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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 Report

As I write this on Memorial Day weekend, let us not forget those who have served our country so valiantly so that we may enjoy our freedoms. While we may not always agree with the next person, we do respect their right to have and express their opinions.

The Selectboard has appointed Tom Fyles as an alternate to the Development Review Board (DRB), which fills all the appointments on that board. We accepted David Miner's bid to do the roadside mowing again this year. He has done a great job in the past and was the low bidder.

We met with Tom Telling, the professional auditor, who said that, given the size of the office, the Selectboard needs to be diligent. He acknowledged that we were, by reviewing payroll and pay order records at each meeting and the monthly income/expense report.

We will be holding a joint meeting with the Planning Commission (PC) and the Development Review Board (DRB) on June 23rd to hear what both groups are doing. The PC is charged with reviewing the Town Plan, and changing it where necessary, every five years. After the Town Plan is approved by the voters of the town, the PC reviews and revised the Zoning By-laws to comply with the Town Plan. The DRB is responsible for reviewing subdivisions, site plans and conditional use permits to ensure that the Zoning by-laws are followed. The Zoning Administrator has the authority to issue permits for structures that are in full compliance with the Zoning by-laws. There have been instances where the DRB has made suggestions to the PC for changes to clarify the intent of a particular by-law.

Jim Walsh has, for the past several years, taken on the responsibility of following legislation and actions concerning solar power plants and the VT Gas pipeline project. He has decided that he would like to relinquish that responsibility. If there is anyone in town who would like to take on that task, please contact the office. I would like to thank Jim for his tireless hours of research and diligence in following these projects. Some of the provisions that we requested originally actually came to fruition due to Jim's hard work. Thank you!!

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Barrett, Selectboard chair

Property Tax Information

Once the Listers have lodged the Grand List they will hold grievance hearings. You have a 2 week window to schedule an appointment to talk with the Listers about your assessment. Only properties whose values have changed will be notified that their assessment has changed. You will not receive a notice of change if your valuation remains the same as last year. This is your only opportunity to grieve your assessment. Properties are valued at fair market value so if you do not think you could sell your house for the amount it is assessed at you should talk to the Listers and find out how your property is being valued. A notice will be posted stating the date that the Listers will be available to discuss discrepancies.

The Listers are on track to complete the Grand List in early June; Which means that the Selectboard should be able to set the tax rate in early July.

If all goes well we will begin mailing tax bills by the middle of July. Please remember to check over your tax bill as soon as you receive it. Errors can be easily corrected when enough time is allotted to deal with the State and other variables. If your information does not make sense to you or you want to understand it better PLEASE contact the town offices and have a Lister go over your appraisal with you.

Barb Torian, Treasurer

New Haven Historical Society

This month's guest speaker will be Bernie Noble who will be doing a presentation on the Revolutionary War. We will meet in the New Haven Community Library on Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at 7:00pm. Refreshments to follow the presentation. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Betty Bell @ 989-4066.

New Haven Conservation Commission

If you are interested in the conservation of our landscape or wildlife in town and enjoy the outdoors then we have an opportunity for you.

The NHCC is setting up subcommittees for the purpose of taking an inventory of our wildlife and land preservation in New Haven and reporting it to the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife as well as the town Planning Commission. This might include some training, documentation writing, photography and outdoor field work. Devote as little or as much time as your schedule allows. Volunteers are needed for:

Please email Dean Percival at deanpc1@gmail.com if you are interested

Herps Committee – identify amphibians and reptiles, document their location, prepare reports.

Wildlife Committee – identify our wildlife, document their location, identify “corridors” and prepare reports.

Trails Committee – work with the Parks and Rec Committee to inspect and maintain trails, identify new trails, create maps for public use.

Ancient Roads Committee – by statute we have one year to identify “ancient roads” in town and protect them. Reviewing old deeds, finding the roads, preparing state documents and working with landowners.

New Haven Community Library

We now have a wonderful outside seating option at the library! Please stop by and check out our brand new picnic table, bought with funds from a very generous donation given by Jack DeVoe. We look forward to many years of outdoor library activities and also welcome patrons and townspeople to read in the sun, lunch with friends, and catch up on news around this comfortable, attractive table. Thank you so much, Jack!

On Wednesday, June 11 at 7pm, the New Haven Historical Society will be hosting Bernie Noble, a Revolutionary War re-enactor at the library.

Our summer reading program theme this year is **Fizz! Boom! Read!** with a focus on the fascinating world of science. Our kick off program this year will be held on Tuesday, July 1 at the library and will feature Kristin Littlefield, a teacher and 4 Winds Nature Institute Instructor. Kristin will be presenting a show using puppets, activities, and a project, on "Luminescence".

Our summer program will continue on subsequent Tuesdays in July, with many fun activities. As usual, there will be special bookmarks and reading records, a great way to motivate children to read throughout the summer, and all children who participate will receive a book and some special extras at the end of the program.

A reminder that we have some popular free summer passes here at the library for you to check out. We have a State Parks pass, and a Vermont Historic Sites pass. (Both allow free access with the limit of up to 8 people in one vehicle). Passes may be checked out for one day at a time, and are due back before the library re-opens.

Happy Summer! Deborah Lundbeck, Town Librarian

Friends of the Library

We heartily thank all those who donated books to the April Library Book Sale!

There was a wide range of books for sale and the quality was high overall. In fact, many of the donated books ended up as part of the Library Collection. Please keep this in mind when you gather books to donate to our next Book Sale in the fall! As usual, all proceeds will go toward funding library projects.

The Friends' next meeting will be on June 4 where we will be electing officers for the upcoming year, making final decisions about a new Friends brochure, discussing current fundraisers, and looking at projects that the Friends will fund over the summer. All are welcome.

The Friends will not be meeting during July and August, but will begin to meet again in September.

Norma Norland

Clerk News The following volunteers have helped me fold newsletters this year. Without their help it would have been extremely difficult to get it out every month on time. A huge thank you to Betty Bell, Pat Kennelly, Mary Pratt & Robin Landon, who supervises the students from Beeman Elementary School. Respectfully, Pam Kingman

June 2014 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
1	2 DRB Mtg. 7pm TO	3 Story Hour 10:30am L Selectboard Mtg. 7pm TO	4 Library Friends Mtg. 7pm L	5 ZUMBA 6-7pm G	6 Bone Builders Exercise Class 10:30am G	7 Recycle 8am-12pm TG *MAUHS Graduation 10am
8	9 Planning Commission Mtg. 7pm TO	10 Final Story Hour 10:30am L Beeman School Board Mtg 5:30pm	11 Historical Society 7pm L 4H Twilight Tails 6:30pm C	12 ZUMBA 6-7pm G Energy Mtg: 7pm L Library Teen Group 7pm L	13 Bone Builders Exercise Class 10:30am G	14 Recycle 8am-12pm TG
15	16 *Beeman Graduation 9am G DRB Mtg. 7pm TO	17 Selectboard Mtg. 7pm TO	18 Ladies Union Mtg. 7pm CH	19 ZUMBA 6-7pm G Library Trustees Mtg. 7pm	20 Bone Builders Exercise Class 10:30am G	21 Recycle 8am-12pm TG
22	23	24	25 Library Teen Group 7pm L	26 ZUMBA 6-7pm G Game Night 6:30-9pm L	27 Bone Builders Exercise Class 10:30am G	28 Recycle 8am-12pm TG
29	30					

Please check the Beeman website for School events and/or meetings, or call 453-2331.

*If your town group or club would like its meetings or events listed in the Town Newsletter Calendar, please contact Suzy at 453-5978; 453-3516 ext. #17 or newhavenrec@gmavt.net or cscasam@gmavt.net by the 15th of the month prior to the event for publishing. Thank You, Suzy Roorda

*Congratulations to all of our New Haven Graduates!!! We are so very proud of you!

Rent the Town Hall for your own events or parties, or to teach classes. Call Suzy at 453-3516 for info.

FREE On-Going Bone Builders Exercise Class on Fridays at the Town Hall at 10:30am. Call Suzy at 453-5978, or just come!

To Register in any Town group or club, please call one of the phone numbers listed below. 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. 989-4066 * ZUMBA 453-6919 * Crime Watch 453-5978 & Police 388-4919 * Mary Johnson Children's Center 388-4304 * Swing Dance 475-2349 * Bone Builders 453-5978 * Tai Chi 545-2106

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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



Where is it? Where is this? 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. Deadline June 15.

Where was it? "You are looking at Huntington falls generator plant; you are in a boat looking east or in Pam Marsh's back yard. The old rattling bridge is just in back of the falls." Jim Walsh (Correct Answers: Paul Dupoise, Jim Walsh, Pam Marsh, John Hamel, James Bachand)

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

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