

TALES OF TINMOUTH

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Editors' Notes: Rain & cold, go away! Enough already!!

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. Thank you for recent donations, they are very much appreciated.

Pat Psholka, Helen Mango & Gail Fallar



2019 Tinmouth Town Wide Tag Sales

By Sherry Johnson

Time to save that “stuff” from spring cleaning! We are planning to have the 7th Annual Tinmouth Town Wide Tag Sales again in 2019, and look forward to continued community participation.

Don't want to have a tag sale, but the stuff is too good to toss? Items can be donated at the end of August to our charity tag sale. This year the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department will be the beneficiary.

So, please save the date – **August 31st** which is the Saturday of Labor Day weekend. More details to follow and instructions on how to sign up.

Organizers' contact information:

Sherry Johnson (446-3307) vtsjohnson@icloud.com or Tracy Byford tracyleab@gmail.com or Chuck Bronk charles.bronk@gmail.com

~ Art and Craft Show & Sale ~

By Sherry Johnson

We are planning the 2nd annual one-day art and craft show for Tinmouth Artists on **Saturday, October 12th**. The sale/show will be held in the Old Fire House from 10am-4pm. This is a great way to showcase your skills, and maybe sell a few of your designs.

There are only 8 spaces, so if you are a Tinmouth resident and would like to participate please reserve a space at your earliest convenience.

We will also have a bake sale to benefit the Tinmouth Food Shelf. Pies were a big seller last year. Last year we raised over \$140 for it!

Questions on the Art and Craft Show and Sale? Contact:

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More information will be available in the coming months.



~ Library News ~

By Ruth Drachman, Librarian

The Tinmouth Library Annual Fundraising Book Sale will take place in the Old Firehouse on the morning of **Saturday August 24th**. Books may be donated starting with **July 1st**. Books must be CLEAN and in GOOD CONDITION. We do not accept any textbooks, encyclopedias, or Reader's Digest Condensed Books. Thank you in advance for your kind donations!

Writing group (The Motleys) will take place at 1:30 at the Library on **Sunday, June 9th**.

Book Discussion will occur on **Sunday, June 16th** at 3:00 PM at the library. We will discuss Michelle Obama's memoir, **Becoming**. All are welcome!

New books for adults:

The Department of Sensitive Crimes, a Detective Varg Novel, by Alexander McCall Smith. Stories of Swedish cases considered especially strange and difficult.

Once Upon a River by Diane Setterfield, “A tale full of twists and turns like the river at its heart”.

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

The library is **open** on Monday and Thursday, from 10:00 A. M. until Noon, and from 1:00 P. M. until 5:00 P. M., as well as the morning of the first Saturday of the month, June, 1st, from 9 until Noon.

~ Summer Events at the Library ~

The Tinmouth Library will sponsor two events this summer to celebrate summer reading! The first of these is a concert with Jon Gailmor, singer, songwriter, and Vermonter! Mark your calendars for **July 5th at 7 P. M.** in the Old Firehouse. It promises to be a fun evening, and is appropriate for all ages! **There is no charge for the concert.**

The second event that the library will sponsor is a pizza bake at the “oven” next to the Town Office. After we enjoy the pizza we will have “storytelling”. Come for pizza and stories on Saturday, July 20th at 5:00 PM! Watch for posters around town and notices on Front Porch Forum. **All are welcome, there is no charge!**

~ June 2019 Calendar of Events ~

Library OPEN	Saturday	1 st	9-12	Library
Fire Department	Thursday	6 th	7:00	Fire House
Free Fishing Day	Saturday	8 th	All Day – Statewide!	
Writers’ Group	Sunday	9 th	1:30	Library
VINS – Owls	Thursday	13 th	10:00 AM	Community Center
Select Board	Thursday	13 th	7:00	Town Office
6 th Grade Graduation	Friday	13 th	6:00	Community Center
Concert	Friday	14 th	7:30	Old Fire House
Book Discussion	Sunday	16 th	3:00	Library
Last Day of School TMS	Tuesday	18 th	Enjoy the summer!!	
<i>Tales of Tinmouth</i> Deadline	Thursday	20 th		Don’t Miss It!
Town Office	Saturday	22 nd		CLOSED
Grievance Hearings	Monday	24 th	6:00	Town Office
Planning Commission	Thursday	27 th	7:00	Town Office

The Planning Commission moved its regular meeting to the 27th.

~ July 2019 Calendar of Events ~

Town Office & Library	Thursday	4 th	CLOSED for the Holiday!!	
Fire Dept.	Thursday	TBD	7:00	Fire House
Jon Gailmor Concert (Free)	Friday	5 th	7:00	Old Fire House
Special Library AM Hours	Saturday	6 th	9-Noon	Library
Select Board	Thursday	11 th	7:00	Town Office
Writers’ Group	Sunday	TBA	1:30	Library
Planning Commission	No Meeting in July			
Book Discussion	Sunday	TBA	3:00	Library
Conservation Commission	Monday	15 th	7:30	Town Office
<i>Tales of Tinmouth</i> Deadline	Saturday	20 th		Don’t Miss It!

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.

~ Grievance Hearing ~

The Board of Listers announces that grievance hearings will be held on Monday, June 24th beginning at 6:00 pm. Please call the town office at 446-2498 if you wish to schedule an appointment.

~ Job opening at the Town Office ~

Assistant town clerk, assistant treasurer, bookkeeper - part time. Computer skills, attention to detail, good people skills, flexible schedule required.

Please call Gail at 446-2498 or email tinmouthtown@vermontel.net for more details.

~ Town Office Closings ~

The Town Office will be closed Saturday, June 22nd.

The Town Office and Library will be CLOSED on Thursday, July 4th in observance of the holiday.



***Hello gardeners and volunteers and
Tinmouth Scholarship supporters:***

By Cathy Reynolds

Thanks to all the potters, diggers, sign makers, plant movers, organizers, workers and supporters, the plant sale once again was a success. We raised \$4,600 for Continuing Education Scholarships!

See you next year, the day before Mother's Day. We accept plastic pots all year round at the Town Office! Thank you.

TINMOUTH GREEN UP – 2019

By Doug Fontein



Thank you and Kudos to all the wonderful Green Up volunteers who came out last Saturday (and at other times) to keep Tinmouth's roadsides looking beautiful.

We had about 60 volunteers on Saturday morning (plus several others who Greened Up at other times). About 70 bags of trash and recyclables were collected plus about 1/2 ton of waste too large to put in bags.

For the first time I can remember, every road in Tinmouth was covered (except for a bit of West Tinmouth that's isolated geographically from town). Something we can all be proud of. Judging from the small amount left over, the free coffee (compliments of Vermont Coffee Company), doughnuts, and ice cream were a big hit.

Congratulations to all the children who won prizes for different categories of finds! Hope to see you all next year at Green Up, first Saturday in May.

Doug Fontein, on behalf of the Green Up Committee and the Conservation Commission.



Green-Up Crew May 2019



Tinmouth
Mountain School

To the Tinmouth Community,

The final weeks of school are upon us. The students have finished the end of year state testing in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science (Grade 5), and Physical Education (Grade 5). The results are usually released mid-summer.

Our Spring Concert was a hit! The students sang and played both oldies and contemporary songs including a beautiful rendition of *Wake Me Up* by our second and third graders. The fourth, fifth, and sixth grade choir sang an American traditional folk song, *This Land is Your Land* and a collection of Elvis Presley songs including *Hound Dog* and *Blue Suede Shoes*. Audience participation greatly enhanced the performance. The turnout of parents and family members was gratifying. Hats off to Dan Seiden and Jon Stratton for putting together this brilliant spring concert!

The school pizza luncheon is scheduled for June 7th. The students on student council will help prep the oven. TMS is grateful to our community for building and sharing the pizza oven! We appreciate *all* the support our community provides. This includes Four Winds volunteers, Winter Sports Program volunteers, Parents Club, and parents who provide baked goods and volunteer in the classroom regularly!

Vermont Institute of Nature and Science (VINS) will be at Tinmouth Mountain School on June 13th at 10:00 AM. The focus this year is on owls. Anyone from the community is welcome to attend. The presentation is in the community center.

Finally, our last day of school is June 18th. Children will be released at 12 noon for summer break. Please keep children and grandchildren reading throughout the summer break. Reading is like riding a bike...the more you read, the better you become at it!

Have a safe and wonderful summer!

Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker
Principal, Tinmouth Mountain School

~ Nature Notes ~



Vito's bird feeder!

~ Bear Reports ~

Vito and Cow Patti reported -

We woke up yesterday morning to find bird feeders knocked down, opened up and emptied, and the suet feeder destroyed.

The metal squirrel proof feeder I had bolted to the wooden post because of the last bear incident about 7 years ago when a bear ripped that feeder off the post. This time the bear ripped open the top, snapping the latch that held it closed and loosened the pole that was buried in the ground about two feet down, so I removed all the feeders and stands, sorry birds, blame the bear.

Lots of other bear sitings too— all over town, East Road – several locations, North End Road, Mountain View Road, Northrup Road, and Route 140. A bear even ripped off the door of a chicken house to get the grain!

Days are getting longer – early morning and late evening are light and bright!! Enjoy it while you can.

The old timers used to say, “Cold wet May, barn full of hay.” Let's hope they are right!! It was a long cold, wet spring. Everyone is looking forward to sunshine and warm weather!!

There was a wicked storm on May 19th, power went out in some parts of town. Fun to look for the candles and matches, to postpone computer work, dishes, and laundry. The power of the thunder and driving rain, the dark of night when it's not night, all made for an exciting time.

Dandelions were delightful, forsythias were fabulous, azaleas were awesome, daffodils were dreamy!!

The green slowly marched up the mountain sides, taking its time, had a bit of white there for a couple of days.

~ Community News ~

Welcome to Tinmouth's newest arrival, **Leland James Squier**, son of **Josh and Meadow Squier**, he joined big sister **Emmaline** on April 30th.

Proud grandparents are **Marshall and Melody Squier**, proud great-grandmothers are **Marion Hambly** and **Mary Tremmel**. Congratulations and Best Wishes!

Get Well Wishes are sent to **Bob Bradley, Chuck Bronk, Cathy Ricketts, Steve Halford, Kristy Usher, Marion Hambly, Enid Whittingham, Willie Thiele, and Carolyn Feury**.

Congratulations to **Sadria Majorell**, daughter of **Arne & Anna Majorell**; **Jaron Rochon** son of **Shannon Rochon** and **Wayne Rochon**; and **Ali Nemeth** daughter of **Jeremy and Shelley Nemeth**. They were recently inducted into the National Honor Society at Mill River Union High School.

Proud grandparents include **Ed and Shirley Bucceri, Barbara Buffum, and Harold Buffum**.

Heartfelt sympathies are sent to family and friends of **Elizabeth Allison**, former President of the Tinmouth Historical and Genealogical Society.

~ Recipe Corner ~

Rhubarb Cake

2 cups flour
1 tsp. baking soda
¼ tsp. salt
1 ¼ cups brown sugar
½ cup softened butter/margarine
1 egg
1 tsp. vanilla
1 cup milk
2 ½ cups chopped fresh rhubarb

Topping: 1/3 cup white sugar mixed well with 1 tsp. cinnamon

In small bowl, sift together flour baking soda and salt. Set aside.

In large bowl, cream brown sugar and butter. Add egg and continue to beat by hand until well-blended. Add vanilla.

Alternately add 1 cup of milk and flour mixture. Stir well until well mixed. Stir in chopped rhubarb. Pour into a greased and floured pan (9x13).

Sprinkle with sugar/cinnamon topping shaking until evenly spread. Bake 40 minutes at 350 degrees. Serve warm with whipped cream or ice cream.

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,

On Sunday, May 19th I helped to celebrate the final Commencement at Green Mountain College. It was a wonderful, bittersweet day, with many people sharing their insights and memories of the college and community. As a part of her comments, Professor Eleanor Tison, raised the metaphor of the resilient dandelion that endures all kinds of adversity. She encouraged us all to be like dandelion seeds as we go forth into the world, spreading the message and mission of Green Mountain College - of resilience, of community, of environmental concern and of sustainability - far and wide. I like this image because it helps us find something positive to consider in the midst of painful leave-taking.

This year brings another ending for me as well. June is my last month serving as pastor at Tinmouth Community Church. It is hard to believe I have been here for fifteen years. Sometimes it feels like just a blink of the eye, and yet together we have accomplished some significant changes such as painting the church both inside and out and installing the beautiful cross-shaped windows designed by Jay White. I have loved celebrating so many holidays and holy days with all of you. Tinmouth's Community Thanksgivings, are one of my favorite events, with the full involvement of so many people creating wonderful music, adding their comments, stories and poetry, and then sitting down to a delicious meal where friends and neighbors gather together in gratitude for all God's good gifts.

I will miss many things about being a part of this church; mostly I will miss each of you who have shared their lives with me in so many poignant ways. Sunday mornings have been a special favorite of mine, with our time of worship and then enjoying delicious food afterward as we talk together. Tinmouth is a generous community, filled with kind and generous people. Thank you for inviting me to be a part of it for these fifteen years.

Your new pastor, John Hardman-Zimmerman, will introduce himself in this column next month. I am certain that his ministry in Tinmouth will bring new blessings and opportunities to the entire community and I encourage you to welcome him as you welcomed me those many years ago.

Beginning July 1st I will be pastoring in Rutland and Chittenden, taking on a new blended ministry. While I will no longer be your minister as of this date, I imagine we will see one another at concerts, dances, grocery stores and other places both in this community and beyond. Since I am your neighbor, I am glad that this is not "goodbye forever", but rather simply a goodbye to my

role as pastor here. My heart is filled with gratitude for all that we have shared throughout these fifteen years.

Thank you, and may God offer rich blessings on all that is to come for each of us.

Shirley

~ **Tinmouth Community Fund Scholarships** ~

By Cathy Reynolds

Congratulations to Tinmouth's most recent recipients of **Continuing Education Scholarships** from the Tinmouth Community Fund. Scholarships are funded by an endowed fund and the Tinmouth Plant Sale (about \$4500 annually).

Iona Allen - RN student at the SUNY Adirondack Nursing Program

Annie Hasenohr - a sophomore at UVM studying psychology

Hannah LaMarche - a freshman at Norwich studying social work

Bess Lewis - who is continuing her education in massage therapy

Noah Patry - a freshman at UVM studying Math

Seamus Nauton - a junior at Wentworth Institute of Technology studying computer science

The Tinmouth Continuing Education Scholarships are available for all years of study and can support all types of educational opportunities. Applications are due annually in May. We support educational opportunities of all kinds for those studying beyond high school. Our K-12 scholarships support younger students.

The first **Susan McIntosh Lloyd Scholarship** was awarded to **Seamus Nauton**. This scholarship supports students whose love and practice of music continues beyond high school. Bob Lloyd presented the award.

The first **Robert and Cynthia Johnson Scholarship** was awarded to **Iona Allen** for her continued pursuit of a nursing degree. The award was presented by Roxanne Johnson DeLear, their niece.

The **Pam Garceau Memorial Scholarship** is an annual \$2,000 Scholarship for a senior graduating from Mill River High School and pursuing a college degree. This scholarship was awarded to the Tinmouth School this year to support their programs as there were no seniors pursuing college.

Congratulations to all the graduates and continuing scholars. Special recognition to **Ellie Hasenohr** and **Katy Czar** who graduated from UVM (and received Tinmouth Scholarships for all four years of their education). They each received special commendations for their scientific research at graduation.

~Meeting Highlights~

(Complete minutes are available at the town office.)

Select Board ~ 5/9/19

Present were members Michael Fallar, Frank Sears, and Cathy Reynolds, as well as Michael Fannin, Grant Reynolds, Eric Buffum-Road Commissioner, Jan Krantz (TCF President) and Gail Fallar – Select Board Assistant.

Board was presented with year to date reports for special accounts – Board considered how to allocate interest in the Capital Building Fund, all to highway or prorate between highway and general, no decision.

Highway ~

Gulf Road ~ Eric reported work on the ditching project on Gulf Road was progressing-cutting trees, stone lining, Best Management Practice advises culverts every 300 feet, currently there is about a 700 feet span, they also need to be upsized. Michael Fallar inquired about the total cost of the project, Eric advised he doesn't know, he just picked a project for the grant-in-aide work.

Michael Fannin noted it was ironic that last month he questioned the ditching project on Gulf Road near his house, and that for the first time in 38 years the water ran over the road and washed out his wife Wendy's favorite flower garden! (Ditching project is not yet complete.)

Michael Fannin also raised concerns with his water pressure. It comes from a well on the other side of the road and has dropped since the road crew did ditching through there. The road crew did spend a couple of hours trying to locate the line, including hand shoveling, to no avail. Mr. Fannin has hired Parker Water Wells to trouble shoot the situation and will report back with findings.

Roads ~ Board asked Eric for prioritized list of roads and their conditions and work needed for budgeting purposes.

Driveway Permit ~ Board reviewed and approved a driveway permit for Dale Aines for McCoy Road, with conditions including purchase of property before construction starts.

New Town Garage ~ Board reviewed email correspondence with Don Woods – he will respond next week – may not be able to continue as engineer.

Paving Bids ~ Board discussed paving project for FY20. Eric recommended paving on the East Road, from Dick Blow's gate headed north. Board concurred, bids due on May 30th.

McCoy Road Culverts Bid Specs – Board approved as written, will include the town purchasing the culverts, bids due on May 30th.

New One Ton Truck ~ Eric proposed going out to bid to replace the one ton truck, with a 550 (current model is 350), selling the old one on Craig's list or privately– not using it as a trade-in. Brief discussion about gas versus diesel. Board asked Eric to prepare bids specs for the

meeting on the 30th. Cathy advised Eric to get the truck he wants.

General Business ~

Honorary Tree ~ Jan Krantz, President of the Tinmouth Community Fund (TCF), requested permission to plant a tree on the Town Green to honor the work and community service of Ramsey Yoder (first President and founding member of the TCF). It will be located near the Wee Folk Playground. Board approved.

Solid Waste Ordinance ~ Board reviewed, noting the Solid Waste & Recycling Committee had reviewed and approved latest amendment suggested by VLCT regarding enforcement. They edited a number of places, asked to have Pam Clapp, SWAC Administrator, review it as well.

Along a similar line, the trash at 605 Mountain View Road is being cleaned up by the family.

Late Homestead Filer Penalty ~ Board voted to waive the penalty for late filed state homestead declarations. This continues past practice.

Federal Project Purchasing Policy ~ Gail presented a draft procurement policy to address concerns raised by the Department of Public Safety's review of the FEMA project for the big storm in July 2017. DPS also made several recommendations such putting procedures in writing. Board took under advisement, needs time to review.

Special Meeting ~ Board decided to hold a special meeting on Thursday, May 30th to open bids and transact other business as needed.

Wallingford Town Line ~ Board discussed letter from the Wallingford Select Board regarding the town line. Board authorized Select Board Assistant to send a letter in reply (with approval of Board Chair Cathy Reynolds), once again asking them to attend a meeting in Tinmouth (special meeting on May 30th), to bring or send their information with them, and to leave the grand lists as they are in regards to Stan Taylor's property until both Boards can agree on a process to resolve the issue.

Member Concerns ~ Road crew is chipping wood chips with the ditching project, should there be a policy/practice for town folks to have access if they want? No decision.

Select Board ~ 5/30/19 ~ Special Meeting

Present were members Michael Fallar, Cathy Reynolds, and Frank Sears-via telephone, as well as Dan Allard Jr., Eric Buffum-road commissioner, Mike Mullin from Pike Industries, Tom Fuller from Fuller Sand and Gravel, Craig Jewett, Eng. From Otter Creek Engineering, Jo Reynolds, Grant Reynolds, and Gail Fallar – Select Board Assistant

Board opened paving bids. Fuller Sand & Gravel Inc., Pike Industries Inc, and Wilk Paving Inc., submitted bids for work on the East Road. After reviewing and

comparing prices per ton, reclamation costs, and shouldering. Board voted to award the paving and reclamation contract to Fuller Sand & Gravel with the low bid of \$113,748. Bidders asked that next year the bids be revised to include an estimated quantity/specific number of units so that everyone is bidding on the same thing. "1.2 miles of paving and 600 feet of reclamation" were too vague, as each bidder used different amounts and may have based their bids on those amounts.

Board opened McCoy Road bid. Bid specs were sent to four vendors, Wright Construction, Kevin Ruane, Herrmann Construction and Allard Excavating. Allard being the only bidder, Board voted to award the McCoy Road culverts contract to Allard Construction. Town will provide the culverts, gravel, and back fill material.

Public Works Facilities ~ Cathy updated Mr. Jewett on the status of engineering work, noting that Don Woods has advised he will not be able to continue. Board discussed time frame and desire to proceed to a bond vote. Craig advised that Otter Creek would be willing and is able to work on permits needed for storm water, erosion control, and waste water. He reviewed work to be done, laid out a preliminary schedule, and advised waiting for a bond vote at town meeting would likely ensure a better voter turnout. He advised that some site work could begin – removing stored material and cutting trees, just not grubbing or stumping. He thought two or three months would give them time to prepare permit applications. Permits should be obtained before going to vote, as this will allow for better cost estimates. New storm water rules want water dispersed in smaller quantities into the ground as soon as possible, not draining into a larger pond. A bio-retention area can be built to treat storm water so it can then be moved along through gravel or pipes as clean water. First step is conceptual storm water treatment; followed by a topographical survey; and test pits holes for waste water. He advised work proceed in phases, each step reviewed by the Board before proceeding; take the time to do it right the first time. Board would like to utilize road crew and town equipment when possible to help defray costs. Craig will work on a proposal for the next Select Board meeting on June 13th. Cost will similar to Otter Creek's proposal last May. Board has to have a civil engineer to proceed to permitting.

Grant suggested the road crew should be used for road work. Board felt another road crew member could be hired as needed.

Frank inquired as to when the Class 4 section of the Gulf Road would be open. Eric replied it needs work due to wash outs.

Board discussed building the salt/sand shed with current funds to try to get it done this construction season. Craig advised the state may not issue a permit until October. Sand will be stockpiled by then. Gail noted that

Stan Wilbur had advised that waste block may not be able to be used for the salt/sand shed – he is the town manager for Proctor and they had to have them special made, as the blocks did not past quality tests.

Old Creamery ~ Gail advised that the Old Creamery Committee is requesting Select Board approval to run an electrical line from the town office to the old creamery, with Hollis Squier using the town's equipment. The OCC will pay costs, that are not donated or volunteered. Board voted to give the OCC permission to extend power to the old creamery and authorized Hollis to use the town's equipment for that project as well as site work on the south and east side of the old creamery building.

Board of Civil Authority ~ Gail inquired if the Board would be willing to meet half an hour early on the 13th (their next regular meeting) with other members of the Board of Civil Authority to review and purge the voter checklist. Members agreed.

Request for an Extension ~ Gail requested, on behalf of the Board of Listers, that the Select Board approve a two-week extension if needed for work to be completed on the 2019 Grand List. Board voted to grant request. (*Listers got the work done on time, extension was not needed!*)

Wallingford Town Line ~ No one from Wallingford attended the meeting.

Tinmouth Planning Commission ~ 5/16/19

Present were members Bob Lloyd, Kim Harbaugh, Michael Fallar, Vito Macaluso, Pat Psholka, Grant Reynolds, and Andy Gilmore, as well as Barbara Noyes Pulling - Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC), and Gail Fallar, Secretary.

Bob advised he has the "Master" of the draft Enhanced Energy Plan on his computer and he volunteered to be keeper of the document as work progresses. He and Grant met with Barbara at RRPC for three hours or so, and will meet with the mapper at RRPC next week, hoping to resolve more issues.

Members discussed concerns with the energy planning process and flaws in the initial data. Barbara and Bob both advised the data was prepared by the state and is the best available at the moment. They urged members to move past that and consider ways the town can work to address climate change, reduce energy cost, obtain more solar, obtain more renewables, look at/plan what can be done.

Barbara noted that Tinmouth may not be able to make a big difference, but should make as big a difference as possible.

Members decided they do not want to identify specific properties or contact landowners about possible "preferred" sites. Barbara advised that current maps in the town plan have over 300 acres as possible sites (prime solar), clearly way more than the 85 acres required as a

minimum. The plan can use broad strokes with preferred areas to hit the target.

PC discussed process, the EEP can be a standalone plan or can be attached to the current town plan. A proposed project would be reviewed by the PC, by RRPC and then make its way to the Public Utility Commission (PUC). The PUC can override a town's plan if the 'good' is best for the state.

Members reviewed Grant's suggested edits, Bob will incorporate into the draft. Barbara has reviewed work completed so far and all is in compliance with requirements. She had one question about whether zoning prohibited solar projects – current zoning regulations state that if a use is not listed, it is not allowed or permitted. Bob will work on that.

Barbara also advised that state grant money to help towns with energy planning, including Tinmouth, is in the last round.

Grant noted the PC needs to sit down and carefully read the draft, it is an important document that commits the town to action. Bob again noted he does not want to debate the data provided by the state, Grant again noted that there is no Tinmouth-size data available. Barbara noted the only commitment in the plan, is to action, not to the correctness of the data.

Bob read a caveat paragraph describing the data and issues the PC has with it, to be included in the EEP.

Vito reported he read *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 Tinmouth's rural character and enhance wildlife habitat, and he recommended that the PC pass it back to the Conservation Commission as there might be sections beneficial to them.

Gail advised that she and Pat are continuing work on Village Center Designation, Bob asked to review documents.

Next meeting was set for Thursday, June 27th, 2019 – changed it to the fourth Thursday to accommodate Barbara's schedule.

Conservation Commission ~ 5/20/19

With thanks to Chuck Bronk, Sec.

Present were members Doug Fontein, Jo Reynolds, Jeff Ams, Nelson Jaquay, Rainbow Squier, Robbie Leeds, and Chuck Bronk, as well as Gail Fallar, Doug Inkley, and Ed Hasenohr.

New Business:

Debriefing Green Up Day event:

Doug provided the following statistics from the event. All roads but West Tinmouth were covered this year. 62 bags of trash and a ½ ton pile were collected by 57 individuals. There were also about 15-20 independent collectors. Of those attending 30 were children.

A single dump trailer was sufficient for all the bags with the exception of the ½ ton pile, and greatly simplified the relocation of the trash to the Town dumpster. Gail saved the official map to the archives. The refreshments and prizes were well received.

Suggestions for next year:

An informational sign on the table or half/sheet hand out would simplify the repeated announcement of various schedule points and caution warnings.

To further publicize the event yard signs like those used for Town-Wide Tag Sale could be offered to residents. Chuck Bronk agreed to produce these after the Commission agreed upon the wording.

Safety vests with a Tinmouth imprint could be procured and signed out to younger attendees.

Pictures from last year could be added to the display of older prize categories.

A white board or erasable sign on the dump trailer could be used to tally the number of bags of trash.

Old Business:

Two new amphibian crossing signs will be placed by Jeff Ams with assistance from Doug Inkley. Rainbow Squier agreed to note the addition in the Front Porch Forum.

Doug F. suggested a Mountain Cabin work party to be scheduled either on May 25th or June 1st, to work on the compost bin, battens, and hardware cloth. Jeff, Robbie, and Rainbow expressed interest and Doug agreed to call to confirm the night before.

Rainbow reported that she has been trying unsuccessfully to contact the person in Poultney who handles Invasive Workshops.

On the Drachman Trail, Doug F. reported that he will walk the whole loop and the spur to the outcrop with Peter Drachman when Peter visits this Summer, prior to any work commencing on the clearing of the trail. Nelson Jaquay agreed to work on a sign for the trail head, with the basic information from the Memorandum of Agreement.

Members discussed the next steps on the Ridge Trail. There is a section owned by folks who are willing to let trail walkers pass over their property, but will not allow any signs or trail clearing. As there is a small hill in the middle, it is not possible to see to the other side. There is some concern with folks wandering off the trail in that area. Members pondered options.

Robbie suggested that it might make some sense to begin to clear trail from the Mountain Cabin toward the Ridge Trail. He agreed to suggest a date for such a work party via email.

Next meeting set for July 15th at 7:30 PM

Please Recycle or Pass Along Tales!!

~ **Tinmouth Place Names** ~

By Grant Reynolds

This is an edited version of an Appendix in *A Short History of Tinmouth, Vermont*, by Grant Reynolds. If you have names to add, edits to suggest, or better information, please contact him at 446-3457 or grant62@vermontel.net.

Ballou's Swamp – Swampy pond beside Vt. Route 140 on the top of Cobb Hill. Named for the former owners of the property, though it is now part of the Carabeau farm.

Chipman Lake – Official name of Tinmouth Pond. Named by an act of the legislature in 1923; passed at the request of a land developer who thought his lots would sell better on a lake than on a pond

Clark Mountain – Eastern edge of the Tinmouth Valley. Boundary with Wallingford runs roughly along its ridgeline.

Cobb Hill – Section of Vermont 140 uphill from East Road, then downhill to the Wallingford town line. Named for two brothers named Cobb. Lewis owned the farm at the southeast corner of the 140/North East Road intersection (formerly Ballou's, 1869 L. Cobb) and Lyman owned the first farm south of it on East Road (now - Carabeau's, 1869 also L. Cobb.)

Cramton's Woods – the section of Vt. Route 140 between the North End Road intersection and the Gulf Road/Harrington's Crossroad intersection. Named for Neri Cramton, original settler and Revolutionary War veteran. The land was owned by his descendants until late in the 19th Century.

Furnace Brook – section of what is now Tinmouth Channel between Channel Road and the Channel wetland. So called because there was a blast furnace on the west bank. Now called Tinmouth Channel.

Glebe, The – Originally an 80 acre lot in Tinmouth village, stretching from the base of Tinmouth Mountain to the east side of the Channel, provided in the 1761 Charter to support a parish of the Church of England. Since no such church was established here, it became State of Vermont property on independence in 1777. Later leased to the town, it has mostly been disposed of. The town still owns the Town Green, where the school and church are located.

Gulf, The – Very deep, narrow valley where Wells Brook comes down off The Purchase. The class 4 (not publicly maintained) section of (Lower) Gulf Road runs through it, connecting the Gulf Road Valley with West Tinmouth. Closed in winter and only barely passable the rest of the year.

Gulf Road Valley – Valley between the west side of Tinmouth Mountain and the east side of Spoon Mountain.

Gulf Road (also Lower Gulf Road) and Upper Gulf Road run through it, along with several side roads.

Purchase, The – The uninhabited land west of Tinmouth Mountain, north of Danby, and east of the West Tinmouth Valley. Also the peak that hangs over the West Tinmouth Valley. Sarcastic name for a large tract of abandoned mountain land acquired by Daniel Hurd, town tax collector, at his own tax auctions in the 1820's. Refers to the famous Holland Purchase in Western New York State. Dutch investors in that Purchase had a hard time selling their land, as did Mr. Hurd.

Spoon Mountain – Western edge of the Gulf Road valley. Boundary with Middletown Springs largely follows its ridgeline.

Tinmouth Channel Fen – Flat, swampy area in the center of Tinmouth Valley, beginning just north of the east-west section of Mountain View Road, near the Danby line, and ending at the Channel Road bridge, where the Channel becomes a flowing brook.

Tinmouth Channel: Possible origin of name: two straight channels in the wetland, now not connected to anything, claimed to have once conveyed barges of materials to the blast furnace on Route 140, behind Nelson Jaquay's current house. By late 19th Century the name was applied to the whole "Tinmouth river" from Tinmouth Pond to the Clarendon town line.

Tinmouth Channel Wetland – Flat, swampy area north of the brook section of the Channel and ending at North End Road. All 1100 acres are a Class I wetland belonging to the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department. When blast furnaces were in operation on North End Road the Channel was dammed up into a 700 acre lake. The dam was removed, and the lake became a swamp, in 1815.

Tinmouth Pond Outlet – brook running downhill from the dam at the Pond to the Tinmouth Channel Fen. Has also been called Beaver Brook in the past.

Tinmouth on the Mountain – Farm on Clark Mountain, at the end of Crow Hill Road, where there is a large, relatively level bowl with considerable wetland. Farmed by the Clark family during the 19th Century.

Tinmouth Mountain – Mountain Range running from Cramton's Woods (Vt. 140 west of North End Road) south into Danby. Highest peak is the more southerly of two peaks at 2835 feet. Part of the Taconic range.

Town Green – Land area in the center of the village, including the school and the church. Part of the Glebe for the Church of England in the original 1761 Charter.

West Hill – area between Tinmouth's eastern boundary and Otter Creek. It's "west" of Wallingford. Attached to Wallingford in 1794 by the Legislature.

West Tinmouth – The valley west of the Purchase and Spoon Mountain, in the southwest corner of the town. Vt. Route 133 is its main road.

Road Names That Are A Little Unusual

Bliss Road – Bliss was the maiden name of Mrs. Rouleau, who lived in the first house on the road – in the late 1950s and 60s - (1869 Levi Rice). She also felt it was a blissful place to be.

Channel Road – Crosses Tinmouth Channel between East and Mountain View Roads.

Chipmunk Crossing Drive – private road serving a few houses on Tinmouth Pond. Name chosen by owners because when it was built there were many chipmunks scurrying across the new road.

Crow Hill Road: origin unclear. There's no Crow Hill on any maps. The road originally went over Clark Mountain all the way to South Wallingford. Most of it in Tinmouth has been thrown up and in Wallingford there is no recollection of its existence.

Gilmore Road is named for a current farm family. They descend from the original settler, Leonard Campbell. It became the Gilmore family by marriage in 1867.

Gulf Road was surveyed in 1781 from McNamara Road to West Tinmouth Road (Vt 133). Now also called Lower Gulf Road, since a parallel Upper Gulf Road was soon laid out to serve farms far east of Gulf Road. Southern portion is a Class 4 Road through the Tinmouth Gulf, closed in winter.

Journey's End Road – Name of recent origin (Thanks to Daniel Risdon). Once the farm road to a Norton farmhouse, its status was contested 100 years ago by a party claiming it was a town road – as it is now.

McNamara, McCoy, Northrup Roads, and Harrington Cross Road: All named for former owners of farms on them.

Merrill Spring Road: A large commercial spring operation owned by the Merrill family once operated on this road.

Morgan Road: section of Vermont Route 133 from Ira to Middletown town lines. Runs through land once owned by the Morgan family.

Pent Road: A “pent road” is a public road that runs through pasture land. The farmer is authorized by the Select Board to put an unlocked gate across it. There's no evidence that the Board of Selectmen ever authorized gating it, but the name has been there for a long time.

Pucker Street – Only “street” in town. Origin unknown. Captain Miles house, built in 1781, stood here until recently. It was carefully dismantled and re-erected on Long Island, New York.

Wright's Road is named for the family that owns most of the land it runs through.

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