

## Contacts

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## Selectboard News:

Much of the past two meetings have been about the New Haven Train Station. It seems as if VTRANS wants the station to be moved from its current site. The strongest reason seems to be the line of site coming from the north, because Amtrak will be traveling at 59 MPH through the Junction. They are also expecting additional sidings for Phoenix Feeds. The Board and community members that were at the meeting, looked at other possible sites on VTRANS property; but weren't given a lot of hope for that. The State is waiting on some final details before any final decision is made. All parties want to preserve the station. The question will be where to put it and how to pay for it. I've already expressed that the State needs to help fund this preservation of our historic Train Station. I've left a message at Gov. Scott's office, and talked to all three of our representatives in Montpelier. Regional Planning has voted unanimously to support our effort to maintain this structure and all of us on the Selectboard are also unified to save this building. Stay tuned for more.

VELCO has requested a slight change in their current laydown yard, asking to expand it to a one acre site. The DRB and Selectboard are in the process of considering this change.

We have approved both the Town and Road Fund budgets and approved the Town Meeting Warning. This years Town Meeting will look much different as it will be a virtual meeting. I understand the challenge that this will be for many of our Townspeople, but is something that we have no choice in. If you can help out a family member or neighbor please consider doing so as they may not be able to maneuver the internet.  
Stay safe, Steve Dupoise

## Town Administrator's Update:

I am pleased that the Selectboard passed a budget for voter review that is both fiscally responsible and addresses short- and long-term spending needs. Overall spending is down but we are looking at necessary road repairs, minor new road equipment, some IT updates, and other general items that keep the Town running. Please weigh in on the budget before or at Town Meeting Day if you have any concerns. We are all still wondering what Town Meeting will feel like this year. Expect it to be remote and don't hesitate to call Town staff if you have any concerns about your ability to participate. We will make every effort to accommodate your needs and comfort with various forms of technology.  
Aaron Brown

## Zoning Administrators Report:

Winter is not a busy time of year for new building projects, but we continue to see house sales and refinances. Please keep in mind that you might need a "certificate of compliance" in order to sell or refinance your property. This ensures clear title – essentially that you haven't built structures without a permit. We can typically turn around these requests in 2-3 days. If you finished a new building this past year, you likely need a "certificate of occupancy" to use it and possibly to close out any financing. Please contact the office for more information.

The most recent draft of the town energy plan is available at <https://bit.ly/3ccazNk>. We hope to see a special town vote on the plan this spring.  
Aaron Brown

**Clerk News:** Town Meeting will be a little different this year. We will meet virtually via GoToMeeting. The meeting will still begin at 6:30pm, you can log-in or call using the instructions on the Town Meeting Warning or you can find it on the front cover of your Town Report. Polls will be open for in person voting on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 in the Town Hall gym from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm. Please plan to practice social distancing, as well as wearing a mask. Thank you! If you'd prefer to vote by absentee ballot, please call the Town Office at 453 - 3516; Mon. - Thurs. 8:30am – 4:00pm, and we can mail your ballots. You can also request a ballot on the Secretary of States website: <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us/> You can also register to vote there.

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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**Town Office: 453 - 3516**

Due to COVID-19 we will **NOT** be hosting a Rabies Clinic in March. However, Tractor Supply in Middlebury is hosting Rabies Clinics on the following Saturdays: January 30 & February 27, 2021 from 9:30-11:00 am. Dog Licenses are due by April 1<sup>st</sup> of every year - this is not a Town "thing" this is mandated by State Statute. Licensing fees are: \$9.00 for spayed/neutered and \$13.00 for unspayed/unneutered.  
Respectfully, Pam Kingman

**New Haven Train Depot:**

The Vermont Agency of Transportation has notified the town that the Railway Station in New Haven Junction must be removed from its current site, either by demolition or by moving the building to another location. Discussions are underway between the Selectboard, townspeople who care about the building, the Vermont Department of Historic Preservation, the Vermont Agency of Transportation and the buildings tenant, Roundtree Construction, is seeking an outcome that will save the building from destruction and maintain historic continuity. Susan Smiley



**The Conservation Commission** continues to learn about forest fragmentation. In February we'll attend the Planning Commission meeting for a joint discussion. In March we'll hold another virtual Conservation Commission meeting with time set aside for landowners to explore what ANR's BioFinder site can reveal about their property. Weather and COVID permitting, we hope to return to live field trips when it warms up. Hopefully with a focus on hedgerows. As you dream of spring and plan your gardens, consider planting for pollinators. We'll be sharing resources for that soon on FPF. Cheryl Mitchell

**February 2021 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 still scheduled**	1 DRB MTG 7PM TO	2 Selectboard Mtg. 7PM TO	3	4	5	6 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices
7	8 Planning Commission MTG 7PM TO	9	10	11	12	13 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices
14 Valentines Day	15 Presidents Day  DRB MTG 7PM TO	16 Selectboard Mtg. 7PM TO	17	18	19	20 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices
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			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

Town Offices will be closed on  
February 15, 2021  
In Honor of Presidents' Day

**Library Hours**

Tuesday 10:00 - 5:00  
(10:30 Story Hour)  
Wednesday 1:00 - 7:00  
Thursday 1:00 - 7:00  
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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