

# TALES OF TINMOUTH

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## Editors' Notes:

**THANK YOU, thank you!** Over \$1,500 was raised in recent donations to *Tales*. Your help is *very* much appreciated!

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

*Please take a moment to send a donation if you haven't sent one in a while (or ever). It would be very much appreciated. Tales of Tinmouth, 515 North End Road, Tinmouth, VT 05773.*

*Pat Psholka, Helen Mango, & Gail Fallar*

## ~ Rabies Alert ~

The Vermont Department of Health called the town office recently to confirm that a Tinmouth raccoon had tested positive for Rabies! They would not provide any further details. We don't know where in town it was discovered. The Health Department said everyone should be cautious.

SO, please make sure your pets, dogs and cats especially, are up to date on their rabies vaccinations.

If you see an animal acting unusual (doesn't have to be wild), please do not approach it. Contact the Vermont State Police at 773-9101 to ask that it be reported to the Game Warden on duty.

The Tinmouth Animal Control Officer and Constables have been not been vaccinated. *Call the Game Warden.*

## ~ General Election ~ November 6, 2018 ~

Mark your calendars! Voters will be casting ballots for U.S. Senate, U.S. Representative, Governor, Lt. Governor, other statewide officers, as well as County Senators and State Representatives for Rutland 2 and Rutland-Bennington Districts, and local Justices of the Peace. And voting on Proposed Zoning Amendments.

## ~ Justice of the Peace Candidates ~

There are six candidates for the five Justice of the Peace positions to be voted on at the General Election being held November 6, 2018. Local Democratic and Republican Party Committees met and each nominated two candidates, and two folks gathered signatures on petitions to run as Independents.

**Michael Fallar-Independent, Nelson Jaquay-Democratic, Cathy Reynolds-Democratic, Jeanne Schmelzenbach-Republican, Marshall Squier-Independent, and Stan Wilbur-Republican.**

## ~ Registering to Vote ~

You do not have to register to vote before the election (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 election 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).

## ~ Proposed Zoning and Subdivision Amendments ~ To be voted on November 6<sup>th</sup>

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 as they had two requests for setback waivers due to the current setback being 50 feet from the lake. As both requests were granted, ZBA members felt perhaps it needed to be changed.

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

## ~ 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. In addition to the General Election for statewide and federal offices, there are ballots for Justice of the Peace and Proposed Amendments to Tinmouth's Zoning and Subdivision Regulations.

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

**Tinmouth Historical and Genealogical Society's Annual Meeting, Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 in the Community Room of the Tinmouth Church.**

All are welcome, refreshments will be provided.

### October 2018 Calendar of Events

Fire Dept.	Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup>	7:00	Fire House
Pizza Fund Raiser	Friday	5 <sup>th</sup>	5:00-7:00	Bake Oven-Center of Town
Library OPEN	Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup>	9 - Noon	Library
Art & Craft Show & Sale	Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup>	10 am-4 pm	Old Fire House
Select Board	Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup>	7:00	Town Office
Pizza Fund Raiser	Friday	12 <sup>th</sup>	5:00-7:00	Bake Oven-Center of Town
Concert	Friday	12 <sup>th</sup>	7:30	Old Fire House
Household Hazardous Waste	Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup>	8:30-12:30	Rutland Town Transfer Station
Planning Commission	Thursday	18 <sup>th</sup>	7:00	Town Office
Pizza Fund Raiser	Friday	19 <sup>th</sup>	5:00-7:00	Bake Oven-Center of Town
Contra Dance	Friday	19 <sup>th</sup>	8:00	Community Center
<i>Tales of Tinmouth</i> Deadline	Saturday	20 <sup>th</sup>		Don't Miss It!
Concert ~ Extra Stout	Friday	26 <sup>th</sup>	7:30	Old Fire House
THGS Annual Meeting	Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup>	1:00	Church Community Room
Trunk or Treat	Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup>	TBA	Community Center
Halloween Parade (School)	Wednesday	31 <sup>st</sup>	1:30-2:00	Center of Town

### November 2018 Calendar of Events

Fire Dept.	Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup>	7:00	Fire House
Special Library AM Hours	Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9-Noon	Library
Time Change	Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Set your clocks back an hour!	
General Election	Tuesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM	Community Center
Select Board	Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup>	7:00	Town Office
Conservation Commission	Monday	19 <sup>th</sup>	7:30	Town Office
Planning Commission	NO Meeting in November			
Game Supper	Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup>	4:00	Community Center
Thanksgiving Service	Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup>	4:30	Church
<i>Tales of Tinmouth</i> Deadline	Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup>		Don't Miss It!
Thanksgiving	Thursday	22 <sup>nd</sup>		Give Thanks
Contra Dance	Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	8:00	Community Center

**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!**

~ 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 Be Visible ~

*Please wear a fluorescent yellow or orange vest when you are out walking. It is **VERY important** that drivers can see you as they approach. Shade or shadows from roadside trees can hide you until a vehicle is rather close to you! And don't forget your dogs!*

*Thank you for your cooperation!*



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

To the Tinmouth Community,

September has passed and students are now familiar with teachers, routines, and expectations. When I began at Tinmouth 3 years ago, 48 students were enrolled in grades PreK through sixth grade. Last year our enrollment was 56, and this year it is 65 students. PreK, Grade K-1, and Grade 2-3 have expanded to 17, 18, and 19 students respectively. Grades 4, 5, and 6 have a combined total of 11 students. If the enrollment trend continues to inflate, I'm wondering if we should consider building a yurt in two years to house the increase of students.

In the past month, all students were tested using Fountas and Pinnell reading inventories as well as the STAR 360. The latter is a one-hour computer test that provides teachers with information on where students' academic strengths and areas of concern are. This information informs lesson designs. It's critical to teach content that is challenging yet provides opportunities for success.

Every Thursday from September 6<sup>th</sup> through October 4, the fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students participated in the Starbase program sponsored by the department of Defense. Students had the opportunity to program a robot to complete a mission as well as launch rockets, measure rates of chemical reactions, and use CAD software to design a life support module for a rover.

During September, our sixth graders also attended Camp Chingagook on Lake George for a three day retreat with sixth graders across the district. There they had the opportunity to challenge themselves and develop life skills.

In October, PreK, kindergarten, and first grade students will visit Hathaway Farm to discover how pumpkins are grown, ride tractors and learn how farm animals are cared for.

Grades 4 through 6 are visiting Fort Ticonderoga in early October. This field trip is an opportunity to explore primary artifacts of the Revolutionary War – a unit they are currently studying.

We are also fortunate to have an Artist-in-Residence, Gale Blacksnake, visit Tinmouth School on October 4<sup>th</sup>. She will guide students through an exploration of primary artifacts of Native American cultures that thrived during the American Colonial Period.

**The Halloween Parade will be from 1:30 to 2:00 on October 31<sup>st</sup>.** Parents are welcome to walk in the parade and can help with costumes in the classrooms. Please arrive no earlier than 1:15. We encourage you to come in costume and join the festivities!

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



~ **Library News** ~  
By *Ruth Drachman*

**The Vermont Reads 2018 book, *Bread and Roses, Too* by Katherine Paterson (Vermont author) has arrived from the Vermont Humanities Council. Copies of the book are available in the Library.**

Our book discussion group will discuss this book on **October 7<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM** at the Snack Bar. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

Writing group will meet at the Library on **October 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 P. M.**

**New books for adults:**

\* **A Paris Affair** by Tatiana De Rosnay, an irreverent yet heartfelt collection of short stories.

\* **The Bookshop of Yesterdays** by Amy Meyerson, "a lyrical story of family, love and the healing power of community".

\* **Aunt Dimity and the Buried Treasure** by Nancy Atherton, the 21<sup>st</sup> cozy mystery in the national bestselling Aunt Dimity Series.

\* **Daisy Fay and the Miracle Man** by Fannie Flagg, the author's first novel, high-spirited, sassy and irreverent.

\* **Cave of Bones** by Anne Hillerman. Anne Hillerman is the daughter of Tony Hillerman and continues his stories of modern mystery and Navajo tradition in the desert Southwest.

**New books for Young adults:**

\* **The Penderwicks At Last** by Jeanne Birdsall, the last in the series of adventures of the Penderwick sisters.

\* **Raymie Nightingale** by Kate DiCamillo, "two time Newbery medalist Kate DiCamillo returns to her roots with a moving, masterful story of an unforgettable summer friendship." 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 – **except this month it will be open on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, the 8<sup>th</sup> ~ 9:30 to noon.**

~ **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.

~ Marion's Ramblings for October ~

By Marion Hambly

Here I am again, touring around the town. Next is what we call, The Center. We have a school, a church, a Town Office. We also have a fire house. I believe we have five fire trucks. When I first moved here, there wasn't even one truck or a department. My husband J.J. Squier and son Marshall were founding members when the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department was formed in 1967. Son Hollis joined a year or two later. Sons Art and John also were members, as well as daughter Gail.

There is an addition which has been added to the school (the Community Center) which is used by the whole town for town meeting, the game supper and etc. We also have a small building which used to be the fire house. It is now used for concerts, tag sales and book sales.

In 1969, the old church burned. We put up a new fire house which is in use now. The creamery where the farmers used to bring their milk is now being repaired and we have a pizza oven built next to it. In addition to this, we have a snack bar. It is a busy center.

We also built a new church near the school. There are a lot of houses built along the way as we continue going around town along Mountain View Road. (In 1970 there were 278 people living in town, now there are over 600!) As we connect with the East Road, we look at the road to the pond, Tinmouth Pond of course. There are quite a lot of camps around and it is busy in summer.

Going back to the East Road we continue down to where it connects with Route 140. If you go left, you end up in the center, if right; you will go to Wallingford and Rte 7.

We have been around the loop which is now hard top. It used to be dirt and what mud holes we had to drive through! There are houses scattered around, but few farms.

There is a lot I haven't covered. I have traveled all around the USA but this is the place to live. Haven't much more to say except, Fall is on the way.

*See you next time.*



Speaking of touring around town, here's Marion and son Hollis on a recent afternoon, out and about!!



*Recipe Corner*



**Fresh Apple Cake**

**Cake:**

- 1 cup sugar
- ½ cup firmly packed brown sugar
- ½ cup shortening
- 2 teaspoons soda
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 2 ¼ cups flour
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon cloves
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 2 cups peeled and chopped apples

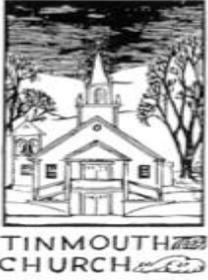
**Topping:**

- ½ cup chopped walnuts
- ¼ cup sugar
- ¼ teaspoon firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon cinnamon

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour 11"x 9" pan. In large bowl blend 1 cup sugar ½ cup brown sugar & shortening. Dissolve soda in buttermilk. Stir into shortening mixture. Add remaining cake ingredients except apples – beat well. Fold in apples, pour into pan. In small bowl combine topping ingredients – sprinkle over batter in pan. Bake 35-45 minutes.

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

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



Dear Friends,

My Dad is coming to visit us soon, traveling up from his Florida home. Early this summer he called to ask if I thought the leaves would be in full color the second week of October. “I’m not sure, Dad, but probably.” He told me that the Vermont leaf-peeper web site suggested that these dates would be peak season for colorful leaves, and wanted to know if I agreed. I thought it was interesting that the web site went out on a limb regarding the leaves and when their colorful presence would be at its best. Having spent quite a few autumns in Vermont, I knew that all it would take was a good hard rain and the tourism board’s expectations would be blown away... literally!

The old joke goes that the only things that are certain in life, are death and taxes. No mention at all of when the leaves will change in Vermont. The adage about death and taxes might be true, but I wonder if we would really want it any other way? Would we really want to know everything about our lives up front? Would we choose to know if our marriage was going to last, or how many children we would have, or even how long we would live?

It is important that there is room in our lives for things to change, and for *us* to change as well. If everything stayed the same one year after the other, then there would be little need for us to adapt or grow. We could easily get stuck in a way of being that might have worked well at one point in our lives, but could make us feel claustrophobic as we mature.

Personally, I like things that change over time, but I also like that, even while they are changing, they stay true to a pattern of some kind - like our famous autumn leaves. We *know* they will change from spring’s bright green to the deeper, darker greens of summer, and then to autumn’s red and gold; but we never know exactly when we will catch a glimpse of this year’s first leaf to change, and we never know exactly how the colors will reveal themselves, even on trees we have lived with for decades. There are always surprises to be seen.

There are so many variations possible within the basic framework of color changing leaves. That’s why, even after a lifetime spent in Vermont people still talk about the colors each fall. That’s why we still stand and take in the beauty of specific trees that catch our attention, often breathing in a deep breath of gratitude before moving on. So, hopefully all of life is a little like this - that we can count on the support of the underlying pattern, even while we appreciate the beauty and diversity of how it is showing up in each moment.

Have a wonderful, colorful autumn!  
*Shirley*

P.S. At Tinmouth Community Church we will be reading “The Anatomy of Peace” by the Arbing Institute. Here is a review of the book with hints about who might find it useful: <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/the-anatomy-of-peace-resolving-the-heart-of-conflict-a-review> If you are interested in joining the discussions, please contact me at [soskamp@gmail.com](mailto:soskamp@gmail.com)

~ **Nature Notes** ~

Squirrels, squirrels and more squirrels!! They are EVERYwhere this year. And many folks have reported being overrun by mice trying to get inside for the winter – some are trapping four a day!

Some trees on the mountain sides seem to be simply turning brown, there are a few colorful spots, keep an eye out for more to come . . .

There was a halo around the sun, late afternoon on the Fall Equinox – the 22nd, sun dogs were a part of the rim of the halo on either side.

Skies are blue, mornings are cool, days are getting shorter, gardens are winding down, geese are headed south, hmmm, a change of seasons is in the air.

Deer are plentiful this fall, eating beets greens, carrot tops, sunflowers, and whatever else is tasty in one’s garden.

Chipmunks are plentiful as well, one spent a couple of days harvesting all the seeds from the holly hock plants. Even climbing one and straddling another to get to the last possible seed. Quite brave, not afraid of being watched.

~ **Community News** ~

*Heartfelt Sympathies* are sent to **Matt Patry** and family for the recent loss of his step-father. And to family and friends of **Steve Zimmer**.

*Get Well Wishes* are sent to **Frank Sears, Alan Held, Lenny Link, and Hollis Squier**.

Welcome to **Lucas James Vanguilder**, son of **Alicia Griffis** and **James Vanguilder** born September 03, 2018. Proud grandparents are **Keith** and **Barbara Vanguilder**. Best Wishes!

Congratulations and Best Wishes to newlyweds – **Sarah Munger** and **Joseph Shackett**, who were married September 13, 2018. May you have many years of happiness!



**A few reminders from the  
Tinmouth Volunteer  
Fire Department**

- **Clean Your Chimney**  
Before it gets too cold, now is the time to clean your chimney. Become a house fire in no time.

• **(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 Glenn D. Merrill, 446-2782 or Wheaton Squier, 446-?????. In case of a forest fire, if you are unable to reach this number, call 911.

*Glenn D. Merrill, Fire Warden*

*Wheaton Squier, Deputy Fire Warden*

**~ 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Game Supper ~**

The Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department's 50<sup>th</sup> annual game supper will be held on **Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>** this year. *It's always the Saturday before Thanksgiving.*

Volunteers are needed to help with this major fundraiser for the department (pie makers, potato and squash peelers, meat cutters, salad makers, wait staff, dish washers, etc.).

**Please call Chief Marshall Squier at 235-2718 or David Birdsall at 235-2908 with your offer to help. Thanks.**

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

**Wallingford Town Hall Concert Series**

A bluegrass trio, Daddy Long Legs, will be performing at Wallingford Town Hall on **Wednesday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m.** The band features three of Vermont's finest acoustic players. Violinist David Gusakov was a member of Burlington's progressive bluegrass pioneers Pine Island in the late 1970s and now performs with gypsy-jazz outfit Swing Noire. Banjo specialist Rick Ceballos and multi-instrumentalist Matt Witten are well known in Vermont traditional, old-time and bluegrass circles. The group performed at the Tinmouth Old Firehouse Concert series and more recently at the Brandon concert series.

Suggested donations of \$10 to \$15 at the door. For more information, contact the Wallingford Town Administrator at (802)446-2872 or email [townadmin@wallingfordvt.com](mailto:townadmin@wallingfordvt.com)



**Friday Night - Wood-Fired Pizza in Tinmouth!**

**5:00 PM to 7:15 PM**

**Friday nights in downtown Tinmouth  
Pizza Dates: 10/5, 10/12, & 10/19**

- ✓ Personal wood fired pizzas, flung and baked to perfection, to benefit the Tinmouth Community Church
- ♥☐ Come for the Pizza
- ☎ Text or call in your order: (802) 265-5951. We'll have it hot and ready.
- Eat-in or Take-out (we have boxes!)
- Suggested donation only
- Toppings: Pepperoni, Onions, Peppers, Mushrooms, Jalapeno, Pesto, Olives, Pepperoncini or bring your own!
- ☆ Look for the sign – come in & dine! ☆

**DANBY MT-TABOR  
FIRE DEPT**

**6TH ANNUAL TRACTOR PULL  
SATURDAY OCTOBER 6th, 2018**

Located at 1757 US ROUTE 7 DANBY VT

**Food will be sold by the  
Danby Mt-Tabor Fire Dept**

**TRACTOR PULLS START AT 10AM  
ALL ANTIQUE TRACTORS WELCOME  
\$15 ENTRY FEE PER COMPETITOR**

**FOR QUESTIONS OR COPY OF RULES CONTACT SETH BEAUREGARD  
802-345-9813 OR 802-293-5151**

**COME JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN & GREAT FOOD!**

## Meeting Highlights~

(Complete minutes are available at the town office.)

### Select Board ~ 8/23/18 Special Meeting

This was omitted from last month's highlights for this meeting. Scott Lepley's email was an attachment to the minutes.

**Subject:** Re: August 4 Select Board meeting

Hello All, I am sending this to summarize this week's thoughts and actions regarding the town garage:

1) Engineer Chad Virkler does not carry E&O insurance. He advised he can obtain it if needed, but said he would also be willing to act simply as a helpful local citizen in terms of reviewing the garage condition.

2) Ray Page recommended Kevin Smith of Marble Valley Engineering. I spoke to Kevin, he would be happy to submit a proposal and wondered if he could be copied on the town RFP.

3) I made a quick impromptu walk-thru of the garage yesterday morning after seeing Eric at the church parking lot. This visit served to confirm my fears that the existing building is not a good candidate for renovation or additions. Issues were evident with decay of untreated lumber at grade level, damaged 6x6 member in the rear gable wall, holes in roofing and siding, untreated OSB sheathing extending into the ground at interior walls, and marginally functional garage doors. I also ran a quick load calculation on the double 2x10 at the top of the two sidewalls, and estimate its capacity at 40% of the local design snow load. Trusses should also be analyzed for a 40' span based on local snow loading. Lastly, the 6x6 posts should be exposed for a distance below grade to check for decay, which usually will start at the earth/air/water interface. Even the best pressure treated lumber that I am aware of nowadays carries only a 30 year ground contact warranty.

4) The ceiling height of the building does not appear adequate for today's vehicle service needs. Any west side addition will result in an even lower ceiling in the addition as the roof slopes down. The existing wall framing will also not likely carry any additional load, let alone current loads, so any addition will have to be self-supporting.

5) If the current condition of the structure is deemed adequate, very careful consideration should be given to what could happen in the future. If successful additions are constructed, and then a significant snow event causes failure of the original roof, repairs will only be made more complicated by any additions.

To me, any attempt to make this building acceptable for vehicle maintenance and parking is not a reasonable approach. Whether or not the building is acceptable for salt/sand storage should be carefully analyzed by your chosen professional.

About 20 years ago, a used 50'x100' pre-engineered steel building was donated to our local utilities authority. My firm prepared plans to dismantle and relocate the

building and outfit it for their vehicle maintenance. After bids were awarded, the winning contractor came back to the authority and offered them a brand new building at no additional cost, saying he would sell the donated building for scrap and save tremendously on the labor of salvaging an aging building. The owners were unable to accept this offer as it was not in keeping with the bid spec, and the reconstructed building has since been removed as it aged beyond its life expectancy.

Please let me know your thoughts and feel free to call with any questions. **Scott**

### Select Board ~ 9/13/18 ~ Regular Meeting

Present were members Michael Fallar and Cathy Reynolds, as well as Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Paul Morris-First Constable, Kim Harbaugh, Sherry Johnson, Jo Reynolds, Grant Reynolds, and Gail Fallar.

Michael called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Board reviewed agenda, added heat at the Old Fire House, Susan Lloyd Scholarship, and winter salt.

*Highway* – Eric reported Ronnie is back from fighting wild fires out west. They have been hauling sand, the new truck is working great. He expressed road crew concerns that the school bus was stopping at the bottom of the hill at 639 East Road. It's a very dangerous place for that, especially for someone traveling from the south, coming over the brow of the hill. Board advised it was a school board issue and Mill River Unified Union School District should be contacted.

No progress on the chloride discussion.

Michael raised concerns with the condition of some roads and lack of maintaining cutouts. Eric would prefer there not be any cutouts but the roads are not in shape yet (roads need a crown and to have the berms at the edges removed so the water can easily drain into the ditch). He is maintaining some of them, one of those things to work on. Concern was expressed over the ditching work on Upper Gulf Road. Eric advised he did not make it deeper, but it is wider as the bottom is supposed to be more rounded.

*Procurement Policy* – needs to have a resolution concerning the emailing of bids, thresholds for requiring a bid, recurring purchases – put on the agenda for October when Frank hopefully will have recovered from his medical emergency and be available.

*Winter Salt* – The state has awarded its bid to Apalachee LLC at \$75 per ton. Last year the town paid \$68.68 to Cargill. As this is a new company, Board wanted to see what Cargill would charge this year. Eric noted that last year there was some trouble getting salt delivered when needed. (More reason to build a salt/sand shed – a year's worth could be purchased ahead and stored.)

*Paul, as 1<sup>st</sup> Constable*, advised he had been setting in various places in town with his radar gun taking down license plate numbers of those who were speeding and

passing that information along to the County Sheriff's Department. He inquired about being paid for those hours. Board advised there is only \$500 in the constable budget and reminded Paul that voters had decided a few years ago to not allow the constables to perform law enforcement duties. Board asked Gail to research what law enforcement included. He also noted that he is scheduled to take the exam at the Police Academy, and he is paying for it himself. He has also been dealing with loose dogs near Tinmouth Pond, owner has not yet licensed them and they are bothering neighbors.

*East Road Right of Way* – Board wanted to know if an attorney had been hired yet, upon learning the answer was no, instructed the Board Assistant to make it a priority. The Regimbalds continue to use the road as well as the right of way for their business and safety concerns are very real.

*Solid Waste Ordinance* – Gail advised VLCT is willing to review for a cost, estimated between \$300 and \$500. Board discussed how to compel someone to clean up household trash. VLCT did note it was grateful for the section concerning burning trash and they were going to use that for a model they were working on. An amendment was suggested to allow the town to clean it and bill the homeowner. After discussion, Board voted to ask for a legal review specific to language around enforcement, removing trash and billing the home owner (if not paid, putting lien on the house). More discussion about what happens if the Board of Health orders it cleaned up due to public safety concerns.

*Susan McIntosh Lloyd Scholarship Fund* – The Vermont Community Foundation advised the Board that Sue's family had established a fund for a scholarship for a Tinmouth student. After brief discussion including expressing gratitude to Sue's family, Board voted to turn the responsibility for this over to the Tinmouth Community Fund and its Scholarship Committee.

*Other Business*- Gail advised the wall heater in the Old Fire House was not working. The gas company has been called, they removed a mouse nest but it still was not getting gas, and expressed concern about the underground line running from the new fire house. The building is heated only a few times a year, use is three season for the most part, so spring and fall events may need a bit of warmth now and then. After discussion, Board voted to instruct Gail to get it fixed right away (there is another concert in two weeks).

Cathy inquired about the financial reports – more importantly the lack of them. She noted it is the Board's responsibility to review them monthly and the Treasurer's responsibility to provide them, and demanded that it made a priority. Gail advised there was a glitch closing FY18 that she is working on resolving.

Board signed Bills and Orders and appointed Cathy to

sign them until Frank is able. Board discussed the undercoating of the new truck, Eric advised he took it to Carrara's in Shrewsbury.

Gail reported the Vermont Department of Health Lab had called to report that the raccoon sent to them for testing was indeed rabid. They would provide no other information, like where in town or who sent it, only advising to call the Game Warden. Gail will post warning on Front Porch Forum and in *Tales of Tinmouth*.

### **Select Board ~ 9/17/18 ~ Vicious Dog Hearing**

Present were members Michael Fallar and Cathy Reynolds, as well as Tammy Wallace via (speaker) telephone (person who got bit), Roxane Johnson De Lear (owner of Lulu the dog), Kim Harbaugh, Sherry Johnson, Grant Reynolds, Marie Regimbald, Andy McCullough, Barbara Leiser, Kristin Baker, Bonnie Gray, Dick Gray, Cliff Dutton, Chuck Meyer, Richard Rupe, Robert Noble III and Gail Fallar – Select Board Assistant.

Cathy called the meeting to order and advised she would be acting Chair, as Frank Sears is still hospitalized. Tammy Wallace was called on the telephone and put on speaker. Cathy read the notice for the hearing and reviewed the procedure to be followed – distributed copies – including emailing it to Tammy.

All those wishing to speak were administered the oath. Cathy read the complaint from Tammy regarding being bitten on July 26, 2018. She was walking from the camp she was renting at 54 White Birch Drive past Roxane's house at 58 White Birch Drive, on her way to visit Sherry Johnson at the next cabin, when Lulu came out and bit her arm. She had to seek medical attention in Rutland as well as at home in Ohio. She expressed concern for the safety of others in regards to the dog Lulu.

Roxane read her statement and presented 29 pages which included her statement about the incident – advising that Lulu is not a vicious dog, describing the training they have had, etc.; photos; and emailed letters of support. She also provided a copy of her property survey showing the buildings and road; copies of medical expenses she paid to cover Tammy's injuries; a letter from Kim Harbaugh and Sherry Johnson asking that she keep Lulu off their property at all times; and emails of support from Andy and Asha McCullough and Brett Pollinger that were received after she prepared her packet.

### **Public Input**

*Barbara Leiser* spoke of walking around the lake with Roxane and Lulu many times.

*Andy McCullough* read his email in support of Roxane and Lulu.

*Kristin Baker*, a foster dog parent from Massachusetts, spoke about Lulu's transition from down south to up north, noting the trauma Lulu had endured.

*Rob Noble* spoke to the 200 plus times that Roxane and Lulu had walked past him and his dogs noting there had never been any trouble.

*Marie Regimbald* spoke in support of Roxane and Lulu.

*Kim Harbaugh* read his statement, noting he is afraid of the dog and why.

*Dick Gray* noted he was shocked to hear that Lulu had bitten someone.

*Richard Rupe* advised that Lulu is a really nice dog, has visited many times, no problems.

*Cliff Dutton* advised he witnessed Roxane introducing Lulu to strangers many times, never a problem.

*Chuck Meyer* noted he is a friend of Roxane and Lulu and not afraid of Lulu.

*Sherry Johnson* read her statement, would like White Birch Drive to be a safe place for folks to walk, ride a bike or push a stroller. She presented color photos of Tammy's arm.

Cathy read *Laurie Bepler's* email of support for Tammy (per the request in the email).

There were many references to the great care Roxane took to introduce new people to Lulu, that Lulu was a rescue dog that had been traumatized – she is three legged. Roxane has had her for two years. Roxane advised that she has a new protocol for Lulu, she is leashed before the door is opened. Roxane was attempting to hook Lulu to a lead on the porch when she dashed away and bit Tammy.

In final comments Cathy asked Tammy what remedy she was requesting. Tammy replied that she trusted the Select Board to make the right decision for their town, wanted others to know about the incident, thought having the dog on a leash was a minimum, and suggested Beware of Dog signs be required.

Cathy noted that Tinmouth's Dog Ordinance does encourage folks to try to work things out, but sometimes situations require action by the Select Board. This was one of those times and a good way to share information about the event.

Board voted to enter deliberative session at 8:50. Board thanked everyone for their concern and attendance.

Board exited at 9:45 and rendered decision/order of protection. Lulu was found to be a vicious dog as she bit someone without provocation. Board ordered she be leashed at all times unless in her house or fenced in back yard.

### **Select Board ~ 9/20/18 ~ Special Meeting**

Present were members Michael Fallar and Cathy Reynolds, as well as Dan Allard Sr., Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, and Gail Fallar – Select Board Assistant.

Board opened bids for culvert work on McCoy Road in West Tinmouth. There are two projects. Four contractors were sent specs and notice of the pre-bid meeting with Josh Carvajal from Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. Two sent proposals.

**Culvert #1** Allard bid \$62,777 and Wright Construction bid \$57,326

**Culvert #2** Allard Bid \$32,073 and Wright Construction bid \$35,285

There discussion about the bids being for the same project – bidders had been asked to detail proposals, it was a bit unclear. #2 bids were way more than anticipated (\$22,000). Josh had changed the specs between application for grant funding and seeking bids for the work.

Can the town ask the state for more help with the grant dollars? Can #2 be revised again? Should the filling of the dip between the culverts be spelled out in the specs? Should the town buy the culverts and just hire the installation? There needs to be a bid form that is filled out by contractors so the Board can clearly see what is being provided. Should they be separated – bidding was done with the expectation of one contractor doing both at once – town will not have sufficient funds to do both in the same fiscal year.

Board voted to reject all bids. Bid specs will be revised, additional grant money will be sought, Eric will shop for culverts, bids will be requested for next Board meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

In other business, Board voted to approve the cover letter drafted by Cathy regarding the recent Vicious Dog hearing decision.

### **Planning Commission ~ 9/20/18**

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

Michael called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. (Meeting delayed due to a special Select Board meeting running over a bit.). He welcomed new member Pat Psholka.

Michael advised that the Select Board held its hearing on the proposed amendments to zoning and subdivision, and voted to move them to vote on November 6<sup>th</sup>. They did separate the two issues after questions were raised by someone from the lake. They also asked that the PC provide more information for *Tales of Tinmouth* and Front Porch Forum about the changes. Michael will prepare that. Grant, Kim, Vito and Bob attended as well. No PC decisions were discussed or made. It was not a PC meeting, members were attending the Select Board hearing.

Village Center Designation – Bob Lloyd advised that Ed Bove, Executive Director of the Rutland Regional Planning Commission, will attend the PC's October meeting to discuss process and gather PC input. Bob already prepared a draft map that was included in the latest update to the town plan.

In regards to an enhanced energy plan, Bob reminded the PC that a decision had been made by the PC to not pursue it, due to lack of a threat, amount of work involved,

and wanting to see how the Public Utility Commission, in the permit process, treats towns that do adopt one. Bob further advised that at a recent Rutland Regional Planning Commission meeting, a representative from VELCO advised that there would be no big changes in electrical supply or demand in the next 10 years. PC concurred to wait.

The next meeting was set for October 18<sup>th</sup>. Most likely there will not be a meeting in November or December.

### **Conservation Commission ~ 9/17/18**

*With thanks to Chuck Bronk, Secretary*

Present were members Doug Fontein, Rainbow Squier, Jo Reynolds, Nelson Jaquay, Jeff Ams, and Chuck Bronk.

#### ***New Business:***

Rainbow reported that she has not contacted Lisa Thorton in Middletown Springs regarding a possible workshop on the control of invasive species. It was her understanding that this was targeted for Spring but Doug commented that it may be prudent to try to plan for the fall as many invasive species tend to hold their foliage longer than native species and are thus easier to locate in the fall. Further discussion tabled to next meeting.

AVCC Conservation Summit is scheduled for Saturday September 29<sup>th</sup>. Doug recommended attending to the members of the Commission as he has attended in past and found the sessions to provide useful information. He suggested that members check the AVCC web site for more complete information regarding this year's session contents.

American Trails has initiated an online volunteer "board". Doug has not reviewed yet but will report back if it seems reasonable to list volunteer positions associated with our work on trails and the Purchase Cabin at the next meeting.

Regarding possible interpretive signage/pamphlets for the Tinmouth Mountain Ridge Trail, Jo passed out the maps that are available at the Stone Meadow Park in Wallingford. Jo and Chuck suggested that a similar tri-fold 8 1/2" by 11" could be designed and offered at the Ridge Trail Kiosk. If this could be printed on a color printer on plain paper, the cost should be minimal. Chuck found outdoor brochure holders on the web for less than \$20. Doug agreed to provide the digital version of the trail map and Chuck agreed to draft a sample map with the useful trail information provided at the Kiosk on the reverse side, for review by Commission members.

Chuck also circulated information on interactive tree tags, which are attached with stainless hardware. One website has tags, which have QR codes that can be scanned by a cell phone to access additional information regarding the tree species in question. At this site the tags sell for \$4.00 and the hardware for \$1.50. Further discussion of tree tagging is to be tabled to future meetings.

There was some additional discussion of the Tinmouth Elementary School fire pit and outdoor classroom that is visible from the start of the trail and whether or not this should be included in the draft brochure.

Jo also described the potential need for a switchback at one of the steepest points on the trail before the Boulder. Significant erosion is happening at this point and additional foot traffic may make this worse. Doug agreed to discuss this with the property owner as a switchback might exceed the current easement.

Doug reported that Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker, Principal of the Tinmouth Mountain School, had contacted him asking if the Commission would consider contributing to the cost of the "Trout in our Schools" program. This program has a \$1,200 start-up cost and a \$100/year ongoing cost. The program provides fish and tanks for the school to raise up trout for subsequent release into nearby waterways like the Channel. Doug shared the URL so that Commission members could get additional information about the program, and agreed to contact Maureen regarding the required schedule for funding.

#### ***Old Business:***

Doug reported that he had organized the Commission's materials stored in the Creamery, which includes our amphibian crossing signs and materials for bog bridges. All are now on the East wall to the right.

A **work day** was scheduled for the Ridge Trail to construct additional bog bridges and other work as required, on **October 27<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM**, meeting as usual in the parking lot by the ball field. Nelson Jaquay also suggested that following the work, he and Doug would review the condition of the Drachman Trail for further clearing.

On the Purchase Loop Trail and the Tinmouth Mountain Cabin, Doug agreed to schedule a work day in early November.

### **Solid Waste and Recycling Committee ~ 9/19/18**

*With thanks to Helen Mango, Secretary*

Present were members Wheaton Squier, Gail Fallar, Jonathan Czar, Chris Martone and Helen Mango.

Helen reported that she printed up laminated signs regarding how electronic devices are recycled. Chris is going to attach them to the electronic collection gaylords at the Transfer Station.

Gail reported that a structural analysis concerning the existing town garage will be completed within the next couple of weeks regarding whether it should be added onto or if it is more cost effective to build a new structure. That is currently the first step towards the master plan regarding the reconfiguration of the Transfer Station/Town Garage.

Gail reported that Tinmouth currently sends paper out once or twice a year. Adding the paper to a compacter for

other recyclables may not necessarily reduce the current number of recycling hauls. A good estimate on costs is needed.

The updated Solid Waste Ordinance is currently at the VT League of Cities and Towns for review (specifically concerning the enforceability of fines).

Bear update: The bear has not been seen for weeks at the Transfer Station.

Gail recently received a newspaper cutting from the 1998 Mountain Times regarding "Dump Duende" (featuring Bob Whittingham, Dump Master at the time, and the Tinmouth Transfer Station). She distributed copies to Mr. Whittingham's relatives (Chris is married to Bob's granddaughter Amy).

Next meeting of the SWARC is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

## Tinmouth Contra Dance

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**Friday, October 19 at 8:00 pm**

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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, Vermont 5 miles west of Wallingford. Please bring clean, non-marring shoes. Admission is \$10-\$12, \$8 for teens and free for children 12 and under. More info at [tinmouthcontradance.org](http://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](mailto:tinmouthdance@gmail.org). Phone 802-446-2928.

See you in Tinmouth! Mark your calendars for our November 23 (4<sup>th</sup> Friday) and December 21 dances too.

## *Museum Open House of the Middletown Springs Historical Society*

*Oct. 7, 2018, 2-4 pm*

**Featuring "The Gardner-Rogers Homestead"**

The Middletown Springs Historical Society will host an open discussion about **The Homestead** at the **Museum Open House** on Sunday, October 8, 2-4 pm, with slides from the Rogers family album, old postcards, brochures and rate cards, with special guests Helen, Richard, and Jean Rogers. Please bring pictures, stories, and memories to share! Refreshments will be served.

The historic 1791 Gardner farm on North St. became "Englewood on the Hill" in 1900 when Asa & Lillian Gardner began taking in summer guests. The Gardner's daughter, Jesse, and her husband, Frank Rogers, took over the business in the mid-1930s and changed the name to "Gardners" and eventually the "Gardner-Rogers Homestead".

On the 500 acre working dairy farm, summer guests could join in farm activities and enjoy delicious, fresh food, clean Vermont air, and quiet country nights. They could play tennis and shuffleboard, walk the back roads, go picnicking, hike Spruce Knob, swim in the Poultney River and golf in Rutland or at Lake St. Catherine. They could take drives to Lake Champlain, historic sites like Ft. Ticonderoga, the Hubbardton Battlefield or President Coolidge's birthplace in Plymouth. Evenings were filled with cookouts, campfires, and sing-alongs around the piano.

Frank sold real estate in town for years, introducing families like the Kenneys, the Ritchies and Ed & Carolyn Roach to Middletown Springs. He managed the Homestead farm until about 1960 when he turned over the dairy operation to Ed Baker. Frank and Jesse continued to run the Homestead for a few more years. They sold the place to the Stensgaards in the late 1960s and retired to their home on South St. The Homestead is gone but the memories live on for many Middletowners.

Museum exhibits on Middletown Springs history and demonstrations of collections care projects will be on view during the Open House. Admission is free and the building is handicap accessible.

For more information call David Wright at 235-2376 or Pat Hemenway at 235-2421.

*Please Recycle or Pass Along Tales!!*



### The Old Firehouse Fall Concert Series continues . . .

All concerts are on a Friday at 7:30 at the Old Firehouse in downtown Tinmouth – try 9 Mountain View Road, Tinmouth on your GPS if you aren't sure of the way. It's just south of the intersection of Vermont Route 140 and Mountain View Road.

Concert is at 7:30; 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. Try 7 Mountain View Road, Tinmouth on your GPS for extra help finding us. Suggested donation of \$10 to \$15; 90% to the musicians; 10% to the Town to maintain the Old Firehouse. Local groups provide refreshments. Your donations support their activities.

Contact: Jo Reynolds 802:446-3457. Tinmouth Old Firehouse Concerts is on Facebook.



### October 12 ~ Cosy Sheridan Comes Back to Delight the Old Firehouse Folks

Cosy Sheridan will be coming to the Old Firehouse in Tinmouth on **Friday October 12** at 7:30. She has been called “one of the era's finest and most thoughtful singer-songwriters.” Her concerts are wide-ranging explorations of modern mythology (meet Hades the Biker), love songs for adults, contemporary philosophy for the thoughtfully-minded, and her signature parody on aging and women. Her lyrical dexterity is backed by her distinctive, percussive bluesy-gospel guitar style. Cosy, a New Englander by birth, tours all over the country.



### October 26 Extra Stout ~ Tinmouth Moves to Ireland for an Evening with Extra Stout

There must be little towns in Ireland a lot like Tinmouth – a little village in the fields with a pub (ice cream as well as brew in Tinmouth) and a small hall. Old Firehouse in Tinmouth was once a Grange Hall, but on **Friday, October 26** at 7:30 PM it will spend an evening as the Hibernian Club in an tiny Irish community. Extra Stout will fill the hall with its Irish singing, whistling and fiddling!

**Extra Stout** is a one band Irish Festival! It's a traditional Irish band that brings raucous drinking songs, ballads of home and country; slow and haunting airs – and then some rocking reels, jigs and polkas. Six engaging vocalists lend their voices to great songs from Ireland's rich history, while skillfully playing a variety of instruments. (guitars, fiddle, whistles, drums and, well, you will just have to come out and see them).

All the concerts start at 7:30; doors open at 7:00. The Old Firehouse is at Vermont 140 and Mountain View Road in downtown Tinmouth. Donation of \$10 to \$15 goes 90% to the musicians; the balance pays the town for the hall. Coffee, tea, and locally made treats are available, provided by local groups. Your donations will support their activities.

The *Tales of Tinmouth* is on the Tinmouth website ([tinmouthvt.org](http://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!

There is much more information about the town on the website, take a few minutes and check it out!!

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Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> in the Old Fire House  
from 10am – 4pm.**

As of 9/20 we have 5 artists participating, **Laurie Bepler** (photographs, prints, note cards), **Patty Rose** (paintings and photograph), **Pat Psholka** (quilted items), **Cathy Ricketts** (sewn items) and **Louise Perron** (balsa wood carved animals).

In addition to our artists we will also have a bake sale that will benefit the Tinmouth Community Food Pantry. Maybe you can find something for dessert.

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