

TALES OF TINMOUTH

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Editors' Notes: *April Showers bring May flowers!*

The deadline for submissions is the 20th of the month, for publication on the 1st of the following month. Please email your information to *Tales of Tinmouth* (tinmouthtales@gmail.com) or drop it off at the Town Office. Any submissions missing the cutoff date may be included in the following month.

Pat Psholka, Helen Mango & Gail Fallar



Hello gardeners and volunteers and Tinmouth Scholarship supporters:

The famous **Tinmouth Plant Sale** will happen on its traditional day – **the Saturday before Mother's Day, which is May 11 this year – from 8-10 a.m.** We will be selling locally grown and dug perennials to benefit the Tinmouth Scholarship Fund. This event is the primary fundraiser for Tinmouth Scholarships. In 2018 we awarded \$11,000 to 13 scholars. Help us continue and grow!

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

We are looking for volunteers to pot and mark plants on **Saturday and Sunday, May 4 and 5**. Typically our diggers drop off plants on Friday and Saturday morning and we pot on Saturday and Sunday. We strive to have all our plants potted and marked the week before the sale.

We need potters at 143 Channel Road on **Saturday, May 4, from noon to 5 p.m. and Sunday morning, May 5, from 10 a.m.** until we are done. No experience necessary! We work in any weather, so come prepared to be outside (that could mean hats and gloves or sunblock and lemonade). A quick email or call to let me know you can help would be appreciated so I know how many folks to expect. We may also do additional potting on other days, so if you can be available during the week, please let me know and I will call you if there is potting to do.

We always accept donations of plastic pots 5" or larger. Please: Round and square pots only. Pots can be left on the porch at the Town Office, or dropped off at 143 Channel Road.

Plant sale set-up is Friday May 10, at the Old Creamery (next to the Town Office), and we can always use help unloading and organizing plants by variety. We start first thing.

From the Tinmouth Gardening Team – Thank you!
Questions: call Cathy Reynolds at 446-2928 or email cathyreynolds802@gmail.com.

TINMOUTH GREEN UP – 2019

By Doug Fontein



Green Up Day is Saturday, May 4.

The Tinmouth Green Up Committee is teaming up with the Conservation Commission to create a fun and delicious Green Up. In hopes of bringing the community out on Green Up Day, we're doing some fun activities at the Transfer Station at the conclusion of the event.

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

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

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

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

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

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

We hope to see you at **Green Up on Saturday, May 4**. Feel free to contact members of the Green Up committee with any questions:

Doug Fontein 446-2928 Nelson Jaquay 446-2367

Ed Hasenohr 446-2676

~ May 2019 Calendar of Events ~

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|-----------------------------------|----------|------------------|------------|------------------------------|
| Fire Dept. | Thursday | 2 nd | 7:00 | Fire House |
| Green Up | Saturday | 4 th | 8:30 a.m. | Meet at the Transfer Station |
| Special Library AM Hours | Saturday | 4 th | 9-Noon | Library |
| Select Board | Thursday | 9 th | 7:00 | Town Office |
| Concert | Friday | 10 th | 7:30 | Old Fire House |
| Plant Sale | Saturday | 11 th | 8:00 a.m. | Next to the Town Office |
| Mother's Day | Sunday | 12 th | | Call your Mom!! |
| Writers' Group | Sunday | 12 th | 1:30 | Library |
| Scholarship Application Deadline | Tuesday | 15 th | 11:59 p.m. | Don't Miss It! |
| Planning Commission | Thursday | 16 th | 7:00 | Town Office |
| Contra Dance | Friday | 17 th | 8:00 | Community Center |
| Book Discussion | Sunday | 19 th | 3:00 | Library |
| Conservation Commission | Monday | 20 th | 7:30 | Town Office |
| <i>Tales of Tinmouth</i> Deadline | Saturday | 20 th | | Don't Miss It! |
| School Spring Concert | Monday | 22 nd | 6:30 | Community Center |
| Concert | Friday | 24 th | 7:30 p.m. | Old Fire House |
| Village Harmony Concert | Monday | 27 th | 7:30 | Church |

~ June 2019 Calendar of Events ~

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|-----------------------------------|----------|------------------|------|----------------|
| Library OPEN | Saturday | 1 st | 9-12 | Library |
| Fire Department | Thursday | 6 th | 7:00 | Fire House |
| Book Discussion | Sunday | TBA | 3:00 | Library |
| Select Board | Thursday | 13 th | 7:00 | Town Office |
| Concert | Friday | 14 th | 7:30 | Old Fire House |
| Writers' Group | Sunday | TBA | 1:30 | Library |
| <i>Tales of Tinmouth</i> Deadline | Saturday | 20 th | | Don't Miss It! |
| Planning Commission | Thursday | 20 th | 7:00 | Town Office |

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

~ 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.

~ 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. And now we have a high chair.

Please call 446-2498 to make arrangements.

New Community Center Building Coordinator

The Tinmouth Community Center Board has appointed Rainbow Squier as the new building coordinator. If you wish to rent or use the Community Center or the Old Fire House, you will need to contact Rainbow. Email is tinmouthcommunitycenter@gmail.com or call Rainbow at 446-9529. Details about use, rates, rules, etc. are listed on the Town's website – tinmouthvt.org.

~ Vacancy ~

There is still a vacancy or two on the **Energy Committee** If you are interested, please contact the town office at 446-2498. The Energy Committee needs re-energizing.

Please Recycle or Pass Along Tales!!

~ **Tinmouth Community Fund Scholarships 2019** ~

By *Cathy Reynolds*

Scholarships for continuing education are available from the Tinmouth Community Fund. We offer scholarships to colleges (two and four year, full- and part-time), certification programs, internships (support for living expenses), training programs and other education beyond high school. If you are considering a program and wonder if you might be eligible for a scholarship, please contact cathyreynolds802@gmail.com or 446-2928. Applications are available on line on the Community Fund page at the Town's website [tinmouthvt.org](http://www.tinmouthvt.org/college-scholarship-application/) <http://www.tinmouthvt.org/college-scholarship-application/>

We offer three scholarships on one application – The Tinmouth Community Fund Scholarship and the Susan McIntosh Lloyd Scholarship are open to all. The Pam Garceau Memorial Scholarship is a \$2,000 scholarship for seniors graduating from Mill River this year.

Applications are due May 15 by 11:59 p.m.

We encourage applicants to spend time writing the essay(s) required. The Tinmouth Writer's Group has offered to support applicants in the essay writing process. Call or email Nelson Jaquay at 446-2367 or jaquay@vermontel.net. Often a second reader can improve an essay, catch spelling and grammar errors and help you tell your story more effectively.

There will be a community awards night in June to celebrate and award scholarships to Tinmouth's students of all ages who are continuing their education.

Summer Camp Scholarship Program ~ The Tinmouth Community Fund's K-12 summer camp scholarship program is awarding nine scholarships to help Tinmouth students attend summer enrichment camps this summer. Hooray for summer!

~ **Community News** ~

Get Well Wishes are sent to **Carolyn Feury, Cris Carabeau, and Marion Hambly.**

George Herrick is wondering if anyone saw who dumped construction debris at the gravel pit across from the cemetery on Saturday night, April 13th?

Please contact the town office if you have any information. 446-2498. Thanks.

~ **Nature Notes** ~

Daffodils, crocuses, hyacinths, and colt's foot are blooming. Mud is slowly drying up, peepers have been peeping for a while, trout fishing has started. Signs of Spring, but those April showers (2.42 inches on the 15th) certainly have been too many, along with the cold and dreary days. Did you hear the chain thunder?

Everyone is ready for some warm sunshine!! Can anyone do a sunshine dance?!?



~ **Library News** ~

By *Ruth Drachman, Librarian*

Yesterday is history . . .
Tomorrow, a mystery . . .

Today is a gift – that is why it is called “the present.”

Writing group (The Motleys) will take place at 1:30 at the Library on Sunday, May 12.

Book Discussion will occur on Sunday, May 19 at 3:00 p.m. at the library. We will discuss the first of the books in the Inspector Gamache series by Louise Penny called **Still Life**. All are welcome!

New books for adults:

The American Agent, by Jacqueline Winspear, another exciting Maisie Dobbs novel.

The Seven Sisters, by Lucinda Riley. Gathering when their adoptive father passes away, the sisters receive tantalizing clues about their true heritage.

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens, “a painfully beautiful first novel,” a murder mystery, a celebration of nature, and a coming-of-age story.

New **Donna Leon books** featuring Commissario Brunetti and set in Venice, Italy.

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.

Library Hours: The library is **open** on Monday and Thursday, from 10:00 AM until Noon, and from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM, as well as the morning of the first Saturday of the month ~ May 4 from 9 until Noon.

~ **Recipe Corner** ~

Leek and Potato Soup

3 Tablespoons butter
6 Leeks (Leeks can be gritty – cut off roots, and coarse green tops, slice down remaining green top lengthwise and rinse well)
3 stalks celery with leaves, sliced very thin
3 cups water
2 medium potatoes, peeled and diced
3 cups milk
Salt & pepper to taste

Melt butter in a large kettle and add leeks and celery. Cook about 10 minutes over moderate heat, stirring often. Stir in one cup of water, cover and cook 10 more minutes. Add potatoes and two more cups of water, cover and cook another 10 minutes. Stir in milk. Cook another 10 minutes until potatoes are tender. Add salt and pepper to taste.

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!



~ Tinmouth Community Church ~

Dear Friends,

I am writing this month's *Tales* article as one more item on my "to do" list before setting off for Ireland. As a last assignment at Green Mountain College, I am taking a group of students on a pilgrimage in Ireland.

I love the concept of a pilgrimage, because it is much more than a trip. When we travel to a new place, we approach it with an openness that is often difficult to muster in the ordinary circumstances of our everyday life. A pilgrimage builds on this openness and helps the traveler, or pilgrim, to set the intention for a transformative experience.

Dag Hammarskjold wrote, "The longest journey is the journey within." A pilgrimage is a journey out to somewhere new and exciting in the world, of course, but it is also a journey deeper into one's own self. Ideally, when you return home after a pilgrimage, you will return with a new perspective on your life. You may even have a renewed sense of who you are, and what gifts you bring to the world.

There is a wonderful story about Joseph Campbell's interaction with a woman who was embarking on a long-anticipated trip. She excitedly told him of all her plans, the reservations she had made and the expectations she had for each place. When she finally ran out of breath, the master mythologist calmly commented, "Dear woman, I do hope that things do not go as planned." What he was getting at was the importance of leaving room in your journey for serendipity, for mystery and even magic to happen.

So, when the students ask me what they can expect, I love telling them that there is plenty they can expect to have happen while we are traveling through Ireland, but what they will most likely remember are the things that we cannot possibly expect. Part of preparing for and participating in a pilgrimage is learning to leave room for the things you cannot plan. This is where the Holy enters the experience. These are the things you will speak of later in the hushed tones of awe and deep gratitude.

I believe every day is a pilgrimage of sorts, even if we don't go anywhere out of the ordinary. I encourage all of us to approach our days like this, to anticipate something magical and transformative to happen when we least expect it.

**Blessings on each of our journeys,
Shirley Oskamp
Pastor, Tinmouth Community Church**

~ Village Harmony Concert ~
Monday May 27th 7:30
Tinmouth Community Church

The Village Harmony Alumni Ensemble, led by Larry Gordon, Sophie Michaux and Adam Simon, presents a concert of world vocal music on Monday, May 27, 7:30 p.m. at the Tinmouth Community Church.

This unique select world music vocal ensemble includes a dozen college-aged and young adult Village Harmony veterans, many of whom have sung and traveled with Village Harmony for many years. The program features songs and dances from South Africa, contemporary American shape-note songs, quartet gospel, traditional songs from Corsica, Bosnia, Croatia and Bulgaria, Monteverdi madrigals and other renaissance works, and original compositions by Simon.

Suggested admission at the door is on a sliding scale: \$5-\$15. For more information call 802-881-6775.

Larry Gordon is the founder of Village Harmony and has been leading choirs and community music in Vermont for over forty years. He has a vast repertoire of music from harmony traditions across the world and has led scores of Village Harmony study and performances tours to South Africa, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Georgia and throughout western Europe.

Sophie Michaux and Adam Simon, based in Boston, are brilliant singers who have participated in many European tours with Northern Harmony and also perform with the vocal quartet Colomba. Originally from France, Sophie is a remarkable singer in a variety of styles: classical, Corsican, Balkan, French cafe songs. She sings with the women's ensemble Lorelei and is in great demand as a classical vocal soloist. Adam is also a fine composer. He is currently in a Master's program in composition at Tufts University. The concert will feature a number of his compositions.

**Middletown Springs Memorial Day Parade!
Sunday, May 26th**

The 50th Annual Memorial Day Parade is happening on Sunday, May 26th. Line-up begins at 2:00. The parade begins at 3:00. There is a program on the Town Green that follows the parade. Veterans are welcome.

Participation is encouraged. If you would like to decorate a float, ride a bike, drive an old car, walk, or organize a group (4-H, scouts, ??) somehow, you are most welcome.

Please call Alice Hoisington at 558-3850 with any questions or to let them know you are coming.



To the Tinmouth Community,

The year has flown by quickly! We are in the final eight weeks of school. The final two weeks in June have already been scheduled with field trips, graduation ceremonies, and field day activities. This year, the older students are visiting Howe Caverns. Younger students will visit Hildene and Vermont Institute of Natural Science.

On Friday, April 12th, our sixth grade students joined sixth graders from across the district for geocaching at Pine Hill Park. This team building activity is part of a grant program designed to introduce sixth graders across the district to the peers they'll be studying with at Mill River Middle School in the fall of 2019.

The opening reception of the preK through sixth grade children's art show at the Glitter Barn took place in Wallingford on Sunday, April 28th, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Closing celebration is Saturday, May 4th from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Weekday gallery hours are 10 AM to 7 PM, Wednesday through Friday. Saturday hours are Noon to 7 PM. Please stop by and take a peek!

Girls on the Run are collecting items such as hand sanitizer, snacks, puzzles, hand cream, pens, colored pencils, coloring books, etc. for Bonnie Boxes, which are distributed to cancer patients. If you wish to contribute to this worthy cause, please send items in to the school.. Ms. Galusha is coaching Girls on the Run and coordinating the Bonnie Boxes project.

Jen Galusha, who currently works with Ms. Edge in the preK room will be teaching 3rd grade in the fall. Her employment contract for 2019-2020 was approved at the April 3rd school board meeting. We are ecstatic that she agreed to take on a classroom teacher role! We are also grateful that the budget was approved. The school budget included funding for an additional teacher due to the growing student population at TMS.

Changes in next years preK program include adding after-school care for our preK students. The program will run Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM *for 3 year olds* and will run Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM *for 4 year olds*. Children can be dropped off at 7:40 AM. After program childcare will be offered from 12:00 PM to 5:30 PM Monday through Friday. Costs for after-school program childcare will be \$10 per school day, per child. Subsidies for this cost are available for those who qualify.

We are currently looking for a teacher associate to work from 11:30 PM to 5:30 PM to care for students immediately afterschool. Please contact Tinmouth

Mountain School (802-446-2458) if you are interested in this 10-month position.

TMS Spring Concert is scheduled for May 22nd at 6:30! Mark your calendars! Come and support our PreK through 6th grade budding musicians!

Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker
Principal, Tinmouth Mountain School

~ **MRUUSD Pre-K Expansion Announcement** ~

The Mill River Unified Union School District is excited to announce a district-wide expansion of our pre-kindergarten programming. MRUUSD believes that high quality early education is key to the success of our communities and students. In addition, we recognize the need for childcare opportunities for three and four year olds in our region and very much hope that our expanded programs will provide families with rigorous, exciting, and affordable choices for early education and childcare in each town we serve. Although each school's pre-kindergarten options will vary slightly, each program will offer after-program educational childcare to ensure that working families have the ability to have students cared for in our district schools from 8-5:30 each school day following the school calendar. Registration for MRUUSD pre-k programs follows existing policies.

Tinmouth Mountain School Pre-K program is unique in that children develop a sense of stewardship for the natural environment through place-based education. Our outdoor classrooms afford students opportunity to observe, wonder, explore, and connect to the natural world they live in. Academics are emphasized through an environmentally focused curriculum explicitly designed to address early childhood education proficiencies.

At Tinmouth Mountain School the pre-k instructional program will run Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM *for 3 year olds* and will run Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM *for 4 year olds*. Children can be dropped off at 7:40 AM. After program childcare will be offered from 12:00 PM to 5:30 PM Monday through Friday. Costs for after-school program childcare will be \$10 per school day, per child. Subsidies for this cost are available for those who qualify.

Please call the school at 802-446-2458 or email TMS Principal - Mrs Riker at mfitzgerald-riker@millriverschools.org for more information or if you have questions. Please contact us via phone or email to let us know you plan to enroll your student in next year's program by May 15th so we can begin to plan programming. Registration will begin May 17th.

Thank you!

Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker
Principal, Tinmouth Mountain School

~Meeting Highlights~

(Complete minutes are available at the town office.)

Select Board ~ 4/4/19 Special Meeting

Present were members present Michael Fallar, Frank Sears and Cathy Reynolds, as well as Don Woods, Eng., Jo Reynolds, Grant Reynolds, Eric Buffum-Road Commissioner, Ken Krantz, Jan Krantz, Doug Fontein, and Gail Fallar – Select Board Assistant

Cathy advised the purpose of the meeting was to choose a location for the proposed new town garage. All adjoining neighbors were notified via email or in person, and presented with a copy of Mr. Woods' proposal from 3/14/19. She noted the Krantzes politely declined the idea of a land swap or sale that was suggested in the proposal.

Board discussed Alternatives, Michael advised he preferred #1, with the possibility of decreasing the size of the salt shed to hold half a year's supply of salt. Frank also preferred #1. Outdoor storage area needed was discussed, where it should be, what it was needed for (culverts, gravel, etc.). Eric advised he preferred #2 or #3 as the building was further back from the road and would allow the ability to drive through it. #3 would move the access to the transfer station.

Ken and Jan advised that they were not interested in selling or swapping the town any land. Their concern is for the salt that is making its way toward their garden. Ken noted that the natural lay of the land accounts for much of the water draining towards them. The sand is not so much a problem, but the salt is. He inquired about the size of a retention pond.

Don responded that has not yet been determined, but a state storm water permit is needed. Storm water needs to be treated before it is released – hopefully sheeting as it spreads out. A permittee has to look beyond their own borders to consider consequences on adjoining properties. A stormwater permit is needed if there is or will be more than an acre of impervious surface – roofs, driveways, etc.

Eric advised that the sand does not have much salt in it, evidenced by the large chunks that were frozen this year, and that the salt is stored inside on an impervious surface.

The Krantzes were asked if they would consider a boundary adjustment to accommodate a better way to treat the stormwater. They were skeptical, but willing to look at details.

After discussion, Board voted to approve Alternative 1 and 2 – (placing the new garage between the old one and Route 140).

Cathy then inquired about next steps and time line from Don. Don responded that he will begin to work on storm water issues, will need to survey topography and lot lines. Due to an equipment breakdown, he will not be able to get this work done for a month or two. When the field work is done (needs to dig a test pit or two as well), a preliminary report will be available, which the Board and

an architect can use to determine a solid number to take to voters for their consideration. Final state permitting would not be done until voters have authorized moving forward.

Select Board ~ 4/11/19

Present were members Cathy Reynolds, Michael Fallar, and Frank Sears, as well as Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, Michael Fannin – EMC, Jo Reynolds, Grant Reynolds, Eric Buffum-Road Commissioner, and Gail Fallar – Select Board Assistant

Board reviewed agenda – added Resilient Roadside Project Report, liquor license for Casey/Snack Bar, resignation and ZBA appointment.

Highway ~ Eric reported the new truck's hydraulic issues have been straightened out, Ronnie's truck is getting work done – has been leaking anti-freeze internally, not sure if it's still under warranty. He advised two rounds of pot hole filling had been done, lots of mud. He handed out road inventory reports, software is not working properly, still working on it to produce estimated costs. Board asked him to prioritize which roads need what for the May Board meeting. Board talked about re-paving cycle.

Michael Fannin raised concerns with the condition of the **small bridge on Route 140**, just before it intersects with Route 133. Eric will take a look.

McCoy Road culverts bid specs – Gail and Eric are still working on them. Board wants all bidders to use the same form – two projects to be bid separately, but awarded on the combined cost of the two. Board authorized Frank to oversee the bid sheet. Board voted to go out to bid for the culvert work on McCoy Road, pending approval of bid sheet.

New Town Garage ~ Board reviewed email correspondence from David and Carleen Eaton regarding the location of the proposed new town garage, buffer area – row of trees, re-location of culvert storage area. After discussion Cathy volunteered to respond for the Board that they are taking the requests under advisement.

Resilient Road Project ~ Cathy reported that Tinmouth was one of 10 towns chosen by Vermont Dept. of Forest & Parks for this endeavor. There were 23 miles of road inventoried with 14 maps resulting. The Tree Policy Committee and the Road Resiliency Committee met with Joanne Garton from F & R, to review the draft report. A number of issues were discussed – roadside mowing should be done before June 30 to help deal with life cycles of invasive plants (poison parsnip needs at least two mowings); using standing corn as snow fence; ash trees and how to plan for their ultimate decline; tree policy wrap-up.

Michael Fannin questioned the **ditching project on Gulf Road** near his house, Eric advised it would be stone lined and would help make the road better and easier to maintain.

Old Creamery ~ Grant, as Old Creamery Committee Chair, reported the OCC was hoping to do three projects this year. Paint the south and east sides, create a “clean” room inside for storage, and provide electricity to the building. The OCC asked the Select Board to run a line underground from the town office, the OCC will pay for the wiring inside the building. Another possible project would be to build a ramp to the door on the north side to access the clean room. After brief discussion, Board asked the OCC to obtain estimates and bring them to the Board.

Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP) ~ Michael Fannin, as Emergency Management Coordinator, reviewed the draft LEMP created by himself, Marshall Squier, Sherry Johnson, David Birdsall and Gail Fallar. This replaces the LEOP. After discussion, Board voted to accept and adopt as amended and presented. Board authorized Cathy to sign.

Solid Waste Ordinance ~ amendment regarding enforcement needs to be added, added to agenda for next month.

FEMA Monitoring ~ Gail advised the town had been monitored by the Public Safety Department regarding compliance with federal and state regulations for FEMA reimbursement for the storm damage in July 2017. Board will need to adopt a separate conflict of interest policy for federal projects, other recommendations were suggested. Many practices are correct, just not *written* in policy.

Village Center Designation ~ Michael Fallar, as Planning Commission Chair, advised the Planning Commission is working on an application for Village Center Designation for the center of town. There is a proposed map already in the Town Plan, though a state board will make the final determination. The major benefit to Tinmouth is raising the possibility of future state grant approval. Towns with VCD get extra points in the grant process. Board will need to approve at a later date.

Health Officer Compensation ~ Frank noted more training is being required and the job is getting much more complicated. Cathy moved and Michael 2nded to compensate the Health Officer at \$15 per hour. Both approved, Frank recused himself as he is currently the H.O.

Bonding ~ Gail reported the process for bonding for a major project – hire a bond attorney, professional audit, Select Board Resolution, town vote, application to the Bond Bank (next round of applications due in early December).

Mail/Correspondence – Board received copy of public records request from the town of Wallingford regarding Stan Taylor’s property on Tinmouth Pond Road. No Board response is needed, town clerk will send documents requested. At issue is the location of the town line. Wallingford agreed two years ago that the property maps showed the Taylors house was located in Tinmouth,

so its value was added to the Tinmouth grand list and removed from the Wallingford grand list. The current Wallingford Select Board wants to reverse that. Other land owners were affected as well, with land now being taxed in Wallingford.

Resignation ~ Amy Martone, newly elected member of the Mill River Unified Union School District, submitted her resignation from the Safety and Wellness Committee. Board accepted with regret, thanking Amy for her service.

ZBA Appointment ~ Board voted to appoint Vito Macaluso to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Liquor License ~ Board approved and signed Liquor License for Gregg and Tina Casey for the Tinmouth Snack Bar.

Conservation Commission ~ 4/15/19 – Special Meeting
With thanks to Chuck Bronk, Sec.

Present were members Doug Fontein, Jo Reynolds, Jeff Ams, and Chuck Bronk, as well as Gail Fallar.

New Business:

Planning for Green Up Day – **Tasks:**

Banner to fence two weeks before event, Adopt a road poster board, Sign up sheet with emails for participants, Pick up bags and maps from Town Office, Saturday 8:00AM Prize category poster, MC awards event, Bottles with bucks at roadsides, Call and invite five people to participate, Advertise event at Tinmouth Mountain School, Friday Round-up, Sandwich Board sign (2) for Town Office, Vermont Coffee contribution, Posters with added info to Transfer Station, Town Office, Community Center, Notice on Front Porch Forum – All volunteered for various jobs.

Materials to bring to event:

Coffee, cups, cream & sugar, Ice cream, scoops and cones, Hand sanitizer, Latex gloves – large, prizes, including last year’s left overs and new acquisitions,

Old Business:

Amphibian crossing signs are up. Robbie has ordered two more signs for delivery in 2 weeks. The new signs should probably go on North End Road at the Channel culvert and on North East Road between the top of the hill and Route 140.

Switch Backs needed on the Ridge trail. Doug reported that Adam Guettel is OK with the concept but would be unavailable to review the extent and location till September. He agreed to no change in the easement only changes on the ground. The location is between the meadows and the saddle.

Drachman trail. Doug circulated a MOU for review. Members discussed the next steps in establishing the trail.

Jo mentioned an “Invasive” walk at the end of April at Equinox that she plans to attend and offered to forward the information to Commission members via email.

Members had a general discussion of map making and the need to fill in the past, major efforts of Bob Lloyd in the future. Next meeting set for May 20th at 7:30 PM

Planning Commission ~ 4/22/19

Present were members Michael Fallar, Bob Lloyd, Vito Macaluso, Grant Reynolds, Andy Gilmore, and Larry Carabeau, as well as Barbara Noyes Pulling, Rutland Regional Planning Commission, and Gail Fallar.

Enhanced Energy Planning ~ Michael welcomed Barbara and thanked her for attending. Barbara advised that the draft she had prepared – 32 pages but that included 14 pages of a checklist for towns to consider as they write their enhanced energy plan – used data compiled by the state and broken down by town according to its percent of population in the RRPC's 27 towns – Tinnmouth's is 3%. She had included some language other towns had used for TPC to consider. Members questioned the accurateness of the numbers – many were simply out of whack for Tinnmouth, and members felt uneasy using those in a plan. Barbara noted that the TPC had to start somewhere, and that the state required the information as a baseline.

There was MUCH discussion ~ about the process; what the end result might be (is it worth the effort); why the state does not mention fire wood as renewable energy (TPC wants to); what steps the TPC will take to meet the 2050 state target date for being 90% renewable; adding "hypothetical data", "best available data", as caveats; that towns can't force property owners to install solar or other renewable devices; that the Tinnmouth Energy Committee has no energy when it was suggested they do some of this work; whether the current town plan's energy section has enough strength in it to protect the town in the event a commercial entity wanted to build a renewable project; and what role Tinnmouth will play in addressing climate change.

In the end, members voted to have Grant and Bob meet with Barbara to review the various draft versions and report back at the next meeting.

Vito volunteered to peruse the recently received *Mapping Vermont's Natural Heritage* to see if there are any aspects that the TPC could use – many steps have already been taken to protect Tinnmouth's rural character and enhance wildlife habitat.

Next meeting was set for Thursday, May 16th, 2019.

Tinnmouth Community Fund ~ 4/15/19

With thanks to Melody Squier, scribe

Present were members Jan Krantz (Chair), Cathy Reynolds (Treasurer), Nikki Pfeiffer, Asha Carroll McCullough, and Melody Squier.

Jan advised the presentation by Elisabeth Marx needed to be postponed due to illness.

Tree Placement in recognition to Ramsey Yoder's years of service and contribution to the Tinnmouth Community Fund: Jan and a few others met about the tree location on the town green. The location suggested was too close to the sledding hill after input from the meeting attendees. Further discussion about perhaps planting the tree near the benches near the playground. Cathy suggested talking to school principal Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker and get input for the Select Board to consider in making their decision about the location of the tree.

Capitol Campaign:

Right now the Tinnmouth Community Fund Continuing Education Scholarship Fund provides about \$11,000.00 for scholarships.

Cathy met with Elisabeth Marx from the Vermont Community Fund and learned a few key points.

People give when there is a need. If you can explain the need and the timeline - people are willing to give bigger and need to be asked.

Jan asked what if the TCFESF receives \$25,000.00 in donations. How is donation appreciation acknowledged? At the award ceremony to the donor(s)?

Cathy, yes if the donor would like that - otherwise the donor stays anonymous.

How, when, where do we have an event to launch the Capital Campaign?

Group discussed and agreed that the Award Ceremony would make the most sense.

Board voted to create a Capital Campaign for the Tinnmouth Community Fund Continuing Education Scholarship Fund.

Board voted to allocate an additional \$280 for Tinnmouth Community Fund Continuing Education K-12 Camp Scholarships for this year.

Publicity for Scholarships? Something in Tales?

Yes, and Cathy has been in contact with Cassie in Guidance at the Mill River Union High School and Cassie has posted and directly spoken to students about the scholarship opportunities.

She will reach out to her again. There is also one child at Long Trail who would be eligible.

Plant sale.

This year Cathy is really looking for help with the plant sale. Needs help with the front end part of the plant sale especially. Help with digging, potting, moving, signage, etc. She would really like to pass the Plant Sale baton to the next generation of gardeners.

Also - donations of 8-10" pots are always welcome.

Rescheduled Meeting with Elisabeth Marx April 22nd, at 7:00 PM

Tinnmouth Community Fund ~ 4/22/19 *Minutes not available at as Tales goes to print.*

Old Creamery Committee ~ 4/20/19

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

Gail, as Town Treasurer, reported a current balance of \$2,454, all bills paid. Report accepted.

Michael reported the claps on both the south wall (foundation wall) and east wall (lower section) had been replaced. Most were painted (by Vito, Jo and Grant), but he needed a few more which are just primed. He has asked the road commissioner to help re-grade the south side when time allows. Some fill is needed, a couple of stumps need to be removed and stones need to be moved or removed.

Members discussed painting miscellaneous spots – north wall – door, trim, a few claps – THGS members will take care of those. Michael volunteered to paint on the lower east wall.

Grant reported that the Select Board has requested an estimate to electrify the old creamery building – running a line from the town office to a new box and a light or two in the “clean room”. They also want an estimate and sketch for a ramp/deck to the door in the north wall.

Following a site visit to help determine work need in of doing

Members discussed and prioritized projects for this year ~

1. Paint south and east walls. Re-nailing where possible, no replacement of claps. Grant offered to pay for the south wall (thank you very kindly).
2. Electricity from the town office to the old creamery building, clean room to be wired to code with outlets and overhead lights on 2-way switches. Line to be run in conduit.
3. Clean room – build a storage room 10 ½ feet by 14 feet using the door on the north side of the building. Ceiling joists need replacing and ½ inch sheetrock, walls to be ¼ inch sheetrock covering old surfaces, a new wall on the south and a small spur on the west. Window to be re-glazed to allow in light.
4. Ramp (covered) from porch to door on north side – entry to clean room.

How many get done will be determined by cost and fundraising (Stan has a plan).

Members also discussed re-glazing the window on the north side and the door on the west side (it’s only missing three panes).

Members also discussed hanging the upstairs door – it seems in good shape – but needs paint.

Bids specs are needed for painting the south and east walls; for running electricity from the town office; and for

clean room’s construction. Gail and Michael will work on those.

Stan volunteered to vacuum the area to be enclosed for the “clean room” – it will be used for storage (Conservation Commission signs, Historical Society), by folks using the bake oven, etc.

Tree Policy Committee & Road Resiliency Committee Joint Meeting ~ 4/9/19

TPC and RRC members present: Cathy Reynolds, Doug Fontein, Eric Buffum, David Birdsall, and Gail Fallar, as well as Joanne Garten, Vermont Department of Forest and Parks via telephone

Members reviewed and discussed Joanne’s report “Rural Road Resilient Right-of-Ways Vegetation Assessment”. Last summer several roads were inventoried in detail, 14 maps created showing various data useful in creating road side policies.

There were several recommendations and action items suggested. These included:

- * roadside mowing before the end of June to help deal with life cycle of certain invasive plants – twice or more per year for poison parsnip;
- * ash trees - EAB (Emerald ash borer) management
- * snow fence – would farmers leave corn standing to act as one
- * town tree policy

Other concerns were:

- * hazardous trees
- * utility line clearing – leave under-brush
- * need to prioritize Eric and David’s dangerous tree list and provide information to Select Board for budgeting as some will need to be removed by a tree service not the road crew

Discussion about which should be undertaken and when.

Much discussion about the plight of ash trees, 99% will die. There is time to plan. Need to cut dead trees now, keep wood local so if there are any bugs they don’t get moved to another area. Tinmouth has many ash trees, how will they be removed, replaced, etc. Landowner owns the wood in the town’s right of way, what is policy for cutting them all along one road? Does town need to notify each landowner? There are apps available to help inventory them. Also need to be mindful of ash trees out of the right of way that will fall into the road.

Ash trees in the town right of way – town management

Ash trees in utility right of way – need to contact them about their plans

Ash trees on private property with impact on town road – need to educate landowners

Discussion about tree policy – Tree Policy Committee put draft on hold last year, pending Joanne’s report and assistance with developing it. She will forward to other members of her department for review and suggestions.

Discussed need for snow fence on a number of roads, lack of roadside trees allows the snow to blow. Snow fences only work some, snow banks used for snow fence works some, it was suggested that in some states, farmers are paid to leave several rows of corn standing – 100 feet from the road. Would that work here, are there any towns in Vermont doing that? Could round bales be used?

Joanne will take comments under consideration and finalize report, as well as assist with the tree policy and snow fencing.

Solid Waste & Recycling Committee ~ 4/30/19

With thanks to Helen Mango, Sec.

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

Gail provided an update on the Transfer Station – current plans are for the new Town Garage to go between current garage and Route 140, and for the salt shed to go in back to the west of the current brush pile. Aside from that, the Transfer Station will stay the way it is. The civil engineer is still working on storm water issues.

The updated Solid Waste Ordinance was discussed. Members approved an amendment from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns. This will go to the Select Board on May 9, 2019. If they adopt the ordinance, people have 60 days to petition it for a special town meeting.

Chris reported that Charlie will be back at work this week. He and Gunner Morris and Gail went to an e-waste seminar that clarified current disposal rules. Gail reported that the cost of recycling went from \$48 to \$100 per ton. There is a glut of recyclables everywhere, but it is in Vermont state statute that all recyclable materials must be recycled.

Wheaton gave an update on his composting set-up.

Safety and Wellness Committee ~ 4/30/19

Present were members Chris Martone, Ronnie Crossman and Gail Fallar.

Gail advised that Amy Martone had resigned as she was elected Tinmouth's representative to the Mill River Unified Union School District.

No safety grant applications this round, more research is needed about fire detection systems.

Current plan is for the transfer station to stay put, and a new town garage built between the old one and Route 140. Members talked about gravel or concrete pad under the roll-offs, moving the metal dumpster, etc.

~ Tinmouth Contra Dance ~



Friday, May 17, at 8:00 p.m.
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Dance to the splendid tunes of Brendan Taaffe on guitar and Algo Lavvagi on fiddle with Don Stratton calling on Friday May 17 from 8 – 11 p.m. at the Tinmouth Community Center.

All dances are taught, and you do not need a partner if you are willing to ask someone to dance. If you are a beginner, come right at 8:00 for a beginner's lesson to learn the moves. There will be live music, enthusiastic swinging and dancing, refreshments and a fun night for all. Bring your friends and family.

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. Like us on Facebook at Tinmouth Contra Dance.

Shine up those dancing shoes and bring a couple of friends to dance with! Our email is tinmouthdance@gmail.org. Phone 802-881-6775. See you in Tinmouth!

Our next dance will be September 20 as we take the summer off to enjoy the sunshine and the garden!

Pawlet Public Library Programs

Pawlet, Vt.—The Pawlet Public Library has kicked off its season of public programs from April through December.

On Saturday, May 18, 7-10 p.m., the library hosts an old-fashioned Square Dance at the Mettawee Community School as part of its 2019 “Vermont Life” Skill Share Series. This **free** event for all generations and all skill levels features Ole Time Country, a three-piece band led by Dan Breen. Caller Ron Bailey and long-time square dancers will teach those new to the dance. Folks are also encouraged to attend just to enjoy the music and watch the dancers.

The second “Vermont Life” Skill Share program on **Saturday, June 8, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m., is all about fishing.** The library partners with the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife to present this free program at Lake St. Catherine State Park. On this Free Fishing Day, no fishing licenses are required, and park admission is free. Let's Go Fishing Program volunteer instructor Richard Mann will teach youth and adults how to fish and share information about water ecology, fish population and habitat needs, and rules and regulations.

The Old Firehouse Concert Series Continues!



May 10 ~ Va-et-Vient (“Come and Go”)

Something New at the Firehouse: Va-et-Vient (“Come and Go”) sings Quebecois Songs!

Some of the Crew really like French Canadian folk songs, but we’ve never had a group that sang them at the Firehouse. On Friday May 10 Va-et-Vient, three women from up around Middlebury, will rattle the hall with songs from our neighbors up north, as well as Cajun and French music. These *musiciennes* will take you from 16th century France to New Orleans and Québec with lively dance numbers, touching love songs, kickin’ Cajun tunes, and rollicking Québécois favorites. With backgrounds rich in French cultures and language, through lifelong experiences living and traveling in French-speaking lands, they create beautiful harmonies, teaching and engaging audiences. *YOU DON’T HAVE TO KNOW FRENCH! The songs delight in any language.*

Concert begins at 7:30 PM. Doors open at 7 PM. No-charge raffle at intermission for free tickets for future concerts. The Old Firehouse is at 7 Mountain View Road in downtown Tinmouth, just a couple of hundred feet south of the intersection with Vermont 140. Suggested donation of \$10 to \$15; 90% to the musicians; 10% to the Town for maintenance of the Old Firehouse. Local groups provide refreshments. Your donations support their activities.

Stay over for the celebrated Tinmouth Plant Sale at 8 AM the next morning, Saturday May 11.



May 24 ~ The Revenants

Bluegrass Gospel Project alums Taylor Armerding, Andy Greene, and Kirk Lord have come together to present original, time-honored, and contemporary Americana music. Showcasing compelling, intricately braided vocals, richly textured instrumental work, and solid, innovative rhythm, the three band members bring decades of performing experience to the stage. Andy Greene and Kirk Lord were at the Firehouse two years ago with the bluegrass band Northern Flyer.



June 14 ~ Shady Rill - Patti Casey & Tom MacKenzie

We owe them a big turnout...last time they were here the electricity in the Village went out at 5 PM. Tina at the Snack Bar had a generator running – the only lights in the village – and she took us in. Patti and Tom gave a great concert for a surprising number of adventurous souls who came anyway. *Everything from French Canadian dance tunes, to Tin Pan Alley, to Old Time Country, to their own impressive originals is likely to be on the musical menu. Great harmonies and wonderful instrumentation are the hallmark of these two much-traveled musicians.*

Concerts begin at 7:30, doors open at 7:00.

7 Mountain View Road, between the town office and fire house. Suggested donation of \$10 to \$15; 90% to the musicians; 10% to the Town for maintenance of the Old Firehouse. Local groups provide refreshments. Your donations support their activities.

A reader sent this along . . .

Put this in your wallet, tape it on your bathroom mirror. Read it every day. It could change the way you look at Life!

THE MAGIC BANK ACCOUNT

The author is not known. It was found in the billfold of Coach Paul 'Bear' Bryant, Alabama, after he died in 1982.

Imagine that you had won the Following "PRIZE" in a contest:

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The set of Rules:

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 2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account.
 3. You may only spend It.
 4. Each morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that Day.
 5. The bank can end the game without warning; at any time, it can say, Game Over!"
- It can close the account and you will not receive a new one.

What would you personally do?

You would buy anything and everything you wanted right?

Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care for. Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right?

You would try to spend every penny, and use it all, because you knew it would be replenished in the morning, right?

ACTUALLY, this GAME is REAL . . . Shocked ???

YES! Each of us is already a winner of this "PRIZE". We just can't seem to see it.

The PRIZE is "TIME"!!

1. Each morning we awaken to receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of Life.
2. And when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is not credited to us.
3. What we haven't used up that day is forever lost.
4. Yesterday is forever gone.

5. Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time WITHOUT WARNING...

SO, what will YOU do with your 86,400 seconds?

Those seconds are worth so much more than the same amount in dollars.

Think about it and remember to enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than you think.

Therefore take care of yourself, be Happy, Love deeply and enjoy life!

Here's wishing you a wonderful and beautiful day.

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

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