New Haven News In and about Town...

Selectboard Report

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Any non-profit group event that pen to all members of the nunity can be listed in the Community calendar.

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As you may have noticed, there have been some changes to the trash/recycling on Saturday at the Town Garage. Act 148 has forced these changes. The Selectboard has talked with Casella and with R&L Rubbish & Recycling. Casella has opted to not participate in New Haven, so the Town now has an agreement with R&L Rubbish & Recycling.

The 1989 Cat Loader has been sold to the highest bidder, Case Street Redi-Mix for \$18,500 worth of winter sand. David Miner is once again mowing the roadsides in Town. He has done a good job in the past.

New Solar Projects/Applications continue to come to our attention and we will look at the merits of each proposal to determine if it should be opposed based on the Town Plan. Some of the latest include a 500 kW on the Russell property on Route 7, 150 kw on the Sequin property on South Street, and a 500 kw on Phoenix Feeds at the Junction. I am sure there are others in various planning stages as well as the one we are opposing on Field Days Road. The Public Service Board will be holding a Public Meeting tentatively set for July 15.

Harvey Smith and Jim Walsh were appointed as delegates and Susan Smiley was appointed as an alternate to Addison County Regional Planning. We accepted with regret the resignation of Heather Morse as Lister and Donna Blaise as a member of the Development Review Board. If you are interested in either position, please send a letter of interest to Pam Kingman.

At Town Meeting, the voters authorized the expenditure of up to \$40,000 to upgrade the flooring in the basement of the Town Hall. We have been looking into it and there are a lot of different options we could take and will be discussing them at a future meeting. This project is complicated due to the presence of asbestos in some areas of the basement. We will strive to reach the best option for the long term while staying within budget.

A huge thank you goes to Steve & Marcia Dupoise for the newly installed overhead door to the supply closet upstairs in the Town Hall. It is a vast improvement over the hollow core doors which have taken much abuse over the years.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Barrett

Tax Rate Info

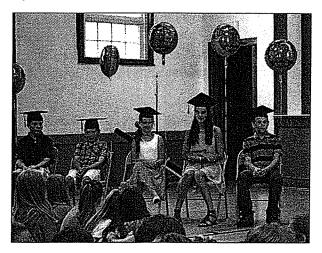
The Listers have completed the grand list. We will be setting the tax rate as soon as we receive the education tax rates from the State at the end of June. Selectboard will most likely be setting the tax rate at their July 7th meeting. Tax bills will be prepared shortly after that and mailed when ready.

This should give you plenty of time to plan for making your tax payment by Oct. 1st.

The tax rate is set by dividing the amount of money voted to be raised, by the total of the assessed values of the properties in town, which is called the grand list.

School Board News

The New Haven School Board would like to recognize this year's Beeman graduates: Aidan Danyow, Nathan Lavoie, Karissa Livingston, Camilienne Masse, and Henry Matson.



While small in number, the 6th grade class stands out in character and achievement. A commencement ceremony was attended by families, community members, school staff, and the entire student body. Congratulations to the Beeman Elementary School class of 2015 and to their families.

The Board held its regular monthly meeting on June 9th. Financial statements and budget reports were reviewed. The Board expects New Haven will end the current fiscal year with a modest budget surplus. Some small discretionary spending was authorized for classroom equipment upgrades, but the majority of the surplus will be returned to taxpayers by means of a positive fund balance carried forward into next year's budget cycle.

School Consolidation: Act 46

The Board discussed H.361 (now known as Act 46), the landmark education legislation that was recently passed into law. By July 1, 2019, individual school districts are required to merge into a single Supervisory District comprised of at least 900 students. The new, merged Supervisory District would be governed by a single School Board comprised of member district representatives. The new Supervisory District would operate under a single budget, including the administration, Special Education, and other functions currently under the separate Supervisory Union budget. In a "carrot and stick" approach, the legislation provides substantial tax rate reductions/incentives for earlyadopting towns (districts) that merge into an operational Supervisory District prior to July 1, 2017. Districts that do not merge prior to that date are subject to imposed fees per pupil based on their current budget. To avoid penalties, Beeman Elementary would be subject to a 1.48% growth limit on per pupil spending.

The New Haven School Board will sponsor and participate in public forums and expert consultation on this complex and far-reaching subject beginning in September. Act 46 could bring new and equitable educational opportunities for our small town students. Operational efficiencies, flexibility, and shared resources could yield savings and greater taxpayer value.

Consolidated governance, policy, and budgets could result in improved accountability and transparency. However, local control, building-specific administration, individual school culture, and ultimately the character and use of the school building itself could be subject to change.

Look for more information in the coming weeks and months. The School Board needs community input, participation, and support in the process that lies ahead. It is critical that we come together to make the best possible choices and decisions for our students and our town.

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

New Haven Community Library News

I hope you are all enjoying these long, lovely days of summer. Stop by the library if you're looking for good reads. We have the following popular titles, along with many others:

The Buried Giant, The Wright Brothers, Where They Found Her, Girl On A Train, All the Light We Cannot See, The Nightingale, The Life Changing Magic of Tidying Up, & Revival

Our summer program, "Every Hero Has A Story," will meet throughout the month, offering stories, activities, and crafts designed to keep elementary school age children involved in reading. Please call me if you have any questions about your child attending.

I would like to remind you that you may now enroll and use Bristol's Lawrence Memorial Library as an out of town patron. A great way to expand your reading, listening, and viewing choices!

The Department of Libraries is running a cool program this summer called "Passport to Vermont Libraries." Stop by the New Haven library and pick up your "passport." Visit as many libraries as possible throughout VT, have your passport stamped at each library and see how many you can complete. You can check out further information at vermontlibraries.org/passport. There is also a Facebook page Facebook.com/vermontpassport where people can load photos, tell stories, etc. Fun! I had my first "Passport" visitors recently (mid-June), and hope to meet many more, throughout the summer.

Deborah Lundbech, Town Librarian

New Haven Historical Society

Working meeting--cataloging of donated artifacts.

Public is invited to contribute pictures, personal histories, Beeman yearbooks, any other piece of history.

New Haven Library 7:00 PM, July 8th

Margo Merritt

Part-time Secretary Position Available

The New Haven Planning Commission is seeking a secretary to take and edit minutes for monthly meetings. Meetings are held the second Monday of the month, from 7:00-9:30 PM. Additional meetings may be scheduled. Position will require approximately 5 hours per meeting. Pay is \$14.00-\$16.75 per hour and shall be commensurate with experience.

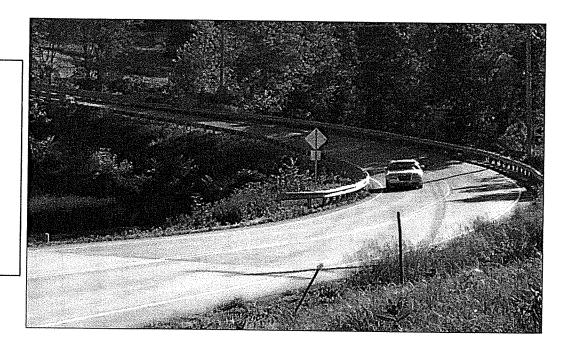
Please send resume and letter of interest to:

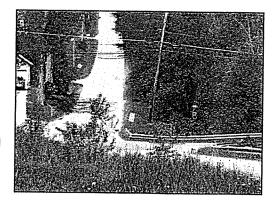
Town of New Haven Attn. New Haven Planning Commission 78 North St. New Haven, VT 05742

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 July 15th.

Jim Gallott





Where Was It?

The photo in the town newsletter is on River Road just past East Street before Munger Road (on the right), Gail Regan

Correct Answers:

Ed McGuire, Loralee Spooner, Peter Nelson II, Len Schmidt, Taborri Bruhl, Jim Walsh, Amy Danforth, Smokey Stover, Gail Regan

July 2015 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 *

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Sat	4 Independence Day Recycle 8am-12pm TG	11 Recycle 8am-12pm TG	18 Recycle 8am-12pm TG	25 Recycle 8am-12pm TG		To register in any Town group or club, please call one of the phone numbers listed below. Thanks~
Fri	ಣ	10	17	24	31	newhavenrec@gmavt. net or cscasam@ gmavt.net by the 15th of the month prior to the event for publishing.
Thu	2 ZUMBA Class 6-7pm G	9 ZUMBA Class 6-7pm G Energy Meeting 7pm L	16 ZUMBA Class 6-7pm G	23 ZUMBA Class 6-7pm G	30 ZUMBA Class 6-7pm G	*If your town group or club would like its meetings or events listed in the Town Newsletter Calendar, please contact Suzy at
Wed	1 Fire Dept. Mtg. 7pm FD	8 4H Twilight Tails 6:30pm C Historical Society Mtg 7:00pm L	15 Ladies Union Mtg. 7p CH	22 Library Game Night 6:30pm L	29	time to review and process the application. Applications are available at the Town Office or on the Town web-site.
Tue	Keep your ears open for the Ice Cream Truckl When you hear the chimes & music, you know what to do! Enjoy!	7 Library Summer Program 10:30am L Selectboard Mtg. 7pm TO	14 Library Summer Program 10:30am L	21 Library Summer Program 10:30am L Selectboard Mtg. 7pm TO	28 Library Summer Program 10:30am L (Call to confirm)	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
Mon	Tai Chi Class is suspended for July and August. Please contact Mary at 545-2106 for a new class schedule and to sign up.	6 DRB Meeting 7pm TO	13 Planning Commission Mtg. 7pm TO	20 DRB Meeting 7pm TO	27 Planning Commission Mtg. 7pm TO	
Sun	Bone Builders Exercise Class is suspended until Fall.	വ	12	19	26	

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Town of New Haven, Vermont Emergency Management Voluntary Survey

mergency planning is an important step toward handling future emergencies. In the hope of continuing to improve the town's ability to deal with and lessen the effects of emergencies, natural or man-made, we are required to update our "Emergency Operations Plan" on a regular basis. The New Haven Emergency Management Team is requesting information and input from its citizens.

The Town would like to identify citizens who may require special assistance in the event an emergency occurs. (Participation is completely voluntary)

Information obtained from this survey will be used for disaster preparedness and emergency response only. This information will be kept confidential and will be used by the Emergency Management Team and volunteers during a disaster. In the event of a disaster, volunteers will be able to check in on citizens and offer assistance as needed.

Please list information for anyone who may need additional assistance during an emergency. (Example: dependent on electrical power, oxygen dependent, Lifeline, bed bound, home bound, wheelchair etc.)

Name:	Physical address							
Phone:	Alternate phone							
Would you like to be contacted by one of the Emergency Management Team for a more detailed follow up?								
sNo								
Willing to assist during an emer	gency:							
This could be anything from use of personal equipment, special training, special vehicles, generators, trucks, Ham Radio, chain saw, medical training, earth moving equipment, manpower, food preparation, assistance at an emergency shelter, pet care, etc. (Neighbor helping neighbor)								
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Thank you for helping us make No	ew Haven a safer place to live. Dated	_						
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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

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

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 imsimmons@gmavt.net Jean Simmons

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