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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.

### **Contact:**

**Town Office: 453 - 3516**

## **Clerk Report:**

Town Meeting had a small turn-out with approximately 58 people in attendance. I would like to thank Lanny Smith for filling in as Moderator this year, and to thank Pam Marsh for her many years as Town Moderator. This position still needs to be filled - have you ever thought about being a Moderator? If so, please submit a letter of interest to the Selectboard. Thank you.

I would like to thank all the election workers: Julie, Jodi, John, Pam, Gail, Kathi, Paul, Karen and to Al, Kim, John and Taborri for bringing ballots to Middlebury High School and Holley Hall to be counted. Running an election is a very busy time, and I want to thank all of you for being there to help make everything run smoothly. I would also like to thank Eric Boise and 3 students from Beeman (Ben, Owen and Eli) who helped me set up for Town Meeting. I need to include my thanks to the Village Green Market for always supplying us with superb lunches and dinners. The afterschool program cooking class for sharing some of their delicious homemade guacamole with us and to Jane & Larry for the delicious doughnuts. All of you make New Haven an exceptional place to live and work! Respectfully, Pam Kingman

## **Townwide Reappraisal**

The Town of New Haven will begin to implement a Townwide reappraisal this year. The State of Vermont requires that Towns initiate a reappraisal when the CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) is less than .85 and New Haven's is currently .8055.

This will be approximately a 3 year project with an anticipated completion date of April 2026.

The Town of New Haven has entered into a contract with Spencer Potter of Vermont Municipal Assessor (VMA), who is the current assessor for the Town. Spencer will be inspecting each property and conduct an exterior (includes pictures and measurements) and an interior inspection. If the property owner is not available when Spencer conducts the exterior inspection, he will leave a postcard which will provide the homeowner with instructions on how to set up an appointment for the interior inspection.

At the end of the 3-year process, everyone will receive information regarding the revised values for their property/properties and will have the ability to discuss and/or appeal those values prior to taxes due in 2026.

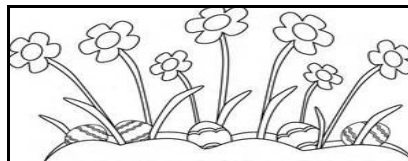
## **Train Depot Update:**

Just a quick note about the Train Station. Our grant writer has been busy looking into and writing up grants to secure funding for phase two of the station. We are encouraged by the responses from his inquiries; let's keep our fingers crossed.

Secondly, Jim Westphalen produced a documentary called "Vanish." Jim interviewed me in the Train Station before it was moved. The documentary will be shown at the Town Hall Theater in Middlebury on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm and again on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm; tickets are \$12.00 each. I have not seen it or have any knowledge of how much content about the station is in the film, but there will at least be some highlights about it in his documentary. I'm planning on being at the June showing as I'm out of Town on the 8<sup>th</sup>. You can get tickets at <http://www.townhalltheatre.org/event/vanish/> Steve Dupoise

## **Springfest**

Spring has sprung, grab your family and friends and come on out for a stroll in the park! We are welcoming spring on the town green with flowers, bunnies and more. The decorations will be going up the weekend of April 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> and we plan to take them down April 15<sup>th</sup> / 16<sup>th</sup> so catch them while you can. We hope you can come out for Springfest on April 8<sup>th</sup> from 10-12.



**New Haven Community Library News:**

Vermont authors will be with us this April at New Haven Community Library! Don't miss our evening presentation and book signing with Meg Madden, fungi educator, author, and photographer on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Plus, Angela Burke Kunkel will join us for a children's author event on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am to celebrate the release of her new children's book--Make Way: the Story of Robert McCloskey, Nancy Schön, and Some Very Famous Ducklings!

If you signed up for our free tree program with Neighborhood Forest, make sure to check your inbox and the Library's social media for confirmation on what tree species we'll be receiving and when to pick up trees! The New Haven Conservation Commission will be at the tree pick-up event to provide additional guidance on what families can do to ensure the best success during their tree's first years.

Looking for a new kind of book club? Love to cook? The Library is starting up a second book group in New Haven with a Cookbook Club. A bi-monthly book club (6 meetings a year), participants will get to dive deeper with a cookbook for 6 weeks and share thoughts about the book they chose with other participants over a potluck meal. We'll be working with cookbooks by Deb Perelman of Smitten Kitchen fame for our first meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. If you would like to join, please email the librarian at [librarian@nchl.org](mailto:librarian@nchl.org).

As spring blooms around us and we ready for outdoor projects, weekend trips, or spring vacations, don't forget the Library gives patrons access to thousands of audio books and eBook materials for all ages through the Libby app and the Palace Project. Need help setting it up? Stop by the library for some one-on-one assistance so you can begin downloading and listening today!

Katie Male-Riordan  
Library Director

**New Haven Conservation Commission:**

On March 14 the commission hosted a virtual presentation by Chittenden County Forester, Ethan Tapper titled "Legacy Trees and Ecological Forestry." His talk was very informative, describing what a healthy forest tract should look like, how to manage forests by becoming attuned to the ways in which forests manage themselves and the importance of Legacy Trees in the forest stand. This topic drew a lot of interest and generated a number of questions from the viewers. This Zoom event was recorded and will be posted on Ethan Tapper's YouTube site.

This event was timed to coincide with the upcoming Community Reads Program, sponsored by the Conservation Commission. This program will host a virtual discussion of the book, "Finding The Mother Tree," by Suzanne Simard and is scheduled for 3/23/2023.

In developing the Wildlife Crossing Study, the Conservation Commission met virtually with Sophie Mazowita of Tracking Connection during their February meeting. The discussion included the use of trail cameras to collect data, employing community volunteers, recruiting the assistance of other organizations and employing the services of Sophie Mazowita. A decision was made to form a sub-committee to further bring options into focus.

Submitted by Dave Lewis, NHCC co-chair.

**Ladies Union Spaghetti Supper at the New Haven Congregational Church**

Wednesday, April 19 from 5:00 - 6:30pm. Plain or gluten-free spaghetti, plain or meat sauce, bread, salad, dessert and beverage \$10 adult, \$5 children. Dine in or take out. Take-out can be ordered ahead so they will be all set when you arrive or ordered at supper. Walk-ins welcome. For more information, call Carol at 453-5059.

**New Haven Congregational Church Food Closet**

I am writing this on the first day of spring in hopes that winter is truly over! Once again I would like to thank everyone who has helped in one way or another with the support of helping our neighbors in need. What a great community we live in. We, the NHCC Ladies Union would like to put together Easter Dinner boxes. If you can help us with donations of potatoes, rolls, butter, desserts of any kind, pickles and olives, canned pineapple or brown sugar. Anything that you feel you can donate will be a blessing. I would like to remind those that donate throughout the month to please put your donations in the donation box beside the food closet, not in the closet please. In order to adhere to federal and state guidelines, we need to check all incoming food for expiration dates and clearly mark them to make sure we are not feeding expired food.

Thank you for your cooperation, Deb Taylor

**Bristol Recreation**

**April School Break Clay Camp.** April 24-28 1-2:30pm for ages 6-16.

New Haven folks qualify for the residential rate and scholarship program. For scholarships, call the Recreation Office 802-453-5885.

**Community Swim during April Break,** \$5.00 per swimmer per session, under 2 is free. We will have a 10:45-11:45 time slot, reservation will be accepted April 17<sup>th</sup>.

More information on [www.BristolVtRec.com](http://www.BristolVtRec.com)

Thank you,

Meridith McFarland, Recreation Director, Town of Bristol

**Historical Society:**

The New Haven Historical Society will hold its first meeting of the year on Wednesday, May 10, 2023. Full details will be in the May Newsletter. Stay tuned...

**OUR TOWN**

Sponsored by the New Haven Historical Society. Identify the image in the photo by answering the appropriate question (s). Who? What? Where? When? Why? Send responses to: [actr600@gmavt.net](mailto:actr600@gmavt.net). Win bragging rights for knowing New Haven's history by being the first correct responder. Answer will be in next month's newsletter.



Answer to the March Town history quiz-no one got it right. The photo was of the milk house at the Marshall Farm on River Road.

**April Photo: Who is this man? Why is he important to New Haven history?**

\* you must answer both questions to qualify.

**April 2023 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 Offices (winter months) Saturday Mornings 8-12 \*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town offices
2	3 DRB Mtg 7PM TO	4 Selectboard Mtg 7PM TO	5	6	7	8 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices
9	10 Planning Commission Mtg 7PM TO	11	12	13	14	15 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM TO
16	17 DRB Mtg 7PM TO	18 Selectboard Mtg 7PM TO	19	20	21	22 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM TO
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30			Interested in renting the Town Hall for a party or function?	Applications can be found on the website: <a href="http://www.newhavenvt.com">www.newhavenvt.com</a> or call the Town Office at 453 - 3516.	Please submit your application 3 weeks prior to your event	To ensure the Selectboard has sufficient time to review it. Thank you.

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Recycling on Saturday mornings 8-12 at Town Office/ Library parking lot. Trash drop-off at the same time for a fee.

**Town Office Hours:**

Monday 8:30 am – 4:00 pm  
Tuesday 8:30 am – 4:00 pm  
Wednesday 8:30 am – 4:00 pm  
Thursday 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

**Library Hours:**

Tuesday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Wednesday 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Thursday 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Saturday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**The newsletter is an open forum** for New Haven residents with appropriate 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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to [newhavenclerk@gmavt.net](mailto:newhavenclerk@gmavt.net) or [newhavenassistant@gmavt.net](mailto:newhavenassistant@gmavt.net)

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**Appointed Position Available:**

Are you good with dogs, livestock and animals in general?  
Please consider becoming our  
Town's Animal Control Officer.  
You will receive a yearly stipend, plus mileage.  
Please call the Town Office for more information.