

TALES OF TINMOUTH

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Editors' Notes: *Whoever is doing a rain dance, you can stop now . . . please?!?*

The deadline for submissions (news, items of interest, get well wishes, ads, etc.) is the 20th of the preceding month. Please email your information to *Tales of Tinmouth* (tinmouthtales@vermontel.net) or drop it off at the Town Office. Thank you.

Gail Fallar & Pat Psholka

~ **Proposed Radio Tower Update** ~
Meeting date and time were changed.

The public meeting will be Thursday, June 19th at 6:00 at the Old Fire House. All are welcome.

Industrial Wireless Technologies, Inc., (IWT) is proposing a 160' tall + 13' of antenna, radio tower at 440 Route 140 (across from the cemetery). They have conducted their balloon float (a 3' red balloon was floated to the height of the proposed tower) and are now preparing simulations of what the tower would look like from various places within a mile or so of the site. Several folks drove around town taking photos as well.

At this meeting, IWT will present its plans, photos created from the balloon float simulations, and answer any questions. Your comments, questions and input are welcome. If you cannot attend the meeting in person or via zoom, you may submit comments to the Select Board and Planning Commission via email – tinmouthtown@vermontel.net or mail to 515 North End Road, Tinmouth, VT 05773.

~ **ZONING Permits** ~

A reminder from the Zoning Administrator – **ANY** construction needs to have a zoning permit!! You can remove a deck or a shed without a permit, but to replace it you do need one – even if it's the same size.

Please contact the town office for an application or if you have any questions – 802-446-2498 or tinmouthtown@vermontel.net.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Adjustment Late Filing

There are still a number of folks who filed last year, and have not yet done it for 2025! It's not too late, but if you don't file, it means that you will be taxed at the non-residential rate (higher than the residential rate) and will not get a property tax adjustment if you qualify.

Once you file, you will receive an adjusted tax bill.

Celebration of Bob Lloyd's Life

**Tinmouth Community Center
Saturday, June 14th at 11:00 a.m.**

**Music, Slides, Stories, & Reminiscences
Followed by a reception
Come, pause and celebrate!**



SUMMER STORY HOURS AT THE TINMOUTH LIBRARY

WITH MICHAEL DRACHMAN

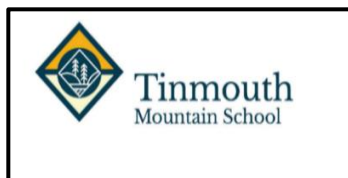
**WEDNESDAYS AT
11A.M.**

STARTING JUNE 25TH

ALL AGES WELCOME



The **Share the Bounty bin** is back on the Town Office Porch. If you have extra produce, fruits, veggies, etc., you are most welcome to bring it to pass along to others who do not have a garden. *Thank you for sharing!!*



~ June ~

Greetings,

We are truly in the midst of controlled chaos at school. Many events and transitions are happening, as well as a desire to spend the days like bedtimes do not exist. Summer is right around the corner. June 13th is our last student day; following tradition, it is a half-day.

Ms. Turan will not be returning for the 2025/2026 school year; she is transitioning into a different role outside of the district. She will be greatly missed, and we wish her the best of luck in her new endeavors. About a month and a half ago, we went through the interview process to fill Ms. Turan's position; we are incredibly fortunate to have Alexa Stamey fill the role of kindergarten teacher at Tinmouth Mountain School. Mrs. Stamey comes from Rutland Northwest Primary School and has many years of teaching experience in the primary education world. We are thrilled to welcome her into our community. We are also filling our ¾ teaching position. Ms. Rohan is going to move back into the world of Special Education. She has thoroughly enjoyed her time at Tinmouth and will miss our tiny community. I will keep you posted on who we find for our ¾ teaching position.

Our Student Council has been busy this past month. They hosted a supply drive for the Rutland County Humane Society, with our students collecting items they needed. Next, they provided tours and introductions during the Pre-K registration, guiding parents and new Pre-Kers throughout the building. Lastly, they wrote all of our staff cards of appreciation for Staff Appreciation Week. This leads me to Staff Appreciation Week, which was filled with gratitude, wonderful treats, and many moments of recognition. Thank you to all who made it a very special week for everyone at TMS.

On a final note, I would like to express my gratitude for the wonderful Tinmouth Community. We are fastly approaching my one-year mark as principal at TMS. You all have been extremely patient in your guidance around the many unknowns I needed assistance with, and your willingness to embrace the changes that came with a new person did not go unrecognized. I appreciate your continued support.

Have a wonderful summer,

Jenn Galusha-Brothers
Principal
Tinmouth Mountain School

"If a child can't learn the way we teach, maybe we should teach the way they learn." Ignacio Estrada



Black Ash Splint Pounding Workshop in Tinmouth

Continue learning about black ash around the Tinmouth Channel with this hands-on workshop with Abenaki educators and basketmakers Kerry Wood and Aaron Wood. Pound locally-harvested black ash splints for future generations of basket makers and learn more about emerald ash borer.
Bring work gloves and lunch. Free and open to all!

Monday, June 16th, 2025
10am – 4:00pm

Location:
143 Channel Road
Tinmouth, VT 05773

Your instructors and partners:

- **Kerry Wood and Aaron Wood**
black ash pounding instruction and education.
- Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation staff
- Local hosts and foresters

For details or more information, contact

Joanne Garton, Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Program
joanne.garton@vermont.gov or 802-249-4217

~ Community News ~

Get Well Wishes are sent to Marshall (Mo) Squier, Chuck Bronk, and Donna Jones.

Heartfelt Sympathies are sent to family and friends of **Carol Baker**.

Congratulations to **Eric Foell**, who recently received the American Ambulance Association Star of Life. Eric is a dedicated Critical Care Paramedic and Training Coordinator for Regional Ambulance Service.

Congratulations to 2025 graduates:

6th Grade at TMS: **Valkyrie Dana, Benjamin Fallar, Brayden Hepburn, Sawyer Lepley, Arielle Merrill, Emma Robbins, and Bentley Woodsum**

8th grade at Maple Street: **Ellis Merrill**

12th grade at MSJ: **Leah Majorell**

No 12th graders at Mill River this year.

Best Wishes to all for your next adventures!!

Kudos and Appreciation to **Cathy Reynolds** and her crew of gardeners (**Helen, Nikki and Tess**) who have been busy weeding and mulching and planting new varieties in all the flower gardens in the center of town – at the school, town office, old town sheds and welcome triangle. They all look wonderful.

And to **Kim Gaylord** for the lovely flower beds she tends at the Community Church.

**Friends of the Rutland Free Library
June Book Sale**

10 Court St., Rutland, VT 802-773-1860

Friday, June 13 (10 - 4) and

Saturday, June 14 (10-2)

Public Always Welcome

Thousands of organized, gently used books, CDs, DVDs
and puzzles for all ages.

Always a broad selection of rare and antique books.

All purchases by donation only. Limit of two grocery
bags per family. No book dealers.

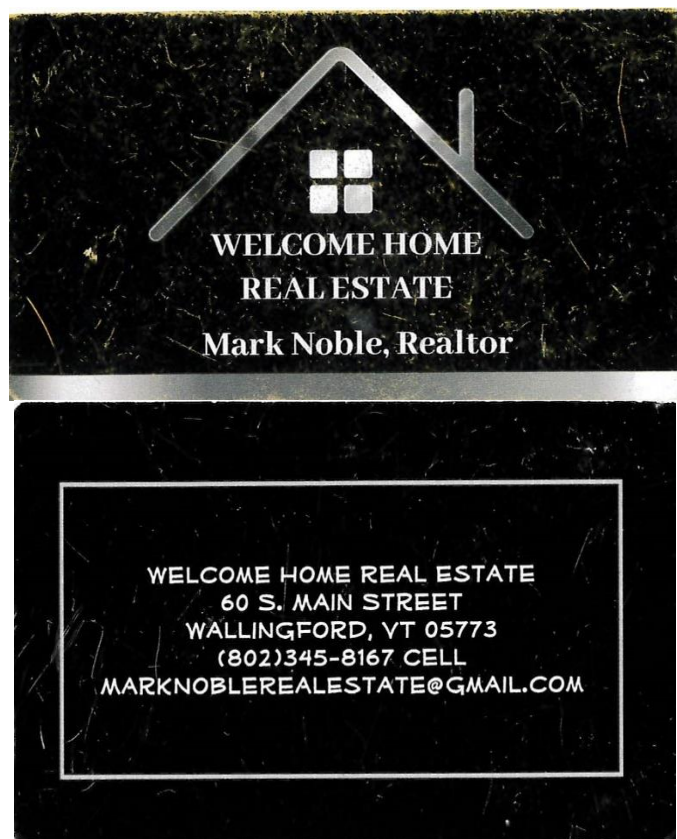
Proceeds to support library programs and collections and
designated library projects. www.rutlandfree.org

~ 2025 Grievance ~

The Board of Listers, Rick, Pat and Gail, have been out
and about taking photos and measuring new structures to
add to the Grand List. They are also updating ownership
for those who have bought or sold since last April 1st.

Change of Value notices will be mailed soon, with
Grievance Hearings to be held thereafter, date has not yet
been set.

Any questions, please call the Town Office at 802-446-
2498 or email tinmouthtown@vermontel.net.



**Middletown Springs Historical Society's 50th Annual
Strawberry Festival ~ Sunday, June 15, 2025**

The 50th Annual Strawberry Festival continues a long
summer tradition at the Middletown Springs Historical
Society on Sunday, June 15, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
The festival includes a small craft fair, live music, a new
quilt exhibit, and a children's paper quilt activity.
Admission to the museum and children's activities are
free.

Strawberry lovers are invited to the Historical Society
building on the Green in Middletown Springs for
delicious strawberry shortcake made with fresh Vermont
berries, homemade biscuits, vanilla ice cream and
whipped cream, with a choice of iced tea, lemonade, or
hot coffee for \$10. Fresh berries will also be available for
sale by the quart.

Local artists and craftspeople will display and sell their
work, including maple products, jewelry,
photography, knitted items, and honey and beeswax
products. There will be live music during the event, and a
variety of items will be raffled off.

The quilt exhibit in the first-floor museum space
features 20 quilts from the MSHS collection, all passed
down through Middletown Springs families. The exhibit,
"Patterns and Provenance: Quilts of Middletown
Springs, 1840-1920" can also be viewed on Sundays from
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. through October 12, and by
appointment through December 21.

~ Nature Notes ~

Driving along the East Road and North East Road on
June 7th provided the opportunity to see a red sun play
hide and seek behind trees and mountains, catching
several "sunsets", all due to the Canadian smoke blowing
this way. The smoke was thick enough to be able to look
directly at the sun – no eclipse glasses needed.

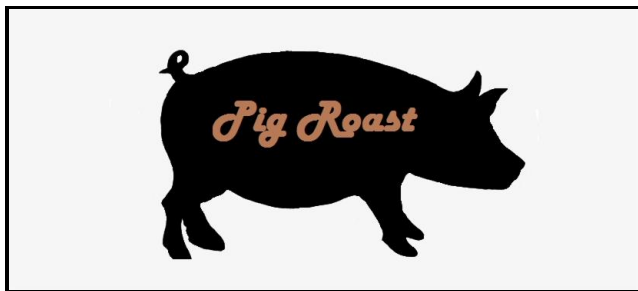
Lots of reports of skunks, woodchucks and rabbits in
abundance. Birds are singing happily, a Carolina wren
was reported at a local bird feeder.

~ Reptiles and Amphibians of Vermont ~

Did you know that Vermont is home to 10 salamander
species, 8 frog species, 2 toad species 11 snake species, 7
turtle species and 1 lizard species? Of these 40 species, 19
are considered rare, uncommon or otherwise at-risk and 8
of them are on Vermont's list of Threatened and
Endangered Species!

Please join Luke Groff, Vermont State Herpetologist at
the Wallingford Town Hall on Monday, June 16th at 7:00
pm for an introduction to these native reptiles and
amphibians. Learn why reptiles and amphibians are
unique, what threatens their populations and how you can
help.

Free and open to the public, presented by the Tinmouth
and Wallingford Conservation Commissions.



2025 Pig Roast Fundraiser
Benefit for the Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project
Saturday, July 5, 2025,
from 4:30 to 6:00 pm.

86 West Shore Drive. Tickets are \$25 (pre-order), children under 12 are \$15. To help Jim better prepare, at the door tickets will be \$30, and will be limited. Take out is \$30 - bring your own containers.

There are picnic tables, as well as a building in the event of rain. There will be circus performers to entertain us at the end!! It is also held in the building.

The menu includes slow roasted pork, creamy homemade macaroni and cheese made with Grafton cheddar cheese (vegetarian), baked beans (vegetarian), chunky homemade applesauce, dessert, lemonade and water.

This is becoming an annual event you do not want to miss - hope to see you there! Visit with your neighbors, invite friends to join the event. This event is held rain or shine.

To Preorder: visit the TPMP website at <https://sites.google.com/view/tinmouthpondmilfoil> - tickets can now be ordered online!! or by contacting: Laurel Swenson at 70 West Shore Drive, call 802-446-9383, email alam2@cox.net; or Gail Fallar at 802-446-2870, gfallar@vermontel.net or stop by the Tinmouth Town Office to pick up tickets.

~ 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.

Dave Merrill

Tractor and small excavator work

802-417-6278 **Stump grinding. Rototilling. Etc.**

~ Annual Tinmouth Plant Sale
Thank You ~



The Tinmouth Plant Sale raised over \$19,000 to support the Tinmouth Community Fund!!

Thank you to the many volunteers who make this event happen ~ plant donors, diggers, potters, transporters, sellers, buyers, and organizers. Great job!!

CROSSMAN'S GENERAL STORE
8 EAST STREET
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS, VT 05757
802-235-2251

COME CHECK OUT OUR NEW DELI !!

THE DELI IS OPEN
 MONDAY - WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY
 FROM 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

WE CAN CUSTOM MAKE SANDWICHES DURING THOSE HOURS OR THERE ARE PLENTY OF PREMADES TO GRAB AND GO!

WE WILL ALSO HAVE PIZZA - HOT DOGS AND SOUP OF THE DAY DURING DELI HOURS ALONG WITH SOME SANDWICH SPECIALS.

DON'T FORGET YOUR SLICED DELI MEATS & CHEESE

BIGGEST AND BEST SANDWICHES AROUND
COME VISIT AMBER AND TASTE FOR YOURSELF!

STORE HOURS: MON-SAT 6:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M. SUNDAY 7:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.

~ **Meeting Highlights** ~

Complete minutes are available at the town office.

All highlights are edited by Ye Olde Editor.

Select Board (SB) ~ 5/8/2025 (2 meetings)

1st - Special

Members present(in-person): Kevin Eaton, Judy Gilmore and Melody Squier

Others present:

Via Zoom: Ann Lundquist, Rick Fallar, Kim Harbaugh and Sherry Johnson

In-person: Steffanie Bourque-Rutland Regional Planning Commission, Michael Fallar, Vito Macaluso, Robbie Leeds, Larry Carabeau, and Gail Fallar, SBA

The purpose of the special meeting was to review and discuss the update of the Rutland Regional Plan. Steffanie advised that the process is entering its 3rd phase and includes final engagement of all 27 communities that are included in the Rutland Regional Planning Commission. She noted that the purpose and design of the plan are dictated by state statute, that it has to contain certain elements, chapters, maps, etc. It has to be broad and flexible to cover the wide range and variety of needs of those 27 municipalities. She briefly touched on Act 181, the state's newest requirements for local and regional planning – RRPC has been conducting training for local officials and how it will affect their planning decisions. She explained the process, the RRPC Board will receive final version in September and then the State's Land Use Board will begin its review. It is a big document that may be challenging to absorb, she suggesting reading the summaries of each chapter, looking at priorities, etc. The vision is to document current conditions and look at future trends. There are two questions to be considered – does the Plan reflect the right community development priorities for the Rutland region and do these priorities make the Rutland region a place you want to live, work and play?

2nd ~ Regular SB

Members present (in-person): Kevin Eaton, Judy Gilmore, and Melody Squier

Others present:

In-person: Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Michael Fallar, Vito Macaluso, Larry Carabeau, and Gail Fallar-Select Board Assistant (SBA)

Via Zoom: Ann Lundquist, Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, Rick Fallar

Highway ~ Eric reported the road crew is busy cutting brush and filling pot holes. First round of grading gravel roads is completed; chloride was applied to the Gulf Road. The crew is also shouldering and ditching on North End Road, the black truck (2019) has had a brake issue; all summer tires have been switched out. He inquired about paving an apron at the town garage as paving will be going by there this year, how far to go? Board asked about using a larger stone for the base, Eric was asked to

Speak with the contractor (Fuller) and report back at the next Board meeting.

Paving Bids – Board opened bids from Fuller Sand and Gravel, Pike Industries and Wilk Paving.

	Per Ton	Milling Bridge	Shouldering	Total
Fuller	\$88.00	\$ 100	\$ 999	\$126,059
Pike	\$94.20	\$2,800	\$9,600	\$146,164
Wilk	\$93.80	\$8,150	\$2,535	\$143,881

Fuller Sand and Gravel Inc. was awarded the contract.

Letter of Intent and Grant for Culvert Inventory ~ After brief discussion, Board voted to ratify action of Board Chair and the SBA regarding sending a letter of intent to apply for funding for the required culvert inventory, as it was time sensitive. Board voted to accept the grant for the culvert inventory, \$4,080.

Letter of Intent for Grant In Aide for Stormwater Work ~ Board voted to send letter of intent to participate for 2026.

Special Meeting (5/13) for Equipment Fund Discussion ~ Board requested information prior to the meeting, list of equipment, replacement schedule, capital reserve plan, etc.

Culvert Update ~ Eric advised that hydraulic studies have been requested for Pent Road and Mountain View Road culvert issues. The Board reiterated that the culvert replacement needed on Mountain View Road was outside the Town's right of way, therefore the Town was not responsible for its replacement. Eric noted the size recommended for that was 60" (way more than current size) and that the recommendations for the Pent Road ~ culvert 8' wide and 5' tall; a box culvert; create a wet crossing as it is a Class 4 road and there is ledge underneath; or put a skidder bridge on concert pads. No decision, brief discussion about hazards for snowmobilers in the winter.

Proposed Tower Meeting ~ Board agreed to a meeting on June 10th in the old fire house. *(Later moved to the 19th)*

Financial ~

Financial reports not yet ready.

Bills and Orders ~ Board reviewed warrants. Board voted to approve and accept all. Payroll warrants #41, 42, 43 & 44; and Accounts Payable warrants #30, 31, & 32.

PegTV Request ~ Board approved by consensus request from PegTV to capture meeting videos and post on their website.

Board again approved, adopted and signed the new **Traffic Ordinance** – due to the ad in the Rutland Herald notice deadline was missed.

Special Event Permit ~ Mount Holly Cider requested approval for a special event permit at Rootin' Tootin' Farm in June, Board approved by consensus.

Mail/Correspondence: Board approved a letter to **Benevity** regarding the Tinmouth Community Fund being a part of the Town. It was needed for this company to process donations made online to TCF.

Peter Franzoni, from Rutland, sent a letter requesting the Board pass a resolution regarding due process. Board discussed whether to add it to the June agenda, in the end it was decided to not add it to the agenda.

Select Board (SB) ~ May 13, 2025 Special Meeting

Members present(in-person): Kevin Eaton, Judy Gilmore and Melody Squier

Others present:

Via Zoom: Kim Harbaugh and Sherry Johnson, and Rick Fallar

In-person: Michael Fallar, Hollis Squier, Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, and Gail Fallar-SB Assistant

The first purpose of the special meeting was to review and discuss equipment replacement and how to fund it. The current plan needs updating to deal with more equipment, increase in cost of equipment, schedule of replacements, and funding.

Kevin suggested that the big equipment – loader, excavator, skid steer, tractor/mower – be taken out of the replacement schedule – they should last 30 years.

Replacing the grader was discussed – look for used one, including army surplus equipment, should happen in the next few years – current grader is a Champion – hard to get parts for it when it needs repair.

Discussion about keeping the 2019 black tandem truck as the spare truck instead of trading it in – only has 43,000 miles – and whether to trade that one in when it's time to replace the 2022 orange truck and make that one the new spare?

Will switching to Peterbilt trucks mean they will last longer and need to be replaced at 10 or 12 years instead of 7?

Keep the 550 one ton undercoated – replace 12-15 years?

Trade-in versus private sale?

What is the maximum the budget can bear?

Replace small stuff with the regular highway budget – chain saws, leaf blower, etc.?

Eric advised that no truck should be kept longer than 10 years, that winter time is stressful enough without wondering if the equipment will work, that the money saved by the road crew now doing the road side mowing and winter maintenance in West Tinmouth should go into the Equipment Fund, and that the rate of inflation used in the Capital Reserve Fund needs to be increased to 4 or 5%.

Board decided to ask Cathy Reynolds to run some scenarios with the spreadsheet she created for the equipment replacement and discuss again at its June 12th meeting.

Should the Board consider how other towns plan for equipment replacement?

Board agreed to move the **Proposed Tower meeting** to Thursday, June 19th at 6:00 at the Old Fire House. Some parties were not able to attend on the 10th

Planning Commission ~ 05/15/25

Members present in-person: Michael Fallar, Vito Macaluso, Larry Carabeau, and Andy Gilmore

Members present via Zoom: Ann Lundquist, Kim Harbaugh, and Pat Psholka

Others: present in-person: Gail Fallar Secretary

And via Zoom: Sherry Johnson

Members reviewed the agenda – added Valentine Farm LLC update.

Enhanced Energy Plan – waiting for Jeremy at RRPC to return draft with Judy's updates.

Town Plan Update – discussed needed updates– school info, housing info – subdivisions in the last 10 years, new houses permitted and built, photos – Andy has an owl in their barn; add the water wheel on Wright's Road; dandelion photo was not in the Rutland Magazine; include Frog Rock? Can we use the existing maps, secretary will check with RRPC.

Proposed radio tower meeting was moved to June 19th (with the Chair's permission at the last Select Board meeting) which is the PC's regular meeting. The Tower meeting will start at 6:00 and the PC will hold its meeting afterwards.

Kim advised they had attended a tower hearing for another town, wondered if Tinmouth needed to hire an attorney, most folks at the other meeting didn't get a chance to say much.

Questions from the PC to the Tower Company – What are the plans for decommissioning? Are there funds being set aside for that? Will the flurry of satellites being dispensed in the skies replace the need for towers? Why is this being proposed in the belly of our valley? Who will use it? If this is a line of site proposition, where are the other towers going to be located? What are plans for cell phone coverage?

The Zoning Administrator advised that Kevin Brown, one of the proprietors of the Valentine Farm LLC, had dropped off a mylar survey with 3 lots, there are small changes to the original permitted plan (no mylar has been received for that however). The PC will need to decide whether to allow an amendment of the original permit and grant an extension to accept the mylar filings late. There are still changes for one of the other lots as well – waiting for the surveyor to complete his work.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 19th following the Joint Meeting with the Select Board with regards to the proposed tower.



Equity and Inclusion ~ 05/22/2025

With thanks to Alyssa Adler, Secretary

Members present Melody Squier and Alyssa Adler and via Zoom: Kim Harbaugh, Cynthia Pollock, Rainbow Squier, Sherry Johnson

Others present Gail Fallar and Robbie Leeds-Recreation Committee Chair

Alyssa Adler was welcomed as a new member and promptly elected Secretary.

Tinmouth Fun Day

Will be held July 12th. Sherry will do ice cream. Sherry and Kim to put signage noting to road closure for parade on 12th around town. Melody and Sherry planning to direct traffic. Discussion to change softball to be before dinner. Melody has tie dye supplies. Sherry has water balloon supplies. Note: more effort cleaning up following potluck is needed. Rainbow to check with Conservation Commission regarding photos. Wheaton to likely run softball. Recreation Committee to host activities near softball area. The Committee is hoping to further discuss Fun Day planning, potentially with other committees, around the end of June.

Welcome signs

Melody to discuss getting together with artists. Note: Rainbow stated that the committee has one year from date of grant to have signs made.

Revisiting Committee Focus

Melody gathered opinions on potential to participate in group training around E&I work.

Melody stated the Tinmouth Operators Manual continues to be under review/editing.

Rainbow discussed importance for engaging in conversation with the Tinmouth school around getting children interested in different E&I aspects/events.

Cindy noted upcoming "Black Ash Pounding/Splitting Workshop" as a potential interest to younger community members.

Rainbow began discussing a resource for community members to access information highlighting small businesses/community member offerings right here in town. Following Fun Day, Sherry and Cindy will begin gathering information on small businesses to create this resource.

Sherry to post on Front Porch Forum about a free health clinic coming to Wallingford in June.

Melody stated wanting to explore options for "aging in place" for our community.

Conservation Commission ~ 4/14/25

With thanks to Chuck Bronk, Secretary

Members Present: Ed Hasenohr, Doug Inkley, Doug Fontein (Zoom), and Chuck Bronk.

Public Present: Gail Fallar

Since this was the first meeting after Town Meeting, the

Commission needed to reorganize, elect officers, and set a meeting schedule. All current officers were nominated for their positions and voted in. They are Ed Hasenohr, Chair, Doug Fontein, Vice Chair, and Chuck Bronk, Secretary. Meetings were set for the 3rd Monday of every other month, June 16th being the next meeting. (*Since moved to July 21st.*)

Ongoing Business:

On the matter of spring trail maintenance, Ed noted that there are a small number of blowdowns on the Ridge Trail, and that the bog bridges may need replacement next year. Most all the blowdowns are small and Doug F. estimated that it would require a single tank of chainsaw gas to deal with all of them. Doug I. volunteered to take care of that next week.

A work day was scheduled last meeting for blazing the Purchase Loop trail on May 17, 2025, meeting at 8:30 to car pool. Doug F. agreed to bring a chainsaw in addition to paint pots for blazing.

Chuck produced the draft signs for the upper and lower kiosks on the Purchase Loop trail and gave them to Doug F. after the meeting for approval by the land owner. Chuck agreed to laminate them once they were approved and Doug F. will mount them on plywood for installation.

Green Up day is set for May 3rd at 8:30 AM at the Town Garage. Doug F. confirmed that he has the bags in his mud room and will deliver some to the Town Office for early birds. Chuck agreed to mount the banner on the fence on April 27th, which says Green Up next Saturday. Doug F. will confirm with Eric Buffum that we are allowed to set up inside the Town Garage for inclement weather. Chuck has the Adopt-a-Road map, the large format, erasable map, gloves, vests, and prizes for school children. Ed will remind Robbie to advertise the event at Tinmouth Mountain School, and will bring the ice cream.

A survey of Black Ash was done March 9th at Doug F.'s property and suitable trees were identified to be used for the splint workshop on June 16th. The plan is to harvest three trees, 8"-10" in diameter, and saw them into 6' lengths so they can be hand carried to a tractor to bring them out of the woods. Since Emerald Ash Borer has been found in the Tinmouth Channel these trees are at risk. The Black Ash splints pounded from the logs are used in basket making by Indigenous people.

Since our last meeting, Doug F. installed the amphibian crossing signs. Doug F. also posted a comment on Front Porch Forum regarding amphibian crossings and the signs. All agreed that we should post again and include some mention in the *Tales of Tinmouth*.

Evidently the State Herpetologist, Luke Groff, lives in Danby. He contacted Doug F. regarding the post in FPF. The Commission may wish to set an evening public talk, as we have in past with the Wallingford Conservation Commission. Doug F. will contact him and inquire as to his availability and what sort of event he would prefer.

Recreation Committee ~ May 12, 2025

With thanks to Matha Stanley, Secretary

Members present: Robbie Leeds, Doug Fontein, Martha Stanley and via zoom Colleen Balch

Public: Gail Fallar

Annual Re-organization:

Robbie Leeds was elected Chair, Martha was elected secretary, and Committee meetings will be every other month. Next meeting will be July 14.

We need to find a volunteer for this committee. Robbie will ask TMS principal to add to the email that goes out to parents.

Colleen announced that the Committee will receive a grant from the TCF for safety vests. Awards night May 29.

The Committee will sponsor a kayak adventure on the Tinmouth Channel. Led by Doug. Will meet at 10:00 - 1:00 on Sunday June 8th. (Bring your lunch).

There are 8 kayaks available. Children under 12 with adult supervision. Folks are welcome to bring their own kayak.

We need to work out a system whereby town folks can check out a kayak and research how town insurance plays a role.

The Committee authorized Martha to organize an introductory to Pickleball, Robbie will help.

Doug will organize a work day for the basketball court at the school.

Colleen was authorized to purchase the personal floatation devices with the awarded grant money.

Tinmouth Fun Day. Date not yet determined. Depends on when the raising of the pavilion is complete.

Our role to be determined as well.

The following suggestions for recreation have been accumulated on a poster at the Town office:

- Walking path around the town green (ball field)
- Re- establish the trail from Mountain View Road to Merrill Spring Road
- Make town kayaks available to borrow
- Fix the ball field

Committee briefly discussed the ball field

It would be a big project, draining might be difficult and may need civil engineering.

Tinmouth Community Fund ~ 4/30/25

With thanks to Helen Mango, Secretary

Present: TCF members Todd Dennis (Chair), Jan Krantz, Cathy Reynolds (Treasurer, by Zoom), Melody Squier, Lisa Patry, Bess Lewis, Martha Stanley, Helen Mango (Secretary).

There was a brief discussion of the state of TCF policies online. Cathy will bring the updated policy statement to a future TCF meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Board voted that the December, 2024, report on the TCF from the Vermont Community Fund by accepted.

Cathy reported that Benevity has been set up – this is a mechanism that will make some company donation matches possible. She also suggested that during review of TCF bylaws, the Hochberg Fund will be included in the section that clarifies how funds are to be invoiced and approved.

Discussion about what to do with grants that are still outstanding after their time limit (1.5 years) has been exceeded. Should limit be extended to 2 years? Cathy will collect information on current grants. Any change to the bylaws will be considered at the TCF fall meeting.

Grants

Because there are more Community Fund grant applications than anticipated, a request went out to applicants asking if they could reduce their requests. Several applicants have responded in the affirmative. Given financial constraints, it was decided that grants would need to be capped to ensure fair distribution. Fund were allocated and grants will be presented at the annual meeting and awards ceremony.

For Small Business Grants, Jan moved that \$500 be taken from the checking account to help cover the requests. Seconded by Bess. Motion carried (Melody abstained).

The total for Community Fund and Small Business Grants is \$10,300.

Board voted that the TCF allocate funding for all K-12 Camp Scholarships, Continuing Education Scholarships, and the Susan Lloyd McIntosh award.

Discussion regarding revising the maximum amount available for Community Fund Grants. Board voted that these grants be limited to \$750 for organizations and \$599 for individuals. Motion carried. It was agreed that these caps should be explained at the annual meeting/awards ceremony.

Membership

The terms of Helen, Cathy and Melody all expire this year. All agreed to continue on the Board in their current positions. There is one open position on the board; Todd will advertise.

Annual meeting and awards ceremony

The date is set for Thursday, May 29, at 6:30 p.m., in the Old Firehouse.

Tinmouth Community Fund Annual Meeting 5/29/25

With thanks to Helen Mango, Secretary

Present: Todd Dennis (Chair), Cathy Reynolds (Treasurer), Jan Krantz, Melody Squier, Lisa Patry, Bess Lewis, Martha Stanley, Helen Mango (Secretary), numerous residents and friends of the Town of Tinmouth. Todd called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Todd gave a brief recap of the formation

and history of the Tinmouth Community Fund, including the increase in the number and types of grants awarded to members of the Tinmouth community.

Treasurer's report:

Cathy reported that the proceeds from the Plant Sale (about \$20,000) is available to be partially used as a bridge loan for the community shade structure, to be repaid. She broke down the TCF funds held at the Vermont Community Foundation:

Continuing Education Fund: \$331,537

Tinmouth Community Fund: \$156,826

Reserve Fund (for short-term projects): \$11,656

Board member elections:

Todd announced that the remaining term of one board seat is available due to the resignation of a board member. Chris Martone was nominated to fill the remaining one year of the position. There were no other nominees. Chris Martone accepted the nomination.

The terms of three board members (Cathy, Melody and Helen) have ended. Each has agreed to serve another term. Duly elected.

2025 Community Grants

Helen presented certificates to the 2025 Community Grant awardees:

Tinmouth Elves (books and toys, ages 0-7): \$450

Tinmouth Elves (books and toys, ages 8-16): \$450

Tinmouth Elves (Outerwear Division, ages 0-7): \$450

Tinmouth Elves (Outerwear Division, ages 8-16): \$450

Tinmouth Recreation Committee (lifejackets): \$400

Tinmouth Cemetery Association: \$900

Tinmouth Mountain School (aikido mats): \$900

Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project: \$900

Tinmouth Historical and Genealogical Society -

Tinmouth Stove research project: \$500

Card making workshop: \$400

Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department: \$750

Tinmouth Fun Day: \$500

Tinmouth Old Firehouse Concerts: \$150

Tinmouth Equity and Inclusion Committee: \$900 –

Welcome Signs

Imagination Library: \$250

Tinmouth Girls on the Run: \$300

Mandala Dot Art Classes: \$250

Tinmouth Mountain School shirts: \$900

2025 Small Business Grants

Helen announced that one local business was awarded a Small Business Grant:

Squier Family Farm: \$500

2025 K-12 Camp Scholarships

Melody announced that twelve K-12 Camp Scholarships were awarded. She handed out the awards to the recipients.

2025 Continuing Education Scholarships

Cathy announced that there are two Continuing Education Scholarship awardees this year: Leah Majorell and Tor Majorell.

Pam Garceau Memorial Scholarship – Cathy gave a brief summary of Pam's history with the Tinmouth Community School, and the grit and determination that she displayed and to which the scholarship in her memory is dedicated. This year's recipient is Leah Majorell.

Bess announced that this year's Susan McIntosh Lloyd Scholarships were awarded to Eliza Smith, Sadie Majorell and Liliana Williams.

Cathy reviewed the work of the scholarship committee and asked for volunteers to serve on the review committee. Usually only one meeting in April is involved (in addition to reading the scholarship applications). She also encouraged all young people in the audience to remember to apply for scholarships when they become eligible.

The TCF Board briefly convened to elect officers. Todd was elected as Chair, Cathy as Treasurer, and Helen as Secretary.

Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project (TPMP)

Fundraising Raffle

Drawing is August 16th at the TPMP Annual Meeting

You don't have to be present to win.

TPMP is raffling the following prizes:

- * A homemade strawberry rhubarb pie
- * Circus lesson
- * Face cord of firewood
- * Kids bicycles
- * Tinmouth Pond Sweatshirts
- * Homemade cookies, brownies and sweet rolls
- * Many other items are being gathered as well

To purchase tickets (\$5 each), you can send a check made out to TPMP and indicate how many tickets you would like to purchase. Send your check to TPMP, PO Box 462, Wallingford, VT 05773. Please remember that it often takes several days to get from one end of town to the other!!

You can also purchase tickets from Laurel Swenson (70 West Shore Drive), or Gail Fallar at the Town Office. Alternately, you can visit the TPMP website <https://sites.google.com/view/tinmouthpondmilfoil> and order and pay for tickets there!!

Once Eurasian milfoil invades a water body, it can never be eradicated, one can only try to control it. So fundraising is an annual endeavor for the TPMP to raise \$27,500 to harvest milfoil to try to protect the water quality of Tinmouth Pond aka Chipman Lake.

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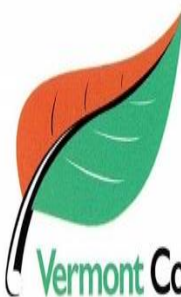
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~ June 2025 Calendar of Events ~

6 th Grade Graduation	Thursday	5 th	6:00	Community Center
Fire Department	Thursday	5 th	7:00	Fire House
Select Board	Thursday	12 th	7:00	Town Office & Virtual
Black Ash Workshop	Monday	16 th	10 am-4 pm	Channel Road
Proposed Tower Meeting	Thursday	19 th	6:00	Old Fire House & Virtual
Planning Commission	Thursday	19 th	following the Tower meeting, same place	
<i>Tales of Tinnmouth</i> Deadline	Friday	20 th		Don't Miss It!
Historical Society Meeting	Sunday	22 nd	1:30	Town Office
Story Hour	Wednesday	25 th	11:00	Library

~ July 2025 Calendar of Events ~

Fire Department	Thursday	3 rd	7:00	Fire House
Select Board	Thursday	10 th	6:00	Town Office & Virtual
Town Fun Day	Saturday	12 th		Center of Town
Recreation Committee	Monday	14 th	7:00	Town Office/Virtual
Planning Commission	Thursday	17 th	7:00	Town Office & Virtual
<i>Tales of Tinnmouth</i> Deadline	Tuesday	20 th		Don't Miss It!
Conservation Commission	Monday	21 st	7:00	Town Office & Virtual

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

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

~ The Library is open Thursdays 2:00-5:00 PM ~ And the first Saturday of the month, 10-noon.

Craft Club ~ Mondays at the Old Fire House ~ 1:00-3:00 All Welcome!

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