

# TALES OF TINMOUTH

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## Editors' Notes:

The deadline for submissions is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month, for publication on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the following month. Please email your information to *Tales of Tinmouth* (tinmouthtales@gmail.com) or drop it off at the Town Office. Thank you for recent donations, they are very much appreciated and help keep us in print!

*Pat Psholka, Helen Mango & Gail Fallar*



## ~ 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 24**. Books may be donated starting with **July 1**. 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 p.m.** at the Library on **Sunday, July 14**. Please join us!

Book Discussion will occur on **Sunday, July 21 at 3:00 p.m.** at the library. We will discuss **Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe** by Fannie Flagg, and Gene Usher will be the discussion leader. Everyone is always welcome.

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

The library is **open** on Monday and Thursday, from 10:00 a.m. until Noon, and from 1:00 until 5:00 p.m., as well as the morning of the *second* Saturday of the month this time, **July 13<sup>th</sup>**, from 9 a.m. until Noon.

## ~ Road Crew Job Opening ~

Part-time worker needed for the road crew. CDL not required but preferred. Flexible schedule, possible 10 hour days. Salary based on experience, \$15-\$20 per hr.

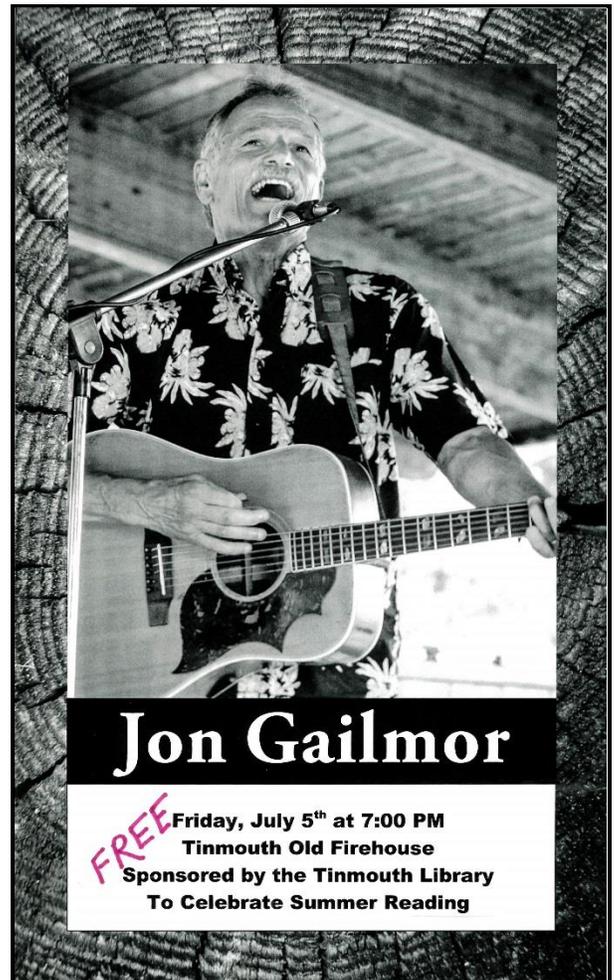
Please call Eric Buffum, Road Commissioner at 446-9163 (town garage) for more details.

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

## ~ 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 **Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup> 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. Please come!**



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 20 at 5:00 p.m.!** Dough and toppings will be provided.

**There is no charge**, and all ages are welcome!

~ July 2019 Calendar of Events ~

Town Office & Library	Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup>	CLOSED for the Holiday!!
Fire Dept.	Thursday	TBD	7:00 Fire House
Jon Gailmor Concert (Free)	Friday	5 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 Old Fire House
Select Board	Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 Town Office
Special Library AM Hours	Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup>	9-Noon Library
Writers' Group	Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup>	1:30 Library
Planning Commission	No Meeting in July		
Conservation Commission	Monday	15 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 Town Office - Upstairs
Pizza and Storytelling (Free)	Saturday	20 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 Bake Oven and Old Firehouse
Tales of Tinmouth Deadline	Saturday	20 <sup>th</sup>	Don't Miss It!
Book Discussion	Sunday	21 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 Library

~ August 2019 Calendar of Events ~

Fire Department	Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup>	7:00	Fire House
Library OPEN	Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9-12	Library
Select Board	Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup>	7:00	Town Office
Property Taxes 1 <sup>st</sup> half Due	Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup>	8-12 & 1-5	Town Office
Planning Commission	Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup>	7:00	Town Office
Tales of Tinmouth Deadline	Monday	20 <sup>th</sup>		Don't Miss It!
Library Book Sale	Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup>	TBA	Old Fire House
Town Wide Tag Sale	Saturday	31 <sup>st</sup>	TBA	All Around Town

**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.

~ Community News ~

*Get Well Wishes* are sent to **Kristy Usher, Marion Hambly, Bill Secoy, Willie Thiele, and Alan Held.**

*Heartfelt sympathies* are sent to family and friends of **Enid Whittingham**; and to **Ann Czar** and family for the loss of her Mom.

**Marion Hambly** sends appreciation for the kind thoughts and cards following her recent fall and fracture of her other hip. She is again on the road to recovery!

~ Nature Notes ~

**Bears** continue to visit. In West Tinmouth, they helped themselves to a delivery from Chewy.com, dragging it into the woods. On Wright's Road one was recently spotted and soon after the sound of a mountain lion was heard. Turns out the Virkler boys had seen it too, and were trying to scare it away as they milked the cow.

A **bald eagle** had been spotted several times fishing on Tinmouth Pond. Gracefully gliding on high until just the right moment.

**Woodchucks** are getting really brazen, moving under the front and back decks of a house on North End Road. Must be they think it is safer there. With the scarcity of coyotes, there seem to be many more woodchucks!

**Ticks** are in great abundance, please see back page for tips!!

~ **Tinmouth Community Fund Scholarship Awards** ~

*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 by the Tinmouth Plant Sale (about \$4,500 annually). Pictured below are:

**Iiona 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 **Iiona 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 MRUHS Tinmouth seniors pursuing college.

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

**Photo credits: Vito Macaluso and Helen Mango**



**2019 Tinmouth Town Wide Tag Sales – August 31<sup>st</sup>**

*By Sherry Johnson*

Time to save that “stuff” from spring cleaning! We are planning to have the 7<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>** 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](mailto:vtsjohnson@icloud.com) or Tracy Byford [tracyleab@gmail.com](mailto:tracyleab@gmail.com) or Chuck Bronk [charles.bronk@gmail.com](mailto:charles.bronk@gmail.com)

~ **Art and Craft Show & Sale – October 12<sup>th</sup>** ~

*By Sherry Johnson*

We are planning the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual one-day art and craft show for Tinmouth Artists on **Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

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:

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

More information will be available in the coming months.



*Ramsey Yoder and Jan Krantz*

**~ Tree Dedication to Honor Ramsey Yoder ~**  
*by Jan Krantz*

On the evening of June 2, 2019, a Katsura tree, recently planted in the center of town, was dedicated to honor **Ramsey Yoder**, and all that he has done for Tinnmouth.

Following is what was read at the event.

*Ramsey, it is a pleasure to be able to share some thoughts relative to the Katsura tree we planted to honor you this spring. It seems that a tree is a great metaphor for all that you have done for Tinnmouth. If we look around our town, we can easily see and experience the results of seeds you have planted in this community over time. You had a vision for Tinnmouth, and you challenged us to think about possibilities and to dream big, but one step at a time. First, how can we transform that ugly green metal firehouse that sits in the center of town? Next, do you think we could build a community center onto the school, relying mostly on the talents and natural resources here in Tinnmouth?*

*With your vision and support, these projects went from a dream to a reality, and in the process brought us together as a diverse community. In 1999, to ensure all of this continued into the future, you stepped up to lead the creation of the Tinnmouth Community Fund and continued on in that role for many years. And here we are in 2019, 20 years later, the Community Center is a versatile and vital part of the community, and your ideas have continued to grow and branch out, so we now have three programs under the Tinnmouth Community Fund: the Community Grants, the K-12 Scholarships, and last but not least, the Continuing Education Scholarships, which we are celebrating this evening. Ramsey, the seeds you planted over 20 years ago, have grown and are firmly rooted in this special community, making it a more*

*beautiful and better place to live now, and into the future. The Katsura tree is an unusual one, hard to find, and beautiful to see. Once again, you inspired us to think and look broader. It is with deep gratitude that we dedicate this Katsura tree to honor all that you have done for Tinnmouth. Thank you!*

*~ The Tinnmouth Community Fund Board*

Not to be outdone, Ramsey came to the event with a poem he had written for the occasion, which he read to the gathering:



**TINMOUTH ABOUND**

Find a large enough pot  
 Clean out any rot  
 Add a pinch of volunteer labor  
 Just enough to savor

Sprinkle in some dollars  
 Stir to quench any negative hollers  
 What are things that can be done  
 Hash out what could really be fun

Improve the fire station or the school  
 Each would be a useful tool  
 Or would a community center  
 Bring a town closer together

And are there other projects that would enhance  
 That gives our citizens a better chance  
 Through grants that expand our souls and minds  
 For the betterment of all who dwell in our confines

So any tribute for jobs well done is not for me  
 It is for those who live and strive to make it WE!

*Written by Ramsey Yoder, June 2, 2019*



TINMOUTH  
CHURCH

~ Tinmouth Community Church ~

St. Benedict of Nursia (Italy) said, "Each day we begin again." Each day, even throughout the day, again and again, we begin again. And, so we are doing with the passing of the ministerial torch from Pastor Shirley to me. She begins again. We begin again.

For your years with Pastor Shirley we can say, "Thank you, God, for your abundant blessings. Bless Your servant, Shirley, as she begins again." For this new season of life at Tinmouth Community Church, we affirm that new every morning, O God, are your blessings. And we look forward to them as we form new friendships, undertake new endeavors, and grow together in the Spirit of Wholeness and Holiness, that divine Spirit which, through and through, is Love, all lovely.

By way of introduction, my wife Sue and I have come from Northeastern Pennsylvania, where we raised our children Matthew and Christina, who are now young adults. Sue is also a pastor. She has been appointed to the Poultney Charge of the United Methodist Church. We reside on Main St (# 289) in Poultney, where you are most welcome to come by.

I came to Vermont by way of employment at Addison County Home Health and Hospice as their chaplain this past year. I previously worked as a hospice chaplain in PA for many years. I've also pastored several churches along my journey and worked at several counseling agencies. Sue and I are thrilled to be living in Vermont (our dream) and very excited about our churches and communities we are serving. We are certain God has brought us all together. Perhaps some day I can tell you the miraculous (and I use that term accurately) details.

So, I hope to meet you in church (Sundays at 9 a.m.) or at town functions. I am here for you, whether you attend church or not. I like coffee and I'd really like to meet you.

Feel free to call me on my cell (802-282-7532) or at the parsonage (802-884-8249) or email me at [hzfam@hotmail.com](mailto:hzfam@hotmail.com).

**God bless us as we "begin again."  
Pastor John Hardman-Zimmerman**

"When you have the choice to be right or to be kind, always pick kind."

- Dr. Wayne Dyer

~ New Pastor for Tinmouth Community Church ~

By Rene Wilbur

On June 30th, the congregation of Tinmouth Community Church said a fond farewell to Rev. Shirley Oskamp who served the church and community for 15 years. She has been a spiritually inspiring leader devoted to social justice and environmental justice, and the worshipping community has been most grateful for her dedication to addressing the issues of our time.

As of the first of July, the church welcomes Rev. John Hardman-Zimmerman as its pastor, and the congregation is looking forward to his leadership. He has led several churches in Pennsylvania and came to Vermont to serve as hospice chaplain in Middlebury, a position he decided to leave as he returns to the local church. He is very pleased to be appointed to the Tinmouth Church and looks forward to getting to know the town and its residents and become involved with community activities.

John resides in Poultney with his wife, Rev. Sue Hardman-Zimmerman, who is pastor of the Poultney-Wells-Fair Haven United Methodist Churches. They have two grown children.

Tinmouth Community Church's Sunday worship service is at 9 a.m. and is followed by a fellowship brunch in the Community Room. Please come and greet Rev. John. All are welcome!

*Tinmouth Community Church ... You are welcome here! We are a congregation that honors, values and respects diversity among people of varied ages, Christian traditions, sexual orientations and ethnic and racial backgrounds. Clearly the great variety that God has created in the natural world extends to humanity as well and is to be treasured.*

*It is our hope that our time worshipping together may bring us closer to the words and examples of Jesus and inspire us to go forth as the heart and hands of Christ in the world we inhabit.*



**Monday Knit, Craft and Chat Group.**  
Tinmouth Library, Mondays at 3:00 to 5:00.  
Everyone is welcome.



**Tinmouth**  
Mountain School

To the Tinmouth Community,

School is over for the 2018-2019 school year. However, **Sight Word Bingo** is held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7:30 AM throughout July! Everyone who attends receives a coupon for a free ice cream cone from the Tinmouth Snack Bar! Siblings are welcome even if they aren't playing. There is no charge. There is the opportunity for mastering sight words while having fun and of course there's the ice cream...

The parents who volunteered for Four Winds and winter sports program, as well as other events at the school truly made a difference for the students this year. When parents and grandparents volunteer, children realize the importance of school. Additionally, the extra help provides time for working one-on-one with children. This is critical for young struggling readers and struggling mathematicians to succeed. If you already volunteer at TMS, please consider continuing this crucial support in the upcoming school year. We need more volunteers in the classroom. If you are considering helping out in the classroom, the teachers would appreciate your support. The teachers compiled the following list of activities volunteers can do in their classroom:

**Wee Folk Parent Family**

**Volunteering Opportunities (Ms. Edge):**

Inside Choice Time-reading to students; Special art projects; Cooking; Playing educational games; Natural Playground-special offerings such as nature art; Gardening; Assisting with nature journals; Outdoor Classroom-fire tender, cooking over the fire; Small group activities involving math, reading, science, and geography; Scholastic book club helper

**Grade 1/2 (Ms. Wurzburg):**

- Crafts
- Read books
- Preparation of materials.
- Organize a take-home book bag
- Check reading logs
- Distribute books for home
- Reading leveled books with kids
- Sight word activities

**Grade 3 (Ms. Galusha):**

Ms. Galusha's third grade class would love to have volunteers in our room. We are looking for volunteers to help in our outdoor classroom with nature hikes, fire

tending, and possible structure building. Inside the classroom we would enjoy volunteers that would like to help with leading ELA and Math games during center rotations. There will also be numerous times throughout the year volunteers would be welcomed to help with bigger hands-on projects. I truly value having our families and community members join us in our learning, I feel this helps the students succeed in the classroom and outside in our community.

**Grade 4/5/6 (Ms. Tift):**

- Lesson or activities
- Vocabulary
- Multiplication facts
- Editing
- Reading with students

Community support is truly valued by our teachers. Please consider volunteering in the 2019-2020 school year.

**Congratulations to our 2019 graduates – Lily French, Lamont Jones, and Leah Marjorell!**

**Mrs. Riker**  
**Principal**  
**Tinmouth Mountain School**

~ **Recipe Corner** ~



**BLT Macaroni Salad**

- ½ cup mayonnaise
- 3 tablespoons chili sauce
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 3 cups cooked elbow macaroni
- ½ cup chopped tomatoes
- 2 tablespoons chopped green onions
- 3 cups shredded lettuce
- 4 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled.

In a large bowl, combine the mayonnaise, chili sauce, lemon juice and sugar. Add the cooked macaroni, tomatoes and green onions; toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate at least 1 hour. Just before serving, add lettuce and bacon; toss to coat.

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

***Please Recycle or Pass Along Tales!!***

(Complete minutes are available at the town office.)

## Select Board ~ 6/13/19

Present were members Frank Sears, Cathy Reynolds, and Michael Fallar, as well as Eric Buffum-Road Commissioner, Jo Reynolds, Grant Reynolds, Mildred Traina, Kim Harbaugh, and Gail Fallar – Board Assistant.

Board reviewed agenda, Eric requested to go first, added Vermont Community Leadership request.

### ~ Highway ~

**McCoy Road** ~ Eric reported project culverts were on site, by-pass culvert has been installed.

**Gulf Road** ~ Eric reported work was mostly done, still has to change one culvert but won't get to that by the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. He decided not to install the extra one due to opposition from a local farmer. Board inquired about total cost, not available at this time. Eric noted he had recently purchased a hay bale mulcher and wondered if the town would like to buy it or rent it from him. Board took under advisement, will consider at next meeting.

**New Town Garage** ~ Don Woods advised he will not be able to continue as engineer. Board reviewed proposal from Otter Creek Engineering. After discussion, Cathy moved and Frank 2nded to hire Otter Creek for ground work, storm water planning and state permitting. Once permits are obtained, better cost estimates are possible before the bond vote. Cathy and Frank voted in favor, Michael abstained. Motion passed.

**New One Ton Truck** ~ Eric has not had time to prepare bids, will try to have ready for July Board meeting.

**Fuel Bids** ~ Board requested fuel bids for July meeting.

**Road Complaint** ~ Mildred expressed concern with recent cutouts made on her property. She advised they now direct water onto her property. She called the road commissioner and did not receive a reply, so she came to the Board. Has lived in town for 37 years and doesn't understand why this is being done now, rather than installing culverts. Eric advised that it was done to get water off the road rather than having it run down the road, and that it's been a really wet year. After discussion, Board asked Eric to take a look and report back. Eric asked Frank to go along.

**Roadside Mowing** ~ Board voted to again hire Hollis Squier to mow roadsides as a sub-contractor. Michael recused himself as Hollis is his uncle. Board would like it done as soon as possible to help control poison parsnip (needs to be cut before it goes to seed).

**Roads** ~ Eric presented Board prioritized list of roads and their conditions and work needed, no cost estimates were included.

**Gulf Road – Class 4 Section** ~ Eric advised it was not yet open, needed some gravel, trying to get grant work done first.

**Summer Road Crew Help** ~ Board discussed protocol, need to advertise on Front Porch Forum and Tales, CDL preferred, part time, \$15-\$20 per hour based on experience. Eric does have someone who may be interested.

**Members Concerns** ~ Board members noted there are grumblings about when roads will be graded, Eric advised as soon as the work on McCoy Road is done.

### ~ General Business ~

**Wallingford Town Line** ~ Board reviewed and signed letter to the Wallingford Select Board regarding the town line, once again asking them to attend a meeting in Tinmouth and to leave the grand lists as agreed in 2017 in regards to Stan Taylor's property until both Boards can agree on a process to resolve the issue.

**Solid Waste Ordinance** ~ Board reviewed and accepted comments/suggestions from Pam Clapp, our Solid Waste District Coordinator, regarding the proposed ordinance. Board voted to accept and adopt the Solid Waste Ordinance.

**Old Business** ~ *Right of Way Use on East Road* – no progress. *Trash on Mountain View Road* – some has been moved, more remains. Frank advised as Health Officer he was still trying to get Sarah Munger to clean up the trash on *Maplebrook Lane*, she advised she would begin within a week.

**Glebe Lands** ~ Grant advised that recent legislation dealt with glebe (lease) land – lots created with the first laying out of the town in 1761 for various purposes including for the propagation of the ministry, Church of England, etc., and much like ancient roads, can create a cloud on a property's title. The Legislature created a path for them to be extinguished if a town decides it no longer wants/needs them. There appears to be two such glebe lots – near the center of town and to the southeast of Tinmouth Pond. "Rent" was collected by the town until 1983 in Tinmouth and turned over to the school. Grant volunteered to research and create a list for the Board to consider, the original two lots having been subdivided a number of times in the last 200 years. The Board needs to decide by January 1, 2020.

**Financial Management Questionnaire** ~ Board reviewed and accepted document prepared by the town treasurer as required by state statute and the State Auditor of Accounts.

**Restoration and Preservation Reserve Fund** ~ Board renamed Records Restoration Fund to the "Restoration and Preservation Reserve Fund". The Restoration and Preservation Reserve Fund shall be used solely for restoration, preservation, digitization, storage, and conservation of municipal records. New legislation increased the per page fee for recording to \$15 and requires \$4 per page be set aside for this fund.

**Unlicensed Dog Warrant** ~ Board signed unlicensed dog warrant, giving the Constables the authority to destroy those dogs remaining unlicensed. There are 10 or so owners who have yet to license their pets.

**Recycle Fees** ~ Board answered questions from Pam Clapp regarding whether the town was going to increase trash fees or start charging for recycling as the cost of processing recycling has gone from \$48 per ton to \$100. Board will consider at its next meeting, asked assistant to research what other towns are doing.

**Energy Committee** ~ Board appointed Todd Dennis to the Energy Committee.

**Federal Project Purchasing Policy** ~ Gail advised that a ‘may’ had to be changed to ‘shall’ in regards to the conflict of interest, in order to be approved by the Department of Public Safety and FEMA. Board made the change to the draft. This change had to be made by 6/14/19 or the town would no longer be eligible for federal money.

**Vermont Community Leadership Summit** ~ Vermont Council on Rural Development requested a nominee from the town. Michael volunteered to attend, Frank will go if Michael is unable.

**Member Concerns** ~ Michael advised that Gunner Morris, transfer station attendant, was willing to use the old town backhoe to crush trash and remove snow, and maintain it if need be. He used to be a big equipment operator. Board took under advisement.

### **Select Board ~ 6/27/19 ~ Special Meeting**

Present were members Michael Fallar and Frank Sears, as well as Gail Fallar – Select Board Assistant

After brief discussion, Board voted to sign a letter of intent regarding the State’s FY20 Grant In Aide program for storm water control.

After brief discussion, Board voted to authorize Michael to sign documents: for a Better Roads Grant (\$7,622); for a road and culvert inventory contract with Rutland Regional Planning Commission to perform that road and culvert inventory and prepare a Road Stormwater Management Plan for \$7,622; and for the Aquatic Nuisance (Milfoil) Control on Tinmouth Pond for \$3,264. Select Board Chair, Cathy Reynolds was out of town and the documents were time sensitive.

Board briefly discussed the Gulf Road Grant In Aide Project and the need to better anticipate cost in relation to grant reimbursement.

### **Tinmouth Planning Commission ~ 6/27/19**

Present were members Kim Harbaugh, Bob Lloyd, Pat Psholka, Vito Macaluso, Grant Reynolds, Rainbow Squier, Larry Carabeau, and Michael Fallar, as well as Barbara Noyes Pulling, Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC), Gail Fallar, Secretary, and Todd

Dennis and Ray Pratt – members of the Energy Committee.

Bob had emailed the latest draft of the proposed Enhanced Energy Plan. Black and white paper copies were passed around. Maps are letter size and hard to read, they are better in color.

Members again discussed concerns with the energy planning process and flaws in the initial data. Barbara and Bob both advised again that 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.

Members reiterated they do not want to identify specific properties or contact landowners about possible “preferred” sites. A member of the public had suggested doing that so owners could be prepared in the event a potential solar developer approached them. Barbara noted preferred areas are general in nature and other areas could be explored even if not on the map.

PC discussed process, Barbara clarified that the EEP cannot be a standalone plan, it has to be attached to the current town plan, either as an appendix or as a regular section. The current town plan already has an energy section. Having the enhanced plan can give the town substantial deference in the state approval permit process.

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.

Gail questioned the “shall” in the last two pages that contain action the town must take. She would prefer “should”, as the PC cannot tell the Select Board Assistant or the Select Board that they shall do this or that. Barbara noted that shall is more compelling.

Bob noted that the Energy Committee was invited to review the document as they were also directed to take multiple actions. Ray and Todd advised they would be willing to take a look. Cathy Reynolds is also on the Energy Committee.

Members then proceeded to review the document page by page, making a few suggested edits. Barbara will check on the data of some charts, whether Vermont has impact statements, and whether more teeth can be added to the decommissioning requirements.

Several members advised that the Town needs to do something to address climate change, this is a good start and that it can be amended in the future as energy use and/or needs change.

Pat suggested inviting Annette Smith to speak to the Planning Commission regarding enhanced energy planning. She and Grant attended a meeting in Weathersfield where Annette spoke. After brief discussion, members decided by a show of hands to do this and invite surrounding towns planning commissions as well.

Gail advised that she has not had time to work on Village Center Designation and asked for help.

Next meeting was set for Thursday, August 15, 2019 – no meeting in July. Energy Committee will meet before then to review the proposal. It is anticipated that PC members will vote at the meeting on moving the plan forward.

### **Tinmouth Community Fund Board ~ 6/20/19**

*With thanks to Helen Mango, Secretary*

Present were members Jan Krantz (Chair), Ray Pratt (Vice Chair), Cathy Reynolds (Treasurer), Nikki Pfeiffer, Asha Carroll, and Helen Mango (Secretary), as well as Gail Fallar, town treasurer.

Cathy passed around a few thank-you notes from recipients of this year's TCF scholarships.

Treasurer's report: Cathy and Gail reported that the TCF has a town checkbook balance of \$29,803.07. Balance at the Vermont Community Fund (VCF): Endowed Fund has \$286,415 and the Reserve Fund has \$50,355.

In terms of the stock market, the fourth quarter of 2018 was bad, but the first quarter of 2019 was good, so there was a net gain.

\$9,500 was awarded in scholarships in May. This was for six scholarships, ranging from \$1,000-\$2,000. For the first time, financial need was used as an additional factor determining amount awarded and a rubric was used that included this metric. The rubric will be adjusted moving forward.

Last year the fund gave out 11 scholarships. This year as there were no graduating Tinmouth seniors from Mill River going to college, the endowed scholarship for a Mill River senior was given directly to the Tinmouth school. The *Susan McIntosh Lloyd Scholarship* and *Robert and Cynthia Johnson Scholarship* were inaugurated this year, both are privately funded.

Asha also gave a summary of the K-12 camp scholarships: \$1,500 was allocated, and three families applied (for a total of nine children). The total requests came to \$1,780, so \$280 was added at the April Board meeting.

\$2,360 was donated to the TCF in Nancy Noble's memory. Board voted that half be put in the TCF and half in the scholarship fund as this was how Nancy usually designated her donations; this will include any future donations in Nancy's name.

### Capital campaign for the Scholarship Fund

Jan reported that the elements of a capital campaign are included in today's meeting package. Jan gave an overview of the process. First is a feasibility study (meet with current donors and ask for advice). This is a "friend-building" activity. Cathy has been working on this. She is creating a package that can be given to potential donors that explains what the campaign is all about. Second is to hire an outside assistant who has experience in capital campaigns. Third is to get the TCF Board excited about the campaign. Non-Board people can also be included who can serve as resources for the campaign. Fourth is to work on a fund-raising strategy and goal (\$100,000). There are also expenses to include, and a deadline to consider for the campaign. Fifth is to develop the case for support – the "why" of the campaign. Who has the Scholarship Fund supported? What have they done with their support? Sixth is the communications strategy (private: meet with potential donors; public: put out publicity).

There was discussion concerning what the capital campaign is going to fund – there is general agreement that this effort is to replace the Plant Sale portion of the Scholarship Fund. Fund-raising will continue for the rest of the Scholarship Fund.

Cathy suggested that we rough out a calendar because it is a multi-step process. Shall we do the regular annual appeal, and then launch the capital campaign at Town Meeting? This would push a five-year fundraising goal to 2025.

### Creating a Continuing Education Separate Fund

This needs to be done for bookkeeping purposes to separate the funds at VCF to specify the Continuing Education fund as separate from the TCF. This involves filling out some forms that need to be approved by the Select Board, as well as the TCF Board. Board voted to create a Continuing Education Fund within the VCF.

Cathy recommended that \$28,000 in recently acquired funds (donations and plant sale) be transferred from the checkbook to the endowed fund.

Board voted to instruct the Treasurers to determine the value of the scholarship fund once the second quarter gains are calculated and applied. This will be the opening balance of the new separate Scholarship Fund.

### Other business

Cathy discussed the possibilities of writing "stories" to share with the Tinmouth community to recount what past recipients of scholarships are doing now. Nikki volunteered to work on this.

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## Sheriff's Department update 1/1/19 thru 4/30/19

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### Town reports ~

*Middletown Springs* had 24 calls for service 30 traffic stops 1 arrest.

*Tinmouth* had 22 calls for service 31 traffic stops 2 arrests

*Danby* had 35 calls for service 27 traffic stops 8 arrests.

*Ira* had 12 calls for service 47 traffic stops 1 arrest.

### Summer safety tips.

1. When leaving your car unattended, possibly out for a hike or at the local swimming hole, lock your vehicle and place valuables out of sight.
2. With the summer months arriving more of your neighbors will be going out of town on vacation. Keep an eye out for your neighbor, report strange vehicles or people around that you don't recognize.
3. Reports from Green Up day indicated that some needles were located along roads. If needles are located, please call and provide us with a location and we will pick them up and properly dispose of them.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns at 775-8002.

*Have a great summer, stay safe.*

*Captain David Fox*

### Young Wildlife Belong in the Wild

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Watching wildlife is enjoyable, especially when young animals appear in the spring. But it's best to keep your distance. Picking up young wildlife can do more harm than good, according to the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. It's also against the law.

When people see young animals alone, they often mistakenly assume these animals are helpless or lost, in trouble or needing to be rescued. Bringing young wildlife into a human environment often results in permanent separation from their mothers and a sad ending for the animal.

Handling wildlife could also pose a threat to the people involved. Wild animals can transmit disease and angry wildlife mothers can pose significant dangers.

Department scientists encourage wildlife watchers to respect the behavior of animals in the spring and early summer, and to resist the urge to assist wildlife in ways that may be harmful. Here are some helpful tips:

- Deer and moose nurse their young at different times during the day, and often leave young alone for long periods of time. These animals are not lost. Their mother knows where they are and will return.
- Young birds on the ground may have left their nest, but their parents will still feed them.
- Young animals such as fox and raccoon will often follow their parents. The family of a "wandering" animal searching for food is usually nearby but just out of sight to a person happening upon it.
- Animals that act sick can carry rabies, parasites or other harmful diseases. Do not handle them. Even though they do not show symptoms, healthy-looking raccoons, foxes, skunks, and bats also may also be carriers of the deadly rabies virus.
- Many wildlife species will not feed or care for their young when people are close by. Obey signs that restrict access to wildlife nesting areas, including hiking trails that may be temporarily closed.
- Keep domestic pets indoors, leashed or fenced in. Dogs and cats kill many baby animals each year.
- Avoid projects that remove trees, shrubs and dead snags that contain nests during the spring and summer.

For information about rabies and nuisance wildlife, call the Vermont Rabies Hotline at 1-800-4RABIES (1-800-472-2437). If bitten or in contact with a raccoon, fox, skunk, or bat, or a domestic animal that has been in contact with one of these species, call the Vermont Department of Health at 1-800-640-4374.

For the safety of all wildlife, taking a wild animal into captivity is illegal, even one you suspect is sick, injured or has been abandoned. To learn about injured or orphaned wildlife, go to Vermont's Fish & Wildlife's website or use direct link: <https://tinyurl.com/y27ojnji>.

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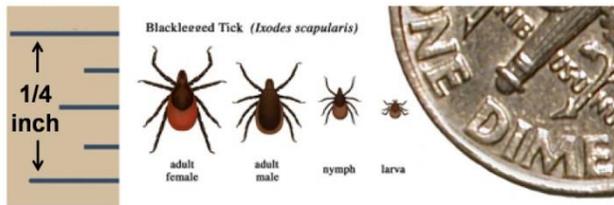
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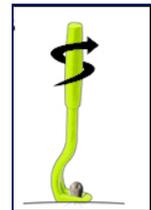
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