

# The Town of **Tinmouth** Vermont



## **Annual Report**

*of the Town Officers*

**Year Ending December 31, 2003**

## **TOWN REPORT DEDICATION**

To all the folks who made the Tinmouth Community Fund's Summer Fun Day such a great success! Many town groups were involved, TCF, Fire Department, Library, Tinmouth Historical & Genealogical Society, Rug Hookers, Quilters, Ladies Circle, and more!!

Please mark your calendar for August 7, 2004 — the next great event.

## **COVER PICTURE**

2003 saw the creation of a new community playground next to the Community Center. Many volunteers helped — there are photos throughout the Town Report.

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**Town of Tinmouth**  
**ELECTED TOWN AND SCHOOL OFFICERS — 2003**

**Moderator:** Glenn W. Merrill\*

**Town Clerk:** Gail Fallar (2005)

**Town & School Treasurer:** Gail Fallar (2005)

**School Directors:** Douglas Fontein (2004)\*  
Helen Mango (2005)  
Raymond Pratt (2006)

**Selectboard:** Michael Fannin (2004)\*  
Caleb Scott (2005)  
Cathy Reynolds (2006)

**Community Center Board (2-year term):** Denise McGinley (2006)

**Road Commissioner:** Hollis Squier (2006)

**Listers:** Shirley Zandy (2004)\*                      Gail Fallar (2005)  
Barbara Held (2006)

**Auditors:** Susan Wilborn (2004)\*              Steven Goyette (2005)  
Robert Lloyd (2006)

**Constables:** (First) Laurie Phillips\*              (Second) Robert Emerick\*

**Delinquent Tax Collector:** Robert Emery\*

**Overseer:** Selectboard\*

**Grand Juror:** Glenn D. Merrill\*

**Town Agent:** Hollis Squier\*

\*Term expires this year—2004; ( ) Year term expires

**OFFICERS ELECTED AT GENERAL ELECTION**  
**(November 2002)**  
**Justices of the Peace**

Cecil Buffum  
Robert Drachman  
Nelson Jaquay

Louise Scott  
Marshall Squier

# **Town of Tinnmouth** **OFFICERS APPOINTED BY SELECTBOARD — 2003**

## **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Robert Lloyd (2006)  
Glenn W. Merrill (2005)  
Robert Noble (2004)  
Lisa Patry (2006)  
Caleb Scott (2005)  
Hollis Squier (2006)  
Truman Young, Jr. (2004)

## **PLANNING COMMISSION**

David Birdsall (2005)  
Robert Emery (2006)  
Lori Gilmore (2005), *resigned*  
Edward Hasenohr (2004)  
Kathleen Kruesi (2005)  
Robert Lloyd (2004)  
Robert Noble (2006)  
Caleb Scott (2004)  
Marshall Squier (2006)

## **ZONING ADMISTRATOR**

Gail Fallar (2005)

## **SEWAGE OFFICER**

Gail Fallar

## **RUTLAND REGIONAL**

### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

Robert Lloyd, Commissioner  
Betti Jaquay, Alternate

## **RRPC REGIONAL**

### **TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL**

Thomas Schmelzenbach  
Michael Fannin, Alt.

## **SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES**

Cathy Reynolds      Stan Wilbur, Alt.

## **HEALTH OFFICER**

Robert Drachman      Gail Fallar, Deputy

## **SELECT BOARD CHAIR**

Cathy Reynolds

## **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS**

Laurie Phillips      David Birdsall  
Michael Fallar, Deputy

## **POUND KEEPER**

Glenn D. Merrill      Edwin Baker

## **INSPECTOR OF LUMBER & SHINGLES**

Michael Fallar

## **FENCE VIEWERS**

Caleb Scott      Ralph Lewis  
Glenn D. Merrill

## **TREE WARDEN**

Howard Buffum

## **GREEN-UP DAY CHAIRPERSONS**

Doug Fontein      Ed Hasenohr  
Nelson Jaquay

## **HOUSING RE-HAB**

### **LOAN REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Caleb Scott      Glenn W. Merrill  
Carolyn Feury      Gail Fallar

## **TOWN SERVICE OFFICER**

Carolyn Feury

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

### **COORDINATOR**

Michael Fannin

## **TOWN HUGGER**

Hollis Squier  
Patti (Cow Patti) Macaluso

## **911 COORDINATOR**

Gail Fallar

## **COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD**

Cathy Reynolds,  
(*appointed by Select Board*)  
Helen Mango,  
(*appointed by School Board*)  
Denise McGinley (2006)  
(*elected at Town Meeting*)

## **LIBRARY TRUSTEE**

Gene Usher (2004)

# **Town of Tinmouth**

## **NOTICES**

### **Tinmouth Newsletter**

The "Tales of Tinmouth" is a monthly newsletter that contains town, church and school news, upcoming events, interviews with town residents, etc., for town residents—past & present—and friends. If you are not currently on the mailing list and would like to receive "Tales," please send your name and address to Editor Gail Fallar, 515 North End Road, Tinmouth, VT 05773. There is no charge, although donations are gratefully appreciated; the newsletter is published with volunteer help and donations to cover postage and printing. E-mail is [tinmouth@state.vt.us](mailto:tinmouth@state.vt.us).

### **Dog Licenses**

All dogs six (6) months of age or older shall annually, on or before April 1st, be licensed. RABIES certificates must be signed by a duly licensed Veterinarian and delivered to the Town Clerk stating that the dog has within 24 months (for dogs two years of age and older), 12 months (for dogs over one but less than two years), and within the last year (for dogs under one year old), been vaccinated against rabies, BEFORE any dog is licensed.

Regular License Fees: \$5.00 neutered male or spayed female; \$8.00 male or female not neutered/spayed, price includes \$1.00 for the State Rabies Program.

Licenses are available at the Town Clerk's office.

### **Zoning, Health & Subdivision Regulations**

Tinmouth has all of the above regulations. Permits are required for the following:

- New septic systems or repairs (Health)—\$25.00 Fee
- New driveways (Driveway)—No Fee
- Building Construction
  - Alteration (Zoning)—\$5.00 Fee
  - New or Changed Use (Zoning)—\$5.00 Fee
- Subdivision of Land (Subdivision)—\$25.00 Fee
- Application to Board of Adjustment—\$25.00 Fee

If you have any questions or need an application, please contact Gail Fallar, Tinmouth Zoning Administrator, 446-2498.

### **Voting**

To Vote in a Town Election One Must:

1. Be a citizen of the United States of America.
2. Be 18 years of age or over.
3. Have taken the Freeman's Oath in the State of Vermont.
4. Have his or her name appear on the Check List no later than 17 days before election.

Please contact the Town Clerk for an application to the Check List.

## **Town of Tinmouth**

### **NOTICES**

#### **Town Calendar— Monthly Meetings**

Select Board	Town Office	2nd Thursday	7:00 p.m.
School Board	School	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m.
Planning Commission	Town Office	3rd Thursday	7:00 p.m.
Volunteer Fire Dept.	Fire House	1st Thursday	7:00 p.m.
Historical & Genealogical Society	Town Office	4th Sunday	2:00 p.m.

#### **Town Clerk—Office Hours**

Monday & Thursday, 8 a.m. – noon and 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. (Saturday, 9 a.m. – 12 noon, January – May) or by appointment if necessary.

Telephone: 802-446-2498; Fax: 802-446-2498

E-mail: tinmouth@tax.state.vt.us

#### **Fire Permit**

If there is no snow on the ground, a fire permit is required to burn grass or brush within 200 feet of any woodland.

For information about a fire permit or to report a **FOREST FIRE**, call Glenn W. Merrill, 446-2785. In case of a forest fire, if you are unable to reach this number, call 911.

*Glenn W. Merrill, Fire Warden*

#### **Emergency Number**

**Fire Department, Rescue Squad/Ambulance,  
State Police**

**Dial 911**

#### **Transfer Station Hours**

The Transfer Station (for trash disposal and recycling) is open Saturday morning from 8- 12:00 and Monday afternoon from 4:00-7:00 PM. A bumper sticker permit is required (no charge) and also a punch ticket (\$15 or \$75 sizes). Each 30-gallon bag of trash is 1 punch (\$1.50). Larger items are priced according to size.

Recycling is FREE; newspaper, glass, cardboard, magazines (glossy), mixed office paper, #2 plastic, tin cans, plastic milk jugs, #1 plastic, and boxboard.

- Bumper sticker and punch tickets must be obtained at the Town Office.
- Information sheets are available at the Transfer Station or Town Office.

#### **Library Hours**

Monday, 9-12 & 1-5; Thursday, 9-12 & 1-8 p.m.

## **Town of Tinnmouth**

### **REPORT OF THE SELECTBOARD**

2003 was a year the weather and grant funding were good to our roads. We received a \$49,700 State paving grant, allowing us to complete the repaving of the East Road and the end of Mountain View Road and begin repaving Route 140 at the Wallingford Town Line.

The Town and Highway budgets are both up from last year. We have included funding for the Town Building Fund in both the Town and Highway budgets this year, health insurance is up, our legal costs are up, and we budgeted for a substitute for Hollis during his knee surgery recovery. We ended the year with a deficit of \$2,767. Taxes are projected to go up \$0.04 to \$0.65.

Gail has reconfigured the bookkeeping aspect of the Town Office. We now have a Town Bookkeeper, Barbara Held, and a School Bookkeeper, Nancy Birdsall. Gail oversees both these positions as Town Treasurer. The School reimburses the Town for their portion of the bookkeeping services.

The Board devoted several meetings to speed limits and their enforcement during this past year. We posted the speed limit on the paved portion of the East Road and hired the County Sheriff's Department to patrol approximately four hours per week. Revenue from enforcement continues to trickle in; the Town receives all but \$10 of each speeding ticket written. The road sign budget was over-budget due to the installation of all those 40 and 45 mph signs. We have increased the budget for the Sheriff's Department in 2004; there is a corresponding revenue item to offset much of the cost.

The Town has a new playground at the Community Center. Many thanks to the Playground Committee consisting of Lisa Patry, Ann Czar, Sandy Goyette, Laurel Austin, Cathy Reynolds and Geoff Dixon. Lots of hard work from friends and neighbors on the building days helped make the playground a reality for our children and grandchildren.

We have reconfigured our glass collection at the Transfer station, adding a second storage trailer. We now accept all glass products including window glass, china and pottery. No lids or metal please! Once the trailer is filled, we will bring in a crusher and process the glass into aggregate which can be used as drainage material. This process will eliminate transportation and disposal costs. We can now accept boxboard again as a result.

**Common Level of Appraisal (CLA).** The State evaluates our grand list every year to ensure that Town assessed values are in line with actual sales. This figure is known as the "common level of appraisal" or CLA. You may have heard neighbors in other towns complaining about high school taxes due to the CLA. In Tinnmouth in the past, our CLA hovered very close to 100%. In fact last year it was 101%, meaning the State felt that we were over-assessed. We have had a number of sales in the last 18 months that have dramatically shifted the State's determination of common level of appraisal for our Town. The report received in January 2004 indicated that the most current sales have dropped our CLA to 84%. The Listers are reviewing the sales and working with the State to confirm their numbers. If this number holds, it will impact our both our school tax rate



and our county taxes.

When State Education taxes are calculated, the total appraisal of each Town is adjusted to bring it to 100%. Thus, if your house is appraised for \$100,000 by a Town with a CLA of 84%, your education tax bill in 2004 will be based on \$116,000 to bring your appraisal to 100%. This is happening all over Vermont. Because the Grand List values in every town are rising, the minimum State education tax may be reduced from \$1.10 to \$1.05. While this helps everyone, it will only partially minimize the impact of the CLA on our school taxes. Please know that our Listers are doing everything in their power to keep our assessments fair and close to market value. Also please know that this impact is outside of the control of both the School Board and the Selectboard and has everything to do with the real estate market, something no one can control or predict.

Towns do not always run smoothly. Here in Tinmouth, we get things done and take care of business in a friendly and efficient manner. Our Town employees continue to provide outstanding service to the Town. Our road crew, Hollis Squier and David Fox keep the roads smooth, safe and clear. Giant thanks to Glenn Merrill for filling in for Hollis in December and January while he was out for knee replacement surgery.

Thanks to Gail Fallar and her assistants, Ruth Drachman, Nancy Birdsall and Barbara Held we have a popular Town Office: a source for the answer to most any question. Ed Buffum, Justin LaFantano and Jason Burden continue to run a smooth operation at the Transfer Station. Thank you all.

*Cathy Reynolds,*  
Selectboard Chair



## **Town of Tinmouth REPORT OF THE AUDITORS**

We, the auditors of the Town of Tinmouth, have been auditing the general fund and the various special funds for the year ended December 31, 2003, and the school district funds for the year ended June 30, 2003. Our duty was to audit these accounts to express an opinion on them.

Our audit included tying the activity from the various sources to the reconciled cash balances. With respect to the cash receipts we traced the activity from the grand list of property values to the receipt of real estate tax bills, reconciled the delinquent from the State and traced transfers between Town accounts. In addition, we verified that required information was reported accurately to the State Department of Education, and that all revenues due to the Town School District were received. With respect to cash disbursements we reviewed the Select and School Boards' orders and verified, on a test basis, the invoices for the disbursements and traced the payments to the canceled checks for accuracy. We sampled employee wages to contracts and time sheets, where applicable. We also traced transfers between accounts.

At the time we had to submit this report, the financial statements for the Town were in draft form, therefore, we will issue our report after review of the final financial statements.

Auditors for the Town of Tinmouth  
January 26, 2004

Respectfully submitted,  
*Robert Lloyd*  
*Susan Wilborn*  
*Steven Goyette*



**Town of Tinmouth**  
**GENERAL & HIGHWAY FUND REPORT—2003**

	2003 Actual
Balance 1/1/03 Checking Account	\$14,535.68

**Receipts**

State Highway Aide	76,314.04
State Paving Grant	49,700.00
Property Taxes 2003	864,177.32
Property Taxes 2004 pre-paid	2,913.43
Use Value - State	19,653.00
Fish & Wildlife Taxes	3,262.00
Act 60 Homestead Payment	437.00
Act 60 Re-appraisal Payment	2,622.00
Delinquent Taxes	18,227.44
Delinquent Fees	1,458.00
Delinquent Interest/Costs	2,129.30
Transfer Station Fees	9,485.00
Recycling	1,361.59
Fish & Wildlife Licenses	1,290.00
Dog Licenses & Fees	1,204.00
Zoning / Health Permit Fees	245.00
Marriage / CU Licenses	92.00
SRCSTC Admin. Fees	229.50
Copies	1,179.36
Refunds / Reimbursements	2,394.67
Employee Health Ins. Reim.	1,812.72
Interest - Checking Acct.	747.50
Recording Surcharge	920.00
Old Firehouse Donations	1,149.00
Planning Grant	2,000.00
Loan from School	45,000.00
Transfer from Equipment Fund	44,297.00
Milfoil Loan Repayment	9,082.00
Playground Loan Repayment	16,500.00
Reimbursement for School Bookkeeper	1,900.00
Traffic Ticket Revenue	743.13

Total	1,182,724.22
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,197,259.90</b>

**Disbursements**

Select Board Orders	\$854,175.75
Highway Orders	322,038.43

Total Disbursements	\$1,176,214.18
<b>Balance 12/31/03 Checking Account</b>	<b>\$21,064.40</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
*Gail Fallar, Treasurer*

**The Town of Tinmouth has no indebtedness.**

**Town of Tinmouth**  
**REVENUES — GENERAL & HIGHWAY BUDGET**  
 Revenues

	2003 Budget	2003 Actual	2004 Budget
<b>HIGHWAY</b>			
State Highway Aide	76,000	76,314	76,000
State Paving Grant	0	49,700	0
<b>Total Highway</b>	<b>76,000</b>	<b>126,014</b>	<b>76,000</b>
<b>GENERAL</b>			
Beginning Balance	9	9	(2,767)
Property Taxes	239,181	220,296	253,267
Use Value - State	17,000	19,653	19,000
Fish & Wildlife Taxes	3,200	3,262	3,200
Act 60 Homestead Payment*	440	437	0
Act 60 Re-appraisal Payment*	0	2,622	0
Delinquent Taxes	13,660	18,227	16,000
Delinquent Fees	1,000	1,458	1,000
Delinquent Interest/Cost	0	2,129	0
Transfer Station Fees	8,000	9,485	10,500
Recycling	750	1,362	750
Fish & Wildlife Licenses	1,000	1,290	1,000
Dog Licenses & Fees	1,100	1,204	1,100
Zoning / Health Permit Fees	300	245	250
Marriage / CU Licenses	60	92	60
SRCSTC Admin. Fees	150	230	300
Copies	1,200	1,179	1,200
Refunds / Reimbursements	0	2,395	0
Employee Health Ins. Reim.	1,700	1,813	2,120
F.D. Workers Comp Reim.	0	0	0
Interest - Checking Acct.	1,000	748	700
Recording Surcharge*	0	920	0
Old Firehouse Donations	0	1,149	0
Planning Grant*	0	2,000	0
Speed Ordinance Enforcement	1,000	743	2,000
School Bookkeeping Reim.*	0	1,900	2,500
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>366,741</b>	<b>413,959</b>	<b>388,180</b>

\* Revenue designated to special funds.

**Town of Tinnmouth**  
**2003 GENERAL EXPENSES**  
 Budget

	2003 Budget	2003 Actual	2004 Budget
<b>GENERAL EXPENSES</b>			
Select Board	1,250	1,250	1,250
Select Board Assistants	2,500	1,597	1,100
Town Clerk	15,600	15,600	15,600
Treasurer	7,500	7,500	7,500
Assistant TC & Treas.	4,600	4,690	4,750
Auditors	550	270	550
Delinquent Tax Collector	1,000	1,458	1,000
Constables	1,000	886	1,000
Listers	1,750	1,518	1,750
Sewage/Health Officer	750	211	500
Zoning Admin/PC Sec.	1,000	833	1,000
SRCSTC Administrator	100	163	200
TC License Fees	400	458	400
Animal Control Officers	0	32	50
Town Bookkeeper	0	685	1,500
School Bookkeeper	0	1,170	2,100
FICA	2,850	2,858	2,850
Medicare	670	670	650
VMERS	1,500	1,565	1,500
Health Insurance	7,070	6,889	8,485
Dental Insurance	400	398	500
Workers Comp/Unemployment	1,600	1,553	1,750
Workers Comp FD	500	0	0
Insurance Prop/Liability	6,225	6,224	6,600
Telephone	750	798	1,000
Electricity	500	609	600
Fuel Oil	1,100	1,423	1,300
Bldg. Repair	2,500	3,059	2,500
Office supplies	6,000	6,371	6,000
Postage	1,200	967	1,200
Town Report	1,500	1,072	1,500
County Taxes	5,000	4,400	5,100
Legal Fees	2,000	5,348	3,000
Miscellaneous	1,000	1,676	1,000
Old Cemetery Maintenance	1,400	1,270	1,000
Old Fire House Project	0	1,068	0
Loan Repayment	0	45,000	0
Mileage	150	323	150
Constable Equipment Fund	250	0	250
Sheriff's Patrol	1,000	800	2,500
Fish & Wildlife Licenses	1,000	1,197	1,000
Marriage / CU Licenses	60	75	60

	2003 Budget	2003 Actual	2004 Budget
State Dog Tax	170	182	180
Animal Control	150	28	750
Workshops / Seminars	200	570	400
Planning	500	781	500
911 House Number Signs	1,000	1,030	0
Building Repair Fund	0	8,000	5,000
<b>(Subtotal)</b>	<b>86,245</b>	<b>144,525*</b>	<b>97,575</b>
<b>SOLID WASTE</b>			
Salaries	4,000	3,991	4,150
Hauling	4,000	3,708	4,000
Disposal	7,000	8,706	9,000
HHW Disposal	800	530	800
Dues and Fees	955	953	955
State Trash Tax	750	835	750
Supplies/Equip/Repairs	3,200	1,127	2,000
<b>(Solid Waste Totals)</b>	<b>20,705</b>	<b>19,850</b>	<b>21,655</b>
<b>ORGANIZATIONS / DUES</b>			
Aiken RC & DA	50	50	50
BROC	200	200	200
Green-Up Vermont	50	50	50
Poultney Rescue Squad	700	700	700
REDC	0	0	0
RRPC	500	500	500
Rutland Cty Parent/Child	0	0	0
Rutland Cty Women's Net.	175	175	175
Rutland Free Library	1,854	1850	1,930
Rutland Mental Health	530	530	530
Rutland NRCD	75	75	75
SW Office on Aging	300	300	300
Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project	200	200	200
Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Dept.	10,000	10,000	10,000
VLCT	630	630	675
VNA / Hospice	801	801	800
Vermont Adult Learning Center	200	400	0
Vermont Cares	200	200	200
VT Center Independent Living	80	80	80
VT Old Cemetery Fund	5	20	0
Wallingford Rescue Squad	2,500	2,500	2,500
<b>(Total Organizations/Dues)</b>	<b>19,050</b>	<b>19,261</b>	<b>18,965</b>
<b>TOTAL General Expenses</b>	<b>126,000</b>	<b>183,829*</b>	<b>137,805</b>

\*Includes \$45,000 loan repayment

Budget to Budget \$12,749 (overspent)

**Town of Tinnmouth**  
**2003 HIGHWAY EXPENSES**  
**BUDGET**

	2003 Budget	2003 Actual	2004 Budget
Salary: Hollis Squier	35,000	35,335	36,000
Salary: David Fox	26,000	22,748	26,780
Extra Hired Help	500	2,511	3,000
FICA	3,970	3,910	4,080
Medicare	930	917	955
VMERS	3,200	3,031	3,300
Health Insurance	6,050	5,898	7,260
Dental Insurance	500	396	500
Disability	600	567	600
Workers Comp/Unemployment	3,800	4,029	4,100
Uniform Allowance	600	544	600
Repairs/Maintenance	6,500	10,212	7,500
Diesel Fuel	5,000	6,375	6,000
Winter Salt	32,000	23,598	30,000
Winter Sand	16,000	14,688	16,000
Gravel/Stone	15,000	15,198	15,000
Paving	50,000	97,448	50,000
Cold Patch/Hot Mix	300	160	300
Culverts	1,000	1,287	1,500
Road Signs	350	1,316	500
Winter Contracts	4,000	1,665	3,000
Misc./Contingency/Blasting	5,800	2,665	4,000
Building Repair	500	0	500
Electricity	400	335	400
Kerosene	750	907	1,000
Equipment Fund Allocation	22,000	22,000	22,000
Salt/Sand Shed Fund			5,000
Culvert Survey			500
<b>Highway Expense Totals</b>	<b>240,750</b>	<b>277,740*</b>	<b>250,375</b>

\* Includes 49,700 paving grant

Budget to Budget: \$12,710 (underspent)

**Town of Tinnmouth**  
**2003 TOWN & HIGHWAY BUDGET TOTALS**

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>2003 Actual</b>	<b>2003 Budget</b>	<b>2004 Budget</b>
Highway	\$277,741*	\$240,750	\$250,375
General	<u>138,776</u>	<u>126,000</u>	<u>137,805</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$416,517</b>	<b>\$366,750</b>	<b>\$388,180</b>
 <b>Revenues</b>	 <b>\$413,959*</b>	 <b>\$366,750</b>	 <b>\$388,180</b>

\*Includes \$49,700 paving grant

Based on the proposed budget and the 2003 Grand List, the estimated Town Tax Rate for 2004 will be \$0.65. The 2003 tax rate was \$0.61.

**STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED**

2003 Grand List		\$39,142,903.00
1% of Grand List		391,429.03
 Town Tax Rate	\$ 0.61	
School Tax Rates		
Statewide	\$ 1.08	
Local share	\$ 0.57	
 Total Taxes Assessed (\$2.26 Total Tax Rate)		\$884,629.61
Collected by Treasurer		\$864,177.32
 Taxes turned over to Delinquent Tax Collector		\$ 20,563.42



# **Town of Tinnmouth**

## **COMBINING STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES**

(CASH BASIS)

DECEMBER 31, 2003

	General & Highway Fund	Bldg. Repair/ Maintenance Fund	Highway Equipment Fund	Computer Fund	Constable Equipment Fund	Reappraisal Fund	Recording/ Restoration Fund
<b>ASSETS</b>							
Savings	\$ 0	\$ 13,088	\$ 36,503	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Checking	<u>21,064</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>531</u>	<u>16,497</u>	<u>1,574</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 21,064</b>	<b>\$ 13,088</b>	<b>\$ 36,503</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 531</b>	<b>\$ 16,497</b>	<b>\$ 1,574</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCES</b>							
Liabilities	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Fund Balances:							
Unreserved	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Designated/Restricted	<u>23,831</u>	<u>13,088</u>	<u>36,503</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>531</u>	<u>16,497</u>	<u>1,574</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ (2,767)</b>	<b>\$ 13,088</b>	<b>\$ 36,503</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 531</b>	<b>\$ 16,497</b>	<b>\$ 1,574</b>

**Town of Tinmouth**  
**TOWN SPECIAL ACCOUNTS SUMMARY**

**Computer Fund**

Balance 1/1/03	\$ 154
New Printer	<u>154</u>
Balance 12/31/03	\$ 0

**Constable Fund**

Balance 1/1/03	\$ 281
2003 allotment	<u>250</u>
Balance 12/31/03	\$ 531

**Re-appraisal Fund**

Balance 1/1/03	\$13,438
Received from State	<u>3,059</u>
Balance 12/31/03	\$16,497

**Recording Surcharge**

Balance 1/1/03	\$ 654
Received in 2003	<u>920</u>
Balance 12/31/03	\$1,574

**Building Fund**

Balance 1/1/03	\$ 5,007
Interest	
2003 allotment	<u>8,000</u>
Balance 12/31/03	\$13,007

**Highway Equipment Fund**

Balance 1/1/03	\$ 57,719.10
Interest	192.47
Sale of Rock Rake	900.00
2003 allotment	<u>22,000.00</u>
Total Revenue	\$80,811.57

**Expenses:**

New truck	\$44,297.00
Checks	<u>11.30</u>
Total	\$44,308.30

Balance 12/31/03	\$36,503.27
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**Town of Tinnmouth**  
**TOWN SPECIAL ACCOUNTS SUMMARY**

**Housing Rehab Fund**

Balance 1/1/03	\$61,744.68
Revenues	
Interest	313.83
Loan Repayments	<u>4,948.55</u>
	\$67,007.06
Expenses	
Town of Wells – close-out	\$28,136.78
Loan for septic repair	8,267.81
Transfer to Playground Fund*	10,000.00
Administration	<u>239.50</u>
	\$46,644.09
<b>Balance 12/31/03</b>	<b>\$20,362.97</b>

\* Per Town Meeting 2003 vote.

**Encumbrances in Checking Account**

Check book balance 12/31/03	\$ 21,064.40
Constable Equipment Fund	\$ 531.00
Animal Help Fund	158.00
Record Restoration	1,574.00
Re-appraisal Fund	16,497.00
Pre-paid 2004 Taxes	2,913.43
Planning Grant Balance	1,518.00
School Bookkeeper Balance	<u>640.00</u>
Total	\$ 23,831.43
	(\$2,767.03)

# **Town of Tinnmouth** **2003 GRAND LIST ABSTRACT REPORT**

Real Estate	No. Of Parcels	All Corporations	Town Residents	State Residents	Non-State	Municipal Totals	Education Totals
Residential I	66	\$ 0	\$ 5,597,800	\$ 223,500	\$ 58,800	\$ 5,880,100	\$ 5,880,100
Residential II	87	0	13,243,826	432,895	0	13,676,721	13,676,721
Mobile Homes-U	12	0	261,700	13,100	0	274,800	274,800
Mobile Homes-L	28	0	1,582,600	187,600	60,700	1,830,900	1,830,900
Vacation I	78	0	289,400	2,278,200	4,439,800	7,007,400	7,007,400
Vacation II	29	532,400	33,000	759,105	3,154,884	4,479,389	4,479,389
Commercial	1	0	93,400	0	0	93,400	93,400
Commercial Apts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities - E	2	993,000	0	0	0	993,000	993,000
Utilities - O	1	23,400	0	0	0	23,400	23,400
Farm	11	0	1,969,387	0	0	1,969,387	1,969,387
Woodland	5	0	11,200	99,884	9,400	120,484	120,484
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	103	118,488	512,444	1,037,113	1,125,877	2,793,922	2,793,922
Totals	428	\$1,667,288	\$23,594,757	\$5,031,397	\$8,849,461		

TOTAL LISTED VALUE OF REAL ESTATE FOR TAXATION =

\$39,142,903

TOTAL LISTED VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY =

\$39,142,903

TOTAL GRAND LIST (1% of total listed value of real & personal estate) =

\$391,429.03

## Town of Tinmouth

### 2003 DELINQUENT TAX LIST (as of December 31, 2003)

Name	2003 Tax Due	2002 Tax Due	2001 Tax Due
George Sr. & Sharon Ballard	\$1,335.66	\$13.68	
Clifford & Penny Bushee	\$467.82	\$157.46	
Clifford Bushee	\$537.88		
Gennaro Cosco	\$822.64*		
Jane Cosco	\$355.95*		
Ronnie Crossman	\$1,638.50		
Kevin Eaton	\$9.11		
Barbara Finlay	\$1,823.82		
Norman & Marianne Gagne	\$648.62	\$179.74	
Alexander & Tracy Gioffi	\$300.96		
Alan D. Iemma	\$501.72	\$435.12	\$75.99
Ronald Jurnak Jr. w/ Ronald Jurnak Sr.	\$928.86	\$7.17	
Luann S. Lamorte	\$557.20		
Richard & Linda Manning	\$849.76		
Diane Marro w/ Christopher Trella	\$284.90		
Estate of Jean Mory, c/o Gene Cosco	\$1,719.86		
Richard A. Prouty	\$1,362.78		
Errol Towsley	\$983.02		
	<u>\$15,129.06</u>	<u>\$793.17</u>	<u>\$75.99</u>
Total			\$15,998.22

\* Paid in full after January 1, 2004.

*Robert Emery, Collector of Taxes*

### DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION BREAKDOWN 2003

Delinquent Taxes	\$18,27.44
Penalty	1,458.00
Interest	2,062.26
Costs (postage, etc.)	67.04
Overpayment (Credit for 2004)	<u>1.36</u>
Total	\$21,816.10

## **Town of Tinmouth BOARD OF LISTERS REPORT**

The CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) for Tinmouth took a drastic dip this year. Since the re-appraisal in 1997, it's been 1 or above. This year the state determined that it is .84. This means that the state thinks that the town is assessing property at 84% of its value due to increasing real estate values. The state does a study of recent sales and compares them with the town's listed value. For instance if the town has a property assessed at \$70,000 and it sells for \$100,000, that would indicate the town is only assessing property at 70% of its value. The state looks at three years of sales to make their determination. The Town has appealed this new value, but sales do indicate that the real estate market is booming.

As the state has also announced that it will no longer support the software currently used by the Listers, planning is in progress to update the cost tables and software used to calculate assessment value of properties. If this action does not bring the CLA above 95%, a complete re-appraisal will be necessary. It is anticipated this work will be complete for the 2005 Grand List.

Funding for this project will come from the Re-appraisal Fund which the state so kindly donates to Tinmouth each year. If you have any questions, please call the town office.

*Gail Fallar, Chair*



## **Town of Tinmouth LIBRARY REPORT**

The year 2003 has been another amazing year for the Tinmouth Library! We have been busy spending the money from year 2 of the grant made possible by the Vermont Public Library Foundation funded by the Freeman Foundation.

Thanks to the Tinmouth Community Fund we were able to have marvelous "book totes" made that have wonderful graphics and say Tinmouth Library on them. We have distributed a number of these to many of the



*Jessica Dixon enjoys time at the Library.*

young children and their families in Tinmouth. The bags include an appropriate pre-school book, information about our library and about reading to pre-school children. We also sold many of these library book totes so we will be able to fund this pre-school program in future years.

We have continued to hold Friday night Family Folk Sings which include singing and storytelling by an enthusiastic and talented Nelson

Jaquay. We also held a series of movie nights which were all "classic" films. The librarian continued to work with the school; the kindergarten, fifth and sixth grades, and the after school program attended regularly scheduled story times and library programs all year. In the fall of the year we were able to include grades one, two, three and four in regularly scheduled visits to the library as part of each student's school library program. We are very glad to be working with the school on these programs.

Our summer program, "Summerfeast" was extremely successful. We held four events, had great attendance, and wonderful volunteer help to make them happen.

We held several successful fundraisers throughout the year.

The library now has nearly 5,000 books, books on tape, and videotapes, and continues to grow. The number of patrons also continues to grow, and this year approximately 190 children and adults made use of library resources.

We continue to borrow books every three months from the Regional Library in Berlin for Tinmouth readers; a service provided by the Vermont Department of Libraries. For other services not available in our library, the Rutland Free Library is a most helpful resource.

Thank you to the library trustees who help in so many ways to make our library meet the needs of Tinmouth residents. Thank you to Barbara Held, whose assistance has been invaluable to me in the Library. Thank you to ALL of the generous volunteers and supporters of the Tinmouth Library who donate their time to help the library grow.

*Ruth Drachman, Librarian*

## **Town of Tinmouth VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

As Chief of the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department, I would first like to thank the wonderful group of Tinmouth folks whom I have the privilege to work with. These volunteers give up their time, a part of their lives, to be there when a need arises, at times risking their own lives to help a neighbor. They also give up their time to train, to be ready for whatever happens, as well as time maintaining equipment. We also must spend much time raising money to keep equipment updated. It costs almost \$4,000 to outfit one fireman with hat, coat, boots, pants, airpack and radio.

We are also starting an equipment fund to update our trucks, the newest being over 30 years old.

I would like to welcome new members Fern Allen, Darcy Allen, and Melody Squier for joining us and taking more advanced First Aid to help the firemen and others in time of need.

We also have a wonderful group of Young Firemen including Claudio Lewis, Logan Birdsall, Dallas Carabeau, Josh Allen, Ryan White, David Crossman, and Wheaton Squier. These young Tinmouth folks are showing a sense of community already, and are also a very valuable part of our Fire Department.

I would also like to thank all you Tinmouth folks for supporting us with your donations to our auction, and the great Tinmouth Community effort to put on one of Vermont's best game suppers. We raised almost \$14,000 this year.

I would also like to thank Toby and Anne Lewis and Kevin and Sherry Ruane for allowing dry hydrants to be installed in their ponds, giving us much needed water supplies.

We welcome new members, there are many kinds of jobs available. From all the Firemen, thanks for your support.

*Marshall Squier, Chief*





## **Town of Tinmouth OLD FIREHOUSE ANNUAL REPORT**

The Old Firehouse was renovated with town funds, grant monies and volunteer labor during the 1990's, with a big push in 2000 and heat installed in 2002. The building is being used regularly by the community at large for concerts, dances, meetings, training sessions, an Antiques Road Show for the Historical Society, a library fundraiser and various other events. The reconfiguring of the Town bathroom this spring (previously accessible only through the library) has benefited all groups and individuals using the Old Firehouse, and has eased logistics for the Library.

The Old Firehouse Stage is a volunteer run, budget-free organization that brought 16 live concerts to Tinmouth in 2003 during a spring and fall series. In 2003, we presented local talent including the Tinmouth Field Mice, Extra Stout and the Spoon Mountain Singers, as well as acts from as far away as New York State and Ireland. Donations at the door pay the musicians, the Town receives a small percentage to defray the costs of building operation and upgrades (screen doors in 2003), and a bake sale is run to support a local group as a fundraiser (5/6 class trip, *Tales of Tinmouth*, the Library, Tinmouth Community Fund). We look forward to another fine concert season in 2003. Anyone interested in helping with the concert series can call Denise McGinley 446-2351, David Birdsall 235-2908 or Cathy Reynolds 446-2928 to volunteer.

In 2003 the building generated \$737 for the Town. Funds were used to pay for screen doors and propane use.

Thanks to Grant and Jo Reynolds for the donation of the "Old Firehouse" sign installed in 2003.

The Old Firehouse is available for community groups at no charge or for private use for a small donation. Call Cathy Reynolds, 446-2928 to schedule building use.

*Cathy Reynolds, Coordinator*



## **Town of Tinmouth 911 REPORT**

911 numbers have been ordered. They should be ready in a month or two. Members of the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department have volunteered to post them for everyone.

As the old fire phone system no longer exists, please dial 911 for any emergency. If you need a sticker for your telephone, they are available at the town office. Also, please make sure your 911 address number (ie: 515 North End Rd) is posted near the telephone in case some visiting needs to call for help for you. If you don't know your 911 address, please call me at the town office.

**A reminder if you move and keep the same phone number, be sure the telephone company knows your new location or when you call 911, they may send the rescue squad to the wrong address.**

*Gail Fallar, 911 Coordinator*



## **Town of Tinmouth TINMOUTH LAND TRUST**

The Tinmouth Land Trust would like to report that our small group of town folks have had a busy year.

Tinmouth was honored by the Vermont Land Trust (VLT) this year for its wonderful sense of community. Awards of recognition were presented to the town and the Tinmouth Land Trust at the VLT annual meeting which was held in the Tinmouth Community Center. It was one of their largest gatherings of people, all wanting to see the town and meet it's people.

We worked with the VLT to conserve the Lewis farm up in the Tinmouth Gulf. Like the conserving of the Raiche Farm, which allowed the Carabeau family to come and farm here, the Lewis farm is also going to continue to be farmed, a great plus for Tinmouth.

We are also working on many other kinds of projects, including studying Tinmouth's need for affordable housing and how that might be addressed.

*Marshall Squier, President*



## **Town of Tinmouth PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

The Tinmouth Planning Commission would like to report on a very busy year.

We amended our Town Plan, adding a Lake Shore District and correcting data in the Solid Waste section. The Town Plan is an outline or plan of how and in what direction, the people in town want the town to grow.

We also are proposing amendments to the Zoning Regulations. These are the bylaws that enforce and implement the Town Plan. These amendments deal mainly with adding Flood Hazard regulations; other revisions modify references in the existing conditional uses in the Agricultural Overlay, height limitations to windmills, and shoreline setbacks in the Lakeshore District.

The new amendments will be voted on Tuesday, March 2, 2004. Copies are available at the Town Office.

It has been most people's wish to see Tinmouth continue to be a beautiful rural town with a strong agricultural base. The new agricultural zone helps protect the open farmland for this and future generations.

The idea is to keep Tinmouth a wonderful place that we can all afford to live in and hopefully work in, retire in, or just enjoy.

*Marshall Squier, Chair*



## **Town of Tinmouth TINMOUTH POND MILFOIL PROJECT 2003**

**Mili**  
*by Sherry Johnson*

Mili, the milfoil suction harvester was launched on Tinmouth Pond on May 24th. She made her debut at the 4th of July Boat Parade and was put into production on July 7th. Mili was designed by Kim Harbaugh. The construction was a family effort by Kim, his wife Sherry Johnson, and Kim's father-in-law Bob Johnson. The Harbaugh/Johnson family donated over 1000 hours of labor, and some of the materials to build Mili were contributed by E.C. Crosby & Sons and Noble Ace Hardware. Mili, the flotation platform, designed to support the machinery, equipment, and staff to harvest water Eurasian Milfoil. She is eminently stable and able to support 4000 pounds.

Mili was constructed using grant money from the state, and the applicant of the grant was the Town of Tinmouth.

A concentrated effort began on July 7th at 7 a.m. to suction the pond. Two scuba divers under contract from Vermont Aquatic Endeavors, headed by Chris Sheldon worked 10 long days. Many of which were cold and rainy. Kim Harbaugh, Sherry Johnson and Blake Fidler provided surface support each day. Annie Robbins, Steve Zimmer, Laurel Swenson, Alan Swenson also came by to help.

One hundred and three bags of milfoil were extracted the first day, and 114 on the second day. Mili proved to be very time efficient compared to the technique of hand pulling. For example in two days Mili removed 25% of the TOTAL amount that was hand pulled last summer by a variety of snorklers over a period of 10 weeks. This summer a total of 772 bags were extracted from the lake. The known nests of milfoil as well as plants around boat docks and ramps were cleared. Special attention was given to the turning radius pattern of boats circling the pond.

Mil used a two-stage pump system. The primary centrifuge pump was powered by a garden tractor motor. The fire hose type water discharge from the centrifugal pump was directed into a culvert like venturi secondary pump. This high-speed water jet accelerated the slow moving water through the venturi pump. As the water went through the venturi it lifted the milfoil from the diver on the bottom of the lake into the hopper basket, mounted on Mili, which was on the surface. The hopper basket allowed the excess water to drain back into the lake, and kept the milfoil. A silt curtain around the Mili kept the silt in the area it was harvested from. The home-made harvester did not clog once and was forceful enough that very few fragments were created.

**Town of Tinmouth**  
**TINMOUTH POND MILFOIL PROJECT 2003**

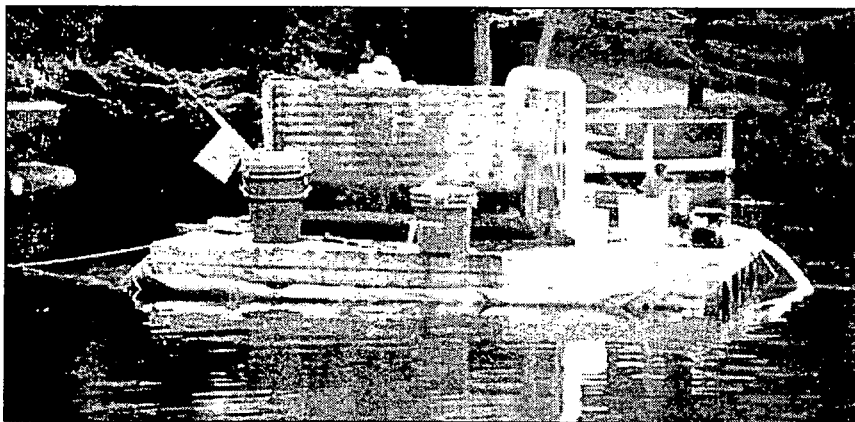
**Treasurer's Report**

Balance 1/1/03	\$ 204.24
Interest	9.56
State Grant	18,164.00
Town Allotment	<u>200.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,577.80</b>

Expenses	
Scuba Divers	\$ 6,941.00
Labor/FICA	3,177.03
Materials	7,068.83
Insurance	<u>1,214.94</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,401.80</b>

Balance 12/31/03	\$ 176.00
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Respectfully submitted,  
*Gail Fallar, Treasurer*



*Mili, the milfoil suction harvester, on Tinmouth Pond.*

## **Town of Tinmouth COMMUNITY CENTER COMMITTEE REPORT**

During its third year of operation, the Community Center was again well loved and well-used. School children used it 180 days for their lunch room, Friday all school-meeting, gym, the after-school program, dance rehearsal and performance, evening events, Red Clover Sleepover, basketball practice, etc., etc. etc. Community basketball and volleyball continued. The Tinmouth Area Climbing Team trained both at the Community Center and Rock Gym in Rutland, finishing third overall in competition. Weddings, family reunions, baby showers, parties, contra dances, meetings, Library movies, lectures, summer art camp, Hunter Safety, community video meetings, Creative Memories scrapbook workshops, the Game Supper, the Community Celebration, the Vermont Land Trust Annual Meeting, and lots more went on during this past year.

The Community Center is governed by a three member board made up of one representative from the Selectboard: Cathy Reynolds, one representative from the Schoolboard: Helen Mango; and one representative elected at Town Meeting: Denise McGinley.

The building is available for use by Tinmouth residents for public and private events. Generally there is a small charge for private use of the facility. Community groups generally use the center at no charge, but donations are always appreciated. To book the Community Center for an event, call Doug Fontein or Cathy Reynolds at 446-2928 or email [eworks@vermontel.net](mailto:eworks@vermontel.net).

*Cathy Reynolds, Board Chair*



## **Town of Tinmouth**

### **TINMOUTH COMMUNITY FUND REPORT**

On top of the eight grants offered in the first year we followed up with seven grants in the second year in the amount of \$2800. In total, over two years, we've spent \$6300. This year's grants included library preschool book bags and books, preschool toys, gravestone repair, parents club and playground committee support for our new playground, a water fountain in the community center, and swimming lessons. These grants not only show what can be accomplished directly, but also how we can leverage some of our own money into a much bigger grant. The new playground was a big project. Our Community Fund is the only way some of these needed projects can be accomplished.

One of the ways of sustaining and growing the Fund is from contributions from all of you. In your year end charitable giving we hope you'll consider a donation. Remember, everything you donate will return to the betterment of our own Town. Your contribution is also tax deductible. We have already received some contributions, but we have a way to go to exceed the \$4,000 in contributions we received in 2002.

Many of you attended our first annual Community Fund Picnic this year. For those who did, a very good time was had. We moved the event from end of the year to summer to encourage more participation from townfolks. Events included a Hooked Rug Show, a quilt show, an open house at the Library, and the Town Office was turned in to a museum. The Ladies Circle had a raffle and pie sale, and the Fire Department helped organize a variety of games which included a dunking booth – Town Clerk Gail Fallar got dunked several times!

The parade was a big success. There were fire trucks, floats (including a person-drawn wagon complete with fiddler), old tractors, Miss Tinmouth (AKA Lendy Krantz), Keegan and his goat, kids on bicycles, kids with remote control cars, and a race car among the participants. A great time was had by the paraders and those who lined the route. Stan Wilbur guided us very well and he is already planning an even better event for next summer. He greatly appreciated the volunteer help. It only works when everyone gets involved. Mark your calendar for the first Saturday in August! Watch *Tales* for details.

*Ramsey Yoder, Chair*



# Town of Tinmouth

## TINMOUTH COMMUNITY FUND TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance 1/1/03	\$ 316.53
Revenues:	
Donations	\$ 255.00
Transfer from the VCF	2,800.00
Interest	7.05
2003 Fund Raising Letter Donations	<u>2,840.00</u>
Total Revenue	\$6,218.58
Expenses:	
Grants	
Tinmouth Library	\$ 450.00
Tinmouth Historical and Genealogical Society	250.00
Tinmouth Cemetary Assoc.	500.00
Tinmouth Playground	500.00
Tinmouth Playground	100.00
Tinmouth Elementary School	
Swimming Lessons	500.00
Water Fountain	<u>500.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 2,800.00
Balance 12/31/03	\$ 3,418.58

The Vermont Community Foundation (VCF) asked the Tinmouth Community Fund (TCF) to collect donations and send them one check – the December fund raising letter resulted in 28 contributions totaling \$2,840, to “grow the fund.”



**Town of Tinmouth**  
**TINMOUTH CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, INC.**

The Tinmouth Cemetery Association, Inc. is a non-profit organization. We have our annual meeting in April on the third Wednesday of the month. Our officers are Glenn Merrill, president; Carolyn Burden, secretary and treasurer. We have six trustees who are each elected for a three-year term. Trustees are Marita Gilmore, William Valentine, Richard Gilmore, Glenn Merrill, Maurice Burden and Carolyn Burden.

The cemetery lots are 4' x 10' and are currently \$150.00 each. All lots require a cement vault for burial and four corner markers. No burial will take place after the ground is frozen or if there is snow cover. You must be a resident of Tinmouth to purchase a lot or be a former resident or immediate family member.

The Vermont Offender Work Program does our mowing and trimming. We have them mow the cemetery about four times a year. You may mow your own lot whenever you wish. Any work, other than mowing, must be approved by the Superintendent prior to commencement of the project.

We do not allow the cemetery to be used for recreational use. This is for liability reasons and out of respect.

Our gates are closed from Nov. 1 through April 1. If gates are constantly left open after being closed for the winter, we will lock them and only allow foot access.

Our project for 2003 was to repair grave markers that were tipped over and broken and to level and straighten others. We repaired 9 at the cost of \$395.00. The \$500.00 grant that we received from the Tinmouth Community Fund was used toward this project. With a balance of \$105.00, we have started the cemetery mapping. This project is about 60% done. With doing the work myself, I will make the map as accurate as possible. The older part of the cemetery is a lot of guesswork with no records to go by. We expect to have the mapping completed in 2004.

You are always welcome to attend our annual meeting. If you have any questions, you may call me at 446-2549.

*Maurice Burden, Superintendent*

**Town of Tinmouth  
2003 VITAL RECORDS**

**Births**

**Haleigh Ranae Hathaway**, daughter of Candace and Scott Hathaway, at Rutland, Vermont, on December 17, 2002.

**Riley Jeanne Usher**, daughter of Crystal and Wesley Usher, at Burlington, Vermont on April 5, 2003.

**Brooke Chamberlain Telfer**, daughter of Helen and Michael Telfer, at Rutland, Vermont on June 6, 2003.

**Cassandra Rose Weeden**, daughter of Diane and Charles Weeden, at Rutland, Vermont on July 1, 2003.

**Marriages**

**Charles Geoffrey Smith** of Rutland, Vermont and **Renee' Lee Raiche** of Tinmouth, Vermont at Tinmouth, Vermont on June 28, 2003.

**Kevin Charles Ruane** of Tinmouth, Vermont and **Sherril Marie Lulek** of Tinmouth, Vermont at Tinmouth, Vermont on August 9, 2003.

**Cameron Whitehorne** of Providence, Rhode Island and **Jessica M. Serewicz** of Providence, Rhode Island at Chittenden, Vermont on August 10, 2003.

**Darren James Babin** of Tinmouth, Vermont and **Brandy Ann Bates** of Tinmouth, Vermont at Brandon, Vermont on September 14, 2003.

**Joseph Michael Buffum** of Tinmouth, Vermont and **Ashlee Morgan Loomis** of Tinmouth, Vermont at Wallingford, Vermont on September 27, 2003.

**Philip Wayne Hepburn** of Tinmouth, Vermont and **Patricia Lee Saunders** of Tinmouth, Vermont at Tinmouth, Vermont on November 1, 2003.

## **Town of Tinmouth**

### **Deaths**

**Jane L. Baird** at Rutland, Vermont, on March 31, 2003.

**Miriam Randall LeBoutillier** at Tinmouth, Vermont, on August 13, 2003.

**Richard S. Munson** at Rutland, Vermont, on November 17, 2003.

### **Burial Permits**

**Jane L. Baird** at Tinmouth, Vermont, on March 31, 2003.

**Ann Elizabeth Wilbur** at Tinmouth, Vermont, on May 16, 2003.

**Robert T. Whittingham** at Tinmouth, Vermont, on May 17, 2003.

**Casper J. Blanchard** at Tinmouth, Vermont, on September 15, 2003.

**Note:** Burial Transit Permits may be issued to family members of a deceased person to move the body to another town. No law prohibits family members from moving the bodies themselves if they choose, as long as they have a permit. According to Title 18 V.S.A. Section 5201, the only restriction appears to be when certain contagious diseases are the cause of death, in which case the local health officer or Board of Health must approve the issuance of the permit first.

Families occasionally choose to set aside a portion of their private property for the burial of members of their immediate family. This is permitted under Vermont Law, as long as no health hazard is created. (Title 18 V.S.A. Section 5319). Questions you may have about establishing a private burial plot on your property may be referred to the Vermont Department of Health at 802-863-7275.

## **Town of Tinnmouth**

### **TINMOUTH HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

The Tinnmouth Historical and Genealogical Society spent time this past year examining its purpose and defining existing and future goals. The stated purpose of the society is to encourage and promote an interest in the history of Tinnmouth and its founding fathers, to collect, assemble, preserve information on Tinnmouth and to share this information with individuals or organizations interested in history and genealogies of its founding families. Membership is open to any individual or organization with roots in Tinnmouth and any individual or organization that is interested in the history or heritage of Tinnmouth or the genealogy of its founding families.

In order too more clearly understand our purpose and how to provide a greater range of services, members of the Society met with Sarah Rooker, Executive Director of the Vermont Museum & Gallery Alliance. Ms Rooker provided several recommendations and documents focusing around three areas: organization of the Historical Society, organization and care of collections, and community outreach. Members also visited the Sheldon Museum in Middlebury to learn about archiving procedures and met with the Tinnmouth Selectboard to explore using space in the Town Office to sort and store records and collections. Defining our mission and developing goals for the Society remains an ongoing activity.

In support of our mission, the Society applied for and received a \$250 Community Fund grant to purchase archival quality materials and supplies to safely preserve documents and artifacts stored in the town office. Purchases included storage cartons, storage boxes, document cases, Perma/Dur buffered bond, file folders, white gloves, and dusting brushes.

2003 Society programs included inventorying and cataloging the contents of the safes and shelves in the town office, a taped interview with Sam Hepburn, a paper on Cheese Factories in Tinnmouth, an archeological dig at the Ken Terminini lot on North End Road, discussion of old cemeteries in Tinnmouth, an Antique Appraisal event, a heritage display and quilt exhibit during the Community Celebration, a presentation on the Congregational Church in Tinnmouth and a discussion about Colonial Military Encampments.

In addition to program meetings, members have cleaned and sorted town, school and the general store papers and records that have accumulated upstairs in the town office building, responded to genealogical inquiries, accepted several collections of photos and historical notes, hosted members of the Rice family whose ancestors were early settlers in Tinnmouth and published three issues of "The Tinnmouth Channel," the Society's publication.

Everyone interested in Tinnmouth's past and present is welcome to join the Society. Dues are \$12 per year. Please mail membership checks to THGS, 515 Northend Road, Tinnmouth, VT 05773. Currently the Society has 64 members located in 15 states. Membership meetings are at 2:00 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of each month (except November and December) at the Tinnmouth Town Office. Society officers are Stan Wilbur, President, Nelson Jaquay, Vice President and Program Chairperson, Gail Fallar, Secretary, and Nancy Noble, Treasurer and Membership Chairperson.

*Stanley Wilbur, President*

## **Town of Tinnmouth**

### **TINMOUTH COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND REVIEW**

A committee of volunteers was formed in early November 2002 with the purpose of replacing the existing deteriorating playground equipment. With no funds or prior experience regarding current playground equipment, the committee used Middletown Springs' recent accomplishments as a model and valuable resource for what we would set out to achieve.

With the support and fund raising experience of the Parents Club to assist us, and an extensive Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant application in hand it was decided to fast track the process and aim for a playground in 2003. Every attempt would be made to get the support of the entire community. The first of many successes came on Town Meeting Day, when the town voted to re-allocate money from an infrequently used housing fund to our newly created playground fund. Monies began to accumulate from fund raising activities and private donations, however the LWCF Grant at nearly \$19K was the key to making it happen.

In May we were notified of receiving full award of the LWCF Grant, our application ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the State. Additional grant awards from the Tinnmouth Community Fund, Ronald McDonald House Charities and from the State of Vermont Recreational Facility Grant Program when added to fund raising efforts by the school children and playground committee, private donations and the funds from the Town Vote brought our total up to nearly \$40,000. Thanks to community support and a diligent committee this project was maintained within that budget.

Our community build in October was amazing thanks to the quality and quantity of participants. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on October 31, 2003. Currently, benches, a sign and 3 additional elements are on order awaiting spring 2004 delivery for installation.

*Lisa Patry*



## Legislative Letter



Dear Voters of Shrewsbury, Tinmouth and Wallingford,

Act 68, passed by the Legislature in 2003, changed Act 60, Vermont's education funding law. Changes include a requirement for Vermont residents to file a declaration of homestead, as property tax rates will be different for residential and non-residential property. The Vermont Tax Department did a mass mailing in December. They have to be filed by April 15<sup>th</sup>, but sooner if possible. If you didn't receive one, or can't find the one sent to you, you can get another at your town office. They are also in your state income tax booklet. You are required to file even if you don't have to pay income taxes. There is also a penalty for not filing properly.

If you have issues or concerns and need to contact me, there are a number of ways. In Montpelier you can call the Sargent at Arms at 800-322-5616, leave a message and I'll call you back; send mail addressed to 115 State St. Montpelier, VT 05602; send email to [gfallar@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:gfallar@leg.state.vt.us); or at home in Tinmouth my address is 515 North End Road, Tinmouth, VT 05773, and telephone is 446-2870.

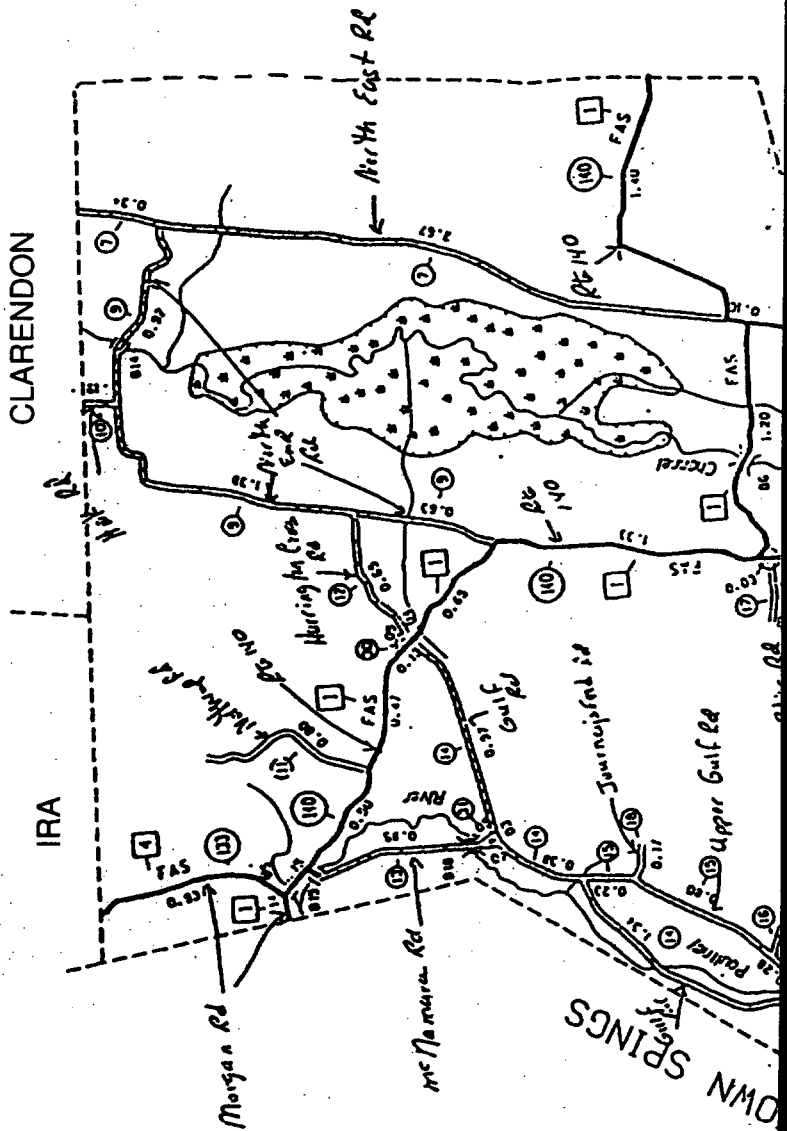
The website for the legislature in Montpelier, where you can find email addresses for legislators and read what projects and laws are being discussed each day, is [www.leg.state.vt.us](http://www.leg.state.vt.us).

Rutland County Senators are John Bloomer, Hull Maynard, and Kevin Mullin. Their e-mail addresses can be found at the above web site.

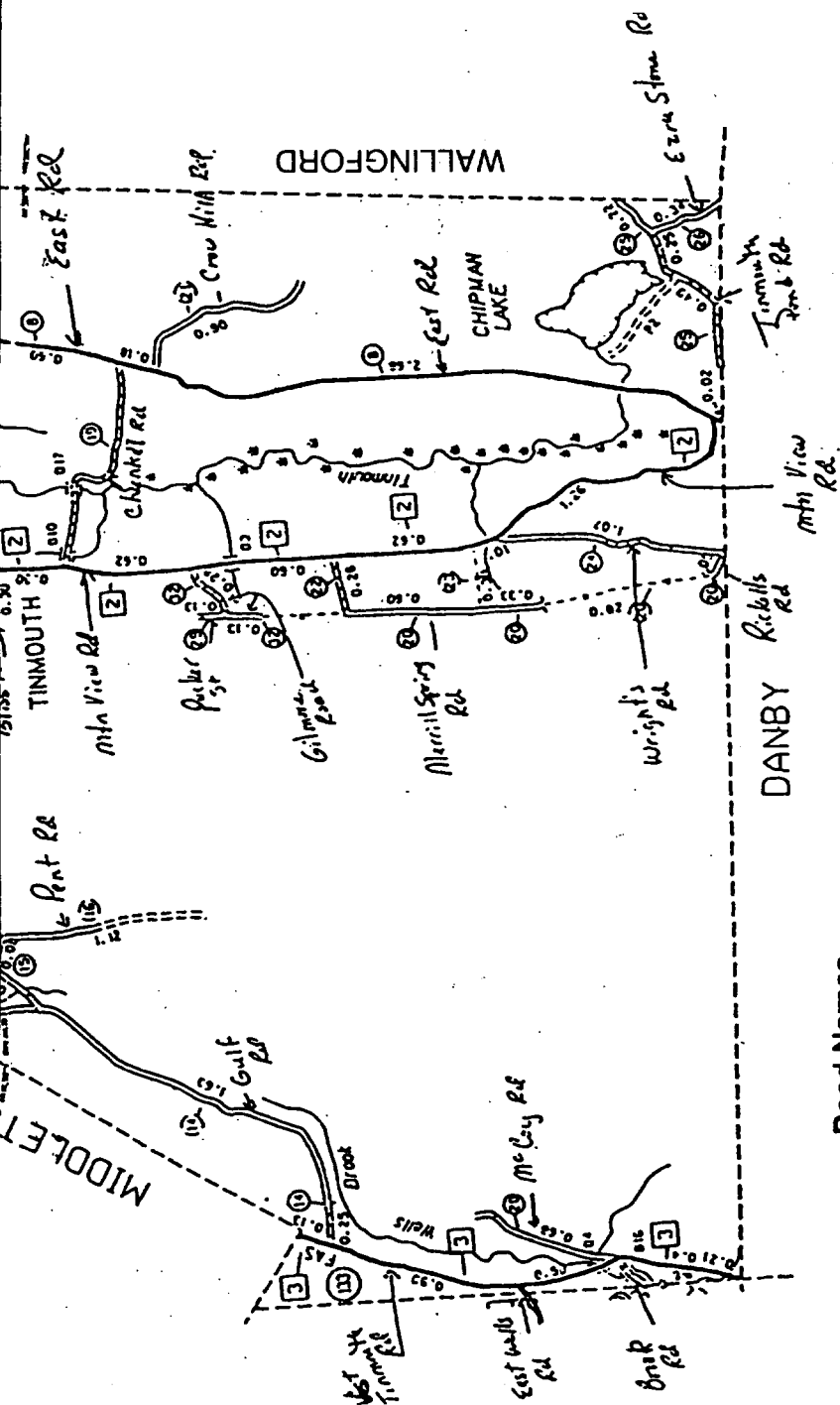
If you have any issues or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to serving you in the statehouse.

Respectfully,  
Representative Gail Fallar

## Town of Tinnmouth







Road Names  
April 10, 1995

# Press Release

Contact: Steven Jeffrey, Executive Director

• For Immediate Release

## ***Marshall Squier is 2003 VLCT Town Citizenship Award Winner***

### ***Tinmouth Volunteer's Local Government and Community Service Cited***

**Montpelier, VT, Friday, September 26, 2003.** Each year, the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) recognizes a citizen who has "gone the extra mile" for his or her community by awarding him or her with the Town Citizenship Award. We are pleased to announce that Tinmouth resident **Marshall Squier** is the VLCT Town Citizenship Award winner for 2003.

Squier was on the original planning commission that created the first Tinmouth Town Plan in the early 1970s. He is still on the commission and now serves as its chair. He helped start the town volunteer fire department in the late 1960s and continues his involvement with it as chief. He has been the town constable for a number of years, and a hunter safety instructor for 28 years. Squier is town moderator as well, though he was unable to preside over the 2003 town meeting as he was called away to work with the U.S. Forest Service in Texas as part of the effort to recover the wreckage of the space shuttle *Columbia*.

Outside of his official town positions, Squier also serves his community as President of the Tinmouth Land Trust, a group that has worked diligently for many years to help preserve farm and forest land in town. He also serves as unofficial town poet, writing poems for special occasions and for each town meeting.

He also is just a great neighbor, organizing work parties for people who need wood cut or for farmers who are ill and need their crops brought in.

"Small towns seem to bring out the best of our 'citizenship,'" commented William Shepeluk, VLCT President and Waterbury Municipal Manager. "Vermont, and Tinmouth in particular, are the better for it," he added.

VLCT will present the 2003 Town Citizenship Award to Squier at its Town Fair Awards Luncheon on October 2, 2003, at the Barre Municipal Civic Center.

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*Enclosure: Town Fair Schedule-at-a-Glance*

*Please note: This press release can be downloaded from the What's New section of the VLCT Web site: [www.vlct.org](http://www.vlct.org).*

## **Tinmouth Center School District TINMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD REPORT**

Students at Tinmouth School continue to reap the benefits of the skillful work of our teachers, support staff and administration. It is my pleasure to be part of this effort.

I would like to welcome this year's new staff:

- Jim DeMerse has hit the ground running as our new 5-6 teacher. From a small town in northern Michigan, Jim fits in well in Tinmouth. He has a creative style and encourages his students to take responsibility for their own learning.
- Lori Routhier, who was with us part of last year, brings many years of skillful experience to our music program. She is our general music teacher and shares the instrumental music program with local musician Mary Barron.
- Marilee LaFond is our new after-school program director. Marilee creates an organized, fun atmosphere for our after-schoolers from 3-5 pm daily.
- Heather MacLeay is a tutor working with special education and at-risk students. She brings certified teaching credentials to this important position.

The entire school community thanks Lisa Patry, Ann Czar and the Playground Committee for their dedicated work in securing grants, reaching decisions about location, choice of equipment, contracting and in the coordination of volunteers for the community build day that brought our new playground to completion in October.

Thanks also go to Cathy Reynolds, Cris Carabeau, Laurel Austin, Chris Tyminski, Ann Czar and Sandy Goyette for coaching our three Odyssey of the Mind teams. Odyssey is a creative problem solving challenge that culminates in a statewide competition in March.

Our budget for next year, while showing a slight decrease at the elementary level, is up about 6.5% overall. This is due largely to secondary special education and tuition costs. We experienced an increase in the number of secondary students and anticipate a tuition increase at Mill River.

My thanks to all those working to educate our children, including teachers, staff, administrators, parents, volunteers and the Parents' Club.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Doug Fontein*  
Chair, Tinmouth School Board

## **Tinmouth Center School District PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

This annual report provides the opportunity to share our accomplishments for the 2002-2003 school year while also letting the community know about the exciting initiatives that have begun during this present year. While the core of the school program involves the academic learning that needs to take place for each student, so many other components feed into making a total well-rounded experience for Tinmouth's students. Many of these initiatives are fueled through volunteer efforts and grant funding.

Our journey to improve student performance in math and literacy is encouraged and monitored, as provided for under both federal and state legislation. Since our class numbers are small, it is difficult to report progress with statistical reliability, but the trend is clear. Tinmouth students are demonstrating consistent improvement on both fronts. Over this past summer teachers of students in grades three through six attended a literacy course so that solid and improved program components and practices could be incorporated into the reading and writing curricula for these grades. Our supervisory union's language arts curriculum has been fully implemented along with the use of continuous student assessment tools, which help monitor student progress throughout the year.

This past fall an audit of our math program indicated the school's strength in delivering a continuous standards-based math program, while indicating a need for staff professional development in teaching through a problem-solving approach. We look forward to increasing our capacity to involve students in learning through the use of research-based methods.

Our Capstone Program continues with the goal of developing self-directed learning dispositions. Through individual goal setting, collecting evidence of learning and reflecting on results, students are encouraged to take ownership of their learning. Karen Kay, one of our primary teachers, was recognized this year as one of Rutland County's Teacher Leaders in implementing the Capstone Program. We have all benefited from Karen's leadership.

The Arts are alive and well in our school. Over one third of our students take musical instrument lessons. Our Artist-in-Residence Program featured a visiting poet who instructed us in writing various forms of poetry. With these poetry writing skills and the willingness of community members, students were able to find out more about their town and its people, and then express this through their poetry on our school's website.

Support to students continues through after school activities. This year our After School Program is under the mindful direction of Marilee LaFond. Our Homework Club is in its second year, while the Parents' Club has provided other after-school activities such as soccer, art workshops and a primary games programs.

Volunteerism is the spark that ignites many initiatives for our students. This fall an Ecology Club focused on a study of Tinmouth's aquatic, geological and woodland sites thanks to local guest interpreters. In October the town playground officially opened. This project was the result of countless volunteer hours in planning and construction. Odyssey of the Mind, a program designed to facilitate creative problem solving, got off the ground this fall thanks to a dedicated core of volunteers. Basketball and cross-country skiing continue thanks to the relentless efforts of volunteers.

Fundraising, help on field trips, assistance in classrooms and participation in the various activities of the year have all added up to an enhanced and rich educational experience for Tinmouth's children. What better way for students to learn the meaning of community service than to witness it in their daily lives! The students and staff express our gratitude to the school and town communities who lend such remarkable and essential support to making good things happen in our school on such a continuous basis.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Pat Goetz, principal*

Enrollments for the 2003-2004 school year							
	<u>K</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
Tinmouth	4	6	7	1	5	8	8
Wells	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Tuitioned in	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Total	4	6	7	1	6	10	9
Total Elementary Students — 43							
	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	
Granville	0	0	0	1	1	0	
Voc. Tech.	0	0	0	0	4	0	
Mill River	9	14	3	11	1	5	
Private School	0	0	2	0	2	0	
Total	9	14	5	12	8	5	
Total Secondary students — 53							
There are also four children that are homeschooled.							

### 6TH GRADE CLASS OF 2004



Front row: Kayla Jones, Jenny Holler, Kincaid Merrill, Eben Pratt. Back row: James Edmunds, Tim Tyminski, Dillon Hepburn, Troy Carabeau, Cantlin Eaton.

**Tinmouth Center School District**  
**SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT 2002-2003**

Balance 7/1/02	\$25,632.01
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**Receipts**

Property Taxes local share	130,888.00
State Monies-Property taxes state share	514,059.00
Special Ed	50,228.00
Transportation	15,722.00
Small School Grant	51,625.00
LEAS Tuition	44,103.10
Interest	3,983.81
Hot Lunch Program	15,146.70
Spanish Program	10,287.63
TCF Grants	1,000.00
Loan Repayment from Town	40,000.00
Transfer from Equipment Fund	<u>37,328.14</u>

Total	\$940,003.39
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**Expenditures**

Board Orders	\$894,840.86
Loan to Town	<u>45,000.00</u>

Total	\$948,270.06
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**Balance 6/30/03**

Repayment due from town	162.53
	<u>45,000.00</u>

Total	\$ 45,162.53
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**Special Funds**

**Tuition Fund**

7/1/02 Balance	\$162,307.08
Interest	2,568.68
Transferred to checking	<u>37,328.14</u>

Balance 6/30/03	\$126,421.31
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**Equipment & Furnishings Fund**

7/1/02 Balance	\$714.67
Expenses	<u>234.55</u>

Balance 6/30/03	\$480.12
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**Capital Improvement Fund**

7/1/02 Balance	\$3,463.72
Principal's Office	<u>3,463.72</u>

Balance 6/39/03	0.00
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**Foreign Language Program**

7/1/02 Balance	\$ 626.37
Revenues	10,287.63
Expenses	<u>10,803.28</u>

Balance 6/30/03	\$ 110.72
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**After School Program**

7/1/02 Balance	\$2,985.42
Revenues	6,823.15
Expenses	<u>8,942.40</u>
Balance 6/30/03	\$ 866.17

**Homework Club**

7/1/02 Balance	\$3,000.00
Revenues	3,000.00
Expenses	<u>5,002.07</u>
Balance 6/30/03	\$ 997.93

**Tinmouth Community Fund Grants**

7/1/02 Balance	\$1,000.00
Revenues	1,000.00
Expended	
Kiln	1,000.00
Water Fountain	<u>500.00</u>
Balance 6/30/03	(for swimming) \$ 500.00

**Hot Lunch Report****Revenues**

State Reim.	\$ 486.98
Federal Reim.	6,013.52
Lunches sold	<u>8,676.20</u>
Total	\$15,146.70

**Expenses**

Wages & benefits	\$15,657.64
Food	5,753.19
Other	<u>492.56</u>
Total	\$21,903.39

Balance from taxes to support the Hot Lunch Program is \$6,756.69.

**THE TINMOUTH SCHOOL DISTRICT HAD NO INDEBTEDNESS.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Fallar, Treasurer

Based on estimates from the Superintendent's Office and the Vermont Dept. of Ed, and pending passage of H. 540, the estimated residential tax rate for 2004 is \$1.73. The non-residential rate is estimated at \$1.83. The combined local and state school tax rate for 2003 was \$1.65. The increase is due to the Town's common level of appraisal dropping from 1.1 to .84. Please explanations in the Select Board and Lister reports.

## **Tinmouth Center School District INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

As the Town Report goes to print the school audit is not yet finalized. Copies will be available at the Town Office at a later date.





**Tinmouth Center School District  
REVENUES**

	<b>Budget FY03</b>	<b>Actual FY03</b>	<b>Budget FY04</b>	<b>Budget FY05</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>				
<i><b>Regular Programs</b></i>				
<b>Local Sources</b>				
Fund Balance	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$0
Tuition Fund Transfer	\$40,000	\$37,328	\$35,000	\$35,000
Property Taxes	\$111,696	\$130,888	\$235,205	\$0
LEA's Tuition	\$37,500	\$44,103	\$27,500	\$14,010
Interest Income	\$10,000	\$3,984	\$6,000	\$5,000
Miscellaneous	\$0	\$1,055	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Local Sources</b>	<b>\$219,196</b>	<b>\$180,030</b>	<b>\$333,705</b>	<b>\$54,010</b>
<b>State Sources</b>				
Gen'l State Aid/ACT 60	\$530,607	\$512,184	\$502,374	\$0
ACT 68 Res/Non-Res Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$819,664
Capital Debt Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Vo-Tech Tuition	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transportation Aid	\$16,536	\$15,722	\$20,460	\$19,752
Small Schools Grant	\$51,625	\$51,625	\$57,358	\$57,358
<b>Total State Sources</b>	<b>\$598,768</b>	<b>\$579,531</b>	<b>\$580,192</b>	<b>\$896,774</b>
<b>Total Regular Programs</b>	<b>\$817,964</b>	<b>\$759,561</b>	<b>\$913,897</b>	<b>\$950,784</b>
<i><b>Special Education</b></i>				
<b>State Sources</b>				
Special Ed. Block Grant	\$24,635	\$24,635	\$28,154	\$27,535
Intensive Reimbursement	\$7,812	\$25,593	\$13,282	\$34,973
EEE Pre-School Grant	\$3,810	\$0	\$0	\$3,367
<b>Total Special Education</b>	<b>\$36,257</b>	<b>\$50,228</b>	<b>\$41,436</b>	<b>\$65,875</b>
<i><b>Food Service</b></i>				
<b>Local Sources</b>				
Hot Lunch Student Sales	\$5,000	\$6,108	\$5,000	\$5,000
Hot Lunch Adult Sales	\$200	\$850	\$200	\$200
<b>Total Local Sources</b>	<b>\$5,200</b>	<b>\$6,958</b>	<b>\$5,200</b>	<b>\$5,200</b>
<b>State Sources</b>				
Hot Lunch State Match	\$200	\$487	\$200	\$200
<b>Total State Sources</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$487</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>Federal Sources</b>				
Hot Lunch Reimbursement	\$7,500	\$4,313	\$7,500	\$7,500
Breakfast Program	\$1,825	\$700	\$1,825	\$1,825
<b>Total Federal Sources</b>	<b>\$9,325</b>	<b>\$5,013</b>	<b>\$9,325</b>	<b>\$9,325</b>
<b>Total Food Service</b>	<b>\$14,725</b>	<b>\$12,458</b>	<b>\$14,725</b>	<b>\$14,725</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$868,946</b>	<b>\$822,247</b>	<b>\$970,058</b>	<b>\$1,031,384</b>

# Tinmouth Center School District EXPENDITURES

	Budget FY03	Actual FY03	Budget FY04	Budget FY05
<b>REGULAR EDUCATION</b>				
<i><b>Elementary</b></i>				
Teacher, P Goetz	\$22,194	\$22,194	\$9,544	\$10,260
Teacher, K Kay	\$37,468	\$37,468	\$40,278	\$43,299
Teacher, N Jaquay	\$19,677	\$19,677	\$21,153	\$0
Teacher, A Kahle	\$32,247	\$32,247	\$34,665	\$37,266
Teacher, L. Edge-Gerrol	\$30,592	\$30,592	\$32,886	\$35,352
Teacher TBA/DeMerse	\$0	\$0	\$17,500	\$30,638
Aide S Zandy	\$7,190	\$7,190	\$7,476	\$7,817
Aide/Tutor-Act 157/Section 504	\$3,375	\$4,318	\$5,204	\$2,013
Substitutes	\$3,000	\$3,658	\$3,000	\$3,600
Group Health Insurance	\$20,623	\$20,072	\$30,421	\$28,270
Social Security	\$9,656	\$11,147	\$10,645	\$10,555
Medi Care	\$2,258	\$2,245	\$2,490	\$2,469
Retirement	\$431	\$298	\$449	\$469
Worker's Comp	\$1,100	\$829	\$551	\$800
Unemployment Comp	\$1,767	\$871	\$705	\$800
Tuition Reimbursement	\$3,224	\$832	\$3,500	\$3,500
Act 157 Section 504	\$3,768	\$1,285	\$3,046	\$750
Mentoring	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$1,000
Repairs & Maintenance	\$1,700	\$2,106	\$2,000	\$2,000
State LEAS Tuition	\$5,314	\$8,547	\$6,400	\$6,600
Travel	\$250	\$352	\$250	\$250
Supplies/Stipends	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
General Supplies	\$7,000	\$8,762	\$9,500	\$10,000
Books & Periodicals	\$3,450	\$3,647	\$3,450	\$3,300
Audio/Visual Material	\$550	\$239	\$450	\$300
Manipulative Devices	\$900	\$139	\$500	\$300
Computer Software	\$900	\$130	\$500	\$450
Equipment	\$5,000	\$5,843	\$0	\$0
Dues & Fees	\$1,000	\$929	\$1,500	\$1,200
ELF Program Support	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Elem. Education</b>	<b>\$226,134</b>	<b>\$226,617</b>	<b>\$249,563</b>	<b>\$244,258</b>
<i><b>Art Program</b></i>				
Teacher M. Kristianson	\$7,776	\$8,272	\$8,867	\$9,145
Supplies	\$0	\$239	\$350	\$350
Artist-in-Residence	\$350	\$358	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Art</b>	<b>\$8,126</b>	<b>\$8,869</b>	<b>\$9,217</b>	<b>\$9,495</b>
<i><b>Health &amp; Safety Program</b></i>				
Teacher T. Tinsley	\$8,281	\$8,622	\$9,122	\$9,450
Supplies	\$300	\$298	\$300	\$500
<b>Total Health &amp; Safety</b>	<b>\$8,581</b>	<b>\$8,920</b>	<b>\$9,422</b>	<b>\$9,950</b>

	Budget FY03	Actual FY03	Budget FY04	Budget FY05
<b>Music Program</b>				
Teacher L. Routhier	\$9,553	\$9,501	\$8,947	\$9,216
Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$600
Books & Periodicals	\$500	\$0	\$300	\$300
<b>Total Music</b>	<b>\$10,053</b>	<b>\$9,501</b>	<b>\$9,247</b>	<b>\$10,116</b>
<b>Guidance Service</b>				
School Based Clinician	\$4,800	\$5,151	\$6,240	\$6,240
Resource Materials	\$0	\$227	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Guidance</b>	<b>\$4,800</b>	<b>\$5,378</b>	<b>\$6,240</b>	<b>\$6,240</b>
<b>Health Services</b>				
Nurse R. Hansen	\$3,775	\$3,936	\$4,234	\$4,411
Supplies	\$150	\$150	\$325	\$225
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Health Services</b>	<b>\$3,925</b>	<b>\$4,086</b>	<b>\$4,559</b>	<b>\$4,636</b>
<b>Improvement of Instruction</b>				
In-Service Training	\$580	\$158	\$136	\$105
<b>Total Improvement of Instruction</b>	<b>\$580</b>	<b>\$158</b>	<b>\$136</b>	<b>\$105</b>
<b>Media Services</b>				
Regular Salary	\$2,491	\$2,491	\$2,410	\$2,879
Technology Salary	\$2,074	\$2,074	\$2,230	\$2,397
Health Benefits	\$854	\$1,146	\$991	\$1,076
Social Security	\$283	\$314	\$288	\$327
Medi Care	\$66	\$73	\$67	\$77
Worker's Comp	\$28	\$18	\$10	\$18
Unemployment	\$100	\$29	\$60	\$29
Supplies	\$71	\$71	\$175	\$100
Books & Periodicals	\$1,500	\$1,405	\$1,200	\$1,200
Audiovisual Materials	\$200	\$343	\$150	\$150
Computer Software	\$200	\$0	\$250	\$250
<b>Total Media Services</b>	<b>\$7,867</b>	<b>\$7,964</b>	<b>\$7,831</b>	<b>\$8,503</b>
<b>Board of Education</b>				
Directors	\$650	\$650	\$650	\$650
Board Secretary	\$312	\$312	\$324	\$335
Social Security	\$60	\$63	\$60	\$61
Medi Care	\$14	\$10	\$14	\$15
Legal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Insurance	\$535	\$409	\$1,504	\$2,210
Advertising	\$350	\$0	\$350	\$350
General Supplies	\$50	\$252	\$50	\$50
Books & Periodicals	\$50	\$0	\$50	\$50
Dues & Fees	\$850	\$700	\$850	\$850
<b>Total Board of Education</b>	<b>\$2,871</b>	<b>\$2,396</b>	<b>\$3,852</b>	<b>\$4,571</b>

	Budget FY03	Actual FY03	Budget FY04	Budget FY05
<b><i>Superintendent's Office</i></b>				
Assessment	\$25,081	\$27,662	\$30,666	\$33,629
<b>Total Superintendent's Office</b>	<b>\$25,081</b>	<b>\$27,662</b>	<b>\$30,666</b>	<b>\$33,629</b>
<b><i>Principal's Office</i></b>				
Principal Salary/P. Goetz	\$24,348	\$24,348	\$40,505	\$41,720
Secretary's Salary/S. Zandy	\$10,784	\$10,784	\$11,215	\$11,728
Group Health Insurance	\$3,666	\$4,085	\$6,320	\$6,869
Social Security	\$2,304	\$2,297	\$3,206	\$3,314
Medi Care	\$539	\$537	\$750	\$775
Retirement	\$647	\$601	\$673	\$703
Worker's Comp	\$137	\$137	\$110	\$140
Unemployment	\$351	\$189	\$150	\$189
Communications	\$2,750	\$2,068	\$3,000	\$2,500
Travel	\$400	\$319	\$550	\$0
Supplies	\$250	\$494	\$250	\$800
Dues & Fees	\$250	\$315	\$200	\$200
<b>Principal's Office</b>	<b>\$46,426</b>	<b>\$46,174</b>	<b>\$66,929</b>	<b>\$68,938</b>
<b><i>Fiscal Services</i></b>				
Regular Salary	\$2,769	\$2,769	\$3,120	\$0
Social Security	\$172	\$172	\$193	\$0
Medi Care	\$40	\$40	\$45	\$0
Worker's Comp	\$20	\$10	\$10	\$0
Unemployment Comp	\$28	\$15	\$31	\$0
Professional Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,500
Software Support	\$950	\$960	\$1,100	\$500
Audit	\$1,200	\$1,275	\$1,400	\$1,400
Repairs & Maintenance	\$0	\$247	\$0	\$0
Communications	\$230	\$64	\$230	\$230
Supplies	\$230	\$0	\$230	\$220
Dues & Fees	\$125	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Fiscal Services</b>	<b>\$5,764</b>	<b>\$5,552</b>	<b>\$6,359</b>	<b>\$4,850</b>
<b><i>Plant Operations &amp; Maint</i></b>				
Regular Salary	\$12,582	\$13,897	\$12,528	\$12,900
Social Security	\$780	\$988	\$776	\$800
Medi Care	\$182	\$231	\$182	\$187
Worker's Comp	\$552	\$613	\$925	\$613
Unemployment Comp	\$125	\$72	\$135	\$72
Water Testing	\$1,200	\$657	\$1,200	\$1,200
Septic Inspection/Cleaning	\$650	\$0	\$300	\$350
Cleaning Services	\$450	\$337	\$475	\$475
Lawn Care Service	\$800	\$910	\$800	\$500
Snow Plowing	\$0	\$420	\$400	\$900
Repairs & Maintenance	\$6,000	\$3,163	\$7,500	\$3,000
Insurance	\$1,470	\$2,858	\$820	\$945
Travel	\$0	\$26	\$0	\$0
Supplies	\$2,200	\$2,086	\$2,500	\$2,500
Electricity	\$3,500	\$3,859	\$3,500	\$3,900

	Budget FY03	Actual FY03	Budget FY04	Budget FY05
Bottled Gas	\$450	\$553	\$600	\$600
Fuel Oil	\$2,800	\$2,530	\$2,000	\$2,800
Equipment	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Plant Ops &amp; Maint</b>	<b>\$34,241</b>	<b>\$33,200</b>	<b>\$34,641</b>	<b>\$31,742</b>

#### ***Elementary Transportation***

Field Trips	\$500	\$423	\$500	\$500
Parent Transportation	\$2,600	\$2,786	\$2,700	\$5,600
Student Trans. Purchased	\$15,000	\$17,031	\$15,750	\$17,097
<b>Total Transportation</b>	<b>\$18,100</b>	<b>\$20,240</b>	<b>\$18,950</b>	<b>\$23,197</b>

#### ***Secondary***

Act 157 Section 504	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State LEAS Tuition	\$312,800	\$301,139	\$342,300	\$360,770
Out of State LEA Tuition	\$10,600	\$9,059	\$11,000	\$11,600
Private School Tuition	\$15,200	\$21,760	\$30,000	\$19,000
<b>Total Secondary</b>	<b>\$338,600</b>	<b>\$331,958</b>	<b>\$383,300</b>	<b>\$391,370</b>

#### ***Secondary Transportation***

Student Trans. Purchased	\$21,300	\$21,749	\$22,350	\$23,537
<b>Total Secondary Trans.</b>	<b>\$21,300</b>	<b>\$21,749</b>	<b>\$22,350</b>	<b>\$23,537</b>

<b>Total Regular Education</b>	<b>\$762,449</b>	<b>\$760,424</b>	<b>\$863,262</b>	<b>\$875,137</b>
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### **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

#### ***Elementary Program***

Teacher Z. Zarfati	\$7,058	\$10,443	\$18,970	\$16,314
Instructional Assistant/Tutor	\$12,960	\$18,484	\$0	\$5,693
Summer Tutoring	\$1,768	\$2,720	\$2,500	\$1,080
Substitutes Salary	\$300	\$5,233	\$300	\$0
Group Health Insurance	\$5,148	\$6,289	\$5,829	\$2,534
Social Security	\$1,369	\$2,436	\$1,349	\$1,431
Medi Care	\$320	\$567	\$316	\$335
Retirement	\$648	\$1,168	\$0	\$0
Worker's Comp	\$215	\$358	\$65	\$358
Unemployment Comp	\$84	\$203	\$200	\$203
Tuition Reimbursement	\$95	\$0	\$350	\$0
Professional Services	\$2,400	\$5,191	\$2,080	\$2,925
Travel	\$0	\$64	\$0	\$0
Books & Periodicals/Supplies	\$175	\$861	\$300	\$500
Dues & Fees	\$75	\$125	\$200	\$200
<b>Total Elementary Spec Ed</b>	<b>\$32,615</b>	<b>\$54,142</b>	<b>\$32,459</b>	<b>\$31,573</b>

#### ***Psychological Services***

Psychological Evaluations	\$1,500	\$1,300	\$3,000	\$2,000
<b>Total Psych. Services</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>\$1,300</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>

#### ***Spec. Ed. Co-ordinator's Office***

Assessment	\$9,453	\$6,756	\$5,129	\$6,429
<b>Total Co-ordinator's Office</b>	<b>\$9,453</b>	<b>\$6,756</b>	<b>\$5,129</b>	<b>\$6,429</b>

	Budget FY03	Actual FY03	Budget FY04	Budget FY05
<b>Secondary Program</b>				
Professional Services	\$11,300	\$9,817	\$11,794	\$8,720
Resource Room Services	\$17,500	\$14,799	\$18,250	\$14,349
Tuition	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30,000
<b>Total Secondary Program</b>	<b>\$28,800</b>	<b>\$24,616</b>	<b>\$30,044</b>	<b>\$53,069</b>
<b>Psychological Services</b>				
Psychological Evaluations	\$1,000	\$0	\$500	\$500
<b>Total Psych. Services</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Total Special Education</b>	<b>\$73,368</b>	<b>\$86,814</b>	<b>\$71,132</b>	<b>\$93,571</b>
<b>PRESCHOOL PROGRAM</b>				
Assessment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,193
<b>Total Preschool Program</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,193</b>
<b>VOCATIONAL PROGRAM</b>				
Tuition	\$12,000	\$12,419	\$12,000	\$14,344
Act 68 Base Amount	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$22,304
<b>Total Vocational Program</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>	<b>\$12,419</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>	<b>\$36,648</b>
<b>FOOD SERVICE</b>				
Cook, Kathy Halford	\$8,817	\$10,747	\$10,860	\$11,186
Hot Lunch Agent, Zandy/Davis	\$2,701	\$1,653	\$1,695	\$1,748
Substitutes	\$290	\$50	\$250	\$250
Group Health Insurance	\$513	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Social Security	\$732	\$989	\$793	\$802
Medi Care	\$171	\$39	\$186	\$187
Retirement	\$162	\$587	\$584	\$671
Worker's Comp	\$518	\$518	\$671	\$518
Unemployment	\$0	\$73	\$0	\$73
Supplies	\$725	\$493	\$425	\$400
Food	\$6,500	\$5,752	\$7,200	\$6,000
<b>Total Food Service</b>	<b>\$21,129</b>	<b>\$21,901</b>	<b>\$23,664</b>	<b>\$22,835</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$868,946</b>	<b>\$881,558</b>	<b>\$970,058</b>	<b>\$1,031,384</b>

# Tinmouth Center School District

## Act 68 Three-Year Prior Comparison

Expenditures	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	
<b>Budget</b> (local budget approved in prior years)	765,751	868,946	970,058	1,031,384	1.
62% of base payment per FTE paid to tech centers by the State on behalf of the district in FY2005	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	22,304	2.
S.U. assessment (included in local budget)	47,916	62,521	67,101	75,578	3.
Deficit (if included in local budget)					4.
Block grant paid by State to tech center in prior years	16,344	20,427	24,228	not applicable	5.
1. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	6.
2. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	7.
3. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	8.
Act 144 Expenditures, (excluded from "Education Spending")	-	-	-	-	9.
Act 68 local adopted budget	782,095	889,373	984,286	1,031,384	10.
Union school or joint school district assessment	-	-	-	-	11.
Deficit if not included in budget or revenues	-	-	-	-	12.
Special programs expenditures (if not included in local budget)	782,095	892,373	987,286	1,034,384	13.
					14.
<b>Gross Act 68 Budget</b>					
Act 144 expenditures (if any - excluded from "Education Spending")	-	-	-	-	15.
<b>Revenues</b>					
Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuition, surplus, etc., including Act 144 revenues)	189,457	225,874	232,479	211,720	16.
Capital debt aid	-	-	-	-	17.
Special program revenues (if not included in local budget)	-	3,000	3,000	3,000	18.
Deficit if not included in budget or expenditures	-	-	-	-	19.
Act 144 revenues	-	-	-	-	20.
Total revenues	189,457	228,874	235,479	214,720	21.
Fund raising (if any)	-	-	-	-	22.
Adjusted local revenues	189,457	228,874	235,479	214,720	23.
<b>Education Spending (Act 68 definition)</b>					
Equalized Pupils	592,638	663,499	761,807	819,964	24.
Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil (if any)	99.16	95.89	93.07	91.27	25.
Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	5,977	6,934	8,185	8,981	26.
District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	27.
Anticipated homestead tax rate, equalized	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	8,981	28.
Household Income Percentage for income sensitivity	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	132.074%	29.
	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	\$1,453	30.
	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	2.64%	31.

## **Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

It is with pleasure that I offer the residents of the Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union (Towns of Ira, Middletown Springs, Poultney, Tinmouth, and Wells) my first impressions regarding education within our communities. I came to the district, having been a Superintendent and most recently Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment for the Barre Supervisory Union. These previous administrative positions have given me a unique advantage in being able to take the reins of the RSWSU, which, by all indications is a well-functioning district.

The reasons for the success are clear: hard working board members; competent and caring administrators, faculty, and staff; and most importantly, wonderful children.

There are several issues that are enormous in terms of complexity and implications for each of our school districts. I will try to highlight some of these issues and will continue to gather information so that we make decisions that are child-centered, focused on improved teaching and learning, and balance the needs of our taxpayers. Schools need to reflect the values of the communities that they serve. To that end, we are driven by the belief that all children will learn well, to the best of their ability.

### **Declining Enrollments and Rising Costs**

Each of our districts are faced with the problem of shrinking enrollments and escalating costs. Boards have to continually assess the cost of doing business and examine their budgets for economy. This has resulted in some loss of positions and programs throughout the districts.

Some of our districts have looked toward offering pre-Kindergarten as a solution to increasing our student numbers, gaining additional state revenues over time, and improving the educational entry skills of our children.

### **No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)**

The reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, now known as the No Child Left Behind Act, is having major ramifications for not only our districts, but education in Vermont and across the country. Issues such as teacher and paraprofessional qualifications, adequate yearly progress of all children including the disaggregation of data by subgroups, and annual testing in grades three through eight and high school have resulted in continuing school improvement efforts and some confusion as clarification is sought from the U.S. Department of Education. With the size of legislation such as NCLB, there are sure to be some growing pains and adjustments to be made.

### **Vermont's Change from Act 60 to Act 68**

The legislation enacted in Vermont several years ago, Act 60, was the culmination of the legislative efforts to address the issue of equalizing the educational opportunities for all children regardless of where they resided. The beginnings of Act 60 emerged with a state-wide property tax and a local "above block" spending piece. Just as taxpayers and school officials were



getting comfortable with being able to understand the law, the next generation, Act 68, comes upon us.

The Vermont Department of Education, in the process of providing technical assistance, along with the Tax Department, has stated that there is currently no way to make a good estimate of an actual homestead tax rate as the law currently reads. House Bill 540 (currently passed the House and is in the Senate) addresses this problem by having the State set homestead and non-homestead tax rates rather than tax liabilities. The pending result will be the actual tax rates taxpayers will see on their tax bills, which will be done by taking the equalized homestead and non-homestead rates and dividing by the most recent common level of appraisal.

### **Education Mandates**

Late last year a joint report of the Vermont School Boards Association, the Vermont Superintendents Association, and the Vermont Principals Association was submitted to the new Commissioner of Education in accordance with Section 43 of Act 68. We often hear a lot of rhetoric about unfunded mandates and now we can refer to a careful study that articulates some of the complex issues such as driver education, criminal record checks, Governor's diploma, alcohol and drug prevention, licensing, etc. to name a few. The complete text of the report is available on [www.vtvsba.org](http://www.vtvsba.org), along with other meaningful information.

One of the major pieces of legislation during the upcoming session will deal with the issue of school choice. The debates that will surround this policy directive will be emotional, and politically charged. School communities need to not only gather information on how this will affect their local school, but to be a voice for equal opportunity for each and every child within the district. Again, I opened with the words that schools need to reflect the values of the communities they serve, and will now be challenged to make sure that it happens.

I am very proud of the work of your staff and hope that some of the highlights I have presented have been not only informative, but heightened your opinion of the combined efforts and talents of the people working with your children. My office remains open for you to come in and express your ideas, comments, or concerns. Working together as "Partners in Education" we can improve our schools, leave no child behind, and prepare our students for the 21<sup>st</sup> century now upon us.

In closing, I would like to again thank the boards, staff, students, and community for their continued support. The collaborative efforts of all will allow us to see the fruits of our labors.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maynard F. Baldwin, Jr.  
Superintendent of Schools

## WARNING

The Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union and each of the member school districts (Ira, Middletown Springs, Poultney, Tinmouth, and Wells) are responsible for the provision of a free and appropriate public education for every child with an educational disability ages 3-21 living within a member town.

We are searching for any child including those birth through 2 years of age who might be eligible for and in need of special education and related services help. Anyone can and should make a referral of any child living in one of these towns they believe may be eligible for special education. They can do so by contacting in writing or by telephone:

The Principal of the school which the child is or will be likely to attend

OR

The Superintendent of Schools  
Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union  
168 York Street  
Poultney, Vermont 05764  
Tel: 287-5286

Referral information will be handled in confidence. The referral may lead to an evaluation of the child to determine if he or she is eligible for and in need of special education. If the answer is yes, an individualized educational plan will be developed and implemented by a multi-disciplinary team of people including the child's parents.

Please! If you suspect a child residing in one of these towns may be in need of special education, make a referral!!

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## NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Tinmouth School District will not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities including vocational education and special instruction as and to the extent provided by law.

The following person(s) have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the Tinmouth School District's non-discrimination policies:

Patricia Goetz, Principal  
Section 504 Coordinator  
Tinmouth Elementary School  
573 Route 140  
Tinmouth Vermont 05773  
Tel: 446-2458

Additional inquiries regarding the provisions of the federal laws related to children or adults with handicapping conditions or disabilities impacting the Tinmouth School District including Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act can be obtained by contacting the Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services, Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union, 168 York Street, Poultney, Vermont 05764, Tel: 287-5286.

## **Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union REPORT OF EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAM**

The Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union Early Education Program provides necessary intervention to handicapped and at-risk preschoolers. Children who are eligible for the Early Education Program fall into one of two categories: 1) Children who display a 40% delay in one or more learning areas, such as speech/language, cognitive, motor skills, behavior and self help, and are eligible for Essential Early Education; and 2) Children who are at-risk in any number of developmental areas, such as social, speech/language, general knowledge, large and small motor skills.

The Early Education Program continues to serve the children from the towns of Ira, Tinmouth, Wells, Middletown Springs and Poultney. The program and curriculum are similar to that of most preschool programs and maximum attention is paid to addressing the individual strengths and needs of each of the students. The teachers have backgrounds in early education and early intervention of handicapped and at-risk children. Direct services from a language teacher and an Early Interventionist are available to ALL children, not just children with specific needs in these areas.

The Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union Early Education center-based program is able to serve 34 students in three separate class sessions. Essential Early Education children are served both in the home and center-based programs. Essential Early Education children are given priority when selecting a center-based enrollment as mandated by law. At-risk children fill the remainder of the openings within the center-based program.

The Rutland Southwest Early Education Program provides a developmentally appropriate preschool curriculum, which, through his/her play, allows each child to grow across all developmental areas. Socially, our goal is to increase the self-esteem, self-reliance, and independence of our students. By regarding each child as a whole person, we recognize the importance of the family; parents are the child's primary educators. The Rutland Southwest Early Education staff works closely with parents to plan and implement programs for children.

The Early Education staff currently includes two full-time positions. These positions are: Early Interventionist/Teacher and teacher assistant. A language teacher serves students 1-1/2 days per week. The staff is currently serving thirty-seven children ages 2-5 years through our center-based/home-based programs.

The Early Education Center-Based Program is located at Poultney High School. This program currently runs three classes providing services to 2-5 year olds. The staff also provides home-based services to children 2-5 years old and early intervention services to children 0-3 in collaboration with the Family Infant Toddler Project (Part H).

Other services provided by the Early Education Program include: pre-school screenings for 3 and 4 year old children from all towns in the Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union; evaluations of children with developmental delays to determine Special Education eligibility for Essential Early Education; coordination of the transition process from preschool to kindergarten; and support for families and existing community preschools through assistance, consultation and/or direct services as appropriate. There is also collaboration with the Even Start Program serving children 0-5 throughout the district.

*Sheri Kinney & Darlene Ellis*

## **Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union EARLY EDUCATION OUTREACH COORDINATOR REPORT**

Early education experiences are now available to families in outer lying areas of the district, in addition to the center based EEE program in Poultney. Research shows that the earlier children and families are engaged in language rich activities, the more successful children are in school.

Three different free programs are now offered throughout the school year. All are voluntary. PLAYGROUP is an enjoyable way to meet and get together with other families with young children. Children birth to age 5 and their parents are welcome. Currently, playgroups take place on a regular basis in 2 different locations within the district. The times and locations are listed below.

- **Wednesdays, 9:00-10:30 a.m., Tinmouth, Tinmouth Church basement**
- **Thursdays, 9:30-11:00 a.m., Middletown Springs Elementary Sch.**

**Elementary Home visiting** is another early education program for families. The home visitor knows that you are your child's first and most important teacher. In addition to playing with you and your child, the home visitor can bring activities for you to share with your child. She is also there to answer your questions and help you connect with programs and resources you might need. I am available to do home visiting and look forward to spending time with you and your child or children, if you would like.

The last program that is offered is called **EVEN START**. It is an intensive, integrated family literacy program. Any family with a child under 8 years of age and a parent without a high school diploma or with limited reading, writing, or math skills is eligible. Priority (if there is a waiting list) is based on family needs. Even Start is a weaving together of adult education and early education tailored to individual families. Even Start team members build a strong relationship with each family. The adult educator and family educators work closely with families in a group setting, as well as in the home. Even Start partners up with Vermont Adult Learning, Headstart, the Parent Child Center, the Vermont Center For The Book, and the Vermont Council On The Humanities to offer a wide range of services and programs to Even Start families. I am an Even Start team member and welcome the opportunity to meet with families who are interested in Even Start.

In addition to the above ongoing programs, some additional short-term programs may take place this school year in outer lying communities in the district if grant funding is available. These programs, called **FAMILY BOOK PROGRAMS**, last 3-4 weeks, one session per week, and are geared to families with children 5 years of age and younger. Families spend time together enjoying high quality children's books with related activities and receive a free set of the books by participating.

If you have questions or would like more information about the above programs, I will be happy to talk with you about them. My office is located at the Middletown Springs Elementary School and the number there is **235-2365**.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Jan Krantz*

## **Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union SPECIAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

Special Education programs provide services to students identified as having learning or emotional disabilities, health, speech and language, hearing or learning impairments, autism, and multiple disabilities. Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union served approximately 154 students this year.

Programs continue to address academic difficulties, provide accommodations and modifications to the regular education curriculum, implement positive social skills, teach functional daily living skills, and prepare students to contribute to society to the best of their ability. Eligibility for special education services and placements are determined by a student's Evaluation/Planning and IEP teams. Students with special needs can receive services that include speech and language support, help from instructional assistants, community based programs, and related therapies or counseling as determined necessary.

Federal and State law requires Child Find to locate and identify children who need services at the earliest age possible. Research states there is a strong correlation between early education and successful experience in school. A strong foundation of early intervention has been a focus in Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union for children and families. Through Early Education Committees under the auspices of Special Education, in addition to the Even Start Program and Early Education Program in Poultney, early education opportunities will be expanding. Pre-school programs in the Tinmouth and Middletown Springs Elementary Schools will also be in place for the coming school year. The Stonebridge Inn in Poultney will house satellite programs offered in Rutland, specifically Vermont Adult Learning, Day Care, Headstart, Parent Child Center, and Even Start offices for easier RSWSU community accessibility. This strong commitment to early education interventions and family support should provide our youngsters with a solid beginning of lifelong learning.

A "continuum" of services is expanding in order to serve our students locally and cost effectively. The OPTIONS Program is a Life Skills component of Poultney High School located off campus, available to all districts in RSWSU for students who have significant learning challenges and require an intensive life skills curriculum in a structured environment. In addition to the established BECOME Program, the new ACT Program under the OPTIONS umbrella has been created to serve students who are functioning below average in daily life skills, and have behavioral or social issues. Vermont Achievement Center and the Success Program in Rutland continue to serve RSWSU students with intensive behavioral challenges who are in need of a more specialized day program setting. The goal is to return these students to the local public school district or local setting as the capacity is built to serve them.

A major focus has been to address the capacity of Instructional Assistants/Paraprofessionals who work with our most challenged students. Federal and State regulations require that training and supervision be provided. Project EVOLVE, through the University of Vermont, emphasizes the need to identify an over reliance on Paraprofessionals, and to look at models of Special Education.

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001/Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act requires that Paraprofessional/Instructional

Assistants employed be "highly qualified" by January, 2006.

The Supervisory Union has begun specific assessment and training activities to ensure that compliance is met for all Paraprofessionals/Instructional Assistants.

I welcome the RSWSU new Special Educators and Special Education Administrative Assistant, Patricia Kinirons, and would like to express gratitude to the Superintendent of Schools, Chip Baldwin, Poultney Community, Special Educators and all educators. It is support, collaborative efforts and strong partnership among all of us that achieves positive outcomes for our students with special needs.

*Marian Ackerman*  
Special Education Coordinator



## **Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union**

### **CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT REPORT**

As the Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, I submit my 4<sup>th</sup> annual report for the district.

To reach our goal of students achieving high academic levels, teachers and administrators continue to seek ways to improve curriculum, instruction and assessment. In each curricular area, some parts are established and successful and some are being improved while some are being developed. As the Department of education determines how we will implement the testing aspects of the new Federal law, the No Child Left Behind Law, we will adjust our plan.

The English Language Arts Curriculum was distributed, K-12, in the spring of 2003 with the pilot year being 2003-2004. Professional Development for the improvement of literacy instruction and assessment is on going through coaching and various graduate reading courses offered in the district.

We are in our fourth and final year of involvement with the Reading Improvement Project/Statewide Improvement Grant, a Federally funded four-year project that is designed to strengthen student reading and writing, pre-K-grade 3 and reduce special education referrals. Sally O'Doherty, Early Literacy Improvement Specialist, has been a coach, leader, consultant and professor for not just the schools identified for the project but for each of our schools in some way.

The new district Supervision & Evaluation system was completed and is in its pilot year. We provided a full day of professional development to all teachers and administrators in order to train teachers what research the system is based on. Administrators had previously received three days of training with other Rutland area administrators.

Fifteen new teachers attended an Orientation Day prior to the opening of school. The day was filled with the superintendent discussing our goals and the new Supervision and Evaluation system. There was training on Bloodborne Pathogens and on how to access district e-mail and the Internet. Curricular areas and specific grade level assessment information was shared along with a tour to district schools.

Vermont School Quality Standards require that we provide new first and second year teachers with on going support from a successful experienced teacher for two years. I am pleased that we have eight trained experienced teachers able to support our new teachers in the district.

Coordination with receiving high schools took the form of sending our Language Arts and Elementary Spanish Curriculums to the schools. We received some suggestions from department heads that will be implemented.

Preliminary work began on the development of the Science Curriculum. This is the first curriculum document that is being written with draft Grade Level Expectations (GLE) from the Department of Education as we prepare for the Federal 2005 assessments. Bruce Parks, Program Improvement Coordinator, continues to assist us with these efforts.

This is my thirtieth year in the district and it continues to be a pleasure to work with the administrative team, working together and supporting each other to meet the many challenges that face all educators with the No Child Left Behind Law.

*Michelle C. Folger*  
Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

**Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union  
CENTRAL OFFICE BUDGET**

	<b>Budget FY03</b>	<b>Actual FY03</b>	<b>Budget FY04</b>	<b>Budget FY05</b>
<b>Assessments</b>				
Ira	\$18,517	\$17,195	\$20,063	\$22,758
Middletown Springs	\$46,681	\$43,687	\$50,490	\$57,200
Poultney	\$173,212	\$161,065	\$192,873	\$217,945
<b>Tinmouth</b>	<b>\$25,081</b>	<b>\$23,445</b>	<b>\$30,666</b>	<b>\$33,629</b>
Wells	\$49,709	\$46,321	\$51,937	\$59,303
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$313,200</b>	<b>\$291,713</b>	<b>\$346,029</b>	<b>\$390,835</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
<b>Salaries</b>				
Superintendent	\$76,220	\$79,000	\$85,024	\$84,000
Business Manager	\$29,492	\$32,751	\$36,862	\$36,862
Curriculum Coord. (50%-75%)	\$27,242	\$27,841	\$29,252	\$46,545
Secretary	\$30,125	\$30,125	\$31,029	\$31,029
Data Entry/Payroll Clerk	\$13,778	\$15,518	\$14,191	\$14,191
50% Business Ofc. Asst.	\$8,034	\$7,959	\$8,275	\$8,275
Treasurer	\$1,372	\$1,372	\$1,413	\$1,455
Custodian	\$1,543	\$1,656	\$1,400	\$1,700
Contingency	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,000
Substitutes	\$0	\$1,766	\$500	\$500
<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>\$187,806</b>	<b>\$197,988</b>	<b>\$207,946</b>	<b>\$244,557</b>
<b>Benefits</b>				
Group Health Insurance	\$29,241	\$29,140	\$33,862	\$34,868
Social Security/Medicare	\$15,794	\$16,729	\$17,593	\$18,905
Municipal Retirement	\$3,999	\$4,400	\$4,366	\$3,341
Workers Compensation	\$976	\$1,148	\$1,177	\$1,139
Unemployment	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30
Dental/Eye Care	\$2,126	\$2,126	\$2,126	\$2,701
Life Insurance	\$475	\$356	\$475	\$0
<b>Total Benefits</b>	<b>\$52,641</b>	<b>\$53,929</b>	<b>\$59,629</b>	<b>\$60,984</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>				
Bookkeeping Services	\$19,548	\$19,548	\$22,531	\$23,080
Hired Professional Services	\$3,310	\$3,731	\$3,310	\$3,360
Repairs and Maintenance	\$3,100	\$3,511	\$4,500	\$4,500
Office Rent	\$18,120	\$18,330	\$18,120	\$19,629
Insurance	\$1,500	\$3,166	\$2,200	\$3,200
Communications	\$8,300	\$7,114	\$8,000	\$8,000
Advertising	\$5,000	\$4,833	\$5,000	\$5,000
Printing	\$1,000	\$450	\$200	\$500
Travel	\$4,025	\$2,428	\$3,635	\$4,650
Supplies	\$5,550	\$9,159	\$6,675	\$9,075
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dues and Fees	\$3,300	\$3,786	\$4,280	\$4,300
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$72,753</b>	<b>\$76,056</b>	<b>\$78,451</b>	<b>\$85,294</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$313,200</b>	<b>\$327,973</b>	<b>\$346,026</b>	<b>\$390,835</b>



**Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union  
PRE-SCHOOL BUDGET**

	Budget FY 03	Actual FY03	Budget FY04	Budget FY05
<b>Assessments</b>				
Ira	\$0	\$5,693	\$5,728	\$0
Middletown Springs	\$19,179	\$2,846	\$5,728	\$12,771
Poultney	\$60,741	\$73,955	\$71,684	\$70,251
<b>Tinmouth</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,193</b>
Wells	\$15,976	\$19,908	\$20,063	\$19,157
<b>Total Local Revenue</b>	<b>\$95,896</b>	<b>\$102,402</b>	<b>\$103,203</b>	<b>\$105,372</b>
Idea B Grant Funds		\$8,150		
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$95,896</b>	<b>\$110,552</b>	<b>\$103,203</b>	<b>\$105,372</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
<b>Salaries</b>				
Teacher	\$41,869	\$45,350	\$46,886	\$48,446
Language Teacher (30%)	\$15,308	\$15,222	\$15,767	\$15,786
SLP	\$0	\$7,299	\$0	\$0
Salary Contingency	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Aide	\$11,500	\$11,502	\$11,847	\$12,204
Substitutes	\$250	\$603	\$285	\$308
<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>\$68,927</b>	<b>\$79,976</b>	<b>\$74,785</b>	<b>\$76,744</b>
<b>Benefits</b>				
Group Health Insurance	\$12,836	\$11,174	\$14,229	\$14,073
Social Security/Medicare	\$5,253	\$5,708	\$5,722	\$5,871
Municipal Retirement	\$460	\$460	\$474	\$488
Workers Compensation	\$277	\$277	\$277	\$277
Unemployment	\$10	\$10	\$5	\$5
Tuition Reimbursement	\$933	\$882	\$933	\$1,086
Dental/Eye Care	\$850	\$807	\$978	\$978
<b>Total Benefits</b>	<b>\$20,619</b>	<b>\$19,318</b>	<b>\$22,618</b>	<b>\$22,778</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>				
Hired Professional Services	\$1,200	\$2,916	\$750	\$750
Building Rent	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
Communications	\$200	\$184	\$100	\$200
Advertising	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Student Transportation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Travel	\$250	\$325	\$400	\$400
Supplies	\$1,100	\$1,032	\$1,000	\$1,000
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dues and Fees	\$100	\$0	\$50	\$0
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$6,350</b>	<b>\$7,957</b>	<b>\$5,800</b>	<b>\$5,850</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$95,896</b>	<b>\$107,251</b>	<b>\$103,203</b>	<b>\$105,372</b>

**Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union  
SPECIAL EDUCATION BUDGET**

	Budget FY03	Actual FY03	Budget FY04	Budget FY05
<b>Assessments</b>				
Ira	\$6,469	\$5,806	\$8,696	\$9,000
Middletown Springs	\$20,096	\$15,326	\$17,076	\$17,183
Poultney	\$71,853	\$54,103	\$63,176	\$64,743
Tinmouth	<b>\$9,453</b>	<b>\$6,755</b>	<b>\$5,129</b>	<b>\$6,429</b>
Wells	\$22,007	\$16,117	\$23,285	\$22,807
<b>Total Local Revenues</b>	<b>\$129,878</b>	<b>\$98,107</b>	<b>\$117,362</b>	<b>\$120,162</b>
Idea-B Grant Funds		\$149,224		
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$129,878</b>	<b>\$247,331</b>	<b>\$117,362</b>	<b>\$120,162</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
<b>Salaries</b>				
Special Ed. Coordinator	\$53,749	\$58,000	\$60,317	\$60,317
Special Ed. Consultant	\$0	\$23,183	\$0	\$0
Counselor	\$15,000	\$9,475	\$0	\$0
Speech/Language Aide	\$6,066	\$9,704	\$0	\$0
SLP	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
Substitutes	\$0	\$380	\$0	\$0
Secretary	\$20,085	\$20,085	\$20,688	\$20,113
<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>\$94,900</b>	<b>\$130,827</b>	<b>\$81,005</b>	<b>\$80,430</b>
<b>Benefits</b>				
Group Health Insurance	\$12,252	\$13,877	\$13,698	\$17,217
Social Security/Medicare	\$7,261	\$10,832	\$6,197	\$6,152
Municipal Retirement	\$1,011	\$803	\$828	\$829
Workers Compensation	\$634	\$634	\$474	\$474
Unemployment	\$20	\$32	\$10	\$10
Tuition Reimbursement	\$0	\$1,041	\$0	\$0
Dental/Eye Care	\$850	\$1,046	\$850	\$850
<b>Total Benefits</b>	<b>\$22,028</b>	<b>\$28,265</b>	<b>\$22,057</b>	<b>\$25,532</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>				
Hired Professional Services	\$1,500	\$3,369	\$1,500	\$1,000
Other Professional Services	\$2,250	\$83,394	\$3,600	\$3,600
Communications	\$2,500	\$1,706	\$2,500	\$2,500
Advertising	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$0
Travel	\$2,250	\$1,958	\$1,750	\$1,750
Supplies	\$1,500	\$2,352	\$1,500	\$2,000
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dues and Fees	\$850	\$678	\$850	\$850
In-Service Training	\$2,000	\$1,984	\$2,500	\$2,500
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$12,950</b>	<b>\$95,441</b>	<b>\$14,300</b>	<b>\$14,200</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$129,878</b>	<b>\$254,533</b>	<b>\$117,362</b>	<b>\$120,162</b>

**Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union**  
**SHARED PROGRAMS BUDGET**

	<b>Budget FY03</b>	<b>Actual FY03</b>	<b>Budget FY04</b>	<b>Budget FY05</b>
<b>Assessments</b>				
Ira	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Middletown Springs	\$44,810	\$41,913	\$46,954	\$48,465
Poultney	\$3,127	\$852	\$849	\$569
Tinmouth	<b>\$29,964</b>	<b>\$27,943</b>	<b>\$31,306</b>	<b>\$32,327</b>
Wells	\$45,140	\$41,914	\$47,070	\$48,525
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$123,041</b>	<b>\$112,622</b>	<b>\$126,179</b>	<b>\$129,886</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
<b>Salaries</b>				
Teacher, Art	\$20,392	\$22,515	\$23,768	\$24,941
Teacher, Phys. Ed.	\$24,206	\$25,599	\$26,620	\$28,109
Teacher, Music	\$26,450	\$24,598	\$27,672	\$30,020
Teacher, Gifted & Talented	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Nurse	\$9,574	\$10,273	\$10,875	\$11,465
Substitutes	\$450	\$1,677	\$495	\$462
<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>\$81,072</b>	<b>\$84,662</b>	<b>\$89,430</b>	<b>\$94,997</b>
<b>Benefits</b>				
Group Health Insurance	\$25,618	\$18,051	\$23,273	\$21,522
Social Security/Medicare	\$6,169	\$6,475	\$6,804	\$7,232
Workers Compensation	\$673	\$673	\$673	\$673
Unemployment	\$23	\$23	\$23	\$23
Tuition Reimbursement	\$2,205	\$1,072	\$2,745	\$2,566
Dental/Eye Care	\$1,181	\$699	\$1,181	\$1,054
<b>Total Benefits</b>	<b>\$35,869</b>	<b>\$26,993</b>	<b>\$34,699</b>	<b>\$33,070</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>				
Repairs and Maintenance	\$0	\$269	\$0	\$269
Supplies	\$450	\$419	\$450	\$450
Dues and Fees	\$150	\$224	\$100	\$100
Improvement of Instruction	\$1,500	\$364	\$1,500	\$1,000
Itinerant Salary Contingency	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$6,100</b>	<b>\$1,276</b>	<b>\$2,050</b>	<b>\$1,819</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$123,041</b>	<b>\$112,931</b>	<b>\$126,179</b>	<b>\$129,886</b>

**In an effort to save printing costs, Service Agency Reports have not been included. The following is the list of those reports. Full copies are available at the Town Office.**

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- ARC — Rutland Area (Advocacy, Resources & Community for citizens with developmental disabilities and their families)
- George D. Aiken Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.
- Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council, Inc. (BROC)
- CCN: Community Care Network
- "Green Up Vermont" — Green Up Day, May 1, 2004
- Poultney-Mettowee Watershed Partnership
- Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Associations & Hospice
- Rutland County Parent/Child Center, Inc.
- Rutland County Women's Network & Shelter
- Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District
- Rutland Region Transportation Council
- Rutland Regional Planning Commission
- Rutland West Neighborhood Housing Services
- Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging, Inc.
- Vermont Center for Independent Living
- Vermont Department of Health
- Vermont Adult Learning
- Vermont League of Cities and Towns
- Wallingford Rescue, Inc.



## SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES

The Solid Waste Alliance Communities are comprised of the towns of Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, and West Haven. Through a cooperative effort, these towns endeavor to resolve solid waste management issues in a cost effective manner. SWAC functions with one administrator, Pam Clapp (518-854-9702). SWAC fulfills the statutory requirements of the state laws covering solid waste. It would prove difficult for individual municipalities to meet state requirements and operate as inexpensively as SWAC. This year the organization has:

- ❖ Restructured the Joint Municipal Survey Committee/Solid Waste Alternative Committee (JMSC/SWAC) into the Solid Waste Alliance Communities (SWAC) under an Interlocal Contract
- ❖ Sponsored Household Hazardous Waste Collection events (mandated by the State)
- ❖ Attended and represented each town at state-wide solid waste planning meetings
- ❖ Written and received state grants to help reduce costs
- ❖ Coordinated paper recycling pickups with Putney Paper (towns receive money for paper collected)
- ❖ Fielded citizen questions and concerns regarding solid and hazardous waste issues.
- ❖ Overseen joint Solid Waste Plan (mandated by the State)

The State adopted its Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP), effective November 1, 2001. All municipalities in the State had 18 months to update their existing Plans. SWAC took steps to ensure that SWAC towns would be in compliance with this State mandate. SWAC submitted an updated SWIP to the State in May 2003, meeting the State deadline. It is anticipated that SWAC will adopt this updated SWIP in 2004. Citizen participation continues to play a major role in the operation of SWAC. We look forward to ongoing dialogue with our citizens. We wish to thank those citizens who participate in our ongoing efforts to recycle and appropriately dispose of solid and hazardous waste.

## **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAYS**

### **Saturday, April 10, 2004**

8:00 a.m. - Noon

RUTLAND TOWN TRANSFER RECYCLING CENTER, in Northwood Park, off Post Road Extension, Rutland

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

CHITTENDEN TRANSFER STATION, Chittenden

### **Saturday, April 17, 2004**

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

PAWLET, Mettowee Comm. School Parking Lot, Rte 123, West Pawlet

10:30 - Noon

MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS TRANSFER STATION, behind fire house

1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

FAIR HAVEN TRANSFER STATION, Fair Haven Avenue

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

WEST HAVEN Elementary School, Corner of Main Rd. and Rt 22A

### **Saturday, September 11, 2004**

8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

SHREWSBURY CENTER GARAGE, behind Shrewsbury Community Meeting House, Shrewsbury Center

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

BENSON TRANSFER CENTER, Benson Extension, Benson

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

SUDBURY RECYCLING CENTER, across from Town Garage, Williams Lane, Sudbury

### **Saturday, September 18, 2004**

8:00 a.m. - noon

RUTLAND TOWN TRANSFER RECYCLING CENTER, in Northwood Park, off Post Road Extension, Rutland

1:30 - 3:00 a.m.

TINMOUTH COMMUNITY CENTER, across from Snack Bar, Route 140, Tinmouth

Please call the Town Office for directions, if necessary.

### **NO CHARGE to**

Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, and West Haven RESIDENTS ONLY.

Proof of residency required.

**Businesses should contact the Rutland County Solid Waste District (775-7209) to arrange for proper disposal of business wastes.**

**For questions or more information,  
please call TOM at 770-1333 or PAM at 518-854-9702.**

**Town of Tinnmouth**  
**TOWN & SCHOOL ANNUAL MEETING**  
**March 1, 2003**

Gail Fallar, Town Clerk, called the Town and School Meetings to order at 1:00 PM. "Due to the absence of the moderator today, it is my duty and pleasure to welcome you all." (Marshall Squier was in Texas on duty with the fire service searching for shuttle parts.)

The meeting began with announcements: the Parent's Club announced sale of soup, sandwiches, drinks, snacks, and a new school t-shirt; childcare available in the Primary Room; the Fire Department was selling fire safety equipment thanks to Bob Noble and Noble Hardware; the Girl Scouts had a sale of Girl Scout cookies; the Tinnmouth Community Fund announced recipients of grants and an August 9 Community Day event; and Pat Goetz explained the poet artist in residence taking place, and asked folks to sign up for an interview by the school children.

Gail then introduced Rutland County Senators Hull Maynard and Kevin Mullin. Mr. Maynard thanked Gail for her work as Representative thus far in Montpelier. He then discussed education and the importance of early education. Mr. Mullin then spoke on the work of Act 60 relief. Doug Fontein, Chair of the School Board, asked the Senators about bills S:121 – school choice, and S:132 – reducing the number of supervisory unions in the state, and the negative impact both of these bills would have on our sense of community in Tinnmouth. Both Senators explained the purpose of presenting bills as getting conversation going, trying to look outside the box, and acknowledging the need to contain educational costs which have increased dramatically in the past six years. There was a question regarding Act 250, and Mr. Maynard explained the creation of Act 250 and the procedure and appeal process, reassuring the town that ten criteria for consideration will remain.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**SCHOOL MEETING**

Doug Fontein, School Board Chair, opened the School meeting at 1:20 pm, and called for nominations for Moderator.

*Article 1: Election of Officers:*

1. Melody Squier nominated Glenn W. Merrill for moderator, with a quick second, move to cease nominations, and voice vote to elect Glenn. Glenn began the meeting explaining that things were going to change: "I'm not a poet, and I know it".
2. There was a round of applause for retiring School Board member Ray Pratt. Dave Nauton was nominated by Cathy Reynolds, seconded by Nelson Jaquay. Stan Wilbur was nominated by Sue Lloyd and seconded; Stan declined the nomination. There was a unanimous voice vote in favor of Dave Nauton for a three-year term.

*Article 2: Shall the voters of the Tinmouth School District appropriate \$970,058 to support the school and students for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003.*

Doug explained the budget challenges of middle and high school tuition, and special education costs. The Principal position has been adjusted from a 50% position to an 80% position, due in large part to the amount of required paperwork in the system. Pat's position will then include 20% time as a math teacher in the 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. The Board acknowledged the "sticker shock" in the cost of education, the cost of insurance, the lack of secure state and federal funding. Donna Jones questioned the line items for school based clinicians, the auditors report was questioned, and others expressed their hope that the Board would not let costs continue to rise.

There was a request by seven voters to have a paper ballot. 84 votes were cast: 56 "yes", 28 "no". The budget passed.

*Article 3: Shall the voters authorize the transfer of any remaining fund balance of the FY02 surplus to the special designated tuition fund? The article was moved and seconded. Article 3 was approved by voice vote.*

*Article 4: Other lawful business.*

Homer Somers said that we are lucky to have dedicated staff and school board members. All applauded. The school meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.

## **TOWN MEETING**

Select Board Chair Cathy Reynolds called the meeting to order at 2:20 pm, and asked for nominations for Moderator.

*1) To elect all Town Officers now required by law. The following officers were elected by voice vote, the clerk being instructed to cast one ballot for each:*

*Moderator – 1 year term - Glenn W. Merrill*

Glenn was elected. Glenn then proceeded to moderate the remainder of Business.

*Select Board Member – 3 year term - Cathy Reynolds*

*Road Commissioner – 3 year term - Hollis Squier*

*Community Center Board – 2 year term – Denise McGinley*

*Lister – 3 year term – Barbara Held*

*Auditor – 3 year term – Bob Lloyd*

*Constable, 1<sup>st</sup> – 1 year term - Laurie Phillips*

*Constable, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 1 year term – Bob Emerick*

*Tax Collector (Delinquent) – 1 year term – Bob Emery*

*Grand Juror – 1 year term – Glenn D. Merrill*

*Town Agent – 1 year term – Hollis Squier*

There was a round of applause thanking Ruth Drachman for her years as a Lister, and another thanking Kate Kruesi for her years as an Auditor.



At this point in the meeting there was a very funny moment when the Town Clerk's cell phone started ringing. The whole room quieted down as she first showed surprise, then searched for her phone, and then answered the call. All gave her a cheer—our State Representative in action! Her brother Hollis called from the back of the room "Can you hear me NOW?"

2) *Shall the Town raise money by taxation or otherwise to pay current expenses of the Town for the year ensuing?*

Glenn asked for any suggestions for raising money other than taxation. Hearing none, taxation approved by voice vote.

3) *Shall taxes be paid to the Treasurer, 1<sup>st</sup> half due August 15<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> half due October 15<sup>th</sup>.* Moved and seconded and approved by voice vote.

4) *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$ 126,000.00 to defray the general expenses of the Town?* Moved and seconded and approved by voice vote.

5) *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$240,750.00 for highway purposes?* Moved and seconded and approved by voice vote.

6) *Shall the voters grant authority to the Select Board to spend any grants or monetary gifts that may be received?* Moved and seconded and approved by voice vote.

7) *Shall the voters re-designate the Special Designated Building Fund, created in 2002 for the long term repair and maintenance of town buildings, to include the construction of a sand and salt shed?*

Cathy Reynolds explained the need to add a salt/sand shed, and the benefit of adding construction funds to an existing maintenance/repair fund. This was followed by a brief discussion of the necessity for protecting the sand pile from freezing with small amounts of salt, and protecting salt from leaching. Moved and seconded and approved by voice vote.

8) *Shall the voters appropriate \$8,000 to the Special Designated Building Fund?* Approved by voice vote.

9) *Be it resolved that the citizens of the Town of Tinmouth urgently call upon our municipal leaders, state legislators, governor, and Congressional delegation to put Vermont in the forefront of a sustainable energy future. Specifically, we request immediate and ongoing action on legislative initiatives designed to promote energy efficiency in Vermont's homes, businesses, public buildings, and transportation systems, and to encourage expansion of the renewable energy industry in the State of Vermont?*

Nancy Birdsall spoke in favor of reducing dependence on foreign oil and supporting development of sustainable technology in the state. Moved and seconded and approved by voice vote.

10) *Shall the Town appropriate \$10,000 from the existing Rehab Housing Fund for a special playground fund, contingent upon receipt of a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant in the year 2003 or 2004?*

After the question was moved and seconded, Cathy Reynolds provided

information on the need for a new playground, the high cost, the \$20,000 grant and need for local matching of \$20,000. The community would raise \$5,000 and provide \$5,000 in-kind, with volunteer labor. Cathy explained land designation for the playground—that spot would be restricted to recreation in the future, and described the meeting to decide on location of playground and ballfield. A few town members voiced their support. Article approved by voice vote.

**11) Transact any other lawful business.**

Sue Lloyd shared her concern with Doyle survey question #9 and her hope for instant runoff voting being a better system to insure the impact of the popular vote on future elections. Margaret Morin thanked Ruth Drachman for doing a great job as our town Librarian, as well as Barbara Held, Assistant Librarian and Bob Drachman for their dedication to the Library. She also thanked Tom Schmelzenbach for his work to establish a speed limit on East Road.

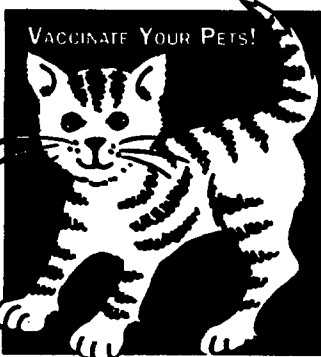
Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Fallar, Town Clerk


# **RABIES ALERT**

**Rabies is a disease that can kill animals and people.**

VACCINATE YOUR PETS!



- \* Vermont law requires rabies shots for all CATS and DOGS.
- \* Rabies shots help protect pets and pet owners from rabies.
- \* Enjoy wildlife from a safe distance. Remember, rabid animals have been found in all Vermont counties.



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**WARNING  
SPECIAL MEETING  
Zoning Bylaw Amendment Vote  
March 2, 2004**

The legal voters of the Town of Tinmouth, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to vote by Australian Ballot at the Town Offices on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 between 8 AM and 7 PM on the following changes to the Zoning Bylaws and Subdivision Regulations.

**Article 1:** Shall the Town adopt the amendments to the Zoning Bylaws as approved by the Selectboard, January 26, 2004?

Dated at Tinmouth, Vermont this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2004.

**Select Board  
Town of Tinmouth, Vermont**  
*Cathy Reynolds, Chair  
Caleb Scott  
Michael Fannin*

Texts of the proposed amendments to the Tinmouth Zoning Bylaws are available at the Town Offices during office hours, Mondays and Thursdays 8 – 12 am and 1 – 5 pm, Saturdays 9 – 12 am.

Checklist posted by February 2. If your name is not on it, register no later than 12:00 noon on Sat., Feb. 21, 2004 at your Town Clerk's Office.

**Absentee ballots:**

Request your absentee ballot in person, by telephone, or in writing no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 1 (the day before the vote).

A voter or family member may apply all three ways above; other authorized person may only apply in person or in writing.

You can vote your absentee ballot:

- In town clerk's office.
- Pick up your absentee ballot at the town clerk's office and return it to clerk's or to the polling place before 7 p.m. on voting day.
- Request that a ballot be mailed to you, and return it to clerk's office or to polling place before 7p.m. on voting day.
- If sick or disabled, request that two justices of the peace bring a ballot to you on any of the eight days preceding the day of the voting or the day of voting.

Sample ballots posted: Saturday, February 21, 2004.

An informational hearing will be held on February 28, 2004 at 12:30 pm in the Community Center.

**WARNING**  
**TINMOUTH TOWN MEETING**  
**February 28, 2004**

The legal voters of the Town of Tinmouth, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Tinmouth Community Center on Saturday, February 28, 2004 at 1:00 P.M. to act upon the following Town Business for the year ensuing, Viz:

- 1) To elect all Town Officers now required by law.
  - Moderator – 1 year term
  - Select Board Member – 3 year term
  - Lister – 3 year term
  - Auditor – 3 year term
  - Constable, 1<sup>st</sup> – 1 year term
  - Constable, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 1 year term
  - Tax Collector (Delinquent) – 1 year term
  - Grand Juror – 1 year term
  - Town Agent – 1 year term
- 2) Shall the Town raise money by taxation or otherwise to pay current expenses of the Town for the year ensuing?
- 3) Shall taxes be paid to the Treasurer, 1<sup>st</sup> half due August 15<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> half due October 15<sup>th</sup>
- 4) Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$ 137,805.00 to defray the general expenses of the Town?
- 5) Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$ 250,375.00 for highway purposes?
- 6) Shall the voters grant authority to the Select Board to spend any grants or monetary gifts that may be received?
- 7) Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$800 for the Association for Retarded Citizens – Rutland Area?
- 8) Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$500 for the Rutland County Parent/Child Center, Inc.?
- 9) Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$200 for the Rutland West Neighborhood Services Inc.?
- 10) Transact any other lawful business.

Dated at Tinmouth, Vermont this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 2004.

**Select Board**  
**Town of Tinmouth, Vermont**

*Cathy Reynolds*  
*Michael Fannin*  
*Caleb Scott*

**WARNING**  
**ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**  
**February 28, 2004**

The legal voters of the School District of Tinmouth, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Tinmouth Community Center on Saturday, February 28, 2004 at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following articles:

1. To elect the following school district officers:  
    Moderator for a term of one (1) year.  
    School director for a term of three (3) years.
2. Shall the voters of the Tinmouth School District appropriate \$1,031,384.00 necessary for the support of its school and students for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005?
3. Shall the voters authorize the transfer of any remaining fund balance of the FY03 surplus to the special designated tuition fund?
4. Shall the voters authorize the Tinmouth School District to allow the school board to spend unexpected revenues such as grants, gifts, or interest on investments?
5. To transact any other lawful business.

Dated at Tinmouth, Vermont, January 26, 2004.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

*Doug Fontein, Chairman*  
*Helen Mango, Clerk*  
*David Nauton, Member*

**Town of Tinnmouth**  
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at 1 p.m. at the Tinnmouth Community Center.

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