

## Contacts

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### Planning Commission: Rob Litch: 453-4840 / Benj Putnam: 453-5824

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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

## Selectboard News:

It's been a little quiet for the Board this month. We've only had one meeting as this goes to print, because the first Tuesday in November was election day. Boy am I glad that's over. Get really tired of the commercials.

At the last meeting, Superintendent, Patrick Reen was there to discuss school options with the Selectboard and others who joined our meeting. There were a lot of residents that joined in. He was there to discuss possible school closures. He wanted, and got input from the Board and residents, and he discussed the options all five towns will have. There will be BIG discussions coming up in the next few months and years on this subject. This took up a majority of our meeting.

We'll start budget planning next month; please be a part of these meetings. We are discussing the spending of your tax dollars and there's no better time to be involved than during budget time.

Please stay safe and healthy during this holiday season.

Steve Dupoise

## Proposed Town Energy Plan:

The Planning Commission will host a remote hearing to review a proposed Town Energy Plan December 14, 2020 at 6:00 PM. This is the culmination of many residents' work over several years, sets forth ambitious goals, and could afford the Town more participation in energy projects that go through the state. If you'd like to participate in the planning commission hearing, you can log in online or call in by phone. The Selectboard will also hold a hearing in mid- to late-January 2021. You can view documents online at <https://bit.ly/3eOZ8KO> or make an appointment to pick up hardcopies at the Town Office.

## Instructions are below:

New Haven Energy Plan Hearing  
Mon, Dec. 14, 2020 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (EST)

**Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.**

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/622267605>

**You can also dial in using your phone.**

United States: [+1 \(571\) 317-3112](tel:+15713173112) Access Code: 622-267-605

Aaron Brown, Zoning Administrator

## Town Administrator's Update :

We had to make the unfortunate decision to temporarily suspend in-person appointments at the Town Office due to recent rises in Covid cases and Governor Scott's November 16<sup>th</sup> executive order. Hopefully this is short-lived, but we will continue to offer nearly all services by phone and email. Thanks to Bishop Fence Company of Bristol for doing an excellent job replacing the fence at Riverside Cemetery. The Quaker Village culvert replacement is now officially completed with some adjustments to the fire department's dry hydrant.

Aaron Brown, Town Administrator

## Clerk News:

This General Election, 1180 people cast ballots which is a record for us. The high number is most likely due to the Secretary of States Office mailing absentee ballots to every registered voter. I would like to thank all of the election workers: Kathi, Carol, Jennifer, Tim, Mark, Anne, Kathleen, Kathy, Danielle, Pam, Karen and Susan. I could not have done this without your help. I would also like to thank the Road Crew for helping set up they gym for the election, and to send thanks to our New Haven Postal workers who had to sort and deliver mountains of absentee ballots. They worked tirelessly to ensure ballots were delivered and then returned to us at the Town Office in time to be counted. Thank you all for going above and beyond during this very uncertain time.

Wishing you all a very Happy Holiday Season and hoping for a Happy Healthy New Year!

Respectfully, Pam Kingman

**New Haven Community Library News:**

Here at the New Haven Community Library, we are happy to report again that Front Porch Pick-up is as strong as ever. Many people are calling in to request specific items, to have items chosen for them, or to request an Inter Library loan. (October was our highest number of ILLS ever requested!) However, the vast majority of our requests are picked up before 6pm, and the evenings tend to be very quiet as very few people call in for help, or for requests, after 7pm.

We have therefore made the decision to close the library at 7pm going forward - and starting on Wed., November 18<sup>th</sup>. This will still provide evening hours, but eliminate the little used final hour.

On another note; pick up will generally continue to be on tables under the Front Porch, but for very damp or rainy days, please come to the side door and I will hand out your materials - masked, of course!

My sincere wishes to all of you, in these strange unprecedented times, for all the best the season can offer - and here's hoping that the coming new year will be an easier, happier time for our world.

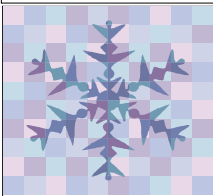
Respectfully,

Deborah Lundbech, Director

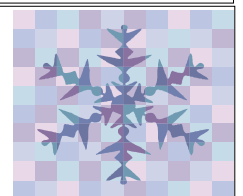
**Conservation Commission:**

The New Haven Conservation Commission continues to curate virtual armchair naturalist presentations. We are looking at presentations on Forest Fragmentation in the near future. Our next meeting will be held January 20, 2021 at 7:00. The zoom link will be available closer to the date. Happy Holidays and may all be safe!

Cheryl Mitchell



**Winterfest 2020  
December 20<sup>th</sup> - January 3<sup>rd</sup>**



Although we are not able to gather as a community, please come take a stroll through our beautiful Town Green with your family. Grab a thermos of hot cocoa and come enjoy the lights, a seasonal story walk, meditate or pray in the Winter Spiral, observe the Wish Tree by the children and snowflakes from the community and most of all, celebrate the beauty and quietness that we are all needing this year!

If you have questions, or would like to be involved, please call Sara at 877-3080

**Bicycle Engineering Study Awarded to New Haven:**

New Haven was awarded \$32,000 to take a next step in the regional Triangle Bike Loop project: an additional study for New Haven's Munger Street portion of the Loop. This project will involve engineering to widen the road in certain areas as well as identifying right of way issues. Many thanks to residents Doug McKain and Larry Buck and regional planner Mike Winslow for their work on the project and to VTrans for its support. Town Administrator, Aaron Brown

**Trash & Recycling  
is now located at the  
Town Office / Library parking lot  
Saturdays from  
8:00 am - noon.**

**HELP WANTED:**

• **Winter maintenance:**

We are looking for someone to snow blow and /or shovel town sidewalks on North St., Main St., walkways in front of the Town Offices / Library and the steps of the Town Hall over the winter. This needs to be done in the early morning hours - before school opens. If you are interested in this position, please call the Town Office for more information 802 - 453 - 3516. Thank you!

**New Haven History Books on Sale**

**Are you looking for a spectacular gift for that certain someone?**

**For the month of December we are reducing the price of our**

**“A History of New Haven in Vermont” hardcover book.**

**For the low, low price of \$25.00 you or a loved one could own a piece of history!**

**Please call the Town Office @ (453 - 3516) or email [newhavenclerk@gmavt.net](mailto:newhavenclerk@gmavt.net) or [newhavenassistant@gmavt.net](mailto:newhavenassistant@gmavt.net) to place your order.**

**December 2020 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
** Due to the COVID -19 Pandemic - Please call ahead to be sure meetings are as scheduled**		1 SB Mtg 7PM TO	2	3	4	5 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices
6	7 DRB Mtg 7PM TO	8	9	10 First day of Hanukkah	11	12 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices
13	14 Planning Commission Mtg 7PM TO	15 SB Mtg 7PM TO	16	17	18 Hanukkah Ends	19 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices
20	21 DRB Mtg 7PM TO  First day of Winter	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa Begins Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		Trash & Recycle 8AM - 12PM Town Offices
				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.	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 Garage. 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

Town Offices Holiday Schedule:  
On December 23<sup>rd</sup> close at noon.  
Closed December 24<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>

**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 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)

**\*\*\*No Historical Society Meetings until further Notice\*\*\***

**\*\* Please be advised - Some of the information within the newsletter may have changed due to COVID-19. Things are changing daily\*\***

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