matt and Frank voted yes, Cathy voted no. Motion passed.

Matt moved to purchase the 2019 HV513 International Truck as bid by Delurey Sales & Service, Inc., for \$122,375 (\$72,375 net with trade-in of \$50,000), Jeff Delurey advised he will work with Eric to add new features that are now needed.

Bob then opened bids for Equipment for the truck, dump body, plow, wing, etc.. HP Fairfield bid \$75,999; Tenco Industries Inc bid \$58,949 (didn't include auto chains or different tail gate); Viking Cives (USA) bid \$ 64,550. After brief discussion, Board voted to accept the Viking bid including the options for a total of \$67,400. In other highway business, Eric noted it just keeps snowing, salt is running low – company in Rutland is waiting for more to arrive by train. Board thanked Eric and Ronnie for their hard work this winter, it's been a stormy one.

Board discussed the Master Plan for the town garage/transfer station. Cathy proposed sending out a request for qualifications (RFQ) for a design build. This would hire a firm to work with the town to design and then build the needed facilities, and provide cost estimates in order to go to a bond vote later this summer. Board will explain process at town meeting – working on Option C – moving the transfer station nearer to Route 140, covering the current sand pile, and constructing a new town garage behind where the current dumpster resides. It was noted that in the past there were many volunteers willing to manage big projects (additions to the school and the community center for instance), but that volunteers are getting older and may not have the energy.

Board reviewed proposed job descriptions for the road commissioner and road crew – tweaked them a bit, requiring a CDL Class A driver's licensed for commissioner,

requiring a CDL for the road crew member with support from the town to obtain Class A status as well. Probationary period of three months and a residency requirement of should not shall. Board voted to accept both job descriptions as revised. Kim advised that Vermont Telephone had agreed to do a presentation at town meeting regarding replacing batteries in the fiber optic system when there is a power outage. He submitted three grant proposals to the Tinmouth Community Fund for various ways to address the concern.

FEMA update - requirements seem to keep changing, data is requested, it is provided and then comes another request. Frank signed a letter from the Board regarding road standards.

Solid Waste Ordinance – Cathy met with the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee, has a few more suggestions for fines for offenses, enforcement, education, etc. Board would like input from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns and the Rutland County Sheriff's Department (they will need to enforce).

Gail requested on behalf of the Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project, that the Board support the application for an Encroachment Permit to keep the SolarBees functioning and to support the application for an Aquatic Nuisance Control Grant for suction harvesting, in Tinmouth Pond. Board voted to support both applications. All voted in favor. Gail expressed appreciation for the support.

Board discussed set-up for town meeting, request will be posted on Front Porch Forum for volunteers to help.

Board reviewed a draft job description for Select Board Assistant – will continue work at next meeting.

Board signed stipulation for new CLA determination.

Board moved its March meeting to the 15th, will ask the Planning Commission to switch, due to a Board member having surgery on the 6th.

Planning Commission ~ 2/15/18

Present were members Vito Macaluso, Bob Lloyd, Grant Reynolds, Kim Harbaugh, and Michael Fallar, as well as Gail Fallar, Sec.

Zoning Amendments - Members reviewed Zoning Regulations Article VII – Planned Unit Development, and decided to propose amendment by deleting the entire Article – will retain the Header – simply say “Article VII – Repealed”. They also discussed what to do about folks with a dock at Tinmouth Pond wanting a deck to help provide access. Presently they have to apply for a setback waiver from the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The ZBA requested the PC work on a resolution. After contemplation, members decided to add Section 505 to the table of uses (Article V) – as a footnote. “A deck no larger than 300 square feet attached to a dock only needs to meet the side setback requirements”, also as a proposed amendment.

Members discussed at length what steps might be taken to encourage owners of older houses falling into disrepair,

to find a way to bring them back to livability. The feeling was the houses deserved respect and shouldn't the town do something? No resolutions were found.

Members discussed the search for new members, looking for younger members and women members, a number of folks were suggested, various members offered to contact them to see if they are interested.

Members will look to town meeting for recruitment of new members.

Next meeting is March 8, 2018 – PC and Select Board switched.

Conservation Commission ~ 1/15/18

With thanks to Chuck Bronk, Sec.

Present were members Doug Fontein, Ann Czar, Nelson Jaquay, Robbie Leeds, and Chuck Bronk, as well as Gail Fallar. **Old Business:**

Doug Fontein reviewed the Commission's previous decision to spend up to \$50 on an Amphibian crossing sign. Robbie Leeds reported that the previous estimate had been for lesser quality materials and that a single 18"x18" aluminum double sided sign is estimated to cost \$60. The group agreed that we should get one made and Robbie will ask that it be put into production, with reflective material included if possible. There was a discussion of when and where signs should be placed and it was agreed that the Commission would employ a phone tree to initiate placement. The new sign will require a metal post and Doug agreed to locate one.

Doug reported on quotations from the Northwoods Stewardship Center to cut 1 ½ to 2 miles of the Ridge Trail to the Cabin. The quote for a Pro crew came close to \$8k for a week's work. Funds to cover this could come from the Hildene Award that Darby Bradley donated to the Tinmouth Land Trust, but all agreed that while this might be an appropriate use of the funds, further discussion was required. Doug agreed to contact VYCC for another estimate.

Doug proposed a day work hike/snow shoe to the Purchase Loop Cabin to affix hardware cloth to the compost bin, and Robbie volunteered to go along.

A discussion of Green Up followed. Nelson agreed to involve the Tinmouth School on Saturday May 5th, not on Friday as has been the practice for the last few years. A note in the Friday News to kids and their parents would most likely accomplish this. Robbie suggested stickers for those involved to go along with prizes as in past, and agreed to explore getting such stickers. Doug suggested that he would ask Cathy to help with advertising the event.

The group voted to accept Barbara Held's resignation with regrets. Ann Czar noted that she was coming to the end of her term and does not want to continue. A discussion of possible new candidates ensued. Members will inquire.

New Business:

Nelson reported on hiking and marking some of the

Drachman trails with Peter Drachman over the Holidays. They flagged a loop trail and noted a side trail. Most of the clearing needs were brambles that might be cleared with a walk behind mower like Adam Guettel's. It was agreed that a work day be set at the next meeting to begin clearing the trails, if it meets with Ruth Drachman's approval.

Doug reported on a contact with Joanne Garton of the Rural Roadside Resiliency. The group deals with techniques for timing the clearing and maintenance of roadsides to maintain species diversity and deal with invasive plants.

Doug also reported on a number of Act 171 Webinars scheduled for the near future. The act provides directions for municipalities to maintain forest blocks and habitat connectors as part of their planning and development.

Next meeting Monday March 19, 2018 at 7:30 P.M.

Tinmouth Community Fund Exec. Board ~ 2/10/18

With thanks to Helen Mango, Secretary

Present were members Jan Krantz (President), Cathy Reynolds (Treasurer), Ray Pratt (Vice President), Patti Macaluso, Ramsey Yoder, Melody Squier, Asha Carroll McCullough, and Helen Mango (Secretary), as well as Gail Fallar.

The Board members introduced themselves to new member Asha, and Jan gave a brief history of the Tinmouth Community Fund.

Discussion of the upcoming annual meeting on March 3, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. There are three openings on the Board: Ramsey, Jan, and Arne Majorell. Ramsey has decided to retire from the Board. He has a nomination to bring to the floor at the meeting. The Board thanked Ramsey for all his contributions to the work of the TCF. Jan has agreed to continue on. Ray will present information on last year's grants. Helen will make certificates for 2018 grant recipients and will hand them out. Melody will announce K-12 camp grant recipients.

Cathy presented the Treasurer's report.

Board voted to allocate up to \$750 for K-12 camp scholarships. Board voted to allocate up to \$7,000 (plus the proceeds of the Plant Sale) for scholarships. Board voted to allocate up to \$8,000 for community grants. But then the Board collected \$105 in cash to supplement the money available for community grants. So Board then voted to allocate up to total \$8,105.

The Board reviewed grant applications for Community Fund grants. Discussion ensued. A full report on successful grants will be in the minutes of the annual meeting in March. Board voted to award \$8,085 for community grants.

Cathy recommended that Board members do whatever they can to get people to donate to the fund. Ramsey recommended that new members look into the Vermont Community Fund (which manages the TCF) to see how the organization operates. Discussion about inviting the Vice President for philanthropy of the VCF to our town meeting.

Recipe Corner:

Oatmeal Maple Syrup Drop Cookies

1/2 cup butter or margarine
1 cup maple syrup
1 egg, beaten
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup milk
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 1/2 cups flour
1 1/2 cups oatmeal
1/2 cup chopped nuts
1/2 cup seedless raisins

Beat butter/margarine, maple syrup until fluffy, add egg. Mix together flour, salt, baking powder, add to first mixture alternately with milk. Stir well. Add raisins and nuts. Drop by spoonful on greased cookie sheet. Bake at 375 degrees about 15 minutes.

Melissa's Mom's Incredible Raspberry Pie - is being re-printed this month as a few of the instructions were not quite clear last time, sorry!!

Melissa's Mom's Incredible Raspberry Pie

1) Crust: 1 pack of graham crackers, 1/4 cup sugar, 3/4 stick butter (6 Tbls) 1/2 pecans (optional) Mix in Cuisinart (if you have one, if not crush crackers and mix by hand) – press into 9" pie pan, bake 8 minutes at 350, remove from oven and

2) Lightly cover bottom with chocolate chips, return to oven for 2-3 minutes, remove, then spread melted chocolate across the bottom of the crust-not too thick or the pie will be hard to cut. Chill.

3) Filling: 1/2 pint of whipping cream whipped, 8 oz. of cream cheese (softened), 1/4 - 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar, gently blend together the whipped cream, cream cheese and sugar, then flop into the cooled crust.

4) Raspberry Topping: 2 bags of frozen raspberries or 2 pints fresh. Gently heat 1/4 - 1/2 cup of raspberry preserves in a pan on the stove, when liquid, fold the raspberries into the jam to coat. Place raspberries onto pie, top with chocolate chips, Chill. Yum.

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!

~ Unclaimed Property at the Vermont State Treasurer's Office ~

Just an annual reminder that a number of Tinmouth folks have unclaimed property being held at the State Treasurer's office. There is a process to get it back. Telephone, snail mail and Internet are ways to access and claim it. Visit www.Vermont.gov Treasurer's office for more information, or stop by the town office to find out if you are on the list. Nearly 40 Tinmouth folks are named, some are now deceased, some have moved, but some at still here –

values are less than \$10 to more than \$200. Could be a forgotten bank account, uncashed check, security deposit refund, etc. These items have to be turned over to the state treasurer by banks, insurance companies, and others.

~ Hospice Volunteer Training in March ~

Specially trained volunteers have tremendous impact on lives of patients, caregivers and families

RUTLAND, VT (February 2, 2018) – The Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of the Southwest Region is providing a training for those interested in becoming hospice volunteers. Trainings will be held in the Rutland office at 7 Albert Cree Drive beginning March 15th and will meet twice a week for four weeks.

Pre-registration is requested for the training. Once training is complete, assignments and schedules are tailored to the volunteer's geographic and time commitment preferences. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old and need to pass a background check. No previous hospice and health care experience is required.

Hospice volunteers provide comfort and support to patients facing terminal illness, as well as respite and support to their families. Volunteer training covers the basic principles of hospice, understanding the special needs of patients and their families, effective communication, patient care, pain and symptom management, spiritual caregiving, and understanding grief and loss. Hospice volunteers are trained in listening skills, family dynamics and in using appropriate words to comfort patients and their loved ones at the end of life.

After completing the class, volunteers can provide respite for caregivers, offer companionship for the patient, run errands and help families and patients in many meaningful ways. Community members are encouraged to join the supportive and rewarding Hospice volunteer program where they can contribute their unique interests, skills, and talents.

“Whether someone is interested in providing direct or indirect support, hospice volunteers are an integral part of the hospice team,” said John Campbell, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator. “Hospice volunteering allows exceptional caring individuals to use their gifts and skills to help provide patients, caregivers, and families with the most peaceful and comfortable end-of-life experience possible...and there are benefits to our volunteers. Not only do our volunteers tell us they have a deeper understanding of death and dying, but they also gain an enriched sense of other cultures and beliefs and have an enhanced sense of fulfillment to the community.”

For more information or to enroll call John Campbell at 802.770.1683 or email at john.campbell@vnaahr.org

Middletown Springs Maple Festival Offers Sweet Fun

Maple lore & demonstrations, sweet treats from local kitchens, a raffle and a silent auction featuring local artists and crafts-persons, merchants, and professionals highlight the 30th Annual Maple Festival of the **Middletown Springs Historical Society on Sunday, March 19 from 1-4 pm.**

The event will feature a demonstration of early maple sugar-making in a cast iron kettle over an open fire. Local sugar-maker Ryan Mahar and historians David Wright and Jon Mathewson will give a presentation on maple sugaring history and current practice using examples from the Historical Society collection.

Delicious maple desserts created by Historical Society members, Vermont maple products and new 2018 syrup will be available for sale. Old-fashioned sugar on snow and maple cotton candy are always favorites.

Acoustic music and kids' activities enliven the free afternoon event. Videos about Vermont maple sugaring will be shown continuously.

Silent auction offers include a stay at a vacation condo; Killington ski & golf passes; a professional ski tune-up; 100 gallons of heating oil; genealogical and natural science research; lessons in billiards/pool, spinning and photography; a basket of wine; a homemade quilt as well as other fine craft items; homemade pies; dining gift certificates and other donations from area businesses.

A raffle drawing with many prizes including \$100.00 and \$50.00 in cash, maple syrup and maple products, craft items, and gift certificates from local businesses will go on during the festival.

Museum exhibits on Middletown Springs history are on view during the festival. Admission is free and the building is handicap accessible.

For more information about the Maple Festival call David Wright at 235-2376.

~ Rutland County Sherriff's Department News ~

Proposal for combined patrol by the Rutland County Sheriff's Department for the towns of Ira, Middletown Springs, Tinnmouth and Danby. The Rutland County Sheriff's Dept. is proposing that the above towns each contribute 10 hours per week to this combined patrol. Currently each town pays for X amount of hours each week and when those hours are complete for that week the town gets no further patrol until the following week. The combined patrol will give each town access to a Deputy any time during the 40 hour a week patrol so the issue of town X using up its hours is no longer an issue.

An example of this would be if town X had a contract for 10 hours a week and those hours were used up on the first two days of the week for an investigation this would leave the town with no coverage until the following week. The combined patrol would alleviate this situation by allowing the Deputy to respond to town X at any time while on patrol in any of the 4 towns during the 40 hour patrol week regardless if town X had used there hours for the week.

The one deputy assigned to this patrol would adjust the hours the following week to keep a balance of the hours each individual town receives keeping the hours in check to avoid a deficit or an overage of hours. Regardless of the hours used in any of the towns each week a Deputy would respond to a call for service any time during the 40 hour patrol week.

Currently these are the hours each of the four towns contract for.

Danby 10 hours each week.

Ira 5 hours each week.

Tinnmouth 6 hours each week.

Middletown Springs 5 hours each week.

If anyone has questions please contact me at either of the numbers below.

Thank you

David J. Fox

Captain, Chief Deputy

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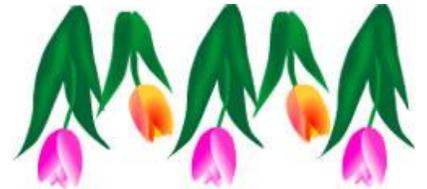
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