

### Contacts

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#### **Zoning Administrator:**

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#### **Town Clerk:**

Pam Kingman: 453-3516  
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#### **Town Treasurer:**

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#### **Road Commissioner:**

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#### **Beeman Elementary:**

453-2331

#### **Mt. Abe High School:**

453-2333

#### **Superintendent's Office:**

453-3657

#### **Community Library:**

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Kathy Cahill:  
262-298-0865

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Mark Cahill:  
608-341-0853

**Clerk News:** Happy New Year to you all! Hoping the New Year brings good health and happiness.

It is that time of year again when those considering running for office need to get your Nominating Petition in order to get your name on the ballot, and turn it into the Town Office by Monday, January 27, 2025. This petition only requires 1% of the registered voters signatures, so you only need 13 registered voters to sign it.

Any questions, please call the Town Office @ 802-453-3516.

#### **The following elected positions will be open in March:**

- ◆ Auditors: 3 yr. terms (2 positions open)
- ◆ Delinquent Tax Collector: 3 yr. term
- ◆ Library Trustees: 3 yr. terms (2 positions open)
- ◆ Lister: 3 yr. term
- ◆ Moderator: 1 yr. term
- ◆ MAUSD Director: 2 yr. term
- ◆ Selectboard: 2 yr. term
- ◆ Selectboard: 3 yr. term
- ◆ Town Clerk: 3 yr. term
- ◆ Town Treasurer: 3 yr. term
- ◆ Trustee of Public Funds - 1 yr. term
- ◆ **Appointed positions open:** Planning Commission needs 2 members and the Development Review Board needs 1 member.

I'd like to give a big shout out to the Events ladies who have done such an incredible job decorating the Village Green for all the holidays throughout the year. Thank you for making the Village Green such a fun and vibrant place for all ages.

**Dog Licenses-** now is the time to register your dog(s). All dogs need to be licensed on or before April 1<sup>st</sup> of every year. Cost for licensing has increased this year to \$11.00 spayed / neutered and \$15.00 unspayed / unneutered. Fees go up after April 1.

Town Offices will be closed on January 20, 2025 in Honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Respectfully, Pam Kingman

#### **New Haven Conservation Commission Update:**

The New Haven Conservation Commission decided to undertake a Wildlife Crossing Study in 2024. The group engaged Sophie Mazowita of Jeffersonville, a naturalist and wildlife tracker, to help them identify points along town roads where it is likely that wildlife crossed. The group had already traveled town roads with Jens Hilke of Vermont Fish and Wildlife, stopping at points where statewide aerial maps pointed to the possibility of animal movement. These two efforts resulted in the identification of 16 locations and landowners were contacted for permission to place game cameras that would yield pictures of animals in passage. The target species are bobcat, black bear, fisher, mink, river otter and moose. Over the months, 76 sightings of these animals have been recorded. The images are stored in electronic folders and collated by species. New Haven's town highway team also identified points on the town's road map where they see evidence of wildlife crossing the roads. In November 2024, the Conservation Commission was able to share the data accumulated with Planning Commission members who are working on mapping wildlife corridors in the town's forested areas for the Town Plan.

2025 will be a busy year for the New Haven Conservation Commission. The Commission will continue to study wildlife crossings through 2025. An Armchair Naturalist series is being created for presentations at the Town Office, beginning in January. The group's website, located on the Town's website, will be updated and will include a list of books for adults and children on naturalist subjects.

Susan Smiley, Co-Chair Conservation Commission

Any non-profit group event that is open to all members of the community can be listed in the Community calendar.

Contact the  
Town Office:  
453 - 3516

**TOWN OF NEW HAVEN PLANNING COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING  
Review of Proposed 2025 Town Plan  
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.  
New Haven Town Office, 78 North Street, New Haven**

The New Haven Planning Commission invites all residents of the Town of New Haven, VT to attend a public hearing on the proposed 2025 Town Plan slated for Monday, January 13, 2025 at the New Haven Town Office, 78 North Street, New Haven, at 7:00 p.m.

The New Haven Town Plan was last updated in 2016 and adopted on March 7, 2017. Upon approval by voters on July 28, 2021, the Enhanced Energy Plan was made part of the Town Plan. The Planning Commission is now proposing amendments to the 2017 Town Plan in order to bring it into compliance with recent statutory requirements, as well as update data, maps, and other information within the plan.

These amendments include:

- ◇ Over-arching Goals
- ◇ Updated Tables, Graphs, and Maps
- ◇ Flood Resilience Plan
- ◇ Introduction to Enhanced Energy Plan

Updated Goals and Objectives for each of the following Chapters:

- Population
- Local Economy
- Utilities and Facilities Plan
- Transportation
- Natural Resources
- Land Use
- Flood Resiliency

The proposed amendments do not call for substantial changes to the zoning districts or zoning map, nor do they alter the designation of any land area.

A copy of the proposed 2025 New Haven Town Plan can be found on the town website at: <https://www.newhavenvt.com/> or by emailing the zoning administrator at: [newhavenzoning@gmavt.net](mailto:newhavenzoning@gmavt.net). If you are unable to attend the hearing, written comments and suggestions can be emailed to [newhavenzoning@gmavt.net](mailto:newhavenzoning@gmavt.net) or mailed to: Town of New Haven Zoning Administrator, 78 North Street, New Haven, VT 05472.

**New Haven Community Library \*\* Upcoming Events \*\***

☐ **Friends Meeting** *Thu. Jan. 2nd, 6pm*

*Open to all! Come support the library!*

☐ **Book Club: VT Reads book Gather by Kenneth Cadow** *Wed. Jan. 8th, 6pm (We have 20 copies of this book to give away thanks to a grant from the Vermont Humanities Foundation. Take to read and keep, give to someone else, return; whatever works for you!)*

☐ **Board Meeting** *Thu. Jan. 9th, 6pm*

☐ **Cookbook Club: Soup and Bread** *Wed. Jan. 15th, 6pm*

*Choose any cookbook, make a soup or bread and bring it along with the cookbook to our meeting to share and discuss. Use your own cookbook or check one out from our selection at the library. If possible, please call, email, stop-in, or message here to let us know what you plan to bring.*

☐ **Va-et-vient Concert, 5-Town Friends of the Arts Winter-into-Spring Concert Series Kick-Off**, *Thu. Jan. 16th 7:30pm*

*Local musiciennes Carol Reed, Suzanne Germain, and Lausanne Allen share their unique arrangements of Quebecois and other traditional French music.*

☐ **Special Topics Book Club: How to Break Up with Your Phone** *Wed. Jan. 22nd, 6pm*

**Coming soon:** Neighborhood Forest Free Tree Signups, ACSWD Read Along, Head Start Visit/CLiF Giveaway, more Silent Book Clubs, Weaving & Grieving, Puzzlepalloza, and Beekeeping with Kirk Webster.

Ruth Shattock-Bernstein, Library Director

# *New Haven Volunteer Fire Department*



## All You Can Eat **Pancake Breakfast**



**Jan. 26 / Feb. 23  
March 23**

Plain or Blueberry Pancakes, French Toast,  
Scrambled Eggs Bacon, Sausage, Homefries,  
and Pure Vermont Maple Syrup  
Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Orange Juice

**We will have additional seating upstairs to help with overcrowding.**

**7:00 am - 10:30 am  
at the New Haven Town Hall**

**Thank You for supporting the  
New Haven Vol. Fire Department.**



**OUR TOWN**

Sponsored by the New Haven  
Historical Society.

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The December photo was of the  
Dog Team Tavern with owners,  
Mr. and Mrs. Eban Joy  
enjoying the Relish Wheel.  
Dave Pidgeon, Steve Dupoise  
and Fred Napoleon correctly  
identified the location and the  
people in the photo.

Thank you!

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**January**

**Photo:**

**Can you identify where  
this is and what it  
was used for?**



**January 2025 New Haven Community Calendar**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Year's Day - Town Offices Closed	2	3	4 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices
5	6 DRB Mtg 7PM TO	7 Selectboard Mtg 7PM TO	8 Historical Society Mtg 7PM TO	9	10	11 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices Red Cross Blood Drive Town Hall 9-1
12	13 Planning Comm. Public Hearing on Town Plan 7PM TO	14	15 Conservation Comm. Mtg via Zoom 7 PM	16	17	18 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices
19	20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Town offices Closed DRB Mtg 7PM TO	21 Selectboard Mtg 7PM TO	22	23	24	25 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices
26 Fire Dept. Pancake Breakfast Town Hall	27	28	29	30	31	

**Location of Events Key:** Town Hall= TH Town Offices= TO Town  
Garage= TG Cafeteria= C Gym= G Beeman= S MAUHS= HS Vil-  
lage Green =VG Village Green Market= VGM Congregational  
Church= CH Library= L Fire Station= FS

Interested in renting the Town Hall for a party or function? Appli-  
cations can be found on the website: [www.newhavenvt.com](http://www.newhavenvt.com) or call  
the Town Office at 453 - 3516. Please submit your application 3  
weeks prior to your event.

Town of New Haven  
78 North Street  
New Haven, VT 05472  
453-3516



[www.newhavenvt.com](http://www.newhavenvt.com)

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:  
802-453-3516**

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:  
802-453-4015**

Tuesday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Wednesday 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Thursday 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Saturday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**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)

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**Events Committee:**

Thank you to our Community for a great year. We saw record numbers at both our Halloween and Winterfest events, making all the planning and effort worth it! We hope that the decorations we create for the holidays throughout the year bring a smile to your face as you drive by or wander through enjoying some time outside.

A special thank you to our collaborators for all you do to help bring these events to life; including The New Haven Library, The New Haven Congregational Church, The Village Green Market, Bee Friends, The Town Office, Rod Cyr, Grayson Wyman, Andrea Meader, our family and friends, all the community members and local businesses for handing out candy from their trunks, a big thank you to Santa; and to Amanda Rose - Thank you for making Reindeer happen this year.

Thank you all for your help and support, we couldn't do it without you.

If you haven't participated in one of our events, we hope you will join us in 2025! If you have Ideas/Feedback for the coming year, please reach out to a committee member.

Happy New Year! The Events Committee  
Vicki Boise and Sara Smith & Friends