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453-2333

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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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Pam Kingman: 453-3516

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Select Board Report

Don't be surprised to find the Dog Warden, Wayne Marcelle, at your door conducting the dog census. There are some dogs that have never been licensed and if you have unlicensed dogs, you will be given ten business days to get them licensed, or you will be issued a citation.

The library will be purchasing a small storage shed to be placed on the north end of the Town Office building. This is with funds that the Library Trustees and the Friends of the Library have raised this year.

Marie Gordon has been appointed to the Development Review Board to fill out the position long held by Donna Blaise. Thank you Donna for your service to the town, and welcome Marie.

The State has temporarily closed the bridge on Route 116 for replacement, which will mean more traffic on some of New Haven's roads. The State is reimbursing the Town \$4,530 to alleviate the impact the increased traffic will have on our roads.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Barrett

Treasurer's Report

Tax Bills were mailed on July 23, 2015. Please contact the Town offices if you have not received your bill. Now is the time to check over your bill and make sure all the information is correct. If, by chance, there is something that needs to be corrected, contact the office now, as many corrections deal with the State and can be very time consuming.

Please remember we do not accept post marks; allow several days for mail deliveries. You may drop off your payment in the drop box at any time. (No cash please) The office will offer extended hours the week prior to Oct. 1st.

Please do not send postdated checks. We will deposit your check when we get it. If you are worried about missing the date you can use online bill pay to schedule your payment on a specific date. Paper work for ACH transaction is also available; this takes a while to set up and must be done ahead of time.

We hate to see people become delinquent because they forgot or something happened on the day they thought they were going to pay their taxes. Please plan ahead and give yourself enough time for the unexpected.

The next time the town will receive property tax adjustment information from the State is on September 15th. We will mail corrected bills as soon as we get new or changed information from the State.

Barb Torian, Treasurer

New Haven Historical Society does not meet in August.

Margo Merritt

School Board News

There was no regular New Haven School Board meeting scheduled July. However, the Directors have been engaged in a number of committee activities and other Board work this summer.

Collective Bargaining – Collective bargaining negotiations for a successor agreement between the Addison Northeast Supervisory Union and its teachers and support staff have been ongoing for several months. Negotiations have been conducted in warned public sessions, and all proposals and supporting documents are posted on the ANESU home page. Also, videos of each meeting are available for viewing on the NEAT TV website. The Bargaining Council's proposals are mindful of the increasing cost of benefits, and the spending growth caps that have been imposed by the recent Act 46.

Situational Assessment – In June, the ANESU Executive Committee asked Cynthia Nixon from the Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service (FMCS) to conduct a 3rd party assessment of the climate, leadership, and governance practices in our area schools. Dozens of teachers, staff, and administrators participated in personal and phone interviews, or submitted feedback by email. The Boards desire a resilient and collaborative leadership culture for the benefit of our schools, students, and community. We look forward to the results of the assessment. The Boards expect to continue working with FMCS in the Fall to establish or refine the tools, standards, and practices necessary for a successful leadership model.

Board Training – On July 27th, all School Board members in our SU will be attending a special workshop on the topic of school governance and its implementation. Val Gardner, Director of the Vermont School Leadership Project, will be leading the discussions and exercises. The Boards recognize the critical need for continuous policy review and evaluation, and for all Board members to receive appropriate training, education, and support.

Respectfully submitted by
the New Haven School Directors: Brad Bull (Chair),
Ed McGuire (Vice Chair), Phyllis Smith (Clerk)

Clerk News

I hope this finds everyone enjoying their summer. It sure has been a wet one. The Town Office continues to be a busy place, we have many new folks moving into town, and I'd like to say welcome.

The Selectboard meetings for August have been changed to Tuesday, August 11 and Tuesday, August 25, 2015.

The Town Office will be closed on Monday, August 17, 2015 for Bennington Battle Day.

Respectfully, Pam Kingman

New Haven Community Library News

Despite the rain, it's been a beautiful summer. I hope you all have enjoyed the lovely days, and the lush greenness that surrounds us. I think I've appreciated this summer more than ever before; the extreme weather of the last two winters no doubt contributing to my delight!

It's been fun to meet some of the people who participated in the Vermont Library Association's "Passport to Vermont's Libraries" program. One patron had visited 79 libraries by the time she came to New Haven! (She has since visited well over 100.)

Her tales of visiting other libraries, and the different library stories and histories she discovered, were very entertaining. She was particularly struck by the unique character of Vermont libraries, and was very complimentary about New Haven's own beautiful library!

Our summer program events have finished, but children can still fill out reading records, which will be due the week before school, or the first week of September. Certificates and special treats will be given to kids who have participated. We continue to have new materials coming in all the time. Have you heard of a book, movie or radio CD that sounds interesting? Rather than spending your money, take advantage of your library! We are happy to loan it from another Vermont library, or purchase it, if it will appeal to other library patrons. Signing up for patron privileges is fast and easy, and we would be very happy to explain all the other benefits of becoming a library patron. We think you'll be glad you stopped in!

Enjoy the summer, and may all you farmers and gardeners see the sunny hours increase!

Deborah Lundbeck, Town Librarian

New Haven Zoning Corner

Signs Abound

It has been brought to my attention that there is a proliferation of illegal signs in Town. New Haven Zoning does regulate signs and it is important to remind property owners of this. As New Haven Zoning Administrator, it is my job to enforce the Town's adopted Zoning Bylaw including non-conforming signage. I have before me a list of twenty properties that are exhibiting a sign supporting solar companies who have installed arrays located in New Haven. These signs may seem small and insignificant but they are illegal.

Some would suggest that they are temporary. However, even temporary uses and structures require zoning approval. In some cases I have observed these signs in place for many years. It is my experience that like the temporary hoop style tarp sheds, these signs really become quite permanent. Unlike the hoop style tarp sheds which can be sited in conformance with New Haven Zoning, signs that advertise for a business that is not located on the property, cannot.

I am sure that most folks don't even give these signs a second thought, but they are clearly providing free advertising for the solar business. This reminds me about how billboards in the late 1960's seemed to grow everywhere and their proliferation resulted in Vermont's billboard law. These signs are a small scale billboard. I have raised this issue directly with one solar company, and they disagree and cite the similar example of the alarm system placards. This is an interesting comment. My remark to them was that, unlike an alarm or real estate sign that is serving the property owners interest, I cannot think of a benefit to the property owner to have signs that provide free advertising once the solar array is developed.

In conclusion, I am expecting that property owners will make the effort to remove these signs and thus avoid the time consuming enforcement process. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached Tuesday and Thursday at 453-3516. At other times you can call the same number and leave a message and I will return your call as soon as possible.

Thank-you in advance for your cooperation.
Dave Wetmore, ZA

Field Days

Get Your Field Days Entries in on Monday,
August 3rd between 9am-12:30pm!

Is all this rain getting you down? Show Mother Nature your innovative gardening skills at Addison County Fair and Field Days. Bring along a photograph of your garden, and it will be displayed. But if your garden isn't picture perfect, there's always space for a scarecrow!

Bring in your best garden products, photos, art work, home made crafted items, flower arrangements and/or baked goods to the Home and Garden building on Monday, Aug. 3rd, between 9:00am and 12:30pm.

Suzy Roorda

Ladies' Union Salad Supper

Thursday Aug. 20th, 6:00 pm

Variety of Salads, dessert, beverage,
cold cuts, rolls.

\$8 adults \$4 children

For more information,
call Carol 453-5059

Barb Saunders

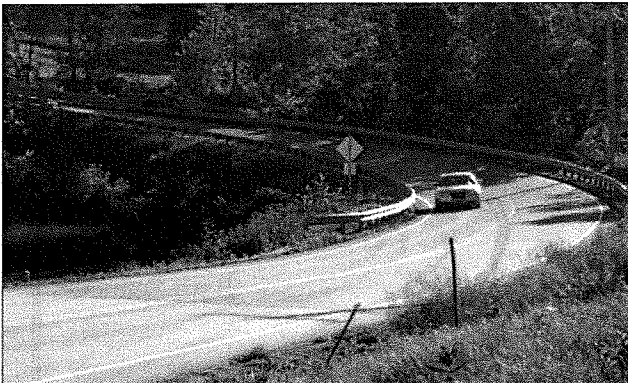
Where is it?



Where is it?

E-mail your answers to me at jgallott@gmavt.net, write the answer down and drop it off at the Town office, or hand it to me if you see me around town—by **August 15th**.

Jim Gallott



Where Was It?

"You are standing on the south end of Hallock Road. You are looking west towards Addison, and the bridge in the photo crosses Otter Creek" - Jim Walsh

Correct Answer:
Jim Walsh

August 2015 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
	Bone Builders Exercise Class is suspended until Fall.	Tai Chi Class is suspended until September. Please contact Mary at 545-2106 for a new class schedule and to sign up.					1 Recycle 8am-12pm TG
2		3 Field Days-Drop Off For Entries 9am-12:30pm	4 Field Days	5 Field Days Fire Dept. Mtg. 7pm FD	6 Field Days	7 Field Days	8 Last Day of Field Days Recycle 8am-12pm TG
9		10 Planning Commission Mtg. 7pm TO	11 Selectboard Mtg. 7pm TO	12 4H Twilight Tails 6:30pm C No Historical Society Meeting this month..	13	14	15 Recycle 8am-12pm TG
16		17 Bennington Battle Day Town Office Closed DRB Meeting 7pm TO	18	19	20 Library Trustees 7pm Ladies Union Salad Supper 6pm Congregational Church . Carol 453-5059 \$8/A & \$4/C	21	22 Recycle 8am-12pm TG
23		24 Planning Commission Mtg. 7pm TO	25 Selectboard Mtg. 7pm TO	26 Back to School K-12! Library Game Night 6:30pm L	27	28	29 Recycle 8am-12pm TG
30		31	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

*Closed Monday, August 17th
For Bennington Battle Day*

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

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