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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:

**Pam Kingman:** 453-3516

**Suzy Roorda:** 453-5978

## Clerk News

As we begin the new year, please remember you can now license your dog(s). The fees are \$8.00 for spayed/neutered, and \$12.00 for unspayed/unneutered. If you cannot make it into the office, you can always mail a check, or drop it off in the drop box right outside the office front door. If you are not sure the dog has a current rabies certificate; you can do this by calling the office @ 453 – 3516.

We will be holding a Rabies Clinic on Saturday, March 16, 2013 at the Fire Station between 1 -2 pm. This is for dogs and cats only. Veterinarian, Randy Ross will be providing the vaccination, and cost per shot will be \$15.00; this can be check or cash. We will also be set up to license your dog(s) at the Rabies Clinic, the fees above will apply.

Town Meeting will be on Monday, March 4, 2013 starting at 4:00 pm. Voting to be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 in the Town Hall gym from 7:00 am – 7:00 pm. The last day to register to vote for Town Meeting is Wednesday, February 27, 2013. This year Beeman Elementary School will start Town Meeting, with the Town to follow and the dinner break will be from 5:30 – 6:30pm.

Town Offices will be closed on Monday, February 18, 2013 in honor of Presidents Day.

Respectfully, Pam Kingman

## Selectboard Report

Due to the holidays, we met on January 8 and 22. We have continued our work on the budget and the Town Meeting warning. In addition, we have been discussing the Town's intervention in the Public Service Board's proceedings regarding the Addison Natural Gas proposal from Vermont Gas. We will be filing an intervention with the PSB on behalf of the town, and will be finalizing a letter with suggested changes in route and conditions regarding safety, screening, noise levels and other issues raised in the public meetings. When the letter is completed it will be put on the Town's website and, space permitting, put in next month's newsletter.

Submitted by Pam Marsh, Selectboard Chair

## Thank You, New Haven Boy Scouts!

The New Haven Parks Committee would like to thank our New Haven Boy Scouts from Monkton Troop 525—Austin Roorda, Gabe Doan, Ian Bashand and Isaiah Chester—for their time and great skills.

We were in need of new picnic tables on the Town Green, so we approached the Scouts, and they were willing to help us out and work on skills and community service at the same time. A perfect match, and the end results are two new beautiful picnic tables for the community to enjoy for a very long time!

Thank you to our Scouts and parents for your support and talents!

Gratefully,  
The Parks Committee

## **Rummage Sale: Clothing and Books**

Saturday, February 23rd at New Haven Congregational Church, 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Drop off donations of clothing and books of GOOD OR EXCELLENT QUALITY

Saturday, February 16th, 8:00 A.M. - noon

Call Nancy at 453-2422 for other arrangements

## **New Haven Zoning Corner**

### **Amended Zoning Regulations, continued**

In January, I outlined the majority of the amendments that were adopted by the Selectboard on August 21, 2012. In addition to the changes noted last month, amendments were also made to the “home occupations” and “home businesses” sections. Previous to the amendments, the Bylaws did not allow or provide for home businesses in the rural agricultural districts. The Planning Commission has been aware of this problem for some time. With the following amendments to the Bylaws, most home occupations and businesses will comply with the Bylaws with the proper approvals. In an effort to save Newsletter space, I am outlining section 504A (Home Occupations) this month and 504B (Home Businesses) in March.

### **Section 504: Home Occupations and Home Businesses**

A Home Occupation or a Home Business that does not change the character of the area in which it is located and meets all of the standards below may be permitted as an accessory use to any dwelling.

#### **A. Home Occupations**

Home Occupations as defined in Section 130 shall be a permitted use (requiring a zoning permit issued by the ZA). A Home Occupation that does not conform to the standards below must be reviewed pursuant to Section 504(B) as a Home Business.

1. The business owner and operator shall reside on the property.
2. A Home Occupation shall not engage any non-resident workers who work on-site.
3. The Home Occupation use shall occupy the lesser of 50% or 1,000 sf. of the habitable space within the dwelling.
4. A Home Occupation shall not occupy any space outside the dwelling.
5. Within residential or agricultural zoning districts, exterior display of products, exterior storage of materials, or other exterior indications of the business use visible from the road or adjoining properties shall be prohibited, except for a sign as specified below.
6. A Home Occupation that will be visited by customers or clients shall provide adequate on-site parking. Parking shall not be located within front yard setbacks.
7. Motor vehicles registered to the Home Occupation owner and used for business purposes may be parked on residential property to the same extent as personal passenger vehicles. All other business vehicles and equipment shall be stored in a building or in a location fully screened from the road and adjoining parcels.
8. A Home Occupation shall not generate more than twice the amount of traffic typical of other residences in the area. A Home Occupation shall not generate truck traffic in excess of what is typical of other residences in the area.
9. The Home Occupation use shall not generate any off-site impacts (i.e., noise, light, odors, dust, smoke, hazardous waste, etc.) perceptible at the property line in excess of what is typical of residential uses in the area, and shall comply with the performance standards in Article VIII of these regulations.
10. No activity associated with the Home Occupation shall be evident from off-site between the hours of 7 p.m. and 6 a.m.
11. Signage for a Home Occupation shall be in accordance with Article VII of these regulations.
12. The Home Occupation shall comply with any applicable state regulations.
13. Any proposed change or expansion of the Home Occupation use beyond that authorized by the permit shall require conformance with these regulations. The operation of the business shall cease if the owner and operator to whom the permit was issued no longer resides on the property.

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## What's Bugging Your Trees?

What are all those purple triangles hanging in the trees?

The next speaker in New Haven's armchair naturalist series is **Trish Hanson** from the VT Dept. of Forest, Parks and Recreation. Trish is an entomologist who studies forest insects. Come learn about an interesting research project that is helping to protect ash trees in Vermont and what to look for in your own woods.

Thursday, February 14, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.

New Haven Town Office

Sponsored by: The New Haven Conservation Commission

### Conservation Commission

Please join the New Haven Conservation Commission on **Thursday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria in the Town Hall** to learn about an exciting opportunity to research and identify New Haven's unique natural features.

The commission is interested in participating in the **UVM Place Program**, which is part of the UVM field naturalist graduate program. Each year the students pick a town to study. New Haven would be the first town in Addison County to participate.

There is no cost to the town, but it is a competitive application process. Professor Walter Poleman from UVM will explain the program and application process in greater detail at the meeting. He will also discuss ways local students can assist the UVM students.

Please come to show support for this unique opportunity. To learn more, check this web site - <http://www.uvm.edu/place/>

### **Looking for Volunteers**

The New Haven Conservation Commission is looking for a few volunteers to join our group in helping to protect our natural heritage in town. This would not be a massive commitment of your time, and you would enjoy the camaraderie and the involvement in the efforts that we have begun. We are excited and are sure you would be also. Please contact Dean Percival, Chairman at [percival@madriver.com](mailto:percival@madriver.com) if you would like more information or are interested in joining us.

Dean Percival

### Zoning Corner (continued)

The approval for the business use shall not pass to subsequent owners or residents of the property. "Home occupations" are defined as "a permitted accessory use of residential property for business purposes by a resident of that property in accordance with the requirements of Section 504 of these regulations". If you operate a business from your home and did not get Town approval, I encourage you to contact me. In conclusion, prior to any land development it is always a good practice to talk to me first. In most cases, I advise citizens to file a zoning permit application for most requested "land development". This process documents a paper trail for the records and allows me to quickly dispel any rumors that find their way to my desk. Please feel free to call me with any questions. I can be reached Tuesday, Thursday or Friday at 453-3516. At other times you can call the same number and leave a message with Pam or Jill and they will let me know you are trying to reach me. I will return your call as soon as possible.

Dave Wetmore, ZA

### Historical Society News

The New Haven Historical Society will not be meeting in January or February. Stay tuned for the March meeting.

### Beeman Corner

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| Feb. 4       | Breakfast at B.E.S.T. 8:15 in the Town Hall – Free to all!  |
| Feb. 7       | Four Winds Training at Beeman 8:30-10:30  |
| Feb. 11 8:15 | B.E.S.T. with Mrs. Carter's Class 8:15 in the Town Hall   |
| Feb. 12      | Spring play informational 5:00 in the Music Room for grades 3-6<br>School Board Meeting at 5:30                   |
| Feb. 18-22   | Winter recess   |
| Feb. 25      | B.E.S.T. 8:15 in the Town Hall<br>Spring Play Auditions in the gym 3:00<br>Bee Friends PTO meeting 5:30 at Beeman |

Incoming Kindergarten Class for the fall of 2013 If you have a child who will be attending Kindergarten at Beeman in the fall please call the school office to get your child on our registration list. Call 453-2331 and ask for Mary Pat. Julie Olson

## Community Library News

Snow is coming down steadily outside the library window, and traffic is slow, but it's been a busy winter with many people coming in to check out books, DVDs or CDs for "hibernation" entertainment and instruction. Our "New" shelf is overflowing with recent fiction and non-fiction selections - and the DVD shelf is about to undergo another boost from the ever generous Friends! Stop by and see what's new here. As the saying goes, "For every reader, a book; for every book, a reader." (Or DVD, or audio CD, etc.)

Both Teen Group and the newly formed Book Group are always open to new members. Teen Group meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month and Book Group will be meeting on the third Wednesday of the month. Call me at the library for any further information you might want about either group.

With great pleasure we look forward, once again, to our annual **Chocolate Delight fundraiser**. This year, Lincoln Peak is again hosting us at their lovely Winery on River Road. Save the date - it's **February 9th at 7pm**. Please see the Friends notes for further information.

On Thursday, February 28 at 7pm, veteran local folk musician, Rick Ceballos, will perform his history of the



banjo program, entitled "The Banjo Path." Rick will explore the evolution of the banjo from its West African roots and how it crossed the ocean and developed from a simple gourd bodied instrument into the modern banjo of today. To tell the story, Rick will use several types of banjos played in various styles, from primitive African rhythms, to contemporary styles and much of what came in between. Rick will highlight the richness and diversity of the banjo, in a performance both interesting and entertaining. A must see program for banjo and traditional music enthusiasts. Deborah Lundbeck, NH Librarian

## Friends of the Library News

Many thanks to those of you who baked for the Ripton Coffee House bake sale on Jan 4th. We raised a little over \$300 that night - terrific!

We hope you have Feb. 9th highlighted on your calendar - **Chocolate Delight Night!** We'll be at Lincoln Peak Winery again, a delightful space for our delicious chocolate. Ten dollars buys you chocolate beyond your wildest dreams and non-alcoholic beverages; Lincoln Peak wines will be available for purchase, as well. No take-out is available this year, but we will make exceptions for those who are shut-in. Please call Deborah at the library if you have questions. This event is designed for those 12 years and older, please.

The Friends of the Library will meet at the Library on Wed, Feb. 6th, 7-8pm, to finalize plans for the chocolate event of the year; all are welcome to attend our meetings and share in the fun and planning. Mary McGuire

**This newsletter is an open forum** for articles about New Haven and discussion of town issues. Submissions will be printed as long as they meet the following criteria:

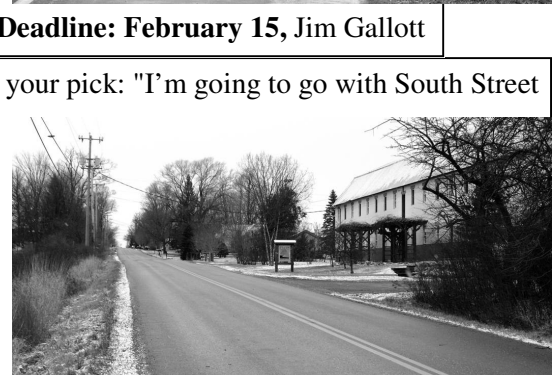
- You must be a New Haven resident, and include your name, address, and phone #. Name only will

### Where is it?

Where was I standing, and what direction was I facing? E-mail your answers to me at [jgallott@gmavt.net](mailto: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. **Deadline: February 15, Jim Gallott**



**Where was it?** Take your pick: "I'm going to go with South Street looking north. Stark Mountain's woodshop is on the right..." or "The photo is what I call Palmers chicken house built by C. Harlin Palmer. "



### Correct Answers:

Ed McGuire, Amos Roleau, Julie Tillson

- Must concern town events, news, & issues. Be civil. Stick to issues.
- Must be **500 words or less**, one piece per month.
- Submit in electronic form by the 15th to [jmsimmons@gmavt.net](mailto:jmsimmons@gmavt.net).

**Reserved for Community Calendar**

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Recycling Saturday mornings 8-12 at Town Garage. Trash drop-off at same time for a fee.

**Town Office hours:**

Monday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Tuesday 9:00 am – 6:00 pm  
Wednesday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Thursday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

***Offices closed:***

*Monday, February 18th:  
Presidents' Day*

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