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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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Selectboard News

We are continuing to fight the plethora of solar projects proposed for New Haven. The latest is a 500 kW project on the north side of Rte 17, down the hill from the Town Garage. To provide more substantial teeth to the Town Plan, the Selectboard is beginning the process of proposing an interim Zoning By-law which is provided for in the newly enacted H.40 legislation. This interim Zoning By-law would support the

objectives stated in the current Town Plan and provide specific conditions for siting, size and screening for all commercial development. According to State rules, the screening of utility projects cannot be greater than the screening of commercial property. We are in the preliminary stage of this process and will hold a noticed public hearing when the interim Zoning By-law is complete.

Steve Dupoise and Carole Hall are the authorized "point persons" for the Anbaric

converter station/ Vermont Green Line project. They are working with Town Attorney, Cindy Hill, and Attorney Richard Saudek to negotiate an agreement that serves the best interests of the Town as a whole. If you have questions or concerns, please contact them. On December 8th, there

was an informational meeting attended by approximately 100 people asking some great questions. The minutes from this meeting are on the website. This is a project that is ever-changing and can have a huge impact for the Town, both positively and negatively, unless we are diligent in participating in the process.

Town Meeting comes early this year – Monday, February 29, 2016, with voting on Tuesday, March 1st. Mark your calendars. The deadline to submit your petition to run for office is Monday, January 25, 2016 at 5:00 pm. See the Clerk News on Page 3 for open positions.

Wishing you all the very best in the New Year.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Barrett, Chair



Community Library News

A very happy New Year to everybody! As we move into 2016, we are really pleased to be able to offer a new service at the library to New Haven residents. We will now be issuing "Homecards" to New Haven patrons if they request them. This entitles the Homecard user to directly check out books at the twenty nine other libraries that are also enrolled in this program. (The patron will be responsible for returning to the original library after use.) We are excited to be able to offer our

patrons the chance to choose from thousands of new books and other materials, and hope many of you will take advantage of this new, great feature.

We are looking forward to the Vermont Humanities Speaker series program later in the month. Please see the Friends news for further information.

Warm wishes to all for a happy, safe 2016.

Deborah Lundbeck, Director

Friends of the Library

Friends of the New Haven Library gathered for a holiday celebration at the home of Anne Galante.

On January 20 at 7 pm in the Town Office the Friends of the Library are sponsoring a talk entitled "Off Target: What Hollywood, Journalists, and Shooters Get Wrong About Guns." This is an apolitical examination into the mythology that surrounds firearms. The term "mythology" is

especially appropriate here given that much of what the average person, even the average gun owner, thinks s/he knows about guns is inaccurate. Without getting into a discussion about what we should or shouldn't do about the issue of guns, Keene State College professor Mark Timney's lecture and discussion will instead examine how our perceptions of firearms have been distorted by media and folklore.

Susan Smiley

School Board News

The New Haven School Board met on December 8th. The major agenda item was budget planning. The Board reviewed preliminary F'17 spending proposals, and discussed a number of critical drivers including: equalized pupil count, the ANESU Supervisory Union assessment, salaries and benefits, Act 46 spending thresholds, class sizes, technology, and other program needs.

Beeman F'17 Budget Planning

Act 46 imposed a 1.54% per-pupil spending growth threshold on the New Haven district. Any spending over that threshold level would be double-taxed according to the new law, and not benefit our students. Accordingly, the Board has directed that Beeman's F'17 spending should remain under the threshold. It will be a challenge. All schools in the ANESU are facing a 7.9% increase in health insurance cost for next year, plus any new monies that might be awarded for salary and other benefit increases. Currently, there are ruminations that the legislature might consider easing the Act 46 spending growth thresholds early in the session; however any changes would likely not occur in time for the budget cycle. The Board encourages community members to attend their

regular January 12th meeting when the details of the New Haven F'17 budget proposal will be finalized.

RBO Training

On November 20th, 21st and 22nd, twenty-seven representatives from the ANESU and the Addison Northeast Education Association (ANEDA) attended an intensive "Relationship-By-Objectives" training program conducted by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. The Board recognizes Beeman Principal, Kristine Evarts, and teacher, Arnell Paquette, for participating in this unique and important work. The training was spawned from a desire by the Boards and ANEDA to improve management and labor relations, and to promote a more collaborative and resilient leadership culture within our schools. The participants identified 12 shared objectives, and have since formed committees tasked with achieving their designs. The Boards anticipate that new collaborative practices and procedures from these initiatives will be codified in ANESU policy. (see photo on page 3)

Respectfully submitted by the New Haven School Directors: Brad Bull (Chair), Ed McGuire (Vice Chair), Phyllis Smith (Clerk)

Ladies Union **Church Soup Supper:** Wednesday, January 20th, 6:00 pm. \$8 adults.
Meal includes a variety of soups, crackers, bread, beverage, and dessert. At the New Haven
Congregational Church. For more information, please call Carol at 453-5059. Barb Saunders

Clerk News

Happy New Year!! Hoping all of you had a wonderful holiday with family and friends.

If you are thinking about running for an elected position, petitions are due to in the Town Office on Monday, January 25, 2016 by 5:00 pm. The following elected positions are open:

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| Auditor – 1 yr. | Lister – 3 yrs. | **Notice - The Planning Commission is looking for a minute taker. They meet once a month. Please call the Town Office for more information.*** |
| Auditor – 2 yrs. | Moderator – 1 yr. | |
| Auditor – 3 yrs. | Selectboard – 2 yrs. | |
| Beeman School Director – 3 yrs. | Selectboard – 3 yrs. | |
| Delinquent Tax Collector – 1 yr. | Town Agent – 1 yr. | |
| Town Grand Juror (2) – 1 yr. | Town Clerk – 3 yrs. | |
| Library Trustee (3) – 3 yrs. | Town Treasurer – 3 yrs. | |
| Lister – 2 yrs. | Trustee of Public Funds – 1 yr. | |

Town Offices will be closed on Monday, January 18, 2016 in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday.

Respectfully, Pam Kingman

Treasurer's News

I hope everyone was able to find some joy during the holidays. Wishing you a New Year filled with everything you desire.

As the New Year begins, it is once again time to get the ball rolling toward completing your income taxes. A few reminders about tax preparation: if possible, file your homestead declaration by April 1st.

Remember that tax bills with state payments are considered confidential information and cannot be given to someone without your permission. We are happy to provide you with a copy of your bill if you have misplaced it.

If you sell your house between April 1st and December 31st: According to the State Statute you are still the owner of record and the property tax bill must be mailed to you. Please ask your lawyer to have the taxes paid to the town at the time of closing. We have had several transactions recently where a property has been sold and the new owner has become delinquent, much to the dismay of the seller, who is still getting notices to pay.

If you have questions about your property taxes start asking the listers questions about your assessment now, make sure that your information is correct. You will receive a notice in the mail if your assessment changes. The Listers have very strict timelines for when they have to complete their duties. There is only a short period of time to "grieve" your assessment, once the grand list has been completed. A notice is posted in the paper and included with your change of assessment notice.

School property tax rates are set by the legislature. The Municipal rate is computed by dividing the dollar amounts voted into the total of property assessments. Your vote is your voice.

Please call the town offices if you have questions, we are here to help! 453-3516

Barb Torian



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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 by **January 15th**.

Jim Gallott





Raptors: Birds of Prey: January Armchair Naturalist

When: Thursday, January 21st, 7:30pm – 8:45pm

Where: New Haven Town Hall/Gym

Admission is always free

Learn about and visit with some of our feathered neighbors in Vermont; raptors! Raptors hunt and feed on other animals. These birds are characterized by keen vision that allows them to detect prey during flight and powerful talons and beaks. Hawks, eagles, vultures, kites, owls, ospreys and falcons are all among the birds considered raptors, or birds of prey. (raptor, from the Latin verb rapere, to grab, seize and carry away)

Our Speaker: Craig Newman is a co-founder and current director of Outreach for Earth Stewardship (OFES) founded in 1989. Craig has been working with birds of prey for almost thirty years in both rehabilitation and education. OFES continues to provide education programs using our “wild ambassador” raptors on site at Shelburne Farms, as well as at schools and other locations. Craig will also bring a couple of wild guests for the presentation and introduce the birds we are blessed to have here in Vermont, explaining why they are so important. And, perhaps more importantly, how Vermonters can help them thrive! If you would like to learn more about OFES prior to this talk, go to www.ofesvt.org.

Questions? Please email Dean Percival at percival@madriver.com

*Sponsored by: The New Haven Conservation Commission: Dean Percival (chair),
Al Karnatz, Mark Krawczyk, Ruth Penfield, Susan Smiley*

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

Letter about Anbaric

Friends and Neighbors,
Concerning the Anbaric company's proposal to put a large industrial plant in the middle of our rural New Haven.

They have again acknowledged that it will constantly make noise converting DC electricity to AC electricity, 24/7/365. One of the essential parts of the quality of rural life is that we don't have to hear city / industrial noise. The company's sales staff claims that the noise level the plant will create will not be objectionable. If that turns out to not be true after the plant is built it seems unlikely that they will remove their plant, and so New Haven "will just have to live with it". Time for some common sense here.

The AC electricity product of the proposed plant (2/3 what the output was from the nuclear power plant in Vernon) will be fed into the VELCO high voltage

transmission line that runs through New Haven (which was strongly opposed by the Selectboard and residents when it was increased a few years ago). Adding more will significantly increase that existing health risk. "Health Effects of Living Near Power Lines" (see <http://emwatch.com/power-line-emf/>) There has been concern over power line radiation and its effect on human health for at least 40 years. Living close to power lines has been shown to increase the risk of leukemia and other cancers since 1979, when convincing evidence was first published by Wertheimer and Leeper in the American Journal of Epidemiology. The company is trying to "dazzle us with dollars" to ignore that fact.

Please join in asking the Selectboard to tell Anbaric that New Haven is not for sale.

John Madden

Where Was It? "Rickety bridge", "Rattling Bridge" "rattlin bridge", "Huntington Falls Bridge" (almost as many different names as there were people sending in answers). By whatever name, the bridge over Otter Creek that divides Pearson Rd in New Haven from Morgan Horse Farm Rd in Weybridge.

Correct Answers: Beaver Trudeau, Paul Dupoise, Ed McGuire, Pam Marsh, Jim Walsh



January 2016 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 |
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| | | | | The Library Trustees are meeting on Tuesday, January 21 at 7pm in the Library. | 1 Happy New Year! No School K-12 | 2 Recycle 8am-12pm TG |
| 3 | 4 DRB Meeting 7pm TO | 5 Library Story Hour 10:30am L Bone Builders Exercise Class 10:30am CH Selectboard Mtg. 7pm TO | 6 Library Friends Mtg. 7pm L Fire Dept. Mtg. 7pm FD | 7 | 8 | 9 Recycle 8am-12pm TG |
| 10 | 11 Planning Commission Mtg. 7pm TO | 12 Library Story Hour 10:30am L Bone Builders Exercise Class 10:30am CH | 13 4H Twilight Tails 6:30pm C | 14 | 15 Beeman Family Dance 7pm - 9pm Gym | 16 Recycle 8am-12pm TG |
| 17 | 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Town Office Closed DRB Meeting 7pm TO | 19 Library Story Hour 10:30am Bone Builders Exercise Class 10:30am CH Selectboard Mtg. 7pm TO | 20 Ladies Union Soup Supper at Congregational Church \$8, 6pm. Soups, crackers, bread, drink, dessert. Call Carol 453-5059 Library Speaker "Guns In Our Culture" 7pm TO | 21 Conservation Commission Mtg. 6pm TO Naturalist Speaker "Raptors" 7:30pm-Gym | 22 | 23 Recycle 8am-12pm TG |
| 24 | 25 | 26 Library Story Hour 10:30am L Bone Builders Exercise Class | 27 Game Night 6:30pm L | 28 | 29 | 30 Recycle 8am-12pm TG |
| 31 | Bone Builders Exercise Class! Tuesdays from 10:30-11:30am at the Congregational Church on Town Hill Road. Contact Suzy at 453-5978 to sign up. Walk-ins Welcome! | Rent the Town Hall for your own events or parties, or to teach classes. Please submit your application at least 3 weeks prior to your event to allow the Selectboard | time to review and process the application. Applications are available at the Town Office or on the Town web-site. | *If your town group or club would like its meetings or events listed in the Town Newsletter Calendar, please contact Suzy at newhavenrec@gmavt.net or cscasam@gmavt.net by the 15th of the month prior to the event for publishing. | To register in any Town group or club, please call one of the phone numbers listed below. Thanks~ | |

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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 – 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, January 18th
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*

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