

TALES OF TINMOUTH

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Editors' Notes: *Happy Summer, Fall is on its way! September Tales is late, October will be along soon.*

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

~ August State Primary Results ~

133 voters cast ballots, 100 in person with 33 voting early. 75 voters cast ballots as Republicans and 58 cast ballots as Democrats. 32% of the checklist participated, statewide only 15% voted!

The race to be the Republican candidate for House Representative was won by Chris Pritchard who received 55 votes to Ron LaCoste who received 16 votes. Chris will now face off against incumbent Democrat Robin Chesnut-Tangerman in the General Election for House Representative for our District – Tinmouth, Middletown Springs, ½ of Wells, Pawlet, and Rupert.

Many thanks to all who volunteered to work at the polls and count ballots.

~ General Election November 5th ~

Tuesday, November 5th is the date for this year's General Election. Voters will cast ballots for officers from local Justices of the Peace to the President of the U.S.

The Vermont Secretary of State's Office is going to mail General Election ballots to all active voters in mid to late September.

You can return your ballots by mail, drop them off at the town office, or put them in the Special Ballot Return Box located in the vestibule of the Town Office. You can also bring them with you on election day if you chose to deposit them yourself into the ballot box.

~ Candidates for Justice of the Peace ~

There are five Justices of the Peace to be elected. There are six candidates – two Democrats – **Nelson Jaquay** and **Sherry Johnson** – two Republicans – **Alan Gilmore** and **Anna Majorell** – two Independents – **Michael Fallar** and **Marshall Squier**. These will be on the back side of the ballot, please make sure you turn it over!!

Increased Tax Rates ~ Ye Olde Editor is still looking for an explanation. The Education and Tax Departments insist there is no mistake.



BOOK SALE

TO BENEFIT

THE TINMOUTH LIBRARY

Saturday, SEPTEMBER 21st

8 AM until 2 PM

*Under the porch of the Old Creamery,
next to the Town Office!!*

Bake Oven PIZZA FROM 11 UNTIL 1

All kinds of books for all ages!!

Sunday Afternoon Softball

September 22nd

3:00 'til Dusk

Tinmouth Community Center Recreation Field

All ages and abilities are invited to play ~ *Just for the Fun of it!* – Everyone gets a hit . . .

Not interested in playing? Come anyway, bring a chair and cheer the players on.

Grilled hot dogs, burgers, beverages and snacks will be provided. No charge!!

This event is sponsored by the Tinmouth Recreation Committee. *We hope to see you there.*

Martha Stanley, Sec.

Old Fire House Fall Concert Series

Friday, September 27th @ 7:30 | Gypsy Reel

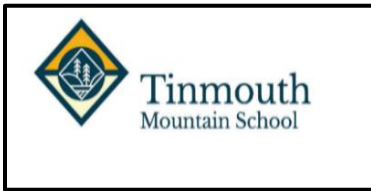
Gypsy Reel plays high-energy, stirring music rooted in the Celtic tradition but garnered from the whole world. Their music is an exciting synthesis of world rhythms and influences from 3 continents.

Their newest studio album, **'Red Red Rose'**, features music from the tradition and original material from the band.

The concert begins at 7:30 PM, doors open at 7:00. Suggested donation of \$15-\$20. 90% goes to the musicians and 10% goes to the Town to support maintenance of the Old Fire House.

Coffee and refreshments are provided.

Please contact Lendy with any questions:
melendy.krantz@gmail.com.



August 20

As I write this, the school year has not kicked off yet, but you can tell it is right around the corner. Teachers have been setting up their rooms, hallways have been painted, floors waxed, and supplies are being ordered. One big change is that the library has officially been moved to the basement of the church; we are so grateful for this space. It has been wonderful watching this all come together and be able to provide our specials teachers with a designated space.

Our first day of school is August 28th, and in true Tinmouth fashion, we are kicking it off with a school-wide pancake breakfast sponsored by the Parent's Club. The Parent's Club, a vital part of our school community, not only provides a fabulous breakfast but also hosts activities to help start the school year off on the right foot. I want to also thank the Parent's Club for their help with moving the wood chips on the playground. New regulations required us to lay down more wood chips in order for all students to be able to use the playground. This was a big task and all their help was greatly appreciated.

I am happy to announce that our 6th-grade students and Mr. Davis (new teacher) will again attend The Ecology School in Saco, Maine, this year. We were able to have this grant funded through the Ecology School because Mr. Davis attended the teacher institute this summer. The 5th and 6th grade class will also be taking part in the Starbase program this year. "What is STARBASE? DoD STARBASE Vermont is a premier educational program sponsored by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs. At DoD STARBASE, students participate in challenging "hands-on, mind-on" activities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). The program provides students with 25 hours of stimulating experiences at the Armed Forces Reserve Center in Rutland (STARBASE newsletter)."

Our hope at TMS is to join this program every two years to ensure all 5th and 6th graders have access to it at least once while attending TMS.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

*Be well,
Jenn Galusha-Brothers
Principal*

Please Recycle or Pass Along Tales!!

~ Tinmouth Historical & Genealogical Society ~

THGS will meet on **Sunday, September 27th at 2:00** at the Town Office to continue exploring the boxes of papers donated by Dawn Hance, historian from Rutland who knew volumes of Tinmouth history. All are welcome, refreshments provided.

THGS will also hold its **annual meeting on Sunday, October 29** at the Old Fire House – more details in the next *Tales*. Please mark your calendars, we may have a very entertaining guest speaker!!

~ Old Creamery Committee ~

The Old Creamery Committee will have a brief meeting and workday on **Sunday, September 29th at 1:00** – before the THGS meets – to work on window panes and discuss plans for next steps in the repair and renovation of the building.

All are welcome, please come and share ideas for its use. Refreshments will be provided.

~ Planning Commission Looking for Photos ~

The Planning Commission is looking for pictures to include in the new Town Plan. If you have a favorite scenic spot, a special building, or photo that captures Tinmouth's character, and are willing to share, please contact the Town Office at 802-446-2498 or tinmouthtown@vermontel.net. Thank you!!

~ Vacancies ~

It was with regret that the Select Board accepted Bob Lloyd's resignation from the Tinmouth Planning Commission and as Tinmouth's representative to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission. Bob has served on the Tinmouth PC for 26 years, and nearly as long on the RRPC. His knowledge of planning and his map making skills will be greatly missed. **Thank you, Bob!**

Therefore, there are now two vacancies. One on the Tinmouth Planning Commission and the other as representative to the RRPC. If you have any interest in serving in either of these positions or would like more information regarding what that entails, please contact the Town Office at 802-446-2498 or tinmouthtown@vermontel.net before the next Select Board meeting on October 10th.

~ Tinmouth's Website ~

Tinmouthvt.gov - There is lots of information about the town on its website, take a few minutes and check it out!! *Tales* is posted there, in color! Look under Info.

~ Letter to the Editor ~

Dear Tinmouth Folks,

Chris Pritchard is our Republican candidate for State Representative opposite Mr. Chesnut-Tangerman. Chris was born and raised in Poultney. He has lived and worked all his life in this little corner of Vermont. Chris now resides in Pawlet with his lovely wife Jean. Chris is very active working with young people through 4-H programs. He has also taught Hunter Safety courses.

When I first met Chris, I was most impressed by his commitment to make Vermont more affordable for ALL Vermonters! That includes all political parties and folks of all economic levels. Chris said, and I quote “ I see people I’ve known all my life who cannot make ends meet”. I knew then that Chris was the candidate for me!

So when you receive your “mail in ballot “ in the mail, please consider a vote for Chris Pritchard for State Representative.

Let’s send Chris to Montpelier to fight for ALL of us!!!

Paula M Bonazinga, Tinmouth

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

10 Court Street, Rutland, VT 05701 802-773-1860
Fri., Sept. 13th (10 - 4) and Sat., Sept. 14th (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. No book dealers.

Limit of two grocery bags per family.

Proceeds to support library programs and collections
and designated library projects.

www.rutlandfree.org

~ Community News ~

Get Well Wishes are sent to **Cathy Ricketts, Paul Morin, Bob Lloyd, Penny Bushee, Kyle Buffum, Sue Mandel, Judy Farkus, and Bart Eaton.**

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Newlyweds ~ **Amber Stocker** and **James Lynch**, who were married on August 24th. And to **Andy Gilmore** and **Jessa Calunsag**, who were married on August 25th.

May you all have many years of happiness!

Heartfelt Sympathies are sent to family and friends of the **Brian Crossman Family** of Pawlet.

Happy 102nd Birthday to **Rose Napolitano!**

And Happy 98th Birthday to **Mary French!**

Congratulations and Best Wishes.

The Holy Cow Committee is pleased to be hosting a fun morning to **Meet the Candidates** ~

**Sunday, September 22nd from 10 am – 2 pm
at the Old Fire House**

Come meet *Chris Pritchard* – candidate for the House and *Terry Williams, David Weeks, and Brian Collamore*, candidates for the Vermont Senate.

Light refreshments of hot cider, donuts, coffee and seasonal treats will be provided.

All are welcome!!

~ Zucchini Casserole ~

George Herrick recently stopped by the Town Office with veggies for the *Share the Bounty* bin and a recipe that was in the January, 2017 *Tales of Tinmouth*, which had been submitted by **Janet Kushnick**. He advises that it is very good and a good way to use all those zucchinis!!

4 cups zucchini – quartered lengthwise, then sliced

1 cup shredded cheese (e.g.– cheddar, mozz. etc.)

1 small onion, chopped

2 eggs, beaten

1 cup mayonnaise

Salt and pepper to taste.

Buttered breadcrumbs

Mix cheese, onion, egg and mayonnaise. Stir in zucchini. Add salt and pepper to taste. Spread in 8” x 11” pan. Put buttered breadcrumbs on top. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes, uncover and bake 10 minutes more or until breadcrumbs are slightly brown. Enjoy!!



Congratulations to Kim Kachougian and Ken MacLeod, from Tinmouth Pond, for receiving an **Emmy** for their production work on “Saturday Night Live”!

~ Meeting Highlights ~

Complete minutes are available at the town office. Minutes are written by Gail Fallar unless otherwise noted. All highlights are edited by Ye Olde Editor.

Select Board (SB) ~ 8/8/2024

Kevin called the meeting to order at 6:30 at a remote location. The Board entered Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations which premature general public knowledge would disadvantage the town. Board exited at 6:55. No action taken.

At the Town Office, Kevin called the regular meeting to order at 7:10 and welcomed everyone.

Members present: Judy Gilmore, Kevin Eaton, and Melody Squier

Others present: Eric Buffum-Road Commissioner, Hollis Squier, Michael Fallar, David Birdsall, Dale Aines, Seth Lloyd, Ann Lundquist, Andrew Roy, Clara Roy, Caroline Roy, Tami Carboni-Branchaud, Ilona Allen, Carter Allen, and via zoom Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, Cathy Reynolds, Doug Fontein, Rick Fallar, and Mohamed Ait Sghir.

Kevin asked for a moment of silence to honor and remember the late Frank Sears, former Select Board Chair, for his dedication and service to the town.

Citizen's Input: Sherry, as coordinator of the Town Fun Day Parade, thanked Eric and Glenn for driving a town truck and loader in the parade.

Highway: Everyone present introduced themselves, and folks on zoom at that time were acknowledged.

Pent Road Discussion: This was on the agenda as several folks raised concerns with the recent messy condition of a section of the road. The Pent Road is mostly a Class 4 Road, meaning that the Town does not maintain the road, but is responsible for bridges and culverts. The Pent Road provides access to the Town Forest/Recreation area on the top of Tinmouth Mountain. The Pent Road travels through the Roy's property and then there is a long right of way through Mr. Aines' property to the Town parcel.

Kevin advised that the Pent Road was a mess due to excavation work being done on the road to repair it and then rain making everything muddy.

David, as Dale's forestry consultant, advised that he had spoken with adjoining landowners and did not realize that the Select Board needed to grant permission for work on a town road. He noted Mr. Aines was trying to improve the road so that a log truck could reach his property and his logging operation. He presented a request for permission to continue. Mr. Aines advised that he was just getting started when concerns were raised about the work being done.

There was much discussion about the process, whether the Town has a right of way, etc. The SBA(Gail) advised that Town does have a right of way, more than one in fact,

and that Select Board approval is needed to work on a town road – something she had advised several times.

Seth advised that his family has spent \$40,000 improving the northern end of Pent Road (with the Select Board's permission) and was concerned that the section of the road they had improved would not be returned to its original condition. He also expressed concern with the work further south on their property – the road was widened, cutouts were leading into a stream, tree roots damaged, etc.

The Roy's expressed support for the work done and encouraged more, though they also expressed concern with more traffic by providing better access to the Town's lot. They own the property between the Lloyds and Aines along the Pent Road. Mr. Aines's property is located at the end of the Pent Road.

Others expressed support for fixing the road, cutting brush in the right of way, and logging.

In the end, Board voted to authorize the Road Commissioner to determine improvements needed in discussion with Mr. Birdsall and Mr. Aines for the plan for the road work. The SB will then approve the request to repair the Town's road.

Eric reported work was continuing on the Class 3 section of the Pent Road and the Upper Gulf Road for the Grant-In-Aide project. The culvert project on North East Road near Patry's was nearly done – a bit of ditching and berm removal was needed along with seeding and mulching.

Maplebrook Lane: Frank Carmen requested repair to the driveway as water runoff from McNamara Road was causing erosion on the driveway. Hollis advised that he had cleaned out a cut-out above the driveway – there were many pine needles. Eric noted the road crew will try to maintain it to enable the water to leave the road before getting to the driveway. There is also a problem area farther up the road, Melody advised that they try to keep the water from jumping the culvert up there. It was also suggested that Mr. Carmen also try to keep the cut-out clean.

West Tinmouth Winter Road Maintenance: Eric and Kevin will attend a Wells Select Board meeting to discuss a possible arrangement.

Financial: Gail noted the end of year reports are still being worked on. Board reviewed and approved the Warrants and Orders.

Old Business: Select Board asked Eric to order the solar safety lights for the school zone – 25 mph signs and for the stop sign at Route 140 and Mtn. View Road.

Citizen's Concern: Michael expressed concerns for light and sign pollution, and for maintaining scenic values.

New Business:

Melody stepped to the other side of the table, as a citizen and Chair of the Equity and Inclusion Committee,

to ask for Board permission to investigate construction of a 24' x 42' outdoor **pavilion** west of the playground that is next to Community Center. She is looking into grants to help cover the costs, which may be \$40-\$60K. She suggested it be a Third Space, anyone can use it without asking permission or scheduling its use. Board agreed by consensus for her to proceed, to come back with more information, and take it to voters at town meeting. Melody noted that she did not see the point of gathering the information if it had to wait for town meeting.

Planning Commission (PC) Report: Michael, as PC Chair, spoke for the PC regarding the SB's request for help understanding what town committees, commissions and boards do. He noted that there were four members of the PC present – Judy, Ann, Kim on Zoom, and himself. Planning Commissions are created by state statute, Tinmouth having established one in the early 1970's. The first Town Plan was adopted in 1974. There have been updates over the years, the one in 2007 was recognized as the Town Plan of the Year by the Vermont Planners Association. The goal of the PC is to represent and plan for the benefit and growth of the Town. They are currently working on an update to the Town Plan for re-adoption in 2025. He noted that the recent community survey showed most folks value the aesthetics and the original goals are important, and that people want space. Most of the current plan has been reviewed and updated, the Rutland Regional Planning Commission is helping with the energy section – working on an Enhanced Energy Plan (EEP). He also noted that the lake is clustered housing and that the lake should be given more attention.

Ann advised that being new on the PC is very interesting and that creating the EEP will take work.

Unlicensed Dogs: Board signed warrant for the Animal Control Officers to round up unlicensed dogs. 10 owners that have not yet registered their dogs for 2024.

Select Board ~ 9/3/24 ~ Special Meeting

Members present: Judy Gilmore, Kevin Eaton, and Melody Squier

Others present: Michael Fallar, Rick Fallar, Doug Fontein, Marshall Squier, Aileen Miner, Paula and Bart Bonazinga, Cindy Pollock, Theresa Dana and daughter Fjalldis, Gregg and Tina Casey, Lothar Schmelzenbach, Robbie Leeds, Larry and Cris Carabeau, Bess Lewis, Peter Gilmore, Jan Krantz, Cathy Reynolds, Deb Buffum, Martha Stanley, Chris Martone and via zoom Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, David Levant, and David Hooke from TimberHomes Vermont.

Kevin called the meeting to order, noting the special meeting was called to discuss a proposed pavilion on the Town Green and whether to apply for a state grant for it.

Melody explained her process to create a 3rd Place for people to meet, a pavilion for the Town Green to be used for a variety of uses, including by the school as an outdoor classroom, an informal meeting place, adding the picnic tables, etc. The urgency of the decision is that a state recreation grant has a deadline of September 10th. It is a 50/50 match grant – up to \$25,000. The town's share is being provided by the Tinmouth Community Fund (TCF); the folks who run the Plant Sale; and private donations. The grant requires proving that all funding is being covered so the TCF Board decided to provide a bridge loan while private fund raising is done if the grant is approved. There is a timber frame structure available as the Town of Marshfield, who ordered it, has been flooded and can no longer use it. Budget presented was \$66,987.

There were many questions: about the process, lack of transparency, cost to tax payers, storm water issues, location, parking, fund raising, maintenance responsibilities, handicap accessibility, insurance, cost overruns, the grant process, management, lighting, necessity, access during school hours, existing public meeting spaces, the need for more discussion and community involvement, among others.

Support for the idea was voiced, appreciation expressed to Melody for all her work, opportunity to get it done soon, benefits to the community, volunteers will be needed to help with construction, the Tinmouth Community Fund has a reserve account at the Vermont Community Foundation with a balance of \$47,703 to help with a bridge loan (covers the expenses until money is received), letters of support from the School Principal, the Recreation Committee, the Equity and Inclusion Committee and the Tinmouth Community Fund.

After much discussion, Melody moved that the Select Board apply for the grant, if the \$25,000 is not approved the project will not go forward, Kevin 2nded it contingent on the Board holding a public meeting in October to allow questions to be answered. After more discussion, Melody and Kevin voted yes, Judy voted no. Judy noted that the SB had voted in August to allow Melody to gather information to present to voters at town meeting and felt that voters should have a say.

A tentative date of October 16th was set for the information meeting.

After most of the audience departed, the Board reviewed and signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Town of Tinmouth, the Town of Marshfield and TimberHomes Vermont, regarding purchasing the frame contingent on the grant amount being approved. Kevin moved to authorize Kevin to sign the MOU, Melody 2nded, Kevin and Melody voted yes, Judy voted no.

Mr. Hooke, from TimberHomes Vermont, had emailed a contract for design and planning prior to the grant decision to provide a more accurate estimate of the cost

of the frame and construction. He wanted \$1,000 as a down payment on that contract. After brief discussion and Board reluctance to sign the contract as the grant had not yet been applied for or approved, Melody donated the \$1,000 and asked that the contract be re-drafted to her and not with the town.

Planning Commission ~ 8/15/2024

Members present in-person: Michael Fallar, Vito Macaluso, Ann Lundquist, Judy Gilmore, and Andy Gilmore

Members present via Zoom: Kim Harbaugh, Pat Psholka, and Bob Lloyd

Others: present in-person: Gail Fallar Secretary

And via Zoom: Sherry Johnson

Members starting reviewing latest update of the Town Plan, noting that photos needed where, who took, and date. Members decided to ask for photos via *Tales of Tinmouth* and Front Porch Forum. Vito advised that he had taken thousands of photos over the years, members asked him to review them for possible inclusion – perhaps table rock and frog rock? Census information needs to be double checked with RRPC – it seems unrealistic – perhaps delete that section? The town lists need to update grand list data, the zoning administrator needs to update zoning permits data, both to help with trends in construction, housing etc.

Meeting with the Select Board – Michael reported that he reviewed what a planning commission does, reasons for its existence, first town plan was in 1974, zoning in 1977, etc. Current work includes updating the town plan and working on an enhanced energy plan (EEP) as part of that. Also present at the SB meeting were Judy, Kim and Ann, for the PC.

One member noted that it seemed that Chittenden County was having all the say, and that more rural areas of the state were having none. Another member felt that the town plan was to plan for and protect Tinmouth, not meet state goals, but to set our own.

The September PC meeting will have Jeremy Gildrien, from the RRPC, working on the EEP, and more review of the changes to date to the town plan if time allows.

Conservation Commission ~ 8/12/24

With thanks to Chuck Bronk, Sec.

Members present: Ed Hasenohr, Rainbow Squier, Doug Fontein, Robbie Leeds, Doug Inkley (Zoom), Colleen Balch (Zoom), and Chuck Bronk

Public present: Gail Fallar

Ongoing Business:

The first business was to review a request received from the Tinmouth Select Board asking for a report from the Commission, and that the Commission send one or more

representatives to a Select Board meeting in late October. The Select Board wishes to understand better what the various committees that they empower do.

Rainbow read their questions regarding the Conservation Commission's successes and challenges, for which the Select Board seeks a written response. Doug Fontein commented that it would be useful to consult past meeting agendas, and minutes to get a sense of these. Since the next Conservation Commission meeting is October 21st, the written response would have to be formulated prior to the that date for review by the members.

Doug Inkley asked what in particular the Conservation Commission had done that was special. Rainbow responded that the photo contest on Fun Day and the invitation to the public to ski on the Channel were some of her favorites. Doug F. felt that the support of Green Up Day and orchestration of activities for this event was an important one.

The Commission has received a request from the Planning Commission to make use of some of the photo contest submissions in the Town Plan. Rainbow agreed to provide the photos via a thumb drive so that the Planning Commission could review prior to its Thursday meeting, all of the submissions from the three contests so far. Once they make their selection Rainbow will contact the person submitting the photo for permission to include their photo in the Town Plan. Doug I. felt that he recalled that the CC had made a stipulation of submission that the photos were public property once submitted. Rainbow shared the winning photo from this year's contest.

A discussion of the right-of-way and the use of the Pent Road was merged with a report of the site visit on August 11th to the Purchase Trail, Cabin, and Pent Road. Ed Hasenohr, Robbie Leeds and Doug F. reported on what they observed on their site visit. Water bars for erosion control were evident between Rustin McIntosh's cabin and the summer parking area. They were not sure of the landing location or when the logging was proposed to start.

At a recent Select Board meeting nearby landowners expressed concerns regarding road work done prior to the start of a logging project. All agreed that landowner Dale Aines was committed to leaving the Pent Road better than its current condition.

Doug F. reported that the toilet seat that he left under the bunk in the Cabin was missing and that he wished the minutes to reflect that he had emptied the outhouse 'bucket'. Robbie said that they walked the entire loop, and that there was no gate evident to impede ATV traffic. There was only a big rock which wouldn't stop ATVs from running there. Doug F. noted that there was evidence of truck traffic on Town property. Ed added that there was at least one motorcycle track. Rainbow asked if there was a sign to indicate when you were entering

Town property. Doug F. said that he had such a sign created by Bob Lloyd but that he never had erected it. He agreed to erect this sign once he had understood from Marshall Squier where it should go.

Other Business:

Colleen noted that as she walked on Mountain View Road after warm, rainy nights, recently, she has observed many dead amphibians as a result of vehicular traffic. Doug I. commented it is the nature of amphibians that they travel when it rains. Doug F. said that on a trip to Canada he noted that they leave their amphibian crossing signs up year-round. He added that this is also the practice in Putney VT. Colleen agreed to submit a comment to Front Porch Forum and *The Tales* reminding the public that even though our signs are down the amphibians move on warm rainy nights.

Recreation Committee ~ 8/19/24

With thanks to Martha Stanley, New Secretary

Members Present: Robbie Leeds, David Levant, Doug Fontein, Martha Stanley

Also Present: Gail Fallar, Select Board Assistant

As Minutes from July 15, 2024 meeting were not available, approval tabled until the September meeting.

David asked to be relieved of the Secretary position. Members elected Martha as Secretary.

Agenda Items:

* Meeting with the Select Board on September 12th.

Robbie and Doug will represent the committee and are prepared to answer the questions provided by the board at the meeting.

* Update on Community Center Field-

Melody Squier is taking the lead on seeking a grant. The grant would support providing a pavilion at the field. Both Doug and Robbie are supporting the effort. They have been gathering estimates and other information needed to fulfill the requirements of the grant.

* Basketball Hoop Repair-

Goal that the new to Tinmouth basketball hoop is in place by the beginning of school next week. Doug, Robbie and David are tackling the project.

* Plan Fall Event-

Sunday September 22nd Ball game at the Community Center Field - 3:00 'til dusk - hot dogs, burgers, snacks and beverages will be provided.

* New Business-

Activities the committee could support during the winter months. Both in the gym and outdoors. Ideas included: rock climbing, introduction to pickleball, basketball, cross country skiing, winter hikes.

Note: rock climbing requires investigating insurance and safety training certificates.

Also, the ice rink will be on hold for this coming winter.

Equity & Inclusion Committee ~ 7/22/24

With thanks to Sherry Johnson, Sec.

Members present in-person: Melody Squier, Rainbow Squier, Cindy Pollock -Via Zoom: Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, Meadow Squier

Guest: Gail Fallar

Debrief from Fun Day

Melody sent out a collective Thank You to Community members. Sherry volunteered to send Thank You notes to Theater in the Woods and Stewart's.

The water events were a big hit again this year. The bounce house and dunk tank did not seem to be missed.

Next year we might ask Bill Biondolino and Patrick Folan (they bought the Wilbur's house) if we could use the lawn by the road/sheds/tree to serve ice-cream. This will encourage people to view the sheds, and spread people out. We will have to make sure clean-up is done if they agree. The sun was very hot on the Town Office porch.

Melody mentioned we need to have more help with clean up after the potluck. We felt the music was well positioned. Next year we may consider the softball game before dinner.

NOTE: At the fire meeting we asked for feedback. The kids loved the water sprinkler and the "GAGA" pit.

Melody is going to discuss the Pavilion with the Select Board. She is also going to look into costs and other grant opportunities.

Meadow is going to talk with the IDEAL folks about a lecture series and possibly an OWL to make meetings more accessible to the community.

We are also going to investigate the possibility of a multi-cultural cooking class.

Equity & Inclusion Committee ~ 8/26/24

Minutes not yet available

~ More Meeting Highlights ~

There was a flurry of meetings on September 3rd, dealing with the proposed pavilion – included in this issue of *Tales* is the Select Board minutes from that night, the others will be in the October issue.

~ Nature Notes ~

Daylight hours are getting shorter . . . leaves are painting the countryside with bright colors . . .

There was an orange moon in August due to smoke from the far west and Canada.

There are amphibians still crossing the roads on wet nights, several folks have reported helping small turtles get to the other side of the road. Please be on the lookout for them, and give them a little kindness.

September saw a couple of weeks with lots of sunshine and temperatures in the 80's!! Time for a rain dance?!

~ PAID POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT ~

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Are you a young person starting a career or a family? Robin works to build the affordable housing and childcare networks we need.

Do you depend on the internet? He works to bring fiber optic cable to all corners of the state.

Do you value education? Robin is working to strengthen our highly rated school system.

Do you grow crops, make or enjoy maple syrup, ski, or travel around Vermont? He is working to avert the worst impacts of climate change.

Do you need to see a health specialist? Robin helped remove the need for “prior approval” by your insurance company, making health care faster and cheaper.

Lots of people thought these problems were more than we could address But just saying “no” doesn’t solve problems.

Robin says “Yes” to the challenges, “Yes” to problem solving, “Yes” to building a better future for Vermonters. That takes hard work and hard decisions.

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~ September 2024 Calendar of Events ~

Labor Day	Monday	2nd	Town Office will be CLOSED!	
Recreation Committee Special	Tuesday	3rd	5:30	Town Office/Virtual
Community Fund Special	Tuesday	3rd	6:00	Old Fire House
Equity & Inclusion Special	Tuesday	3rd	6:30	Town Office & Virtual
Select Board Special Meeting	Tuesday	3rd	7:00	Town Office & Virtual
Fire Department	Thursday	5th	7:00	Fire House
Recreation Committee	Monday	9th	7:00	Town Office/Virtual
Select Board	Thursday	12th	7:00	Town Office & Virtual
Planning Commission	Thursday	19th	7:00	Town Office & Virtual
<i>Tales of Tinmouth</i> Deadline	Friday	20th	Don't Miss It!	
Library Book Sale	Saturday	21st	8:00 – 1:00	Old Creamery Porch
First Day of Fall	Sunday	22nd	Enjoy the colors and weather!!	
Meet the Candidates	Sunday	22nd	10:00 - 2:00	Old Fire House
Sunday Afternoon Softball	Sunday	22nd	3:00-Dusk	Comm Ctr. Ballfield
Equity & Inclusion Committee	Monday	23rd	7:00	Town Office & Virtual
Concert	Friday	27th	7:30	Old Fire House
Old Creamery Committee	Sunday	29th	1:00	Old Creamery Porch
Historical & Genealogical Society	Sunday	29th	2:00	Town Office

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November 5

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- Design team for RCPS' Portrait of a Graduate 2023
- Adviser for National Honor Society, Speech & Debate, Mock Trial, Amnesty International, Justice For All, Global Studies

★ **Mediator** (workplace & family conflict)

- Facilitator for the Vermont Family Court COPE Program
- Co-producer of The Relationship Toolbox (PEGTV)

★ **Proud Vermonter** (since 1983)

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~ October 2024 Calendar of Events ~

Fire Department	Thursday	3rd	7:00	Fire House
Household Hazardous Waste Day	Saturday	5th	8:30-11:30	Fair Haven Transfer Station
Select Board	Thursday	10th	7:00	Town Office/Virtual
Recreation Committee	Monday	14th	7:00	Town Office/Virtual
Planning Commission	Thursday	17th	7:00	Town Office/Virtual
Tales of Tinmouth Deadline	Sunday	20th		Don't Miss It!
Conservation Commission	Monday	21st	7:00	Town Office/Virtual
TGHS Annual Meeting	Sunday	27th	1:00	Old Fire House
Equity & Inclusion Committee	Monday	28th	7:00	Town Office/Virtual
Halloween	Thursday	31st	Trick or Treat!!	

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!

**2024 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)
COLLECTION EVENTS**

SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES (SWAC)



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - FAIR HAVEN Transfer Station, Fair Haven Avenue, Fair Haven, Vermont

2024 HW Contractor - Republic Services (formerly US Ecology of Burlington, Inc.). 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 (RCSWD) Gleason Road transfer station and hazardous waste depot. The permit allows access to the Gleason Road facility and allows for drop off of HHW and 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, propane tanks, mercury thermostats, oven cleaner, fertilizer, paint strippers, thinners, solvents, gas treatments, old gasoline, engine degreaser, floor, metal, and furnisher polishes, latex and oil based paint, pool chemicals, and pesticides, herbicides, and fungicides (fertilizer without pesticides, herbicides, and fungicides is not a hw - use it for its intended purpose), and batteries (single use or rechargeable - for large batteries, 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.

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 sites 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, some local tire dealers, and some SWAC transfer stations. Contact your local transfer station for more information.

VAPING DEVICES - Check with your local law enforcement officials for options for disposal.

BUSINESS WASTE:

Small businesses (conditionally exempt generators - CEGs) and (very small quantity generators - VSQGs) which may include town offices, schools, and town garages may be able to 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.

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Small businesses may also register to drop waste off at the SWAC hazardous waste collection events. Businesses will need a detailed breakdown of materials to be dropped off. A quote can be given by the HW contractor. Payment is due at time of drop off. Contact solidwastealliancecommunities@gmail.com for additional information.

OTHER 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.

EVENT MANAGEMENT: Please place all items to be disposed of in the trunk of your car or the back of your van or truck. **DO NOT** exit your vehicle. PLEASE leave pets at home.

The Select Board is holding a Special Meeting on **Wednesday, October 16th at 7:00 PM at the Community Center** to discuss a proposed pavilion next to the playground at the Community Center. There were many questions raised at their special meeting on September 3rd, they would like to explain the process, provide answers and gather public input. If you would like to learn more about this project, please mark your calendar. Refreshments will be provided.

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