

THE TOWN OF TINMOUTH, VERMONT



Annual Report of the Town Officers
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022

**The 2022 Town Report is dedicated to
Cathy Reynolds**

The 2022 Town Report is dedicated to Cathy Reynolds, who is stepping down from the Select Board, having served 6 years this time – 2017-2023, and 15 years from 1994 – 2009, many of those years as Chair. She has served the town in many capacities, to mention a few . . .

Select Board
Tinmouth Community Center – Clerk of the Works
Tinmouth Community Center Building Manager
Tinmouth Old Firehouse Restoration
Playground Committee
Tinmouth Community Fund Officer
Tinmouth Community Fund Continuing Education Scholarship Program
Town Fun Days
Energy Committee
Website Committee
Plant Sale Grand Poo-Bah
Grant Writer
Board of Adjustment
School Parents Club

Her tireless efforts and enthusiasm to enhance Tinmouth's sense of community is greatly appreciated. We look forward to her continued energy and endeavors as she continues to serve in many of her other roles.



*Town Meeting
February 2018 and 2020*



Plant sale 2014 and 2022



~ On the cover ~

Tinmouth Garage – completed in 2023

Eric Buffum, Road Commissioner

Ronnie Crossman, Full-time Road Crew and Glenn Merrill, Part-time Road Crew

~ Photo credits ~

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TOWN OF TINMOUTH

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TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Elected Town and School Officers – Elected in 2022 (Bold)

Moderator: Holly Ross *

Town Clerk: Gail Fallar (2023)*

Town Treasurer: Gail Fallar (2023)*

Select Board: Cathy Reynolds (2023)*
Meadow Squier (2024)
Kevin Eaton (2025)

Mill River Unified Union School District Director:
Josh Squier (2025)*

Community Center Board: **Martha Stanley** (2024)

Road Commissioner: **Eric Buffum** (2024)

Listers: Gail Fallar (2023)*
Pat Psholka (2024)
Rick Fallar (2025)

Auditors: Ann Czar (2023)*
Vito Macaluso (2024)
Sandy Goyette (2025)

Delinquent Tax Collector: **Catherine Yoder ***

* Term expires this year – 2023; () - Year term expires

Officers Elected at General Election
(November 2022)

Justices of the Peace

Nelson Jaquay
Anna Majorell

Sherry Johnson
Nate Miner (*resigned*)

Marshall Squier



A hearty **Happy 100th Birthday**
to Rose Napolitano
in 2022!

TOWN OF TINMOUTH

Officers Appointed by Select Board – 2022 (Bold, for those with terms. Most others are annual.)

Board of Adjustment

Bart Eaton (2025)

Todd Dennis (2023)*

Ed Hasenhor (2024)

Sherry Johnson (2023)*

Robert Lloyd (2024)

Tracylea Byford (2024)

Vito Macaluso (2025)

Michael Fallar, Alternate

Planning Commission

Michael Fallar, Chair (2023)*

Larry Carabeau (2023)*

Andy Gilmore (2024)

Kim Harbaugh (2025)

Robert Lloyd (2025)

Vito Macaluso (2023)*

Pat Psholka (2024)

Judy Gilmore (2025)

Rainbow Squier (2024)

Zoning Administrator

Gail Fallar (2023)*

911 Coordinator

Gail Fallar

Rutland Regional Planning Commission

Robert Lloyd, Commissioner

Michael Fallar, *Alternate*

RRPC Regional Transportation Council

Sherry Johnson

Michael Fannin, *Alternate*

Solid Waste Alliance Communities

Chris Martone

Wheaton Squier, *Alternate*

Tinmouth Library Trustee

Gene Usher (2025)

Rutland Free Library Trustee

Barry Cohen (2024)

Health Officer

Meadow Squier

Theresa Schmelzenbach, Deputy

Safety & Wellness Committee

Ronnie Crossman

Kevin Eaton

Gail Fallar

Chris Martone

Ray Pratt, Chair

Regional Emergency Management Committee

Michael Fannin, EMD

Ray Pratt, EMC

Tree Warden

David Birdsall Wheaton Squier, Deputy

Green-Up Day Committee

Doug Fontein

Ed Hasenohr

Nelson Jaquay

Housing Rehab Loan Review Committee

Select Board

Animal Control Officers

David Birdsall

Paul Morris, Deputy

Town Huggers

Hollis Squier Patti (Cow Patti) Macaluso

Community Center Board

Cathy Reynolds (appointed by Select Board)

Josh Squier (MRUUSD Member)

Martha Stanley (2024) (elected at Town Mtg.)

Energy Committee

Todd Dennis, Energy Coordinator & Chair

Ray Pratt

Cathy Reynolds

Weighers of Coal

Michael Fannin Cathy Reynolds

Inspector of Lumber & Shingles

Doug Fontein

Michael Fallar

Tree Policy Committee

Frank Sears

Sherry Johnson

Eric Buffum

Gail Fallar

David Birdsall

Wheaton Squier

Pound Keeper

Glenn D. Merrill

Fence Viewers

Michael Fallar Ralph Lewis

Glenn D. Merrill Caleb Scott

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Officers Appointed by Select Board – 2022 *Continued*

Conservation Commission

Jeff Ams (2024)
Chuck Bronk (2026)
Doug Fontein (2024)
Ed Hasenohr (2026)
Nelson Jaquay (2024)
Robbie Leeds (2023)*
Rainbow Squier, Chair (2026)

Solid Waste & Recycling Committee

Jonathan Czar Gail Fallar
Helen Mango Chris Martone
Wheaton Squier, Chair

Old Creamery Committee

Michael Fallar, Chair Doug Fontein
Stan Wilbur Vito Macaluso

Speed Study Committee

Tracy Byford Sherry Johnson
Ray Pratt Hollis Squier Jeff Warfle

ARPA Committee

Holly Ross, Chair Theresa Butts
Charles Byford Gregg Casey
Michael Fallar Sherry Johnson
Martha Stanley

Tinmouth Website Committee

Logan Birdsall Nancy Gucker Birdsall
Todd Dennis Sherry Johnson
Cathy Reynolds

Equity & Inclusion Committee

Logan Birdsall Todd Dennis
Michael Fallar Kim Harbaugh
Sherry Johnson Lothar Schmelzenbach
Meadow Squier, Chair Melody Squier
Rainbow Squier Emma Weatherhogg

**Select Board Liaison to Rutland County Sheriff's
Department &
to Tinmouth Road Crew**
Kevin Eaton

~ NOTICES ~

Town Clerk-Office Hours:

Monday & Thursday, 8 a.m. - Noon and 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
and most Saturdays 9 – 12 *Or by appointment if necessary.*
Telephone: 802-446-2498; Fax: 802-446-2498
E-mail: tinmouthtown@vermontel.net

Dumpcards, dog licenses, zoning permits, tax payments can be done via mail or email, as well as in person.

Tinmouth Website: tinmouthvt.org

Town Calendar - Monthly Meetings (Being held in-person with virtual participation option.)

Select Board	Town Office	2 nd Thursday 6:00 p.m.
Planning Commission	Town Office	3 rd Thursday 7:00 p.m.
Volunteer Fire Dept.	Fire House	1 st Thursday 7:00 p.m.
Tinmouth Energy Committee	Town Office	<i>Scheduled as needed</i>
Tinmouth Historical & Genealogical Society	Town Office	4 th Sunday <i>(except Nov. & Dec.)</i>
Conservation Commission	Town Office	3 rd Monday every other month
Equity & Inclusion Committee	Town Office	<i>Every other month (see website calendar)</i>
Additional Town Committees	Town Office	<i>Scheduled as needed</i>

Emergency Number

Fire Department, Rescue Squad/Ambulance, State Police Dial 911
If 911 is not operational, call the Tinmouth Fire House @ 802-446-2460

TOWN OF TINMOUTH

Notices (*continued*)

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 call Glenn D. Merrill, Fire Warden 802-446-2782
or Wheaton Squier, Deputy 802-446-2082

To report a FOREST FIRE, call 911.

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 Voter's Oath in the State of Vermont.

Please contact the Town Clerk for an application to the Check List. You can also register through the DMV, or online at "My Voter Page": mvp.sec.state.vt.us.

Vermont has **same-day voter registration**, meaning that if you have not previously registered to vote and want to do so on election day, you can register then and there. You do need to be a resident of the town in which you are registering to vote, and must provide proof of residency (like a utility bill), and identification (driver's license).

Transfer Station Hours

The Transfer Station (for trash disposal and recycling) is open Saturday morning 8:00-12:00 and Wednesday afternoon 4:00-7:00. A punch ticket is required (\$25 for 10 punches or \$125 for 50 punches). Each 30-gallon bag of trash is 1 punch (\$2.50). Larger items are priced according to size.

Recycling is FREE

1. Zero Sort for glass, tin cans, aluminum, #1-7 plastic (you don't have to separate)
2. Paper – sort newspaper; corrugated cardboard; and all other papers
3. Metal

Punch tickets must be obtained at the Town Office. Information sheets are available at the Transfer Station or Town Office.

Electronics – Computers and Computer peripherals – no charge – special containers for collection in shed.

Household Hazardous Waste is not collected in Town. See special collection locations & dates on Page 38-39.

Refrigerators, freezers, air-conditioners, and all items containing Freon are no longer accepted.
Hubbard Brothers on Cold River Road in Rutland is an option for disposal.

Library Hours - Thursday afternoons: 2:00 – 5:00 pm *Ruth Drachman*, Librarian

Zoning & Subdivision Regulations

Permits are required for the following:

- New driveways (Driveway)-No Fee
- New Building Construction or Alteration (Zoning) - \$5.00 Fee*
- Change of Use (Zoning) - \$5.00 Fee*
- Subdivision of Land (Subdivision) - \$25.00 Fee*
- Application to Board of Adjustment - \$25.00 Fee*
- New septic systems or repairs – State Permit Required, copy to be provided to the Town

*Fees may be reviewed and changed in 2023.

If you have any questions or need an application, please contact:

Gail Fallar, Tinmouth Zoning Administrator 802-446-2498 or tinmouthtown@vermontel.net

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Notices *(continued)*

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), property owners, 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, 515 North End Road, Tinmouth, VT 05773, or by email. There is no charge, although donations are gratefully appreciated. The newsletter is published with volunteer help; donations cover postage and printing. E-mail is tinmouthtales@vermontel.net. Deadline for submissions is 20th of the month. Ads accepted with a donation.

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 36 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: \$9.00 neutered male or spayed female; \$13.00 male or female not neutered/spayed, price includes \$5.00 for State Rabies and Neutering Programs. The price increases by 50% after April 1st.

Licenses are available at the Town Clerk's office.

Front Porch Forum ~ Connect with your Tinmouth Neighbors

Front Porch Forum is a company that provides online digital news for all Vermont Towns. Each town has its own site for neighbors to share news, events, etc. In Tinmouth, meeting agendas and notices are posted here as well.

To sign up, go to <http://FrontPorchForum.com>, or stop by the town office for assistance.

Post upcoming events; sell, swap or trade; comment on current issues; keep track of what's happening in town; give someone a pat on the back; etc. You get an email several times a week, read the postings or not, you don't have to post anything. It helps everyone keep in touch and provides for better communication.

If you own property here, but live out of town, use your Tinmouth 911 address for your location.



*Special Tinmouth Town Meeting, May 2, 2022
Voted 72 to 35 to end traditional Town Meeting in favor of Australian Ballot voting*

TOWN OF TINMOUTH

Report of the Select Board January 2023

During the year 2022, the Board focused on moving the Town Garage project forward. As of January 2023, the Road Crew is busy moving into the garage! The Board and the Road Crew are excited and grateful to have completed this project, which has been discussed for at least 10 years and actively worked on since 2016. In 2023, the Board will focus on the salt and sand shed. The Town received a \$300,000 grant from the Vermont Transportation Alternatives Program to support this project. As the project moves into planning, the cost estimate will be updated.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding came to the Town as a Covid recovery program which added \$177,562 to our coffers. In May a Special Town Meeting was held and the 100 + attendees were asked to show their preference for spending on various proposals. An ARPA Committee was appointed to review the 4 main proposals developed at the Special Town Meeting which included the Fire Department, the Old Creamery, Recreation and Emerald Ash Borer work. Additional ideas were developed and recommendations were made to the Selectboard; the total cost of all recommendations for projects totaled twice the amount of money received. The final report of the ARPA Committee is on page 29. The full report of the ARPA committee can be found on the Town's website at [tinmouthvt.org/resources/](https://www.tinmouthvt.org/resources/), and is available at the Town Office. As of early 2023, the Board authorized spending for several small dollar items – a tablet for the Road Crew to document and manage the Stormwater Management Program requirements, an “Owl” to allow for better video and sound during Town Zoom meetings, and a cyber security plan for the Town Office. The remainder has not been allocated to date.

A proposal to purchase a right of way from Mountain View Road to the Town-owned recreation lot that is part of the Town Garage/Transfer Station parcel was also proposed and approved by voters in November 2022. A petition for a revote (to rescind the original vote) was received and voted on January 17, 2023. To overcome the original vote, where 178 yes votes were received, 2/3 of that total, or 119 votes were required to rescind. The final vote tally was 76 to rescind and 67 not to rescind. Therefore, the vote was not rescinded. Negotiations with the landowners will resume and a mutually agreeable location for a right of way will be sought. ARPA funding will be used for this acquisition if it moves forward.

Speed limits were also the topic of various meetings. The Board requested several speed studies from the Rutland County Sheriff's Department and the Rutland Regional Planning Commission. These studies will inform the work of a Speed Limit Committee in 2023. To change a speed limit, a detailed process must be followed for each road section, considering the results of the speed study as well as the road and neighborhood characteristics. The Town Speed Ordinance must then be amended with detailed descriptions of limits on each road as well as locations of stop signs. Setting or changing a speed limit yields the most effective results with enhanced enforcement, so coordination with our Sheriff Department Deputy will occur in 2023; watch your speed.

A petition to return to Australian ballot for all Town votes was received in May and the Town voted to conduct all elections by Australian ballot moving forward.

The Road Crew of Eric Buffum, Road Commissioner and Ron Crossman expanded in 2022 to include Glenn Merrill who worked spring-fall to support the site work for the Town Garage, road improvement projects and cover for vacations. Great progress was made on the Stormwater Management requirements and a new culvert was installed on North End Road over Potter's Brook. Thanks to the team for their excellent service in keeping our roads up to standards and well maintained. On the equipment side, the 25-year-old loader was replaced with a new one in 2022.

Emerald Ash borer is moving our way. Tinmouth has thousands of ash trees on the roadsides. The Road Crew will do an initial project in 2023 to determine the best way to manage ash along the roadsides and the most cost-effective way to remove them.

All Selectboard and other meetings are now available via Zoom. Selectboard meetings are recorded and recordings are available on the Town website at <https://www.tinmouthvt.org/selectboard/>. The Board meets monthly at 6 pm on the second Thursday in person or via Zoom. Civil feedback from townspeople is always welcome as are volunteers to help fill the many jobs that help keep the Town operating.

Respectfully Submitted, Tinmouth Select Board
Cathy Reynolds, Chair Meadow Squier Kevin Eaton

TOWN OF TINMOUTH

Tinmouth Public Works Facilities

Discussions about a new Town Garage have been going on for many years. In 2016, a structural engineer was hired to assess the existing garage to consider an addition to that building. The report was not promising, so in 2017, a civil engineering firm was hired to do a master plan for the whole parcel considering a new town garage and new expanded salt and sand shed. The Town bonded \$850,000 (only \$339,500 was borrowed) for the Town Garage and a Salt and Sand Shed in March of 2020. Then Covid hit and prices skyrocketed and construction contractors were hard to find.

Here we are in January of 2023 and the building has been turned over to the Town and the Road Crew is happily moving in and getting organized. There is a bit of site work to do in the spring, but otherwise the building is mostly complete. We hope to have an Open House in the future.

Step two of the process is to build a Salt and Sand Shed. In April 2022 the Town was awarded a \$300,000 grant to supplement dwindling funds from the bond to build this structure. This grant requires a \$75,000 match, which we have in our Building Fund. We have begun planning with the support of the Rutland Regional Planning Commission who is acting as our Project Manager to help us navigate our way through a rigorous State grant process. Unfortunately, we do not believe we have enough funds to build this building now due to construction cost increases. We will get far enough into the planning process to have an engineer do cost estimating. Once we have a good construction estimate, it is likely another grant will need to be procured. The State has awarded ~13 of these grants and only 2 have been built to date due to cost increases.

Our thanks to Stan Wilbur who was our project manager for the early phases of planning and bidding this project, and to Eric Buffum for overseeing all implementing the site work done by the road crew and being the site liaison for construction.

Cathy Reynolds, Selectboard Chair

TINMOUTH TOWN PROPERTY

Mountain View Road

Town Office / Library * Old Firehouse * Old Town Sheds * Old Creamery * Pizza Oven

Town Green

**Tinmouth Community Center * * Tinmouth Mountain School (Pre-K through 6th grade)
WeeFolk and original Playgrounds and Ballfield**

Route 140

Town Garage & Transfer Station

Tinmouth Mountain

Town Forest & Cabin

TINMOUTH TOWN HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

Trucks: Ford F550 Dump **2019**
International-Black Tandem Dump **2019**
International-Orange Tandem Dump **2022**
Loader: Caterpillar 926M **2022**
Excavator: Caterpillar 307E2 **2016**
Skid Steer: Caterpillar 242D **2016**
Grader: Campion 730A **1999**
Wood Chipper 2006
Trailer for Excavator 1998
Blower for Skid Steer 2018
Roller for Grader under construction
Sander for 1 ton 2017
Chain Saws (3)
Back Pack Blowers (2)

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
General & Highway Fund Report - FY 22

Balance 7/1/21 Checking Account **\$134,811.50**

Receipts

State Highway Aid	84,940.94	
Highway Grant in Aide	10,639.14	
Extra State Highway Aide	9,401.04	
Reim. to Hwy from Capital Fund re:town garage	53,466.00	
Property Taxes Collected FY20 (Town & School)	1,613,032.36	
Use Value – State	66,747.00	
Fish & Wildlife in lieu of taxes	5,415.00	
Act 60 Re-appraisal & Homestead – State	4,303.50	
Delinquent Taxes (tax, penalty, interest, expenses)	79,970.86	
Transfer Station fees	12,612.00	
Recycling	102.15	
Current Use Penalty	1,488.50	
Dog Licenses & Fees	1,680.00	
Zoning Permit Fees	115.00	
Marriage/CU License Fees	300.00	
Copies	1,337.92	
Interest – checking	714.32	
Traffic tickets	952.50	
Reimbursements/Refunds	1,303.37	
Milfoil Project State Grant (pass-through)	3,147.00	
Community Center Manager Salary Reimbsmnt FY21	1,162.62	
Overweight truck permits	100.00	
Town Clerk Recording Fees	6,765.00	
Town Office Fees	110.00	
Miscellaneous-Mountain Cabin	40.00	
American Rescue Act Plan ARPA Funds	88,781.03	
Overpaid FY23 Property Taxes	279.42	
Prepaid FY22 Property Taxes	(312.87)	
Transfer from Record Preservation Fund (FY20)	<u>409.83</u>	
Total FY 22 Receipts		2,049,003.63

Disbursements

Town and Highway Orders	794,290.81	
School Property Tax Transfer	1,078,823.59	
ARPA Expenditures	1,939.00	
Milfoil Transfers	<u>3,147.00</u>	
		(1,878,200.40)

Balance 6/30/22 Town Checking Account **\$ 305,614.73**

Respectfully submitted, *Gail Fallar*, Treasurer

FY23 – a Construction Bond for the Town Garage was procured for \$339,500.
Principal paid \$16,975 in FY23. Balance is \$322,525.

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
General & Highway Fund Budget
Revenues

	FY22 Budget	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budget	FY23 Budget
HIGHWAY				
State Highway Aide	\$ 84,000	\$ 84,941	\$ 84,000	\$ 84,000
Hwy Bridge & Culvert Grant FY19	0	0	36,000	0
Grant In Aide FY21	6,000	10,639	6,000	6,000
State Hwy Aide-Extra	0	9,401	0	0
Reim Capital Fund T.G.	0	53,466	0	0
Carry Forward/Tree Work	5,000	0	0	0
Subtotals	95,000	158,447	126,000	90,000
GENERAL				
Property Taxes*	596,680	534,209	662,365	682,955
Use Value - State	59,000	66,747	62,000	62,000
Current Use Penalty	0	1,489	0	0
Fish & Wildlife Taxes In	5,000	5,415	5,000	5,000
Delinquent Taxes*	0	70,659	0	0
Delinquent Interest	1,900	4,738	4,000	4,000
Delinquent Fees	1,500	4,574	2,000	2,000
Delinquent Expenses	0	0	0	0
Transfer Station Fees	11,000	12,612	11,000	12,500
Recycling	50	102	50	50
Dog Licenses & Fees	1,600	1,680	1,600	1,600
Zoning/ZBA Permit Fees	100	115	100	100
Marriage/CU Licenses	60	300	120	120
Copies	1,200	1,338	1,200	1,200
Refunds/Reimbursements	0	1,303	0	0
Interest - Checking Acct.	1,000	714	1,000	2,500
Old Firehouse Donations	0	0	0	0
Traffic tickets	1,500	953	1,000	1,000
Milfoil Grant (pass through)	0	3,147	0	0
Comm.Center Reimbursement	1,100	1,163	1,150	1,280
Overwt Truck Permits	100	100	100	100
Grants	0	0	0	0
Town Office Fees	50	110	50	50
Mtn Cabin Rent	0	40	0	0
TC Recording Fees	6,000	6,765	6,000	6,800
General Subtotal	687,840	718,273	758,735	783,255
Total Revenue	\$ 782,840	\$ 876,720	\$ 884,735	\$ 873,255
ARPA funds	0	\$ 88,781		
Re-appraisal Funds	0	\$ 4,303		

* Select Board amended budget when setting tax rate based on Auditor's recommendation.
Zero'd out delinquent taxes and added them to the property tax line.

TOWN OF TINMOUTH Highway Budget Expenses

	FY 22 Budget	FY 22 Actual	FY 23 Budget	FY 24 Budget
HIGHWAY EXPENSES				
Wages	\$ 99,900	\$ 94,949	\$ 107,700	\$ 113,500
Wages Over-time	17,000	12,831	17,000	17,600
Extra Help	5,000	20,845	7,500	28,400
FICA	7,600	8,735	8,200	10,200
Medicare	1,775	2,043	2,000	2,400
VMERS	7,025	7,191	8,925	9,200
Health Insurance	30,000	21,576	30,000	23,900
Dental Insurance	1,200	1,196	1,200	1,200
Disability Insurance	600	410	600	600
Workers Comp/Unemployment	11,000	10,016	10,000	10,650
Uniform Allowance	900	1,010	900	900
Safety Equipment	0	410	0	500
Property & Liability Ins	7,500	5,918	7,500	10,700
Repairs/Maintenance/Parts	18,000	13,595	18,000	18,000
Diesel Fuel	20,000	25,636	20,000	31,200
Tools	500	2,800	500	500
Gasoline	250	354	250	250
Winter Salt	45,000	29,564	45,000	35,000
Winter Sand	14,000	12,566	14,000	14,000
Gravel/Stone	17,500	18,952	17,500	22,500
Paving	100,000	97,873	100,000	100,000
Cold Patch/Hot Mix	500	276	500	500
Chloride	12,000	9,837	12,000	12,000
Culverts	5,000	0	5,000	5,000
Road Signs/Work Signs	800	486	800	800
Winter Contracts	6,800	1,680	6,800	6,800
Misc./Contingency	1,500	1,705	1,500	1,500
Hay	0	714	0	0
Grading Hired	0	600	0	0
Roadside Mowing	5,550	5,135	5,550	10,000
Mileage	200	311	200	200
Equipment Rent	750	1,428	750	1,500
Bldg repair	1,000	437	1,000	1,000
Electricity	900	1,123	900	2,000
Fuel Oil/Propane	1,000	1,218	1,000	2,500
Telephone	1,500	1,810	1,650	1,800
Equipment Fund Allocation	76,500	76,500	77,275	71,500
Salt/Sand Shed Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Crack Sealing Paved Roads	10,000	12,750	10,000	5,000
ANR Permit	2,500	1,510	2,500	2,500
Hwy Reserve Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Roller Grant	0	2,274	0	0
Grant In Aide	2,000	1,451	2,000	2,000
Ash Tree Removal	5,000	734	5,000	5,000
Carry Forward	3,274	0	0	0
Potter's Brook Culvert	0	0	54,800	0
Bond Payment Town Garage	0	0	24,000	20,500
Total Highway	551,524	520,449	640,000	613,300

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Highway Budget (continued)

	Budget FY 22	Actual FY 22	Budget FY 23	Budget FY 24
Public Works Facilities				
EB Wages	0	2,594	0	0
RC Wages	0	3,952	0	0
GM Wages	0	4,687	0	0
Engineering	0	5,617	0	0
Legal	0	3,035	0	0
Permit Fees	0	5,080	0	0
Audit Services	0	3,587	0	0
Bond Interest	0	1,857	0	0
Gravel	0	15,975	0	0
Equipment Rent	0	3,180	0	0
Supplies/Misc/Pipe/Gas	0	4,096	0	0
Subcontractor	0	2,400	0	0
Total Public Works Facilities	0	56,060	0	0
TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES	\$ 551,524	\$ 576,509	\$ 640,000	\$ 613,300
Approved Budget \$548,250 + \$3,274* =\$551,524				
<i>*carry forward</i>				

**General Budget
Expenses**

	Budget FY 22	Actual FY 22	Budget FY 23	Budget FY 24
GENERAL EXPENSES				
Select Board	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Select Board Assistant	7,160	8,767	7,500	9,000
Town Clerk	30,765	30,765	32,300	33,900
Treasurer	12,730	12,730	13,375	14,050
Assistant TC & Treas.	6,250	4,032	6,250	11,100
Auditors	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
Delinquent Tax Collector	2,935	2,935	3,080	3,235
Listers	3,600	5,381	3,800	5,000
Health Officer	500	0	500	500
Zoning Admin/PC Sec.	1,500	1,736	1,500	2,000
Emergency Management	200	200	200	200
Animal Control Officers	200	0	200	200
Town Bookkeeper	3,150	1,685	3,150	3,700
Comm. Ctr. Director	1,080	1,080	1,135	1,190
Paint/Work Crew	2,500	0	2,500	2,500
FICA	4,760	4,449	4,900	5,300
Medicare	1,110	1,030	1,200	1,200
VMERS	3,240	3,598	3,560	4,000
Health Insurance	5,000	6,008	5,000	6,050

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
General Budget Expenses (continued)

	Budget FY 22	Actual FY 22	Budget FY 23	Budget FY 24
Dental Insurance	650	598	650	650
Workers Comp/Unemployment	400	281	400	425
W/C Fire Dept	1,500	305	1,500	1,200
Disability Insurance	325	172	325	325
Insurance Prop/Liability	4,775	4,704	6,000	6,000
Telephone	1,750	1,810	1,750	1,750
Electricity	900	728	900	900
Fuel Oil	2,000	1,284	2,000	2,000
Lawn Care	1,000	740	1,000	1,000
Office Supplies	4,600	4,083	4,600	4,600
Postage	1,500	2,231	1,500	1,500
Town Report	1,200	865	1,200	1,200
County Taxes	7,200	5,498	7,350	8,900
Legal Fees	2,500	810	2,500	2,500
Professional Services	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,975
Computer Software/Hardware	1,300	566	1,300	1,300
Miscellaneous	750	474	750	750
Old Cemetery Maintenance	500	400	500	500
Mileage	100	0	100	100
Building Repair	1,500	824	1,500	1,500
Marriage/CU Licenses	150	350	150	150
State Dog Tax	800	830	800	800
Dog Control Fees	100	0	100	100
Workshops/Seminars	500	329	500	500
Planning (Advertising)	500	419	500	500
Planning Grant (LEMP)	0	4,419	0	0
Property Map Update	1,000	1,300	1,000	1,400
Building/Repair Fund	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Web Site Support *	750	0	750	750
Conservation Commission *	500	0	500	500
Advertising	500	117	500	500
Total General Expenses	\$ 136,430	\$ 128,033	\$ 141,275	\$ 156,900
<i>*Unused balance transferred to Special Account</i>				
LAW ENFORCEMENT				
Workers Comp	\$ 0	\$ 32	\$ 25	\$ 5
Liability Insurance	0	168	0	0
County Sheriff Contract	24,675	17,074	23,760	24,775
Total Law Enforcement	\$ 24,675	\$ 17,274	\$ 23,785	\$ 24,800

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
General Budget Expenses (continued)

	Budget FY 22	Actual FY 22	Budget FY 23	Budget FY 24
SOLID WASTE				
Salaries	6,200	6,110	6,500	6,700
Hauling - Solid Waste	2,400	2,400	3,000	3,200
Disposal Solid Waste	8,000	7,732	8,000	10,800
HHW Disposal	1,000	1,502	1,000	1,000
Dues & Fees	3,000	2,660	3,200	3,200
State Trash Tax	1,000	444	1,000	0
Supplies/Equip/Repairs	1,000	551	1,000	1,000
FICA	400	397	410	410
Medicare	100	93	100	100
Miscellaneous	200	300	200	200
Workers Comp	900	638	650	650
Recycling Disposal	2,200	1,968	2,200	2,800
Recycling Hauling	2,000	2,700	2,500	2,800
Total Solid Waste	\$ 28,400	\$ 27,495	\$ 29,760	\$ 32,860
ORGANIZATIONS/DUES				
VACD	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100
BROC	200	200	200	200
Green-Up Vermont	50	50	50	50
Poultney Rescue Squad	700	700	700	700
RRPC	975	975	1,000	1,000
Rutland Cty Parent/Child	500	500	500	500
NewStory	175	175	175	175
Rutland Free Library	3,100	3,100	3,010	3,160
Rutland Mental Health	550	550	550	550
Rutland NRCD	250	250	250	250
SW Office on Aging	300	300	300	300
Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Pro	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Tinmouth Vol. Fire Dept.	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
VLCT	1,825	1,826	1,775	1,825
VNA/Hospice	800	800	800	800
Vt Adult Learning Ctr	200	200	200	200
Vt Ctr. Independ. Living	80	80	80	80
Vt Old Cemetery Assoc.	25	25	25	25
Wallingford Rescue Squad	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
NeighborWorks	200	200	200	200
A.R.C	800	800	800	800
Poultney-Mettowee Watersh	500	500	500	500
VT Trails & Greenways	55	0	0	50
Tinmouth Cemetery	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
General Budget Expenses (continued)

	Budget FY 22	Actual FY 22	Budget FY 23	Budget FY 24
Vermont Cons Commission	50	0	50	50
American Red Cross	250	250	250	250
Child First Advocacy Ctr	400	400	400	400
RSVP & Volunteer Group*	0	0	200	200
Total Dues & Organizations	\$ 45,085	\$ 44,981	\$ 45,115	\$ 45,365
Milfoil Grant Pass Through		\$ 3,147		

**Voted at Town Meeting*

Town & Highway Budget TOTALS				
TOTAL General Expenses	\$ 234,590	\$ 217,783	\$ 239,935	\$ 259,925
TOTAL Highway Expenses	\$ 551,524	\$ 520,449	\$ 640,000	\$ 613,300
TOTAL Public Works Facilities		\$ 56,060		
TOTAL General & Highway	\$ 786,114	\$ 794,292	\$ 879,935	\$ 873,225
Milfoil Grant Pass Through		\$ 3,147		
Property Tax Transfer to School		\$ 1,078,824		
Hwy Transfer to Capital Bldg Fund		217,783	239,935	259,925
FY22 Reimbursement from Capital Building Fund still due \$2,594				

Based on the 2022 Grand List, the 2023 tax rate may go from \$0.7994 to \$0.8603

Statement of Taxes Raised 2021-2022 Budget

2021 Total Grand List	\$ 87,449,500
Adjusted for Current Use	(8,467,700)
Contracts	(382,900)
Cable Equip. (School Tax only)	313,900
Veterans Exemptions	<u>(80,000)</u>
2021 Taxable Grand List	\$ 78,832,800
1 % of Grand List (for town tax)	788,328
Non-residential education grand list (School)	412,427
Homestead education grand list (School)	379,040
Town Tax Rates	
Town	\$ 0.7493
Local agreement	\$ 0.0016
State School Tax Rates	
Residential	\$ 1.5820
Non-Residential	\$ 1.6407
Total Adjusted Taxes Assessed	\$ 1,868,265.66
Collected by Treasurer	1,594,207.36
State Payments	<u>214,634.96</u>
Taxes turned over to Delinquent Tax Collector	\$ 59,423.34

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Special Account Summary 2022

Capital Building and Repair Fund

*Originally created for construction of a salt shed.
 Has been modified to include use for the town garage
 and other town buildings.*

Balance, July 1, 2021	\$ 544,306.85
Annual Allotment	7,500.00
Wood Sales	904.00
Interest Income	643.34
 Morton Buildings Deposit	 (172,930.00)
Transfer to Hwy/Gen Fund	<u>(53,466.00)</u>
Balance, June 30, 2022 *	<u>\$ 326,958.19</u>

* Gen Share \$36,269.00 Hwy Share \$290,689.19

Highway Equipment Fund

Fund created for purchasing highway equipment.

Balance, July 1, 2021	\$ 185,975.28
Annual Allotment	76,500.00
Voucher Rebate	10,000.00
Sale of Old Backhoe	1,027.00
Interest Income	134.91
 Purchase New Tandem Truck	 (150,064.00)
Balance, June 30, 2022	<u>\$ 123,573.19</u>

Fish & Wildlife Account

Est. to record hunting and fishing licenses sold.

Balance, July 1, 2021	\$ 427.75
Licenses Sold	889.50
 Paid to VT Fish & Wildlife	 (863.50)
Balance, June 30, 2022	<u>\$ 453.75</u>

Housing Rehab Program

*Created in 1993 through a grant from the state that
 provided mortgages to several properties for the
 purpose of helping with wells, septic systems, roofs,
 etc. The fund represents repayments from
 homeowners and is not restricted in its use.*

Balance, July 1, 2021	\$ 2,591.17
Loan Repayments	1,395.00
Interest Income	<u>3.32</u>
Balance, June 30, 2022	<u>\$ 3,989.49</u>

**Capital Paving &
 Road Reconstruction Reserve Fund**

Fund created for major highway projects.

Balance, July 1, 2021	\$ 25,047.26
Annual Allotment	5,000.00
Interest Income	<u>33.29</u>
Balance, June 30, 2022	<u>\$ 30,080.55</u>

Record Restoration & Preservation Fund

*Established for the preservation and restoration of
 town records.*

Balance, July 1, 2021	\$ 9,093.68
Recording Fees	2,440.00
Interest Income	7.95
 Microfilming	 (520.95)
Land Record #48	(216.28)
FY20 transfer to Gen Fund	<u>(409.83)</u>
Balance, June 30, 2022	<u>\$ 10,394.57</u>

Old Creamery Project

Fund created to restore historic building.

Balance, July 1, 2021	\$ 5,812.70
Donations	130.00
Interest Income	<u>7.01</u>
Balance, June 30, 2022	<u>\$ 5,949.71</u>

Bill Jenkins School Field Trip Fund

*Privately funded in memory of Bill Jenkins.
 Provides class trips to enhance the experiences of
 Tinmouth students*

Balance, July 1, 2021	\$ 4,827.61
Interest Income	<u>4.52</u>
Balance, June 30, 2022	<u>\$ 4,832.13</u>

TOWN OF TINMOUTH General Fund Accounts Summary 2022

	Balance 7/1/21	Add'l allocation/ unspent budget	Rec'd from State	Transfers	Expenses	Total	Balance 6/30/22
Checkbook balance							\$ 305,615
Less Encumbered Balance Accounts:							
Website Special Account	1,631	750				2,381	
Computer Special Account	1,553	1,300			(566)	2,287	
Re-appraisal Fund	79,710		4,303	1,435		85,448	
Property Mapping	1,000	1,000			(1,300)	700	
Lister Education	3,216			(3,216)		-	
Conservation Commission	520	540				1,060	
Community Participation Comm	469					469	
Highway Fund CarryForward	3,274	30,922		18,000		52,196	
Ash Tree Removal Project	5,000				(734)	4,266	
Prepaid FY 23 Property Taxes	312				(33)	279	
ARPA Funds			88,781		(1,939)	86,842	
Total Encumbrances in Checking	96,685	34,512	93,084	16,219	(4,572)	235,928	(235,928)
Unencumbered Balance							<u>\$ 69,687</u>

Report of the Auditors FY 2021 – 2022

We have conducted our audit of the Town of Tinmouth's financial records for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. We reviewed cash receipts, general expense warrants, payroll warrants, the Grand List and special accounts. The Grand List is checked for accuracy to lister card valuations and tax payments received and deposited are verified. We check cash receipts for unusual changes, verify the receipt and deposit of large state aid payments and their recording into the proper accounts. The cash disbursements are checked for the proper authorization and payment to the listed vendor. Payroll disbursements are checked for select board authorization, payee, pay rate, overtime rate and withholdings.

The few discrepancies we found in our document samplings were explained to our satisfaction. To the best of our knowledge, it is our opinion, based on our examination of accounts and records, that the accounts as printed in the Town Report accurately represent the financial status of the Town.

Respectfully submitted, *Sandy Goyette, Chair; Vito Macaluso; Ann Czar*



*Springtime in Tinmouth
Green-up Day volunteers
and the annual Plant Sale*



TOWN OF TINMOUTH

2022 Annual Report Tinmouth Town Library

The Tinmouth Library is a **Reader's Library**, one which we hope fills the needs of children and adults. It is the goal of the Tinmouth Library to fuel the fires of intelligence and the imagination.

The Tinmouth Library is an all-volunteer, all-donation library. This means that no person working at the library receives money for their services to the library; the library is completely staffed by volunteers. In order that we might pay for our purchases and expenses we hold fund raisers and we accept monetary donations.

There was no book sale this year because of the pandemic. Covid 19 closed down the library and cancelled most of the activities of the library as well. As things improved, we opened one day a week, and we sincerely hope we can increase that in 2023.

Our writer's group continued to meet on "zoom" and although we were not together, we had folks from Maryland and California with us. The writer's group is a group of committed writers who meet monthly under the leadership of Nelson Jaquay to share what they have written and get feedback.

The Little Free Library is thriving, and we thank The Tinmouth Community Fund for helping us fund it! It is a "put and take" structure with books that are FREE to anyone who chooses to use it. It is located on the porch of the town office.

We thank all the many volunteers who keep the library running in these difficult times.

We believe that reading is essential to our good health!

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Drachman, Librarian

2022 Tinmouth Emergency Management

At the time of this writing, January 2023, Vermont has just endured back to back powerful winter storms. The first was a good pounding of heavy snow that Green Mountain Power claimed to be its most destructive event on record followed by the "Bomb" cyclone that came with 70 mph wind gusts and 40-below wind chills which once again knocked out power in large parts of the state for days. The perturbation of the atmosphere caused by global warming is the cause of much of the violent mood swings we see in Mother Nature. Get used to it. This is the new normal. The best advice I can offer is for everyone to prepare themselves. I'm not talking about storing candles and filling the bath tub. The cost of a home generator can run from \$2,000 to \$10,000 depending on how far you want to go. I have run my house on many occasions with a 10,000 watt contractors generator and transfer switch which cost me around \$2,000. Secondly I'd suggest that you don't throw out the old wood stove. I have a couple in storage since I've begun to heat with pellets. If necessary, I could reconvert in a day. If the time comes where we are faced with a very long power outage the wood stove would become the heart of the home. The government can only do so much and FEMA resources are being stretched to the limit. The more we can do for ourselves the better off we will be.

Our town has put in place backup generation for the school and community center. The latter is our designated emergency shelter if needed. Currently we are applying for an Emergency Management Performance Grant to fund upgrades to the town office which will provide on demand generation so it can be used as our Emergency Operations Center during events like those described above. Thanks again to Cathy Reynolds for her grant writing skills which will expedite this. The 10% matching funds will come from our ARPA money. The town is up to date on our required emergency planning compliance so we can receive the maximum emergency funding from the state and federal governments if necessary.

Least I forget, we are now in the fourth year of the Covid calamity. In some ways we have improvement. If you are up to date with your booster shots there is low risk of it killing you. Still you can be infected by the latest sub-variant which could lead to "Long Covid" or other lasting effects. I want to thank the people who have kept up their boosters. You're helping yourselves and others.

Michael Fannin, Tinmouth Emergency Management Director

**TOWN OF TINMOUTH
2022 Grand List Abstract Report**

Real Estate	Parcel Count	Municipal value	Education (taxable) Homestead	Education (taxable) Non-Residential	Total Education
Residential I	99	18,491,600	11,621,000	6,870,600	18,491,600
Residential II	126	39,911,700	24,617,100	15,294,600	39,911,700
Mobile Homes Unlanded	6	247,200	233,500	13,700	247,200
Mobile Homes Landed	31	3,663,800	2,030,800	1,633,000	3,663,800
Seasonal I	50	7,135,200	0	7,135,200	7,135,200
Seasonal II	20	3,471,500	0	3,471,500	3,471,500
Commercial	3	316,900	0	316,900	316,900
Utilities E	1	2,228,700	0	2,228,700	2,228,700
Farm	10	5,224,800	1,169,700	4,055,100	5,224,800
Woodland	1	159,600	0	159,600	159,600
Miscellaneous	97	7,317,700	80,800	7,236,900	7,317,700
TOTALS	444	88,168,700	39,752,900	48,415,800	88,168,700
Exemptions					
Cable	1	316,300	0	316,300	316,300
Veterans	3	120,000	20,000	10,000	30,000
TVFD	1	69,000	0	69,000	69,000
Grand-fathered					
Current Use	72	8,591,000	1,656,900	6,934,100	8,591,000
TOTAL Taxable Property		\$ 793,887.00	\$ 380,760.00	\$ 417,190.00	\$ 797,950.00

Board of Listers Report

The Vermont Tax Department's Division of Property Valuation & Review has conducted its annual sales and determined that Tinmouth's common level of appraisal (CLA) for 2022 is 77.84%, down from 91.38 %. The CLA is a comparison of what value the town has properties assessed at, and what they are selling for, using a three-year average. The real estate market has really gone bonkers and that is reflected in this. Properties are selling for half again to double what they are currently assessed. This decrease will result in an increase in the school tax rates – even if the School Budget is level funded. It is estimated that it might be a 15% increase for Tinmouth tax payers! The Select Board and the Listers are appealing this determination, so it may change. A CLA below 85% also means that the State will order the town to conduct a town-wide reappraisal. Currently most mass appraisers are booked out 3 or 4 years, so it may take a while to comply with the order, as the state is ordering 164 towns to re-appraise due to the increase in real estate prices and low CLAs. Tinmouth's last re-appraisal was done in 2016.

Reminder: The state requires all residential property owners to file a Homestead Declaration form every year, whether you owe income taxes or not. If you make less than \$141,000, you also need to file the property tax adjustment form and the household income form to be eligible for income sensitivity, due by April 18th. You can file online at: <https://www.myvtax.vermont.gov>

As always, you are welcome to, and encouraged to review the information in the Listers' files on your Property.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Fallar, Chair

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Delinquent Tax Report
As of December 31, 2022

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2013 thru 2017	Totals
*	7,094.20	0	0	0	0	0	7,094.20
Baker, Douglas	0	0	123.66	139.56	146.02	2,804.14	3,213.38
Benjamin, Alan & Webster, Mary	112.88	126.48	0	0	0	0	239.36
Blanchard, Brett C. &	137.98	154.60	0	0	0	0	292.58
Buffum/Hewitt (new owner)	1,060.59	0	0	0	0	0	1,060.59
Carabeau, Larry & Cris (2)	9,545.98	10,110.97	1,765.38	0	0	0	21,422.33
Carmen, Courtney w/ Cook, Jeremy	1,318.54	1,625.09	1,617.51	0	0	0	4,561.14
*	3,555.84	4,205.16	0	0	0	0	7,761.00
*	2,320.24	0	0	0	0	0	2,320.24
*	70.24	0	0	0	0	0	70.24
Finlay, Barbara	3,796.20	951.59	0	0	0	0	4,747.49
*	2,799.80	0	0	0	0	0	2,799.80
*	687.38	0	0	0	0	0	687.38
Honey Pond Farm LLC	32.62	0	0	0	0	0	32.62
Lloyd, Seth & Thomas	664.84	0	0	0	0	0	664.84
Miraglia, Matthew	4,555.96	0	0	0	0	0	4,555.96
Reinholt, Maryann	1,573.02	0	0	0	0	0	1,573.02
Rogers, Anita	1,171.60	1,321.34	1,376.26	0	0	0	3,869.20
Sears, Frank	5,976.46	6,566.46	0	0	0	0	12,542.92
Sinclair, Stephanie	7,952.84	0	0	0	0	0	7,952.84
Traina, Mildred, Estate of	3,765.68	0	0	0	0	0	3,765.68
*	0	138.51	0	0	344.61	142.84	625.96
Velde, Thomas Jr.	0	0	111.92	0	459.47	1,513.84	2,085.23
Webster, Marsha w/ Jones, William	720.00	0	0	0	0	0	720.00
Woods, Alfred	3,487.24	0	0	0	0	0	3,487.24
*	72.80	0	0	0	0	0	72.80
TOTAL	\$62,472.93	\$25,200.20	\$4,994.73	\$139.56	\$950.10	\$4,460.82	\$98,218.34

Amount includes tax, penalty and interest currently due.

* Payment in full received after December 31, 2022

Cat Yoder, Delinquent Tax Collector

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Delinquent Tax Collection Breakdown FY22

Taxes	\$ 70,659.15
Interest	4,737.58
Penalty	<u>4,574.13</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 79,790.86</u>

TOWN OF TINMOUTH

Tinmouth Planning Commission 2022

This year the Planning Commission started working on revising the Town Plan. We are going through each section to update data and revise statistics and numbers where it is apparent changes need to be made. The Town Plan needs to be re-adopted in 2025, so the PC will continue to proceed through 2023 with revisions. The Rutland Regional Planning Commission is providing assistance.

Finally, the PC looks forward to the completion of several subdivisions this year, hopefully, all the proposals from last year.

If you have any questions, you are invited to drop in to a meeting anytime to see what goes on and get your questions answered. We would be glad to see you. We meet in-person at the town office and the meeting is also accessible via Zoom.

Thank you, *Michael Fallar*, Chair

Rutland Regional Planning Commission 2022

The Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) is a resource for towns, a platform for ideas and inspires a vision for our future. We balance local desires, best practices, and regional planning for communities that are vibrant today and strong for years to come.

The RRPC and Town of Tinmouth continued working together in 2022 on many community development and planning initiatives. Some highlights include:

- Provided technical assistance to Planning Commission update of the Town Plan.
- Secured funding through VTrans Transportation Alternatives Program for a municipal salt and sand shed. Will serve as municipal project manager for the salt and sand shed construction.
- Conducted a traffic study of East Road and VT-140 (3).
- Worked with the town to ensure goals were met in VDEC Tactical Basin Plan Report Card for the South Lake Champlain Watershed.
- Worked with the Town to educate it about the upcoming CWSP South Lake Champlain Basin funding for phosphorous reduction projects to be administered by RRPC and Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District.
- Worked with the Town to continue its Button Up workshops and possibly becoming a Window Dressers community and to provide it with the latest list of resources for weatherization and related funds and grants in the State.
- Worked with Town Clerk and EMD to update 2022 Local Emergency Management Plan, adopt Rutland Region Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement, appoint Regional Emergency Management Committee voting members for 2022-2023 fiscal year, and enroll in the National Flood Insurance Program.
- Worked with Road Commissioner to complete FY22 Grants in Aid construction projects (4 segments improved) and apply for FY23 GIA construction program funding.
- Worked with Road Commissioner on MRGP and erosion inventory trainings to ensure permit compliance and meet 2022 15% milestone – achieved 15% target!
- Provided GIS and mapping support.

If you feel inspired to participate in local or regional planning, want to be paired with opportunities to grow your community, or just want to learn more, please visit or give us a call - ! 802-775-0871 - we'd love to hear from you! Because together, we grow strong communities!

Devon Neary, Exec. Director Rutland Regional Planning Commission



Carved by Michael Fannin – located in the center of Town

TOWN OF TINMOUTH

Tinmouth Equity and Inclusion Committee 2022 Annual Report

The mission of the Equity & Inclusion Committee is to encourage our town to foster a welcoming culture of equity, and inclusion, so that engaging in municipal and social activities, living and doing business in our town, is accessible for everyone.

Vision: The vision for the committee is to proactively cultivate community engagement and inclusion in municipal and civic activities. Educate the community in local laws and meeting protocol, encourage more civic and social engagement, create more opportunities for small scale housing and businesses, and foster a sense of welcoming and inclusion through social activities.

Accomplishments of the Equity and Inclusion Committee from August 2021 - December 2022

- * Developed three working groups:
 - * Mutual aid: working to connect community members to support networks, meal trains and neighbors. Reviewing and updating town operator's manual.
 - * Events: Establishing community engagement through events.
 - * Research and Development: Looking for opportunities and strategies the town could implement to encourage equity and inclusion.
- * Interviewed and was accepted by the IDEAL Vermont initiative to become a part of the coalition putting Tinmouth on the map as a proactive leader in community development in the state.

The first year of the Equity and Inclusion Committee has been full. Without any template or guidance in our first year for what an E&I committee is expected to do or accomplish we were able to accomplish the above. The commitment of our community to the importance of this work demonstrated by our committee's existence, our declaration of inclusion and our towns values was what allowed us to be included in the IDEAL coalition. While only one member of our committee is acting as representative, the majority of the committee is proud of our involvement and excited to be able to access the resources made available. Newsletters and information from this group will be shared with the full committee so we can work in tandem with other local communities to accomplish the same efforts of equity and inclusion across the state.

In the coming year we will continue to work towards connecting our community through our working groups through events, connecting neighbors to neighbors and making our town a fun and safe space to be.

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted, *Meadow Squier*, Committee Chair

Tinmouth Energy Committee Report

We supported the efforts of the Button Up Vermont campaign by sharing information on their weekly virtual Weatherization Wednesdays, archived versions of each week are available:

<https://buttonupvermont.org/events>, and publicized incentives available for completing home energy projects.

The state of Vermont launched a new webpage with information on resources for Vermonters looking for information to maximize energy savings and navigate winter heating needs: www.vermont.gov/buttonupvt.

We have a page on the town website, Tinmouthvt.org, check it out. New members interested in our efforts to support energy efficiency in our community are welcome. If you are interested, contact the Select Board indicating your interest in being appointed.

Respectfully submitted, *Todd Dennis*

Tinmouth Website Committee

Website: tinmouthvt.org

The Website Committee continues to work on our website, tinmouthvt.org. We add pages and train others to post events to the calendar and committee minutes and agendas. We accept your high definition photos at any time during the year, although we cannot load them all. It is great to see various views of town in various seasons. We hope that you will all make use of our website, and learn what is available. It is a great resource for community information and events.

Respectfully submitted, Tinmouth Website Committee

Todd Dennis, Nancy Gucker Birdsall, Sherry Johnson, Cathy Reynolds, Logan Birdsall

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Tinmouth Town Health Officer Annual Report 2022

The general duties of the “THO” from the Town Health Officer Handbook are: “Town Health Officers (THO) are given authority by Vermont law to investigate and mitigate steps and may enforce any State health regulations and local health ordinances in their town.”

We had a relatively quiet year in regard to health concerns.

The biggest issue we face as a town is the improper disposal of garbage. The piling of trash attracts rodents which are a public health concern and goes against our town’s Solid Waste Ordinance. Burning of trash is against the law in Vermont and can result in a ticket similar to a traffic ticket handled by the state judicial bureau. Failure to pay the fines of these tickets will result in the loss of a hunting and fishing license.

Thank you to the majority of considerate folks who take care of your waste properly. The effort made to keep Tinmouth a safe and clean place to live is appreciated.

Happy and healthy 2023 to everyone.

Respectfully Submitted, *Meadow Squier*, Tinmouth Town Health Officer

The American Rescue Plan Act Committee (ARPA) 2022

Our committee met four times over the summer to consider how best to spend the remaining \$175,000 given to the town from ARPA. (\$2,000 has already been spent.) Ideas were considered that were put forth by the town people at the special town meeting in May, from the Select Board, and sent in to our committee by town people. Members of the committee volunteered to research different projects:

Ash tree removal and other dead trees in town right of way: Gregg Casey

Fire Department – equipment and fire house upgrades: Sherry Johnson

Recreation: Chuck Bronk and Martha Stanley

Old Creamery: Michael Fallar

MREs & Salt/Sand purchase: Holly Ross

Theresa Butts later came up with some ideas of her own

Narratives were written by each and given to the Select Board on September 8, 2022.

Early on, the Committee came to the decision that it would be next to impossible to choose one (or more projects) over another, so we merely made our report to the Select Board for their decision.

One thing we were in agreement on was suggesting to the Board to put \$25,000 aside in a contingency fund, should a need arise that we had not considered at this point in time.

Another thing which we approved was suggesting to the Board that they put the expenditures before the voters of Tinmouth to decide. This has been or will be the practice of several towns in the state (as reported by Vermont Public). We realized this might be cumbersome, if not next to impossible... I dare say, given the opportunity, each and every person in town would come up with a different allocation for the funds!

We appreciate the opportunity these funds have given us to dream of ways we can improve our community life here in Tinmouth!

Note: the full report can be found on the Tinmouth website at tinmouthvt.org/resources/ and at the Town Office.

Holly Ross, Chair

Tinmouth Solid Waste and Recycling Committee

Meetings of the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee remained suspended in 2022 due to pandemic and no urgent business to address.

The committee plans on meeting quarterly again in 2023.

Respectfully submitted, *Wheaton Squier*, Chair

TOWN OF TINMOUTH The Old Creamery Project

The Old Creamery Committee met to re-organize this year. We prepared a report to the Select Board via the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) Committee requesting financial assistance with installing electricity from the town office to the old creamery building, construction of a deck/walkway to a storage room that can be accessed by pizza oven users, the Conservation Commission, and whoever else needs a bit of covered space (Historical Society perhaps), as well as the storage room itself. Painting the south and east sides was going to be done, a painter was hired, but not able to get the east wall painted before cold weather set in. The south wall was going to have its siding replaced, pre-painted, is now also waiting for Spring. The Select Board has not yet made decisions regarding dispersing of the ARPA money.

If you are interested in helping keep this historical building around, look for meeting dates and come on by.

Thank you to all the volunteers, past and present for your dedication and enthusiasm.

Michael Fallar, Committee Member

Rutland County Sheriff's Department Report Tinmouth Vermont 2022

Thus far in the contract Rutland County Sheriff's Deputies have responded to 31 incidents, had 6 criminal arrests, preformed 33 traffic stops issuing 31 tickets and 6 warnings in the Town of Tinmouth. Deputies have received positive feedback from the Select Board as well as the citizens of Tinmouth on the successful impact the Sheriff's patrols have had on speed and criminal activity.

I would like to say it's a privilege to work in the Town of Tinmouth and thank the citizens of Tinmouth for their positive feedback and support, we hope to continue serving the citizens of Tinmouth for many years to come.

Respectfully Submitted, *David J. Fox, Sheriff*
Rutland County Sheriff's Dept.

Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department 2022

The Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department has come through 2022, and we continue to evaluate how we are living with Covid, without limiting our service to the community. Like many other Fire Departments large and small, we are now meeting in person. Some of us are still being cautious and wearing masks.

Our fundraising has also changed. A huge thanks to Sherry Johnson for spearheading her third year of a take-out chicken-and-biscuit dinner fundraiser, and to all who helped her and volunteered to prepare the delicious dinners and pies. We are going to evaluate whether it makes sense to continue with the original Game Supper tradition this coming Fall, 2023.

Our mission is to be available to help with all kinds of emergencies. The best way for us to do this is to encourage everyone in the community to be as proactive as possible. Check and update fire detectors, have fire extinguishers on all floors of the home and in the kitchen, keep chimneys clean and debris and furniture away from wood stoves.

As First Responders, our first responsibility is to do no harm in our efforts to help others. Considering all of this, we do not want to put anyone at greater risk that we may be trying to help. If you are a person that is considered high risk, please contact Chief Marshall Squier: 802-235-2718 or Sherry Johnson: 802-446-3307. This information remains within the department to help us identify and make changes in our response so we do not further compromise anyone's safety. If your situation changes please let us know as well.

It is illegal to burn outdoors without a permit unless there is snow on the ground. However spring and fall are the highest risk for brush fire so do not burn without a permit, please!

Call Fire Warden Glenn Merrill 802-446-2782 or Assistant Fire Warden Wheaton Squier 802-446-2082 for outdoor burn permits.

As Chief, I would like to thank every Firefighter past and present who has given and continues to give a part of their lives to help others. These members are all exemplary people and the personal satisfaction in helping others, and heartfelt gratitude expressed by community members is our only pay.

Chief Marshall "Mo" Squier, Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department

**TINMOUTH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND FUND BALANCE – CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 AND 2021**

	2022	2021
INCOME		
Town allotment	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Grants	750	450
Donations	2,647	8,080
Supper	3,497	3,207
Tag sale	2,415	1,979
Other	<u>283</u>	<u>355</u>
Total income	<u>34,592</u>	<u>39,071</u>
EXPENSES		
Equipment purchased	7,775	3,240
Dues	2,300	2,100
Electricity	1,013	2,637
Gasoline and diesel fuel	172	100
Heat	3,294	2,600
Insurance	4,835	5,626
Office expense	88	103
Repairs and maintenance	4,926	8,853
Small tools	2,725	3,087
Supplies	383	479
Telephone	<u>571</u>	<u>653</u>
Total expenses	<u>28,082</u>	<u>29,478</u>
NET INCREASE IN CASH	6,510	9,593
CASH, beginning October 1st	<u>117,052</u>	<u>107,459</u>
CASH, ending September 30th	\$ <u>123,562</u>	\$ <u>117,052</u>
CASH BALANCES:		
Unrestricted	\$ 63,562	\$ 67,052
Restricted – truck fund	<u>60,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
Total fund balances	\$ <u>123,562</u>	\$ <u>117,052</u>

Steve Goyette, Treasurer



Conservation Commission members and volunteers spent a day gathering and working up firewood for the Town Purchase cabin.

Report on next page.

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Tinmouth Conservation Commission 2022

The Tinmouth Conservation Commission had a great year of work, play, education and community engagement.

The Commission was allocated its annual funds from the town budget. This was and will be used to pay for conservation projects in town and be controlled by the CC. Any funds not used in the budget year will remain in the Fund for future use.

Tinmouth's Green Up day finally came back to an in person event where there were prizes and treats after all the hard work. The option was still open for those who couldn't make the date to green up on their own time prior to the event.

The Drachman Trail is still up and running. Built in memory of long-time Tinmouth resident, renowned pediatrician, hiker, and naturalist Bob Drachman, this is a one-mile loop trail of moderate difficulty for hiking, X-C skiing and snowshoeing. The trail, on Drachman property, starts on Crow Hill Road, 0.2 miles beyond the junction with the East Road. There is seasonal parking and a map of the blazed trail at the trailhead. Please, no use of this trail from snow melt until May 31 due to muddy conditions. Plans are afoot for a spur trail to a viewpoint, stay tuned. Tinmouth residents are welcome on the trail, call or email a CC member with questions on trail use.

The CC continues to coordinate with the Select Board on recreation/conservation use of the town lot behind the transfer station. We've identified several potential uses for this plot, including planting and growing fruit trees, a disc golf course, a walking/bird watching path and picnic tables. In addition to these, future uses may include pickle ball and volleyball courts, community gardens and horseshoe courts.

The Tinmouth Mountain Cabin, is again open for day and overnight use. Please call 802-446-2928 for overnight reservations and please use physical distancing and masks for any day use. The cabin is accessed via the Tinmouth Purchase Loop Trail. The cabin saw a rise in use this year. The CC had a successful workday in November, cutting firewood and doing general maintenance. We discovered the need for a new toilet seat as the resident porcupine has chewed through the current one quite impressively!

The Tinmouth Mountain Ridge Trail remains a popular out-and-back day hike to a lovely vista. The trail is about 2 miles round trip and quite steep in places although this year we added switchbacks to its most challenging sections. We also replaced many of the bog bridges along the lower section of the trail. Go to Alltrails.com for more information. There is also a kiosk at the beginning of the trail – north of the Community Center.

Doug Fontein helped The Tinmouth Mountain School create a "literature trail" on a portion of the Ridge Trail. This allows walkers to read a book on their walk. The CC is still in contact with the Tinmouth walking club on ways to create more trails throughout Tinmouth.

The CC launched a Nature photo contest to celebrate the beauty of the land that surrounds us. There were twenty seven submissions that were displayed and voted on at Tinmouth Fun day. We plan to make this an annual event.

Tim Stout of Northam Forest Carbon came and gave a presentation on Carbon Sequestration and storage and forest management. Some members of the CC also went on a field trip to his land in Shrewsbury where they met with other members of surrounding conservation commissions and were guided by Tim through the many projects on Jokey hill Farm.

In late January of 2022 the CC also hosted a ski on the Tinmouth Channel, there was a great turnout and we hope to do it again this year.

Thanks to everyone in town who has helped with Green Up, trail building and maintenance, cabin repairs and other conservation initiatives. You're invited to attend any of our meetings, generally on the 3rd Monday, every other month at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Rainbow Squier, Chair

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Tinmouth Community Fund Report 2022

Once again, the Tinmouth Community Fund continued to support community projects, small business initiatives, and educational endeavors. In 2022 the Fund awarded Continuing Education scholarships of \$17,700, Community Fund grants of \$10,150, Small Business Grants of \$2,000, and K-12 camp scholarships of \$1,000.

The Community Fund received donations of \$11,185 from individual donors, plus \$9,393 from the Tinmouth Plant Sale. TCF assets are held at the Vermont Community Foundation. The Continuing Education balance is \$303,063 as of 1/6/23 and the Community Fund holds \$182,541. Our funds took a beating in the stock market this year. We hope to see the market rebound soon.

Thanks to everyone who has supported the Tinmouth Community Fund. Would you consider donating to TCF for grants and scholarships in the future? Those contributions remain at home, making Tinmouth a better place to live.

The TCF Board consists of 9 members serving three year terms. The current Board consists of Jan Krantz-Chair, Todd Dennis-Vice Chair, Cathy Reynolds-Treasurer, Helen Mango-Secretary, Melody Squier, Asha Carroll McCullough, Martha Stanley, Lisa Patry, and Logan Birdsall. The Scholarship Committee includes Cathy Reynolds, Bob Lloyd, Ruth Drachman, Denise McGinley, Nelson Jaquay, Asha Carroll McCullough, Frank Sears and Jan Krantz.

Beginning in 2022, the TCF Board decided to align the due date for all TCF grant and scholarship applications. Community Grant, Small Business Grant, K-12 Scholarship, and Continuing Education Scholarship applications, were all due on May 1st. Going forward, all grant and scholarship application will continue to be due on May 1st, with the exception of K-12 Scholarships which will be due April 1st. Starting in 2022, and continuing in 2023, the TCF Annual Meeting will take place in early June, prior to the Awards Night at the Tinmouth Community Center. As usual, we will elect three directors, share our progress from the past year, and make plans for 2023. We will advertise the Annual Meeting and Awards Night in advance. All are welcome!

Jan Krantz, Chair

Tinmouth Community Fund 2022

Balance 1/1/22	Town Checking Account	\$ 5,958.65
Revenues:		
	Interest	10.27
	Donations	2,610.00
	Returned Grants	664.00
	Transfer from Vermont Community Fund	<u>7,000.00</u>
		\$ 10,284.27
	TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 16,242.92
Expenses		
	Community Grants	8,850.00
	Expenses/Re-Directed Donations	1,697.56
	K-12 Camp Scholarships	1,432.00
	Transfer to Continuing Ed Scholarship Fund	<u>2,675.00</u>
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 10,877.47
Balance 12/31/22	Town Checking Account	<u>\$ 5,365.45</u>

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Tinmouth Community Fund Continuing Education Scholarship Fund 2022

Balance 1/1/22 Town Checking Account **\$ 6,507.02**

Revenues:

Interest	20.70
Donations	6,350.00
Susan Lloyd (VCF) Transfer	1,382.00
Pam Garceau Donation	2,000.00
Plant Sale	<u>9,393.00</u>
	\$ 19,145.70

TOTAL REVENUES **\$ 25,652.72**

Expenses

Continuing Ed Scholarships	16,950.00
Susan Lloyd Scholarship	1,500.00
Pam Garceau Scholarship	<u>2,000.00</u>
TOTAL Scholarships	\$ 20,450.00

Balance 12/31/22 Town Checking Account **\$ 5,202.72**

Gail Fallar, Town Treasurer

Cathy Reynolds, TCF Treasurer

Balance of TCF and TCFCESF funds/investments are held at the Vermont Community Foundation.

Tinmouth Community Fund 2022

Community Grants – All \$750 unless otherwise noted

Tinmouth Fire Dept. – New Tables - \$850	Imagination Library – Children’s Books - \$350
Tales of Tinmouth – Printing and Postage - \$1,000	Tinmouth Community Events – October/December
Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project, Milfoil Control	Sharing the Bounty – Town Office Porch - \$150
Tinmouth Day Community Event	Tinmouth Community Center – Dedication Plaque
Tinmouth Elves – Clothing/Gifts Needy Families	Tinmouth Event Signage - \$500
Tinmouth Elves – Outerwear Division	Green-Up Committee – Educational Prizes - \$250
Tinmouth Blooms – Apple Trees - \$550	Tinmouth Mountain School – \$2,000

Total Community Grants **\$10,150**

Small Business Grants – All \$500 unless otherwise noted

Babbling Meadows Farm – Woodworking Equipment	Auto Salon – Air Purifier
Blue Skies – Candle/Soap/Lip Balm Creation Materials	Mike’s Cleaning Service – Cleaning Equipment

Total Small Business Grants **\$2,000**

K-12 Scholarships – 4 Camp Scholarships for \$250 **\$1,000**

Continuing Education Scholarships **\$ 20,000**

(Including the \$1,500 Susan McIntosh Lloyd Scholarship)

2022 Recipients: *Julia Deppert, Hannah LaMarche, Bess Lewis, Sadira Majorell, Allison Nemeth, Elias Nemeth, Noah Patry, Jaron Rochon, Michael Stratton, Rachel Stratton, Riley Usher, and Casey Voigtlaender*

*Note: Not all grants and scholarships awarded have been paid out.

Cathy Reynolds, TCF Treasurer
Gail Fallar, Town Treasurer

The Vermont Community Foundation (VCF) asked the Tinmouth Community Fund (TCF) to collect all donations. The TCF Board of Directors decided that in lieu of drawing down interest, grants would be funded with annual donations and the balance sent to VCF. This leaves all principal and interest at VCF and helps grow the fund.

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Tinmouth Community Center Annual Report

Beginning Balance 7/1/21	\$ 2,998.90
Revenues:	
Interest	2.89
Donations for Use	<u>445.00</u>
Total	\$ 447.89
Expenses:	
Salary, FICA, for Building Manager	<u>1,162.62</u>
Total	\$ 1,162.62
Balance 6/30/22	<u>\$ 2,284.17</u>

2022 Tinmouth Community Center

The Tinmouth Community Center is back in business after a long covid lull. The building is available to the public daily after 5:30 and weekends during the school year and then daily throughout the summer. It is available for public or private events. Contact Rainbow Squier, Building Manager at 802-446-9529 to reserve. Community pick up pickleball and volleyball events are occurring weekly again. Check the Tales or Tinmouthvt.org for dates and times - all are welcome.

One upgrade that was completed was the replacement of the sorely needed wood chips under the playground equipment. Thank you to Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker at the school for organizing the chips from True Temper, to the Road Crew for hauling the chips and to Josh Squier for spreading them.

Community Center Board
Cathy Reynolds, Josh Squier, Martha Stanley

Tinmouth Community Center and Old Firehouse Use Report for 2022

The Tinmouth Community Center and Old Firehouse provide valuable space for gatherings of all kinds. This year, there were 14 private party events. These events included: A basket raffle, birthday parties, baby showers, family reunions, Christian worship service fellowship and meals, Community Fund Scholarship awards, Town fun day, Christmas town event, and Trunk or Treat. The Community Center also continues to host weekly sports such as: pickle ball, volley ball and pick-up basketball. The Old Firehouse held 8 events. These events included: Town voting, cemetery meetings, Pizza Oven events, Tinmouth town wide yard sale set up, LEAP training and a photo exhibit.

We appreciate all those who have filled these spaces with such enriching events and look forward to another year!

Respectfully submitted, *Rainbow Squier*
Building Manager & TCC Coordinator

Community Center Use Guidelines

The Tinmouth Community Center is a Tinmouth community resource. Use of the facility is intended to engage, build and strengthen the greater Tinmouth community for historical, educational, cultural, social, intellectual and recreational enrichment. It is available only to Tinmouth residents or taxpayers, who must sign the rental agreement and make all arrangements with the Community Center Building Manager. Renters must be on site during the rental event and arrange for pick up and return of the key.

Please take a look at the detailed information for Use on the town website:

www.tinmouthvt.org/community-center/

Rainbow Squier, Building Manager and TCC Coordinator
r.squiert@gmail.com 802-446-9529

TOWN OF TINMOUTH

Tinmouth Transfer Station 2022

The Tinmouth Transfer Station is open on Wednesdays from 4 pm to 7 pm and Saturdays from 8 am to 12 pm. There is a fee of \$2.50 per bag via punch cards that are purchased at the Town Office. Recycling disposal is free of charge to residents.

We can all do our part to keep Vermont beautiful by remembering the simple rules for recycling:

- (1) You can recycle empty and rinsed clean containers like bottles, cans, and jars; clean and dry paper and cardboard; aluminum, steel, glass, and plastics.
- (2) You cannot recycle plastic bags, textiles, or food products (please see note on composting below).
- (3) Scrap metal, batteries, and electronics do not belong in the trash or recycle bins, but you can bring them to the transfer station for disposal. We only collect small batteries at the TS (no car/truck batteries), we do have a container for scrap metal (a 30 yard container) and electronics (in gaylords/big cardboard boxes in the recycling shed).
- (4) Construction materials and demolition waste are not accepted at the Transfer Station.
- (5) Pharmaceuticals can be disposed of at your local pharmacy, police department, or hospital.
- (6) Hazardous Household Wastes (HHW) must be disposed of properly – you have to bring it to one of the special days that are held in April or September. Please see HHW info on page 38-39.

For more information, please see the Acceptable Recyclables List on the Town of Tinmouth website at tinmouthvt.org, or pick up the list at the Town Office or Transfer Station.

The Select Board decided that any unit that may contain Freon will no longer be accepted – this includes refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers. The town could not find a contractor to remove the refrigerant which is required by State and Federal law.

Starting in July 2020, all Vermonters were required to separate organic food waste from trash and recyclables. There is currently a composting bin available to dispose of organic food materials. The compost bin is located next to the trash dumpster. Thank you to Wheaton Squier for managing this at no cost to the Town!

If you have any questions for me, Charlie or Gunner, we are always happy to help. Remember: *When in doubt Throw it out.* It's better than trashing the recycle bin!

You may contact me as the Manager at 802-446-3433 with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Martone, Transfer Station Manager

Tinmouth Green Up 2022 Report

Tinmouth Green Up was held live and in-person in 2022 after a 2 year hiatus due to COVID. On Saturday, May 7 about 30 townspeople gathered at the transfer station to clean up our roadsides with our newly acquired reflective Tinmouth Green Up vests (Thank you Chuck and Tracy and TCF). Fully half of those 30 volunteers were children. We're excited about the number of kids because that's our next generation of engaged citizen-volunteers. In addition to the folks who came Saturday, another 10-20 people cleaned the roads on other days or participated in our Adopt-A-Road program, keeping a section of road tidy year-round.

Approximately 50 bags of litter were removed from our byways as well as 10-20 tires and various large items too big to fit in a trash bag. To make it fun and family-friendly, as in years past, we held an "awards ceremony" back at the transfer station. Prizes were awarded to youngsters for "smelliest item", "most useful item" etc. and ice cream cones were handed out all around.

If you have any questions or suggestions for next year's Green Up, please contact a member of the Green Up Committee:

- Ed Hasenohr 802-446-2676
- Nelson Jaquay 802-446-2367
- Doug Fontein 802-446-2928

Thanks to the Tinmouth Conservation Commission for co-sponsoring Green Up and thanks to everyone who helped keep Tinmouth beautiful in 2022. We hope to see you the first Saturday in May, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Fontein, Member, Green Up Committee

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project
2022

The 2022 Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project Executive Board was responsible for many changes to our operation and harvesting method. Our former harvesting crew moved on, and we were saddled with the task of finding new people to do the job.

After considerable deliberation, weighing the pros and cons of continuing to operate as we had been for many years, the Board and Officers decided to seek a professional independent contractor who was fully insured and who owned their own equipment. We were fortunate to secure the services of AE Diving (www.aecommercialdiving.com) owned by Dorset resident Chris Sheldon. Chris got his start in the milfoil harvesting business many years ago at Tinmouth Pond.

AE Diving proved to be the professional operation we needed and harvested approximately 6,699 gallons of the invasive Eurasian milfoil. We have tentative plans to have AE Diving on the job in the summer of 2023. A complete detailed summary of their work at the pond is available upon request; email me cd.robbs@comcast.net and I will send you a detailed report provided by AE Diving.

We are grateful to the Town of Tinmouth, the State of Vermont and the Pond property owners for the funding to keep this important and necessary yearly task operating. Our biggest challenge moving forward is acquiring the funding for the harvest. Our bill from AE last year was \$15,531.25 (See Treasurers Report attached). That was for 2 weeks work which was not nearly enough to tackle the acres of milfoil beds that continue to spread somewhat invisibly. We are hoping to increase the harvest by at least one week provided we secure the State Grant through the Agency of Natural Resources as well as donations from pond residents. Please consider your valuable property when budgeting your 2023 donation; you are not only helping the pond environment but are also protecting your real estate investment. Without continued efforts by the TPMP, the pond could become over-run by this nasty invasive weed.

A big Thank You goes to our 2023 TPMP officers and board members: President Charlie Robbins, Vice President Holly Ross, Secretary Laurel Swenson, Treasurer Gail Fallar, Assistant Treasurer Susan Juckett, Financial Secretary Sherry Johnson, Board Members Jim Westbrook, Laurie Beppler and Tom Ewing.

Charles Robbins, Sr. President

Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project Treasurer's Report
January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

Beginning balance January 1, 2022	\$ 32,260.62
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Income:

Dues	1,225.00
Donations	7,645.00
TCF Grant	750.00
2021 VT State Grant - DEC	3,147.00
Town Annual Allotment	2,500.00
Raffle / Fund Raising	3,065.00
Interest/Dividends	<u>155.08</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 18,487.08

Total of Income and Beginning Balance	\$ 50,747.70
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Expenses:

Contracted services	
Divers	15,531.25
Plant Survey	2,800.00
Insurance	1,512.75
P.O.Box/stamps/office supplies/other	<u>464.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 19,848.00

Ending balance December 31, 2022	<u>\$ 30,899.70</u>
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Gail Fallar, TPMP Treasurer

**TOWN OF TINMOUTH
2022 Vital Records**

Births

Jackson Corey Sears Tarbell, Adoption March 30, 2022

Marriages

**Ryan Michael Staples and Belinda Nicole Gagne, June 4, 2022
Shyanne Lynn Griffis and Shane Michael DeLorme, June 18, 2022
Alexander Peter Holl and Angela Rose Lucian, August 8, 2022
Austin Cafferty Lamon and Anne Carlson Keating, October 1, 2022
Thomas James Tate and Alison Lynn O'Brien, October 29, 2022
Patrick Andrew Curran and Andrea Michelle Symonds, December 10, 2022**

Deaths

**Alma Somers, February 14, 2022
Kathie J. Fox, February 15, 2022
Stephen O. Eaton, February 22, 2022
Barbara Eaton, March 01, 2022
Lucille V. Gilmore, March 31, 2022
Terry Cadorette, July 7, 2022
Stanley Martelle Sr., August 3, 2022
James D. Perron, November 24, 2022**

Burial Permits

**Barbara Eaton, May 21, 2022
Stephen O. Eaton, May 21, 2022
Pamela Rose Higgins, June 20, 2022
Lucille V. Gilmore, April 9, 2022
Roland W. Wilbur, June 16, 2022
Armand N. Demers III, June 25, 2022**

Tinmouth Cemetery Association, Inc.

The Tinmouth Cemetery Association is a Vermont non-profit corporation formed in 1921. Trustees are Glenn D. Merrill, Stan Wilbur, David Gilmore, Bob Bradley and Laurie Phillips. There is an opening for an additional trustee. The only criteria is that the person own a lot in the Tinmouth Cemetery. Anyone interested in serving as a trustee please contact Glenn or Laurie.

The Association held its Annual Meeting in April 2022 and elected Glenn D. Merrill, President; Laurie Phillips, Vice President; Judy Gilmore, Treasurer; and Laurie Philips, Secretary. Cemetery Administrative Superintendent is Glenn D. Merrill and Field Superintendents are Dave Gilmore and Bob Bradley. The Trustees contracts with F.A.S. Trucking to mow and trim the cemetery. F.A.S. also mows and trims the school, town and church yards. Wheaton Squier now prepares graves and assists with burials. We extend our great appreciation to John P. Squier who did this for many, many years. The elementary school students continued the tradition of placing flags on the graves of military veterans for Memorial Day.

There were six burials in the Tinmouth Cemetery in 2022: Barbara Eaton, Stephen Eaton, Pamela Rose Morris, Lucille Gilmore, Roland W. Wilbur, and Armand Demers III.

The Cemetery Association receives \$2,500 from the town to assist with the cost of mowing. Thank you! Other operational costs are funded from endowment account interest, sale of lots and burial fees. Burial in the Tinmouth Cemetery is restricted to individuals or families with a connection to Tinmouth. To learn more about cemetery policies or to purchase a lot, please contact Glenn D. Merrill.

The Cemetery Association's annual meeting is normally the third Wednesday in April and is open to the public.

Glenn D. Merrill, President

TOWN OF TINMOUTH

Burial Transit Information / Private Burial

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.

Tinmouth Historical and Genealogical Society

The Tinmouth Historical and Genealogical Society's stated purpose is "to encourage and to promote an interest in the history of Tinmouth and its founding families; to collect, assemble, preserve information about Tinmouth; and to share this information with individuals or organizations genuinely interested in the history and genealogies of its founding families".

Membership is open to any individual or organization with roots in Tinmouth and any individual or organization which is interested in the history and heritage of Tinmouth or the genealogy of its founding fathers. The Tinmouth Channel, the Society's newsletter, provides the mechanism for sharing and publishing this information. The Society was formed in 1999 and Volume 1, No. 1 of the Channel came out in the winter of 1999. An index and past editions are available at the Town Office.

The 2022 THGS Annual Meeting was held at the Old Creamery on October 23, 2022. Ten members were present. With Covid 19 shutting down THGS activities for the past two years, the Society is preparing to get back on track with activities and programs. Officers and Executive Board Members elected at the meeting are Stan Wilbur President; Gail Fallar Vice President, Secretary and Archivist; Vito Macaluso Treasurer and Membership Chair; and Nelson Jaquay, Michael Fallar and Ken Krantz At-Large Members of the Executive Board. As you can see Gail and Vito are wearing several hats and if someone would like to help, I am sure they would be willing to pass some of them along.

Grant Reynolds passing created a big "Tinmouth Channel" void. However, it was felt we could publish at least one edition in 2023. Nelson volunteered to help people write articles and Gail can provide the layout. If you have a "Tinmouth Story" please contact Nelson and he will help you develop it.

The Society normally schedules three to four working or program meetings a year to collect and preserve Tinmouth's physical and narrative history. However, 2022 was a different kind of year and all meeting and programs were canceled. Resuming activities and programs is the major item on the Executive Board's January meeting agenda. Unfinished projects include managing our written archive materials; cleaning, sorting and cataloging items in the Old Creamery; working with the Town Old Creamery Committee to restore the building; and continuing cemetery restoration. Suggestions for programs or projects will be greatly appreciated.

After the business portion of the meeting, we crossed the road to look at the condition of the Shed and the historic farm wagons and equipment and then back to the Old Creamery to assess the condition of Society's historic items.

Anyone interested in Tinmouth's past and present is welcomed to join the Society by contacting Vito Macaluso: v.mac@vermontel.net. Currently the Society has 60 members located across the USA and Canada.

Respectfully submitted, *Stan Wilbur*, President



*Community fun
and fundraising
2022*

*~signs created by
Logan Birdsall*



TINMOUTH MOUNTAIN SCHOOL
2022 Annual Principal's Report

To the Tinmouth Community,

A Return to Normalcy is a fitting theme for 2022. The inherent anxiety of the past few years that grew from recent political differences and pandemic quarantines has dissolved, allowing students to thrive and advocates throughout the district to reestablish relationships. Supporters on both sides of the political divide purposely chose rhetoric and behavior that supports learning and restorative practices. This was and continues to be a significant factor in establishing normalcy and heightening student learning.

District administrators contributed to this normalcy and academic growth in schools through professional development that facilitates teaching the current mathematics program rather than new initiatives. Additionally, teachers were given time to work within professional learning groups and dive deeper into literacy in the primary grades. Although the outcome of this work is not yet fully realized, solid, student academic growth is evident in both mathematics and literacy.

Tinmouth's teaching staff has remained stable over the past few years, which is fortunate on several levels. Teacher shortages are a national concern. Many schools in the state are without qualified teachers. Tinmouth has employed the same team of teachers for the past several years. Not every member of the team is a veteran teacher, but more importantly, each values life-long learning and cares deeply for all students.

Teachers continue to initiate community service projects including food drives, caroling, watershed monitoring, and gardening. The goal of community service projects is not only to give back to the Tinmouth community, but to develop agency (or student confidence in the notion that they can make a difference in their world). Please contact the school if there is a way that students can reciprocate Tinmouth community's ongoing support.

The student population has expanded to 71 students this year. The continued growth at Tinmouth creates the need for additional classroom space. Currently, we are in the process of seeking state approval for temporary classroom space funded by federal grants. The project is projected to start in the summer of 2023 pending community and state endorsement.

The sense of normalcy manifested in 2022 and the relief from pandemic and political anxiety heartened student learning. This sense of normalcy was derived from the concerted and sustained efforts of teachers, parents, administrators and community. It genuinely affirms the African proverb that asserts, it takes a village to raise a child. Teachers, students, and staff at Tinmouth Mountain School truly appreciate the support provided by community members including the Four Winds Program, Winter Sports Program, Tinmouth Community Fund, Roundup, PTO and all the volunteers who facilitate our field trips and school projects. Thank you.

Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker, Principal
Tinmouth Mountain School

TINMOUTH MOUNTAIN SCHOOL
2023 Sixth Grade Graduating Class



Left to Right: Maleynda Morales, Autumn Lepley, Violet Alexander, Madison Davis, Adrian Zielinski, Malachi Miner, Ari Fallar, Carter Allen, Zan Stone, Dylan Buffum

MILL RIVER UNIFIED UNION HIGH SCHOOL
2022 Annual Principal's Report

I feel grateful to be a part of the Mill River School community and to have been given the chance to jump into the role as principal this year. It definitely has been a smoother start to this school year as certain COVID restrictions have changed allowing us to run regularly scheduled lunches and start to find our way back to a better sense of normalcy.

We are still feeling the effects of the pandemic regarding the high level of social-emotional needs our students have when entering our building each day. Frequent absenteeism is also having a large impact on our student body and their ability to access in-person learning.

In order to combat these issues we have hired some amazing staff members for the start of the school year and are implementing multiple layers of support. We moved a mental health counselor into the guidance department to provide services to our entire school population while allowing our other school counselors to focus more time on college and career readiness planning. Our Dean of Students spends part of her time overseeing guidance and part of her time providing restorative sessions to students who are struggling to meet behavioral expectations. In addition, we have a behavior interventionist and secondary interventionist in the building who have been developing very targeted plans for students who have been referred to EST.

One of our main focuses this school year is to work on building peer-to-peer and staff-to-student connections within advisory time. We treat this time during the school day as a student's home base. This is a place where students are receiving important information about upcoming events, checking their grades and emailing their teachers for support, participating in mini activities around community building, and receiving any school-wide paperwork that needs to be sent home. We know that when our students feel connected to our school they are more likely to see success in their academics as well.

Mill River also has a lot to celebrate this school year. In addition to all the great things that are taking place in the classrooms, our extra-curricular activities and clubs are in full swing and remain a crucial part of our students' and communities' lives. We continue to offer a variety of programs, including Interact Club, Model UN, National Honors Society, unified bowling, alpine skiing, snowboarding, baseball, basketball, cheerleading, football, soccer, cross-country, Stage 20, Stage 40, yearbook, wrestling, rock climbing, golf, math counts, student council, MRU leadership team, art club, and GSA.

I would like to thank the community for all the positive support they have provided for our students this school year and for continuing to provide me with great feedback as we work to make Mill River High School/Middle School the best place for our staff and students.

Respectfully submitted, *Kaelyne Thompson*, Principal

MILL RIVER UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
2022 School Board Chair Report

Dear Clarendon, Shrewsbury, Tinmouth, and Wallingford Communities:

First we would like to say thank you for toughing out the pandemic with us. We are still experiencing some of the aftermath and trying to rebuild. The students are doing great at adjusting back to full time in person learning, and we are really seeing progress in learning recovery. Please remember that masks are still an option and no one will be treated differently if they choose to wear a mask in school.

The board is still making grand efforts to involve the communities in decisions that we are making involving the education of our students. The Community Engagement committee has held several forums to obtain the feedback of community members. Please remember that these meetings are held every 3rd Monday at 6:30pm for committee conversation. The committee also conducted a meet and greet for the new faculty to mingle with the board members and give us their suggestions. Please remember that the board members are not scary and always open to communicate with the community.

The Policy committee is working hard on updating all of the policies so they are clearer and matching the Vermont School Board Association's model policies. The Finance committee worked endlessly on the school budget and the board is taking every piece of input and recommendations we have received very seriously. We know that our students need very important tools to succeed in their education. Building and Grounds committee is working very hard with our new Buildings & Grounds Director to keep all of our schools functioning properly.

In closing, please continue to have patience, understanding and communication with the board as we are working for our community, and we all want the same things. We enjoy hearing from our community members about issues, concerns and praises that we need to be aware of. Please don't hesitate to reach out to any of us.

Sincerely yours,
Andrea Hawkins, MRUUSD Board Chair

MILL RIVER UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
Report from the Superintendent of Schools

It is my pleasure to offer this report on behalf of the Mill River Unified Union District Superintendent's Office. Here we are heading into 2023. We've had an eventful year, as we've welcomed many new administrators to our team, and some to new roles.

Jane Richards - Principal, Clarendon Elementary School
Kaelene Thompson - Principal, Mill River Union High School
Kristin Cimonetti - Principal, Shrewsbury Mountain School
Karyn Stannard - Assistant Principal, Mill River Union High School
Bjorn Behrendt - Director of Technology, Data and Innovation
Timothy Harte - Director of Maintenance and Operations
Theresa Serr - Director of Afterschool

First and foremost, we thank you for your support. We know that having new administrators does create challenges as we work to bring everyone up to speed, but we also know that we have hired well, so we are excited and invested in supporting these new folks. Starting last February, we have worked hard to improve transparency by hiring our new administrators with board and staff involvement. All positions' applicants were reviewed by the personnel committee chair, and each decision to hire was made by a hiring panel that included staff and board members. We have also worked hard to make our administrative team more efficient. One example of that would be hiring a part-time Shrewsbury Principal, with teaching duties included to make that a full-time position. To support that work, we've also created an organizational chart and documentation outlining roles and responsibilities for positions, so that we're all aware of the work needing to be completed (<https://millriverschools.org/org-chart>).

We've also worked this year to hear more from our staff, students, and families as we continue to work to improve our schools. This year we launched a comprehensive survey to collect input, and we plan to administer the same survey at least twice a year to track our progress. We also have worked to gather input in other ways like hosting in-person meetings for transportation feedback and budget input. We are slowly working through a review of our district vision and mission, with a goal of a completed strategic plan by summer. Watch for emails and Front Porch Forum postings for opportunities to provide input on our draft plans along the way in 2023.

Our theme this year has been around trust and pride -- and these connect well with the work I've been describing here. We trust our board and staff to hire the right people when they have all the information in front of them. We trust our administrators to do the work that is their responsibility when we make that clear. And making that work clear to the public provides accountability, which strengthens that trust. We trust the feedback and input we receive from our families to inform the direction of the district.

We want to grow pride in our facilities and our athletics programs -- something we heard loud and clear from our community. If we make the work clear and hire the right people, we will be proud. If we put it to our voters to better fund that work, we trust that our voters will help us identify funding our priorities. You will see a separate ballot item for athletics and facilities for that reason. Whether or not we fund those, we will have worked together to set our course, and we can be proud of what we have done with the resources available. Here's an analogy I've used before -- you don't have to have the nicest car in the parking lot to be proud of it, if you've worked hard to save up and pay for it yourself. We don't need to be the best, but we do need to know that we've done our best.

If you ever feel like you need more information about what our school district and its schools are up to, we want to help you to find the information you are looking for. Please do not hesitate to call or email any of us with any questions you may have. We'll work hard to point you in the right direction and find answers if we don't know them. We are committed to our students, committed to our schools, and committed to this community. Thank you for supporting all that we do on behalf of our community's students.

Sincerely,
Brian Hill

- SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES -

www.rutlandcountyswac.org

Pamela Lavoie Clapp, Administrator

Telephone: (802) 342-5701

Email: solidwastealliancecommunities@gmail.com

Act 148 - Universal Recycling Law

July 1, 2020

Haulers must offer food scrap collection to businesses, schools, transfer stations, and apartment complexes with more than four units.

July 1, 2020

Food scraps are banned from landfills. 20 mile limit no longer applies.

July 1, 2017

Transfer stations must accept food scraps. Generators of 18 tons of food scraps ($\frac{1}{3}$ ton per week) must divert if facility exists within 20 miles.

July 1, 2016

Leaf, yard waste and clean wood are banned from landfills. Haulers must offer leaf and yard debris collection.

Generators of 26 tons/year (2 tons per week) of food wastes must divert if composting facility exists within 20 miles.

July 1, 2015

Residential trash must be charged based on volume or weight. Recyclables are banned from landfills.

Transfer stations must accept leaf and yard waste.

Haulers and transfer stations must offer residential recycling at no separate charge.

Recycling containers must be provided in all publicly owned spaces where trash cans are located.

Generators of 52 tons/year (1 ton per week) of food wastes must divert if composting facility exists within 20 miles.

July 1, 2014

Transfer stations must accept residential recyclables at no charge.

SWAC is composed of the towns of Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, and West Haven and serves a population of approx. 14,000 people. These towns work cooperatively to comply with State laws and mandates managing solid and hazardous waste issues in an environmentally responsible and cost effective manner.

In 2022, SWAC successfully complied with Year Two Act 148 ANR Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) requirements. The SWIP meets the requirements of the State's Material Management Plan and outlines how solid and hazardous waste will be managed in the SWAC towns for a five-year period. All towns in Vermont are required to be included in a SWIP, and the requirements are extensive. The currently approved and adopted SWIP is available for review on the SWAC website. (rutlandcountyswac.org)

SWAC acts as a liaison to the State of Vermont representing the SWAC town's interests on issues such as legislation and rule changes, SWIP requirements, and Product Stewardship.

SWAC is a member of the Vermont Product Stewardship Council and Product Stewardship Institute. These groups have been instrumental in getting Environmental Producer Responsibility (EPR) legislation passed in Vermont. The EPR legislation requires manufacturers to be financially responsible for the end of life collection of their product(s) thereby saving Vermont's resident's disposal/recycling costs. Active programs are in place for the collection of architectural paint, batteries, automobile switches, mercury thermostats, mercury lamps, compact fluorescent bulbs, and electronics waste. Efforts are still ongoing to pass new legislation requiring manufacturers of household hazardous waste products and paper and packaging to pay for end of life disposal of their products. Contact your local representative to support these efforts.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW): HHW collection is the most costly endeavor undertaken. SWAC contracted with US Ecology to hold three household hazardous waste (HHW) events. 5.25 tons of hazardous waste was collected from 115 households. Products included oxidizers, acids, alkalines, reactives, pesticides, aerosols, flammable liquids, ammonia, mercury devices, mercury, batteries, latex, oil based, and flammable paints, propane tanks, batteries, asbestos, pcb ballasts, and antifreeze.

Thank you for participating in SWAC's efforts to properly recycle and dispose of solid and hazardous waste. To keep your communities HHW and solid waste collection costs down, remember to Repurpose, Reuse, and solid waste collection costs down, remember to Repurpose, Reuse,

Repair, Refuse, Reduce, and then Recycle. Consider buying less-toxic products that do not need to be disposed of as hazardous waste.. If you do buy a product, use it up for its intended purpose, or give it to a friend, neighbor, or relative to use. Visit the SWAC website (What Do I Do With page) for locations where electronics, paint, batteries, fluorescent bulbs, and waste oil are accepted for FREE year round. No need to wait for the HHW events.

2023 HW Schedule - Saturday, April 29, Rutland Town Transfer Station, 218 Northwood Park; Saturday, October 7, Fair Haven Transfer Station, 175 Fair Haven Avenue. These event times are 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. These events are free to all SWAC residents. In addition - shared event with Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance (BCSWA) -date to be determined-- For BCSWA residents and Pawlet residents at Dorset School, 130 School Drive, Dorset. The SWAC website provides additional information on these events. More information about the HW drop-off can be found on the Tinmouth Town website. Tinmouthvt.org/trash-and-recycling/

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- SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES -
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Between events: Residents of SWAC towns may purchase a non-district permit to utilize the Rutland County Solid Waste District Gleason Road transfer station and hazardous waste depot. This permit allows access to the Gleason Road facility and provides drop-off of household hazardous waste and, trash disposal at current rates, and access to recycling drop-offs. Permit purchase is available at the scalehouse or hazardous waste depot at the transfer station or at the RCSWD offices, located at 1 Smith Road, Rutland, Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Permits are not available for sale on weekends at either location. Telephone 802-775-7209 for additional information and current rates.

Special thanks to town staff and transfer station attendants who kept operations going despite the difficulties involved. Also many thanks to the SWAC representatives, many town clerks, and administrators. They spend countless hours assuring SWAC continues to run efficiently and effectively.

Your town was represented by:
Town of Tinmouth Chris Martone, Wheaton Squier

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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. Annual Allotments are included in the Budget on page 15 and 16.

American Red Cross	RSVP & The Volunteer Center
A.R.C. Rutland Area Advocacy, Resources & Community for citizens with developmental disabilities & their families	Rutland Free Library
Bennington – Rutland Opportunity Council, Inc. - BROCC	Rutland Mental Health
Child First Advocacy	Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District
Green-Up Vermont – Green Up Day, May 7, 2022	Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging, Inc.
NeighborWorks of Western Vermont	Vermont Adult Learning Center
Poultney Rescue Squad	Vermont Center for Independent Living
Poultney-Mettowee Watershed Partnership	Vermont League of Cities and Towns
Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice	Vermont Old Cemetery Association
Rutland County Parent/Child Center, Inc.	VT Resource Conservation & Development Council Inc.
NewStory Center	Wallingford Rescue, Inc.

**TOWN OF TINMOUTH
CITIZEN'S CALENDAR 2023**

March 6	In Person and Virtual Information Meeting 7:00 pm to discuss Budgets, Officers, & Other Business
March 7	Town Meeting - Australian Ballot Voting – Officers, School Budget, Town Budgets, & Public Questions - Tinmouth Community Ctr 8am-7pm
April 1	Deadline for Licensing DOGS at Town Office
April 18	Federal and State Income Tax Due
May 1	Tinmouth Community Fund Grant Applications due
May 6	Green-Up Day
April & May	Annual Tinmouth Plant Sale (Check for dates in Tales and FPF)
June	Community Fund Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony
July	Tinmouth Community Day (Fun events, Parade, Pot Luck)
August 15	1 st Half of Property Taxes Due
October 21-22	Youth & Novice Deer Hunting weekend
November 15	2 nd Half of Property Taxes Due
November 18	Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Dept – Wild Game Supper (Maybe)
November 19	Community Thanksgiving Service
December 31	Hunting & Fishing Licenses expire

Community Calendar can be found on the Tinmouth website.
All dates will be confirmed in Tales and on Front Porch Forum.
www.tinmouthvt.org

Minutes
TINMOUTH TOWN MEETING
Annual Town Meeting Minutes ~ February 26 and March 1, 2022

Due to the continued Covid-19 corona virus Pandemic, the Informational Meeting was held virtually on Saturday, February 26th , with 35-40 attendees. Voting took place at the Old Fire House on March 1st via Australian ballot. 228 (57%) voters cast ballots, 95 in person and 133 via early/absentee. Current checklist is 400 voters.

Michael Fallar, Moderator, called the virtual meeting to order at 1:03, lead the pledge of allegiance and asked for a moment of silence for those who had passed in the last year – Ramsey Yoder, Grant Reynolds, Fred Aines Jr., Marion Hambly, Doris Schneider, Nathan Ricketts, Alma Somers, Kathie Fox and Steve Eaton.

State Representatives Salley Achey and Art Peterson spoke regarding legislative matters - redistricting and proposed amendments to Vermont's Constitution. Michael thanked them for their service.

Michael read the Articles on the Warning, asked for discussion, advising voting will take place on Tuesday.

Article 1. *Shall taxes be paid to the Treasurer, 1st half due August 15th and 2nd half due November 15th ?*

Article 2. *Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$239,735 for general expenses of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023?*

Article 3. *Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$640,000 for highway expenses of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023?*

Article 4. *Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$200 to RSVP & The Volunteer Center?*

Article 5. *Shall the voters re-designate the purpose of the Special Designated Capital Building and Repair Fund created in 2001, to include the construction of a town garage?*

Article 6. *Shall the voters authorize the transfer of \$18,800 of the unencumbered General Fund FY21 Fund Balance for the town's share of the Potter's Brook Culvert Project?*

Article 7. *To elect all Town Officers now required by law.*

Moderator 1 year term, Select Board member 3 year term, Community Center Board member 2 year term, Mill River Unified Union School District Director 3 year term, Lister 3 year term, Auditor 3 year term, Auditor 1 year term, Delinquent Tax Collector 1 year term.

Cathy Reynolds spoke to Article 5, advising that voters had voted a number of times including the Bond vote, but to be clear, the purpose of the Capital Building Fund needed to be specifically clear that construction of a town garage was included. She also spoke to Article 6, advising that the General Fund had a year end fund balance, that the Select Board would like use \$18,800 for the Town's share of the Potter's Brook culvert replacement project.

Candidates for Select Board – Kevin Eaton and Michael Fallar; School Board – Ingrid Lepley and Josh Squier; and Moderator - Holly Ross and Michael Fallar – all spoke briefly and answered questions. Michael stepped down from role of Moderator to speak as a candidate.

Michael recessed the meeting at 2:00 until voting begins on Tuesday, March 2nd . He reminded everyone to vote on Tuesday, polls will be open from 8:00 am until 7:00 at the Old Fire House.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Fallar, Town Clerk

Approved by Moderator Michael Fallar

March 1, 2022 Town Meeting Results

228 voters cast ballots for town questions. 224 votes were cast for school questions – which were then co-mingled with votes from Clarendon, Shrewsbury and Wallingford before being counted.

Town:

Article 1. Tax due dates: **221 yes**, 7 no

Article 2. General Budget: **206 yes**, 19 no

Article 3. Highway Budget: **189 yes**, 37 no

Article 4. RSVP/The Volunteer Center: **190 yes**, 29 no

Article 5. Add Town Garage to purpose of Capital Building Fund: **183 yes**, 42 no

Article 6. Transfer General Fund Balance of \$18,800 to Highway: **185 yes**, 45 no

Article 7. Officers

Moderator: **Holly Ross** 144, Michael Fallar 78

Select Board: **Kevin Eaton** 174, Michael Fallar 52

Mill River Unified Union School District Board: **Josh Squier** 124, Ingrid Lepley 103

The following were declared winners as they were uncontested races.

Community Center Board: **Martha Stanley**

Lister: **Rick Fallar**

TINMOUTH TOWN MEETING
March 1, 2022 Town Meeting Results (continued)

Auditor: **Sandy Goyette** 3 year term
Auditor: **Ann Czar** 1 year term
Delinquent Tax Collector: **Cat Yoder**

School:

MRUUSD: 1493 votes cast in Tinmouth, Clarendon, Wallingford and Shrewsbury

Article 1. Officers

Moderator: **Grant Reynolds** 1052

Clerk: **Crystal Usher** 58 Write-ins

Treasurer: **Denise Patch** 1060

Article 2: Authorization to borrow: **985 yes**, 440 no

Article 3: Public Informational Hearing regarding the budget – no action

Article 4: School Budget: **865 yes**, 586 no

Article 5: Authorization to transfer surplus FY21 funds to the Building Sinking Fund: **1031 yes**, 412 no

Town of Tinmouth
Special Town Meeting Minutes ~ May 2, 2022

In person meeting held at the Tinmouth Community Center, first floor vote since the start of Covid. Holly Ross, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Valkyrie Dana led the pledge of allegiance. Holly reviewed Rules – raise your hand, be recognized, state your name, be civil.

Logan Younce, UVM student intern, was introduced, he had been working with the Select Board regarding town meetings and developing a survey for the town.

Voters were asked to provide input regarding use of the ARPA funds – posters with stickies were provided.

Holly read the Articles:

Article 1. *Shall the voters exempt the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department from property taxes for the term of five (5) years - 2027?*

Bob Emery moved and Michael Fallar 2nded. Gail Fallar spoke to the request. This is a matter voters have to approve every five years in order for the fire department to remain tax exempt, and it was inadvertently left off the regular town meeting warning. **Voice vote unanimously approved.**

Article 2. *Shall the voters switch to the use of Australian Balloting for its Annual Budget votes?*

Helen Mango moved, Michael Fallar 2nded. 7 voters requested when discussion was over that the vote be done by paper ballot. Voters spoke to the benefits of floor voting – can amend an article – and voting by Australian balloting – everyone can vote due to early voting. Many wanted to do it both ways, spoke about past town meetings, pros and cons, good experiences and not so good times. The question was called, 2/3 voted to cease discussion. By paper ballots **72 voted yes**, 35 voted no, **article was passed.**

Article 3. *Shall the voters switch to the use of Australian Balloting for all Public Questions?*

Gregg Casey moved, Alan Held 2nded. 7 voters requested when discussion was over that the vote be done by paper ballot. Question was asked, what are public questions? Everything that is not budgets or officers was the reply. After brief discussion, the question was called, ceasing discussion approved by a show of hands (2/3). Paper ballot **67 yes**, 31 no, **article was passed.**

Article 4. *Discussion regarding spending \$177,000 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)?*

Cathy Reynolds reviewed poster board suggestions: pay taxpayers (will need to check on that); ash tree removal – much discussion about number of trees, how to budget for it, cost, the need to figure it out, etc.; town shooting range; town garage – bonded amount may not be enough, have to think about the salt/sand shed as well; Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department – could use some to help offset no game suppers lately; pickle ball-Alan Held advised he would donate 3 acres to help create pickle ball/tennis court, small rec area on Merrill Spring Road; purchase winter salt/sand; create a grant program. It was noted the Select Board had to decide by 2024 how to allocate the ARPA funds and spend them by 2026. Michael Fallar moved to adjourn, Paula Bonazinga 2nded, by a show of hands 14 voted yes, **22 voted no, motion was defeated**, many left at this point. Other suggestions included: bicycle lane for Route 140; disc golf; outdoor amphitheater; road to land in back of the town garage. Cathy advised the Select Board might appoint a committee, asked for volunteers, would like this money to be used for something transformative – like the community center was 20 years ago.

Article 5. *To discuss any other lawful business.*

Town of Tinmouth
Special Town Meeting Minutes ~ May 2, 2022 (continued)

Announcements: Voters were asked to help clean-up – put chairs away, etc.

Concern for neighbors was raised for some of the proposed uses.

Rainbow Squier announced Town Fun Day would be July 9 th , the Conservation Commission is holding a photo contest for that, lots of other activities are planned. She added that the Equity and Inclusion Committee had formed working groups – research and development, mutual aide, and town events – a place to have a voice, but not get involved in town politics.

Holly reminded everyone of Green-Up Day – meet at 8:30 at the transfer station, wear gloves, watch out for ticks, etc.

Holly noted that she had been elected Moderator at town meeting, but with the votes tonight, that role has changed. She is still looking forward to give and take, and glad everyone remained civil.

Cathy moved and Alan seconded to adjourn, all voted in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:26.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Fallar, Town Clerk

Town of Tinmouth
Special Town Meeting Minutes ~ August 8 and 9, 2022

Holly Ross, Moderator, called the Informational Meeting to order at 6:40 PM, at the Tinmouth Community Center. Present were Holly Ross, Gail Fallar – Town Clerk, and Vito Macaluso-Planning Commissioner.

Holly read the warning and the Article :

Article 1. *Shall the Town vote to amend Tinmouth Zoning Regulations: Attachment A Flood Hazard Area Regulations as proposed below? Remove the existing Exempt Activities Section and replace it with an updated Exempt Activities Section; Remove the existing Non-Conforming Uses and Variances Sections and replace them with updated Non-Conforming Uses and Variances Sections; along with other minor editing.*

The current document will be replaced with an updated version, prepared by the Rutland Regional Planning Commission, dated 2022.

As there were no comments, at 6:45 the meeting was recessed until 8:00 AM August 9th for voting.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Fallar, Town Clerk

August 9, 2022 Special Town Meeting Results

134 voters cast ballots, 68 in person and 66 voted early (it was also the date of the State Primary Election)

Proposed Zoning/Flood Hazard Amendments were **approved 108 yes** to 24 no.

Town of Tinmouth
Special Town Meeting Minutes ~ November 7 and 8, 2022

Holly Ross, Moderator, called the Informational Meeting to order at 6:35 PM, at the Tinmouth Community Center.

Present were Select Board members Meadow Squier, Kevin Eaton, and Cathy Reynolds-via telephone; Gail Fallar – Town Clerk, and 7 voters in person, 2 children, and 2 via Zoom.

Holly read the warning and the Article :

Article 1. *Shall the voters authorize the expenditure of American Recovery Plan Act money (Federal Covid funds) to purchase a right of way off of Mountain View Road for access, for recreational and other purposes, to the southern end of the town garage parcel and 0.43 acres of land on the westerly boundary of said parcel for \$14,500.00 plus closing costs?*

Holly asked the Select Board if they wished to present information. Meadow thanked everyone for coming and asked for questions. Questions/comments included whether there was access through the transfer station/town garage, lack of information about the proposed uses, costs not included in proposal, neighbors not being contacted, concern for safety with the location of the proposed driveway, lack of transparency, time frame of the informational meeting (many voters have already cast their ballots as the election is tomorrow), plans, etc.

The Select Board responded that the negotiations were done privately and in Executive Session as they dealt with a potential real estate purchase, once there was a signed purchase and sales agreement, it was made public. The

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Town of Tinmouth

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short time frame of going to vote was due to the P & S not being finalized until October 6 th and warning for a vote required 30 days notice, for a vote on November 8 th . They noted previous Select Boards had tried to obtain a right of way and not been successful. With the discussion of new recreational activities using ARPA money, the Board felt this was an opportunity for the future. It was also noted that the Select Board did not have to ask voters' permission to spend ARPA dollars.

Holly noted at 7:06 that everyone had spoken their piece, thanked everyone for coming, and advised that the meeting is recessed until 8:00 AM tomorrow for voting.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Fallar, Town Clerk

November 8, 2022 Special Town Meeting Results

305 voters (74%) cast ballots in the General Election. Of those, 2/3, voted early.
The Special Town Meeting vote regarding the Right of Way on Mountain View Road question was approved **178 yes** to 104 no. 282 votes were cast.

Annual Meeting of the Mill River Unified Union School District Towns of Clarendon, Shrewsbury, Tinmouth and Wallingford February 24, 2022

Present: Adrienne Raymond (chair) Bjorn Behrendt, Doug Earle, Maria French, Len Doucette, Liz Filskov, Matt Gouchberg, Andrea Hawkins, Asha Carroll, Sam Green (board members); Brian Hill, (interim-superintendent), Stan Pawlaczyk, Ann Dages, Deputy Joe Hoffman, (staff); Michelle Kenny (Moderator), Crystal Usher (District Clerk), Denise Patch (Treasurer); Helen Richards-Peele, Andrew Richards-Peele, Brenda Allen, Kathy Sadakierski, Carol Geery, Stephen Truhan, Wendy Savery, Joan Lattuca, Ken Fredette, Kristine Billings (public).

Moderator Kenny called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

The legal voters of the Mill River Unified Union School District are hereby warned to meet at the Library of the Mill River Union High School in Clarendon, Vermont, on February 24, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. for the annual school district meeting to transact the following business:

ARTICLE 1 To elect the following officers: a. Moderator; b. Clerk; c. Treasurer.

Moderator Kenny read the article.

- a. Moderator vacancy, Doug Earle made motion to table seconded by Liz Filskov. Motion passed.
- b. Carol Geery nominated Crystal Usher as clerk, Andrew Richards-Peele seconded. Motion passed.
- c. Liz Filskov nominated Denise Patch as Treasurer. Carol Geery seconded. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 2 To authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money pending receipt of payment from district towns by the issuance of notes or orders payable not later than one year from date.

Moderator Kenny read the article. Andrew Richards-Peele moved to approve the article, Carol Geery seconded. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 3 To have presented by the Board of School Directors their estimate of the expenses for the ensuing year. This is a public informational hearing regarding the budget article. (See Article 4).

Moderator Kenny read the article. Carol Geery moved to approve, Andrew Richards-Peele seconded. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 4 Shall the voters of the Mill River Unified Union School District approve the Board to expend \$18,637,991, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? (By Australian Ballot) It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$18,376.58 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 4.47% higher than spending for the current year. Public Comment; Stephen Truhan asked estimated district pupil count, Brian Hill replied with an estimate 750-800 pupils. Denise Patch asked the elementary level para educator count per student. Stephen Truhan followed with question regarding para educator and teacher count per student. Discussion ensued with Brian Hill and Liz Filskov explaining these ratios are discussed as part of the fiscal budget. Encouraged community to attend future Financial Committee meetings.

Moderator Kenny read the article. Carol Geery moved to approve, Doug Earle seconded to appear on Australian ballot. Michelle Kenny noted, the actual vote will take place town meeting day.

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**Annual Meeting of the Mill River Unified Union School District
Towns of Clarendon, Shrewsbury, Tinmouth and Wallingford
February 24, 2022 (continued)**

ARTICLE 5 Shall the voters authorize the District to transfer the audited unanticipated surplus funds remaining at the end of FY22 to the building sinking fund, not to exceed \$200,000? (By Australian Ballot)

Public Comment; Denise Patch, Clarendon asked last years sinking fund amount. Liz Filskov reported the requested amount on the ballot this year is the same as what was requested last year \$200,000. Denise then asked how much is in the surplus this year. Stan Pawlaczyk stated that the surplus is not known at this time, and clarified that Article 5 was asking the voters to allow any future surplus, up to \$200,000 at the end of FY22, to be added to the sinking fund.

Moderator Kenny read the article. Doug Earle moved to approve, Sam Green seconded to appear on Australian ballot.

The meeting was recessed at 7:20 pm to March 1, 2022 (Town Meeting Day) for the purpose of voting by Australian ballot at the usual polling places in the District towns on the following business. Said ballots shall be brought to the Mill River Union High School Cafeteria following the closing of the polls in the District towns where they will be commingled and counted by the officers of the District towns.

Submitted by, *Crystal Usher* – District Clerk

**See all agendas and minutes at:
millriverschools.org**

WARNING

**Annual Meeting of the Mill River Unified Union School District
Towns of Clarendon, Shrewsbury, Tinmouth and Wallingford
February 23, 2023**

The legal voters of the Mill River Unified Union School District are hereby warned to meet at the Mill River Union High School Library on February 23, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. for the annual school district meeting to transact the following business:

ARTICLE 1 To elect the following officers: a. Moderator; b. Clerk; c. Treasurer.

ARTICLE 2 To authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money pending receipt of payment from district towns by the issuance of notes or orders payable not later than one year from date.

ARTICLE 3 To have presented by the Board of School Directors their estimate of the expenses for the ensuing year. This is a public informational hearing regarding the budget article. (See Article 4).

ARTICLE 4 Shall the voters of the Mill River Unified Union School District approve the Board to expend \$19,826,555, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? (By Australian Ballot) It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$21,078.49 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 14.47% higher than spending for the current year.

ARTICLE 5 Shall the voters authorize the District to transfer the audited unanticipated surplus funds remaining at the end of FY23 to the building sinking fund, not to exceed \$250,000? (By Australian Ballot)

ARTICLE 6 Shall the voters authorize the District to establish an athletics fund and transfer current surplus funds to this athletics fund in the amount of \$80,000, to be used to maintain district fields, replace outdoor bleachers, and expand elementary sports. (By Australian Ballot)

The meeting will then be recessed to March 7, 2023 (Town Meeting Day) for the purpose of voting by Australian ballot at the usual polling places in the District towns on the following business. Said ballots shall be brought to the Mill River Union High School Cafeteria following the closing of the polls in the District towns where they will be commingled and counted by the officers of the District towns.

Approved by the MRUUSD Board of Directors in a public meeting and dated at Clarendon, Vermont this 4th day of January 2023.

Andrea Hawkins /s/, Clarendon

Crystal Usher, District Clerk

WARNING
TINMOUTH TOWN MEETING
March 6, 2023 and March 7, 2023

The legal voters of the Town of Tinmouth, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet in person at the Tinmouth Community Center or virtually (please see link below) on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of being provided information and to discuss the articles to be voted March 7, 2023.

The legal voters of the Town of Tinmouth, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to vote at the Tinmouth Community Center on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 between the hours of 8:00 am and 7:00 pm to vote by Australian Ballot on Articles 1 - 5 Viz:

- Article 1.** Shall taxes be paid to the Treasurer, 1st half due August 15th and 2nd half due November 15th?
- Article 2.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$259,925 for general expenses of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024?
- Article 3.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$613,300 for highway expenses of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024?
- Article 4.** Shall the voters vote to eliminate the office of Constable?
- Article 5.** To elect all Town Officers now required by law.
Moderator – 1 year term
Select Board Member – 3 year term
Town Clerk – 3 year term
Treasurer – 3 year term
Lister – 3 year term
Auditor – 3 year term
Tax Collector (Delinquent) – 1 year term

Dated at Tinmouth, Vermont this 26th day of January, 2023.

Select Board Town of Tinmouth, Vermont

Cathy Reynolds, Chair

Meadow Squier

Kevin Eaton

Informational Virtual Meeting – 7:00 pm if you wish to participate via teleconferencing please join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone at Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/97744928600?pwd=Y1dYcmxNS0dPKzV5NnBzZ2JZMXh0UT09>

Meeting ID: 977 4492 8600

Passcode: 218462

You can also dial in using your telephone. This is NOT a toll free number.

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2022 Tinmouth Community Fun Day – Parade, games, events, music, and a delicious lunch for all.

