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*Saturday, March 3, 2018 11:30 am Tinmouth Community Fund Annual Meeting
Tinmouth Community Center*

*Come early for Lunch, which will be available for sale by the Tinmouth 5/6 class.
Proceeds will go to their class trip fund.*

*Saturday, March 3, 2018 1:00 pm Town Meeting
Town & Highway Budgets and Public Questions
Tinmouth Community Center*

*Tuesday, March 6, 2018 8:00 am to 7:00 pm
Australian Ballot Voting for Town Officers & School Budget Items
Tinmouth Community Center*

THE TOWN OF TINMOUTH, VERMONT



**Annual Report of the Town Officers
*Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017***

**The 2017 town report is dedicated to the members (past and present) of the
Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department
~ Celebrating its 50th Anniversary ~**

We thank them for their continued and unflinching dedication to protecting our community, our property and our lives.

Firefighting has changed tremendously in the past 50 years. Much more training is required (the basic course is nearly 200 hours); construction materials have changed (more hazardous when burning); female firefighters have joined the ranks, and there is an active Junior Firefighter group. TVFD is also a member of a multi-town mutual aide organization.

TVFD has saved a number of houses and barns, rescued farmers from under skid steers and logs, responded to car wrecks, chimney fires, search and rescues, even when a partridge flew through a picture window. They have responded when there are major power outages, floods, storm damage, quite frankly any emergency.

The Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department was organized as a separate entity in 1967. They didn't want the Selectmen telling them what to do! At the risk of forgetting someone, (we sincerely apologize if we have), we believe the department was formed by these individuals (in alphabetical order): Fordyce Blanchard, Cecil Buffum, Jerry Colvin, Marcus Fish, Pete Gilmore, Glenn W. Merrill, Clifton Phillips, Louis Raiche, Wilbur Raiche, John J. Squier, Marshall Squier, and Bill Valentine. They claim to have allowed the first female firefighter in the state (in 1974 or so).

Former Fire Chiefs include Fordyce Blanchard, Maurice Burden, Gerald Colvin, Leonard Morris and Hollis Squier. Current Fire Chief Marshall 'Mo' Squier (serving over 30 years as Chief) was one of the founding members – he was 16 years old at the time. Glenn W. Merrill is another founding member – having only retired from the TVFD in the last couple of years. Hollis also served as Chief before he demoted himself to Assistant Chief, serving the Department 47 years. Bob Emerick has over 40 years as well.

An effort has been started to identify everyone who has served the Fire Department. A roster will be created and posted at the fire house and town office. There are many community members who have contributed and they need to be recognized. Please contact the town office if you can help with this endeavor.

Pictured on the cover, from left to right, are: Bob Emerick, Ray Pratt, Ryan Deppert, Julia Deppert, Josh Allen, Cameron Lepley, Kevin Eaton, Alex Eaton, David Birdsall, Marshall Squier, Melody Squier, Hollis Squier, Kevin Ruane, Andy McCullough, Glenn W. Merrill, Wheaton Squier, Kim Harbaugh.

Other current members of the TVFD who were not available at the time of the photo: Eric Buffum, Joe Buffum, Chris Chapman, Ronnie Crossman, Alyssa Eaton, Jeremy Evans, Nick Evans, Patrick Evans, Dave Fox, Steve Goyette, Sherry Johnson, Chelsey Keyes, Glenn D. Merrill, Paul Morris, Danica Stein.



Father and son: Glenn D. and Glenn W. Merrill – long-time firefighters in Tinmouth. Glenn W. served as Forest Fire Warden for over 55 years. Glenn D. is Deputy Fire Warden

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TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Elected Town and School Officers – Elected in 2017 (Bold)

Moderator: Stan Wilbur *

Town Clerk: Gail Fallar (2020)

Town & School Treasurer: Gail Fallar (2020)

Select Board: Matthew Patry (2018)*
Frank Sears, Chair (2019)
Cathy Reynolds (2020)

Mill River Unified Union School District Director:
Grant Reynolds (2019)

Community Center Board: Denise McGinley (2018)*

Road Commissioner: Eric Buffum (2018)*

Listers: Pat Psholka (2018)*
Shirley Bucceri (2019)
Gail Fallar (2020)

Auditors: Vito Macaluso (2018)*
Sandy Goyette (2019)
Alan Held (2020)

Constables: (First) **Robert Emerick**, *resigned 12/31/17* (2019)*
(Second) Tyler Dana (2018)*

Delinquent Tax Collector: Catherine Yoder *

Grand Juror: Glenn D. Merrill *

Town Agent: Rick Fallar *

* Term expires this year – 2018; () - Year term expires

Officers Elected at General Election
(November 2016)

Justices of the Peace

Robert Emerick	Cathy Reynolds
Nelson Jaquay	Marshall Squier
Stanley Wilbur	

TOWN OF TINMOUTH

Officers Appointed by Select Board – 2017 (Bold, for those with terms. Most others are annual.)

Board of Adjustment

Bart Eaton, Chair (2019)
Gregg Casey (2020)
Sherry Johnson (2020)
Robert Lloyd (2018)*
Robert Noble (2018)*
Cathy Reynolds (2019)
Grant Reynolds (2018)*
Alternate – Stan Wilbur
Glenn W. Merrill - *resigned*

Planning Commission

Michael Fallar, Chair (2020)
Andy Gilmore (2018)*
Kim Harbaugh (2019)
Robert Lloyd (2019)
Vito Macaluso (2020)
Denise McGinley (2018)*
Grant Reynolds (2019)
Kevin Ruane (2018)*
Vacant (2020)*
Amanda Chisamore - *resigned*

Zoning Administrator

Gail Fallar (2020)

911 Coordinator

Gail Fallar

Rutland Regional Planning Commission

Robert Lloyd, Commissioner
Michael Fannin, Alternate

RRPC Regional Transportation Council

Rene Wilbur Michael Fannin

Solid Waste Alliance Communities

Wheaton Squier Rick LaCroix, Alternate

Tinmouth Library Trustee

Gene Usher (2019)

Rutland Free Library Trustee

Cathy Reynolds (2021)

Health Officer

Laurie Phillips
Theresa Schmelzenbach, Deputy

Pound Keepers

Glenn D. Merrill

Fence Viewers

Caleb Scott Ralph Lewis
Glenn D. Merrill Grant Reynolds

Tree Warden

David Birdsall Wheaton Squier, Deputy

Green-Up Day Committee

Doug Fontein
Ed Hasenohr
Nelson Jaquay

Housing Rehab Loan Review Committee

Caleb Scott Glenn W. Merrill
Carolyn Feury Gail Fallar

Animal Control Officers

David Birdsall
Tyler Dana, 2nd Constable

Emergency Management Coordinator

Michael Fannin

Town Huggers

Hollis Squier Patti (Cow Patti) Macaluso

Community Center Board

Frank Sears (appointed by Select Board)
Grant Reynolds (appointed by School Board)
Denise McGinley (2018)* (elected at Town Mtg.)

Weighers of Coal

Michael Fannin Cathy Reynolds

Inspector of Lumber & Shingles

Doug Fontein Michael Fallar

Energy Committee

Ray Pratt Cathy Reynolds
Vacant

Personnel Policy Committee

Michael Fannin Judi Fox
Amy Martone, Chair Laurie Phillips
Pat Psholka Cathy Reynolds
Stan Wilbur

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Officers Appointed by Select Board – 2017 *Continued*

Conservation Commission

Chuck Bronk (2019)
 Ann Czar (2018)*
 Doug Fontein, Chair (2021)
Nelson Jaquay (2020)
 Robbie Leeds (2019)
 Jo Reynolds (2018)*
 Vacant (2020)*

*Jeff Alexander, David Birdsall, Carmen Fallar, &
 Barbara Held resigned during 2017*

Safety & Wellness Committee

Ronnie Crossman	Gail Fallar
Rick LaCroix	Amy Martone
Laurie Phillips	Ray Pratt, Chair

Tinmouth Website Committee

Nancy Birdsall	Pat Psholka
Gail Fallar	Cathy Reynolds

Solid Waste & Recycling Committee

Jonathan Czar	Gail Fallar
Alan Held	Rick LaCroix
Helen Mango	Wheaton Squier, Chair

Old Creamery Committee

Grant Reynolds, Chair	Michael Fallar
Doug Fontein	Stan Wilbur
Vito Macaluso	Alan Held, <i>resigned</i>

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
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

Tinmouth Website: tinmouthvt.org

Town Calendar - Monthly Meetings

<i>Select Board</i>	Town Office	2 nd Thursday 7:00 p.m.
<i>Planning Commission</i>	Town Office	3 rd Thursday 7:00 p.m.
<i>Volunteer Fire Dept.</i>	Fire House	1 st Thursday 7:00 p.m.
<i>Tinmouth Land Trust</i>	Community Center	<i>Scheduled as needed</i>
<i>Tinmouth Historical & Genealogical Society</i>	Town Office	4 th Sunday 2:00 p.m. <i>(except Nov. & Dec.)</i>
<i>Conservation Commission</i>	Town Office	3 rd Monday every other month
<i>Additional Town Committees</i>	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 @ 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 W. Merrill, 446-2785 or Glenn D. Merrill, 446-2782.

Glenn W. Merrill, Fire Warden Glenn D. Merrill, Deputy

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.

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 (\$20 for 10 punches or \$100 for 50 punches). Each 30-gallon bag of trash is 1 punch (\$2.00). Larger items are priced according to size.

Recycling is FREE

1. Zero sort for glass, tin cans, aluminum, #1-7 plastic
2. Paper – sort into newspaper; corrugated cardboard; and all other papers
3. Metal (except for refrigerators, freezers, air-conditioners, as all contain Freon)

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

Household Hazardous Waste will no longer be collected in Town. See locations and dates on Page 36.

Library Hours

Monday and Thursday: 9:30 am - noon & 1:00-5:00 pm

1st Saturday morning each month: 9:00 am - noon

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 2018.

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

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-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@gmail.com.

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 online digital news shared among Tinmouth neighbors. 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 once or twice 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.

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Report of the Auditors
2017

We have conducted our audit of the Town of Tinmouth's financial records for transactions transpired during fiscal year 2016-2017. Thanks to Sandy Goyette's computer skills we now have our work sheets of sampled documents produced using the town computer, saving us quite a bit of time rechecking our sampled documents.

We followed previous years' script for the audit process, checking cash receipts, disbursements, general expense warrants, payroll warrants, the Grand List, delinquent taxes receivables, and special accounts. Cash receipts are compared with those from previous years and all large state aid payments are traced to bank statements and accuracy as to being properly recorded by the town; the Grand list is checked for accuracy of lister card valuations, tax bill calculations, tax payments received and deposited, and that any property valuation changes are properly recorded. On Cash disbursements, Select Board orders are sampled and checked for accuracy and verified to agree in all areas from the original order to the payment and disbursement of the funds to the vendor, this process is also carried out for Select Board orders for payroll, where the accuracy of withholdings, overtime payments and authorizations are verified also. Delinquent taxes receivable totals are checked to verify accuracy, and all special accounts have been reconciled for accuracy.

As with prior years audits, all our questions on discrepancies found and procedures were answered to our satisfaction and we feel it is in our opinion that the accounts as printed in the Town Report adequately represent the financial status of the Town.

Respectfully submitted, *Vito Macaluso*, Chair; *Alan Held*; *Sandy Goyette*

TOWN OF TINMOUTH **Report of the Select Board**

As 2017 comes to a close and 2018 opens before us I can only say Wow! Looking back at 2017 your Select Board addressed many matters, with your assistance, maintaining a New England style of life we live here to experience and preparing us for the needs of 2018.

As in 2016, 2017 saw a change in Select Board Members with Laurie Phillips, after 9 years of faithful Select Board service, handing her Select Board reigns over to Cathy Reynolds.

Cathy, who has served Tinmouth in many capacities, which includes 15 years as a previous Select Board member, brings a vast amount of skill and knowledge to the Board which is proving to be invaluable. Thank you, Cathy, for all you do towards the betterment of Tinmouth.

My Board position was realigned when Matt, Select Board Chair, decided it was time to nominate another to the Chair as he planned on 2017 being his final year on the Select Board. With that, Matt nominated me as the new Chair where I currently serve.

Having Matt by my side, as a mentor, during these past months has enabled me to develop as a Select Board Chair who is better able to serve the Select Board and the community of Tinmouth.

We wish Matt the very best in all future endeavors and look forward to the privilege of our continued friendship, and hopefully, working relationship in Tinmouth should he decide to serve in another public service capacity.

Important matters of Town business which were addressed in 2017 by your Select Board included; setting forth plans to upgrade our town's Public Works Facility, updating our town Employee Personnel Policy, approving a revised Tinmouth Town Plan, attending to the immediate needs brought about by the devastating flood of July 1st, and participating in a newly established patrol program with the Rutland County Sheriff's Department which involves Ira, Middletown Springs, Danby and Tinmouth, extending better response time to traffic and domestic issues which might arise in our Community.

Beyond the "day to day" business upheld by your Select Board, we also assisted in facilitating things such as "Take Tinmouth to the Lake", the "Old Creamery Celebration of the New Porch", the "Community Pizza Oven", and "Town Beautification" by the planting of flowering trees in the Town Center on the Town Green.

Of course, none of the above mentioned could be accomplished without the participation of our Town members who faithfully attend the meetings and gatherings which enables us, your Select Board, to hear your voice and serve you better.

In closing, I challenge each one of our community members to attend at least one Select Board meeting or Town gathering in 2018. By doing so you will become better informed as to this great community of Tinmouth we live in.

Respectfully Submitted,
Frank Sears, Chairperson



"Take Tinmouth to the Lake"

**TOWN OF TINMOUTH
General & Highway Fund Report - FY 17**

Balance 7/1/16 Checking Account **\$ 121,790.70**

Receipts

Highway Aid	81,527.77
State Bridge & Culvert Grant	13,605.24
Diesel Excise Tax Refund	1,453.48
Property Taxes Collected	1,355,250.86
Use Value – State	52,100.00
Fish & Wildlife in lieu of taxes	5,958.29
Act 60 Re-appraisal – State	4,304.00
Delinquent Taxes (tax, penalty, interest, expenses)	66,134.11
Transfer Station fees	10,815.00
Recycling	101.35
Current Use Penalty	2,442.50
Liquor License	115.00
Dog Licenses & Fees	1,706.00
Zoning/Health Permit Fees	100.00
Marriage/CU License Fees	120.00
SRCSTC Admin. Fees	75.00
Copies	1,100.00
Interest – checking	260.16
Old Firehouse Donations	274.40
Traffic tickets	1,381.50
Milfoil Project State Grant (pass-through)	7,410.00
Town Video	14.00
Community Center Manager Salary Reim (\$343.13 Acct. Rc'vble)	0.00
Overweight truck permits	115.00
Final School FY16 Fund Balance	617.51
Town Clerk Recording Fees	4,760.00
Town Office Fees	60.00
Grants	755.00
Miscellaneous	0.01
Misc Adjustment (most likely adjustment to tax payments)	<u>(991.14)</u>
Total FY 17 Receipts	\$ 1,611,564.04

Total (Includes 7/1/16 Balance) **\$ 1,734,354.74**

Disbursements

Town and Highway Orders \$ 1,634,469.99

Balance 6/30/17 Checking Account **\$ 98,884.75**

The Town of Tinmouth has no indebtedness.
Respectfully submitted, *Gail Fallar*, Treasurer

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
General & Highway Fund Budget
Revenues

	FY 17 Budget	FY 17 Actual	FY 18 Budget	FY 19 Budget
HIGHWAY				
State Highway Aide	82,000	81,528	82,000	82,000
Highway Bridge & Culvert Grant	0	13,605	0	0
Diesel Tax Refund	0	1,453	0	0
Subtotal	82,000	96,585	82,000	82,000
GENERAL				
Property Taxes	478,375	417,393	498,470	530,055
Use Value - State	50,000	52,100	52,000	52,000
Fish & Wildlife Taxes	4,000	5,958	4,000	4,000
Delinquent Taxes	50,000	56,054	50,000	50,000
Delinquent Interest	4,500	6,873	4,500	4,500
Delinquent Fees	4,000	2,619	4,000	2,700
Delinquent Expenses	0	588	0	0
Transfer Station Fees	11,000	10,815	11,500	11,000
Recycling	0	101	50	50
Current Use Penalty	0	2,443	0	0
Dog Licenses & Fees	1,800	1,706	1,800	1,700
Zoning Permit Fees	150	100	150	100
Marriage/CU Licenses	180	120	180	120
SRCSTC Admin. Fees	75	75	75	75
Liquor License	115	115	115	115
Copies	1,400	1,100	1,400	1,200
Refunds/Reimbursements	0	0	0	0
Interest - Checking Acct.	200	260	200	200
Old Firehouse Donations	200	274	200	200
Traffic tickets	300	1,382	500	1,000
Milfoil Grant	0	7,410	0	0
Town Video	0	14	0	0
Community Center Reimb	1,000	343	1,000	1,000
Overweight Truck Permits	100	115	100	100
Recording Fees	5,000	4,760	5,000	5,000
Town Office Fees	75	60	75	75
Grants	0	755	0	0
FY16 School Fund Balance	0	618	0	0
General Subtotal	612,470	574,151	635,315	665,190
Total with Highway Aid	\$ 694,470	\$ 670,736	\$ 717,315	\$ 747,190

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Highway Budget
Expenses

	FY 17 Budget	FY 17 Actual	FY 18 Budget	FY 19 Budget
Wages	89,600	89,344	92,300	95,100
Wages Over-time	13,300	15,329	13,300	15,000
FICA	6,400	6,306	6,600	6,800
Medicare	1,500	1,475	1,550	2,000
VMERS	5,660	5,705	5,850	6,050
Health Insurance	31,500	26,681	25,000	36,100
Dental Insurance	1,200	1,140	1,200	1,200
Disability Insurance	700	585	700	600
Workers Comp/Unemployment	8,300	7,804	9,250	9,400
Uniform Allowance	600	717	900	900
Property & Liability Ins	7,000	7,088	8,100	8,200
Repairs/Maintenance	17,500	25,160	18,000	18,000
Diesel Fuel	21,000	14,507	21,000	21,000
Tools	0	7,525	500	500
Gasoline	0	88	0	100
Winter Salt	47,400	47,675	47,400	47,400
Winter Sand	9,000	8,022	9,000	9,000
Gravel/Stone	25,000	21,769	25,000	25,000
Paving	100,000	108,375	100,000	100,000
Cold Patch/Hot Mix	500	0	1,200	1,200
Chloride	1,200	1,619	1,500	1,500
Culverts	7,000	2,561	5,000	5,000
Road Signs	700	0	200	200
Winter Contracts	6,800	5,430	6,800	6,800
Misc./Contingency	1,500	228	1,500	1,500
Roadside Mowing	2,200	4,485	4,500	4,500
Mileage	0	70	100	100
Building repair	1,000	555	1,000	1,000
Electricity	500	717	900	900
Fuel Oil	1,200	672	1,000	1,000
Telephone	0	1,265	1,300	1,300
Equipment Fund Allocation	51,000	51,000	75,000	75,000
Salt/Sand Shed Fund	5,000	5,000	0	5,000
Highway Improvement Projects	10,000	2,200	10,000	10,000
ANR Permit	2,400	0	2,400	2,400
Highway Capital Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
McCoy Road Project *	0	17,007	0	0
Total Highway	\$481,660	\$493,104	\$503,050	\$524,750

* The McCoy Road Project was reimbursed \$13,605 by a State Highway Grant.

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
General Budget
Expenses

	Budget FY 17	Actual FY 17	Budget FY 18	Budget FY 19
GENERAL EXPENSES				
Select Board	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Select Board Assistant	3,500	3,866	3,500	3,600
Town Clerk	21,900	21,900	22,500	23,175
Treasurer	10,300	10,300	10,600	10,900
Assistant Town Clerk & Treas.	6,500	4,846	6,700	6,900
Auditors	1,000	355	1,000	1,000
Delinquent Tax Collector	2,550	2,550	2,600	2,680
Listers	3,000	2,860	3,100	3,200
Zoning Admin/PC Sec.	2,000	1,501	2,100	2,150
SRCSTC Administrator	50	70	75	80
TC Recording Fees	5,000	5,085	5,000	5,000
Animal Control Officers	200	0	200	200
Town Bookkeeper	2,500	2,712	2,600	2,700
Comm. Ctr. Director	1,000	319	1,000	1,000
Paint/Work Crew	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
FICA	4,200	3,639	4,300	4,000
Medicare	1,000	851	1,050	1,000
VMERS	2,400	2,406	2,600	2,800
Health Insurance	16,000	16,121	16,500	18,150
Dental Insurance	600	550	600	650
Workers Comp/Unemployment	350	294	350	350
W/C Fire Department	1,500	1,467	1,750	2,000
Disability	0	298	300	325
Insurance Prop/Liability	6,200	5,820	6,200	6,600
Telephone	1,400	1,537	1,600	1,750
Electricity	800	747	800	800
Fuel Oil	2,000	1,985	2,000	2,250
Building Repair/Lawn Care	1,500	1,070	1,500	2,000
Office Supplies	4,000	4,610	4,500	4,600
Postage	1,000	1,152	1,500	1,500
Town Report	1,000	787	1,200	1,200
County Taxes	6,500	5,953	6,500	6,900
Legal Fees	1,000	588	1,000	1,000
Professional Services	1,500	1,337	1,500	1,500
Computer Software/Hardware	500	215	500	500
Miscellaneous	1,000	504	750	750
Old Cemetery Maintenance	775	360	750	500
Delinquent Tax Expense	0	1,436	0	0
Mileage	200	25	100	100
Building Repair	1,500	2,189	1,500	1,500
Marriage/CU Licenses	150	50	150	150
State Dog Tax	800	690	800	800
Dog Control Fees	100	0	200	100

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
General Budget
Expenses (continued)

	Budget FY 17	Actual FY 17	Budget FY 18	Budget FY 19
Workshops/Seminars	500	120	500	500
Planning	3,750	1,917	1,000	1,000
Web Site Support	1,000	431	750	750
Property Map Update	750	750	0	500
Building/Repair Fund	5,000	5,000	0	2,500
Re-appraisal Fund	0	0	1,000	500
Conservation Commission	500	0	500	250
Safety Grant (TVFD)	0	180	0	0
TES FY16 Fund Balance	0	618	0	0
Advertising	0	0	500	0
Total General	\$ 131,975	\$ 124,061	\$ 128,725	\$ 135,360
LAW ENFORCEMENT				
Constable Wages	500	0	500	500
FICA	30	0	30	30
Medicare	10	0	10	10
Workers Comp Insurance	30	38	60	60
Mileage	100	0	100	100
Liability Insurance	320	434	630	650
County Sheriff Contract	9,930	7,056	13,450	14,000
Total Law Enforcement	\$ 10,920	\$ 7,528	\$ 14,780	\$ 15,350
SOLID WASTE				
Salaries	5,400	5,316	5,600	5,800
Hauling	6,000	4,805	6,000	6,100
Disposal	9,000	5,810	9,000	9,100
HHW Disposal	1,000	376	1,000	1,000
Dues & Fees	2,000	2,536	2,200	2,400
State Trash Tax	1,000	431	1,000	1,000
Supplies/Equipment/Repairs	500	96	500	500
FICA	335	342	350	380
Medicare	80	80	85	90
Miscellaneous	200	243	200	200
Workers Comp Insurance	900	796	900	1,000
Total Solid Waste	\$ 26,415	\$ 20,831	\$ 26,835	\$ 27,570
ORGANIZATIONS/DUES				
Northern Vermont RC & DA	100	100	100	100
BROC	200	200	200	200
Green-Up Vermont	50	50	50	50
Poultney Rescue Squad	700	700	700	700

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
General Budget
Expenses (continued)

	Budget FY 17	Actual FY 17	Budget FY 18	Budget FY 19
RRPC	925	925	925	975
Rutland Cty Parent/Child	500	500	500	500
Rutland Cty Women's Net.	175	175	175	175
Rutland Free Library	2,840	2,840	2,840	2,925
Rutland Mental Health	550	549	550	550
Rutland NRCD	250	250	250	250
SW Office on Aging	300	300	300	300
Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Proj.	1,850	1,850	1,850	1,850
Tinmouth Vol. Fire Dept.	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
VLCT	1,625	1,624	1,625	1,725
RAVNAH	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
ARC	800	800	800	800
Poultney-Mettowee NRCD	500	500	500	500
VT Trails & Greenways	30	35	55	55
Tinmouth Cemetery	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
VT Conservation Comm.	50	50	50	50
American Red Cross	250	250	250	250
The Child First Advocacy	0	400	400	400
Total Dues & Organizations	\$ 43,500	\$ 43,903	\$ 43,925	\$ 44,160
TOTAL	\$ 212,810	\$ 196,323	\$ 214,265	\$ 222,440

Town & Highway Budget Totals

	2017 Budget	2017 Actual	2018 Budget	2019 Budget
TOTAL General Expenses	212,810	196,323	214,265	222,440
TOTAL Highway Expenses	481,660	493,104	503,050	524,750
TOTAL General + Highway	694,470	689,427	717,315	747,190
TOTAL Revenues	694,470	670,736	717,315	747,190

Based on the 2017 Grand List, the 2018 tax rate may go from \$.6423 to \$.6816

TOWN OF TINMOUTH

Statement of Taxes Raised 2016-2017 Budget

2016 Total Grand List	\$ 84,768,600
Adjusted for Current Use	9,646,900
Contracts (Cable & Fire Dept.)	386,500
Cable Equip. (School Tax only)	317,500
2016 Taxable Grand List	\$ 75,012,700
1 % of Grand List (for town tax)	750,127
Non-residential education grand list (School)	386,692
Homestead education grand list (School)	366,610
Town Tax Rates	\$ 0.6273
Local agreement	0.0006
State School Tax Rates	
Residential	\$ 1.5045
Non-Residential	\$ 1.5098
Total Adjusted Taxes Assessed	\$ 1,606,397.03
Collected by Treasurer, includes State Payments	\$ 1,553,530.80
Taxes turned over to Delinquent Tax Collector	\$ 52,866.23

Bill Jenkins School Field Trip Fund (now a Town Account to be used solely for the School)

Balance 7/1/16	\$ 1,813.04
Revenues:	
Interest	1.88
Annual Donation	1,500.00
Expenses:	
Tinmouth all-school activity	<i>none</i>
Balance 6/30/17	\$ 3,314.92

TOWN OF TINMOUTH

Board of Listers Report

The Vermont Tax Department's Division of Property Valuation & Review has conducted its annual sales review and determined that Tinmouth's common level of appraisal for 2018 is 99.83 %. In 2017 it was 101.55%. The assessed value is still close to the fair market value of 100%.

Recent sales are both above and below the Town's assessed value – a good indicator.

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 15th. 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
Special Accounts Summary

Constable Equipment Fund

Balance 7/1/16 \$ 2,394
Balance 6/30/17 \$ 2,394

Re-appraisal Fund

Balance 7/1/16 \$ 58,115
Revenues: Received from State (+) 4,304
Expenditures: Re-Appraisal 2016 (-) *none*
Balance 6/30/17 \$ 62,419

Recording Restoration

Balance 7/1/16 \$7,694
 Received in FY 17(+) \$ 476
Balance 6/30/17 \$ 8,170

Housing Rehab Program

Balance 7/1/16 \$ 26,925.15

Revenues:

Interest 52.34
 Re-payments 920.00

TOTAL: \$ 972.34

Expenses:

Town of Tinmouth Administration 75.00

TOTAL: \$ 75.00

Balance 6/30/17 \$ 27,822.49

Highway Equipment Fund

Balance 7/1/16 \$ 86,657.12

Revenues:

Annual Allotment 51,000.00

Interest 80.74

Sale of scoop loader 31,021.00

TOTAL: 82,101.74

Expenses:

Trailer for equip 6,250.00

Skid Steere 43,000.00

Excavator 98,000.00

Hitch for orange truck 1,111.68

TOTAL: 148,361.68

Balance 6/30/17 \$ 20,397.18

Fish & Wildlife Account

Balance 7/1/16 \$ 186.25

Revenues:

Licenses Sold 1,176.50

Expenses:

Paid to Vermont Fish & Wildlife 1,120.00

Balance 6/30/17 \$ 242.75

Capital Building and Repair Fund

Balance 7/1/16 \$444,764.67

Revenues:

Bank Interest 1,070.46

2017 Annual Allotment 10,000.00

Balance of school fund 463.13

Total Revenues: \$ 11,533.59

Transferred to a CD \$ 400,000.00

Year End Balance 6/30/17 \$ 456,298.26

Capital Paving and Road Reconstruction

Reserve Fund

Balance 7/1/16 \$ 0.00

2017 Beginning Allotment 5,000.00

Interest .27

Balance 6/30/17 \$ 5,000.27

Old Creamery Project

Balance 7/1/16 \$ 259.69

Revenues:

Interest 1.80

Donations 4,965.90

Grants 500.00

Refreshments OFH 244.12

Benefit Concert 325.00

Total Revenues: \$ 6,036.82

Expenses:

Costs for Construction 322.09

Picnic Table 100.00

Total Expenses: \$ 422.09

Balance 6/30/17 \$ 5,874.42

Encumbrances in Checking Account

Checkbook balance 7/1/16 **\$ 98,884.75**

Constable Equipment Fund \$ 2,394

Record Restoration 8,170

Re-appraisal Fund 62,419

Lister Education 3,486

Property Map Update 1,780

Pre-paid Taxes 2,080

Community Participation Comm. 469

Accounts Receivable 343

Accounts Payable 2,500

Total \$ 83,641

Unencumbered Balance 6/30/17 \$ 15,243.75

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Town Clerk & Select Board Assistant Report

My heartfelt appreciation is extended to my wonderful assistants, Ann Czar, Ruth Drachman, Nancy Birdsall and Pat Psholka, who kept the town office humming while I recovered from a knee replacement in September.

2017 was filled with the usual events for the town office: licensing dogs (due April 1st), selling transfer station tickets, selling hunting and fishing licenses, renewing motor vehicle registrations (cars, trucks, trailers, boats and motorcycles); as well as recording deeds and mortgages; recording births, deaths and marriages; helping genealogists find ancestors; collecting taxes; and answering general questions (I'm lost!).

2018 is an election year, following town meeting – March 3rd and March 6th, there will be a Primary in August and a General Election on November 6th. Registering to vote has changed – Vermonters are now automatically registered to vote when applying for or renewing a Vermont Drivers License unless they chose to opt out. It is believed that this will make it easier for people to get on the voter checklist in their town of residence. Same Day Voter Registration also went into effect on January 1, 2017, meaning anyone can walk into the polling place, register to vote and then vote.

Appreciation and kudos are sent to Road Commissioner Eric Buffum and road crew member Ron Crossman for their valiant efforts following the major storm that swept into town on July 1st. McCoy Road suffered tens of thousands of dollars in damage (much more than during Tropical Storm Irene a few years ago). They worked through the 4th of July holiday to ensure that folks who lived up the road could get out. Merrill Spring Road, Wright's Road, Ricketts Road, North East Road and a part of Route 140 suffered damage as well. Work restoring these roads took several weeks – superseding other planned summer work! Claims to FEMA are currently being worked on to recover some of the costs to the town. There was also serious damage done to private property – not covered by FEMA.

Speaking of appreciation, though not a “town” function, many hands joined together as the Tinmouth Elves to help local families with food and gifts at Christmas time. Thank you all, your efforts were very much appreciated.

Thank you also to the many folks who serve the Town as volunteers on the numerous committees, commissions, boards, and elections. It takes effort and work to create and maintain the sense of community that Tinmouth exudes and enjoys. It is a special place due to the people who live here and care.

The Select Board continues to work on a number of issues:

- Creating a Master Plan for the town's property where the town garage and transfer station is located. The town garage needs replacing/upgrading due to increased size of town trucks, the lack of water and septic to meet state regulations, and age and condition of the current facility. The transfer station needs to meet new state standards/requirements for locking the facility when there is no attendant present; this may include switching to compactors for both trash and recycling. There will be a bond vote hopefully at the November election as projected costs are above the amount the Town has saved to date.
- Public Safety, joining a four town consortium (Ira, Danby, Middletown Springs and Tinmouth) to hire the Rutland County Sheriff's Department for law enforcement and speed control.
- Update and review the Personnel Policy, to include job descriptions.
- Ensure the Highway Equipment Fund has sufficient funds to replace three trucks, a grader and loader when the need arises.
- Search for grant opportunities to replace culverts and repair ditches to help the town comply with new State water quality regulations.

The Select Board was able to obtain a \$175,000 State Paving Grant to help with the reconstruction of a section of Route 140 north of the center. It also provided funding to finish paving on Route 140 to the intersection with Route 133.

Best – *Gail Fallar*

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Combining Statement of Assets, Liabilities, and Fund Balances (Cash Basis)
June 30, 2017

	General & Highway Fund	Capital Bldg Fund	Highway Equipment Fund	Constable Equipment Fund	Reappraisal Fund	Record Restoration Fund	Housing Rehab. Fund	Community Center Fund
ASSETS								
Checking Accts	98,885	456,298	20,397	2,394	62,418	8,170	27,822	3,423
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 98,885	\$ 456,298	\$ 20,397	\$ 2,394	\$ 62,418	\$ 8,170	\$ 27,822	\$ 3,423
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES								
Liabilities & Fund Balances	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fund Balances:								
Unreserved	15,839	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Designated / Restricted	83,046	456,298	20,397	2,394	62,418	8,170	27,822	3,423
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND	\$ 98,885	\$ 456,298	\$ 20,397	\$ 2,394	\$ 62,418	\$ 8,170	\$ 27,822	\$ 3,423

**TOWN OF TINMOUTH
2017 Grand List Abstract Report**

Real Estate	Parcel Count	Municipal value	Education (taxable) Homestead	Education (taxable) Non-Residential	Total Education
Residential I	89	15,891,100	11,543,000	4,348,100	15,891,100
Residential II	106	33,139,000	21,113,000	12,026,000	33,139,000
Mobile Homes U	7	193,800	95,200	98,600	193,800
Mobile Homes L	31	3,671,200	2,250,100	1,421,100	3,671,200
Seasonal I	63	10,060,700	316,800	9,743,900	10,060,700
Seasonal II	20	5,460,700	1,031,700	4,429,000	5,460,700
Commercial	3	316,900	0	316,900	316,900
Utilities E	1	2,132,700	0	2,132,700	2,132,700
Farm	12	5,854,800	2,470,500	3,384,300	5,854,800
Woodland	3	960,300	0	960,300	960,300
Miscellaneous	110	8,786,600	0	8,786,600	8,786,600
TOTALS	445	86,467,800	38,820,300	47,647,500	86,467,800
<i>Exemptions</i>					
Cable	1	320,000	0	320,000	320,000
Veterans	1	40,000	0	10,000	10,000
TVFD Grand-fathered	1	69,000	0	69,000	69,000
Current Use	72	8,596,200	1,309,200	7,287,000	8,596,200
TOTAL Taxable Property		777,626.00	375,111.00	406,015.00	781,126.00

**Tinmouth Planning Commission
2017**

The Tinmouth Planning Commission revised the 2012 Tinmouth Town Plan as amended September 2016, updating data and adding required elements per state statute. These changes included: updates to the census data, energy and commercial energy production siting, flood resiliency, revisions to the section on affordable housing, planned unit development, updates to school description and population figures, minor revisions to section on forests and outdoor recreation, historic and culturally significant features.

The Planning Commission sent out surveys, held public meeting and gathered input. Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond.

The Select Board approved and re-adopted the new Town Plan in September, 2017. The next revision will be required to take place in eight years. The Rutland Regional Planning Commission also approved it.

2018 will find the Planning Commission reviewing zoning and subdivision regulations to ensure that they follow the revised Town Plan. For instance, PUD/Planned Unit Developments were removed from the Town Plan so now they need to be removed from the regulations that enforce the plan.

The PC meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. You are invited and encouraged to attend. Your input is always welcome!

Michael Fallar, Chair

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Delinquent Tax Report
As of December 31, 2017

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	Totals
Baker, Carol	6,961.93	0	0	0	0	0	6,961.93
Baker, Douglas	95.00	109.28	124.02	830.11	869.49	0	2,027.90
Blanchard, Brett C. w/ Arvanitakis, Hope D.	124.40	0	0	0	0	0	124.40
Bushee, Penny	0	0	1,336.68	840.31	0	0	2,176.99
*	1,311.73	0	0	0	0	0	1,311.73
Carmen, Courtney w/ Cook, Jeremy	917.16	1,623.04	0	0	0	0	2,540.20
Cassel, Sandra w/Christine & James	2,184.70	1,894.26	0	1,543.09	0	0	5,622.05
Dunham, Russell et al	230.69	265.52	1,049.19	557.41	597.66	666.17	3,366.64
*	0	72.25	93.29	0	0	0	165.54
Edmunds, James & Connie	2,008.90	0	0	0	0	0	2,008.90
Finlay, Barbara	3,646.18	256.98	0	0	0	0	3,903.16
Fischer, Cary O. Estate of	1,040.01	1,455.19	0	0	0	0	2,495.20
Gioffi-Baker, Tracy	3,521.29	566.39	0	0	0	0	4,087.68
*	416.81	0	0	0	0	0	416.81
Marshall, Brian & D	5,665.29	0	0	0	0	0	5,665.29
McConnell, Lorna	2,220.02	0	0	0	0	0	2,220.02
*	59.71	0	0	0	0	0	59.71
Prouty, Richard & Hazel	506.09	2,755.99	1,508.00	2,994.35	0	0	7,764.43
Regimbald, Cindy	3,415.57	0	0	0	0	0	3,415.57
Sears, Frank	2,142.62	3,809.16	0	0	0	0	5,951.78
Velde, Lisa	223.91	257.05	431.24	0	0	0	912.20
Velde, Thomas Jr.	298.51	343.56	246.94	514.79	0	0	1,403.80
Webster, Marsha. w/ Jones, William	649.07	372.28	0	0	0	0	1,021.35
Whiting, Fairfield, Jr.	1,130.78	1,301.31	136.96	0	0	0	2,569.05
TOTAL	38,770.37	15,082.26	4,926.32	7,280.06	1,467.15	666.17	68,192.33

Amount includes tax, penalty and interest currently due.

* Payment in full received after December 31, 2017

Cat Yoder, Delinquent Tax Collector

Delinquent Tax Collection Breakdown 2017

Taxes	56,053.90
Interest	6,872.50
Penalty	2,619.48
Expenses	<u>588.23</u>

TOTAL \$ 66,134.11

TOWN OF TINMOUTH Tinmouth Contra Dance

The Tinmouth Contra Dance is a monthly dance series that is open to all. It is funded by admission at the door and a grant from the Tinmouth Community Fund. We run 9 dances per year on the third Friday (except for November when we shift to the 4th Friday due to the Game Supper.) All dances are taught and you do not need a partner. We have 50-100 people attending each dance. For more information you can check our website at Tinmouthcontradance.org, or like us on Facebook – Tinmouth Contra Dance.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Reynolds, Marshall Squier, Wheaton Squier



Wheaton calling a recent dance

Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department 2017

The Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department has been thriving this past year. We have new members and our Junior Firefighter program continues to be successful. Of course our solid core of long time members gives our Fire Department a wealth of experience to pass on to our growing membership.

I would like to thank the new volunteers for being willing to donate their time and energy to the Department. It helps a lot.

To maintain current standards our Department has had to continuously update equipment at considerable expense but these regulations keep the Department safe for our members and community.

This year we responded to several calls in town; chimney fires, vehicular accidents, and other calls including search and rescue. We would like to thank all who joined in to help us.

We responded to some mutual aid calls in surrounding towns. We also received mutual aid help from our surrounding volunteer fire departments. Thank you to all of these neighboring departments as well.

Our Game Supper was a great success. Thank you for all the help and enthusiasm from the Tinmouth Community.

Please check your fire and carbon monoxide detectors at least once a year and change their batteries; make sure you have at least one 5 pound or larger fire extinguisher fully charged and accessible in your home, garage, barn etc. Vehicle extinguishers are also strongly recommended. Many of our fire calls were extinguished by homeowners who used their fire extinguishers.

Fire permits for anyone are required if there is no snow on the ground. Fire Wardens are: Glenn W. Merrill, 446-2785 or Glenn D. Merrill, 446-2782 or you can call Chief Marshall Squier, 235-2718. All emergencies call 911. If 911 is not working, please call the Fire House at 446-2460.

All the members of the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department wish you a safe and peaceful year.

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, 2017 AND 2016

	2017	2016
INCOME		
Town allotment	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Grants	180	-
Donations	863	830
Donations – memorial	-	830
Game supper	6,788	8,554
Raffle	1,915	2,008
Other	<u>526</u>	<u>956</u>
 Total income	 <u>35,272</u>	 <u>38,178</u>
EXPENSES		
Equipment purchased	6,420	1,638
Dues	1,200	1,100
Electricity	912	860
Gasoline and diesel fuel	286	369
Game supper expenses	1,475	1,395
Heat	3,782	1,717
Insurance	5,156	4,995
Office expense	47	76
Donation	500	4,000
Raffle expenses	940	490
Repairs and maintenance	10,674	1,328
Small tools	4,023	7,583
Supplies	437	-
Telephone	517	478
Education	<u>571</u>	<u>270</u>
 Total expenses	 <u>36,940</u>	 <u>26,299</u>
 NET INCOME (LOSS)	 (1,668)	 11,879
 CASH, beginning October 1st	 <u>100,759</u>	 <u>88,880</u>
 CASH, ending September 30th	 \$ <u>99,091</u>	 \$ <u>100,759</u>
FUND BALANCES:		
Unrestricted	\$ 34,091	\$ 35,759
Restricted – truck fund	<u>65,000</u>	<u>65,000</u>
 Total fund balances	 \$ <u>99,091</u>	 \$ <u>100,759</u>

Steve Goyette, Treasurer

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
2017 Annual Report, Tinmouth Town Library

“For those without money, the road to the treasure house of the imagination begins at the Public Library,” said Pete Hamill, of the New York Daily News. 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. Our book sale in August of 2017 was an extremely successful fundraiser the most lucrative we have ever had, and we were able to buy many new books, books on CD, and DVDs to enhance our collection and to respond to patron's requests.

Thank you to all of the generous volunteers and supporters of the Tinmouth Library who continue to donate their time and their resources to help us. We appreciate you and could not function without you. Thank you to our library volunteers: Lori Gilmore, Rene Wilbur, Nelson Jaquay, Ann Czar, Beth Eaton, Bart Eaton, Lydia Cannon, Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, Martha Stanley, Pat Psholka, Ann Lewis, Bess Lewis, Betti Jaquay, Hollis Squier, and Gail Fallar, as well as our Trustees, Jan Krantz, Gene Usher, Margaret Morin, Lori Gilmore, and Nelson Jaquay.

We continue to strive to provide a stimulating atmosphere for readers and writers in our community. We try to develop our collection based on what people request and what they want to read. In 2017 we purchased 65 NEW books, 33 for children and 32 for adults, and have also added approximately 31 previously read books to our collection. In addition, we also added 10 audio books on CD and added 5 DVD's to our collection.

A knitting group meets at our library to “Knit and Chat”. An exercise group called “Bone Builders” also meets at our library. We are glad to have our library used in many different ways.

We developed our own summer reading program again this year, and we held four well-attended programs for children. We thank our fabulous volunteers who led these programs, Jan Krantz, Nelson Jaquay, and Amanda Williams.

Our writer's group continued, and encouraged unexpected talents. 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. Both our Writing Group and our Book Discussion Group always welcome new members! Our book discussion group completed its 20th year this year!

Our library, in its present form, successfully completed its 20th year. We held a celebration in the Old Firehouse complete with refreshments and a program of the history of the Library.

We continued to work with the school; as part of each student's school library program, all grades attended regularly scheduled library activities at the Tinmouth Library.

For other services not available in our library, the Rutland Free Library is a most helpful resource.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Drachman, Librarian



Summer reading series, with Nelson Jaquay, and the "The Bremen Town Musicians" at the Tinmouth Library

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Tinmouth Land Trust 2017

The Tinmouth Land Trust, local people caring about Tinmouth and its future. We have helped preserve many of our working farms, large tracts of forest land and two of Tinmouth's large springs that feed the Tinmouth Channel. These projects have benefited owners, sellers, new owners, all of us including the next generations. We welcome new members and projects.

Marshall Squier, TLT President

Tinmouth Community Fund Report 2017

As of December 2017, your TCF assets have increased to \$319,704 of which \$139,235 is held in the Scholarship Fund. In 2017 the Fund paid out scholarships of \$10,500, Community Fund grants of \$7,350 and camp scholarships of \$375. We received donations in 2017 including \$4,137 from the Tinmouth plant sale, a \$10,000 anonymous donation and individual donations of all sizes. Thanks to everyone who has supported the TCF.

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, Ray Pratt-Vice Chair, Cathy Reynolds-Treasurer, Helen Mango-Secretary, Patti Macaluso, Asha McCullough, Arne Majorell, Melody Squier, and Ramsey Yoder. The Scholarship Committee includes Cathy Reynolds, Bob Lloyd, Ruth Drachman, Caleb Scott, Rene Wilbur, Denise McGinley, Nelson Jaquay, Annie Robbins, and Jan Krantz.

We will hold our Annual Meeting just before Town Meeting on Saturday March 3 at 11:30 a.m. at the Community Center. Please attend and participate. We will elect three directors, discuss our progress in 2017 and make plans for 2018. All are welcome.

Jan Krantz, Chair

Tinmouth Community Fund
2017

Balance 1/1/17	\$ 10,987.11
Town Checking Acct.	
Revenues:	
Interest	\$ 17.33
Donations - TCF	3,819.50
Donations – Scholarship	9,101.38
VCF draw down	4,000.00
Reimbursement for Bake Oven	<u>315.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 17,253.21
Expenses:	
Grants 2017	\$ 5,267.31
Scholarships	10,500.00
Summer Camperships	375.00
Checks	26.05
Supplies	<u>32.48</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 16,200.84
Balance 12/31/17	<u>\$ 12,039.48</u>*
Town Checking Acct.	

***Balance of funds are endowed at the Vermont Community Foundation.**

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TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Tinmouth Community Fund 2017

2017 Grant Awards

Tinmouth Gardeners	Planting Around Generator	500
Tinmouth ContraGroup	Travel Stipends/Support	500
Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project	Eurasian Milfoil Management	500
Tinmouth Old Creamery Committee	Old Creamery Roof	500
Tinmouth Historical & Genealogical Society	Storage for Documents	500
Tales of Tinmouth	Printing and Postage	500
Tinmouth School	School Garden Improvement	500
Tinmouth School	Wee Folk Playground	500
Tinmouth Blooms	Crab Apple Trees	500
Tinmouth Handbell Committee	Music/Program Supplies/Training	500
Take Tinmouth to the Lake	Pavilion Rental One Week	500
Tinmouth Wall Boosters	Update/Refurbish Climbing Wall	500
Tinmouth Community Bake Oven	Clay and Tools for Bake Oven	500
Tinmouth Conservation Commission	Susan Morse Presentation	400
Old Firehouse Concerts	Complimentary Tickets to Concerts	450
	Total	\$7,350

Community Fund College Scholarships

\$ 10,500

2017 Recipients: Theresa Butts, Katy Czar, Alex Dixon, Kayla Durant, Seamus Nauton,
 Mark Goyette, Elaine Hasenohr, Chelsey Keyes, Megan Fox

Encumbrances:

Old Fire House Concert grant - \$450

School - Wee Folk Playground grant - \$1402

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.



The “Better Than Nothing Band” entertains during the celebration of the new porch on the Old Creamery. Seated to the right of the post is Roland Wilbur, guest speaker, whose father was the manager of the Creamery.

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Tinmouth Conservation Commission 2017

The conservation commission continues to work on conservation efforts at the local level and on a broader scale. In February, with help from conservation commissions in Wallingford, Shrewsbury and Middletown, we sponsored a presentation on climate change and its impacts on Vermont. Dr. Alan Betts, renowned climatologist, drew more than 60 people to his lively talk, which included a slideshow and an extensive question and answer session afterwards.

On a local level, the conservation commission is trying to prevent amphibian road kill by erecting temporary signs alerting motorists to amphibian crossings. The signs are placed at known amphibian crossings in town during spring and summer migrations.

The conservation commission continues to support Green Up with volunteer help to keep our road sides beautiful.

Work has continued on the Tinmouth Mountain Ridge Trail, with trail now cut and blazed from the ballfield to Miles Notch. There is one small section that is not cut or blazed per landowner request. There is a steep, well-marked, two-mile round-trip hike up to the overlook for those who want a little exercise and a nice view of the Tinmouth Valley.

The conservation commission and other volunteers in town have built and installed a composting toilet and compost bin at the Tinmouth Mountain Cabin. The cabin is available for overnights by reservation. Call 446-2928. There is no fee for residents, \$20 per night for other groups. The cabin has a woodstove and sleeping loft and sleeps 4-6 people. The log book shows about 60 visits per season, many on snowmobiles. It's a 2-mile hike/ski from the winter parking area at the beginning of the Pent Road. In warmer months, high clearance 4WD vehicles can get to the summer parking area, a one-mile hike from there to the cabin.

As the master plan for the transfer station and town garage is being discussed, the conservation commission has expressed an interest in using part of that land for recreation. Ideas include a Frisbee golf course, picnic area, and walking path.

Conservation Commission member Barbara Held recently resigned. Many thanks for her years of service. If anyone is interested in filling the vacancy, please contact me or the town clerk or a member of the select board. Meetings are generally on the third Monday of every other month.

Sincere thanks to everyone in town who has contributed to trail building, cabin work, Green Up and other conservation initiatives.

Respectfully submitted, *Doug Fontein*, Chair

Tinmouth Energy Committee Report

The Energy Committee is looking for new energy. If you would like to volunteer, please let the Select Board know you are interested in being appointed.

Respectfully submitted, *Cathy Reynolds*

Tinmouth Website Committee

The Website Committee continues to work on our site, adding pages and training others to post to the calendar and minutes and agendas. We accept your high definition photos at any time during the year, although we cannot load them all up, it is great to see various views of town in various seasons. We hope to expand our photo gallery in 2018.

Website: tinmouthvt.org Check it out, the town website is a terrific resource!

Respectfully submitted, *Cathy Reynolds*

Burial Transit Information

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

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

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Tinmouth Community Center Annual Report

Beginning Balance 7/1/16		\$ 2,229.62
Revenues:		
Interest	.42	
Donations for Use	<u>1,536.00</u>	
Total	\$ 1,536.42	
Expenses:		
Salary, FICA, for Building Managers	<u>343.13</u>	
Total	\$ 343.13	
Balance 6/30/17		\$ 3,422.91

Tinmouth Community Center Annual Report

The Tinmouth Community Center and Old Fire House continue to provide great space for meetings and recreation. This past year a newly constructed wood-fired bake oven was added to the list of venues that Tinmouth residents could book for rental. All events and rentals are now posted on the town webpage. <http://www.tinmouthvt.org/>

The following events took place at the TCC this year: Town Meeting, the Game Supper, the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department Community Dinner, a visit from State Attorney General T.J Donovan, a wildlife presentation by Sue Morse, a memorial service, an anniversary, a community fund meeting, a school board meeting, a 50/50 fundraiser, a rug hooking event, a bridal shower, a Girl Scouts meeting, 2 birthday parties, 2 Supervisory Union meetings, 2 baby showers, 2 Christmas parties, 3 Kamp Kindness programs, 3 open gym events for kids, 7 private parties, 8 strength classes, 11 contra dances, 12 cardio kickboxing classes, 31 yoga classes, and 53 volleyball meets.

A list of Tinmouth Elementary School functions hosted at the TCC include: a graduation, a concert, a monthly Parent’s Club meeting, an afterschool program, a Garden Camp, a Valentine’s Dance, 7 basketball practices, 5 basketball games, and The Annual Trunk or Treat.

Events hosted at the Old Firehouse include: the Annual Plant Sale, the Annual the Book Sale, the Town Wide Yard Sale, a Tinmouth Library celebration, an open house, a Historical Society meeting, an award ceremony, a bridal shower, 2 Library Group meetings, 2 Select Board meetings, 2 meetings, and 14 concerts.

After December 5th, the Community Bake oven began receiving reservations for firings. An instructions guide may be obtained upon request.

Guidelines for use of the Community Center are listed below.

Bess Lewis, Building Manager and TCC Coordinator
blewriver@gmail.com 802-282-6240



Bake oven under construction by Tinmouth volunteers

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TOWN OF TINMOUTH Community Center Use Guidelines

Rental Rates:

No charge for use of hall though donations are appreciated:

- Town functions and School functions
- Activities open to the community at no charge (sports, classes, etc); weeknights and weekends are available - create an opportunity for you and your community!
- Activities/fundraisers presented by a Tinmouth non-profit or community group or multi-town community group directly benefiting Tinmouth (Home Schoolers would be an example)

Private Parties

- Tinmouth residents/taxpayers only
- \$100 refundable deposit required
- Minimum charge \$35 for groups of 25 or less
- \$60 charge for groups of 26-50
- \$85 charge for groups of 51-75
- \$110 charge for groups of 76-100
- \$200 charge for groups of 100 or more
- Fundraisers for an individual in need not from Tinmouth-10% or \$100 whichever is less.

Larger donations are gratefully accepted and appreciated.

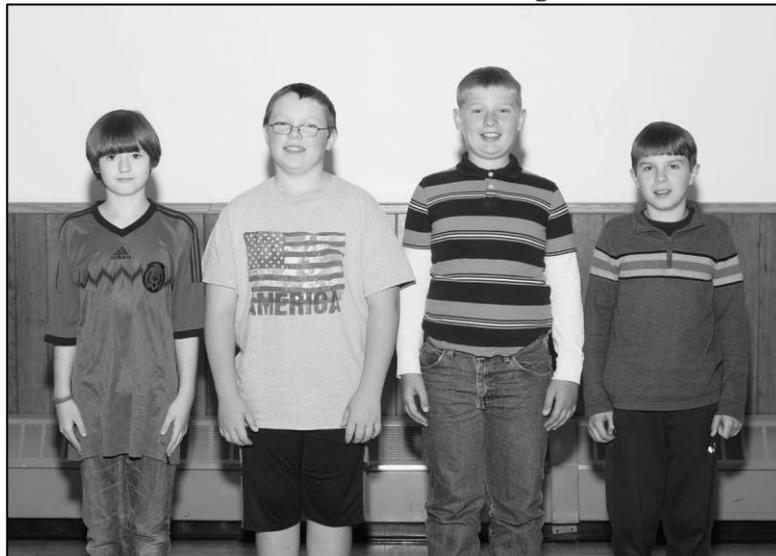
Events charging admission or requesting donations at the door which do not meet either category above:

- 10% of the take at the door; if take is less than \$100, percentage is waived.
- For an on-going paid event, (e.g. aerobics/yoga class) which charges money but never grosses more than \$100 per session, a semi-annual donation of \$50 is charged or pro-rated based on the number of months the sessions occur.

The Community Center Board will determine the rental rate for situations not covered above and can make adjustments to rental charges in extenuating circumstances.

To arrange to use the Community Center, contact Bess Lewis at 802-282-6240; blewriver@gmail.com or the Town Office at 446-2498, tinmouthtown@vermontel.net

TINMOUTH CENTER SCHOOL 2018 Sixth Grade Graduating Class



From left to right: Seth Eaton, Bryce Cook, Caiden Rochon, Ben Gynan

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project
2017

TPMP continues to try to control Eurasian Water Milfoil, as once it is present it cannot be eradicated. Suction harvesting continues to be the main focus of this effort. Cat and Shane Yoder are the divers responsible for removing approximately 3 tons of this pesky weed in 2017. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

TPMP expresses its appreciation to the Town of Tinmouth for their continued support and annual donation of \$1,850 and to the Tinmouth Community Fund for another grant to help with this project. Property owners around the lake/pond donated nearly \$8,000, as well as volunteering countless hours catching fragments, assisting with disposal of the milfoil (makes great compost), and educating lake owners/users with regards to preventing the further spread of invasive species in Tinmouth Pond or to other water bodies.

TPMP has also enlisted the use of SolarBee circulators for the past 10 years in the effort to control milfoil. The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation does not recognize the SolarBees as having any scientific effect on milfoil, though anecdotal evidence observed by folks at the Pond dispute that. Water quality has improved, which in turn has allowed native plants to flourish, and as milfoil seems to prefer lower quality water, it has declined in its vigor. DEC has declined to renew the 10 year Aquatic Nuisance Control Permit for the SolarBees, and has instead suggested TPMP apply for an encroachment permit for them to address water quality issues. TPMP is applying to continue use of the SolarBees as they have another 15 years life expectancy and many thousands of dollars have been invested in them.

The TPMP Board consists of President Gail Fallar, Vice President Scott Lepley, Treasurer Kevin Bersaw, Assistant Treasurer Laurie Bepler, Secretary Sherry Johnson, Financial Secretary Joe Frankiewicz, and Members-at-large Roxane Delear Johnson, Annie Robbins, and Carol Robbins.

Gail Fallar, President

Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project
Treasurer's Report
January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Beginning balance Jan. 1, 2017		\$13,310.36
Income: donations, dues & grants	17,535.66	
Total of Income and Beginning Balance		\$30,846.02
EXPENSES		
Contracted services (divers)	7,670.60	
Insurance	1,342.50	
Repairs	149.13	
P.O.Box/stamps/office supplies	<u>155.43</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 9,317.66	
Ending balance December 31, 2017		\$21,528.36

Kevin J Bersaw, Treasurer



Tinmouth Pond

**TOWN OF TINMOUTH
2017 Vital Records**

Births

Avery Joseph Allen, February 15, 2017
Ryder Hume Pfeiffer-Leeds, February 23, 2017
Alyvia James Hill, March 11, 2017
Ryker Franklin Carmen, July 26, 2017
Vivian Rosalie Briggs, November 20, 2017

Marriages

Joseph Michael Catozzi and **Catherine Lynn Miglorie**, July 8, 2017
Asha Grace Carroll and **John Andrew McCullough**, October 7, 2017
Corey Lindley Birdsall and **Christopher Michael Smith**, December 26, 2017

Deaths

John Francis Marro, Sr., February 2, 2017
Marianne Gagne, February 4, 2017
Nadia McIntosh, April 23, 2017

Burial Permits

George Clifford Beckett, February 6, 2015, received in 2017
Duane David Edmunds, May 17, 2015, received in 2017
Carol Katryn Lanier, cremated remains buried on Wrights' Road, July 19, 2017
Angela W. Combes, cremated remains buried on Wrights' Road, July 19, 2017

Tinmouth Cemetery Association, Inc.

The Tinmouth Cemetery Association is a Vermont non-profit corporation formed in 1921. Trustees are Carolyn Burden, Glenn W. Merrill, Stanley Wilbur, Glenn D. Merrill, David Gilmore and Bob Bradley. Officers are Glenn D. Merrill, President; Glenn W. Merrill, Vice President; Stanly Wilbur, Treasurer; and Laurie Philips, Secretary. The Association's annual meeting is the third Wednesday in April and is open to the public.

There were no burials in the Tinmouth Cemetery in 2017.

The elementary school students placed flags on the graves of military veterans before Memorial Day as they have for many years.

The Cemetery Association receives \$2,500 from the town to assist with the cost of mowing. Other operational costs are funded from endowment account interest, sale of lots and burials fees. General cemetery maintenance is handled by Trustees and mowing and grave digging is performed by John Squier.

Sale of lots in the Tinmouth Cemetery is restricted to individuals or families with a connection to Tinmouth. The current price for a single (4' x 12') lot is \$350 and for a double (8' x 12') lot is \$700. One half of a lot sale price is deposited in the endowment account. In addition to the cost of the lot, the cemetery requires four lettered corner markers; either granite for \$150 or marble for \$75 installed by the cemetery.

One full burial or up to four cremations are allowed on a single (4' x 12') lot. Concrete vaults are required for full burials and permanent, non-breakable, containers are required for cremation burials. The scattering of ashes is not permitted. Between November 1 and December 15 burials will be permitted only at the discretion of the Superintendent. No burials are allowed between December 15 and May 1.

If anyone would like to learn more about the Cemetery or wish to purchase a lot, please contact Glenn D. Merrill or Stanley Wilbur.

Stan Wilbur, Treasurer

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Tinmouth Historical and Genealogical Society

In 1999 a group of town folks and others with Tinmouth connections founded the Tinmouth Historical and Genealogical Society. The stated purpose of the Society 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. Volume 1, No. 1 of the Channel came out in the Winter of 1999 and has been issued 2 to 4 times a year since.

The Society's goal is to hold 3 to 4 working or program meetings a year to collect and preserve Tinmouth's physical and narrative history. Hollis Squier provided highly entertaining reflections on his 35 years as Tinmouth's Road Commissioner. A joint program with the Old Cemetery Committee celebrating the completion of the replica porch on the Old Creamery was highlighted by entertainment provided by "The Better Than Nothing Band" and reminiscences on the creamery's operation by Roland Wilbur. DVDs of these presentation are available. Work projects included sorting and cataloging historical documents in the Town Office, cleaning up and organizing materials stored in the Old Creamery and participating in the Morgan/Darling/Rising Cemetery work day.

Stabilizing the old creamery, cleaning up old cemeteries, indexing the Society's archival collection, interviewing long time Tinmouth residents and developing a Society website are goals for 2018.

Anyone interested in Tinmouth's past and present is welcome to join the Society. Program meetings are normally held the fourth Sunday of the month (except November and December) at 2:00 P.M. at the Tinmouth Town Office. Currently the Society has 61 members located across the USA and Canada. Dues are \$12 per year and may be sent THGS, 515 North End Road, Tinmouth, VT 05773.

Society officers for 2018 are Stan Wilbur, President; Grant Reynolds, Vice President and Tinmouth Channel Editor; Lydia Cannon, Secretary; Vito Macaluso, Treasurer; Nancy Noble, Membership Chair; Gail Fallar, Archivist and Member-at-large; and Jo Reynolds, Member-at-large of the Executive Board.

Respectfully submitted,
Stan Wilbur, President



*Annual Game Supper Pies & Pie room servers
Thanks to all who donate to the success of the TVFD Annual Game Supper*

TOWN OF TINMOUTH **The Old Creamery**

We are making steady progress towards permanent stabilization of the Old Creamery. Our main work this year has been rebuilding the burned northeast segment of the second floor. Many of the rafters that support the roof were replaced in the process. This was essential for the most visible work of the year: the new metal roof. The slate roof was removed. It was determined to be very heavy for the building's structure, and it is very old, probably exceeding 100-120 years in age. Still, many of the slates were still usable. They were used in repairing the old town sheds, just across the road. Old photos show the porch as having a metal roof, so it is not out of character to do the same on the building, even if originally it was slate. The north side of the Creamery was painted after the roof was installed. With the roof tight again the Historical Society can use the interior to sort and store small items now in the Town Office or the Town Sheds across the street.

In July we had a party to celebrate the porch that was installed last year. *The Better Than Nothing Band*, which plays really good folk and traditional songs, played as long as people stayed to hear them. Roland Wilbur, whose father managed the creamery from 1904 into the 1930's, gave an interesting and useful lecture on how the creamery was used. The 75 year old dust in the interior was swept up and temporary lighting rigged so visitation was possible at last.

This work was all done with donated funds. The stabilization project will be completed without any further town money. Projects for this coming year include a new south foundation, repairing clapboards and painting the south side, covering the new wall in back with clapboards, and if possible repairing the rotting north sill. Contributions toward this year's work will be appreciated. They are tax deductible. Please send checks to the Town Office, c/o 515 North End Road, Tinmouth, VT 05773, made out to the town with "Old Creamery project" on the memo line.

Although there's still work to do, we are very proud to have improved the appearance and historic character of Tinmouth Village.

Grant Reynolds, Chair
Old Creamery Committee



Old Creamery and Wood Fired Bake Oven (built summer 2017)

Tinmouth Solid Waste and Recycling Committee

During 2017, the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee (SWARC) addressed the following issues:

1. Possible reconfiguration of the Town Transfer Station: The Select Board is considering changes to the configuration of the Transfer Station and town garage equipment and storage facilities. The SWARC has provided input to the Select Board regarding the requirements of recycling and disposal. Discussion continues about whether or not to purchase or rent compactors.
2. Signage: A white board is now attached to the recycling roll-off so that the Transfer Station attendants can inform people of rules and any changes to those rules. For example, plastic bags and film (e.g. grocery bags, feed bags) cannot be put into the recycling roll-off.
3. The Town "Ordinance Regulating Solid Waste" (from 1994) is being updated, as is information about recycling and waste disposal on the town website.

Respectfully submitted, *Helen Mango*, SWARC Secretary

TINMOUTH CENTER SCHOOL
Principal's Report

Tinmouth School is moving forward with deliberation to strengthening core instruction. Teachers along with district colleagues attend monthly professional development workshops focused on developing student independence. Additionally, teachers plan explicit and intentional lessons that encourage students to connect what they learn in the classroom to the world outside of school.

The 4th, 5th, and 6th grade Bridge Project is one example of how lessons are connected to the world outside the classroom. Students designed bridges using glue and toothpicks, compared the strength of each structure, budgeted their material cost, and read about the adversities faced by architects and builders of the Brooklyn Bridge. This spring, when the weather is warmer, they will build a rudimentary log bridge for the community as a service component of this project. This project exemplifies how curriculum is integrated across subject areas. Students were genuinely engaged in this work and as a result, each middle grade student can explain which geometric shape is the most effective in supporting the weight of bridges and how costly and difficult it is to construct a bridge.

The Four Winds program was reintroduced into the curriculum this year. This is due primarily to the support and expertise of a team of community volunteers coordinated by Nelson Jaquay. Four Winds is a nature based science program that affords students the opportunity to explore the seasonal changes in the natural environment throughout the year. Seed dispersion and bird migration are a few of the many the topics explored. The Four Winds lessons are taught outside where children can observe the interdependence of ecological communities and develop a sense of stewardship for the natural environment.

Stewardship for the environment has been a community value that has always been embraced by the school. This value is the impetus for building our Wee Folk Natural Playground. We received a Community Foundation grant this fall for the playground as well as several generous donations of time, money, and materials from community members. The school garden has been recently renovated with planter boxes and adjoined with the proposed playground. This space is located in the back of the school. As soon as the ground thaws, the work will continue. Due to a district outreach initiative, local MRU high school students are now working with Tinmouth students to install weed guard and mulch.

District initiatives have also afforded Tinmouth sixth grade students the opportunity to attend activities including rock climbing and camp with other sixth graders across the district. This facilitates the transition into middle school for Tinmouth students who will be familiar with peers and teachers from various district schools.

This year, core instruction has been sustained and rooted in the local environment due in part to the intentional and explicit planning of teachers and the ongoing community support of volunteers willing to generously donate their time and expertise. The MRU district has created the structures that bridge students and opportunities equitably across schools in the district. Together, MRUUSD, teachers, and the Tinmouth community have created the momentum toward greater instructional expertise grounded in environmental stewardship and community service. This will continue to be the focus for Tinmouth School in the upcoming year.

Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker, Principal
Tinmouth Elementary School

MILL RIVER UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
Tinmouth Enrollments for the 2017-2018 School Year

	<u>Pre</u> <u>-K3</u>	<u>Pre</u> <u>-K4</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
Tinmouth	5	7	10	12	3	3	3	2	3
Ira Tuition-in		1			2	2			1

Total Elementary Students = 56

	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
Mill River	7	5	5	11	4	5
Long Trail				1	1	
West Rutland		1			1	1

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

Greetings to the communities of Clarendon, Shrewsbury, Tinmouth and Wallingford - what we broadly call the "Mill River Community". As your Superintendent of Schools I am honored to serve the Mill River Community and the other surrounding towns whose students choose to attend our schools because of the outstanding opportunities that we are able to provide.

In recent years we have been able to seize upon the momentum created through merger, realignment, and lots of hard work by our faculty and staff to position our schools as premier places for students to learn and educators to work. We are beginning to see a situation that we have anticipated, where schools and districts from Vermont and New England are beginning to look to the Mill River Schools for guidance on implementing personalized learning for students, flexible pathways toward graduation, and the tenets of Act 77, which greatly reshaped the context and lay of the land for education in Vermont. Our community deserves this recognition from other places. Our students deserve the best schools that they can access. And, our taxpayers deserve all of this at a cost that they can support. We work diligently every day in our classrooms, hallways, and offices to ensure that progress is our constant focus and we want you to hold us to that expectation.

At the end of last school year, we sent a large number of wonderful educators into retirement! I'd like to honor those individuals one more time in this report:

Clare Bornarth - Clarendon Elementary
Lynn Brooks-Miner - MRUHS
Jennifer Cohen - Clarendon Elementary
Andrea D'Amico - Clarendon Elementary
Gary Fredette - Wallingford Elementary
Carolyn Hanrahan - Clarendon Elementary
Karen Kay - Tinmouth Elementary
Joan Lind - Clarendon Elementary
Monika Loyzelle - Clarendon Elementary
Bob MacMurray - MRUHS
Marlene MacMurray - MRUHS
Pat McLaughlin - Clarendon Elementary
Christine Redman - Clarendon Elementary
Kathleen Schiller - Clarendon Elementary
Kevin Stanley - Wallingford Elementary

We are now beginning to formulate our vision and direction for the coming years. We are asking ourselves important questions and trying to identify the big questions that we should be asking

- How do we ensure that the school experience is one that magnetically attracts students to engage and immerse themselves in learning?
- How do we embrace the history of the Mill River Community and MRUHS while boldly looking to the future?
- How do we keep all of our schools in each of our towns viable, thriving, and ultimately - amazing?
- How do we embrace the uniqueness of each of our towns and integrate that uniqueness and the assets that exist into the school experience in those communities?
- How do we distinguish the MRUUSD as the premier school district in Vermont and New England, while attracting new families and generating the intangible benefits to communities that come from outstanding schools?
- How do we do all of this with an eye toward efficiency, affordability, and quality?

As you can see, these are challenging questions. But, we look forward to engaging with our community to answer them. Our community deserves that, and much more! We are looking forward to a great future together.

Respectfully submitted, *Dave Younce*, Superintendent of Schools

MILL RIVER UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Board Chair Report
2017

As I write this annual report, we are in the midst of our second year as the Mill River Unified Union School District. It is rewarding to see the momentum that is building in our district as it gets its legs underneath it. To see our students, schools, staff and communities all settling into a routine reinforces the fact that your support last year in bringing together our five schools and four communities under the “Mill River” umbrella was the right choice. I once again extend my deepest thanks to each of you for your continued support of our schools.

There is a tangible energy in the air in our district this year. “Community” and all the concept encompasses is thriving and at the forefront of our minds. The intangible sense of community in our district has expanded as a result of the merger, much the same way as our physical size has grown. It is exciting to witness. As chair of the board, it is inspiring to see folks in our district embracing the concept of our new larger community and using that vitality to provide the best educational opportunities for our students.

The district as a whole is working hard every day to educate our students not only in academics but also how to be responsible, engaged community members and citizens. This is evident for example, when we see our high school seniors coming full circle. As the oldest of our district’s students, this year’s seniors are choosing to return to their individual elementary schools on a monthly basis to engage with the littlest of our district’s students. These students’ community service, in the form of giving back to the communities where the soon-to-be graduates began the first days of their own educational journey, is heartwarming.

Another component of our expanding sense of community is the newly formed Alumni Association at Mill River Union High School. It is nice to know that the folks who have come up through the ranks as students in our elementary and high schools are still so enthusiastic about our district that they want to stay involved and give back to our schools and their communities. I am personally grateful to our community engagement coordinator, Don Markie for all his hard work in organizing the formation of that group and taking on that role for our district. We are fortunate to have accomplished, energized individuals working with our students and our schools every day. Don is just one example of that dedication. On behalf of the board, I extend thanks to each and every employee and volunteer in our district for their hard work and dedication. You are an integral part of what our district is and what it will become moving forward.

On that same note, our administration and teaching professionals are working hard this year to further integrate proficiency based learning into the curriculum and provide the resources and opportunities for our students to excel in their academic careers and have a voice and choice in their education going forward. This is an exciting time to be a student in the Mill River Unified Union School District.

Finally, the board continues to work together toward the delicate balance of overseeing what is in the best interests of all our students while simultaneously making every attempt to be fiscally responsible to our taxpayers. As a group, we have fallen into a good rhythm and use our time together to be as productive as possible for our communities and our children.

In conclusion, I firmly believe that our Mill River Unified Union School District is poised on the cutting edge of providing the best education in our state. We are fortunate to have talented, enthusiastic professionals leading our classrooms and our schools; folks who are anxious to provide our communities’ children with the best educational outcomes in the area.

To that end, I encourage each of you, particularly those who do not have children in the schools, to attend one of our monthly school board meetings. We are fortunate to have student presentations at one meeting each month. The board is grateful for the opportunity to share in our students’ achievements and successes by meeting at each of our schools. It is a pleasure at these monthly meetings to watch our students share and demonstrate the skills and milestones that they are achieving this school year. I thank their parents for taking the time out of their schedules to help make this happen each and every month and I look forward to sharing those presentations with each of you at a future meeting.

On behalf of the board, we are most humbled by your continued support of our work as we all strive make Mill River Unified Union School District the best school district for our students and our communities.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy A. Heffernan
MRUUSD Board Chair

SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES (SWAC)

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018

8:30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. – RUTLAND TOWN Transfer Station, in Northward Park, off Post Road Extension, Rutland Town

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018

8:30 am-12:30 p.m. – FAIR HAVEN TRANSFER STATION, Fair Haven Avenue, Fair Haven

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018

8:00. – 11:30 a.m. – RUTLAND TOWN Transfer Station, off Post Road Extension, Rutland Town

In 2018, SWAC will be contracting with EnPro Services of Vermont for hazardous waste collection services.

THE SERVICE IS FREE TO: Residents of the Solid Waste Alliance Communities (SWAC) Towns ONLY - Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, and West Haven. As a resident of SWAC, you may attend the events listed above. PROOF OF RESIDENCY MAY BE REQUIRED.

BETWEEN EVENTS: Residents of these communities may purchase a non-district permit to utilize the Rutland County Solid Waste District 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 at no charge, 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.

IDEAS OF WHAT TO BRING

Antifreeze, Arts and Crafts Supplies, Carburetor Cleaner, Creosote, Drain Cleaners, Fertilizer, Floor Cleaners, Gas Treatments, Old Gasoline - cannot be contaminated, Batteries (with the exception of car batteries (see above), Chemistry Kits, Engine Degreaser, Flea Powder, Furniture Polish, Latex and Oil Based Paint, Pool Chemicals

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

ELECTRONICS : Permanent electronics collection locations are available throughout the County to serve Vermont residents. For a list of registered collection locations, visit <http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/e-waste/> or call **toll free at: 1-855-6ecycle (1-855-632-9253)**. Large businesses should contact the RCSWD at (802-775-7209) to discuss recycling and disposal options. There is a USED WASTE OIL is accepted at many locations throughout the area for FREE . Visit: <http://rutlandcountyswac.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Free-Used-Oil-Collection-Locations-Rutland-County-2017.pdf> for locations near you. NOTE: Waste oil WILL be accepted at BOTH the Fair Haven and Rutland town transfer station used oil collection areas during the events .

SMOKE DETECTORS AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS - **Disposal options:** Intact carbon monoxide detectors and household smoke detectors are accepted for disposal with regular trash.

● Many manufacturers of smoke detectors have voluntary take-back programs for safe disposal of these items. Be sure to verify current packaging and shipping requirements directly with the manufacturer.

Curie Environmental Services also will recycle ionization smoke detectors for a small fee. The program is called Curiepack. Businesses should call the Vermont Environmental Assistance Division in Waterbury at (802) 241-3745.

AUTOMOBILE BATTERIES - Most service stations will accept used automobile batteries.

TIRES are also accepted at the Gleason Road facility for a nominal fee.

BUSINESS WASTE: Small business (conditionally exempt generators) which may include town offices, schools, and town garages can dispose of their wastes at the RCSWD Gleason Road Hazardous Waste Depot. A permit is required to access the facility. Contact RCSWD directly at 802-775-7209 to purchase a permit, receive an estimate of disposal costs, and to schedule an appointment to drop off wastes. Payment for disposal will be required at drop-off.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FLUORESCENT BULBS - Residents of Vermont may at no charge to them dispose of mercury-containing lamps at collection site throughout the state. Residents may take any number of compact fluorescent mercury-containing lamps (cfls) or 10 or fewer mercury-containing lamps that are not compact fluorescent lamps at one time. To find collection locations near you, visit: <http://www.lamprecycle.org/state-local-laws/vermont/>

CONTAINERS – Any product brought to the household hazardous waste events (including used motor oil) must be left in the container they are transported in. Materials will not be poured off into larger containers at the events.

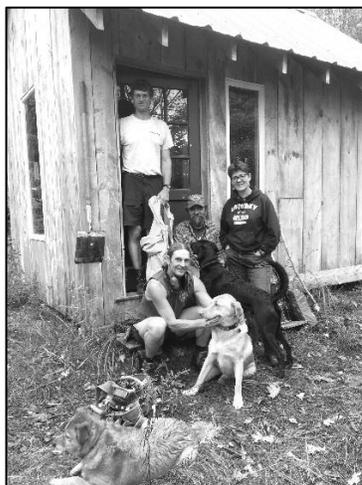
● Use products up for their intended use to lower disposal costs for your community. Please keep products in their original containers. Do not mix products!

● No smoking or fires allowed at the collection site.

For questions or more information, please call RCSWD 802-775-7209 or PAM at 802-342-5701 or visit www.RUTLANDCOUNTYSWAC.org.

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.

American Red Cross	Rutland Free Library
A.R.C. Rutland Area Advocacy, Resources & Community for citizens with developmental disabilities & their families	Rutland Mental Health
Bennington – Rutland Opportunity Council, Inc. - BROCC	Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District
Child First Advocacy	Rutland Regional Planning Commission
Green-Up Vermont – Green Up Day, May 5, 2018	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 - RAVNAH	Vermont Old Cemetery Association
Rutland County Humane Society	VT Resource Conservation & Development Council Inc.
Rutland County Parent/Child Center, Inc.	Vermont Trails & Greenways
NewStory Center	Wallingford Rescue, Inc.



*Volunteers improving the cabin on Tinnmouth Purchase
Contact Cathy Reynolds to schedule overnight use: eworks@vermontel.net*

TOWN OF TINMOUTH CITIZEN'S CALENDAR 2018

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| March 1 | Farmers Federal Income Tax Deadline |
| March 3 | Town Meeting – Budgets & Other Business – Voting from the Floor |
| March 6 | Town Meeting - Australian Ballot Voting – Officers |
| April 1 | Deadline for Licensing DOGS at Town Office |
| April 15 | Federal and State Income Tax Due |
| May 5 | Green-Up Day |
| May 12 | Annual Tinnmouth Plant Sale |
| August 15 | 1 st Half of Property Taxes Due |
| November 15 | 2 nd Half of Property Taxes Due |
| November 17 | 50 th Annual Tinnmouth Volunteer Fire Dept. Game Supper |
| November 18 | Community Thanksgiving Service |
| December 31 | Hunting & Fishing Licenses expire |

Community Calendar can be found on the Tinnmouth website.

www.tinnmouthvt.org

TINMOUTH TOWN ANNUAL MEETING
Minutes and Results
March 4, 2017

TOWN BUSINESS

Moderator Stan Wilbur called the Town and School Meetings to order at 1:00 pm, and read the warning. About 70 voters were in attendance. The students in grade 5/6 led the pledge of allegiance.

Announcements: Stan read the names of those who have passed, and everyone paused for a moment of silence.

VT State Representatives Robin Chesnut-Tangerman and Dave Potter presented VT Secretary of State State Public Service Awards to Caleb Scott, Cathy Reynolds, and Ruth Drachman. Gail read names of other recipients Michael Mackey, Glenn W. Merrill, Glenn D. Merrill, Leonard Morris, Michael Fannin, Marshall Squier, Cecil Buffum, Nelson Jaquay, Hollis Squier, Bob Emerick, and Gail Fallar. Awards ranged from 20 to 50 years of Community Service.

Mo Squier read his poem, a tribute to Glenn W. Merrill – recipient of the Town Report dedication. Stan acknowledged the Town Report dedication to Glenn W. Merrill, he was unable to attend.

Michael Fallar, Planning Commission Chair, discussed the major re-write of the Town Plan, and the need for community input, asking folks to complete and return the survey recently mailed.

Grant Reynolds discussed the Mill River Unified Union School District (MRUUSD) and the new curriculum throughout the district. Applause for the staff, and for retiring teacher Karen Kay for her 30 years of service.

Vote on expenditures – 3% less this year – cost per student is up because overall there are less students. Grant explained the school ballot articles for the vote on Tuesday, March 7. Grant introduced Stan Pawlacyzk, the MRUUSD Business Manager, who was available to answer questions.

There was a round of applause for Grant's hard work regarding the school district transition to MRUUSD.

Marshall announced the 50th anniversary of Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department (TVFD), and attendees applauded the firefighters. He reminded everyone of the risk of chimney fires and the need for up to date fire extinguishers in every home, along with changing batteries in smoke and CO detectors.

Ingrid Lepley asked for volunteers for "Friends of the TVFD", to provide food and water/coffee during emergency events.

Grant discussed the progress on the Old Creamery building, and the hope for donations to replace the roof.

Doug Fontein announced an opening on the Conservation Commission, and reminded folks that the new cabin on Tinmouth Mountain is available for an overnight stay.

Rep. Robin Chesnut-Tangerman and Rep. Dave Potter acknowledged Tinmouth's success in the school district work, and shared the slow progress in Montpelier with new staff and funding questions from the Federal Government. They thanked the town for the privilege to serve.

Marshall asked folks to think about local farmer Leo Branchaud's tragic death less than a year ago, and urged them to talk with the VT Senators and Representatives about concerns regarding repeat offenders being free in town, putting folks at risk.

Stan announced Bob Emerick and his brother Jack's six \$150 scholarships for non-traditional students – applications available at Mill River HS.

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

No comments. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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TINMOUTH TOWN ANNUAL MEETING
Minutes and Results (continued)
March 4, 2017

Article 2. *Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$214,265 for general expenses of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018?*

No comments. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Article 3. *Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$503,050 for highway expenses of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018?*

Toby asked if the budget included the Town Garage, Frank responded no. He said that the Board is still researching options. Approved by voice vote.

Article 4. *Shall the voters exempt the Tinnmouth Volunteer Fire Department from property taxes until 2027?*

Gail Fallar moved to amend the year to 2022, because the exemption needs to be voted every 5 years. Motion seconded. Amendment was approved by voice vote. Article 4 was approved, as amended, by voice vote.

Article 5. *Shall the voters designate the \$225,447.97 received from the Tinnmouth School District's Tax Stabilization Fund in 2016 specifically for highway buildings in the Town's Capitol Building and Repair Fund?*

Explanation of the current status. Frank Sears, Select Board Chair, noted the town will vote on the Garage when plans are in place. Article approved by voice vote.

Article 6. *To discuss any other lawful business.*

Hollis asked about the status of the Personnel Policy. Frank thanked the Personnel Policy Committee for doing a great job. The policies are currently under legal review by the VT League of Cities and Towns. Hollis supports paying 100% of employee Health Insurance; only three employees, and the Road jobs can be very hard on the body. Frank shared that other towns are requiring employees to pay something. Hollis asked for a show of hand for approval of a higher level of support – about 30 folks raised their hands. None opposed.

Caleb Scott thanked Laurie Phillips for 9 years of service on the Select Board. All applauded.

Meeting recessed at 2:10 pm, to reconvene March 7, 2017 for Australian Ballot voting for Officers.

Town Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2017
Voted by Australian voting Tuesday, March 7, 2017

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

Moderator – **Stan Wilbur (1 year term)**
Select Board Member – **Cathy Reynolds (3 year term)**
Town Clerk – **Gail Fallar (3 year term)**
Town Treasurer – **Gail Fallar (3 year term)**
Lister – **Gail Fallar (3 year term)**
Auditor – **Alan Held (3 year term)**
1st Constable – **Bob Emerick (2 year term)**
Tax Collector (Delinquent) – **Cat Yoder (1 year term)**
Grand Juror – **Glenn D. Merrill (1 year term)**
Town Agent – **Rick Fallar (1 year term)**

All were duly elected, running unopposed. A few write-ins were noted.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Fallar, Town Clerk

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
Annual Meeting of the Mill River Unified Union School District #U052
Towns of Clarendon, Shrewsbury, Tinmouth and Wallingford
February 23, 2017

In attendance: Tammy Heffernan (chair), George Ambrose, Bjorn Behrendt, Andy Richards-Peelle, Grant Reynolds, John McKenna, Len Doucette, Ken Fredette, Adrienne Raymond, Stephanie Mozzer (board members); David Younce (superintendent), Stan Pawlaczyk, Ann Dages (staff), A. Jay Kenlan, Denise Patch, Kendra Anderson, Doug Earle, Rich Biziak, Cynthia Thornton, Gary Severance, Jennifer Severance, Jonathan Gibson, Grace Kottrun (?), Mark Truhan, Alf Strom-Olsen, Ann Vanneman, Theresa Jakubowski, Fran Kelley, Jane Sarno, Mark Goodwin, Carol Goodwin, Noelle Craver, Betti Jaquay, Nelson Jaquay, Kate C. Fredette, Kathleen Upton, Gloria Menard, Jo Reynolds, Gail Fallar, Steven Nicholson (?) (public)
Absent: Paul Rondinone

Meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. David Younce offered remarks and noted receipt by the Board of the Vermont School Boards Association's Exceptional School Board Leadership Award. Board Chair Tammy Heffernan introduced the school board members. Moderator A. Jay Kenlan read the meeting warning.

The legal voters of the Mill River Unified Union School District are hereby warned to meet at the Auditorium of the Mill River Union High School in Clarendon, Vermont, on February 23, 2017, 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.

Jonathan Gibson noted it is important in the new structure of the District that voting procedure be followed. Discussion followed and it was agreed that providing a voter checklist in the future was sensible. Gail Fallar nominated Jay Kenlan for moderator, Kate Fredette seconded. Motion passed.

Gail Fallar nominated Gloria Menard for clerk, Jo Reynolds seconded. Motion passed.

Kathy Upton nominated Thomas O'Brien for Treasurer, Nelson Jaquay 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.

Richard Biziak asked how line credit has been handled in the past, and Mr. Pawlaczyk replied as a one year note, arbitrage, and in the past has included all schools. Rich Biziak moved to approve the article as read, Gail Fallar 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 7).

Ms. Heffernan turned over the Article to the Finance Committee Chair, Mr. Richards-Peelle, who presented a budget overview and answered questions. Mr. Richards-Peelle confirmed to Alf Strom-Olsen that the budget was developed by all five schools for the unified district. Ann Vanneman discussed special education services and expressed interest in graphics showing rise and fall of population. Steven Nicholson expressed displeasure that busses are leased, saying it is too expensive as opposed to purchasing. Number of students, incoming and outgoing, was discussed as trending down.

ARTICLE 4 To act on the reports of the school district officers and directors.

Discussion followed. Steven Nicholson asked if audit reports will be sent soon, and Jonathan Gibson noted the cost savings of a single audit as consolidated district, instead of six.

Doug Earle moved to approve the reports of the school district officers and directors, Kathy Upton seconded, motion carried.

ARTICLE 5 Shall the voters of the Mill River Unified Union School District approve the Board to expend, \$16,466,704, 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 \$16,047.24 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 2.77% higher than spending for the current year.

This article is up for discussion only, to be voted upon by Australian ballot. Mark Goodwin asked where the community outreach position was based.

ARTICLE 6 Shall the voters of the District approve to appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for a building sinking fund? (By Australian Ballot)

This article is up for discussion only, to be voted upon by Australian ballot. Alf Strom-Olsen asked how much is in each school's building sinking fund, and it was noted that funds prior to consolidation would remain with the individual schools. New sinking fund to be established would serve the district as a whole. It was noted that the practice is to establish the fund first, then add monies to that fund.

ARTICLE 7 Shall the voters authorize the District to transfer the audited unanticipated surplus funds remaining at the end of FY17 to a building sinking fund, not to exceed \$100,000? (By Australian Ballot)

Rich Biziak asked at what level does the sinking fund need to be, and Mr. McKenna noted it is still being evaluated.

ARTICLE 8 To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

The meeting will then be recessed to March 7, 2017 (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.

No other business came to the floor. With no other comments, Moderator A. Jay Kenlan recessed the meeting until March 7, 2017.

Respectfully submitted, *Ann Dages*, substitute meeting scribe

WARNING
Annual Meeting of the Mill River Unified Union School District
Towns of Clarendon, Shrewsbury, Tinmouth, and Wallingford
February 22, 2018

The legal voters of the Mill River Unified Union School District are hereby warned to meet at the Auditorium of the Mill River Union High School in Clarendon, Vermont, on February 22, 2018, at 7:00 pm 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, \$16,727,266, 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 \$15,983.15 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 0.13% lower than spending for the current year.

Article 5: Shall the voters of the District approve to appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the building sinking fund? (By Australian Ballot)

Article 6: Shall the voters authorize the District to transfer the audited unanticipated surplus funds remaining at the end of FY18 to the building sinking fund, not to exceed \$100,000? (By Australian Ballot)

Article 7: Shall bonds or notes of Mill River Unified Union School District No. 52 in an amount not to exceed Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000), subject to reduction from available state and/or federal construction grants-in-aid and appropriations, be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of making certain public school building and school building grounds improvements. Namely, (1) school roof repairs and replacement, (2) septic system and drainage repairs and replacement, (3) underground storage tank removal and replacement, (4) boiler replacement, (5) kitchen equipment upgrades, (6) electrical and fire alarm system upgrades, and (7) building envelope repairs, the aggregate cost of such improvements estimated to be Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000)? (By Australian Ballot)

Article 8: To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

The meeting will then be recessed to March 6, 2018 (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 officers of the District towns.

Dated at Clarendon, Vermont this 20th day of January 2018.

Board of Directors:

Clarendon: George Ambrose, Len Doucette, John McKenna, Doug Earle

Shrewsbury: Adrienne Raymond, Andrew Richards-Peelle

Tinmouth: Grant Reynolds

Wallingford: Bjorn Behrendt, Ken Fredette, Tammy Heffernan, Paul Rondinone
Nichole Peterson, **District Clerk**

WARNING
TINMOUTH TOWN MEETING
March 3, 2018 and March 6, 2018

The legal voters of the Town of Tinmouth, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Tinmouth Community Center on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 1:00 P.M. to consider and act upon the following articles (Articles 1-7): Viz:

The legal voters of the Town of Tinmouth, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to vote at the Tinmouth Community Center on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 between the hours of 8:00 am and 7:00 pm to vote by Australian Ballot on Article 8 – Election of Officers: 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 \$ 222,440.00 for general expenses of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019?
- Article 3.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$524,750.00 for highway expenses of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019?
- Article 4.** Shall the voters direct the reimbursement to be received from FEMA for the July 1 2017 super storm specifically to the Highway Equipment Fund?
- Article 5.** Shall the voters authorize an additional 3 hours per week (total of 10 hours) for Law Enforcement coverage by the Rutland County Sheriff's Department?
- Article 6.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$600 to the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce and the Rutland Economic Development Corporation (approximately \$1/resident) to support the Regional Marketing Initiative.
- Article 7.** To discuss any other lawful business.

(To be voted by Australian voting on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 8:00 AM -7:00 PM.)

- Article 8.** To elect all Town Officers now required by law.
- Moderator – 1 year term
 - Select Board Member – 3 year term
 - Community Center Board – 2 year term
 - Road Commissioner – 3 year term
 - Lister – 3 year term
 - Auditor – 3 year term
 - Constable, 1st – 1 year term (to complete 2 year term)
 - Constable, 2nd – 2 year term
 - Tax Collector (Delinquent) – 1 year term
 - Grand Juror – 1 year term
 - Town Agent – 1 year term

Dated at Tinmouth, Vermont this 25 day of January, 2018.

Select Board Town of Tinmouth, Vermont

Frank Sears, Chair

Matthew Patry

Cathy Reynolds

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