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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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Clerk News

The last day to register to vote in Town Meeting is Wednesday, February 25th.

The Town Office will stay open until 5:00pm on that day to receive new voter applications. Town Meeting will be held on Monday, March 2, 2015 beginning at 6:30pm in the Town Hall. Beeman School will go first this year, with the Town immediately following. There will be an A La Carte Dinner from 5:30 – 6:30pm in the Cafeteria. Hope to see you all at Town Meeting.

It's now time to license your dog(s). The cost for neutered/spayed dog is \$8.00, and for unneutered/unspayed is \$12.00. These fees will increase after April 1, 2015. On March 21, 2015 we will be hosting a Rabies Clinic at the Town Offices. This is for dogs and cats only. Dr. Randy Ross will be the Veterinarian, and the cost per vaccination will be \$15.00. We will be available to license your dogs during the Clinic.

We are looking for some older Town Reports if anyone out there has any from the 1970's and 1980's, we would be interested in having them as extras in our vault. Town Offices will be closed on Monday, February 16, 2015 for President's Day.

Respectfully, Pam Kingman

Selectboard News

The Selectboard has completed the budget process. We are trying to keep taxes at a level comparable to last year. The Development Review Board (DRB) had included a stipend for its members in their budget request. There was no consensus among the Selectboard concerning this request. Therefore, we are asking the voters, in a separate article, to decide whether to include stipends for the members of both the DRB and the Planning Commission with the terms beginning in 2015, and being paid in the 2016 budget. Both these groups meet every month, oftentimes twice a month, and are making significant decisions that affect the Town. Please feel free to call a member of either committee or the Selectboard to learn more about these dedicated people to make an informed decision on this issue.

We have committed to intervening in the applications of solar arrays with the PSB. This comes with an unknown cost associated with intervention. There is a separate article before the voters to allow you to decide if you want to pay for this intervention as a Town.

It is now time to think about ways you can serve your town. There will be many openings in the appointments of committees after Town Meeting. If you are interested, I encourage you to take time in February to attend a meeting or talk to some of the members to find out more. Our town is richer for the volunteerism of the many people and their talents.

The Selectboard signed the warning for Town Meeting at its meeting on January 20th. It will then be posted on the website, www.newhavenvt.com. Please check it out. We look forward to seeing many of you at Town Meeting on March 2nd at 6:30 and voting on March 3rd.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Barrett, Chair

Treasurer's News

It is once again time to think about filing income taxes. So I am, at the risk of sounding like a broken record, again reminding everyone to please file your Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Adjustment Claim form HS-122 (If you own and live in your home) as soon as you possibly can. Especially if you know you will be filing for an extension. The information on this form is used by the State to determine your property tax adjustment payment. The State then downloads the payment information to the town on a weekly basis. If we have received your information from the State by the time we print tax bills your adjustment will show on your initial tax bill. Every late filed declaration may get penalized and will require a new tax bill to be sent. It can become very time consuming and frustrating to figure out why the State has not sent your payment to the town. Last year several people had to come up with money that should have been provided by the State and pay their full tax amount because the Town did not receive the information from the State. We like to be helpful, but there is nothing we can do at the State level.

Hope you get some money back!

Barb Torian, Treasurer

New Haven Community Library News

By the time you read this, the library will be on line with its new system, Koha. As I become more comfortable with Koha, I look forward to letting you know more about patron account management and other cool features of the system. I ask again, Though, for your patience, as I learn the ropes!

Ripton can seem like a distance on those freezing winter nights, but if you are looking for a fun evening, great music, good company and a way to support the library, join us at Ripton Coffee House on Saturday, February 7 at 7pm. For more details, please read Friends of the Library News.

We are thrilled to welcome back Bruce and Sue Isham for our February Armchair Traveler Program. The Ishams have previously presented stunningly beautiful programs featuring Norway and Mongolia, and we are very excited to hear about this past summer's trip to Iceland. Please join us to learn more about this stark, beautiful country with one of the oldest continuously functioning democratic governments, and one of the highest standards of living in the world. The program is on Wednesday, February 25, at 7pm.

Deborah Lundbeck, Town Librarian

Friends News

On Saturday, February 7, the Ripton Coffee House will present Cricket Blue, a Burlington-based folk duo inspired by aspects of the American folk tradition. Laura Heaberlin and Taylor Smith will present songs marked by "close-knit harmonies that range from traditional to inventive." Luscious sweets for sale will be provided by Friends of the NH Library. Refreshment sales help support the New Haven Library.

Eat! Listen! Enjoy! Doors open at 7 PM,
Open Mic at 7:30, Cricket Blue at 8:00.

The next meeting of the Friends is scheduled for Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at 7pm in the Library.

After some discussion the Friends have decided that, rather than having another "Chocolate Delight Night," we would do something different this year. Instead there will be an event at Lincoln Peak Winery in May. Stay tuned.

Norma Norland

Ladies' Union of the New Haven Congregational Church Annual Rummage Sale

at the church, Saturday February 21st, 9 am to 2 pm
Clothing, Books. Lots of Bargains

If you would like to donate good or excellent quality clothing or books,
please call Carol at 453-5059 for times of drop off. This sale is for clothing and books only.

Barbara Saunders

Beeman School Board Meeting

5:30, Tuesday, February 10th, in the music classroom at the school.

Ed McGuire

Let's Talk Turkey :

The Armchair Naturalist Speaker Series

Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
New Haven, VT – Town Office



Presentation

Come learn about one of the most successful wildlife reintroduction stories in Vermont – **wild turkeys**. Learn about Vermont's wild turkey management history and basic biology. Are they thriving now or should we be concerned about nationwide declines? What is the role of hunting in managing this dynamic species? Come with all your questions!

Speaker: Amy Alfieri

Amy Alfieri is a wildlife biologist and wild turkey project leader for the VT Dept. of Fish & Wildlife. As wild turkey project leader, Amy sits on the Big Game Team, attends national meetings on wild turkey management, and works closely with the National Wild Turkey Federation. She also manages the Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area in Addison where she oversees waterfowl habitat management.

Sponsored by: *The New Haven Conservation Commission. Admission is free.*

The Armchair Naturalist Speaker Series is held during the fall and winter.

Al Karnatz

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.

Deadline February 15.
Jim Gallott



← Where Was It?

“Looking North from the intersection of Plank and Lime Kiln Roads - Bessette's Elgin Spring Farm looking at Amy Smith's house and Harvey's pole barn,” Kathi Apgar

Correct Answers:

John Hamel, Amy Danforth, Dawn Shepard, Kathi Apgar, Amos Roleau, Bruce Brown, Jim Walsh

Letter about Rezoning Vote

To Fellow New Haven Residents:

I'm writing about the item that will be on the Town Meeting ballot as a result of a petition. It concerns taking another town-wide vote on rezoning the Dupoise property at the southwest corner of Route 7 and Belden Falls Road.

The town as a whole has voted two times (in 2008 and 2010) not to approve changing the zoning on that parcel from agricultural use to highway commercial.

During adoption of the new Town Plan in 2011, one of the changes that was made to the plan's "Land Use Planning Areas" map was to convert that general area to "business planning area". This alone can be interpreted to support the rezoning to a new use. However, it is stated in the Plan that "planning areas should not be interpreted as zoning

districts." There are also many references in the text of the Plan (a town plan always consists of text and a map) about restricting expansion of commercial uses all along Route 7. In the Plan policies (Goal 6, Objective C) it recommends that the town "guide new small business to appropriate locations." Together these recommendations support keeping the land in agricultural zoning.

So different interpretations of the Town Plan are possible. And considering the fact that the town had twice voted down the zoning change, those of us who signed the petition thought it appropriate to come back to the whole town again. That's why it will be on the ballot.

Susie Leonard

**Town Meeting Warning
253rd Annual Town Meeting of New Haven, Vermont**

The legal voters of the Town of New Haven are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Town Hall in New Haven, Vermont on **Monday, March 2nd, 2015 at 6:30 PM** to act on Articles 1 through 4; and on **Tuesday, March 3rd, 2015 from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM** to vote by Australian Ballot on Articles 5 through 34.

A DISCUSSION PERIOD FOR THE AUSTRALIAN BALLOT ARTICLES WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING TOWN MEETING.

ARTICLE 1. Shall the Town of New Haven vote to pay real estate taxes to the Town Treasurer on October 1, 2015; delinquent taxes will be subject to interest charges of one percent per month, and an eight percent penalty charged against them from October 1, 2015?

ARTICLE 2. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven vote to elect Auditors beginning with Town Meeting, 2016?

ARTICLE 3. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven set the Selectboard compensation by vote from the floor in the absence of elected Auditors?

ARTICLE 4. To transact, vote and act upon any further non-binding business, which may legally come before this meeting.

ARTICLE 5. To elect the following Town Officers by Australian Ballot:

Beeman School Director	3 years	Mt Abe School Director	2 year
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Delinquent Tax Collector	1 year	Selectboard	2 year
Grand Jurors (2)	1 year	Selectboard	3 year
Library Trustee (2)	3 years	Town Agent	1 year
Lister	3 years	Trustee of Public Funds	1 year
Moderator	1 year		

ARTICLE 6. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven vote to adopt the proposed Road Fund Budget of \$1,065,210.00, less anticipated revenues of \$317,626.00, less 2014 surplus of \$112,116.60, leaving a portion thereof in the amount of \$635,467.40, to be raised by taxes, for the purpose of maintaining town roads for the year 2015? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 7. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven vote to adopt the proposed General Fund Budget in the amount of \$625,311.00, less anticipated revenues of \$180,014.00, less 2014 surplus of \$151,648.01, leaving a portion thereof in the amount of \$293,648.99, to be raised by taxes. This amount to be increased by any additional monies voted affirmatively by Australian Ballot on March 3, 2015. The tax rate to be determined by the Selectboard. By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 8. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven vote to expend up to \$40,000.00 from the Road Equipment Fund for the purchase of a used loader? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 9. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven establish compensation of \$20.00 per meeting per member present for the Development Review Board and Planning Commission members for a potential budget increase of \$8,268.00? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 10. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven vote to appropriate \$5,000.00 for the Riverside Cemetery Fund for a new fence? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 11. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven vote to expend up to \$40,000.00 to replace the flooring on the first level of the town hall from the reserve facilities fund? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 12. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven vote to appropriate up to \$25,000.00 to oppose solar arrays that do not conform to the Town Plan? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 13. We the undersigned voters of the Town of New Haven, Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 4442(d), hereby petition the Selectboard of the Town of New Haven to call a special meeting/town wide vote to consider whether the amendment that affects only and more specifically the remaining portion of parcel #0787 on map 12, the southwest corner of Belden Falls Road and Route 7, not currently designated as Highway Commercial, should be changed from its designation as "Rural Agricultural District (RA-5 and RA-10)" pursuant to section 1002 and 1003 (NHZB) to "Highway commercial District (HC)" pursuant to section 1005 (NHZB). By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 14. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven vote to appropriate \$1,700.00 for the Addison County Community Action Group (ACCAG), d.b.a. HOPE? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 15. Shall the Town of New Haven vote to appropriate \$500.00 for ADDISON COUNTY COURT DIVERSION AND COMMUNITY JUSTICE PROJECTS, INC. to help provide restorative justice projects for offenders who have potential to learn from their mistakes and avoid incarceration and a criminal record, said sum to come from Town Funds? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 16. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven vote to appropriate \$1,753.25 for the Addison County Home Health and Hospice, Inc.? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 17. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven vote to appropriate \$1,800.00 for the Addison County Parent/Child Center? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 18. Shall the Town of New Haven appropriate \$750.00 for Addison County Readers, Inc. to be taken from Town Funds for the purpose of improving literacy skills for children under 5 years of age? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 19. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven vote to appropriate \$500.00 for the Addison County Riverwatch Collaborative. These funds will help support the Collaborative's continued water quality work: sampling sites on the Otter Creek and the New Haven River within the Town of New Haven, analyzing the data, and reporting water quality information to the public? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 20. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven vote to appropriate \$4,694.00 for Addison County Transit Resources to be taken from Town Funds for the purpose of maintaining and improving public transportation services for elders, persons with disabilities and the general public? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 21. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven vote to appropriate \$500.00 for the Bristol Family Center? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 22. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven vote to appropriate \$2,500.00 to Bristol Recreation Department? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 23. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven vote to appropriate \$700.00 for the Champlain Valley Agency on Aging? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 24. Shall the voters of Town of New Haven vote to appropriate \$1,750.00 for the Counseling Service of Addison County? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 25. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven appropriate \$700.00 for the Elderly Services Inc.? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 26. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven vote to appropriate \$400.00 for the Hospice Volunteer Services? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 27. Shall the Town of New Haven vote to appropriate \$750.00 to the Addison County Humane Society, Inc., d.b.a. Homeward Bound Animal Welfare Center? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 28. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven vote to appropriate \$1,075.00 for the John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Services, Inc.? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 29. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven vote to appropriate \$500.00 for the Open Door Clinic? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 30. Shall the Town of New Haven vote to appropriate the sum of \$950.00 to the Otter Creek Child Center, Inc. located in Middlebury, Vermont, to support the center's need-based Tuition Assistance Program and its mission to provide quality, affordable early care and education to the Addison County community? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 31. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven vote to appropriate \$390.00 for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 32. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven vote to appropriate \$525.00 for Vermont Adult Learning? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 33. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven vote to appropriate \$215.00 for the Vermont Center for Independent Living? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 34. Shall the Town of New Haven appropriate the sum of \$1,250.00 to WomanSafe, Inc. to support their mission to: work toward the elimination of physical, sexual and emotional violence against woman and their children through direct service, education and social change? By Australian Ballot.

Dated at New Haven, Vermont, this 20th day of January 2015. Received for Record:

January 20, 2015 at 9:00 pm. Attest: _____ New Haven Town Clerk

****Original signatures on file at the New Haven Town Clerk's Office****

February 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
1 Cub Scouts Meet 4pm CH	2 DRB Meeting 7pm TO	3 Library Story Hour 10:30am L Tai Chi Maintenance 1pm CH	4 Fire Dept. Mtg. 7pm FD Library Friends Mtg. 7pm L	5 ZUMBA Class 6-7pm G	6 Bone Builders Exercise Class 10:30am CH	7 Recycle 8am-12pm TG Library Fundraiser at Ripton Coffee House 7pm
8 Cub Scouts Meet 4pm CH	9 Beeman Concert Instrumental & Choral Concert 7pm G Planning Commission Meeting 7pm TO	10 Library Story Hour 10:30am L Tai Chi Maintenance 1pm CH Selectboard Mtg. 7pm TO	11 4H Twilight Tails 6:30pm C	12 ZUMBA Class 6-7pm G Energy Meeting 7pm L Call Rick at 453-4752 to confirm.	13 Bone Builders Exercise Class 10:30am CH Beeman Family Dance 7pm-9pm G 453-2331	14 Recycle 8am-12pm TG
15 Cub Scouts Meet 4pm CH	16 President's Day Town Office Closed No School K-12 DRB Meeting 7pm TO	17 No School K-12 Library Story Hour 10:30am L Tai Chi Maintenance 1pm CH Selectboard Mtg. 7pm TO	18 No School K-12 Ladies Union Mtg. 7p CH	19 No School K-12 ZUMBA Class 6-7pm G Trustees Mtg. 7pm L Conservation Commis- sion Special Speaker "Turkeys" 7pm TO	20 No School K-12 Bone Builders Exercise Class 10:30am CH	21 Recycle 8am-12pm TG Congregational Church's Ladies Union Rummage Sale Books and Clothes. 9am-2pm Please call Carol 453-5059 for info.
22 Fire Dept. Breakfast 7am-11am C Cub Scouts Meet 4pm CH	23 Join "Exercise Boot Camp Classes" with Ginger Lambert beginning March 9th-388-6252	24 Library Story Hour 10:30am L Tai Chi Maintenance 1pm CH	25 Last Day to Register to Vote-Town Office Open to 5pm Library Game Night 6:30pm L Armchair Traveler 7pm TO "Iceland"	26 newhavenrec@gmat. net or cscasam@gmat. net by the 15th of the month prior to the event for publish- ing. Thanks	27 Bone Builders Exercise Class 10:30am CH	28 Recycle 8am-12pm TG
Interested in Tai Chi Maintenance Classes? Please call Mary Pratt at 545-2106 to join.	Rent the Town Hall for your own events or parties, or to teach classes. Please sub- mit your application at least 3 weeks prior to your event	to allow the Selectboard time to review and process the application. Applica- tions available at the Town Office or on the Town's web site.	*If your town group or club would like its meetings or events listed in the Town Newsletter Calendar, please contact Suzy at 453- 5978, 453-3516 ext. #17,		To register in any Town group or club, please call one of the phone numbers listed below. Thanks~	Support our Basketball Teams! Come out and enjoy a game and cheer them on to a win! Please contact Schools for info.

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Equine 4H 453-5219 * Dairy 4H 545-2484 * Cub Scouts 349-3830 * Boy Scouts 453-2128 * Girl Scouts 453-4735 * Soccer 545-2742 * Little League 453-2724 * Historical Soc. 989-4066 *
* Crime Watch 453-5978 & Police 388-4919 * Mary Johnson Children's Center 388-4304 * Boot Camp 388-6252 * Bone Builders 453-5978 * Tai Chi-545-2106 * ZUMBA 758-2482

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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, February 16
for Washington's Birthday*

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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The newsletter is an open forum for town residents with reports & articles about New Haven & discussions of town matters. Articles of 500 words or less should be courteous & concern town events, news, & issues. One article per month. 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