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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



33rd Annual Tinmouth Plant and Bake Sale ~ May 12th

By Ann Czar

Mark your calendar! The 33rd annual Tinmouth Plant Sale will take place **on Saturday, May 12th from 8:00-10:00am**. Viewing will be **from 7:30-7:55am. No sales before 8:00am**. Come early for the best selection. There is a big rush when we say "go" right at 8. Please plan on coming to buy locally grown and dug perennials and shrubs from Tinmouth gardens. Local master gardeners will be on hand to answer your gardening questions.

This sale supports the Tinmouth Scholarship Fund for continuing education of Tinmouth students. There will also be a bake sale and other fun ways to support the elementary school. So plan on coming to this event and kick off the growing season!

Location - 9 Mountain View Rd. Tinmouth, VT 05773
For more information call Cathy Reynolds at 446-2928 or email eworks@vermontel.net or go to tinmouthvt.org

~ 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.

Meetings and agendas are announced here as well.

Please Recycle or Pass Along Tales!!

TINMOUTH GREEN UP – 2018

By Doug Fontein



Green Up Day is Saturday, May 5. The Tinmouth Green Up Committee is teaming up with the Conservation Commission to create a fun and delicious

Green Up. In hopes of bringing the community out on Green Up Day, we're doing some fun activities at the Transfer Station at the conclusion of the event.

Green Up volunteers will meet at the Transfer Station between 8:30 and 9:00 AM on the Saturday morning to get bags and a section of road to clean up. We'll reunite at the Transfer Station at 11:00 AM for the GALA AWARDS CEREMONY (with prizes) and FREE ICE CREAM.

This is a family and kid-friendly event so please come with your young ones so they can share the fun (and maybe learn a little about civic responsibility and protecting our environment).

There won't be a Green Up activity at the school this year in an effort to get full involvement on Saturday morning. So this is your chance to be part of the team! People are also welcome to do DIY Green Up by getting bags from the Town Office (there are bags there now) and cleaning a section of roadside as your schedule allows. But we strongly urge you to come with your family on Saturday morning to help build community momentum for this important activity.

Please dress appropriately for the weather, including boots, work gloves, long pants and long sleeved shirts (to help avoid ticks). For more info. on avoiding ticks, go to the Vermont Dept. of Health website and search ticks or use this link: <http://www.healthvermont.gov/disease-control/tickborne-diseases/prevent-tick-bites-tickborne-diseases>

Any items too large (or too yucky) for your vehicle we can pick up with a truck if you tell us where it is.

New for this year, we are offering people the option of "adopting" a section of roadway in town and keeping it litter-free year round as you walk or drive on it. In addition to keeping your neighborhood beautiful, this will allow us to focus on other roads on Green Up Day to make sure we cover all the roads in town.

We hope to see you at **Green Up on Saturday, May 5.** Feel free to contact members of the Green Up committee with any questions:

Doug Fontein 446-2928

Nelson Jaquay 446-2367

Ed Hasenohr 446-2676

May 2018 Calendar of Events

MRRUD Vison Meeting	Tuesday	2 nd	6:30	Mill River UHS Library
Fire Dept.	Thursday	3 rd	7:00	Fire House
Green Up	Saturday	5 th	9:00 AM	Meet at the Transfer Station
Special Library AM Hours	Saturday	5 th	9-Noon	Library
Select Board	Thursday	10 th	7:00	Town Office
Plant AND Bake Sale	Saturday	12 th	8:00 AM	Next to the Town Office
Bike Event	Saturday	12 th	10-12:30	Wallingford Elem. School
Concert**	Saturday	12 th	7:30 p.m.	Old Fire House
Scholarship Applications Due	Tuesday	15 th		Don't Forget!
Planning Commission	Thursday	17 th	7:00	Town Office
Contra Dance	Friday	18 th	8:00	Community Center
Tales of Tinmouth Deadline	Sunday	20 th		Don't Miss It!
Conservation Commission	Monday	21 st	7:30	Town Office
Concert	Friday	25 th	7:30 p.m.	Old Fire House
Pizza Oven Fires Up	Saturday	26 th	5:00	Old Creamery Porch
Town Office & Library	Monday	28 th	CLOSED	FOR MEMORIAL DAY
School Spring Concert	Wednesday	30 th	6:00	Community Center

June 2018 Calendar of Events

Library OPEN	Saturday	2 nd	9-12 AM	Library
Fire Dept.	Thursday	7 th	7:00	Fire House
Concert	Friday	8 th	7:30 p.m.	Old Fire House
Select Board	Thursday	14 th	7:00	Town Office
School Picnic	Friday	15 th	11:00-3:00	Elfin Lake
Tales of Tinmouth Deadline	Wednesday	20 th		Don't Miss It!
Planning Commission	Thursday	21 st	7:00	Town Office
Concert	Friday	27 th	7:30 p.m.	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. All abilities are welcome!

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!

**** This Concert is on Saturday Night!**

~ *Tinmouth Blooms* ~
By Tracy Byford

We received a small grant from the Tinmouth Community Fund to buy 8 medium-sized disease-resistant, pink-flowering crabapple trees to be planted by Tinmouth residents willing to care for them. Hopefully they will be planted where everyone can see them as they pass by! Crabapples are a source of food for wildlife, especially birds, flower cheerfully in the spring and have showy berries in the fall.

We'll draw names out of a hat and if you are one of the lucky winners you'll receive a tree and planting advice. Winners are expected to plant their trees (hole should be about 2' wide by 2 and a half foot deep in loose soil) upon arrival; trees will be delivered over the Mother's Day Weekend.

Please send an email to tracyleab@gmail.com if you wish to be entered into the drawing for a tree or stop by the Town Office to sign up for a chance to win.



~ **Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department** ~

By Sherry Johnson

At the April Monthly meeting in recognition of the hard work, time spent training

and the additional responsibility these firefighters have taken on, **Cameron Lepley, Josh Allen, Ryan Deppert and Kevin Eaton** were all promoted to Lieutenants. They now join Marshall Squier, Kevin Ruane, David Birdsall, Hollis Squier, Ronnie Crossman and Ray Pratt as officers in the department. Congratulations!

The Wildfire truck is now ready for use, although we hope we will not need it.

Open burning requires a permit from the **Town Forest Fire Warden** unless there is snow surrounding the open burning site. You may only burn natural wood, clean wood pallets, leaves and brush. *Please see insert for details!*

Burn permits are available from Tinmouth's Fire Warden Glenn Merrill 446-2782 or the Assistant Warden Wheaton Squier (446-2082 or 779-1963).

Now the weather is mostly warmer, it might be a good idea to clean your chimney to get ready for fall. Also, make sure your smoke alarms and CO₂ alarms have good batteries in them, and check the condition of your fire extinguishers.

Tickets for the Gun Raffle are now available at the Town Office. \$5 each. The drawing for the Gun Raffle will be during the Annual Game Supper on November 17, 2018.

Noble Ace Hardware has offered to sell fire extinguishers carbon monoxide alarms, smoke detectors, smoke and carbon monoxide alarms at a discount and provide a donation to the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department. They are on display at the town office, orders will be taken until **June 15th**.

Please stop by the Town Office to place your order.

~ **Helpful Items for Loan** ~

Someone getting a new hip or knee? Or just needs some help getting around? The Town Office has walkers, crutches, a potty seat, a potty chair (commode), and a wheel chair to loan.

Please call 446-2498 to make arrangements.

~ **Marion's Musings for May** ~

By Marion Hamby

I went hunting for Spring, I will let you know if I find it!

~ **Library News** ~

By Ruth Drachman

New books have arrived just in time for spring! We have the newest Elizabeth George, the newest Jacqueline Winspear, and the newest Jojo Moyes!! A complete list follows.

New books for adults:

The Punishment She Deserves: A Lynley Novel by Elizabeth George, Detective Barbara Havers and Detective Thomas Lynley must confront the past in this newest novel.

To Die but Once : A Maisie Dobbs Novel by Jacqueline Winspear, "Maisie faces danger and intrigue on the home front in World War II".

Still Me by Jojo Moyes, featuring the heroine of Me Before You, Louisa Clark

The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah set in Alaska in 1974, a family crisis.

Points North: Short Stories by Howard Frank Mosher, completed just weeks before his death in January of 2017, this book was released recently. It is a "full-hearted, gently-comic, beautifully-written last gift to the readers who treasure Howard Frank Mosher."

New Books for Young Adults:

Pax by Sara Pennypacker, about the relationship between a boy and his fox, aimed at the pre-teen audience.

Out of the Wild Night by Blue Balliett, about ghosts on the island of Nantucket.

New books may be checked out for two weeks!
Happy Reading!

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., as well as the morning of the first Saturday of the month.

~ **Bake Oven Firing on Memorial Day Weekend** ~

by Jan Krantz

We are planning to fire up the Community Bake Oven on **Saturday May 26th**, for pizza making. We will start the oven in the afternoon, and **plan to make pizzas beginning at 5 pm**. Bring your own makings, and join us for delicious pizza, straight out of the wood fired bake oven! For more information, please call 446-2919, or e-mail at krantzkj@vermontel.net.

~ **Town Office & Library Closed for Memorial Day** ~

The Town Office and Library will be closed on **Monday, May 28th** in honor of Memorial Day.

~ **Tinmouth School News** ~

By *Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker, Principal*



To the Tinmouth Community,

We are back from spring break and moving into the home stretch. Feet are muddy and spirits are high as the temperature outside reaches beyond the 60-degree mark on our thermometer and the days lengthen. You can be sure has arrived when whiffle ball is back in vogue on the Tinmouth playground.

Speaking of playgrounds, the Wee Folk Playground is on the top of the agenda. It should be close to completion by the close of school thanks to the many community members who have volunteered to help level and build. The Tinmouth high school students, along with the 4th, 5th, and 6th graders, are anticipating a delivery of bark chips and will soon begin their battle with the ominous and ever present weeds that insist on growing in the designated play area. Additionally, an 8 foot (diameter) circular sandbox is the first feature the students will construct. What a great way to learn about diameter and radius!

The students will be asking for donations at the spring plant sale for their hand-painted planters (from recycled cans). Please stop by the school table for baked goods and spring planters.

Our school-wide picnic is at Elfin Lake on June 15th. We're looking for a lifeguard from 11:00 to 3:00. If you know of anyone who can lifeguard on the 15th, please call the school at 446-2458.

The Tinmouth Spring Concert will be on May 30th at 6:00 PM. Come join us for an evening of music and celebration!

Best wishes,
Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker
Principal - Tinmouth School

~ **Community News** ~

*Congratulations to **Stephen Torres and Paige Kenny** who were married on March 3rd. May you have many years of happiness.*

*Welcome to **Jameson Walter Babin** born on March 27th to **Darren James Babin and Terri Ann Bitler**; and to **Colton Gunner Cook** born on April 11th to **Jeremy Cook and Courtney Carmen** joining big sister **Casey** and big brother **Bryce**. Congratulations and best wishes to all!*

*Get well wishes are sent to **Marion Hambly, Rod Start, Tom and Carolyn Feury, Mike Allen, Carl Laskey, Clifford and Kay Reed, and George Herrick.***

*Heartfelt sympathies are sent to **Lana Deppert and family** for the loss of her mother, and to family and friends of **Charlotte Adams.***



Recipe Corner

Coconut Custard Pie

By *Shirley Bucceri*

1/2 cup butter - softened
1 cup white sugar
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
2 eggs
1 cup milk
1 cup flaked coconut
1 teaspoon vanilla
Unbaked 9" pie shell
1 tablespoon flaked coconut

Directions: Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a large bowl beat together butter, sugar and eggs with an electric mixer on low speed. Blend in flour. Mix in 1/2 cup of milk at a time. Add 1 cup coconut and vanilla and mix well.

Pour into unbaked pie shell. Sprinkle top with the additional coconut before baking. Bake for 40-50 minutes.

Kim's Tioga County Sugar Cookies

By *Tracylea Byford*

1 cup powdered sugar
1 cup granulated sugar
1 cup butter
1 cup shortening
1 tsp vanilla
4.5 cups of flour
1 tsp salt
1 tsp baking soda
1 tsp cream of soda

Cream sugars and fats, add vanilla
Sift dry ingredients and combine with creamed mixture
Shape into balls and flatten
(easiest if refrigerated for an hour first)

375 for about 10 minutes. Check at 8 minutes.
Done when edges are brown.

~ **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.

~ **Tinmouth Plant Sale May 12** ~
Volunteers needed to Dig and Pot - May 5th and 6th

By Cathy Reynolds

Hello Gardeners and Volunteers:

The famous Tinmouth Plant Sale will happen on its traditional day – the Saturday before Mother’s Day, which is May 12 this year – from 8-10 a.m. We will be selling locally grown and dug perennials to benefit the Tinmouth Scholarship Fund. This event is the primary fundraiser for Tinmouth Scholarships. In 2017 we awarded \$10,500 to nine scholars. Help us continue and grow! The Plant Sale is a key fundraiser for Scholarships, and you can help us be able to support our scholars again this year.

We welcome diggers (those who can dig and donate special perennials that are weed-free). We need to manage varieties and quantities, so please call or email me before you dig!

We are looking for volunteers to pot and mark plants on Saturday and Sunday, May 5 and 6. Typically our diggers drop off plants on Friday and Saturday morning and we pot on Saturday and Sunday. We strive to have all our plants potted and marked the week before the sale. We need potters at 143 Channel Road on Saturday, May 5, from noon to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon until we are done. No experience necessary! We work in any weather, so come prepared to be outside (that could mean hats and gloves or sunblock and lemonade). A quick email or call to let me know you can help would be appreciated so I know how many folks to expect.

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

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

~ **Nature Notes** ~

Early April daffodils were bulging ready to bloom, but 20 degrees and 60 mph winds with snow squalls had them wishing they were still in the ground!

The winds hit 72 mph in Wells – 74 is hurricane strength – Rutland had 54 mph and Tinmouth was in the middle! Geese were sighted flying North – then went back South when the cold spell arrived.

Cold, more cold, dark, cloudy, cold rain (April showers bring May flowers) but enough already. And then it began – a sunny day on April 21st – still with cold wind, but the sun was warm. 68 degrees by the 24th. Has Spring sprung?

Robins galore, Red Winged Blackbirds, grackles, birds singing in the early morning. April 4, Hollis Squier reported night crawlers and fish worms on the loose. Frogs croaking on April 22 – Earth day. Peepers were singing love songs on April 24.

Tinmouth Community Church



Dear Friends,

I was fortunate enough to see several neighbors and friends perform Thornton Wilder’s play “*Our Town*” last night. I have seen it before, as had many of the folks who gathered, but even so, there is a message at the heart of this classic play that insists on being contemplated anew no matter how familiar it might be. The message has to do with how we tend to get so caught up in living our lives that we don’t realize just how amazing the gift of life is, how special the people are with whom we share our lives.

Emily, one of the characters, in reflecting on life says, “Let’s really look at one another! ... It goes so fast. We don’t have time to look at one another. I didn’t realize. ... Wait! ... Does anyone ever realize life while they live it ... every, every minute?” to which the Stage Manager replies, “No.” (A weighty pause), “Saints and poets maybe...they do some.”

“*We don’t have time to look at one another.*” I can imagine that this message sank pretty deeply into the hearts and minds of the actors who took on the roles of Thornton Wilder’s characters from Grover’s Corners, NH. And I would be willing to bet that a good portion of folks in the audience left the show with these words ringing in their ears too, maybe bargaining with themselves to pay closer attention to the everyday wonderful moments in their lives. I know that I did. I told myself that I would be sure to notice the simple beauty of life. I would appreciate the people whom I love, and give them more of my thoughtful attention. I would look for the gems unexpectedly embedded in so many moments, and watch them glinting through whatever dark clouds also filtered into the days and nights.

It is all too easy to get lulled into the routine of everyday life. We all have plenty to do, plenty of responsibilities to which we need to attend. The challenges we face can wrestle our attention away from the simpler joys of life. But maybe we could take a leaf from Wilder’s play, and make a real effort to look for the quiet pleasures of our lives each day? Maybe we can offer a word of gratitude for the richness of the human experience and go to sleep with a smile on our faces?

Here’s to looking at one another,

Shirley Oskamp

Tinmouth Community Fund Scholarships

The kids summer camp season is nearly upon us, and some folks in town are making plans for post-high-school education, so it's time for the Tinmouth Community Fund to remind people that scholarships are available and applications are due May 15 at 11:59 pm.

Visit the Community Fund page of the Town website <http://www.tinmouthvt.org/community-fund/> and learn more about camp scholarships (click on the "K-12 Scholarship Information" link) and higher education scholarships (click on the "Post High School Scholarship Information" link). Last year the Tinmouth Community Fund awarded almost \$700 in camp scholarships and \$10,500 in post-high-school education scholarships to residents of Tinmouth.

Don't forget post high school scholarship applications are due by May 15 at 11:59 pm. Trade schools and other education beyond high school that is not college can be funded with a Community Fund Scholarship.

Cathy Reynolds 446-2928 or eworks@vermontel.net

~ 20th Annual Wallingford Bike Safety Day ~

On **Saturday, May 12th, from 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM**, The Wallingford Community Bike Safety Day, will host its **20th Annual** event, at the Wallingford Elementary School. This fun, interactive and collaboratively sponsored event always has something for all ages; from free helmet fitting to an obstacle course, and from bike safety inspections to 911 rescue vehicle / law enforcement interactions, Etc. In addition, (as a tradition), there are always terrific prize give-a-ways, face painting, refreshments and much more; because of the generous support of sponsors & volunteers.

As a piece of history, the "Bike Safety Day" was started in the late 90's, by Wallingford's Brad Kelley. Over the years he enlisted the aid of Rotary, many local businesses, and volunteers to fund, facilitate and diversify this project. To date, major sponsors are the Wallingford Rotary & the GE Volunteers, rallied by Rodney Ward. The event is modeled from a program initiated by the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute and New England Medical Center, Boston, MA.

For more information, to make a donation, or to get involved as a volunteer, contact Rotarian Co-Chair, Adrian Eisler (802.446.7011) and / or GE Co-Chair Rodney Ward at (802.446.3672).

~ Go Wallingford!



Save the Dates – the Tinmouth Old Firehouse Spring Concert Series 2018

The Old Firehouse Crew is delighted to announce its Spring Series. We have some amazing musicians performing on our small stage this Spring. We hope to see you at all of them!

Concerts are on Friday nights at 7:30 PM in Tinmouth village (Except Jenni Johnson is on Saturday May 12). Doors open at 7 PM. The Old Firehouse is on Mountain View Road just a couple of hundred feet south of the intersection with Vermont 140. Suggested donation of \$10 to \$15; 90% to the musicians; 10% to the Town. Local groups provide refreshments. Your donations support their activities.



Jenni Johnson Returns to the Firehouse on Saturday, May 12

Jenni has come back to the Firehouse many times, always thrilling a full house. Her full, smooth voice offers an ideal format for her collection of American jazz classics, as well as, blues, swing and funk music. You will be mesmerized by her unique style and versatile renditions. She'll have you smiling from your souls, while your feet dance happily to the beat. (*This concert is on Saturday, not our usual Friday.*)



House Blend Sings at the Firehouse on Friday, May 25

House Blend is a delightful group of musicians who get together to sing for the fun of it. Larger than most of our performing groups, they somehow fit our house perfectly. Many are music teachers; all have well trained voices. Their repertoire is as wide as the membership – instead of one director, they take turns leading songs they have chosen. They perform songs from all over, and from many periods. “Singing group” is their only musical classification, for the musical genre varies from one song to the next.



Cindy Kallet and Grey Larsen Bring the Finest American Folk Music to the Firehouse on June 8.

Cindy Kallet and Grey Larsen, each well-known and loved for their decades of music making, have spent nearly a decade in a joyful musical collaboration. Cindy is a superb singer, guitarist, songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist. Grey is one of America’s finest players of the Irish flute and tin whistle, as well as an accomplished singer and concertina, fiddle, piano and harmonium player. As composers each contributes to the unique tapestry of contemporary folk and world music as it flourishes in the US today. Together, they weave songs and tunes of vibrant color and rich texture, rewarding the listener with a level of nuance and craftsmanship often compared to that of fine chamber music.



**Tinmouth Contra Dance
Friday, May 18th**

Dance to the splendid tunes of the *Dam Beavers* with *Ron Blechner* calling on **Friday May 18 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. 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 on Rte. 140. 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.

See you in Tinmouth! We take the summer off, so the next dance is Friday September 21.

*~ More Nature Notes ~
By Sherry Johnson*

The ice was mostly off Tinmouth Pond by April 6th, with just a few places with stubborn ice along the shore of the southern part of the pond.

When a substantial section of water opened, several different types of ducks along with Canada Geese landed. The American Mergansers, Buffleheads and Ring-necked ducks were some of the duck varieties that visited. At times there were over 40 ducks on the pond.

~Meeting Highlights~

(Complete minutes are available at the town office.)

Select Board ~ 4/12/18

Present were members Frank Sears, Michael Fallar, and Cathy Reynolds, as well as Chuck Bronk, Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Kim Harbaugh, Sherry Johnson, Paul Morris – First Constable, Grant Reynolds, Jo Reynolds, and Gail Fallar – Select Board Assistant

Highway – Cathy moved and Frank seconded to approve Eric’s request for \$790 road watch monitor system. Michael questioned the amount of salt to be saved, Eric advised that the temperature of the roads vary greatly in different parts of town, being able to adjust the amount of salt to be applied would save a lot, only needed on one truck – the one that maintains the paved roads – that’s where most of the salt is used. Frank and Cathy voted yes, Michael voted no, motion passed. It will be installed on the new truck.

Cathy introduced Chuck Bronk (a former project manager for the University of Pennsylvania) who has been helping pull together all the information regarding the moving of the transfer station, building a salt/sand shed and new town garage. Cathy, Chuck, Eric and Gail have been meeting to discuss the project. She provided a handout of the steps to be taken, engineering, permitting, etc. She presented a revised design for the transfer station which would include a shed roof over the front and between the compactors to house electronic recycling. A civil engineer needs to be involved as well as an electrician. The salt/sand shed would be one big structure, covered with fabric with a waste block foundation – the town of Mendon has recently built one, and the committee has spoken with the town of Guilford which built one several years ago. The town garage will need to have voters approve a bond as there is not enough money in the Capital Building Fund to cover everything. Cathy noted that a process needed to be figured out for how to keep the process moving forward, should the committee decide or the Select Board? Board set a special meeting for April 26th to consider bids.

Frank advised that he wants to present information to the town about what the money will be spent on. Cathy agreed that everything needs to be transparent, but that some money would have to be spent in order to have enough information for voters to vote on a bond. Much discussion on how to proceed, Michael asked if it’s not broke why fix it? Cathy noted there are several issues with the old town garage – no water or septic for instance; the state wants the transfer station to be locked and right now it occupies a lot of space being spread out; the transfer station and highway department should be more separate for safety concerns with the public; more storage is needed for winter salt, and eventually the state will require the sand pile to be covered. Is a town meeting

needed right now, or a meeting for the public – how does the Board get people to attend? Post cards will be sent in addition to other posting requirements.

Eric advised he (as road commissioner) can do the site work for the transfer station and the salt/sand shed.

Board discussed applying for a safety grant for back-up cameras for the trucks and equipment. Cathy moved to apply, Frank 2nded, Cathy and Frank voted yes, Michael voted no, motion passed.

Board discussed applying for culvert replacements on McCoy Road from the Vermont Agency of Transportation. Board voted to apply for replacing both culverts #1 and #2.

Board discussed the request from the Old Creamery Committee for help with excavation for the foundation work on the south wall. Michael recused himself – moved to the other side of the table - as he was chosen by the OCC to perform the work. Board has asked Eric to meet with the contractor and provide feedback to them. Eric advised that the road crew had enough to do, among other concerns, but would do it if the Board authorized it. After discussion of the town’s responsibility as it is a town building, Cathy moved and Frank 2nded to authorize the labor and equipment necessary for the project on the south side of the old creamery building. Cathy and Frank voted yes. Michael recused himself. Grant advised that the Old Creamery Committee would be responsible for any gravel or back fill needed. Board authorized removal of a maple tree if necessary, asked that drainage pipe be installed if possible.

Cathy reported on an Advisory Committee meeting with Joanne Garton from the Vermont Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation’s Urban and Community Forestry Program. Eric-road commissioner, David Birdsall-tree warden, Doug Fontein-Chair of the Conservation Commission, Cathy-Select Board member and Gail- town clerk. Tinmouth was chosen as one of ten towns in the state to participate in a program called “Resilient Rights-of-Ways” which will inventory vegetation in the town’s right of way and help the town develop a tree policy, guidelines for removing invasive species, encouraging native habitat, storm-water management, best practices, etc. The Board decided to create a committee to work on a Tree Policy for the Board to consider. Sherry Johnson volunteered, Frank volunteered, and the Board appointed David Birdsall and Eric Buffum. They will ask for other volunteers as well. Eric noted there are at least eight trees that are dangerous and need to be removed. Tree Warden has to approve. There is a maple tree on Route 140 close to Ballou’s swamp that comes to mind.

Paul, newly elected first constable, advised that he would like to become certified and asked the Board to pay it. Frank advised that the Board would not pay, the Town has hired the Rutland County Sherriff’s Department for law enforcement as the town voted several years ago to

restrict constable law enforcement duties. A draft memorandum of understanding regarding constable duties was discussed, it needs more work. Board advised that the town is not insured for constables to carry firearms while performing constable duties and they are not authorized to do so. Paul acknowledged the town's position.

Board reviewed list of delinquent tax payers that Cat Yoder proposed to move to tax sale as they are not paying or attempting to pay. Board voted to proceed tax sale with the following property owners: Douglas Baker, Courtney Carmen and Jeremy Cook, Russell Dunham et al, Tracy Gioffi-Baker, Lisa Velde, Thomas Velde, Jr., and Fairfield Whiting.

Gail advised that FEMA has come up more questions regarding the repair work done on McCloy Road. They have been answered before, process is very frustrating.

Michael, as Planning Commission Chair, advised that the PC is asking the Select Board to appoint Rainbow Squier and Larry Carabeau to vacant positions and to re-appoint Andy Gilmore and Kevin Ruane with a one year probation as they have not met attendance requirements. Board voted to accept the recommendations from the Planning Commission, with the understanding that they will attend PC meetings.

Board reviewed job description for transfer station manager position, decided to post to Front Porch Forum.

Board reviewed LEOP (Local Emergency Operations Plan) prepared by Michael Fannin, Emergency Management Coordinator. Board voted to approve provisionally as there are questions for Michael Fannin who was unable to attend the meeting and as Frank needs to attend special training prior to signing for the Board.

Board received a letter of condolence from Michael Snyder, Commissioner of Forest, Parks and Recreation regarding the loss of 56 year Fire Warden Glenn W. Merrill. His service was very much appreciated.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm.

Planning Commission ~ 4/19/18

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

Michael welcomed new member Larry Carabeau and Rainbow Squier (who was absent due to play practice)

Gail reported a request from NeighborWorks/October Hill's attorney to clarify what conditions were still attached from the prior permits granted to the project. After discussion and review of the permits from 2007, 2010 and 2012, where it was noted on them that if the conditions were not met, the permit became null and void, the PC voted that prior permits are null and void and do not apply, only the permit and conditions on Permit 2017-1 granted in August of 2017 are in effect.

Draft zoning amendments were reviewed, repealing Article VII – Planned Unit Development and adding Section 505 regarding setback for decks attached to docks at Tinmouth Pond. Member set a public hearing for May 21st, which will be followed by a Select Board hearing before a vote is held. Bob volunteered to scour zoning and subdivision regulations for other mentions of PUD's as they will need to be removed as well.

Bob noted that at the recent Rutland Regional Planning Commission meeting there was a presentation about a new model for flood hazard bylaws, Tinmouth may or may not have to act on them. He will research further.

Bob expressed concern with the Emerald Ash Borer – this pest has been found near Barre, Vermont, should the town cut all ash trees before the infestation arrives here? Quick answer is no, that is not being advised by the state at this time. Larry noted that there are other reasons for ash decline, including disease and another pest; 2/3 of the ash trees in his sugar woods are dead. Kim advised that the Select Board had just appointed a Tree Policy Committee to work on a tree policy for vegetation in the town's road right of way. Michael noted that cutting a shade tree requires a public hearing.

Grant advised that he no longer objects to applying for a Town Center Designation. He initially felt that it was a way for the state to pressure towns to locate future development close to the center of towns. There are a number of state grants that give extra points to those communities who have the special designation.

Kim reported Real Rutland has a website that lists many small businesses, should Tinmouth folks be encouraged to add their names? Farm stands, excavating businesses, etc., need to ask them first. Could also be posted to Front Porch Forum.

Conservation Commission ~ 4/16/18 ~Special Meeting

Present were members Chuck Bronk, Jo Reynolds, Rainbow Squier, Nelson Jaquay, Doug Fontien, and Robbie Leeds.

Members made plans for Green-Up, will provide prizes for a number of categories (most useful find, most disgusting find, oldest green-upper, youngest green-upper, etc.). CC is working to increase participation in this annual event to spruce up Tinmouth roads. They are also hoping to encourage folks to adopt a road to keep it cleaned up year round.

Tree Policy Committee ~ 4/17/18

Present were members Frank Sears, Eric Buffum, David Birdsall, and Sherry Johnson, as well as Shelly Farnam and Gail Fallar, Scribe.

Frank advised that the Select Board appointed the committee to work on a policy regarding trees and vegetation in the town's right of way for roads. There have been inquiries lately about who can cut a tree, can

the town/road crew or a private landowner for instance. Turns out both need the approval of the Tree Warden, and if it is a shade tree it may need a public hearing.

There was discussion regarding whether the Board was looking for a policy or ordinance – a policy is a general statement - an ordinance is more enforceable. In the end, members present felt a policy was the best place to start for Tinmouth.

Members discussed reviewing policies from other towns and using what fits for Tinmouth. There are a number of issues to be resolved including dead trees Eric, as road commissioner, wants taken down. He and David (Tree Warden) will meet to compile a list for the Select Board to review. He also has other trees that he feels are dangerous – like the huge pine tree on Route 140 near the Crampton Cemetery. Another issue is aesthetics - the appearance of brush cutting/clearing.

Committee will meet again on May 9th, hope to be done in just a few meetings.

Safety and Wellness Committee ~ 4/18/18

Present were members Amy Martone, Ronnie Crossman, Frank Sears, and Gail Fallar, as well as Wade Masur from VLCT PACIF (Town Insurance Company).

Committee reported no near misses.

Members discussed the proposed Master Plan for the town garage and transfer station — current plan is for the salt/sand shed to be a fabric covered building. Frank provided update of his conversation with Mendon's road guy about their new one – they should have made it larger. Gail advised that the Select Board is gathering data and will hold a public meeting to present the information. A question of the cost of insurance arose (stick built versus canvas), Wade noted he is in risk management, he will have to pass the question along to an underwriter. Members discussed whether the new town garage would need sprinklers given its projected size.

Members discussed safety grants from VLCT PACIF – back-up cameras for highway equipment are the town's priority, not sure if the fire department is going to apply. Wade noted the grant could cover half the cost of the cameras being added to the new truck as well. Wade suggested including a 'kill' switch on the new truck, that could also be covered by the grant – need to research to see if it was included in the specs.

Wade asked is to remind other local communities to make sure they submitted their reimbursement requests from last year before applying for this round of grants. He noted Tinmouth was on the list, Gail responded that she had sent it in a week ago – he has an old list.

Members discussed constable duties, risks for the town.

Members wondered how to encourage folks to erect bat houses – they eat tons of mosquitos and to get guinea hens to eat ticks. Post information on Front Porch Forum and on the town's website maybe?



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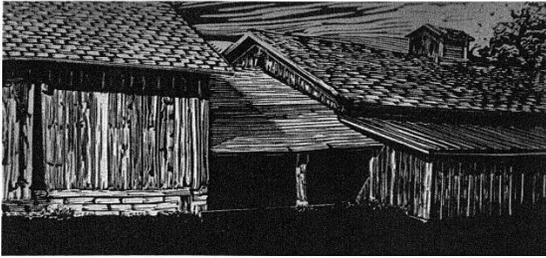
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~ iNaturalist ~

The Select Board has entered into a study with the VT Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation called the Resilient Right of Ways Project.

At no cost to the town, an F,P&R employee, Joanne Garton is doing a survey of trees, invasive species and other features along the roads in town. We can help her out by noting where invasive species such as poison parsnip, buckthorn, honeysuckle, multiflora rose are encroaching on our roadsides. There's a smartphone app that makes this easy to do. Here's how:

1. Download the iNaturalist app on your smartphone or register online using your computer. You'll create a username and password.
2. To get started, visit <https://www.inaturalist.org/pages/getting+started> for easy-to-follow tips. Or tap the "Observe" button on your phone and take a picture –app will walk you through a few simple steps to identify your observation. The app can also help you guess at identification.
3. While you can use iNaturalist to map anything in the natural world, the Resilient Right-of-Ways initiative is collecting information regarding the frequency and location of invasive species along roadways. Familiarize yourself with some common invasive species at vtinvasives.org. Or ask your friends and neighbors for help identifying common buckthorn, glossy buckthorn, honeysuckle, phragmites, Japanese barberry, Japanese knotweed and poison parsnip (to name a few).
4. In iNaturalist, register for the Mapping for Healthy Forests: Vermont project and make sure that you enter invasive species observations into that project.

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**Mill River Unified Union School District
Board Meeting - Vision Discussion and Vote**

What is this about?

On **May 2nd at 6:30 pm at MRUHS**, the members of the board will be discussing a proposed future vision concept and asking questions of administration about the proposals. The Board intends to take a warned vote at that meeting regarding whether to proceed with the vision concept as designed.

Please note

Part of the district's vision concept discussion has involved whether or not to have 6th grade students join the 7th and 8th grade students in attending middle school at Mill River Union High School rather than in their local elementary schools. However, that topic will not be decided on during the board discussion next week. The question of 6th grade location will be discussed and decided separately at a later date.

Please consider attending

If the topic of future vision for the MRUUSD interests you please consider attending the MRUUSD Board Meeting to observe the Board's discussions on Wednesday, May 2nd, at 6:30 pm. The meeting is scheduled to take place in the MRUHS Library, but may move locations if space becomes an issue.

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