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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

Wishing all of you a Happy, Healthy New Year!!

There are numerous elected official positions that will be available in March. If you are interested in running for office, please come into the Town Office and pick up a nominating petition to get your name on the ballot. You will need about 13 registered voters signatures, and the petition needs to be returned to the Clerk's office on Monday, January 28, 2013 by 5:00 pm. Below is the list of elected official positions that will be open:

- Auditor - 3 yr. term
- Beeman School Director - 3 yr. term
- Delinquent Tax Collector - 1 yr. term
- Grand Juror's (2) - 1 yr. terms
- Library Trustee's (2) - 3 yr. terms
- Lister - 3 yr. term
- Moderator - 1 yr. term
- Selectboard - 2 yr. term
- Selectboard - 3 yr. term
- Town Agent - 1 yr. term
- Town Clerk - 3 yr. term
- Town Treasurer - 3 yr. term
- Trustee of Public Funds - 1 yr. term

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Town Office @ 453 - 3516.

The Town Offices will be closed Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> for New Year's Day and January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013 in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Respectfully, Pam Kingman

## Income Tax Preparation

### Homestead Declarations:

The tax department has updated the homestead declaration form (HS-122) the new 2 part form became effective April 1, 2012. This form will include both the homestead declaration and the property tax adjustment claim information. **You are once again required to file this form every year.**

### Reminder:

Property tax adjustment information is considered to be non-public information and we are unable to provide that information to anyone other than the property owner. You will need to personally request any property tax information required for filing your income tax.

Hope you had a chance to enjoy the holidays

Town Treasurer, Barb Torian 453-3516

## **New Haven Zoning Corner**

### **Amended Zoning Regulations are adopted**

As you may or may not be aware, the Planning Commission has been working to amend sections of New Havens Zoning Bylaws. The amendments were adopted by the Selectboard on August 21, 2012. I am including only a portion of the approved amendments this month. Next month I will include a significant change that includes “home businesses” For the most part, New Haven residents should be aware of the following changes;

#### ***Section 130: Definitions***

Amended definitions- “front yard setback”, “principal use” and “structure”

***Section 220: Zoning Map*** - Added statement that- “All zoning districts bordering a State, Town Class 1, Town Class 2 or Town Class 3 highway, shall extend to the center of the traveled portion of the highway”.

#### ***Section 313: Application Requirements***

313 (5)- Any application submitted for review shall include the signatures of **all** owners of record.

#### ***Section 321: Exemptions***

321(7)- Pursuant to the Fair Housing law, accessibility structures necessary for reasonable access to the residence of an individual requiring accommodation. It is not required but it is encouraged that accessibility structures should comply with required setbacks.

321(8)- One temporary structure not to exceed 300 square feet in area erected for personal use, such as personal storage of motor vehicles or other materials provided that it is erected no more than eight (8) consecutive months. Such structures remaining erected beyond this time period shall comply with all applicable requirements and approvals for the zoning district in which they are located.

#### ***Section 516: Temporary and Portable Uses and Structures***

The Zoning Administrator may issue permits for temporary uses and structures as follows:

1. Structures or uses other than dwellings, whether they are conforming or nonconforming to these regulations, which are incidental to construction projects for a period not exceeding 1 year provided such permits are conditioned upon agreement by the owner to remove the structure or cease the use upon expiration of the permit. Such permits may be renewed upon application for an additional period not exceeding 1 year.
2. A mobile home, trailer, camper or other temporary structure may be located on a construction site and used as a residence where necessary or incidental to permitted construction on that property. Use of the temporary structure as a residence shall not continue beyond the expiration of the zoning permit for the construction occurring on the property. The temporary structure shall be removed from the property or converted to a permitted accessory structure.

Except as exempted in Section 321, a zoning permit shall be required for all accessory structures including, but not limited to, storage containers, truck bodies on wheels, storage sheds, storage units, storage trailers, vehicles used primarily for storage, pole barns, and similar structures whether or not they have permanent foundations or footings. Such structures shall be deemed the same as any other structure and shall be subject to all applicable provisions of these regulations. The Zoning Administrator shall not issue a zoning permit for storage trailers, storage containers, van trailers, vehicles or parts of vehicles, or shipping containers used for storage that are visible from public roads or other property until the applicant has received conditional use approval from the DRB.

***Section 540: Setbacks*** - All “land development” shall comply with the minimum setbacks for the district in which the proposed land development is located.

- The front yard setback shall be measured perpendicular from the center of the existing public or private road or street.
- Side and rear setbacks shall be measured perpendicular to the property boundary line.

### **Zoning Corner (continued)**

- Setbacks shall apply to all “land development” in the NC, HC and IN district, including but not limited to parking areas.
- No “land development” will be allowed within established public or private rights-of-way regardless of required setbacks.

**Section 1005-A: SPECIFIC STANDARDS FOR HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (HC)** - All non-residential conditional uses shall have a minimum 100-foot setback from the Rural Agricultural districts sections 1001, 1002 and 1003.

**Section 1006: INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (IN)** - All uses will require site plan review.

The amendments adopted address issues that have been raised by the development review board (DRB), citizens and zoning administrator. In an effort to ensure that zoning continues to serve the residents of New Haven, the Planning Commission continues its work to clarify and strengthen the Towns Bylaws. Planning Commission meetings are open to the public and residents are always welcome. 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

### **Selectboard Report**

During December, we have been primarily working on the 2013 budget. It looks at this point like there will be significant surpluses in both the road and general fund budgets. We voted to apply \$64,000 of the surplus to the purchase of the used truck for the road crew, rather than taking that money from the Equipment Fund. During 2013, we will need to purchase a replacement truck for the 1996 truck. Despite making bids this year on several used trucks, we have not found anything that is suitable for our needs. There will be an item on the warning regarding the purchase of a new truck

We have agreed to give a 3% increase to the salaries of most town employees. At this writing, it is undecided whether we will ask town employees on the health plan to contribute more to the health plan cost. We have agreed to continue the SIMPLE retirement plan for 2013.

We also held a public information session regarding the VT Gas proposal to put a transmission line through New Haven, and eventually to put distribution lines through the

center of town (North Street, part of South Street, Route 17 to the Junction and east towards Bristol). We expect to enter a formal appearance in the Public Service Board Proceeding and submit comments on the proposal.

We also appointed Susan Smiley to the Conservation Commission for a three year term.

Budget discussions will continue in January once the final end of the year numbers are known. January Selectboard meetings are January 8 and January 22 because of the New Year’s holiday.

Finally, there are two Selectboard terms that expire this year, a two year term and a three year term. If you are interested in running for the Selectboard, petitions can be obtained from Pam Kingman or downloaded from the internet. You must specify which term you are seeking on the petition.

Submitted by Pam Marsh, Selectboard Chair

### **Historical Society News**

The New Haven Historical Society will not be meeting in January or February.

Stay tuned for the March meeting. Any questions please call Betty Bell @ 453 – 3947.

### **Front Porch Forum Reminder.**

It looks like the web site, Front Porch Forum, is becoming fairly popular, especially for day to day postings. If more

people used it, it could be a valuable source for information in town. It is free to join. <http://www.frontporchforum.com>

Dean Percival



## Armchair Naturalist Speaker:

### **Bats in your Belfry?**

The next speaker in New Haven's armchair naturalist series is  
**Jane Lazorchak** from the VT Dept. of Fish & Wildlife.

Jane is a wildlife biologist who specializes in bats. Please come and learn about bats and where they live in New Haven. Children are especially welcome. Jane will also speak about Vermont's only endangered mammal: the Indiana Brown bat, and she will discuss ways to protect their habitat.

Thursday, January 10, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., New Haven Town Office

The Armchair Naturalist Speaker Series is held the second Thursday of the month.  
Sponsored by: The New Haven Conservation Commission. T. Bouton

## New Haven Community Library News

Happy New Year to everyone! If you have not yet visited your town library, I hope this will be the year that you decide to check it out. We have a nice variety of new DVDs, thanks to the Friends of the Library, and also many new bestseller titles in books.

We are starting the year with a variety of new programs to which we also extend welcomes. On Wednesday, January 9th at 7pm we will be beginning a new book group. The group will meet monthly to discuss a chosen book. The first meeting will be set up to discuss the group in general, and a book will be given out for February's read. Please call for further information.

At Story Hour on January 15, Peter Burns will be here to entertain both preschoolers and parents. Peter performed for us last summer and he was a great hit with the audience, with his storytelling, rhyming, and fun movement and rhythm chants. All are welcome.

Teen group has been meeting several times a month, under the guidance of Addie Thompson. It's a very "girl heavy" group right now, (which has been wonderful!) but there's always room for change. Again, please call for further information. This group is geared for those in 7th grade and up.

Our Armchair Traveler this month is Meg Barnes of Shoreham. Meg will be presenting a show of her visit to Singapore, where her daughter and son-in-law are employed. Singapore is a south-east Asian city-state located off the tip of the Malay peninsula and eighty five miles north of the equator. In 1963, Singapore declared its independence, and it is currently the world's fourth leading financial center. It has a highly diverse population, and a government that rules with a heavy hand. We invite you to find out more about this tropical, steamy culture in the middle of our winter's cold.

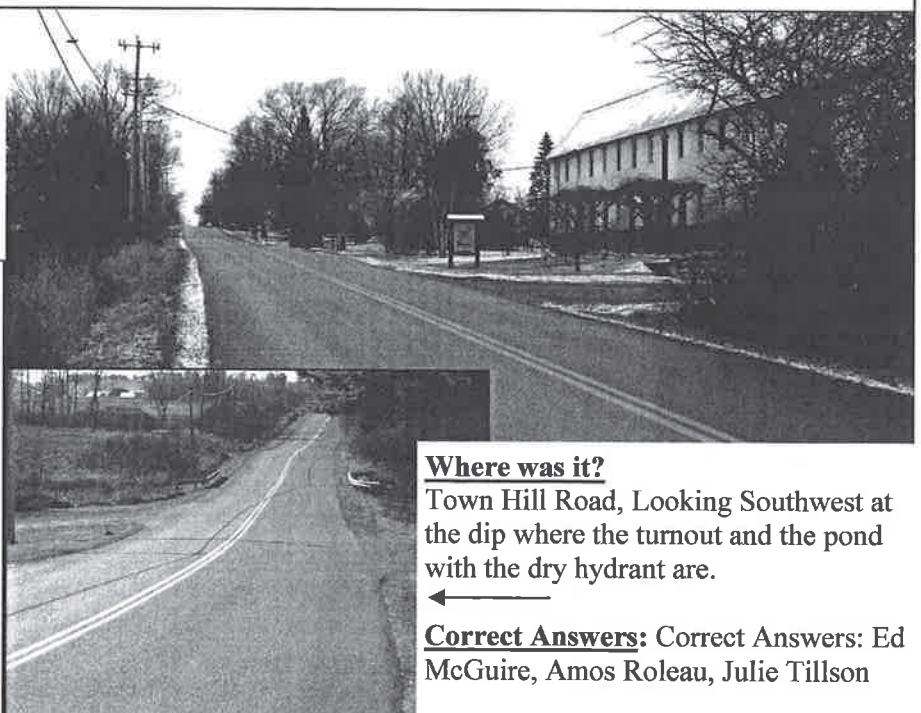
Deborah Lundbech, Town Librarian, 453-4015

### 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: January 15, Jim Gallott** →

**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:

1. You must be a New Haven resident, and include your name, address, and phone #. Name only will be published, unless otherwise requested.
2. Must concern town events, news, & issues. Be civil. Stick to issues.
3. Must be **500 words or less**, one piece per month.
4. Submit in electronic form by the 15th to [jmsimmons@gmavt.net](mailto:jmsimmons@gmavt.net).



### Where was it?

Town Hill Road, Looking Southwest at the dip where the turnout and the pond with the dry hydrant are. ←

**Correct Answers:** Correct Answers: Ed McGuire, Amos Roleau, Julie Tillson

# January 2013 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   |
|---|--|---|--|---|-----|---|
| 6 Cub Scouts<br>4pm-5:30pm CH   | 7<br>Beeman B.E.S.T. 8:15am G<br>DRB Mtg. 7pm TO   | 8<br>Library Story Hour 10:30am<br>Selectboard Meeting 7pm TO   | 9<br>4H Twilight Tails 6:30pm C<br>P.C. Mtg. 7pm TO<br>First Book Group Mtg. 7pm L   | 10 Energy Mtg. 7pm C<br>Call Rick at 453-4752 for info<br>Armchair Naturalist<br>Speaker Series 7pm TO<br>Call Dean at 388-0504 to confirm. | 11  | 12<br>Recycle 8am-12pm TG   |
| 13<br>Cub Scouts<br>4pm-5:30pm CH   | 14<br>Beeman B.E.S.T. 8:15am G   | 15<br>Library Story Hour 10:30am L<br>Performer Peter Burns !   | 16 Ladies Union Soup<br>Supper at the Congrega-<br>tional Church at 6pm.<br>Soup, bread, crackers,<br>beverage & dessert for \$.<br>Call Betty for info 453-3947.                                | 17<br>Library Trustees Mtg.<br>7pm L  | 18  | 19<br>Recycle 8am-12pm TG   |
| 20<br>Cub Scouts<br>4pm-5:30pm CH   | 21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day<br>Town Offices Closed<br>No School K-6 Inservice<br>DRB Meeting 7pm TO | 22<br>Library Story Hour 10:30am L<br>Selectboard Meeting 7pm TO  | 23   | 24  | 25  | 26<br>Recycle 8am-12pm TG   |
| 27<br>Cub Scouts<br>4pm-5:30pm CH   | 28<br>Beeman B.E.S.T. 8:15am G   | 29<br>Library Story Hour 10:30am L  | 30   | 31 Library Armchair<br>Traveler—"Singapore"<br>7pm TO. Please call<br>453-4015 for info.  |     |   |
| To sign up for Swing<br>Dance Classes,<br>please call<br>Jim Condon at<br>475-2349. | Karate Classes for adults &<br>children.<br>Please call Travis Paquette<br>at 453-2405 to sign up.     | Support our New Haven<br>Basketball Players!<br>Go to a Beeman or MAUHS<br>game and CHEER!!!<br>Good Luck Teams! Please<br>contact schools for dates. | *If your town group or club<br>would like its meetings or<br>events listed in the Town<br>Newsletter Calendar,<br>Please contact Suzy at<br>453-5978, 453-3516 ext#17<br>or send me an e-mail at | cscasam@gmavt.net<br>by the 15th of the<br>month prior to the<br>event for publishing.<br>Thank You ~<br>Suzy Roorda                        |     | To Register in any Town<br>group or club, please call<br>one of the phone<br>numbers listed below.<br>Thanks~ |

**Contacts:** Fire Dept. 453-3654 \* Town Shed 453-3397 \* Beeman 453-2331 \* MAUHS 453-2333 \* ANESU 453-3657 \* Energy Coor 453-4752 \* Ladies Union 877-3080 \* Library 453-4015 \* Karate 453-2405 \* 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. 453-3189 \* Yoga 453-8504 \* ZUMBA 388-3381  
\* Crime Watch-Police 388-4919 \* Mary Johnson Children's Center 388-4304 \* Flexibility Class 349-8539 \* Swing Dance 475-2349

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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:**

*Tues. Jan. 1st:  
New Year's Day*

*Mon. Jan 21st:  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*

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