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Any non-profit group event that is open to all members of the community can be listed in the Community calendar.

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Selectboard News

There was a good turnout for Town Meeting night and Elections on Tuesday. Congratulations to all the newly elected officials. The Selectboard welcomes John Roleau to the board.

At the organizational meeting, I was elected Chair, Steve Dupoise was elected Vice-Chair and Pam Kingman was elected Selectboard Clerk. In addition, Carole Hall has agreed to continue working with Steve Dupoise as the negotiators on the Anbaric/National Grid converter station project. I would encourage anyone with concerns or ideas to contact either Steve or Carole and they will take those ideas/concerns into consideration as the process moves along. This is a huge project and the negotiation process will take a considerable amount of time. There are a number of issues that need to be considered and some of those issues cannot be discussed until they get the reports from the expert consultants that have been hired. By the time you get this newsletter, the preliminary data will have been collected for the sound study. They are also working with a consultant to determine the best placement of the buildings to minimize its impact. I realize that this project will impact many people in many different ways, but Carole and Steve have the best interests of the Town in mind as they work through this process. At Town Meeting, by straw vote, it was clear that the majority of people attending would like to have a voice in the final decision through an Australian ballot. All of the candidates and current Board members agreed that the voters of New Haven should have that voice.

On the solar front, we are awaiting decisions from the Public Service Board on the hearings that we were granted. At the moment, there is a freeze on additional net metering projects, but it is a moving target with rules that change daily. The Selectboard is considering an Interim Zoning Bylaw which would address siting and screening of solar projects. We have just begun this process.

In April, we will be making appointments to the various committees. Please fill out a volunteer form which can be picked up at the office or found on the website. The openings and terms were listed in the March newsletter. If you currently serve on a committee and your term is up, please let the Town Clerk know if you would like to continue.

Vermont Gas will be holding an informational meeting on April 6, 2016 in the New Haven Town Hall from 6 –7 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Barrett

Homestead Declaration Reminder

Please remember to file your homestead declaration by April 18. You must file form HS-122 if you own and live in your home. You can go on line to <https://secure.vermont.gov/hd/index> for more information and to file your declaration. Please make sure your tax preparer knows to file the form. There are penalties and consequences for not filing.

Barb Torian, Treasurer

Community Library News

A few months ago, we were informed by the Libri Foundation that we had been awarded a grant that would enable us to receive one thousand dollars worth of children's books during the coming year. Sadly, this is the last year that this wonderful foundation will be in existence, but we have been so fortunate to be the grateful recipient of several of their grants aimed at rural libraries. They have enriched our children's collection, with beautiful, quality books over the years, and this coming year they have partnered with Junior Library Guild in order to continue that legacy for their last awards. JLG's collection has an amazing record of choosing books that are award winning, classics-to-be, and they have been so helpful in setting up our monthly "package". We will be displaying our new additions through the coming year. Please stop in and check them out! And thanks, Libri and JLG. You are appreciated!

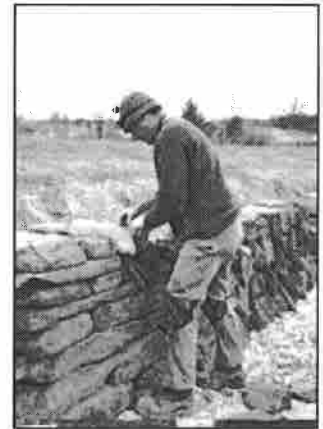
Have you ever admired and/or envied beautiful stonework? I know I have! On Wednesday, April 27, at 7:00. Charlie MacMartin of Queen City Soil and Stone, will talk about the art of building beautiful dry stone walls. This method of construction does not rely on mortar to bind the rocks, but rather uses gravity and fit to create stunning walls that blend perfectly into the Vermont landscape. This craft is still evident in the many walls throughout the state— walls that have withstood, snow, rain, freezing and thawing for, sometimes, hundreds of years. MacMartin is a professional member of the Dry Stone Walling Association of Great Britain. His stonework emphasizes the use of local stone

and the preservation of historic stone walls. Please join us on Wednesday, April 27th for this informative and educational presentation.

April is National Poetry Month and we have several brand new volumes of poetry here at the library! We are also pleased to welcome back the Spring Street Poets, who share their unique poetic voices and lively camaraderie in almost equal measure—to the enjoyment of all who attend their performances. Please call for the date on this presentation.

Happy Early Spring!

Deborah Lundbeck,
Director



Friends of the Library

It was a busy calendar for the Friends of the Library this winter, with a Vermont Humanities Council-sponsored speaker and the Ripton Coffee house goodies sale in January, plus the well-attended Chocolate Delight night in February—despite it having been one of our coldest nights. The latter two events gave the Friends of the Library funds that support the New Haven library a significant boost.

The next Friends of the Library fundraiser will be

the bi-annual book sale set for Greenup Day, May 7th. As always, there will be many varieties of books to choose from: fiction, non-fiction, how-to's, children's books, and more. If you have questions about book donations, please see librarian Deborah Lundbeck.

Friends of the Library are always happy to have new members. Consider joining us. Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 6 at 7 PM in the library.

Norma Norland

Sadly Margot Roleau had to leave us when her husband became a Selectboard member. Thank You Margot Roleau for your brief time as assistant treasurer.

Looking for an Assistant Treasurer

Looking for someone to work a few hours a week; must be honest, flexible and reliable. You will be expected to be available most of the day on Sept. 30 and Oct. 3rd for tax collection. Job requires knowledge of accounting and bookkeeping. This person works at the discretion of the treasurer and should also be ready, willing and able to step into the

position if something were to happen to the treasurer. The Town offices can get busy and hectic; you must be able to pay attention to detail during those times.

Looking for someone with the following abilities: good with numbers, multi-tasker, friendly, helpful, detail oriented, ability to maintain confidential information, quick learner, and administrative experience. Please send a letter of interest and a resume to Town of New Haven 78 North St. New Haven, VT. 05472
Barb Torian

School Board News: The Directors thank New Haven voters for supporting the 2016-2017 Beeman school budget. The March 1st vote tally was 572-Yes to 172-No. The Mt Abraham Union High School budget also passed by a margin of 2703 to 1306. Ed McGuire was re-elected to a 3 year term as Beeman School Director. We were happy to see so many in attendance at the school portion of town meeting. The Board and Principal responded to a number of questions from the floor on equalized pupils, "phantom" pupils, tax rate calculations, enrollment, classroom configurations, Act 46 unification, and more. As always, the Board welcomes questions and feedback from the community. It is essential to our work. Please consider attending our regular meetings and special forums, or reach out anytime.

ANESU Superintendent Search: A Committee (comprised of Board, community, teacher, staff, and student representatives) recently concluded the Superintendent search process, and recommended Patrick Reen for consideration. He is currently the Principal at Middlebury Union Middle School. Mr. Reen completed a long day of site visits to area schools, a community forum, and finally a lengthy interview with the SU Board. The Board voted unanimously to offer him the position, and Mr. Reen has agreed in principle. An employment agreement is being negotiated and will be made public when finalized. Mr. Reen would start on July 1st, replacing interim ANESU Superintendent, Armando Vilaseca.

6th Grader Ethan Sonneborn answers questions about his personalized learning project ENDS Policy



Monitoring Report – Life and Innovation Skills. Area School Boards jointly convened at Bristol Elementary School on March 8th to receive an annual monitoring report on Life and Innovation Skills. This ENDS policy emphasizes personal achievement, intellectual curiosity, perseverance, creativity, and communication. The Superintendent presented numerous points of evidence supporting compliance, including a segment of student-lead exhibits. Board members toured the building and interacted with around a dozen 6th grade and high school students, who described their flexible pathways projects and initiatives. Mt Abe and the ANESU are widely regarded as leaders in the area of personalized learning.

Respectfully submitted by the New Haven School Directors:

Brad Bull (Chair), Ed McGuire (Vice Chair), Phyllis Smith (Clerk)

Ladies' Union Spring Sale: New Haven Congregational Church, Saturday April 23rd, 9am - 1pm

Sale will include plants, food table, RADA wear, kitchen items, linens & curtains, household items, toys, games, attic treasures, furniture, decor items, garden items, books, and other miscellaneous items. **No clothing at this sale.** Need donations of good or excellent quality, Please, no outdated tech items, no computers, video games, text books encyclopedias, or VCRs! Call Carol 453-5059 or Donna 877-2712 for drop off times. Barb Saunders

On Wednesday, April 13th at 7:00PM, in the Library the **Historical Society** will host Kirk Webster who will discuss "Beekeeping in Middlebury and Bristol circa 1870", and how it relates to current times.

Clerk News

Reminder: Dog licenses are due by April 1st. The State raised the fee for licensing this year; spay/neutered: \$9.00; unspayed/unneutered: \$13.00. Fees will increase after April 1st to \$11.00 and \$17.00. The Town Office will be open on Friday, April 1st to license dogs from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. If you cannot make it into the office during normal hours, you can mail a check along with a current rabies certificate and we can mail the license back to you. Thank you!!

Election results: Town Meeting began at 6:35 pm; there were about 100 people in attendance. The Town went first this year. Town Meeting ended at 8:30 pm, there was a 5 minute intermission and the School meeting began at 8:35 pm, there were about 20 people in attendance. On Tuesday (voting), we had 770 people come out to vote. All the Town budget items passed, as well as all the Outside Agencies. All three school budgets passed too.

Your newly Elected Officials are:

Auditors: Iva Menard (2 yr.), Polly Darnell (3 yr.) and Angie Dunbar (1 yr.)	Selectboard – John Roleau 2 yr.
Beeman School Director – Ed McGuire 3 yr.	Selectboard – Kathy Barrett 3 yr.
Delinquent Tax Collector – Sylviasue Ford 1 yr.	Town Agent – Tim Bouton 1 yr.
Grand Jurors – Earl Bessette and Jon Christiano both 1 yr.	Town Clerk – Pam Kingman 3 yr.
Library Trustees – Lynn Goldsmith, Suzanne Loker and Gail Regan: all 3 yrs.	Town Treasurer – Barb Torian 3 yr.
Listers – Jay Best, Jr. (2 yr.) and Linda Cousino (3 yr.)	Moderator – Pam Marsh 1 yr.

I would like to thank everyone who helped out at the polls and/or counted ballots: Amy, Rae, Carol, Ed, Jody, Kathi, Pam, Karen, Roger, Kathy, Doug and Jay. Thank you all for your help, and commitment to your town. Thanks also to Earl Bessette for donating a huge box of York Peppermint Patties for voters and poll workers and Joanne Cousineau for bringing in muffins for the poll workers. I would also like to thank the voters for your continued support.

Respectfully, Pam Kingman

Green Up Vermont is 46 Years Strong!

We look forward to seeing you this year! Come to the Town Green between 9am and 11am on **Saturday May 7th** to pick up FREE Green Up Bags, gloves, water, safety tip, sun screen, bug spray and to register on the Town Road Map for a road or area to Green Up.

Our Road Crew will be out picking up Green Up Bags from every road to take to the Transfer Station on Monday, May 9th. Please make sure to leave the bags where you left off, tied shut, and placed just off the side of the road. Just to clarify, NO furniture or appliances will be accepted.

Any tires, batteries, car parts or large/awkward pieces that you find can be placed on the side of the road with your (full) Green Up bag. Please do not try to haul big or dangerous pieces out to the road. Please call me to report dumping sites or animal carcasses. The Health Department would like us to remind everyone to be dressed for the occasion. That means cover up, and wear closed toe shoes. Tick season is upon us. Please check to make sure you are tick-free after Greening Up.

Thank you, New Haven residents, students, church groups, day cares, Cub/Boy Scouts, Daisy/Brownie/Girl Scouts, Anglers and 4H Clubs for doing your part to help keep Vermont clean and green!

Suzy Roorda , Green Up Day Coordinator

New Haven May Festival

Sunday, May 1st, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm on the Town Green
(If rain, at the Town Hall)

The New Haven Events Department is happy to be hosting our annual celebration of all things Spring! There will be live music , Maypole dancing, a Spring dessert contest, plant swap & sale (bring yours!), storytelling and songs with our librarian Deborah Lundbeck, quick and creative family arts & craft activities to make and take, the Shriner Clowns and more!

All types of desserts wanted and welcome for the Spring Dessert Contest! Go traditional or get creative, but make sure to enter! The winner of the contest will be chosen by People's Choice ~ \$5 buys a sample of ALL the desserts, and then you vote for your favorite! The winner receives half of the proceeds, and is the proud title holder for the year, complete with full bragging rights. Come out and enjoy Spring in New Haven!

Please contact one of us with any questions, to volunteer to help with an activity, or to register your dessert in the contest.

Suzy Roorda @ 453-5978 / 453-3516 ext. #17 /
newhavenrec@gmavt.net, or
Sara Smith 877-3080

April 2016 New Haven Community Calendar

Location of Events Key: Town Hall= TH Town Offices= TO Town Garage= TG Cafeteria= C Gym= G Beeman= S MAUHS= HS Village Green =VG Village Green Market= VGM Congregational Church= CH Library= L Fire Station= FS * Recycling at Town Garage Saturday Mornings 8-12 *

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Dog Licenses Due! The Town Office will be open for licensing from 9am-2pm.	2 Recycle 8am-12pm TG Line Dancing Lessons 6-8pm, \$5/per person Town Hall Gym
3	4 DRB Meeting 7pm TO	5 Library Story Hour 10:30am L Bone Builders Exercise Class 10:30am CH Beeman Board Mtg. 5:30pm Selectboard Mtg. 7pm TO	6 Fire Dept. Mtg. 7pm FD Library Friends Mtg. 7pm L Vt. Gas Public Informational Meeting 6pm-7pm G	7	8	9 Recycle 8am-12pm TG Line Dancing Lessons 6-8pm, \$5/per person Town Hall Gym
10	11 Planning Commission Mtg. 7pm TO	12 Library Story Hour 10:30am L Bone Builders Exercise Class 10:30am CH	13 4H Twilight Tails 6:30pm C Historical Society 7pm L "Local Beekeeping, c1870"	14	15	16 Recycle 8am-12pm TG Line Dancing Lessons 6-8pm, \$5/per person Town Hall Gym
17 Last Fire Department Breakfast 7am-10:30am C	18 No School K-12 DRB Meeting 7pm TO	19 No School K-12 Library Story Hour 10:30am L Bone Builders Exercise Class 10:30am CH Selectboard Mtg. 7pm TO	20 No School K-12	21 No School K-12 Library Trustees Mtg. 7pm L	22 No School K-12	23 Recycle 8am-12pm TG Line Dancing Lessons 6-8pm, \$5/per person Town Hall Gym Congregational Church Ladies Union Attic Treasurers Sale! 9am-1pm
24	25	26 Library Story Hour 10:30am L Bone Builders Exercise Class 10:30am CH	27 Library Game Night 6:30pm Library Speaker 7pm TO "Stone Wall Building" Speaker Charlie Mac Martin	28	29	30 Recycle 8am-12pm TG Line Dancing Lessons 6-8pm, \$5/per person Town Hall Gym
May 1 May Festival 1pm-4pm on the Town Green. If rain, moved to Town Hall.	Bone Builders Exercise Class! Tuesdays from 10:30-11:30am at the Congregational Church on Town Hill Road. Contact Suzy at 453-5978 to sign up. Walk-ins Welcome!	Rent the Town Hall for your own events or parties, or to teach classes. Please submit your application at least 3 weeks prior to your event to allow the Selectboard	time to review and process the application. Applications are available at the Town Office or on the Town web-site.	*If your town group or club would like its meetings or events listed in the Town Newsletter Calendar, please contact Suzy at	newhavenrec@gmavt.net or cscasam@gmavt.net by the 15th of the month prior to the event for publishing.	To register in any Town group or club, please call one of the phone numbers listed below. Thanks~

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Town Office Hours:

Monday 9:00 am – 4:30 pm
Tuesday 9:00 am – 4:30 pm
Wednesday 9:00 am – 4:30 pm
Thursday 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Library Hours

Tuesday 10:00 - 5:00
(10:30 Story Hour)
Wednesday 1:00 - 8:00
Thursday 1:00 - 8:00
Saturday 10:00 - 1:00

The newsletter is an open forum for New Haven residents with reports, articles, & letters about town matters. Letters of 500 words or less should be courteous & concern town events, news, & issues. One letter per person on a topic per year. Please include your name, address, & phone number. (Only your name will be published.) Submit in electronic form by the 15th of the month to jmsimmons@gmavt.net Jean Simmons

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