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Editors' Notes: *Enjoy the Fall colors and sunshine!*

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

~ 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 mailed General Election ballots to all active voters. If you didn't get yours, please call the town office.

You can return your ballot 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.

The Tinmouth School Parents' Club is once again sponsoring **Trunk or Treat**. This is a celebration of Halloween, kids wear costumes, play games, and visit the trunks of folks who park in the Community Center's parking lot. The trunks are full of treats!! This year it will be held on Saturday, **October 19th from 6:00-7:30**.

If you don't get many trick or treaters on Halloween, you can 'treat' the kids this way.

~ Tinmouth Genealogical & Historical Society Annual Meeting – Sunday, October 27th ~

Please join us in the Community Church basement at **12:00 Noon to enjoy a potluck lunch**; to discuss THGS and how it can entice new members and create interest in Tinmouth's history; and to listen to Guest Speaker John Squier regale everyone with memories of growing up in Tinmouth in the 1950's, 60's, 70's and more.

There will be a display of old photos, maps, and artifacts acquired during the past year. There will be photos of all the houses in town in the late 1940's – early 1950's – taken by C.J. Wilbur – Stan's grandfather. Do you live in one? Is it still in use?

Please bring a dish to share. All are welcome!!

Old Fire House Fall Concert Series

Friday, October 18th @ 7:30

Scott Ainslie on Stage

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.



~ Tinmouth Game Supper ~

By Sherry Johnson

If you are new to town, the biggest fundraiser for the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department (TVFD) is approaching. On **November 23rd**, the TVFD will hold its annual Game Supper. We ask everyone in the community to participate in some way. Members of the community prepare some of the food and also provide the supplies needed for the supper.

Right now we are looking for pie bakers, especially berry pie makers (we can supply the berries). Also, we will need chicken and biscuit makers (chicken supplied).

If you can help us with any of these items, call me or send an email, and we will put you down for your specialty.

Phone calls for salad, dressing, milk, cider, coffee and whipping cream will go out in November.

We also can use help preparing the vegetables, meat, making meatballs, setting up, cleaning up and serving. The exact day and time for these activities will be advertised on Front Porch Forum, and *Tales of Tinmouth*.

Please call or email me if you can help. If you would like to do something different this year, just let me know and I will see that you are put on the new "list".

As always, the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department appreciates your support.

Call Sherry Johnson at 802-446-3307 or email her at vtsjohnson@icloud.com.

~ Kudo's and Appreciation ~



Miss Ruth and the Library Trustees wish to thank everyone who helped with the book sale and pizza event. It was a great success!

~ TVFD Tag Sale ~

We were so happy to see everyone turn out for the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department's Tag Sale.

We had more items than ever and raised over \$2,500 for the department.

Thank you to everyone who bought items, and donated things for the sale.

We would also like to thank the team of community volunteers who helped sort, price, set up and clean up. This is what makes Tinmouth a wonderful community.

THANK YOU!

Chuck Bronk, Tracey Byford and Sherry Johnson

~ Share the Bounty Bin ~

Many thanks to **all the gardeners and others** who provided fresh fruit and vegetables this summer, sharing their 'bounty' with friends and neighbors. There was a wide variety of goodies, very much appreciated by all who stopped by the Town Office porch.

~ Community News ~

Get Well Wishes are sent to **Paul Morin, Bob Lloyd, and Penny Bushee.**

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Newlyweds ~ **Andy Gilmore** and **Jessa Calunsag**, who were married on August 25th. Last month *Ye Olde Editor* goofed and reported that Alan (Andy's twin brother) had gotten married, my apologies!

May you have many years of happiness!

Heartfelt Sympathies are sent to family and friends of the **Alan Held**; and to family and friends of **Josh Ford.**

Happy 89th Birthday to **Ruth Drachman!**

Welcome to new arrivals – **Bjorn Alicorn Elmendorf**, son of **Cole Elmendorf** and **Rainbow Squier**, was born on September 4th, proud grandparents are **Marshall and Melody Squier.**

And to **Ryver Rose Perkins**, daughter of **Jeremy and Whitney Perkins**, who was born on October 7, 2024, proud grandparents are **Frank and Andrea Carmen**, and proud great grandmother is **Carol Baker.**

Please Recycle or Pass Along Tales!~



~ Sunday Afternoon Softball ~

By Colleen Balch

The Recreation Committee brought back an old Sunday favorite in September. (Hollis we missed you, sure hope you can make the next one.) Folks had a great time last Sunday when we got together for a little pickup softball, grilled up a great meal with an ice cream finale, and enjoyed visiting with neighbors.

Twenty six folks managed to make it and we're pretty sure our ages ranged from 4 to somewhere in our 80's. Some played, some got a kick out of spectating and conversation, and the playground managed to get a workout too. And in true Tinmouth volunteer fashion, thanks go out to Sherry Johnson for taking charge of the grill, Nikki Pfieffer for bringing a tee with a bat and a ball for the littlest players, and Wheaton Squier who unearthed close to 20 mitts, a range of bats, and lined out the foul lines.

The weather was perfect, we all went home with big grins and full bellies, and we're looking forward to doing it again.

~ Community Center/Old Fire House/Bake Oven Rental ~

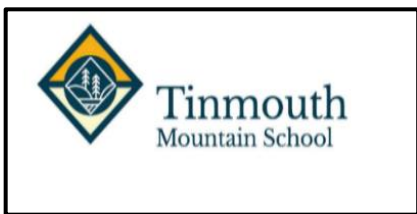
Trish Warfle, Building Use Coordinator, would like to remind *everyone* who wishes to use any of these facilities, that you need to check with her for availability and to fill out a use form. You can check the calendar on the Town's website, but do need to contact Trish to secure the date.

Her contact number is **802-236-3163**. Thank you for your cooperation.

~ Please BE Safe – Wear a Safety Vest ~

If you walk, run/jog, bike, or hike, (or even fix fences) along town roads, **PLEASE** make sure you wear a safety vest so anyone driving along can see you.

Sometimes you might be in the shadow of the trees and no one can see you! Thank you for your cooperation!



We did it! We are well into the school year, and learning is happening around every corner. Our students and families have embraced changes, from navigating the new drop-off and pick-up procedures to students working their way through a lunch line. A lunch line may not seem like a huge change, but it was. Now students can choose a vegetable or fruit (choice), have conversations with those serving them (interpersonal skills), and as one child said, "I feel like a big kid, almost like high school!" We are so proud of their flexibility and willingness.

Mr. Davis's 5th and 6th graders are becoming contributing members of our school community through daily tasks such as assisting Pre-K at lunch, walking younger students to ASP, aiding in art clean-up on Fridays, and much more. Mrs. Davis's 1st and 2nd graders are venturing into their outdoor classroom three days a week, incorporating morning meeting routines and integrating academics from math to journaling. Ms. Rohan's 3rd and 4th graders are working hard sketching, researching, and identifying the plants in our pollinator garden. Ms. Turan's Kindergarten class is navigating a new language, Spanish, with Ms. Ana. This is their first time being exposed to Spanish in our learning community.

At Tinmouth, we are truly grateful that our students can access a second language (k-6) that can give them a head start when they enter middle school or the bigger world. Our Wee Folk, with Ms. Edge and Ms. Mya at the helm, are learning about being part of a larger community, understanding their place in the world, and nurturing a collaborative environment. We hope that our students will all continue being stewards of their community and environment as they venture into their futures.

Even though it is still September as I write this, the school is buzzing with excitement about Halloween! The anticipation is palpable, and the students are already planning their costumes and looking forward to the parade, trunk-or-treats, and classroom festivities. Halloween is a special time for our school community, and we can't wait to see the creativity and joy that our students will bring to this celebration. We hope to see you at our parade on Halloween and be on the lookout for more information about that day as we get closer.

As always, we want to assure you that our lines of communication are always open. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. Your feedback is important to us, and we are here to support you as best we can.

Be well,
Jenn Galusha-Brothers
Principal
Tinmouth Mountain School

~ Letters to the Editor ~

I support Robin Chesnut-Tangerman as our Representative in Montpelier because legislating is a complicated, nuanced job that requires listening, thinking and compromise. Experience is hugely helpful to understanding the options, having the hard discussions and ultimately getting the job done with the best available approach.

Just saying no to taxes is a good sound bite but the job is to provide needed services to Vermonters and to make the hard choices about how to pay for them.

Robin's experience gives him the ability to handle the increasing challenges our State is facing. Robin is not equipped with a crystal ball, but he is the candidate I trust to do the job.

Doug Fontein

Greetings Folks,

Are you upset about "Sky High Taxes"? Does your State Representative reflect your views and concerns in Montpelier? Do you think that our State of Vermont (ie Green Mountains) is green enough without driving businesses and families out of Vermont with absurd "carbon " laws?

Then VOTE for change in Montpelier!!! VOTE Chris Pritchard for State Representative!!! VOTE as soon as you receive your ballot in the mail! Speak up! Make your voice heard! Only you can affect change! VOTE Chris Pritchard!!!

In Earnest, Paula & Bart Bonazinga,
Tinmouth taxpayers

~ Nature Notes ~

Fall colors – there are some really glorious views around town, the rain makes them seem brighter!

Northern Lights have been hidden by clouds, but are being seen by a few. Enjoy them if you can.

Woolly bear caterpillars reportedly are forecasting a long winter, having a long orange mid-section! Prepare your wood pile.

Prayers are needed for folks down south trying to recover from two recent whopper hurricanes.

~ 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) ~ 9/12/2024

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

Others present: Eric Buffum-Road Commissioner, Michael Fallar, Doug Fontein, and Gail Fallar (SBA)

Via Zoom: Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, Rick Fallar, Robbie Leeds, and Pat Psholka

Minutes of September 3, 2024 were approved as written. Minutes of 8/8/24 were tabled to enable SBA to edit pavilion discussion paragraph per Melody's request.

Citizen's Input: Sherry read a letter from herself and husband Kim, regarding meeting protocols for those who attend via Zoom, requesting that the Select Board have speakers identify themselves, that comments be directed to the Chair, and that the SB discuss how to improve communication with Zoom attendees. SB advised they will work on it.

Highway:

Eric reported that the grant-in-aid project on Pent/Upper Gulf Road and the culvert replacement project on North East Road only needed seeding and mulching to be done. Paving on Route 140 is nearly done, Fuller Sand & Gravel will come back to work on the aprons and patches. Road crew has been grading and filling potholes. The area in front of the town garage is now mow-able as a lawn. He reported the orange truck has been towed to Allegiance in Hoosick Falls for repairs to the rear end, hopefully covered by the warranty.

West Tinmouth Winter Road Maintenance: Eric and Kevin and the SBA reported on the Wells Select Board meeting regarding whether the Town of Wells would be willing to maintain McCoy Road and the west end of Gulf Road for winter plowing and sanding. As their road commissioner was not present, no decision was made.

Winter Salt Bid Request: Board reviewed 2023 bid document, updated to 2024. After brief discussion, Board voted to approve with addition of option to submit bids by email.

New Tandem Truck: Eric reported that Allegiance Trucks had purchased all International truck dealerships in Vermont and surrounding area, so it would be impossible to get 3 bids. Eric and SBA will work on a RFP to send to MAC, Freightliner, and International dealers.

Pent Road: Eric reported the mess was being cleaned up and made passable. No plans at the moment to upgrade it, it is in better shape than it was.

Recreation Committee Report: Doug read the Committee's mission statement; reviewed several events the Committee worked on – ice skating rink (LaValley donated materials, volunteers built it and kept it

maintained) – there will not be one this coming winter due to several complications; Town Fun Day games; and community survey of wants/needs. They are currently working on a family movie night, kid friendly, that if it goes well, may have more in the winter. They also provided a letter of support for the pavilion being proposed. Robbie noted that in the beginning, they had looked at what other communities were doing for recreation; are still working out how to help and support the town. There are liability and insurance issues with using the school climbing wall. They are still discussing the lot behind the town garage for recreation. They also thanked the Board for the ARPA money (\$400) for the back board replacement at the playground (that was not needed due to volunteers and a 'found' backboard). They are planning a softball event soon. The Board thanked them for their report.

Board voted to go into **Executive Session** at 7:55 to discuss a potential contract which premature public knowledge would put the town at a disadvantage. Board exited at 8:05, no action taken.

Financial: Gail noted the end of year reports are still being worked on. Board reviewed and approved Warrants and Orders - Payroll Warrants: #6, #7, #8, #9, and #10 and Accounts Payable Warrants #7, #8, and #9.

Old Business:

The **Special Meeting** for committees, commissions and boards originally scheduled for October 29th was postponed until February 25th due to the extra SB meeting for the pavilion proposal and upcoming budget work.

New Business:

Special Meeting for Pavilion: Holly Ross agreed to moderate discussion, coffee and refreshments will be provided.

Hydraulic Study: Due to concerns expressed over water issues with the new pavilion, Board to request a hydraulic study from the Vermont Agency of Transportation.

Resignations: Bob Lloyd resigned from the Tinmouth Planning Commission and as Tinmouth's representative to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission due to health concerns. Board reluctantly accepted with regrets and expressed appreciation for the many years of Bob's dedication and service.

Members Concerns: Judy reported that the state inspects culverts over 20 feet or larger, but that someone from VTRANS was agreeable to look at the big culvert on North End Road that is 108", that was installed in the early 1960's. Board agreed. She also inquired about long term planning for budgeting – SBA noted that is being done to some degree, would be good to work on a Capital Plan.

Planning Commission ~ 9/19/2024

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

Members present via Zoom: Kim Harbaugh and Pat Psholka

Others: present in-person: Gail Fallar Secretary

And via Zoom: Sherry Johnson, Jeremy Gildrien-RRPC, Melody Squier, and Jennifer Trepal

Michael called the meeting to order and acknowledged Bob Lloyd's resignation after 26 years as a PC member and his tremendous contribution to planning, zoning and mapping, and his dedicated service to Tinmouth and the PC. *Thank you, Bob!*

Jeremy advised that he had read the July PC minutes and watched the video of that meeting. He suggested taking a step back to look at the big picture, and then create a work plan. There was much discussion about what is required for an Enhanced Energy Plan to meet RRPC certification and state approval, whether the result – the town having *substantial deference* in a Public Utility Commission hearing regarding an energy project – would be worth the effort. Much discussion about how to define equity. . . does fairness equal equity?

Members discussed whether to simply update the 2017 Energy Section, update the 2020 Enhanced Energy Section, or pursue the EEP.

Maps from 2020 version, showing where there were no constraints on energy sites may need to be updated, and there would be fewer maps required. Jeremy noted the state requires certain policies, but allows towns to determine what actions are needed. He also stated that the state does not require any town to adopt an enhanced energy plan, it's optional. He suggested that the PC work on 1 or 2 sections at a time, perhaps with a working group as opposed to the full PC. The Town Plan does require an energy section.

Members will review information from Jeremy and try to decide at the October meeting whether to proceed with the EEP.

Melody advised that Marshall is still interested in serving on the PC. There are others considering it as well.

Editor's Note: *There were four meetings on September 3rd all regarding the proposed pavilion. The Select Board's highlights were in the last Tales. Here are the highlights from the other 3 committees: Recreation met at 5:30, Community Fund met from 6-7, Equity and Inclusion met at 6:30 and the Select Board met at 7:00. It was a whirl wind.*

Recreation Committee ~ 9/3/24 ~ Special

With thanks to Martha Stanley, Secretary

Present were members Robbie Leeds, David Levant, Doug Fontein, and Martha Stanley.

Also present were Gail Fallar, Rick Fallar and Michael Fallar.

Robbie called the meeting to order at 5:35. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a letter of support for proposed pavilion grant application.

After brief discussion, site work on the recreation field was tabled.

Motion made and approved to provide a letter of support for the proposed pavilion grant. Discussion followed – Robbie noted that the project meets the mission of the Rec. Committee. Doug shared some requirements of the grant and project details – community support, shovel ready – and that it would not be using tax payer dollars. Cost is around \$67,000 less the grant amount. Cost for the recreation field site work is \$12,000.

Rick and Michael expressed concerns, first among them is that more people in town need to be included in the discussion and decision.

David noted that the project meets the mission of the Rec Committee and that the purpose of this meeting was to write a letter of support for the grant. Questions and concerns should be addressed to the Select Board.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00.

Tinmouth Community Fund 9/3/24 ~ Special

With thanks to Helen Mango, Secretary

Present: TCF members Jan Krantz, Cathy Reynolds (Treasurer), Melody Squier, Lisa Patry, Lynn Buffum, Bess Lewis, Martha Stanley, Helen Mango (Secretary). Also present: Michael Fallar, Rick Fallar, Cris Carabeau, Larry Carabeau, Theresa Dana and daughter, and Sherry Johnson and Kim Harbaugh (on Zoom). Doug Fontein and Robbie Leeds joined at 6:25 p.m. Lisa and Melody had to leave at 6:30. Rick and Michael Fallar left during the meeting (to attend another meeting at the town office). Sherry and Kim left the meeting at 6:30 and returned at 6:45. Melody re-joined the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Quorum was maintained throughout the meeting.

Jan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Introductions were made.

Jan turned the meeting over to Melody who described the goal of increasing inclusive ways that people in Tinmouth can get together, including building a town pavilion. She very recently heard of a grant from the State of Vermont Building Communities Grants programs called a Recreational Facilities Grant; it is due Sept. 10. In finding out more information about pavilions she discovered that the town of Marshfield has a pavilion (24' x 32') that they can no longer use due to flooding of their site. Timber Homes Vermont is the company that made and is currently holding this pavilion; they have constructed pavilions in other towns through this grant. The grant is for up to \$25,000.

Melody explained that such a pavilion could also be used by the school for outdoor education, and for town events like Fun Day and concerts, for people who can't or don't want to be in the sun, and for the changeable weather that we get in Tinmouth.

She has already gotten pledges of donations from some individuals, and the closest neighboring landowner is fine with the proposal. She has spoken to all neighbors who surround the green.

Rick Fallar asked about aspects of the project such as accessibility, bathrooms and security. Cathy said that this discussion would fit better into the Select Board meeting that is occurring after the TCF meeting. This TCF meeting is about funding options by the TCF.

Cathy explained the mission of TCF: The purpose of the TCF is to provide funding of needed services and facilities for the well-being of the citizens of and for the sense of community in the Town of Tinmouth.

She then broke down the economics of the plan: \$65,833 is the cost of the pavilion. This estimate includes providing 20 volunteers to raise the frame and the responsibility for sheathing and roofing the structure with volunteers. All costs are included in the estimate. If Tinmouth applies the \$25,000 grant, the grant rules stipulate that the remainder of the cost (\$40,833) needs to be already covered in order to apply.

The TCF has several ways of providing this "pre-application" coverage and helping to fund the project should the grant be awarded:

First, the TCF could pledge to provide a bridge loan for the funds needed above \$25,000. The TCF has three funds at the VCF: The Continuing Education Fund currently has \$338,767. The Community Fund has \$160,092. The Reserve Fund has \$47,703. The purpose of the Reserve Fund is to fund larger projects in town; to date it has been used once in this capacity (for acoustic tile installation in the Community Center). Also, use of the Reserve Fund is not limited to 5% per year payout as are the other two funds. TCF can spend this money if it meets our mission. So, TCF funds can pledge the Reserve Fund as a "bridge loan" to allow the Town to apply for the grant.

Second, TCF could also be a donor to help meet the cost of the project by voting to withdraw funds from the Reserve Fund balance.

Third, TCF could use money from the Plant Sale to help meet the cost of the project; 2024 sale revenue is currently held in the Community Fund checking account which has a balance of \$16,950. The Plant Sale is just a group of dedicated volunteers who raise about \$15,000/year that is donated to the Community Fund. Plant Sale volunteers were polled via email and expressed strong support in allocating some of the Plant Sale money to support the Pavilion. Volunteers have agreed to also pledge 2025 sale

revenue to help fund the project should other funding come up short.

Bess asked if using Plant Sale money would take that money away from what it usually goes toward funding. Cathy said that all scholarships and other TCF funding goals are already covered.

Jan stated that she thought a pavilion is a direct continuation of the very mission of the TCF (which began as funds leftover from the construction of the Community Center).

Jan clarified that the TCF Board is looking to provide a pledged amount to be able to apply for the grant. Bess asked about how to word this so that we are not obliged to spend the pledge. Cathy said that should the town not receive the grant, the TCF pledge could disappear if the fundraising does not cover the full amount. Cathy also said that five potential donors have already committed to help fund the project, dependent on receipt of the grant.

Cathy moved that TCF pledge up to the full amount (in excess of the grant) required by the Recreational Facilities Grant as a short-term bridge loan to allow the Town of Tinmouth to apply for the grant. This will provide bridge funding and is contingent on the town receiving grant money. Seconded by Jan. Motion passed.

Cathy moved that TCF pledge to donate \$10,000 from the Tinmouth Community Reserve Fund to the pavilion project. Seconded by Jan. Motion passed.

Cathy moved to pledge to donate \$10,000 from the Tinmouth Community Fund checking account held in the town of Tinmouth (Plant Sale revenue) to support the pavilion project. Seconded by Jan. Motion passed.

Other business:

Cathy reminded the board that because of a technological glitch in the application process, the Tinmouth Elves 2024 grant proposal (\$599) did not get funded (it had been submitted but was never received) and should have been approved at the spring meeting. She moved that we formally approve the request. Seconded by Martha. Motion carried.

Cathy moved that the K-12 Camp Scholarships be made part of the Tinmouth Continuing Education Fund since they share a similar mission. Seconded by Jan. Motion carried.

Jan moved to appoint Cathy and Helen to work with the Tinmouth Mountain School principal and with Gail Fallar to develop rules for the distribution of funds from the Alan Hochberg Science Education Memorial fund. Seconded by Martha. Motion carried.

Jan expressed thanks to Cathy for her work over a very short time frame to help make the pavilion grant application possible.

Cathy reflected that providing Reserve Fund support for this project is exactly what that Fund is for. We have only voted to use it once, and we could remember that the goal

of this pot of money is to allow larger projects that benefit the town to move forward.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Equity & Inclusion Committee ~ 9/3/24 ~ Special

With thanks to Sherry Johnson, Sec.

Members In-Person: Melody Squier, Cindy Pollock

Zoom: Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh

Guests: Gail Fallar, Aileen Miner, Rick Fallar

Melody called the meeting to order at 6:33

Melody read the proposed letter of support from the E&I Committee to the Select Board.

Aileen asked where the Pavilion was going to be located. Melody showed her the map.

When asked, Melody volunteered that over \$20,000 in pledges had come in a little over a week. Melody also explained that the Pavilion will meet an E&I goal by providing a low key spontaneous meeting place.

Sherry made a motion to approve sending the letter to the Select Board, Cindy seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Melody explained that using an engineered structure is necessary for a public building. She also explained this process was moving quickly because the original grant she was applying for had run out of money and she was directed to this grant which has a deadline of September 10, 2024

Rick expressed concern that there needed to be more public input. Melody acknowledged this concern. She said that this process was in line with precedent of other projects in town such as the Old Fire House, the upstairs of the Town Office, and the Old Creamery.

Melody thanked all for their input.

Recreation Committee ~ 9/9/24

With thanks to Martha Stanley, Secretary

Present in person: Doug Fontein, Robbie Leeds, Martha Stanley and via Zoom Colleen Balch and David Levant.

Also present were Theresa Dana and Gail Fallar.

Members discussed the upcoming Fall Event – a Sunday afternoon softball game – the spirit of which is that everyone gets a hit. Members volunteered for various details – hot dogs, burgers, grilling, balls, bats and bases.

It was noted that the basketball hoop at the school was repaired and up. Robbie will paint lines on the asphalt. Discussed a possible 2nd hoop.

Colleen is drafting a letter of explanation for there being no ice rink this winter – will go out late in the fall.

Robbie is prepared for the meeting with the Select Board to discuss what the committee does and needs.

Theresa is interested in sponsoring a Family Friendly Movie night at the Community Center, and would like assistance. Theresa has a projector and screen and the ability to provide the movie. Members agreed this is the

kind of activity the Rec. Committee would support, and will help as needed.

Equity & Inclusion Committee ~ 9/23/24

With thanks to Sherry Johnson, Sec.

Members present: Melody Squier, Cindy Pollock (Zoom), Kim Harbaugh (Zoom), Rainbow Squier (Zoom), Sherry Johnson (Zoom)

Guests: Gail Fallar, Martha Stanley

Updates on potential grants

We did not get the Better Places grant. The BGS Pavilion Grant was submitted September 10th.

The district wetland ecologist from the state determined the pavilion site location did not meet the criteria for a wetland.

There is going to be a Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting on October 1st for the conditional use permit.

An informational forum will be held on October 16th for the pavilion. We would like to have our members present if possible to help with setup and assist with beverages and baked goods. Melody will see if the 6th grade class would like to coordinate on the baked goods for a fundraising opportunity.

We should hear back about the grant **around** October 22nd.

Welcome Signs update

Rainbow is working on a second design for the Welcome Signs. Cole has volunteered to make and install posts for the sign. Melody is looking into getting some additional estimates for the sign, now that we have a design.

Discuss meeting day and frequency

Starting in January 2025 we are going to meet the 4th Thursday of the month and will meet every other month. We will continue to meet the 4th Monday through 2024.

There is a Select Board Meeting on October 10th where the E&I Committee will make a report to the Select Board. Any members who would like to come to that meeting in person or via zoom are encouraged to.

Other ideas for events

Sherry will reserve the Community Center for March 21/22 for Multi Cultural Pot-luck and recipe/food related stories.

Equity & Inclusion Committee ~ 8/26/24

With thanks for Sherry Johnson, Sec.

Members present: In-Person: Melody Squier

Zoom: Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, Cindy Pollock

Guests: Gail Fallar, in-person

Cindy asked about the Ideal Grant that was mentioned.

Melody reported that she asked the Select Board for permission to research the grant from Building Communities Grant - Recreational Facilities Grant with the Tinmouth Recreation Committee. The grant is from the Department of Building and General Services.

The grant is for a pavilion and the site work, which will address the runoff by the playground and the ballfields, and level the ball field. She is looking into the permits, and if needed a setback waiver. She has also talked in person or by phone with the neighbors about the project. All were not concerned about the pavilion but more concerned about the pre-existing water issues and culvert capacity during big storms. Gail suggested that Hollis Squier be contacted about the runoff.

Melody said that the engineer from the Timber Frame Company has determined the location and approved it for snow and wind loads.

The grant is a 50/50 match with a maximum of \$25,000. She thinks it may cost \$55-65K and the additional money will be raised from donations.

If approved, we will get a pavilion from Timber Frame that was initially built for the town of Marshfield. Marshfield has had their location flooded out.

Melody shared a drawing of where the Pavilion will be located.

The grant application is due on September 10th. A special Select Board Meeting will be held September 3rd.

Welcome Signs: Tabled until Rainbow is available to work on additional designs.

Members decided that January/February/March 2025 would be a good time to schedule the multi-cultural cooking class and potluck.

Sherry mentioned that it had been suggested a swap/trade day might take place on the green. It would fit under E&I as community engagement. It was agreed if a member of the community wanted to undertake this they could. We could help, but we are not the events committee.

The Tinmouth Operator's Manual will be worked on in the winter. Melody, Todd and Cindy will work on it.

Sherry asked about the Phone Directory. Cindy and Sherry will work on this as they have time. Gail advised that Community Fund grants had been used in the past to help cover costs. Ads were also sold.

Cindy suggested an email check in, but since we are part of the Town, meetings are subject to the open meeting laws.

Old Creamery Committee ~ 09/29/24

Members present Michael Fallar, Vito Macaluso, and Stan Wilbur

Others present were Rene Wilbur, Ken Krantz, Benjamin Fallar, and Gail Fallar

Michael called the meeting to order under the Old Creamery porch. First order of business was to re-organize (first meeting after town meeting). Elected Michael as Chair and Gail as Secretary.

Financial report: Gail, as Town Treasurer, reported \$26,359.17 in check book, which includes the \$20,000 in

ARPA funds transferred by the Tinmouth Select Board for continued work on the building.

Gail reported the electrical connection from the Town Office was done, as well as installation of a couple of lights inside and more under the porch. The east wall painting still remains to finished – there is a small corner waiting for paint.

Members discussed the south wall, by consensus agreed to try to staple loose claps and have it spray painted for now to improve the building's appearance, direct funds to interior restoration.

Members discussed priorities - ramp, storage room, how much to finish, in the end it was decided that the lead paint needed to be addressed first – Gail will contact a consultant regarding steps that need to be taken. Start with lead issue, consider inside fix of ½ now and ½ later, covered handicap ramp on north or west side, or other ideas as they may arise.

October meeting – try to have a work day to paint the upstairs door and install window panes in the door and windows on the north side. No date set.

~ Unclaimed Property ~

There are many Tinmouth folks on the Vermont State Treasurer's Unclaimed Property list. Some have less than \$1, some have more than \$200. Please visit the website at the Vermont State Treasurer's Office; email unclaimed.property@vermont.gov; or call them at 802-828-2407 to see if you are listed and for directions on how to claim your property.

It could be an uncashed check, utility deposit, etc. Companies are required to turn unclaimed property over to the state, who has to hold it until it is properly claimed.

~ 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.

~ 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.*

~ 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 Tinnmouth's character, and are willing to share, please contact the Town Office at 802-446-2498 or tinnmouthtown@vermontel.net. Thank you!!

~ Helpful Items for Loan ~

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This is Not a Sound Bite

Campaigning and legislating are two very different things. Campaigning uses sound bites and attack ads, as you've seen in these pages. They're quick, always incomplete, and sometimes intentionally misleading. Most important, they never talk about "Why".

Some Tinmouth Tales ads say that I voted to raise your property taxes by supporting H.165. That is misleading. **Why** I voted for H.165 and would again is **because it provides meals to school children**. I don't think that kids should go hungry, and they do.

To decrease the pressure on property taxes, the legislature **created two new revenue streams for education funding**, either of which is more than enough to cover the cost of school meals for kids. *Reality is very different than the attack ad.*

Legislating is slow by design — complex and full of compromises. The **Affordable Heat Act** has been the target of serious out-of-state disinformation by Americans For Prosperity, an organization created by the oil barons David and Charles Koch, who have an obvious financial interest in the outcome.

What is in *our* interest? The Affordable Heat Act is designed to help Vermonters gradually reduce dependence on costly, price-volatile, and polluting fossil fuels. The law requires the Public Utilities Commission to develop *a plan* on how such a system would work, how the benefits would be available to the most Vermonters, and what the costs and benefits would be — both up front and in the long term.

That's it. No carbon tax. No forcing people to buy heat pumps or electric cars. In January the PUC plan incorporating several independent analyses will come to the legislature, which will adopt, reject, or most likely revise the plan based on new information from the planning process.

Until this complex task is complete none of the figures or requirements that are flying around should be taken as fact. The only facts are that there is not a carbon tax and that until and unless the legislature takes specific action, there is no law in place, just a developing plan which allows us to weigh what is in *our* interests. **I could quote competing analyses here, but**

Those last four paragraphs don't fit into a soundbite. And that is the problem with campaigning.

You can be assured that, with your support, I will continue to do the thoughtful and deliberate work of legislating: looking at the "why's", at the details, the long term value, at who is affected. Legislating way beyond the sound bites.

Robin Chesnut-Tangerman

Paid for by the Chesnut-Tangerman campaign, Steve Letendre, treasurer

Let's talk about your taxes going up, and up, and up

Total state **spending is up 38%** from \$6.3 billion to \$8.7 billion between FY 2020–2024.

It's your money being spent and, **without a change, you can expect to pay even more.**

I am asking for the opportunity to bring more fiscal responsibility to Montpelier and to fight for the necessary changes that so many of us need, want and deserve. **Lets build a Vermont all Vermonters can afford.**



Electric rates will go up \$150-450 million. They could rise by as much as \$800 million. Heating oil prices could rise \$1.50/gallon to as high as \$4.00/gallon.

Last spring, lawmakers overrode the veto of a Renewable Energy Bill and ignored the Scott Administration's proposed bill to achieve the same outcome for less money.

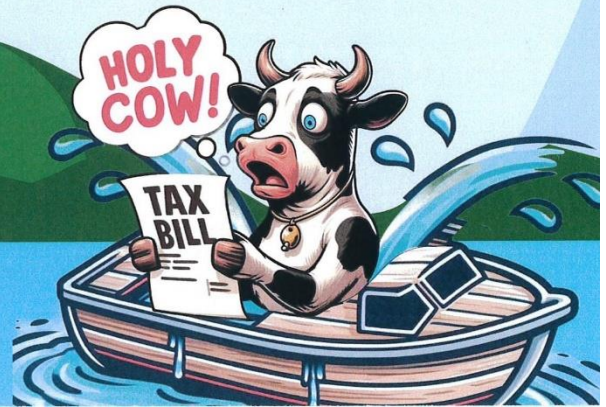


Property taxes went up 13.8% on average. Next year's increase will likely be double digits too.

The legislature refused to work with the Governor on an alternative. Without systemic changes, taxpayers should expect a similar increase to cover education spending next year.

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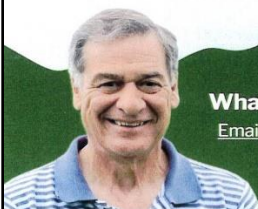
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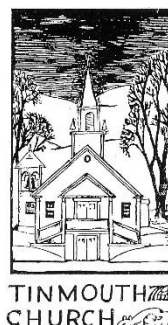
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~ November 2024 Calendar of Events ~

Concert – Extra Stout Fire Department Veteran's Day Recreation Committee Select Board 2nd Half Property Taxes Due Planning Commission Tales of Tinmouth Deadline TVFD Game Supper Community Thanksgiving Ser. Equity & Inclusion Committee Town Office	Friday Thursday Monday Monday Thursday Friday Thursday Wednesday Saturday Sunday Monday Thursday	1 st 7 th 11 th 11 th 14 th 15 th 21 st 20 th 23 rd 24 th 25 th 28 th	7:30 7:00 7:00 7:00 5:00 7:00 4:00 4:30 7:00 Closed to Celebrate Thanksgiving!	Old Fire House Fire House Honor a Veteran Town Office/Virtual Town Office & Virtual Town Office Town Office & Virtual Don't Miss It! Community Center Church Town Office & Virtual
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~ October 2024 Calendar of Events ~

Fire Department	Thursday	3 rd	7:00	Fire House
Household Hazardous Waste Day	Saturday	5 th	8:30-11:30	Fair Haven Transfer Station
Select Board	Thursday	10 th	7:00	Town Office/Virtual
Recreation Committee	Monday	14 th	7:00	Town Office/Virtual
Planning Commission	Thursday	17 th	7:00	Town Office/Virtual
Concert	Friday	18 th	7:30 – 9:30	Old Fire House
Trunk or Treat	Saturday	19 th	6:00-7:30	Community Center
<i>Tales of Tinmouth</i> Deadline	Sunday	20 th		Don't Miss It!
Conservation Commission	Monday	21 st	7:00	Town Office/Virtual
TGHS Annual Meeting & Potluck	Sunday	27 th	Noon	Church
Equity & Inclusion Committee	Monday	28 th	7:00	Town Office/Virtual
Halloween	Thursday	31 st	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!

See previous page for November's calendar!

REMEMBER TO RETURN YOUR GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT BY NOVEMBER 5TH!!

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