

TALES OF TINMOUTH

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Editors' Notes:

Please pause to give Thanks . . .

For family, friends, community, state and country.

And to pray for those not as fortunate

The deadline for submissions is the 20th of the month, for publication on the 1st of the following month. Please email your information to (tinmouthtales@gmail.com).

Pat Psholka, Helen Mango, & Gail Fallar

Informational Meeting for Zoning Amendments
Monday, November 5, 2018 6:30 PM
Community Center
General Election ~ Tuesday, November 6, 2018
8:00 AM until 7:00 PM
Community Center

Voters will cast ballots for U.S. Senate, U.S. Representative, Governor, Lt. Governor, other statewide officers, as well as County Senators and State Representatives for the Rutland 2 and Rutland-Bennington Districts, local Justices of the Peace, and Proposed Zoning and Subdivision Amendments.

~ Justice of the Peace Candidates ~

There are six candidates for the five Justice of the Peace positions. **Michael Fallar-Independent, Nelson Jaquay-Democratic, Cathy Reynolds-Democratic, Jeanne Schmelzenbach-Republican, Marshall Squier-Independent, and Stan Wilbur-Republican.**

~ Proposed Zoning and Subdivision Amendments ~

The Tinmouth Planning Commission prepared amendments to zoning and subdivision regulations to address recent changes to the updated Tinmouth Town Plan – which the Select Board approved in September 2017. These changes remove planned unit development language from the town plan and these amendments remove them from zoning and subdivision regulations.

They also address an issue regarding deck setbacks in the lake shore district. The Zoning Board of Adjustment requested that the zoning administrator be allowed to permit a deck adjacent to a dock in the water. A state shoreline permit would still have to be approved.

The Planning Commission requests your support for these amendments when you vote on November 6th.

Informational Meeting on Monday, November 5th at 6:30 at the Community Center.

~ Absentee Ballots ~

Early/Absentee ballots are ready. You may come to the town office to vote early or request a ballot to take home and return.

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

Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department Game Supper Saturday November 17, 2018 - 4:00 P.M.

By Melody Squier

The 50thAnnual Tinmouth Game Supper is a true Vermont Community event and the major fundraiser for this small Town's Volunteer Fire Department.

Gourmet "all you can eat" menu includes: Venison and Moose Sauerbraten, Game Cornbread Chili, Secret Marinated Roasts of Venison, Moose, and Bear, Smoked Venison and Bear, Wild Italian Meatballs. Also: Chicken and Biscuits, mashed potatoes and squash, salads, rolls, baked beans, and over 100 homemade pies!

4:00 P.M. Early birds welcome. No waiting outside. Over 500 served. Take-outs available.

Adults: \$15.00 Children 6-12: \$10:00
Children under 6: Free.

Fire Department Raffle Tickets are available at the Town Office or from any fire fighter!!

~ Game Supper ~ Saturday, November 17th ~ Help Needed!!!

The Fire Department needs your help with preparation, (meat cutters – Thursday night (15th); potato and squash peelers, onion choppers – Friday night(16th) at the fire house); as well as help with set-up, serving, clean-up – Saturday; and baking pies, making salads, etc.

If you are willing to help, please call the fire chief **Mo Squier at 235-2718 or David Birdsall at 235-2908.**

Your generosity and help in regards to the firefighters calling to request pies, salads, cider, etc, is very much appreciated. ***If you don't get a call, let us know.***

This will be the 50th annual Game Supper!!

November 2018 Calendar of Events

Fire Dept.	Thursday	1 st	7:00	Fire House
Special Library AM Hours	Saturday	3 rd	9-Noon	Library
Time Change	Sunday	4 th	Set your clocks back an hour!	
Informational Meeting	Monday	5 th	6:30	Community Center
General Election	Tuesday	6 th	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM	Community Center
Select Board	Thursday	8 th	6:30	Town Office
Concert	Friday	9 th	7:30	Old Fire House
Veteran’s Day	Sunday	11 th	Please thank a veteran for serving our country!	
Writing Group	Sunday	11 th	1:30	Library
Select Board – Special	Thursday	15 th	7:00	Town Office
Game Supper	Saturday	17 th	4:00	Community Center
Book Discussion	Sunday	18 th	1:30	Library
Thanksgiving Service	Sunday	18 th	4:30	Church
Conservation Commission	Monday	19 th	7:30	Town Office
<i>Tales of Tinmouth</i> Deadline	Tuesday	20 th	Don’t Miss It!	
Thanksgiving	Thursday	22 nd	Give Thanks!!	
Town Office & Library	Thursday	22 nd	CLOSED for Thanksgiving	
Contra Dance	Friday	23 rd	8:00	Community Center
Planning Commission	Thursday	29 th	7:00	Town Office

December 2018 Calendar of Events

Library OPEN	Saturday	1 st	9 - Noon	Library
Fire Dept.	Thursday	6 th	7:00	Fire House
Select Board	Thursday	13 th	7:00	Town Office
Holiday Food Drive	Saturday	15 th	9:00-11:00	Church Basement
Planning Commission	No Meeting in December			
Contra Dance	Friday	21 st	8:00	Community Center
<i>Tales of Tinmouth</i> Deadline	Thursday	20 th	Don’t Miss It!	
Caroling	Sunday	23 rd	6:00	Meet at the Church
Christmas Eve Service	Monday	24 th	4:30 (4:15)	Church
Town Office & Library	Monday	24 th	CLOSED for Christmas Eve	

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

Knit, Craft or Chat ~ Mondays 3:00 – 5:00 pm ~ Library

Fun “non-competitive” Volleyball on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm. All abilities are welcome!

Bone Builders ~ Tuesday 10:00-11:00 am & Friday 9:00 – 10:00 am ~ Library

All are welcome!

Please note the Planning Commission changed its meeting to the 5th Thursday, Nov. 29th!



On November 4th, daylight savings time ends, please remember to set your clocks back 1 hour. This is the perfect time to make sure your smoke and CO detectors are working by testing them.

You should also change the batteries in these safety detectors.

2nd half property taxes are due on Thursday, November 15th. Town Office will be open 8-12 and 1-5 that day.

**Community Service of Thanksgiving
Sunday, November 18, 2018, 4:30 p.m.
Tinmouth Community Church**

By Lydia Cannon

"The seasons swirl around us . . ." begins the poem written by Robert T. Whittingham, founder of the annual Community Service of Thanksgiving, where we gather to give thanks for our bounty. Bob passed away in December, 2002. He is remembered each year at this special service when his poem is read by his daughter.

You and your family are invited. The service begins at 4:30 p.m. on November 18 in the Tinmouth Community Church, followed by a delicious supper and gathering of friends.

". . . And so in winter's days we look and praise ourselves, for skillfully gathering in, this bounty of the land . . ."

Because Tinmouth cares about their friends and neighbors in need, a good will offering of non-perishable food (or money) for Thanksgiving baskets and Tinmouth's food shelf will be appreciated.

~ Thanksgiving Baskets ~

The **Roy & Anne Wilbur Fund** is under the umbrella of the Tinmouth Community Church and helps folks with heat, lights, groceries, etc. It also helps provide **Thanksgiving** and **Christmas Baskets** to folks in town. Donations of non-perishable food and other items (soap, laundry detergent, shampoo, etc.) can be left at the town office. Your generosity and help is greatly appreciated.

If you, or someone you know, needs a basket, please call Gail at 446-2498. If you have a bounty of potatoes or squash from your garden, they are most welcome as well.

~ Holiday Greetings ~

It's time for the **Eighteenth Annual Community Holiday Card**. For the past 17 years folks have made a donation to the *Roy & Anne Wilbur Fund* and sent their friends and family **Holiday Greetings** (*Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanza, Happy Festivus, Happy New Year – you choose*) in *Tales*. Think of how much you can save and how much your neighbors in need can be helped by your donation!

Please send your wishes and/or names and a donation of any size in care of *ye olde Editor* by **November 20th**.

~ Budget Work ~

The Select Board and the MRUUSD School Board are working on budgets for the coming year. If you would like to have input, please attend one of their meetings in November or December. Or call a Board member – names and phone numbers available in the Tinmouth Operator's Manual annual update.



~ Library News ~
By Ruth Drachman

Happy Thanksreading to all!

Our book discussion group will do an author study of Katherine Paterson. Each participant is reading one or more books by this author. Many of Mrs. Paterson's books are available in the Tinmouth library. Our next meeting is on **Sunday, November 18th at 1:30 P.M.** All are welcome!

Writing group will meet at the Library on **Sunday, November 11th at 1:30 P.M.** All are welcome!

New books for adults:

A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles, has been called enjoyable, elegant, and marvelous. "In an era as crude as ours, this finely composed novel stretches out with old-world elegance".

Unsheltered by Barbara Kingsolver, "a timely novel that interweaves past and present to explore the human capacity for resiliency and compassion in times of great upheaval."

The Clockmaker's Daughter by Kate Morton, set in England from the 1860's until the present day, her sixth novel includes a mysterious murder and a love affair. Her earlier novels may be found at our library in Tinmouth!

Clock Dance by Ann Tyler, a novel of self-discovery and second chances.

New books for Young adults:

All's Faire in Middle School by Victoria Jamieson, a graphic novel about the Renaissance faire, starting middle school, and your embarrassing family.

Louisiana's Way Home by Kate DiCamillo, a story of discovering who you are and deciding who you want to be.

Squirm by Carl Hiassen, a novel involving snakes, grizzlies, and a missing Dad.

Happy Reading!

Knit and Chat is held in the library on **Mondays from 3 until 5 PM**. Come and do whatever handcrafts you prefer, and be prepared to chat as well.

The library is **open** on Monday and Thursday, from 10:00 A.M. until Noon, and from 1:30 P.M. until 5:00 P.M., as well as the morning of the first Saturday of the month – **November 3rd ~ 9:30 to noon**.

**The Town Office and Library will be closed on
Thursday, November 22nd
in observance of Thanksgiving.**



~ **Tinmouth Mountain School** ~
By *Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker, Principal*

To the Tinmouth Community,

Fall has finally arrived! The pumpkins have ripened, asters have bloomed, and All Hallows Eve has come and gone. On Halloween, the children dressed in costumes and paraded through Tinmouth gathering treats along the way. Saturday evening's *Trunk or Treat* celebration was successful thanks to the Parents Club who generously donated their time and expertise.

During October, the Wee Folks, Kindergarteners, and first graders visited Hathaway Farms where they picked pumpkins, and cared for pigs, rabbits, cows, and guinea pigs.

Fourth, fifth, and sixth graders went on a scavenger hunt at Fort Ticonderoga, which was quite successful in spite of wet and rainy weather at the start of the field trip.

Currently, we're looking forward to celebrating November - the month of Thanksgiving. We have so much to be grateful for including friends and family, our health, and the privilege of living and working in our cherished, Taconic mountain community. On Tuesday, November 20th, we are continuing our tradition of gratitude by sharing a turkey dinner or rather lunch with the Tinmouth community. Invitations will go out to school-families and volunteers but all are welcome. Please call (446-2458) if you'll be joining us for lunch on the Tuesday, November 20th so that we can be sure to have enough food on hand.

On November 12th, school is closed in honor of Veteran's Day. The children are very aware of family members who served in WWII, Korean Wars, Vietnam, the Gulf Wars, Iraq War, and Afghanistan. They are eager to hear tales of these foreign cultures, and are very proud of family members who are veterans.

The Thanksgiving break is from Wednesday, November 21st through to Sunday, November 25th. Children are due back in school on Monday, November 26th. The 26th is also an early release day, There will be staff at the school from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm for children who cannot be picked up at noon. The afterschool program begins at 3:00 pm through to 5:15 pm for children registered with the program.

Last but not least, we would like to congratulate **Lisa Edge!** Ms. Edge was honored at UVM in Burlington this month as the district's *Elementary Teacher of the Year*. We are very proud of her. This recognition is well

deserved! Ms. Edge has touched the lives of so many children with her humor, compassion, and belief that all students can learn. Those she teaches, as well as all who work with Ms. Edge appreciate her positive, *can-do* attitude. Please congratulate Ms. Edge when you see her around town or at school!

Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker
Principal, Tinmouth Mountain School



Wee Folk Playground

Thank You!

I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to all the folks who have generously donated their time and talents to work on the Wee Folk Playground. The playground is near completion. A few fixtures need varnish, and a balance beam and mud kitchen are in the works. The children are delighted with this space, and it is used regularly throughout the day.

I truly appreciate the boundless support that the Tinmouth Community offers. I have never been so blessed as to work in a community such as Tinmouth. After building benches for the playground, Wheaton Squier commented,

"That is a pretty cute space back there. Thank you for taking such good care of the kids in town! I never went to the school but I do love that we still have one here, and that there are such caring people here working so hard for the community."

Well said, Wheaton! Thank you!

Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker
Principal, Tinmouth Mountain School

Please Recycle or Pass Along Tales!!

~ **Marion's Musings for November** ~

By Marion Hambly

I can't seem to think of any farm stories this morning so here is one about another subject altogether.

I have always liked music of all kinds since I was a child. I took piano lessons for a number of years, but as I grew older, I naturally did not favor the classical music I was playing. I wanted to play popular music; you know something with some movement and meaning to me. Love songs, dance tunes etc. When I brought the subject up to my teacher, she very quickly said the NO word. She told me I was doing fairly well with the classical.

I mulled it over on my way home and by the time I arrived, I had a story for my mother. I told her I didn't need lessons any more, I could educate myself. I said it in a nice way, you know. She agreed with me, but said I still had to practice every day. I didn't mind that as I have always liked to sit down and play for hours, but I wanted to play *my kind* of music.

I attended MSJ (Mount St. Joseph High School) for a while and the nun who was the head of the Music Department took me under her wing and taught me to play the saxophone. I really liked that, of course it was still classical for the most part, but I also played in the band. We used to go to games and play our heart out. That was fun.

Sunday was for classical practice and I've forgotten the day for the band. One Sunday we were all assembled and waiting for our teacher and getting pretty bored. One boy had a beautiful big sax and he started a tune and soon all of us were jiving, so to speak. All of a sudden the music stopped! Our teacher was standing with her hands on her hips, just glaring on us.

Well, she made us practice an hour more. It was fun while it lasted. As for the band, I believe there was a man too, but she was the boss. We even got to wear uniforms.

I grew up (some people will question that), got married and came to Tinmouth with a load of kids. One day I was talking to Grammy (Winona) Herrick, our church organist, and when she found out I played the piano, well I had a job. She gave me her music for weddings also. Over the years I have played for a lot of them. Everybody called her Grammy.

There was also an old-time fiddling band around. Some of you might remember it. Maynard's Old Time Fiddlers. Well, I soon was playing with them. It was a fun time. Maynard had passed before I got there, but his wife would let us come to her house one night a week to practice. We played for weddings, parties, and put on shows for listening. You would be surprised at the people who made up the band. We had a lawyer, a chef, a real estate person and just ordinary people like me. We would catch up on the week's gossip and then play. We played at church suppers and they would feed us.

One time we were playing over at the hall in Ira at Christmas time. Now there are a lot of songs which have similar tunes. I can't remember what the song was. Well, the piano supplies the beat for the music and I was just going along with it. All of a sudden our lead fiddler started playing a song very similar to the one we were on, so of course I followed him. Nobody else noticed it. When we were finished some of the players said what happened here? We all got a big laugh out of it and the audience didn't know the difference.

But most of our players were very good and we enjoyed ourselves. We played acoustic for the most part. Only used the mike very little. Great times.

See you again.

~ **Susan McIntosh Lloyd Remembered** ~

There was an amazing celebration of Sue Lloyd's life on September 22nd. Her brothers and sons played wonderful music and there were many happy remembrances from loved ones whose life she touched.

Sue once used this illustration for a Sunday Church Service: It bears repeating . . .

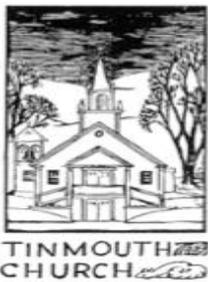
A philosophy professor stood before his class and had some items in front of him. When class began, wordlessly, he picked up a large empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with rocks, rocks about 2" in diameter. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

So, the professor picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles of course, rolled into the open areas between the rocks. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They laughed and agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. "Now," said the professor, "I want you to recognize that this is your life. The rocks are the important things; your family, your partner, your health, your children - anything that is so important to you that if it were lost, you would be nearly destroyed. The pebbles are the other things that matter, like your job, your house, your car. The sand is everything else. The small stuff."

"If you put the sand into the jar first, there is no room for the pebbles or the rocks. The same goes for your life. If you spend all your energy and time on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your partner out dancing. Make love often. There will always be time to go to work, clean the house, attend a meeting, and fix the disposal. Take care of the rocks first - the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

~ **Tinmouth Community Church** ~
by Shirley Oskamp, Pastor



Dear Friends,

As I was walking in the woods today I reflected on a recent series of essays my class handed in. The subject is pursuing global understanding, and as a part of it we are asking students to consider the spirituality that undergirds their lives, the values that guide them in their decision-making. What fascinates me is the incredible variety of perspectives represented by this small sampling of 19 college students.

Some say that love, compassion and kindness are essential to them. These are the principles they base everything they say and do on. Other students express their belief that people are basically self-centered, looking out only for themselves, that their needs be fulfilled. In this viewpoint, people are seen as incapable of being kind to another person if there is nothing in it for them.

The disparity between these positions is pretty amazing, and rather disheartening. It is difficult to find common ground when the starting points are so far apart. In some ways, it feels as if the students in our class actually speak different languages. It can be difficult to translate one person's ideas and viewpoint in such a way that others can fully grasp what they are trying to convey. I don't think this challenge is limited to our classroom. It seems to me that there are many places where the language barrier feels insurmountable... and this is despite the fact that we are all speaking English.

The first week of November, Gary and I along with a few others, are going to the Parliament of World Religions in Toronto. This event is expected to draw over 10,000 people of different faith traditions from all over the world. I am inspired by what they are hoping to accomplish by this gathering and the dialogue among very different people that it will inspire.

In their words: *"We live in a world of difference. Yet, we are interdependent. Nowhere is learning to live with difference more important than religion. Too often, religion is misused as an instrument for division and injustice, betraying the very ideals and teachings that lie at the heart of each of the world's great traditions. At the same time, religious and spiritual traditions shape the lives of billions in wise and wonderful ways. They gather people in communities of shared beliefs and practices. When these diverse communities work in harmony for the common good, there is hope that the world can be transformed."*

(<https://www.parliamentofreligions.org/parliament/2018-toronto/2018-toronto>)

Despite language barriers and very different understandings of faith, it will be good to be a part of a group working toward a common and positive purpose. My hope is that, as we examine our own unique perspectives, we will find also the values that draw us together. This is true of the Parliament, but also true of our community here in Vermont. May we find blessings in our diversity and in those things we all hold dear.

Blessings,
Shirley

p.s. Tinmouth Community Church is holding a discussion of the book, *The Anatomy of Peace*. If you are interested, please contact me: soskamp@gmail.com



Recipe Corner

Apple Cider donuts

- 1 cup apple cider
 - 1 cup sugar
 - ¼ cup solid vegetable shortening
 - 2 large eggs
 - ½ cup buttermilk
 - 3 ½ cups all purpose flour
 - 2 teaspoons baking powder
 - 1 teaspoons baking soda
 - ½ teaspoon cinnamon
 - ½ teaspoon iodized salt
 - ¼ teaspoon nutmeg
 - Enough vegetable or canola oil to fill 3 inches of a deep frying pan
- Boil apple cider in small saucepan until it is reduced to ¼ cup, 8 to 10 minutes; cool.
- Beat sugar with shortening until smooth. Add eggs and mix well, then add buttermilk and reduced cider.
- Stir together flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, salt and nutmeg in another bowl.
- Add to liquid ingredients; mix just enough to combine. Transfer dough to lightly floured board and pat to ½ inch thickness.
- Cut with 2 ½ to 3 inch doughnut cutter; reserve doughnut holes and reroll.
- Add enough oil to fill a deep pan 3"; heat to 375F degrees.
- Fry doughnuts turning once or twice until browned and cooked through, about 4 minutes.
- Remove with slotted spoon to paper towels.
- Toss in cinnamon sugar if desired!

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!

**ON VETERANS DAY
REMEMBER THIS**

...It is the veteran, not the preacher,
who has given us freedom of religion.
It is the veteran, not the reporter,
who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the veteran not the poet,
who has given us freedom of speech.
It is the veteran, not the campus organizer
who has given us freedom to assemble.

It is the veteran, not the lawyer,
who has given us the right to a fair trial.
It is the veteran, not the politician,
who has given us the right to vote.

It is the veteran, who salutes the Flag,
who serves under the Flag,
whose coffin is draped by the Flag.

Author Unknown

ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

~ Tinmouth Cemetery Association Notice ~

Cemetery gates are now closed for the winter. Anyone going in is asked to close the gates when leaving. If gates are constantly left open, they will lock the gates and only allow foot access.

They also remind people to refrain from using the cemetery for snow-mobiling, sliding, skiing, snowboarding, etc. This is for liability reasons and out of respect for those who reside there.

Thank-you for your cooperation.

~ 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. No charge.

Please call 446-2498 to make arrangements.

~ 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 Make Sure You Are Visible ~

Please wear a fluorescent yellow or orange vest when you are out walking, jogging, or enjoying the fall colors. It is **VERY important** that drivers can see you as they approach. With daylight hours disappearing, more caution is needed. And don't forget your dogs if they are out and about with you!

Thank you for your cooperation!

~ Wallingford Rescue Annual Food Drive ~

Wallingford Rescue will be holding their Annual Food Drive on **Saturday, November 3rd at the Family Dollar parking lot from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Donations from this Food Drive will be distributed both at the Wallingford and Tinmouth Food Shelves.

All non-perishable food is appreciated. Please no glass containers. Some items that are always good are canned soups, peanut butter, cereal, both hot and cold, canned fruits and vegetables, soap, shampoo, tooth paste, along with cat and dog food, baby food, wet wipes, just to give you some ideas.

Thank you in advance for caring for our communities. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project Receives State Grant

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation Watershed Management Division Lakes & Ponds Program has awarded a grant to the Town of Tinmouth and the Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project (TPMP) for 2018. The grant money was used to pay for two divers to suction harvest Eurasian watermilfoil and for the biannual plant survey required by the state. The harvesting occurred during the summer months of 2018.

The main purpose of the TPMP is to control the spread of the Eurasian watermilfoil (this is an "aquatic invasive" plant that has invaded the pond first discovered nearly 20 years ago) and to encourage the growth of native plants. Eurasian watermilfoil is a non-native aquatic plant that has shown itself as highly invasive in Vermont water bodies and in other regions of North America. Once it gains a foothold, you cannot eradicate it, only try to control it. TPMP has been doing a good job in that regards, thanks to divers Cat and Shane Yoder.

TPMP raises funds through grants, dues from lake owners, donations and fund raisers. These funds are used to hire divers to harvest the watermilfoil, and to teach people about Eurasian watermilfoil - and the way that it is transported in to and from Tinmouth Pond and other bodies of waters. TPMP publishes a newsletter several times a year called *The Pond Frog* to help educate folks on how to identify and how to prevent the spread of invasive plants and invasive species.

~ Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department News ~

By Sherry Johnson



Assistant Fire Chief Hollis Squier backs the new fire truck into the Fire House

The Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department has acquired a "new" to them tanker, which will also serve as a pumper. The truck came with hoses, pumping capability, and an inflatable tank which can be left on the scene while more water is obtained. The truck is a 1985 Volvo White with a Detroit diesel and an automatic transmission. The truck has the capacity to hold 3,500 gallons of water. The department was able to fill the tanker from Ernie's Pond in 7 minutes!

The new tanker/pumper seems to have been well cared for by its previous owners.

The tanker's inaugural response was for mutual aid. It provided water at the fire at the Vermont Country Store Warehouse in Clarendon. It trucked water for 7 hours and according to Kevin Eaton, "did a great job."

TVFD is interested in selling their old 3000 gallon tanker truck, has a gas engine. Please call Chief Marshall Squier at 235-2718 for more details or to make an offer!

A few reminders from the TVFD



Clean Your Chimney ~ Before it gets too cold, now is the time to clean your chimney. Remember a chimney fire can become a house fire in no time. If you have a chimney fire and think you have it extinguished, please call the Fire Department so they can confirm it is out.

(Brush) Fire Permit ~ If there is no snow on the ground, a fire permit is required to burn grass or brush within 200 feet of any woodland. For information about a fire permit or to report a FOREST FIRE, call Fire Warden Glenn D. Merrill, 446-2782 or Deputy Fire Warden Wheaton Squier, 446-2082. In case of a forest fire, if you are unable to reach these numbers, call 911.

~ Community News ~

Kudos and thanks to the **gardeners** who took care of the town and school flower beds this summer, they looked great! A special thank you to **Kim Gaylord** for her landscaping talent with the Church and town flower beds. And kudos to **F.A.S Trucking & Landscaping**, the folks who mow the town, school, and church lawns and the ball field! The center of town has looked great all year.

Art and Craft Show & Sale Thank you

By Sherry Johnson

Thank you to everyone who came to our First Tinmouth Art & Craft Show and Sale on October 6th.

We would like to thank the artists who set up and exhibited their work; **Laurie Bepler, Ingrid Lepley, Cow Patti Macaluso, Pat Psholka, Louise Perron, and Patty Rose.**

There were many delicious baked good donated to the bake sale and we were able to raise over \$140 for the Tinmouth Food Pantry! The people who baked for the sale were **Shirley Bucceri, Gail Fallar, Betti Jaquay, and Martha Stanley.**

A special thank you to **Kim Harbaugh** who brought the tables over to the Old Fire House for us. The magic of Tinmouth showed itself when 5 visitors from Quechee, Plymouth and New York City helped us take the tables down and set the Old Fire House chairs back up.

It was so much fun, that we are planning on doing this again next year. Mark your calendars.

Get Well Wishes are sent to **Betty Fallar, Carolyn Feury, Peter Gilmore, Cathy Ricketts, Claudia Thomas, and Kay Reed.**

~ *Congratulations and Best Wishes to Newlyweds* ~

Nicole Pfeiffer and Robert Leeds, who were married on August 4th; to **James Ryan Edmunds and Kanwara Santoostaroam**, who were also married August 4th. And to **Heather Thompson and Duke Martin II**, who were married October 13th.

May you all have many years of happiness!

The *Tales of Tinmouth* is on the Tinmouth website (tinmouthvt.org). Look under "About".

If you would like to read it online! Or someone in the house recycles it before you get a chance to read it!

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~ Nature Notes ~

Pink clouds in the morning frosted with white puffs underneath, an orange moon, a huge ring around the sun in late afternoon with sun dogs in three places, wooly bear caterpillars forecasting a looong winter, snow on the 25th, November weather (cold, rainy, dreary) come early, fog on the mountain top one day and in the belly of the valley the next! October was a busy weather month

Deer eating beet greens, cows eating carrot tops, neither touching the Swiss chard!

Picking raspberries on October 15th! Gardens being put to bed. Digging potatoes on Halloween!

Leaves happy to have a bit of yellow, lest they just turn brown! At least the rain added to the brightness of what colors there were. Driving through tunnels of golden leaves with a carpet of them on the road, once again a joy.

A flock of 30 or more turkeys passing and flying by Art and Pat's window on Route 140.

A report of someone seeing 60 deer between North End Road and the southern end of East Road!

Meeting Highlights~

(Complete minutes are available at the town office.)

Select Board ~ 10/1/18 ~ Special Meeting

Present were members Michael Fallar and Frank Sears (via telephone), as well as Gail Fallar, Sel. Bd. Assistant.

Frank called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Telephone contact with Cathy was tried, but cell phones were not cooperating.

Board voted to approve and sign the Warning for the Special Town Meeting/Vote on Proposed Zoning and Subdivision Regulation Amendments for November 5th and 6th. Meeting adjourned at 5:04 pm.

Select Board ~ 10/11/18 ~ Regular Meeting

Present were members Michael Fallar, Frank Sears, and Cathy Reynolds, as well as Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Kim Harbaugh, Sherry Johnson, Jo Reynolds, Grant Reynolds, Chuck Bronk, Kevin Smith (Marble Valley Engineering), Kerby and Barbara Johnson (friends of the Reynolds), Rutland County Deputy Sherriff Justin Cram, and Gail Fallar – Select Board Asst.

Frank thanked everyone for all the get well wishes – his aorta was fixed and he is getting better.

Highway – Eric reported that he is on the mend following elbow surgery due to an injury not work related. Can work if he is careful not to use that arm – three to six month recovery.

McCoy Road culvert projects – Eric advised culvert prices were about the same; Gail advised she is working on new specs with Josh Carvajal (ANR/DEC) and that Stan Wilbur had volunteered to help with bid documents. Eric noted that Josh has changed the size for the second culvert - that needs clarification; that the project should be bid together – but perhaps could stretch over two fiscal years (June/July).

Chloride – Eric had attended a salt/sand work earlier in the day, recommended Board members try to attend one in the future. He noted there is need for salt/chloride use summer and winter and he would like the Board to consider a proposal for liquid application. After brief discussion, he will bring a proposal to the Board's November meeting. Also discussed was a practice regarding when to plow, when to sand, when to salt, etc. More details in November.

Procurement Policy – Cathy noted the draft being considered may not be the right model. After discussion, Board voted to table at this meeting and schedule a time to tackle it by itself. Board decided to meet at 6:30 on November 8th, prior to next regular monthly meeting. Eric will provide an alternate model for Board to consider before the meeting.

East Road Speed Study – Grant Reynolds emailed a request to reduce the speed limit on the southern end of

the East Road. Gail reported that Rutland County Sheriff Department's Captain David Fox advised that they do have information from the speed cart when it was on the East Road in 2017, and will forward that to the town. Board will review Vermont Local Roads' "How to Set Speed Limits" before its November meeting.

Grant, Jo, Kerby and Barbara departed at this point. Deputy Cram arrived.

Structural Engineer's Report - Current Town Garage – Kevin summarized his assessment of the condition of the current town garage. It is 39 years old with an expected life cycle of 40-60 years. It is in good condition and okay to use, but is not an appropriate platform for additions. After much discussion including code requirements, use of current garage for cold storage, refurbishing it to extend its life, snow load, change in building standards in the last 30 years, a new facility with concrete floor and heat throughout, how to proceed, and needing a separate meeting to hash it out, Board took a break to conduct other business.

Winter Salt – Apalachee's cost is \$75 per ton; Cargill proposed \$79.53 and American Rock Salt came in at \$88.50. After brief discussion, Board voted to accept state contract vendor (Apalachee), and authorized Eric to get salt from whomever if need be. (Apalachee is new.)

Personnel Policy – Cathy noted it requires an annual employee review – she emailed four from the Internet for Board to review for November meeting, wanting reviews done before budget time.

Rutland County Sheriff Department (RCSD) – Justin introduced himself, he replaced Cpl. Ed Hunter who no longer works for the RCSD. He will work a variety of hours, early morning, early evening, weekends, etc. Board discussed ordinance enforcement, trouble spots in town, speeding on the East Road, obtaining use of the speed cart, four town agreement, etc. Select Board Chair is the liaison with the RCSD.

Constable Time Sheet – After brief review and discussion, Board voted to only pay constables for non-law enforcement time. Voters restricted constable powers several years ago to non-law enforcement duties only.

Old Business - Trash on Mountain View Road may be taken care of by an anonymous donor. Pig situation – need to follow-up with RCSD regarding Cpl. Hunter's actions.

New Business – Board signed a letter to VTel regarding removal of the old pedestals and again requesting bore profiles. Board signed a letter to Tom and Kristina Burke regarding tree removal in the town's right of way on Gulf Road for a ditching project. Board signed a letter to Attorney Deppman regarding the vicious dog hearing process. Board instructed the Select Board Assistant to send a letter regarding beware of dog sign condition in the dog hearing order.

Town Garage – More discussion regarding the town garage. Should there still be two options presented to voters? Use previous quotes from Wright Engineering? Frank advised that he wanted everyone to be on board, but the discussion would have to wait, it was getting late. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Select Board ~ 10/25/18 ~ Special Meeting

Present were members present: Frank Sears, Michael Fallar, and Cathy Reynolds, as well as Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Ronnie Crossman-Road Crew, Kim Harbaugh, Sherry Johnson, Grant Reynolds, Chuck Bronk, and Gail Fallar – Select Board Asst.

Frank advised that the sole purpose of the meeting was to discuss replacement of the town garage.

Frank moved and Cathy 2nded to not use the current building as the basis for expansion. After an hour and a half of discussion that included: the structural engineer's recommendations, responsibilities for road crew working conditions, responsibilities to protect the town's equipment, space for repair, bathroom facilities, the need for a salt/sand shed, estimated cost per square foot of \$155 for stick built and \$120 for a metal building, size of building needed 40' x 60' now vs 60' x 120' proposed, ceiling height, working conditions trying to fix hydraulics in 20 degree weather or putting on chains at 3 AM, adding another bay in 10 years or so, heating the entire space, working as a team, what is absolutely needed, code requirements, etc., *all voted in favor.*

Board agreed to try to get proposal on track for voters to consider a bond vote at the March town meeting.

Board voted to seek proposals for an architect to move the town garage process forward.

Board set special meeting on November 15th to meet with an architect to continue discussion on town garage.

Planning Commission ~ 10/18/18

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

Village Center Designation – Gail advised that Ed Bove, Rutland Regional Planning Commission, (RRPC) Executive Director, sent his apologies as he was unable to attend due to meetings previously scheduled at RRPC. He suggested the PC contact Richard Amore from the state to begin the process. After brief discussion, members voted to contact the state for more details.

Michael read an email from Barbara Noyes-Pulling, RRPC, regarding enhanced energy planning. The RRPC has received funding to help four more towns, three have expressed an interest already. There was much discussion, pro and con – Bob noted that the Town Plan has a map showing the few areas available after the PC

had applied various constraints (such as conserved land, the Protection District, etc.). The former Vermont Marble power line while currently now only serving one customer (line runs from hydro plant in Proctor to the quarry in Danby) might be utilized for a commercial project. Some members felt more information about the process was needed before committing to it. Bob moved and Vito 2nded to contact RRPC to get on the list (after receiving more details). Six members voted yes, Grant and Kim voted no. Motion passed. Barbara will be invited to the next meeting to discuss particulars.

Gail advised that Scott Lepley expressed concern with the proposed zoning amendment to allow 300 foot square decks to be attached to a dock. They are too big and too close to the lake.

The next meeting was set for November 29th to discuss Village Center Designation and Enhanced Energy planning.

Old Creamery Committee ~ 10/15/18

Present were members Vito Macaluso, Stan Wilbur, Michael Fallar, and Grant Reynolds, as well Gail Fallar.

Treasurer reported a current balance of \$3,414.67.

Michael provided a report of work on the south foundation – he modified the scope of work a bit to include encasing the cement columns in pressure treated 2-bys. This will allow for easier stacking of stones against the post or will enable putting claps on some of it. There still needs to be a bit of backfill on the east corner – he is waiting for the road commissioner to find time for that. He also suggested adding a window to let a bit of light into the basement – there is already one donated on site. He also used a 6x6 to tie all the posts together (scope called for little posts on top of each post).

Michael also reported on the north wall sill project. Damage to it was not as bad as expected, but the floor joists were in much rougher shape, so he sistered new joists to them. It was a very dirty job, four layers of flooring – he recommended encapsulating the rest of the floor – not removing it. He discovered a very nice door that he thought should be highlighted with a ramp, deck and small roof. This could lead into a “clean” storage space (10' x10') that could be easily finished for use by the bake oven folks and the conservation commission who are currently using other parts of the building for storage.

Members approved a change order for the south foundation work to add plywood and claps to the foundation area; and to clap the east wall where work was done a couple of years ago.

Members discussed painting claps in Grant's basement – Vito, Jo and Grant will paint them, Michael will nail them to the east and south walls.

Members discussed asking the Select Board to consider electrify the building so that there would be a light or two

in the storage room. And to consider a ramp/deck to the door in the north wall.

Project for next year - spray painting the east and south wall after nailing claps.

Cribbing was discussed, could it be used on the foot trails?

Safety and Wellness Committee 10/17/18

Present were members Ray Pratt, Ronnie Crossman, and Gail Fallar.

Committee reported no near misses.

Ray advised that ticks are back – the hot summer kept them at bay for a while.

Gail advised a structural engineer made the following recommendation regarding the current town garage, “Since the structure is still in good condition it should certainly continue to be used. As far as its expansion is concern, we do not believe that continuing investment in the existing building is an incorrect path but nor do we believe it to be worthwhile. In fact, it may be worth considering a different storage location of the new high-value Town truck as soon as this winter.”

Wade Masure from the insurance company (PACIF) sent an email – no claims, workers comp rate will stay the same. He was unable to attend.

2018 PACIF safety grants – town and fire department have not yet purchased equipment. Ray will check with TVFD, Gail will check with the road commissioner. Fire Department needs more turn-out gear, but the grant program will not help again with that cost.

Next meeting is January 16, 2019.

Community Center Board ~ 10/22/18

Present were members Ann Czar (elected), Grant Reynolds (school), and Frank Sears (select board) via telephone, as well as Bess Lewis – CC Building Manager, Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker – TES Principal, Gail Fallar-Treasurer, and Cathy Reynolds via telephone.

Ann was elected Chair.

The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss the school’s refusal to fix a ceiling fan damaged by folks playing volleyball in the community center. Members discussed when it happened (August 3rd or so), read the email from Gary Marcy-Facilities Manager for the MRUUSD advising of their decision and not being responsible for damage done by others using the facility. The fan will probably need to be replaced (18 years old), cost will be the need to rent a lift or staging (ceiling is 22’ or so). Grant read Town/School Agreement which clearly states the school would not be responsible in this case. Board voted to authorize payment for repair of the fan.

Cathy suggested having Gary oversee the repair and then the TCC Board pay for it. Maureen agreed to contact Gary to see if he would do it that way. If not, what would

the process be? Cathy advised that the newly adopted job description for the Select Board Assistant includes the responsibility of maintenance and repair of town buildings. The Community Center is a town building. TCC Board decided to follow that path. It needs to be fixed before the Game Supper on the 17th of November. TCC Board preference is to have MRUUSD oversee and TCC pay.

Cathy also noted that there are clapboards in need of repair on the back side of the school – Art room, and asked that Maureen make sure it was on Gary’s fix-it list.

After brief discussion, Board voted to re-appoint Bess Lewis as Building Manager.

Next meeting is at the call of the Chair.

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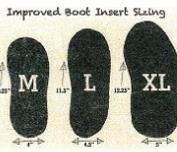
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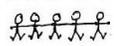
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