

TALES OF TINMOUTH

October 2026
Vol. 40 Number 9

Tinmouth
Vermont

Editors' Notes: Time to Vote!!!

The deadline for submissions (news, items of interest, get well wishes, ads, etc.) is the 20th of the preceding month. Please email your information to *Tales of Tinmouth* (tinmouthtales@vermontel.net).

No Open Burning – Until Further Notice

Fire Warden Glenn Merrill advises that there will be no Fire Permits issued for the foreseeable future due to the dry weather and fallen leaves.

If you see smoke or fire call 911 immediately.

If you have questions, contact Glenn (802) 446-2782

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

~ General Election November 3rd ~

Tuesday, November 3rd is the date for this year's General Election. Voters will cast ballots for local Justices of the Peace to statewide offices – such as Governor, Treasurer, Secretary of State, and local State Senators, Representatives, County Sheriff, etc.

There is an article on the back of the ballot regarding whether the Select Board should adopt an ordinance allowing ATV/UTV use of town roads.

The Vermont Secretary of State's Office mailed General Election ballots to all active voters. If you haven't received yours, please call the town office.

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

Special Vote on November 3rd

The Select Board has warned a special town vote to be held on November 3rd – the same day as the General Election voting. This article is on the ballot.

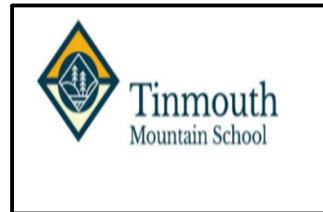
Article 1. *Shall the voters recommend that the Select Board adopt an ordinance to allow all-terrain vehicles and utility task vehicles on some Town roads?*

If the outcome of the vote is **yes**, then the Select Board will proceed to work on an ATV/UTV Ordinance. There is a draft copy of an ordinance at the town office. This is a **draft**, the Select Board will gather more input before it would be adopted. If the outcome is **no**, then the Select Board will not proceed with an ordinance.

~ Justices of the Peace ~

There are eight candidates for the 5 Justice of the Peace openings. Alphabetically - **Michael Fallar, Miles Fallar, Alan Gilmore, Kim Harbaugh, Nelson Jaquay, Sherry Johnson, David Levant, and Marshall Squier.**

Be sure to turn over your General Election ballot to find the choices, you may vote for up to five.



~ October ~

October is here, and time is flying by! I recently met with Landmark, the travel company we partnered with for our last

5th/6th grade trip, to begin conversations about our next trip in 2028. It's exciting to start planning another memorable experience for our students!

In our classrooms, we are hard at work implementing our new social-emotional learning curriculum and math menus. Alongside our math menus, teachers have been introducing high-ceiling, low-floor math problems. These problems allow students to enter the learning at different levels, explore a challenge in their own way, and often discover multiple solutions. Watching our students navigate challenges, persevere, and experience success has been incredibly rewarding. As always at TMS, *"We can do hard things!"*

Along the same vein, I want to thank our community for its resilience and flexibility as we continue to navigate the bussing situation. I know these changes haven't been easy for families, and I truly appreciate your patience and partnership. Students impacted by the bus cancellation have been arriving at school as early as 7:00 a.m. when needed. During this time, we have seen older students help younger students learn to play chess, collaborate on coloring projects, build indestructible LEGO cars, and so much more! These meaningful multiage connections are just one of the many things that make TMS such a special place to learn and grow.

Our annual Halloween festivities are right around the corner! This year, we are partnering with the Parents' Club to include Trunk-or-Treat as part of our Halloween celebration. Students will also enjoy our traditional parade, wagon rides, and cider pressing. We hope to see many of you along the parade route as we celebrate the season together!

Happy Fall, everyone!

Jenn Galusha-Brothers, Principal
Tinmouth Mountain School

Letter to the Editor:

Note from the Tinmouth Trailblazers

By Darren Babin

We have had 3 great town informational meetings and now it's time to get out and VOTE!

*Let's add another great reason to live in Tinmouth by adding another great outdoor activity, **please vote YES on the ballot for Article 1!***

Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project Receives State Grant

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation Watershed Management Division Lakes & Ponds Program awarded a grant of up to \$6,832 to the Town of Tinmouth/Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project (TPMP) for 2026. The grant money was used to pay for AE Commercial Diving Services to suction harvest and pull Eurasian watermilfoil from the lake/pond. The harvesting occurred during July of 2026.

Also included in the grant was funding for the bi-annual Plant Survey, which provides valuable information about the underwater plant life of the Pond.

The main purpose of the Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project is to control the spread of the Eurasian watermilfoil (that is an "aquatic invasive" plant that invaded the pond nearly 25 years ago) and to encourage the growth of native plants. Eurasian watermilfoil is a non-native introduced aquatic plant that has shown it is highly invasive in Vermont water bodies and in other regions of North America. Once in a waterbody, it cannot be eradicated, but does need to be controlled. An on-going endeavor for TPMP and the Town.

TPMP generates funds to hire divers to harvest the watermilfoil, and teach people about Eurasian watermilfoil - and the way that it is transported into and from Tinmouth Pond and other bodies of water. TPMP publishes a newsletter several times a year called *The Pond Frog* to help educate folks on how to identify and how to prevent the spread of invasive plants and invasive species. The funds from the Vermont DEC Aquatic Nuisance Control Grant-in-Aide are a much appreciated help with these efforts.

As day light hours are getting shorter . . .

~ Please BE Safe – Wear a Safety Vest ~

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

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

~ Tinmouth Game Supper ~

By Sherry Johnson



If you are new to town, the biggest fundraiser for the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department (TVFD) is approaching. On **November 21st**, the TVFD will hold its annual Game Supper. We ask everyone in the community to participate in some way. Members of the community prepare some of the food and also provide the supplies needed for the supper.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

~ Front Porch Forum ~

Connect with your Tinmouth Neighbors

Have you checked out Front Porch Forum yet? To sign up, go to <http://FrontPorchForum.com>. Or stop by the town office to sign up!! 200+ households have signed to date! Good way to discuss community issues, sell a canoe, give away a kitten, etc. If you are a second home owner you can use your local 911 address.

~ Christmas Elves Looking for Families ~

If you are, or know of a family, that could use a bit of assistance with the Holidays this year, there are a group of people willing to help out. The Tinmouth Community Fund provides grants and the Wallingford Thrift Shop sent a donation to help cover costs of outerwear, clothes, and books/games/toys. The Roy & Anne Wilbur Fund, with assistance from the Mill River Honor Society, and a Food Drive in December, provides food 'baskets' (really a few boxes of goodies).

Please contact Gail at the Town Office for details.

802-446-2498 ~ a land line – not text-able!!

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

10 Court St., Rutland, VT 802-773-1860

Friday, Nov 13 (10 - 4) and

Saturday, Nov 14 (10-2)

Public Always Welcome

Thousands of organized, gently used books, CDs, DVDs
and puzzles for all ages.

Always a broad selection of rare and antique books.

All purchases by donation only. Limit of two grocery
bags per family. No book dealers.

Proceeds to support library programs and collections and
designated library projects. www.rutlandfree.org

~ Nature Notes ~

The fall colors have been spectacular this year! There
are many 'golden' tunnels as one drives along the back
roads – some turn orange at twilight!!

While this may not seem like it fits in this space, it
needs to be thought about.

35 or so years ago, a Tinmouth student decided to
grow mold on bread for a science fair experiment. It was
a colossal failure. Day after day, no mold grew.

Fast forward to Memorial Day 2026 – picnic lunch with
burgers and dogs and *buns*. Jump forward again to
October 1st – the leftover buns from that picnic still have
NO mold!! Now when ye olde clerk makes a loaf or two
of homemade bread – it starts to mold in a couple of days
– so how much or what kind of preservative is in those
buns?? And what does it do to your system once you eat
it????!??

~ Transfer Station Reminder/Request ~

If you are able, please squish, squash, stomp, or
crumple all plastic.

It takes up a lot of space when it's not flat – and the
cost of hauling the container is way more than the cost of
processing the material. If we can stuff more recyclables
in it, we can haul it less and that will save the town money!

And please remember you can put metal cans into the
metal roll-off along with other metal items. There is no
charge for that disposal.

And **please sort your paper correctly** – clean
corrugated – brown cardboard – goes in one container
(called a gaylord), newspaper goes into another, and all
other paper – magazines, box board (cereal, cake mix, etc.
boxes) and white paper go into another.

Thank you for your recycling efforts!!

**~ Tinmouth Historical & Genealogical Society ~
Annual Meeting 11/1/25**

The THGS will hold its annual meeting on **Sunday,
November 1st at 1:30 at the Tinmouth Church
Community Room**. Potluck lunch – please bring a dish
to share, followed by a brief meeting and then there will
be a round or two of **Tinmouth Trivia!!** Come and see
what know about Tinmouth's history, and maybe learn a
little bit as well. All are welcome!!

Sample of possible Tinmouth Trivia Questions . . .
(Multiple choice answer)

When was Tinmouth chartered?

1750 1761 1774 1791

What was the population in 1820?

561 278 823 1069

How many schools were there in 1950? 1 2 7 4

Who was Nathaniel Chipman?

US Senator VT Supreme Court Chief Justice
VT Governor Farmer on the north end of Tinmouth
Pond (AKA Chipman Lake)

*Name one of two Bicentennial farms – families who
have lived and farmed here for more than 200 years?*

Young Squier Gilmore Herrick

What were early industries?

Iron Ore Marble Quarrying Cheese Making Farming

*What year did the old store, donated to the Town by
the Weeks Family, become the current town office?*

1965 1985 1974 1999

How many dairy farms were in the 1930 census?

29 55 46 22 Only one dairy farm in town now.

~ Winter Outerwear Exchange is Moving ~

The clothes rack appears annually on the porch of the
Town Office for the exchange from those who have too
many to those who don't have a coat, boots, ski pants, etc.,
is moving to the porch of the Old Creamery, next to the
Town Office, near the bake oven. It will be set up soon.

If you have items to share or need a coat, please stop and
drop them off, or take home what you need. All we ask
is that the items be clean and kept in an orderly fashion.

Thank you to all who have donated in the past.



ViewMONT
Property Service

Mick Brubaker
(802) 353-6342
ViewMontPS@gmail.com

- Tree Work
- Mowing
- Mulching
- Power Washing

~ *Tinmouth Memories* ~

(If you would like to share a Tinmouth memory, please send it via email to Ye Olde Editors. Thank you!)

~ **Corn on the Cob** ~

Grab the bag, leave the house, cross the lawn, walk down Mountain View Rd, cross into the corn field, and walk in 6 rows. The first 6 rows are stock corn, the next 6 rows are sweet corn, and the rest of the field is stock corn. “The deer eat from the edges,” it was explained to me. I used to stay with Marcus and Alba Fish on occasional weekends when I needed to escape UVM. It was usually great living in Burlington, attending UVM, but not always. Sometimes, I needed to be in Tinmouth.

On those visits, if they were in late summer or early fall, I was often sent to go get sweet corn. I was given a large canvas bag and sent to the field. I could not depart, to go pick the corn, until the pot was full of water and on the lit stove. “Timing is everything,” it was explained to me. “The corn should spend as little time as possible off the stalk, before it is placed in hot water,” I was told.

Second semester of my freshman year, in a botany class at UVM, I learned why and how the sugar turned to starch. On my walk back to the house, I shucked the corn, dropping the husks as I walked. I followed the instructions I was given and the corn was always excellent.

I love sweet corn, but what I buy at the store is never as good as what I picked myself in Tinmouth. I still eat it though. The taste, what there is of it, reminds me of an earlier time. Even now, decades later, I can still see my path, across the road, to the corn field, as evening settles on Tinmouth, the promise of a good meal, and a quiet night’s sleep.

My memories bring me comfort. The corn, the milk, and whatever else was for dinner nourished me. What sustains me, however, are the lessons. Take responsibility for the things you can control, and find a way to adapt to the things you can’t control... and, whenever possible, eat local sweet corn.

Michael Drachman
October 18, 2026

~ **Community News** ~

Get Well Wishes are sent to **Carol Bohlin, Barbara Buffum**, and all those suffering with **cold and flu** – seems to have started early!

Heartfelt Sympathies are sent to friends and family of **Chuck Bronk**, he will be missed.

Belated Happy 100th Birthday Wishes are sent to **Mary French**, who celebrated that milestone on September 6th with family and friends at Tinmouth Pond.

~ **Hunters Urged to Wear Orange** ~

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Vermont Fish and Wildlife is reminding hunters to wear fluorescent hunter orange.

“Hunting is one of the safest outdoor activities, thanks to advances in education as well as science,” said Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Jason Batchelder. “Our volunteer hunter education instructors stress that wearing orange during hunting season is important, and studies prove that wearing fluorescent hunter orange keeps hunters visible to other people in the woods.”

“We should strive to be the safest we can by wearing at least a hunter orange hat and vest,” added Vermont Hunter Education Program Coordinator Nicole Meier. “Deer are most active during dawn and dusk hours when visibility is low. You can improve your chances of being seen by other hunters by wearing hunter orange, which can be seen even in low-light situations.”

“While it isn’t recommended to wear orange during waterfowl and turkey seasons, we certainly still recommend hunter orange when you are going to and from your blind, tree-stand or calling spot,” added Meier.

While some hunters might be concerned that deer are scared by hunter orange, in fact deer have been shown to be unaffected by the color. A deer’s vision is based on movement, patterns and color variations. Unlike humans, deer do not have multiple color receptors in their eyes. They can see color, but their spectrum is limited. This means deer must rely heavily on their ability to detect movement over the ability to interpret color variations and patterns.

Hunting in Vermont continues to be a safe recreational pursuit and hunters can help keep it that way by choosing to wear hunter orange. This video shows how much more visible hunters are when wearing orange:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7kjSI79ss9I>

Hunt smart. Hunt safe. Wear orange.



Thrive Center
OF THE GREEN MOUNTAINS

- Chiropractic Care
- Applied Kinesiology
- Therapeutic Massage/Bodywork
- Holistic Health Education
- Nutritional Supplements
- Coaching • Worksite Wellness

Joseph P. Donohue, DC
Lisa Marie Donohue, MA, LMT
*Serving the Community with Excellence
and Compassion Since 2000*

68 South Main St, Wallingford, VT
802.446.2499 • [instagram.com/thrivecentervt](https://www.instagram.com/thrivecentervt)

~ Meeting Highlights ~

Complete minutes are available at the town office.

All highlights are edited by Ye Olde Editor.

The Select Board had executive session meetings on 9/3/26, 9/8/26, 9/14/26, 9/21/26, 9/28/26, and 9/29/26 to discuss personnel issues.

Select Board (SB) ~ 09/10/26 - Regular

Members present (in-person): Kevin Eaton, Judy Gilmore, and Melody Squier

Others present: In-person: Stan Martelle, Jr., Sharon Holcomb, Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Gail Fallar-Select Board Assistant (SBA). And via Zoom – Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, Rick Fallar, and Michael Miller.

Minutes of 7/23/26 (corrected date), 8/13/26, 8/29/26, 9/3/26, and 9/8/26. Approved.

Citizen's Input ~ None

Highway ~

Board opened two bids for **winter maintenance of West Tinnmouth roads** – Stan Martelle bid \$12,000 for the season, or \$100 per plow and \$125 per sanding. Jordan Martelle bid \$325 per plow and sanding or \$9,000 for the season. There was some confusion as a bid or two that were expected did not show up. (*Two had been caught in the spam folder, discovered the next day.*) Stan questioned why the intersections at East Wells Road and Brook Road with Route 133 were not included. It was noted that the Town of Wells often took care of these as they are small distances and they have to get to the end of their road. After discussion, the Select Board rejected both bids, will put back out to bid for October 8th and include the intersections and cutting of trees that fall across the roads.

Eric noted he had been grading gravel roads. **Class 4 Gulf Road** was discussed, needs ditch work to get water out of the road, SB authorized two days with excavator and some gravel to stabilize it.

Eric noted that the **new truck** body was now attached to the chassis, still needs paint and to go back to Lucky's (where purchased from) for programming. No time set for delivery.

Board reviewed Pike bid for **winter sand**, approved \$10.16 per ton. SBA will send contract.

Winter salt – no bids – Eric will call both Apalachee and Cargill for bulk salt – will treat with liquid deicer product now being used.

Trees in Town Right of Way – a property owner inquired whether the town had to give approval to cut a tree on their land, if it was in the town's right of way – or if it was dead, was the town responsible for its removal? The property owner owns the tree – or wood if the town does cut it. Not sure of the answer, the SB will consult with the Tree Warden – David Birdsall.

Middle of the road stripe/line painting – The state now requires towns to mark where they want the stripes to go. After discussion, Eric advised he would do this on the newly paved section of Route 140. Should there be a break when a town road intersects? After discussion, Board decided they were okay with the lines continuing straight through.

Eric also reported that he asked the electrician to fix the motion sensor that was out of order on the north side of the town garage.

Bills and Orders ~ Board reviewed and approved payroll and accounts payable warrants.

Old Business ~

605 Mountain View Road – Two transfer station tickets were provided, no garbage has moved yet.

New Business ~

Letter to MRUUSD regarding the repairs needed at the school and community center – Board reviewed draft written by Judy, approved and signed.

Guidance for Town Committees – After brief review, Board voted to approve and adopt.

Leonard "Gunner" Morris - has recently retired from the Transfer Station. The Select Board commended him for his many years of service to the Town ~ former member of the Select Board, Planning Commission, and Constable, and his many years at the Transfer Station.

Community Survey - The Board would like to gather input regarding how departments are doing their jobs – highway, town office, transfer station, select board, and other committees. Members will bring questions to the October SB meeting – try to send out in *Tales*, and hand out at the general election.

Members Concerns ~ There is a 'sharp curve' sign missing on Route 140 – taken out by an accident earlier in the year. It will to be replaced.

Select Board (SB) ~ 09/24/26 - Special

Present were Board members Judy Gilmore, Melody Squier, and Kevin Eaton, as well as Gail Fallar-Clerk.

Kevin called the meeting to order at 6:45, noting the purpose of the meeting was to approve the warning for the special vote on November 3rd regarding ATV/UTV use of town roads via an ordinance.

Board voted to approve the warning as written for the November 3rd special vote with the Informational Meeting set for Thursday, October 8, 2026, at 6:00 at the Old Fire House.

Planning Commission ~ *No meeting in September*

Conservation Commission ~ 9/21/26

With thanks to Robbie Leeds, Sec.

Members present: Ed Hasenohr, Robbie Leeds; Doug Inkley and Colleen Balch via zoom

Community members: Gail Fallar and David Birdsall

Meeting called to order at 1:08pm (*new meeting time*)

Ed let the Commission know that Doug F. and Cathy R. marked the Ridge trail again after a logging job was started in the area. The trail marking was not finished and will need to be finished once the logging project is complete.

David is helping to oversee the logging project on the east side of Tinmouth Mountain and advised that the logging project should be complete within a few weeks. And then Commission should be able to mark trails.

Ed went on to explain where new trail marking will be needed. He had photos to share. He also noted that the view at the top has opened up as well.

Members reviewed some of the other trail work projects with David. David said he would be happy to share access to his 'app' *Huntwise* in order to help with identifying property lines when making trails.

The next work day was set for Oct. 2nd from 10am-2pm to work on bog bridges.

Request to find new members was brought up again, the Commission has 2 seats open. (*Anyone interested??*)

Ed shared a note from Doug F. that we could use more amphibian signs. Robbie was authorized to purchase \$200 worth of signs from Green Screen Graphics.

David received work back from contacts that the logging project will be done at the end of month and that work in and around the Ridge trail has been completed.

Next meeting was scheduled for November 23rd at 1pm.

Recreation Committee ~ 9/14/26

Minutes not available at press time.

Equity & Inclusion Committee ~ 9/24/26

With thanks to Alyssa Adler, Sec.

Members present via Zoom: Kim Harbaugh, Sherry Johnson, and Cynthia Pollock and in person: Melody Squier, Alyssa Adler, and Ellie Ewing

Visiting: Gail Fallar

Fall gathering at the pavilion – re-scheduled for 10/11 1pm - 4pm tentatively. Members discussed the following offerings at the gathering; pumpkin painting/carving, donuts on strings, potluck, games provided by the Rec. committee, and perhaps cupcake decorating. All will be welcome,

Welcome signs - Committee budget for welcome signs remains at about \$750. Melody reported as she and Rainbow delve further towards ordering a welcome sign, the cost looks more like \$1K. They continue to draft design ideas to mimic Tinmouth Mountain scenery. They say it is possible there will be a prototype available for viewing at the pavilion fall gathering. With the costs, members discussed the likelihood that only one sign will be created for now, until the Committee raises more funds for another sign. Initial sign to be placed on Tinmouth/Wallingford Route 140 border.

Other points of information . . .

Welcome packets - In discussion of the welcome signs, committee members Ellie, Melody, and Alyssa discussed the past existence of town welcome packets. Information in packets included; transfer station info, school info, church, town contacts list, fire dept info, regularly held town gatherings, some fun facts, history, etc. The Committee agreed that this would be nice to bring back. Alyssa and Ellie to collaborate.

Special Town Meeting Informational re:

ATV Ordinance ~ 10/8/26

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

Others present: Town Clerk Gail Fallar, Moderator Holly Ross, Darren Babin – President of Tinmouth Trailblazers Club, and about 10 voters in-person with 5 more via Zoom.

Holly read the warning, only one article to be voted on *Article 1. – Shall the voters recommend that the Select Board adopt an ordinance to allow all-terrain vehicles and utility task vehicles on some Town roads?*

Holly then turned the meeting over to Darren to explain the proposal.

Darren noted that the club had about 79 members. He explained that since the first informational meeting in July more information had become available – none of the towns who had adopted an ATV ordinance in the last 5 years had rescinded it; ATV's registered in Montana are not legal in Vermont due to statute and VASA rules; Ricketts Road and the town trail from there to Merrill Spring Road were removed from the list of possible roads (due to request of an adjoining landowner); and the proposed use could not be restricted to just Tinmouth residents or property owners – roads would be open to the public.

He then answered questions: *What is being voted on?* The vote is a recommendation to the Select Board regarding their adoption of an ATV ordinance, not the ordinance itself – there is a draft provided as a starting point, the SB will gather more input on it if the vote is yes.

There were concerns expressed regarding needing more input from citizens; the process – whether the vote can be reconsidered; information provided in July being incorrect; purpose of the draft ordinance; whether the ordinance is reasonable (the community member felt it was not); how long it might take for the SB to work on it; lack of trails to ride on, lack of a trail head, parking, etc.; speed limit – slow traveling vehicles could be a safety hazard; and plans to build trails on private property; safety equipment/training required; etc.

Darren addressed the questions, explaining process, that the Select Board will review ordinance and gather more public input; that the objective is to get out of town to trails in other towns; it will have a one year pilot period

– if it doesn't work out, it will go away; drivers have to be 16 or older with a license, helmet, vehicles have to be registered, inspected, insured, VASA membership eligible; riding on paved roads is not really fun; most users are trailering their vehicles out of town to ride on trails in other towns; there are a number of land owners willing to discuss trails on their property – waiting to see the outcome of the vote; written land owner permission is required to ride on someone else's property, etc.

Rutland County Sheriff David Fox noted that his department provides law enforcement for many towns, there are no ATV issues in any of them that have adopted ATV ordinances/access.

Darren was thanked for his patience in answering all the questions.

Holly then recessed the meeting (at 7:06 pm) until 8:00 AM on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 for voting by Australian ballot at the Community Center.

Homes for Bats on Halloween ***Bat week is Oct. 24-31***

MONTPELIER, Vt. – The onset of fall sends Vermont's bats into motion, which makes it an important time for conservation-minded Vermonters to learn about, and help conserve, our nine native bat species.

If you have noticed bats roosting in your attic, barn or office over the summer, fall and spring are the perfect times to safely evict these uninvited guests from your property. Bats migrate between winter and summer roosts during the fall and spring and do not have vulnerable young at these times. You can learn how to safely evict bats from your building at the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department's [best management practices](#) page.

You can also help bat conservation efforts by [reporting large colonies of bats living in structures to the department's website](#). Locations with rare colonies of endangered [little brown bats](#) are eligible for free bat houses from Vermont Fish and Wildlife. Through this successful program, 158 free bat houses have been placed since 2014, with over half already occupied. More than 1,700 endangered bats have been counted exiting these alternative roost structures.

Bat houses provide an alternative location for safely evicted bats to remain in your yard and continue eating huge quantities of insects that may be forest, agricultural or human pests. Bats need a variety of roost conditions to raise young successfully, so homeowners should put up two bat houses -- one receiving sun all day in the summer and the other only partial sun. Bat houses do best on buildings or poles but should not be placed on trees, where they are rarely used by bats. Information on successful bat house design and placement can be found on the [Vermont Fish and Wildlife website](#).

Bat houses can be put up any time of year but do require some simple maintenance. Late fall or winter is the time to look up inside your bat house and make sure all the bats have left before cleaning out any abandoned wasp nests and planning any needed caulking or repainting.

"Fall also means Halloween, and scary images of bats, but this presents an opportunity to bring positive attention to bats as well," said Vermont Fish and Wildlife Small Mammals Biologist Alyssa Bennett. "We celebrate 'Bat Week' in the days leading up to Halloween." Bat Week takes place October 24-31 and aims to raise awareness about the vital ecological functions of bats and to dispel the many myths and misinformation about them.

Anyone interested in learning more can visit the official Bat Week website at www.BatWeek.org, or email Alyssa.Bennett@vermont.gov for more information about what they can do right here in Vermont to promote bat conservation.

"Vermont is home to several species of threatened and endangered bats that we are working to conserve and recover," added Bennett. "We hope Vermonters will support these efforts. "Bats are a very important part of our natural world, and now more than ever they need our help."



CROSSMAN'S GENERAL STORE
8 EAST STREET
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS, VT 05757
802-235-2251

COME CHECK OUT OUR NEW DELI !!

THE DELI IS OPEN
MONDAY - WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY
FROM 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

WE CAN CUSTOM MAKE SANDWICHES DURING THOSE HOURS OR THERE ARE PLENTY OF PREMADES TO GRAB AND GO!

WE WILL ALSO HAVE PIZZA - HOT DOGS AND SOUP OF THE DAY DURING DELI HOURS ALONG WITH SOME SANDWICH SPECIALS.

DON'T FORGET YOUR SLICED DELI MEATS & CHEESE

BIGGEST AND BEST SANDWICHES AROUND

COME VISIT AMBER AND TASTE FOR YOURSELF!

STORE HOURS: MON-SAT 6:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M. SUNDAY 7:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Please Recycle or Pass Along Tales!!

The Tinmouth Website Committee sends the following:

TinmouthVT.gov

Subscribe to receive email or text updates on Meetings, Tales, and town news & notices.

1. Home page: tinmouthvt.gov
2. Scroll down the home page to this area:
3. If you'd like to **subscribe to all meetings**, news, and to Tales, enter your name and email, and your phone if you'd like text notices, and click "Subscribe"
4. If you would like to **choose which meetings or news you'd like to receive**, click on the words: [Subscribe to Updates](#) – it's below the "Subscribe" button. A new page will open. Fill in your contact information, and click the boxes for the notices that you would like to receive (the list may be different from what you see here). Enter your email address to receive email updates, enter your phone number to receive text updates, or enter both!

SUBSCRIBE TO RECEIVE UPDATES

Name * Email * Phone

*Sign up here to receive ALL notifications for News, Agendas, Minutes, & Packets. If you don't want to receive ALL notifications please visit the [Subscribe to Updates](#) page to be able to select notifications for specific categories.

HOME ABOUT US * GOVERNMENT * RESOURCES * DOCUMENTS * COMMUNITY FUND * CONTACT US

Your Details

First Name * Last Name *

At least one contact method is required -- email or phone number.

Email * Phone Number *

(555) 555-5555

Address City

Subscription Settings

SELECT THE TOPICS YOU WANT TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATIONS FROM

Agendas and minutes

Select the departments for which you want to receive meeting notifications.

☒ All Departments
☐ Administration
☐ Others

News Lists

Select the lists from which you want to receive news notifications.

☒ All Lists
☐ News & Notices
☐ Tales of Tinmouth

Note: Emergency notifications will be received regardless of the preferences you choose here.

5. Click "[Subscribe Now](#)" at the bottom of the page to submit your preferences! You're all set!

Need help? Contact:

tinmouthwebsitecommittee@gmail.com

- *Check out the website for upcoming events on the home page and on the calendar.*
- *Find contact information for officials and committees.*
- *Check availability for town building use.*
- *Learn more about Tinmouth!*



**RE-ELECT RUTLAND COUNTY'S
WINNING TEAM**

**Senator Brian Collamore
Senator Dave Weeks
Senator Terry Williams**

LEFT TO RIGHT: SENATOR WEEKS, GOVERNOR SCOTT, SENATOR COLLAMORE,
AND SENATOR WILLIAMS.

**VOTE BY
NOV. 3TH**

“I work closely with incumbent Senators Collamore, Weeks, and Williams, and I trust their leadership. They have served Rutland County exceptionally well, and we need them back in the Senate. Their experience makes them uniquely qualified to address Vermont’s most pressing challenges, including lowering taxes and improving our education system. Rutland County and Vermont need these three proven Senators re-elected.”

— Governor Phil Scott

PAID FOR BY THE COLLAMORE FOR SENATE COMMITTEE, FRIENDS OF DAVE WEEKS, AND TERRY WILLIAMS FOR SENATE

PAID POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT

RE✓ELECT CHRIS PRITCHARD

★ ★ STATE REPRESENTATIVE ★ ★

Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rupert, Tinmouth, Wells

For me, people always come first

The most important work doesn't always occur in the Statehouse halls, Committee rooms or in the House Chamber. **The most important and meaningful work is doing the best you can to help people.**



Thank you to each of you who has given me the opportunity to serve these past two years. I humbly ask for your vote so I can continue serving you for two more.



I'm here to help. Reach out.

Email: cpritchard@leg.state.vt.us

Cell Phone: 802-558-8918

Chris Pritchard 4 VT House
2519 VT Rte. 30
Pawlet, VT 05761

RE◀ELECT Chris Pritchard

**A moderate, commonsense voice
focused on affordability**

When your child is going through something as difficult as major surgery, prosthetics, and learning to navigate life with a new leg, you feel overwhelmed in ways that are hard to put into words. That's where we were with Karsyn.

Chris Pritchard didn't just point us toward a website or hand us a number to call. He took the time to listen to us and help us understand our insurance options, and personally connect us with people in Montpelier who could help.

Even though Karsyn ultimately didn't qualify for the assistance we were hoping for, Chris made us feel like someone was in our corner. As parents, that meant everything to us. **We will never forget the kindness, time and genuine care Chris showed Karsyn and our family when we needed it most.**

Megan, Ryan & Karsyn Mullen
Wells VT



Lisa Wood
Blue Star Mother,
Mettowee Community
School Bus Driver

The late Fred Rogers always said, "Look for the helpers. There will always be helpers." In July, my family received the terrifying news that my son had been hit by an explosive in the Middle East. We were receiving very little information and we desperately needed help.

I called Chris Pritchard. Chris called me back immediately. On a Sunday. From his car. Without hesitation, Chris emailed and called anyone that could help us. Words cannot truly express how much that assistance, care and concern meant to our family.

Chris kept in contact with us every day to give us updates about information he was able to find out and to inquire about my son's condition. He went above and beyond for my family when we were going through the most difficult and stressful time of our lives. **Not for a vote and not for publicity, that's just who Chris is. My family does not even reside in his district.**

Chris's kindness, care and concern will never be forgotten. Not only has Chris Pritchard been an outstanding Representative for his district in Montpelier, **he truly represents the best of humanity.**

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We are forever grateful for you.

PAID POLITICAL ADVERTISING



I'm Still Looking for Marbles!!
Any size, any color
Thank you to those who dropped some off
at the Town Office!
Please contact Daniel Gervais at **236-1915 or 293-5746**



- New Construction
- Additions
- Renovations
- Framing
- Siding
- Trim Work

**S. Cameron Lepley
Construction**
802.446.2900



ALLARD
Residential
/ Commercial
EXCAVATING
802-446-3398 802-236-8317

**Allard's New phone #
802-772-4520**

Dave Merrill
Tractor and small excavator work
802-417-6278 Stump grinding, Rototilling,
Etc.

WELCOME HOME REAL ESTATE
60 S. MAIN STREET
WALLINGFORD, VT 05773
(802)345-8167 CELL
MARKNOBLEREALESTATE@GMAIL.COM

**Tinmouth Road House
and Best Moon Catering**

The Tinmouth Roadhouse is open every Saturday
for brunch from 8 am until 1 pm.
We have fully cooked and ready to heat and eat frozen
meals in our dining room freezer as well.

Please watch Front Porch Forum for details or call
Corey Best at **802-446-9473**.
Located at 580 Route 140 – across from the
School/Community Center (former Snack Bar).



SUNRISE
Danby, VT
REPAIR
From the rising of the sun to its going down the Lord's name is to be praised.
802-779-2894

Keyes Plumbing & Heating, Inc.
 ~ New Homes ~
 ~Remodeling ~Radiant Floors
 ~Heat Pumps
 Air Conditioning ~Water
 Softeners ~Solar Heating
 Mini Split A/C
 15 East Wells Road
 Wells, VT 05774
 (802)645-9519
 Cell (802)779-4039
 Fully Insured
keyes.james@gmail.com

Williams
PLUMBING
 802-884-5559

29 TINMOUTH POND ROAD • TINMOUTH, VT 05773



**Northern
 Outdoor
 Furnaces**

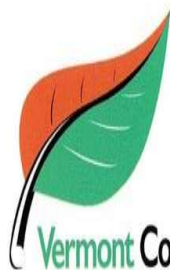
Mick Brubaker



(802) 353-6342

181 Davids Ln Danby, VT 05739

Office@northernoutdoorfurnaces.com



Vermont Comfort LLC

Home insulation & Energy saving solutions

(802) 558-1267

www.vermontcomfortllc.com

Owner: John Buckles

J. ALLEN MAPLE
Pure Maple Products
 158 North East Road
 Tinmouth, VT
 802-353-1857



Stop by our self-serve stand for any of your maple needs. We have sizes range from pints to gallons, with prices ranging from \$10 to \$45.

Please contact us with any special orders, we can also accommodate your party/weddings with maple favors!

Great Gift Idea!!



TINMOUTH
 CHURCH

Everyone Is
 Welcome in This

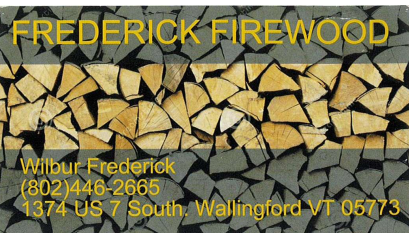
Community of
 Worship and Faith

**TINMOUTH
 COMMUNITY
 CHURCH**

**Sunday Service
 9:00 a.m.**

Rev. Robert A Noble, III

*Open Minds, Open Hearts,
 Open Doors*



Wilbur Frederick
 (802) 446-2665

1374 US 7 South, Wallingford VT 05773



**KITCHEN ENCOUNTERS
 INC.**

CABINETS • COUNTERTOPS • TILE • SINCE 1972

(802) 775-2900

Fire Wood For Sale
Please call Roscoe Jones
802-235-2630



**TIMBER HARVESTING
 LAND CLEARING
 FIREWOOD**

Dillon Hepburn

(802) 779-8854

West Rutland, VT

ddhfirewood@gmail.com

**MOUNTAIN VIEW
 DEVELOPMENT INC.**

- Computer generated landscape design
- Low voltage landscape lighting
- Backhoe service • Brush hogging
- Complete home building and contracting services
- Rental & vacation property management

Call Ryan @

802-235-1571 or

802-342-0028 cell

MountainViewDevelopment@msn.com

~ October 2026 Calendar of Events ~

Fire Department	Thursday	1 st	7:00	Fire House
Contra Dance	Friday	2 nd	6:45 – 10:00	Community Center
Household Hazardous Waste Day	Saturday	3 rd	8:30-12:30	Fair Haven Transfer Station
ATV Informational Meeting	Thursday	8 th	6:00	Old Fire House/Virtual
Select Board	Thursday	8 th	7:00	Old Fire House/Virtual
Planning Commission	Thursday	15 th	7:00	Town Office/Virtual
<i>Tales of Tinmouth</i> Deadline	Tuesday	20 th		Don't Miss It!

~ November 2026 Calendar of Events ~

THGS Annual Meeting	Sunday	1 st	1:30	Church Community Room
General Election	Tuesday	3 rd	8:00 am – 7:00 pm	Community Center
Fire Department	Thursday	5 th	7:00	Fire House
Contra Dance	Friday	6 th	6:45 – 10:00	Community Center
Select Board	Thursday	12 th	7:00	Town Office/Virtual
Planning Commission	Thursday	19 th	7:00	Town Office/Virtual
<i>Tales of Tinmouth</i> Deadline	Friday	20 th		Don't Miss It!
TVFD Game Supper	Saturday	21 st	4:00	Community Center
Community Thanksgiving Service	Sunday	22 nd	4:30	Church
Conservation Commission	Monday	23 rd	1:00	Town Office/Virtual

Transfer Station hours are Wednesday 4:00 – 7:00 pm & Saturday 8:00 am – noon.

~ Sunday Church Service ~ 9:00 AM All are welcome! ~

~ The Library is open Thursdays 2:30-4:30 PM ~ And the first Saturday of the month, 10 - noon.

~ Knit/Craft Club ~ Mondays ~ 1:00-3:00 ~ at the Old Fire House ~ All Welcome!

GENERAL ELECTION
Tuesday, Nov. 3rd
 Return your ballots early or
 bring them to the
 Community Center between
 8:00 am and 7:00 pm
 on the 3rd

Presorted Standard
 U.S. POSTAGE PAID
 Wallingford, VT 05773
 PERMIT # 12

Tales of Tinmouth
 515 North End Road
 Tinmouth, VT 05773