

## Contacts

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### Town Treasurer / Assistant Town Clerk:

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453-3516

Town Shed: 453-3397

Beeman Elementary  
453-2331

Mt. Abe High School  
453-2333

Superintendent's Office  
453-3657

### Community Library

Deborah Lundbeck:  
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### Fire Chief

Alan Mayer: 453-5129  
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### Burn Permit: Fire Warden

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### Deputy Health Officer:

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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:

Town Office: 453 - 3516

## Selectboard News:

Hope everyone was good this past year and got what they wanted, I'm sure I'll be receiving a piece of coal from someone!!!

Much of December has revolved around getting the budget prepared. The General and Road Budgets have been presented and reviewed. The final touches will be approved in January, after we know all the bills have been paid and whatever the surplus will be. Much thanks go out to all those who had a hand in getting the proposed budget ready for the Board's first look.

The dehumidifier was finally finished in December for the Town Hall cafeteria and basement area.

The Board recently adopted a mutual aid agreement through ACRPC for assistance with our Road Crew in the event that we or another neighboring town needs help because of a Covid-19 event. We also just approved a new Dog Ordinance, there will be a notice coming up in the paper soon.

Let's hope that this winter will be one with less ice and more snow. And, maybe not to many sub-zero mornings.

Steve Dupoise

## Town Administrator's Update:

2020 was a tough year, but we have some bright moments to remember from town business. I am particularly proud of work around energy. The Town Garage and Fire Department have new efficient, quiet, and clean furnaces. A major bike loop study was completed. The Town Office saw some use of its electric vehicle charging stations. We are also nearly done with a Town Energy Plan. And to end the year, the Beeman cafeteria space now has a heat pump that will keep moisture down and prevent another costly mold problem.

It was difficult to find contractors for several projects we budgeted for Town Hall, but at least we now have architectural plans for improvements that will help the Town with ADA compliance (Americans with Disabilities Act). We will pursue state funding for those improvements in the coming year, and they include re-grading, signage, and an improved entryway.

Aaron Brown  
Town Administrator

## Zoning Administrators Report:

At the time of this writing, zoning activity was surprisingly stable over 2020. The vast majority of the 45 projects were small sheds and garages. A few new house starts passed my desk. The Development Review Board received 19 applications for a range of commercial and residential projects. We also issued 30 certificates of compliance as local property owners took advantage of favorable interest rates or sold their homes.

Aaron Brown

## Town Report Information:

If you have information that needs to be included in the Town Report, please forward your information to Iva Ford ASAP. Iva has once again agreed to put our Town Report together this year.

You can send your reports to:  
newhavenauditors@gmavt.net

## Red Cross Blood Drive

**Saturday, January 9, 2021**

**New Haven Town Hall gym:**

**9:00am - 2:00pm**

**Please call 1- 800 - 733 - 2767 or  
visit**

**RedCrossBlood.org and enter:  
NEHAVEN**

**To schedule an appointment.**

**Thank you!**

### Clerk News: Happy - Healthy New Year !!

I hope everyone had a wonderful, safe, social distancing Holiday - gosh I hope I never have to say that again!

If you are considering running for an elected position, the Legislature has waived the need for nominating petitions. However, you will need to fill out a "Consent of Candidate" form and get it to me by 5:00 pm on Monday, January 25, 2021. You can find this form on our website: [www.newhavenvt.com](http://www.newhavenvt.com) look under Elections. The following Elected Official positions will be open in March 2021:

Auditor - 1 yr. term

Auditor - 3 yr. term

Delinquent Tax Collector - 1 yr. term

Lister - 1 yr. term

Lister - 3 yr. term

MAUSD Board member - 3 yr. term

Moderator - 1 yr. term

Selectboard - 2 yr. term

Selectboard - 3 yr. term

Trustee of Public Funds - 1 yr. term

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

**REMINDER:** Now is the time to License your dog(s). All dogs in the State of Vermont **must be licensed by April 1<sup>st</sup>** of every year. Fees are \$9.00 for spayed/neutered and \$13.00 for unspayed/unneutered. You can mail your check along with a current rabies certificate or call the office to see if your dog needs updated rabies. You can also pay online using our website: [www.newhavenvt.com](http://www.newhavenvt.com) Thank you!!

Town Offices will be closed on Monday, January 18, 2021 in Honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Respectfully, Pam Kingman

### New Haven Community Library News:

Happy New Year, everyone! Although we continue to be closed to the public due to Covid, we are happily lending out many materials, including a constant stream of new materials.

Here are a few of our latest!

ADULT FICTION: *White Ivy* by Susie Yang, *All the Devils Are Here* by Louise Penny, *Troubled Blood: A Cormoran Strike Novel* by Robert Galbraith (J.K. Rowling), *Invisible Girl* by Lisa Jewell, and Archer Mayor's newest book, *The Orphan's Guilt*.

ADULT NON-FICTION: *How To Be An Anti-Racist* by Ibram X. Kendi, *All You Can Ever Know: A Memoir* by Nicole Chung, *Too Much And Never Enough* by Mary L. Trump, *Breath: The New Science of a Lost Art* by James Nestor

DVDs: *Annie*, *The Hate You Give*, *1917*, *Frozen 2*, *Little Women*

AUDIOBOOKS: *Talking to Strangers* by Malcolm Gladwell, *Anxious People* by Frederick Bachman, and Ruth Ware's newest book, *One by One*.

VERMONT GOLDEN DOME BOOK AWARD (formerly Dorothy Canfield Fisher Book Award for middle grade children): ALL OF THEM! (Thanks to Friends of the Library).

GREEN MOUNTAIN AWARD BOOKS: ALL OF THEM! (Thanks (again) to Friends of the Library).

NEW PICTURE BOOKS: *Little Yellow Truck*, *Splish Splash Ducky*, *Have You Seen My New Blue Socks*, *Little Excavator*

Our website, [nhcl.org](http://nhcl.org) has more listed - and of course, there are many more new items on the shelf that I can tell you about!

Happy reading, viewing, and listening, in 2021! ~Deborah Lundbech, Director

We invite you to join the **New Haven Conservation Commission** on January 20, 2021 at 7:00 on Zoom.

#### Overview:

Forest/habitat fragmentation is an issue that has been getting increased attention throughout the state of Vermont during the past few years. In this installment of our virtual armchair naturalist series, we will share several videos that explore the issues surrounding fragmentation, along with some of the solutions we may employ to help moderate its effects.

Here is a short one to get you started!

#### Forest Fragmentation - 5+ minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IUAKMy483YI>

This short video explores the impacts of forest fragmentation on forest ecosystems. It's a micro lecture from Haywood Community College and primarily examines fragmentation through a forestry lens although there are many parallels with the fragmentation that occurs as a result of residential development. It's concise and illustrates the fundamental challenges that fragmentation poses for our ecosystems. ~Mark Krawczyk and the New Haven Conservation Commission

**Would you like to become more involved in the Town?** You can run for the position of Auditor. There is currently a one year and a three year term available. What is involved? It is more than just numbers. The Town pays for a professional CPA firm to audit the financial records. I served as an elected Auditor for a three year term when there was no professional audit done on the Town records. We verified every deposit and check written. It was a tedious process. We also compiled the Town Report when many reports were hand written and had to be typed. Then we literally cut and pasted the pieces together. Most of this was done in January each year. You have a much easier job now. As an elected Auditor, you can make your own schedule to come into the office and can participate throughout the year. You read the minutes, check bank reconciliations that have been done by the Treasurer, learn how bills get paid, and verify that policies have been followed. It's about how the Town is run, not just number crunching, although there is a bit of that. The Auditors put together the Town Report. Iva Ford, while no longer an Auditor, has stepped up and continued to put the Town Report together. This can be a fun position, requiring just a few hours each month. Please consider getting involved. Thank you - Kathy Barrett

## New Haven Food Pantry:

The New Haven Food Pantry is up and running! It is a mutual aid drop-off/pick-up location for food and necessities for anyone with extra to give, or for anyone in need of more. The New Haven Food Pantry is located around the backside of the New Haven Congregational Church in between South St. and Town Hill Rd.

If you're able, help fill it up! The Food Pantry is in need of:

**Nonperishable Food Items:** peanut butter / jelly (not in glass containers) / boxed/bagged grains / beans / rice / quinoa / etc. - pasta or pasta meals (ie: pasta roni or Mac and cheese) / pasta sauce (not in glass containers) / snack crackers/chips / applesauce/fruit cups/dried fruits / granola bars

**Personal Care Items:** shampoo / conditioner / soap / hand sanitizer / toothpaste / toothbrushes / pads / tampons / diapers / wipes / deodorant / chap stick / hats / gloves / scarves /hand warmers

**Items during the wintertime should not be in glass containers or metal cans.**

Thanks to all of those who have helped get this project up and going! And thank you to those who are willing to continue to donate to keep this pantry stocked!

Darcy Tardie

## January 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					1	2 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices
3	4 DRB Mtg 7PM TO	5	6	7	8	9 Blood Drive 9am - 2 pm TH Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices
10	11 Planning Commission Mtg 7PM TO	12 Selectboard Mtg. 7PM TO	13	14	15	16 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices
17	18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  DRB Mtg 7PM TO - (Tentative)	19 Selectboard Mtg. 7PM TO	20	21	22	23 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Trash & Recycle 8AM - 12PM
31			Interested in renting the Town Hall for a party or function?	Applications can be found on the website: www.newhavenvt.com 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

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**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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