

# TALES OF TINMOUTH

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**Editors' Notes:** *Days are getting longer, the sun is shining warmer, yeah!!!*

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) or drop it off at the Town Office. Any submissions missing the cutoff date may be included in the following month.

*Pat Psholka, Helen Mango & Gail Fallar*

~ **Town Meeting 2019 Last Reminder!!** ~

Town Meeting is **Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>** this year. Public questions and budgets will be voted from the floor at the Community Center, meeting starts at **1:00**. Officers will be chosen on **Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>** via Australian balloting, 8:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m. or you may cast an early/absentee ballot for that election.

School Board Member to the Mill River Unified Union School District – 3 year term – in the only contested race **Carolyn Feury** and **Amy Martone** are running to replace retiring Grant Reynolds.

~ **Registering to Vote** ~

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

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

~ **Absentee Ballots** ~

If you wish to request an **Absentee Ballot**, you must do so before **5:00 pm** on **Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**. **Voted ballots must be returned by 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**. You can also vote **early** at the town office.

~ **Town Meeting Lunch** ~

Tinmouth Elementary School Grades 4, 5, & 6 will be selling lunch and baked goodies to help raise funds for class activities. Come early to grab a bite before Town Meeting starts! They will also have a bake sale on Election Day, Tuesday March 5<sup>th</sup>.

~ **Town Reports** ~

The town reports were mailed. Please read them and bring them with you to Town Meeting on **Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**. A HUGE thank you to Nancy Birdsall for doing such a great job putting it together once again!

**The Mill River Unified Union School District  
Annual Meeting will be held on**

**Thursday February 28, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**

The meeting will be held at the Mill River High School Library.

**Voting for the school budget and other fiscal matters, including a bond for energy efficiency measures will be on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.**

An Absentee ballot may be requested, but it would be nice to see you!

~ **TCF Annual Meeting** ~  
*By Jan Krantz, President*

**Tinmouth Community Fund Annual Meeting**

The Tinmouth Community Fund will hold its Annual Meeting at **11:30 a.m. on Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the Community Center**. We will discuss the work of the committee, celebrate the community groups who are receiving grants for the 2019 season, report on scholarships awarded to Tinmouth residents, and hold elections. I hope you will join us for the annual meeting. All are welcome!

## **Agenda**

1. Financial Report
2. Review final grant reports (2018 grants)
3. Award 2019 Community Fund grants
4. Report from Continuing Education Scholarship Committee
  - \* Susan McIntosh Lloyd Scholarship Announcement
5. Report from K-12 Camp Scholarship Committee
6. Review By-Laws
7. Elections – 3 positions (3 three-year)
8. Elect officers
9. Any other Business

~ **Vacancies and Annual Appointments**~

The Select Board will be making annual appointments at their March meeting. Please see the town report for openings/positions. There are also vacancies on the **Energy Committee** and the **Zoning Board of Adjustment**. If you are interested in any of these, please contact the town office at 446-2498 by March 14<sup>th</sup>.



**March 2019 Calendar of Events**

<b>Library OPEN</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>Library</b>
<b>TCF Annual Meeting</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Community Center</b>
<b>Town Meeting (Floor)</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>1:00</b>	<b>Community Center</b>
<b>Town Meeting ~Aust. Ballot</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Community Center</b>
<b>Fire Department</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Fire House</b>
<b>Pie For Breakfast</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8-11 a.m.</b>	<b>Middletown Springs School</b>
<b>Spring Forward (Change Your Clock)</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Daylight Savings Ends</b>
<b>Select Board</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Town Office</b>
<b>Contra Dance</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>Community Center</b>
<b>Maple Festival</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1-4</b>	<b>Middletown Springs Town Green</b>
<b>Tales of Tinmouth Deadline</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Don't Miss It!</b>
<b>Planning Commission</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Town Office</b>
<b>Rabies Clinic (Dogs &amp; Cats)</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>10-noon</b>	<b>Wallingford Town Hall</b>
<b>THGS</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2:00</b>	<b>Town Office</b>

**April 2019 Calendar of Events**

<b>Dog Licenses Due</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Town Office</b>
<b>Fire Department</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Fire House</b>
<b>Library OPEN</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>Library</b>
<b>Book Discussion</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3:00</b>	<b>Library</b>
<b>Select Board</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Town Office</b>
<b>Planning Commission</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Town Office</b>
<b>Contra Dance</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>Community Center</b>
<b>Tales of Tinmouth Deadline</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Don't Miss It!</b>
<b>Easter Service</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>THGS</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2:00</b>	<b>Town Office</b>

*Please mark your calendars for May ~ Green-Up is Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> and the Plant Sale is Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.*



**Sunday Church Service 9:00 AM ~ All are welcome!**

*Transfer Station hours are Wednesday 4:00 - 7:00 pm & Saturday 8:00 am - noon.*

**Library Hours ~ Monday 10:00-noon & 1-5 and Thursday 10:00-noon & 1-5**

*Fun "non-competitive" Volleyball on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm.*

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

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

**~ Homestead Declaration ~**

This a reminder that you need to file an **annual** Homestead Declaration with the Vermont Department of Taxes, form HS-122. You must file this to qualify for the homestead education tax rate and to request a property tax adjustment if you are eligible. You must also file form HI-144 (household income), **due April 15<sup>th</sup>**. This is required even if you do not have to file or pay state income taxes.

**~ Dog Licenses Due April 1<sup>st</sup> ~**

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

The Town of Wallingford is hosting a **Rabies Clinic on March 23<sup>rd</sup>**, (see back page for details) and then stop by the Tinmouth Town Office to register your pet.

~ **Tinmouth Community Fund Scholarships 2019** ~

By *Cathy Reynolds*

The Tinmouth Community Fund is pleased to announce its **K-12 summer camp scholarship program** is accepting applications. The deadline is **April 1**. This is a cost-share scholarship and family ability to pay is a consideration. More information and the application can be found at the [tinmouthvt.org](http://tinmouthvt.org) website. You will also hit it if you search "Tinmouth Community Fund."

**Higher education scholarships** are also available for anyone pursuing an education beyond high school. This could be a trade school, 2 or 4 year college, or another learning opportunity. We offer scholarships for all years of college as long as students remain in good standing. Scholarship applications are due by 11:59 pm on **May 15**. Scholarships are awarded to all recipients at a ceremony at the Old Firehouse in late June. All are welcome, and we serve ice cream cake! Watch the Tales and Front Porch Forum for the date of this fun celebration. Applications can be found by googling Tinmouth Community Fund.

In 2018 we awarded the first **Pam Garceau Memorial Scholarship** to a Tinmouth Mill River graduating senior in the amount of \$2,000. Amanda Deppert received this award at the Tinmouth Scholarship awards ceremony. Mill River graduating seniors can apply for this scholarship. The application is included in the Tinmouth Scholarship Application and also due **May 15**.

We are pleased to announce the first annual **Susan McIntosh Lloyd Memorial Scholarship** in 2019. The Susan McIntosh Lloyd Memorial Scholarship has been established to encourage and support those living in Tinmouth who share Sue's values and want to further their education. Sue valued making music and the traditions of farming and forestry. In awarding this scholarship, special consideration will be given to those who seek schooling in these areas. This is an additional scholarship of \$850. The application is included in the Tinmouth Scholarship Application and also due **May 15**.

For more information, google Tinmouth Community Fund or contact Cathy Reynolds at 446-2928 or [cathyreynolds802@gmail.com](mailto:cathyreynolds802@gmail.com).

~ **Non-Traditional Scholarships** ~

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

~ **Library News** ~

By *Ruth Drachman, Librarian*

It is still Winter and as I write this it is SNOWING so we want you to remember that the library has **SNOW SHOES** which can be borrowed just like a book. We have several pair of adult size, and several pair of children's size snow shoes, and they may be checked out for one week.

Book Discussion will occur on **Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** (no meeting in March) at 3:00 at the Library. It will be an author study of Mary Oliver and will be led by Nelson Jaquay.

~ **New books for adults** ~

***Becoming Madeleine***, a biography of Madeleine L'Engle, the author of ***A Wrinkle in Time***, by her granddaughters, Charlotte Jones Voiklis and Lena Roy.

***Becoming*** by Michelle Obama, a memoir by the former first lady.

***Coming of Age*** by Madeline Kunin, a memoir by the former governor of Vermont.

Check out a book by **Donna Leon**. Her mysteries are set in Venice, Italy, and the detective, Commissario Guido Brunetti, is an interesting character. If you love mysteries with a foreign setting, this is for you!

The library is **open** on Monday and Thursday, from 10:00 A. M. until Noon, and from 1:00 P. M. until 5:00 P. M., as well as the morning of the first Saturday of the month, February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9 until Noon.

~ **Community News** ~

***Get Well Wishes*** are sent to **Nancy Noble, Betty Fallar, Marion Hambly, Bob Emerick, Rod Start, Bill Secoy, Ruth LaFantano, Rose Morris, Chris Cone, Dave Aubrey, and all cold and flu sufferers.**

***Heartfelt Sympathies*** are sent to family and friends of **Lynne Hayes**. And to **John LaFountain and family** for the loss of his son; to **Shelby Robbins and family** for the loss of her father; and to **Lisa Velde and family** for the loss of her father.

**Marion's Musings** will return in the Spring. She fell and broke a hip and is recovering quite well.

She sends a **BIG thank you** to all who sent her get well cards and cards celebrating being 90 years young. She received more than 90 birthday cards!! A goodly number from the school (where her great-grandchildren attend), and many others with thoughtful notes of past happy times.

***In Appreciation*** – *To all the Tinmouth townspeople who have gone above and beyond with kindness, generosity and support through this difficult time. I appreciate all the support, all the food and especially time taken to help supply my wood heat. I can't thank you enough for everything everyone has done for me.*

***Thank you, Kevin Ruane***



~ **Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department News** ~

**A message from your local Fire Fighters - In the event of an emergency situation.**

Firefighters NEED to be dispatched by 911! You are not “inconveniencing” anyone by going directly to 911. The dispatcher will assure proper backup for the firefighter and the local fire department.

So, Please do not call your neighborhood firefighter directly!

Here is the proper method should you have to report a fire:

1. Call 911.
2. If you get NO response, (which would mean statewide 911 dispatching is down) then call the Fire Station at 446-2460.
3. If statewide 911 should be down, and you cannot reach the Fire Station by phone, drive to the Fire Station, or get a neighbor to help get word there.

Remember our Fire Fighters are volunteers, and the Fire Station is not normally staffed.

**Please call 911 if any of these situations should occur:**

If your smoke alarm or CO2 alarm goes off, **call 911**. They will dispatch the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department to your house to check the problem out. The fire department has equipment to check CO2 levels in your house.

If you suspect a chimney fire, call 911 right away! Do not wait! Chimney fires can quickly become house fires. The TVFD has the equipment and experience to determine when the chimney fire is actually out.

To prevent chimney fires, you should clean your chimney in the Fall and also at least mid-winter. As we get to warmer Spring-like weather, stoves tend to build up more creosote, as the fire is not needed to burn as hot as in cold weather. This can lead to a higher chance of a chimney fire.



The Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department is run by a dedicated group of Volunteers. Anyone interested in joining the department is welcomed!

Tinmouth has had a reputation for having an amazing group of Junior Firefighters. If any young residents are interested, please show up to our monthly meeting, 7:00pm the first Thursday of the month. Or talk to one of the current Firefighters. We ask that Junior volunteers be at least 13

years old. Their roles are helping to support the Firefighters while not being in harm’s way.

If you are interested, and can get your parents’ permission, you can join. For more information, call Lt. Kevin Eaton at 855-7885 or email him at [vtautosalon@yahoo.com](mailto:vtautosalon@yahoo.com).

**J. ALLEN MAPLE  
Pure Maple Products**

**Come join us for Vermont Maple Open House  
weekend March 23 & 24 from 10:00-4:00.**

**Saturday:** We will be serving free pancakes and waffles from 10-11am and there will be hot dogs for purchase from 11:30-4:00pm. Come along for free sampling of our maple products and sugarhouse tour. With any luck there will be plenty of sap to boil and the evaporator will be running and making maple syrup!

**Sunday:** We will just be open to the public for sampling, tours and boiling. Unfortunately, we will not be serving food.

**Bring the kids and come join us for a fun weekend of learning all about how maple syrup is made!**

**J. ALLEN MAPLE  
158 Northeast Rd  
Tinmouth, VT 05773**

~ **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.

~ **Unclaimed Property at the  
Vermont State Treasurer’s Office** ~

Just an annual reminder that a number of Tinmouth folks have unclaimed property being held at the State Treasurer’s office. There is a process to get it back. Telephone, snail mail and Internet are ways to access and claim it. Visit [www.Vermont.gov](http://www.Vermont.gov) Treasurer’s office for more information, or stop by the town office to find out if you are on the list and to pick up the forms.

Nearly 40 Tinmouth folks are named, some are now deceased, some have moved, but some are still here – values are less than \$10 to more than \$200. Could be a forgotten bank account, uncashed check, security deposit refund, etc. These items have to be turned over to the state treasurer by banks, insurance companies, and others.

~ Tinmouth Community Church ~



TINMOUTH  
CHURCH

Dear Friends,

As I write this column, our woodpile is getting pretty low. Gary is certain we have enough to make it through the rest of the cold weather, so I am looking at our shrinking woodpile as a sign that winter is almost ready to give up. Sure, we might still be in for a chilly surprise or two, but essentially, the warmth and light are making their way back to us.

I appreciate that we can count on the seasons to change, and especially that we don't get stuck in any one season. (I have always been a fan of seasonal changes!) Whenever a scientist talks about the perfect distance of the earth from the sun, I can't help but think of this as a miracle. If we were closer, earth would be too hot, if we were further away, it would be too cold. If the axis were tilted differently, then the seasons as we know them would not happen. So many possibilities for the miracle to not happen, and yet, here we are with seasons.

The church year is also made up of seasons, and I find them to be helpful in terms of shaping a life of faith. Lent is just about to start as I write this, with Ash Wednesday on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Lent is a season of going within, of reflecting on one's faith. It is a relatively private season. Lent has roots in Jesus's 40-day sojourn in the wilderness where he dealt with hunger and temptations as well as wrestled with God's expectations of him and his own self-understanding.

Sometimes people give something up for Lent – like chocolate or wine, while at other times people choose to add some special practice of faith to their lives for the season. Each year I like to reflect on what I most need at that point in my faith journey, and then choose something to commit to that responds to this need. This makes Lent more personal, and in the bigger picture it makes my faith more vital as well.

When we bring larger issues of faith and other aspects of life into the personal realm, it makes an important connection between us and the world. It gives us a sense of contributing to the larger needs of the world in which we live, and helps us recognize that each of us has something positive and important to offer. We only need to take time to figure out what it is.

My hope for each of us in the Lenten season, as winter gives way to spring, is that we might each reflect on what it is we need (to give? to receive? to contemplate?) in order to offer our very best self in service to the larger community.

**Happy reflecting,  
Shirley**

~ Recipe Corner ~



**Super Crispy Ginger Snaps**

2 cups flour  
2tsp. Baking soda  
1/2 tsp salt  
1 tsp cinnamon  
2 1/2 tsp ginger  
1/2 tsp cloves  
1 & half sticks unsalted butter  
1 cup sugar  
1 large egg  
1/4 cup molasses  
Sugar for rolling

Cream sugar and butter until fluffy in mixer. Add egg then molasses, and beat until smooth, then scrape. Combine dry ingredients, then beat into mix. Finish mixing with strong spatula. Chill, then roll into balls, roll in granulated sugar and put on cookie sheets covered with parchment paper. They spread; give them room. Bake at 350 for 15 minutes with oven racks in bottom part of oven. Rotate trays halfway through. Cool on racks.

*With thanks to Tracy Byford for this recipe.*

***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 Contra Dance ~

Dance to

**Adina Gordon calling to the amazing  
tunes of Cedar, Anne and David!**

**Friday, March 15 at 8:00 pm**

**Tinmouth Community Center, 573 Route 140**

Dance to the splendid tunes of Cedar, Anne and David with Adina Gordon calling. Cedar plays with Cloud Ten and Anne and David play with Wild Asparagus – what a great line up! The dance takes place in the Tinmouth Community Center 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 802-881-6775. See you in Tinmouth!

**Mark your calendars for our April 19 Dance-Red Dog Riley with Luke Donforth calling!**



To the Tinmouth Community,

That groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, certainly knows how to predict the weather! Winter has indeed extended for at least 4 weeks since he made his last appearance. (Although the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration estimates his success rate at 40%). This has been a blessing for the winter sports program, which began in late January and extends through to March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The students will spend the next few Fridays honing their skiing, boarding, and skating skills, provided the cold weather continues as predicted.

The winter squalls have also brought several school cancellations much to the delight of the students. **The tentative last day of school is now extended to June 18<sup>th</sup>.** I'll keep you posted if this date changes.

We have a new special education teacher at Tinmouth Mountain School. Beth Thompson started on February 6<sup>th</sup> and seamlessly transitioned into the school routine. We are grateful for her expertise and positive attitude. Please introduce yourself to Beth when you stop by the school.

We are looking for parent volunteers to bring the returnable/deposit bottles and cans from the town transfer station to Beverage King in Rutland. The funds generated by this community service are used to support student field trips and activities that are not part of the regular school curriculum. If several parents volunteer, this could mean that volunteers need only make one or two trips to Beverage King throughout the year. It's a great way to support the school and the community! Please consider helping out the students! Contact Colleen at the school-446-2458. *Thank you to all you folks who donate your returnable/deposit bottles and cans for this endeavor!*

The 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will be serving donuts, coffee, sloppy Joes and tuna fish sandwiches on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Tinmouth Town Meeting. This class will also be holding a bake sale on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> for voters in the Tinmouth Community Center.

March second is Dr. Seuss' birthday! We'll be celebrating on Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, by dressing up as characters from Dr. Seuss' books. Though out the week, there'll be Cat in the *Hat Day*, Fox in *Socks Day*, and dressing in green for, you guessed it, Green Eggs and Ham Day! The students will read Dr. Seuss' books each day. We'll also celebrate with birthday cake and song!

**“To the world you may be one person;  
but to one person you may be the world.”**

— Dr. Seuss

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



### **Middletown Springs Maple Festival Offers Sweet Fun**

Middletown Springs-Maple lore & demonstrations, sweet treats from local kitchens, a raffle and a silent auction featuring local artists and craftspersons, merchants and professionals highlight the 31st Annual Maple Festival of the Middletown Springs Historical Society on **Sunday, March 17 from 1-4 pm.**

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

Homemade soup, chili and delicious maple desserts created by Historical Society members, Vermont maple products and new 2019 syrup will be available for sale. Old-fashioned sugar on snow, pancakes & syrup, and maple cotton candy are always favorites.

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

Silent auction offers include Killington ski & golf passes; 100 gallons of heating oil; genealogical research; lessons and services by local professionals; a wine and cheese basket; a Cabot cheese basket; potted flowers; a homemade quilt as well as other fine craft items; homemade pies; maple syrup; a Vermont Teddy Bear; dining gift certificates and other donations from area businesses.

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

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

For more information about the Maple Festival call David Wright at 235-2376 or Pat Hemenway at 235-2421.

**~Meeting Highlights~**

*(Complete minutes are available at the town office.)*

**Select Board ~ 2/14/19 Regular Meeting**

Present were members Michael Fallar, Frank Sears, and Cathy Reynolds, as well as Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Chuck Bronk, Shelly Sears, Hollis Squier, Grant Reynolds, Jo Reynolds, Don Woods, Eng., Doug Fontein, and Gail Fallar – Select Board Assistant.

**Highway** – Eric advised there had been a problem with a frozen brake relay valve on the new truck, it had to be towed to Hoosick Falls for repairs. The towing company had trouble along the way, a chain broke and that resulted in flat spots on the tires – the towing company had advised they will pay for new tires. Truck was fixed and back in town before the big storm arrived.

**Civil Engineering** – Don Woods reviewed 17 questions with Board and those present regarding uses at the town garage, transfer station, location of various components, functionality, cost concerns, security, etc. Mr. Woods advised this will help him with the overall development of a site plan but it will not be ready for town meeting. Board discussed process of communications – Board can't email discussions among themselves without violating the Open Meeting Law. Board assistant will cc Board on all communications with Mr. Woods, Board members can respond directly only to her, not to each other. Everyone needs to be kept in the loop. If a decision needs to be made, Board will hold a special meeting.

**Others ~ Hollis** expressed concern about snow plowing near the dry hydrants – road crew used to keep them clean in case the fire department needed access. Eric will try to keep them plowed.

**New Business** – Residents of the Town of Shrewsbury have expressed concern with power outages and the lack of telephone service once the back-up batteries have run out of juice (there is no capability to call **911** for help). There have been a couple of pro-longed outages – several days – that have gone un-reported to the Public Service Department. Board asked Board Assistant to draft a letter of concern as well.

**Town Meeting Preparation** – Board will be prepared to answer questions regarding the highway budget, appointing versus electing constables, town garage and property tax increase.

**Milfoil Grant Application** – Gail requested Board approve an application from the Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project for an aquatic nuisance grant from the Department of Environmental Conservation. Board voted in favor.

**Old Business** –  
Solid Waste Ordinance – further amendment and review – postponed until March meeting.

**Planning Commission ~ No meeting in February**

**Tinmouth Community Center Board ~ 2/7/19**

Present were Board members Ann Czar (elected), and Grant Reynolds (school), as well as Gail Fallar.

Ann reported a couple of folks had expressed interest in the coordinator/building manager position. After brief discussion, Board voted to appoint Rainbow Squier as the new TCC Coordinator. Ann will contact Bess (outgoing) and Rainbow (incoming) for them to transition. Ann noted that Rainbow will need training (from Cathy Reynolds or Nancy Birdsall) regarding website data maintenance/posting.

Gail advised that refinishing the Community Center floor is now on Gary Marcy's radar, no date set yet.

Grant moved to adjourn (his last motion as he is soon to leave the Mill River Unified Union School District Board). Ann thanked him for his wise counsel and service.

**Solid Waste Alliance Communities  
(Tinmouth is a member)  
Receive Grant**

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) defines Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) as “common household products that exhibit the characteristics (*toxic, corrosive, reactive, explosive, and flammable/ignitable*) of hazardous waste. As a result, these products may be harmful to human health and/or the environment. Many of these products are very common and are usually purchased from local hardware, automotive, and grocery stores. These products are so common and easy to purchase, many people forget that these products can be extremely harmful to their health or the environment (<http://dec.vermont.gov/waste-management/solid/materials-mgmt/HHW>).

The Solid Waste Alliance Communities (SWAC) has received a grant from the State of Vermont, Agency of Natural Resources, DEC to assist with Household Hazardous Waste collection events. The funds from this grant help to offset the cost of collection, removal, and proper disposal of items that would otherwise cause, air, ground, and water pollution if disposed of improperly. For more information on scheduled events, visit the SWAC website at [www.rutlandcountyswac.org](http://www.rutlandcountyswac.org).

Funds were also received to distribute a Spring Newsletter and provide environmental assessments at two schools in the SWAC geographic area. Businesses will also receive outreach assistance to better understand their obligations under Act 148, the State's Universal Recycling and Composting Law.

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**Need more time to file your taxes?** Request an extension by April 15 using Form IN-151. With an extension, you have until Oct. 15 to file, but you still must estimate your tax and pay by April 15 to avoid penalties and interest.

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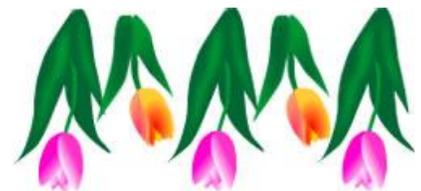
## ~ PIE FOR BREAKFAST ~

Saturday, March 9, 2019 8:00 am – 11:00 am  
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The trustees at the Middletown Springs Public Library have a sure cure for the Wintertime Blues: *Pie for Breakfast*. On Saturday, March 9, 2019, from 8am-11am, trustees will be serving up all-you-can-eat PIE for breakfast with tea, coffee, or juice. The slices are cut thin so it is easy to try many different varieties. **Pies are both sweet** (such as pumpkin, apple, berry, chocolate) **and savory** (such as quiche, pot pies, pizza).

This delicious annual event is so popular that it has outgrown the library building, and the historical society. Its new location is the Middletown Springs Elementary School. Same scrumptious pies, hot coffee, and fine conversation just with more elbow room. There is also a basket-type raffle with over 30 prizes including maple syrup, books, craft items, housewares, and gift certificates from local businesses.

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