

# TALES OF TINMOUTH

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## Editors' Notes:

It's that time of year again. Funds are low and we need to ask for donations to keep *Tales* in print. To date in 2019 we have received \$955 in donations and spent \$1,932 on paper, printing and postage. Your support is very much appreciated!!

The deadline for submissions is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month, for publication on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the following month. Please email your information to *Tales of Tinmouth* (tinmouthtales@vermontel.net) or drop it off at the Town Office. Thanks.

*Pat Psholka, Helen Mango & Gail Fallar*

## ~ Art and Craft Show & Sale ~

*By Sherry Johnson*

The show will be held on **Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>** in the Old Fire House from 10am – 4pm.

This is both a show of artwork and a sale of artwork. There will be paintings, photographs, prints, note cards, and maple products.

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

It is not too late to sign up if you would like to show or sell artwork. If you are only showing artwork, you can drop it off and pick up.

If you would like to participate or donate baked goods, please let me know. 446-3307 or [vtsjohnson@icloud.com](mailto:vtsjohnson@icloud.com).

## ~ Pickle Ball ~

*By Martha Stanley*

A social, active game that is much like badminton, and tennis with a bit of table tennis tossed in.

It's played with a paddle, whiffle type ball and of course, a net.

The net is up at the Tinmouth Community Center Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 to 8:00.

We are a group of stars and amateurs. New folks to the game are most welcome. Albeit Alan Held, pickle ball champion and coach, is sidelined for a bit, the rest of us will be able to support you in learning this fun game.

Because of Alan's efforts and the support of the Tinmouth Community Fund you only need to bring yourself and clean, non-marring shoes to play.

If you find yourself wanting more information please feel free to call or text me at 1 (802) 353-7544.

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

The Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department's 50<sup>th</sup> annual game supper will be held on **Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>** this year. *It's always the Saturday before Thanksgiving, by the way.*

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

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

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

## ~ What's in a Number? 911 that is!! ~

*By TVFD*

When State Dispatch calls out the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department, the firefighters are given a 911 address, not a name. We respond to the address, which is your 911 house number and the road. It is very important that your 911 house number be visible from the road. If your structure is not immediately visible from the road, it would also be good to have the number on the structure too. Reflective numbers are best since many times we are responding at night using only the lights from the fire truck or firefighters' personal vehicles.

If you live (or have a place) on Tinmouth Pond your number should be on the side visible to incoming traffic, so we can see the number before getting to your house.

The 911 number does not contain letters, only numbers. If you are unsure of your 911 address, please call the 911 Coordinator, Gail Fallar at 446-2498. A box containing some 911 numbers was recently discovered at the town office, yours may be one of them!

## ~ Tech Help for Dummies ~

**Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 8:00 PM**  
**Tinmouth Town Office**

Thanks to a Tinmouth Community Fund grant, there is help for those of us with Tech 'Challenges'.

Andy McCullough will help folks struggling with their devices - laptop, tablet, etc. -with email, Internet, etc. The town office has wifi, bring your device and tribulations.

Sessions begin at 6:00, please call Gail at 446-2498 or email [tinmouthtown@vermontel.net](mailto:tinmouthtown@vermontel.net) to set up your 15 minutes or more of individual attention.

~ October 2019 Calendar of Events ~

Fire Department	Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00	Fire House
Special Select Board Meeting	Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00	Town Office
Special Select Board Meeting	Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 AM	Town Office
Library OPEN Special Hours	Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup>	9-12	Library
Energy Committee	Monday	7 <sup>th</sup>	7:00	Town Office
Select Board	Thursday	10 <sup>th</sup>	7:00	Town Office
Concert	Friday	11 <sup>th</sup>	7:30	Old Fire House
Art & Craft Show & Sale	Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup>	10:00-4:00	Old Fire House
Household Hazardous Waste Day	Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup>	8:30-12:30	Rutland Town Transfer Station
Tech for Dummies	Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	6:00-8:00	Town Office
Contra Dance	Friday	18 <sup>th</sup>	8:00	Community Center
<i>Tales of Tinmouth</i> Deadline	Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup>		Don't Miss It!
Conservation Commission	Monday	21 <sup>st</sup>	7:30	Town Office
Planning Commission	Thursday	24 <sup>th</sup>	7:00	Town Office
Planning Commission Hearing	Thursday	24 <sup>th</sup>	7:00	Town Office
Concert	Friday	25 <sup>th</sup>	7:30	Old Fire House
THGS Annual Meeting	Sunday	27 <sup>th</sup>	1:00	Community Church
Halloween Parade	Thursday	31 <sup>st</sup>	1:30	Community Center

~ November 2019 Calendar of Events ~

Special Library AM Hours	Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9-Noon	Library
Fire Department	Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup>	7:00	Fire House
Select Board	Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup>	7:00	Town Office
Contra Dance	Friday	15 <sup>th</sup>	8:00	Community Center
<i>Tales of Tinmouth</i> Deadline	Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup>		Don't Miss It!
Planning Commission	Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup> (?)	7:00	Town Office
Game Supper	Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	4:00	Community Center
Thanksgiving Service	Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup>	4:30	Community Church
Thanksgiving	Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup>		Give Thanks!!
Town Office and Library	Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup>		CLOSED for Thanksgiving

The October Planning Commission meeting has been changed to October 24<sup>th</sup> – which will include the Public Hearing regarding the Proposed Enhanced Energy Plan. Copies available are at the 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**

*Pickle Ball ~ Wednesdays and Thursdays - 6:00-8:00 ~ Community Center*

**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.

**Tinmouth Historical and Genealogical Society's Annual Meeting, Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 in the Community Room of the Tinmouth Church.**  
All are welcome, refreshments will be provided.



To the Tinmouth Community,

The first month of school was industrious. Children completed the STAR 360 and Fountis and Pinnell reading assessments. This early testing informs instruction – teachers use these early assessments to determine what to teach and when to teach it.

Aside from the academics, the focus this year is on building the habits of work that students need to succeed in school and in life. These include working collaboratively, taking responsibility for choices, learning from mistakes, and challenging yourself. These are interpersonal skills needed to grow as independent learners. They are also critical life skills.

We are also focused on getting parents to volunteer in the classroom. Students whose parents are present in the classroom know that school is important and they are more engaged. Ultimately they do better academically in both elementary school and high school.

During the month of October, the children celebrate Halloween with an afternoon parade. This year's parade will take place on **Thursday, October 31 at 1:30 p.m.** The parade starts and ends at the Community Center! All are invited to join as we parade to the town office, the Wilburs, and then back to school. Come join the fun!

**Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker**  
**Principal**

~ **Tag Sale Wrap-Up** ~  
*By Sherry Johnson*

We would like to thank all the people who participated in the Tinmouth Town-Wide Tag Sale by browsing, buying, selling or donating. Without a community of people to participate, the tag sale would not be possible.

Many people commented on the great day they had shopping in Tinmouth. They enjoyed the bake sale, merchandise and the general friendliness of Tinmouth.

On behalf of the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department I want to thank everyone who donated items to our tag sale. Your support helps us with our training and equipment. We raised over \$1,200 for the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department!!

We would like to continue this tradition next year and are looking for comments, both good and bad, and suggestions to improve this event. We noticed this year most of the sales were found on the East Road/Mountain View Road loop. What can we do to help people who live in Tinmouth outside of the Mountain View/East Road loop, have a sale? 446-3307 or vtsjohnson@icloud.com.



~ **Library News** ~  
*By Ruth Drachman, Librarian*

**“Outside of a dog, a book is man’s best friend, inside of a dog, it’s too dark to read!!”**

~ *Groucho Marx*

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

The library is **open** on Monday and Thursday, from 10:00 AM until Noon, and from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM, as well as the morning of the first Saturday of the month, (October 5<sup>th</sup>) from 9:30 until Noon.

~ **Community News** ~

*Get Well Wishes* are sent to **Marion Hambly, Howard Buffum, Jo Reynolds, Bill Secoy, Al Swenson, and Carol Baker.**

Heartfelt sympathies are sent to family and friends of **Rose Morris.** She will be missed.

*The family of Truman Young IV wishes to thank the wonderful Tinmouth community for your moral support, incredible food donations, delicious baked goods and friendly kind hearted presence during his celebration of life, September 14, 2019. This terribly sad time in our life was made easier with friends, neighbors and family gathered in support. We are so grateful to you all.*

*Tinmouth is truly a place like no other.*

**Truman III and Kelli Young**

**Kudos** to those folks who have done some roadside brush clearing – nice to see the old stone walls! Buck thorn is spreading like wild fire. Many, many years ago, property owners (mostly farmers) kept the brush at bay, but we are now down to only two dairy farms.

Please feel free to tidy-up your roadside!!

*Congratulations* to newlyweds **John “Will” Rucker and Ryan Koss,** who were married on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Best wishes for many years of happiness.

~ **Nature Notes** ~

Fall foliage is in its full splendor!! Take a drive or a hike to enjoy the colors before they disappear!

Anyone see the rings around the sun on the 29<sup>th</sup>? There was a dark band around the sun, and a rainbow band around that!! Best seen by standing in the shade so as to not look directly at the sun.



TINMOUTH  
CHURCH

~ Tinmouth Community Church ~

Change ~ it's very noticeable this time of year as the latent colors of the foliage now display their hidden beauty. It is a beauty we would like to hold on to and bask in for more than a few short days/weeks.

Change ~ sometimes welcomed, sometimes not. Sometimes subtle, sometimes not. Sometimes by choice, many times not. Sometimes predictable, mostly not.

Change ~ brings change in many ways – to our bodies, our understandings, our relationships, our vocations, our lifestyles, our environment. “Change is coming, whether you like it or not,” Greta Thunberg prophetically said during the recent “Global Climate Strike.” We are influencing the kind of change that is coming. And we will be blessed or suffer according to our choices and actions.

There is a still deeper dynamic and wisdom at play – that of Spirit. M. Gandhi noted that everything is changing and will pass away, God alone is. Divine Spirit is the unchanging agent orchestrating all change to bring about God’s redemptive purposes for humankind, indeed, for the whole earth. Have we aligned ourselves with them?

There is change that is no change, superficial changes in ourselves and in our personal lives that do not change our ego-driven self-centeredness, and which stifles our love for others and for our Mother Earth.

“One thing is needful,” Jesus said. Living for God, who loves us irrevocably and who is always working to bring about our highest good and happiness. Martin Luther King, Jr. made that choice. “I’m not fearing any man... I just want to do God’s will.” And a sea change of good happened and is still happening. Change is happening all around us. May we be agents of change in concert with God’s will for the good of the earth and all her inhabitants. For beauty of personhood and the beauty of life are always in season.

**Pastor John**

*"Evening Prayer"*, a brief time of worship to end the day in gratitude and trust, **Thursday evenings at 6:30.** All are welcome as the Spirit leads.

~ Community Church Office Hours ~

Pastor John Hardman-Zimmerman has office hours at the Tinmouth Community Church from 2-4 pm on Thursdays.

If this is inconvenient, please contact him at 802-282-7532 or hzfam@hotmail.com to make other arrangements.

~ Recipe Corner ~

Apple Squares



- 3 cups chopped apples
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 tablespoons cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 3 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup oil
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 cup raisins

Toss apples with sugar and spices. Add flour, soda and salt. Combine eggs, oil and vanilla. Add to apple mixture. Fold in raisins. Pour into un-greased in 9x11” pan. Batter will be thick.

Bake about 40 minutes. Serve warm with ice cream. Enjoy.

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

~ Helpful Items for Loan ~

Someone getting a new hip or knee? Or just needs some help getting around? The Town Office has walkers, crutches, a potty seat, a potty chair (commode), and a wheel chair to loan. No charge.

Please call 446-2498 to make arrangements.

The *Tales of Tinmouth* is on the Tinmouth website (tinmouthvt.org). Look under “About”.

If you would like to read it online! Or someone in the house recycles it before you get a chance to read it!

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

*Practice Random Acts of Kindness &  
Senseless Acts of Beauty*

## **Meeting Highlights ~**

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

### **Select Board ~ 9/12/19**

Present were members Michael Fallar, Frank Sears, and Cathy Reynolds, as well as Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, Eric Buffum-Road Commissioner, Heather McMahon, and Gail Fallar – Select Board Assistant. Via telephone, Jim Ryan, Water Quality & Road Drainage person with Department of Environmental Conservation joined the first portion of the meeting.

**Roads Standards** ~ The Board called Mr. Ryan to discuss new road and bridge standards (he helped write them for towns to consider). He explained that much was the same as the old standards, but a number of things were added to clarify details and bring them into compliance with FEMA requirements. They now have several sections that towns can adopt or not, the old standards were one size fits all. After reviewing section by section with Mr. Ryan, Board voted to approve as edited. That portion of the meeting ended at 7:40.

Board reviewed agenda, added trash on Mountain View Road concerns, Jonathan Gibson's request regarding the Public Utilities Commission, and new town office assistants.

Financial reports were postponed to next month due to the full agenda.

### **Highway ~**

**Road Commissioner** ~ Eric inquired whether Board wanted the town lot brush hogged – yes, every other year. Eric advised he would do it as a side job. Eric reported that pot holes have been filled, the metal dumpster was moved at the transfer station, a culvert was replaced on Mountain View Road near the Fish farm, the loader and grader have been repaired, grading has begun, winter sand has been hauled, paving will begin first week of October, and that he is working on getting a tree cut on Route 140 in Crampton Woods – it keeps popping water out of the ditch – will keep Board posted. He inquired if Board would authorize the road crew moving wood chips at the school into the Wee Folk Playground, Board approved. Liquid chloride tanks have arrived, not material yet, more site work is needed. Cathy thanked Eric for report, is still working on time sheet that will allow Eric to include work done each day – Board will review those each month.

**Fuel Bids** ~ Board opened diesel fuel and fuel oil bids. Two bid on fuel oil only – Gecha and Johnson Fuel, Rutland rack plus 20 cents and rack plus 40 cents respectively. Champlain Valley bid rack plus 10 cents for both diesel and fuel oil, Marcell Oil bid rack plus 30 cents for both. Board voted to approve Champlain Valley for both contracts for FY20.

**New One Ton Truck** ~ Michael explained the new bid specs, requesting quotes for a 550 diesel and for a 350 in gas and diesel versions. He thanked Stan Wilbur for passing along what Proctor had used. Board approved specs and decided to have bid opening on special meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Special Meetings** ~ Board decided to have two special meetings, October 3<sup>rd</sup> for truck bids and to meet with engineer Craig Jewett regarding storm water permits for the new town garage and October 5<sup>th</sup> to meet with neighbors concerning the location of the new town garage and salt shed. Board discussed meeting twice a month, could not find common date for a second one.

**Town Garage** ~ Michael expressed concern that Cathy had met with Jay White, architect, and Eric - road commissioner regarding the town garage without telling Frank or himself about it, noting he felt that it was not appropriate. Cathy explained that she had asked Eric and Jay to meet to discuss questions from the last Board meeting, no decisions were made, but won't do it again.

Board reviewed latest draft (9/11/19) town garage from Jay, door was moved from gable end to north side as the Board had turned the building. Board voted to approve this concept.

Michael inquired about the plan for the old garage – Board postponed discussion to the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

### **General Business ~**

**Community Center** ~ Report regarding voter accessibility noted that the door closed too soon and the ramp needed some more gravel (shurpak) at the end. Board asked Eric to add shurpack to the handicap ramp and fill in grooves in the driveway.

Cathy had to leave at this point due to a family emergency.

**Vermont Telephone Letter** ~ VTel has offered to present a workshop regarding the back-up battery system the new fiber optic system requires and that the customer is responsible to replace. Kim and Sherry volunteered to attend the one set up in Wallingford and will report back to the Board.

**Public Utility Commission/Back Up Battery Concern** ~ Board agreed to send a letter of support for the efforts that Shrewsbury and other towns are making utilities responsible for back-up batteries for telephones when electrical power is out. Kim offered to help with the letter.

**Rutland Regional Transportation Council Letter** ~ Letter from Devon Neary, Transportation Planner, advised that Tinmouth was not being represented at the monthly meetings. Board will speak to current and alternate representatives.

**New Town Office Assistants** ~ Gail advised that Kim Young has been hired to replace Ann Czar as bookkeeper, and as an assistant clerk, and that Pat Psholka has been

hired as an office assistant as well. Gail expressed appreciation for Ann's many years of dedicated work.

**Old Business ~**

**Trash on Mountain View Road** – Complaints are ongoing, Frank is trying to work with homeowner to comply with order served. Will be meeting with them again soon.

**Wallingford Town Line** ~ Board voted to enter executive session to discuss legal issues regarding a pending lawsuit at 9:15. Present were Michael, Frank and Gail. Board exited at 9:25. Board voted to hire Jim Carroll, Esquire, to represent Tinmouth in the Wallingford town line dispute.

**Tinmouth Planning Commission ~ 9/19/19**

Present were members Bob Lloyd, Kim Harbaugh, Larry Carabeau, Pat Psholka, Grant Reynolds, Vito Macaluso, and Andy Gilmore, as well as Barbara Noyes Pulling from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC), Tom Schmelzenbach, Peter Gilmore, Alan Gilmore, and Gail Fallar, Secretary.

Bob, as Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00. Members reviewed the agenda, added Tom Schmelzenbach and Peter and Alan Gilmore.

Tom advised that his mother would like to subdivide her 240 acres into two 120 acre +/- lots. He presented maps showing proposed lines. Members briefly reviewed checklist for subdivision, noting this would qualify as the preliminary meeting. He was authorized to proceed with a formal application.

Peter and Alan advised that when the Gilmore family purchased and conserved the Hod Hepburn farm, they had excluded 4 acres (where two houses once stood –though they have both since been removed) from the conserved land. The Gilmore Farm LLC owns the entire parcel and would like to transfer the excluded 4 acres to Alan who would like to build a house using the existing water and septic where Hod's house once stood. (On a historical note, it was one of the oldest houses in town, was dismantled, moved to Long Island, NY and rebuilt.) They requested a waiver from the 5 acre minimum lot size requirement. After some discussion, it was advised that the minimum lot size cannot be waived. The Board of Adjustment can only waive set back requirements. At the time of the conservation project, Tinmouth Zoning and Subdivision Regulations allowed for PUDs (Planned Unit Development) that would allow for smaller lot sizes if land was conserved. There was no application at the time and since then PUDs are no longer allowed – the regulations were amended in 2018. The Vermont Land Trust (VLT) is unable to remove an acre from the conserved land. No action was taken at this time.

The Enhanced Energy Plan was reviewed one last time. Bob had added some language suggested by the Tinmouth Energy Committee and by Annette Smith at the

last PC meeting. There was discussion about whether the EEP would be a stand-alone appendix to the current Tinmouth Town Plan, whether the entire Town Plan had to be re-adopted/approved, or whether the EEP would/could replace the existing Energy Section of the Town Plan as an amendment. After discussion it was decided that the draft proposal would amend the current town plan by removing the existing energy section and replacing it with the EEP. Barbara provided assurance that the draft EEP as proposed met and satisfied state and regional planning requirements. It was noted that all the maps now have the following notation on them. *"This map is a good indicator, but not a definitive siting tool. It is based on the best available data at the time of map production."* A few typos were found and corrected. Bob also volunteered to write the summary report required. Gail will send to all parties required. Those parties include all surrounding towns (7 of them), as well as the regional planning commission and the state planning division.

It was moved and seconded to accept the draft as corrected this evening and move it to a hearing. There was much discussion concerning various elements, protection of scenic resources, preferred versus unsuitable areas, who had read the entire proposal, etc. Barbara advised this is a start and can be amended as needed going forward. Voice vote appeared to approve the motion. Grant abstained. Discussion followed that discovered two members had not voted – and they responded that they were abstaining as well. Bob asked for a show of hands, Vito, Bob, Kim and Larry voted yes, Grant, Pat and Andy abstained. There were two members absent so the motion failed for lack of achieving the five vote quorum required of a nine member commission.

Grant moved for a reconsideration, seconded by Pat. More discussion about the pros and cons of having an enhanced energy plan. Vito noted it was better than not having one, and would give the Public Utility Commission some guidance should a commercial project be proposed. Vote to reconsider was approved by all. Vote to approve the EEP and move it to a hearing was approved by a show of hands, 6 in favor, 1 abstention (Andy).

Next meeting and Hearing for Town Plan Amendment was set for Thursday, October 24, 2019.

**Energy Committee ~ 8/5/19 (Not yet available)**

**LAST 2019  
HOUSEHOLD  
HAZARDOUS WASTE  
(HHW) COLLECTION  
EVENT**



**SOLID WASTE  
ALLIANCE  
COMMUNITIES  
(SWAC)**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2019**

**8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – RUTLAND TOWN  
Transfer Station, 218 Northwood Park, off Post  
Road Extension, Rutland**

**2019 HW Contractor - EnPro Services of Vermont.**

**THE SERVICE IS FREE TO:** Residents of the SWAC Towns ONLY - Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, and West Haven. As a resident of SWAC, you may attend ANY of the events listed above. **PROOF OF RESIDENCY MAY BE REQUIRED.**

**BETWEEN EVENTS:** Residents of these communities may purchase a non-district permit to utilize the Rutland County Solid Waste District Gleason Road transfer station and hazardous waste depot. The permit allows access to the Gleason Road facility and allows for drop off of HHW at no charge, trash disposal at current rates, and access to recycling drop-offs. Permit purchase is available at the scalehouse or HW depot at the transfer station or at the RCSWD offices, located at 1 Smith Road, Rutland, Monday - Friday (7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m). Weekend permits sales are not available at either location. Telephone 802-775-7209 for additional information and current rates.

**WHAT TO BRING:**

Any substance with labels that say CAUSTIC, TOXIC, CORROSIVE, POISON, FLAMMABLE, DANGER, WARNING, CAUTION, USE IN AN OPEN ENVIRONMENT. **Examples** include: antifreeze, turpentine, stains, varnishes, carburetor cleaner, creosote, drain cleaner, oven cleaner, fertilizer, paint strippers, thinners, solvents, gas treatments, old gasoline (cannot be contaminated), engine degreaser, floor, metal, and furnisher polishes, latex and oil based paint, pool chemicals, and pesticides, herbicides, and

fungicides, and batteries (single use or rechargeable - see note below).

**WHAT NOT TO BRING:**

**ELECTRONICS:** Permanent electronics collection locations are available throughout the County to serve Vermont residents. Call toll free at 855-632-9253 or visit <http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/e-waste/> to find a collection facility near you. Large businesses should contact the RCSWD at (802-775-7209) to discuss recycling and disposal options.

**SMOKE DETECTORS AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS** - Intact carbon monoxide detectors and household smoke detectors can be disposed of as trash.

**NOTE: LARGE BATTERIES** - Most service stations will accept used automobile batteries. Interstate Battery located on 71 River Street, Rutland, also accepts large batteries (automotive batteries or other large batteries).

**FLUORESCENT BULBS** - Residents of Vermont may at no charge to them dispose of mercury-containing lamps at collection site throughout the state. Residents may take any number of compact fluorescent mercury-containing lamps (cfls) or 10 or fewer mercury-containing lamps that are not compact fluorescent lamps at one time. To find collection locations near you, visit: <http://www.lamprecycle.org/state-local-laws/vermont/>

**TIRES** are also accepted at the Gleason Road transfer station for a nominal fee.

**BUSINESS WASTE:**

Small business (conditionally exempt generators) which may include town offices, schools, and town garages can dispose of their wastes at the RCSWD Gleason Road Hazardous Waste Depot. A permit is required to access the facility. Contact RCSWD directly at 802-775-7209 to purchase a permit, receive an estimate of disposal costs, and to schedule an appointment to drop off wastes. Payment for disposal will be required at the time of drop-off.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**CONTAINERS** – Any product brought to the household hazardous waste events (including used motor oil) must be left in the container they are transported in. Materials will not be poured off into larger containers at the events.

**USED WASTE OIL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY THE HW HAULER.** However, waste oil **WILL** be accepted at **BOTH** the Fair Haven and Rutland town transfer station used oil collection areas during the event. **TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANTS will be happy to take your used waste oil.**

**Used waste oil** is also accepted at many locations throughout the area for **FREE**. Visit <http://rutlandcountyswac.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Free-Used-Oil-Collection-Locations-Rutland-County-2017.pdf> for locations near you.

To help lower the disposal costs for your community, only purchase the amount of a product you need and consider giving any leftover product (such as paint) to a neighbor, friend, or charitable organization. Please keep products in their original containers. Do not mix products!

For additional information, please call Pam at 802-342-5701.

### **~ Update on Telecom Issue ~** *By Jonathan Gibson*

Shrewsbury's effort to find a solution to the loss of telephone service during extended power outages continued in September with the third Public Utility Commission workshop on this topic in Montpelier. Chuck Finberg and Jonathan Gibson attended from Shrewsbury, as did a Wallingford resident and Selectwomen from Mount Holly and Andover. Tinmouth is also supporting this effort of five communities served by VTEL to avoid loss of phone service during power outages due to the dependency of digital telecommunication systems on an independent electricity supply, which is quite different from the copper wire systems that carried their own electricity over the phone lines

In Act 79 which was passed to encourage broadband expansion, the Vermont General Assembly directed the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to submit a report to the

Legislature by December 15 to “recommend best practices for minimizing disruptions to E-911 services during power outages.” The PUC has asked the telecom utilities (Comcast, VTEL, Consolidated, etc.), municipalities, and consumer groups for ideas on what measures to include in its recommendations. The utilities say they are already in compliance with Federal requirements for “offering” their customers backup batteries, and they naturally want to avoid any additional costs. The Vermont Department of Public Service seems to share that point of view.

Shrewsbury and the other rural towns are making the case that the telecoms should be required to provide better information, along with technical and financial assistance, to help customers better operate, maintain, and if necessary replace their difficult-to-understand and expensive battery backup equipment. A fourth and final workshop will be held **October 21**, and Shrewsbury will coordinate its response with the other towns to recommend a list of “best practices” so the PUC report will give the Legislature a list of recommended actions that effectively address the loss-of-service problem.

Do you have concerns, complaints, or questions about the VTEL battery installed in your home (pictured below)? Is the VTEL website about batteries useful to you?

Have you tried to increase your battery capacity from 8 to the 24 hours that VTEL is now required to offer? Do you have ideas or suggestions for what the Vermont Legislature or the Public Utility Commission can do to ensure that you're able to make a 911 call during a power outage? If so, email these to [jgibson@vermontel.net](mailto:jgibson@vermontel.net), and we will present them on October 21.



Back-Up Battery

*Please Recycle or Pass Along Tales!!*

~ **Marion's Musings** ~

By Marion Hambly

*(Editor's Note: As Marion is still recovering from a couple of falls, we took a look in the archives and found this from 1998!!)*

Years ago when I lived over on the North End Road, I used to walk a lot. One day after I returned home, I had an inspiration to write the following.

**Walking and Talking**

*I was walking down an old dirt road,  
And much to my surprise,  
A partridge hen and fourteen chicks,  
Were right before my eyes!*

*The mother told her brood to scoot,  
And started after me!  
I said to her, "Now you see here  
I won't have this, you see"*

*She headed straight for my old bones,  
I thought she'd knock me over.  
I stomped my foot and waved my arms,  
She headed for the clover.*

*On I did go with head held high,  
My heart was all aflutter,  
On the side of the road, came a porcupine  
What next? What next? I mutter.*

*I strode along and said to him  
You stay on your side, brother,  
Or else I'll find your family,  
And send you home to Mother.*

*He stayed on his side and I on mine,  
Soon distance was between us.  
My feet went on, my heart calmed down,  
I said, "So what's the fuss."*

*One other day as I strolled about,  
Inhaling the good fresh air,  
I spied two deer, prancing around,  
And doing it with a flair.  
They spotted me, they stopped and stared,  
What they saw I do not know.  
I then said, "Get out of here  
Before I get my bow."*

*Of course I'm not a hunter now,  
And have never used a bow.  
But they didn't know and away they went,  
To where I do not know.*

*It may seem strange, the way I act  
Talking to birds and such.  
As long as they don't answer me back,  
I don't think it matters much.*

*I'd better stop this silly verse,  
Before I get delirious.  
And find a way to spend my day,  
Doing something more serious.*

**A Note from GMP – Green Mountain Power:  
Be Prepared for Severe Weather**

Summer is winding down, the kids are back to school, and Vermont's signature foliage season is about to start. It is also the perfect time to check in and think about safety and make sure you are ready for severe weather that could be around the corner.

Some of the top items to have ready at home, just in case:

**Battery-powered flashlight**  
**Portable radio**  
**Bottled water**  
**Extra batteries**

Remember, don't touch and stay far away from downed lines or trees, and if you're having a medical emergency, call 911. You'll find more important storm preparation tips here: <https://greenmountainpower.com/learn/safety-guide/>.

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**October 11**



**Big Woods Voices**

Big Woods Voices will fill the Old Firehouse with a capella harmony on October 11 at 7:30 PM. The group unites four veteran Vermont singers from the Brattleboro area in celebrating their common passion for a capella (no instrumental accompaniment) singing. The group consists of Alan Blood, Becky Graber, Amanda Witman, and Will Danforth, singer-songwriter, traditional acoustic artist, and the group’s arranger/composer. They marry singing traditions from around the world with various American roots genres. They concoct original compositions and arrangements in which harmony and dissonance dance in riveting yet accessible soundscapes.

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**October 25**



**Pete’s Posse**

Pete Sutherland has played and sung everywhere in Vermont, including Tinmouth contra dances and many trips to the Old Firehouse. He has decades of concert touring, teaching and studio production behind him. His all-Vermont “POSSE” includes his teenage fiddle protégé Oliver Scanlon, and the dynamic accompanist Tristan Henderson.

Featuring Pete's rootsy songs, original and traditional fiddle music, and a few out there covers, this band is a fine opportunity for an intimate listen to an ever-evolving musical relationship that spans generations! The Old Firehouse, with its modest size and outstanding acoustics, is the place to hear them.

*All concerts are at 7:30 on a Friday night; doors open at 7:00. Coffee and tea will be hot soon after the doors open; refreshments available as well. Donation for the concert is \$10-15. 90% goes to the musicians; 10% to the down for maintenance of the Old Firehouse. Donations for the refreshments go to support local projects. The Old Firehouse is at 9 Mountain View Road at the intersection of Vermont 140 and Mountain View Road in the heart of downtown Tinmouth.*

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