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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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Clerk News

Hope to see you at **Town Meeting on Monday, March 2, 2015** beginning at 6:30 pm. Beeman School goes first this year, with the Town to immediately follow. There will be an A La Carte Dinner in the cafeteria starting at 5:30, and you can enjoy a great meal prior to the meeting. **Voting** will be on **Tuesday, March 3, 2015** in the Town Hall gym from 7:00 am – 7:00 pm. Your vote is your voice.

Rabies Clinic: The Rabies Clinic will be **Saturday, March 21, 2015 at the Town Offices** from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm. This clinic is for cats and dogs only. Dr. Randy Ross will administer the vaccinations, which are \$15.00 each. You will be able to license your dog(s) during the clinic, spayed/neutered cost \$8.00 and unspayed/unneutered cost \$12.00.

Respectfully,
Pam Kingman, Town Clerk

Selectboard News

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Town Meeting is Monday night, March 2nd with the Beeman meeting beginning at 6:30 and the Town meeting following right after. There will be a dinner for the benefit of the New Haven Cub Scouts starting at 5:30. Australian ballot voting will be on Tuesday, March 3rd from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. Please vote and let your voice be heard.

There are several articles which are different from years past, and I would like to explain them:

Article 2: At the Town Meeting in 2013, it was voted to eliminate the office of the elected auditors. The Selectboard, with some support of the auditor assistants, would like the auditors to be elected by the voters. This will be voted at the Town Meeting on Monday night. You must be present to vote on this article.

Article 3: By State Statute, the compensation of the Selectboard is set by the elected auditors. With the absence of elected auditors, the compensation of the Selectboard members can only be changed by the voters of the Town. This will be voted at the Town Meeting on Monday night. You must be present to vote on this article.

Article 9: The Development Review Board (DRB) requested that the members be compensated for their service to the Town. There was much discussion on the Selectboard concerning volunteerism, other committees and levels of responsibility. Both the DRB and the Planning Commission are making decisions that impact the Town in many ways. Since there was no consensus on the Selectboard, it was decided to put this issue before the voters. If approved, it would be an increase in the General Fund budget of \$8,268, which includes the stipend and Town's share of the required Social Security taxes. This will be voted by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 3rd.

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Article 10: By State Statute, cemeteries must be fenced. The fence around the Riverside Cemetery is in extreme disrepair. The Riverside Cemetery Fund will be depleted in 2015 to cover the cost of mowing. We would like to add to the Fund and accumulate the monies to replace the fence. This would spread the cost of fence repair over two to four years. This will be voted by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 3rd.

Article 12: As you may know, there are a number of solar arrays that have gone up in Town and several more that are being proposed and/or being investigated. As a Selectboard, we have agreed to intervene in opposition to the proliferation of solar arrays. The cost of opposing the solar arrays could be substantial. The Town Plan suggests that solar arrays be no more than 300 kW. While we are not opposed to solar arrays, we are concerned about the size, siting and setbacks of the solar arrays being proposed. This is a very contentious issue, with very strong opinions on both sides so the Selectboard is asking the voters if they would like to spend tax money to oppose solar arrays that do not conform to the Town Plan. This will be voted by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 3rd.

Article 13: This article is exactly as the petition was worded. The background on this article is that Steve and Marcia Dupoise own a 30 acre parcel at the corner of Belden Falls Road and Route 7. Currently, the southern 10 acres are zoned Highway Commercial and the northern 20 acres are zoned Rural Agricultural. They requested the Planning Commission to change the zoning of the remainder of their property from Rural Agricultural to Highway Commercial. This is supported by the Town Plan that was adopted in March, 2011. The Planning Commission held a properly warned hearing and recommended that the Selectboard adopt the change in zoning on this parcel. The Selectboard held a properly warned hearing on the issue and voted to approve the change to Highway Commercial. This petition was received by the Town within the timeline allowed for the voters to consider the issue. A "yes" vote would change the property to Highway Commercial and a "no" vote would keep the property as Rural Agricultural. This will be voted by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 3rd.

I hope the above clears up any confusion on the articles to be voted on by you, the people of the Town. If you have further questions, come to Town Meeting or contact a Selectboard member for any clarification.

Another issue that will impact everyone is the implementation of Act 148, which is the **Universal Recycling Law**, passed in 2012. As of July 1, 2015, all recyclable materials must be recycled. That doesn't sound like a big change. However, the change is that trash haulers must provide recycling pick up at no charge. Currently, the Town is paying Casella approximately \$700 per month for the recycling service they provide on Saturdays. As of July 1st, that service will no longer be billed to the Town. However, the cost of disposing the trash will increase significantly. Casella is looking at their options under this new law and how they can cost-effectively serve the Town. Continuing the current drop off on Saturday may not be a viable option for Casella so I wanted to give everyone a heads up that a change will be coming, effective July 1st. The Selectboard will have discussions with Casella, once they have a proposal for us. More information on this law can be seen at www.anr.state.vt.us

Attend Town Meeting, Get Informed, VOTE.
Respectfully submitted, Kathy Barrett, Chair

ZUMBA

Join me Thursdays
6:00pm – 7:00pm
New Haven Town Gym
For some sweatin' & shakin',
but most of all smilin'!

Wear comfortable workout clothes & bring water!

First Class Free! 5 class card = \$35
10 class card = \$60 20 class card = \$110
Drop In Per Class = \$10

FYI— Random classes will have a raffle drawing for a Free Class!

Stacey Sherman
802-349-0026

<http://staceysherman.zumba.com>

Habitat is Key
The Armchair Naturalist Speaker Series

Thursday, March 19th at 7:00 PM

Town Office, 78 North Street, New Haven

March's Armchair Naturalist will feature Lisa Sausville from Vermont Coverts: Woodlands for Wildlife. Lisa will be presenting on the importance of habitat connectivity to our wildlife resources here in Vermont. Vermont Coverts is a small non-profit dedicated to educating landowners and others about sound forest management and wildlife stewardship. Covert, pronounced "Cuvert" is an old English word for cover or thicket. To meet its mission Vermont Coverts produces, sponsors and co-sponsors a number of programs and workshops to reach out to Vermonters. To learn more about Vermont Coverts visit their website at www.vtcoverts.org. Come and learn how we can make a difference for wildlife on our own properties.

Lisa Sausville, Executive Director, Vermont Coverts: Woodlands for Wildlife, Inc.
PO Box 81, Middlebury, VT 05753, (802) 877-2777, lisa@vtcoverts.org

Tim Bouton

New Haven Community Library News

Our new cataloging system is now in place, and although there is more work to do we are excited to be able to offer patrons a variety of new options for managing their accounts. Several patrons have asked me if they are now "expected" to manage their accounts, so please be clear that if you wish to continue exactly as before, you may. There is no obligation at all to change the way you've been doing things, but for those who would like to jump into the online system I think you'll be pleased with the amount of control you now have.

Thanks to some wonderfully generous donations, and several months of not ordering materials in order to make the conversion easier, we now have a lot of great new materials at the library. I hope you'll stop in to check out our new books, DVDs, and audio CDs. And please be sure to let me know if you have any acquisition suggestions. I'm always happy to take patron recommendations into consideration. I hope that you are all staying cozy and warm in these very chilly days.

Deborah Lundbech, Town Librarian

Friends News

We were delighted to have had a full house for our Vermont Humanities Council speaker Jeanne Brink on January 21st. Ms. Brink had an attentive audience for her vision and experiences as a member of today's Western Abenaki.

There are two upcoming events hosted or sponsored by the Friends of the New Haven Community Library. The Spring Book Sale will take place on Saturday, April 11th. Check the next Newsletter for exact times and further details. Another date to keep in mind is Saturday, May 16th when the Friends plan a fundraiser at the Lincoln Peak Winery.

Stay tuned for news of a talk about gardening in March. Details to come.

Thanks to the Friends who helped at the Ripton Coffee House event. Many thanks (again!) to departing member Gail Regan for her many and invaluable contributions as President of the Friends of the Library.

Norma Norland

Fitness Boot Camp in New Haven, VT

Are you tired of the same old routine? This boot camp style class will pump you up! It is a high intensity, interval training workout that will boost strength, cardiovascular fitness, agility, and endurance. We will use core exercises, body weight, plyometrics, kettle bells, medicine balls, and more to give you the best workout ever! The class can be modified for any level or ability.

When: Mondays: 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30 (no class on 4/6)
4/13, 4/20

Time: 5:30–6:30 PM

Location: 78 N. Street, New Haven Town Hall Gym, next to the Beeman School.

Cost: \$10 to drop in. Pre-register by 3/2 and pay \$55 for the 6 week series.

Walk- ins always welcome!

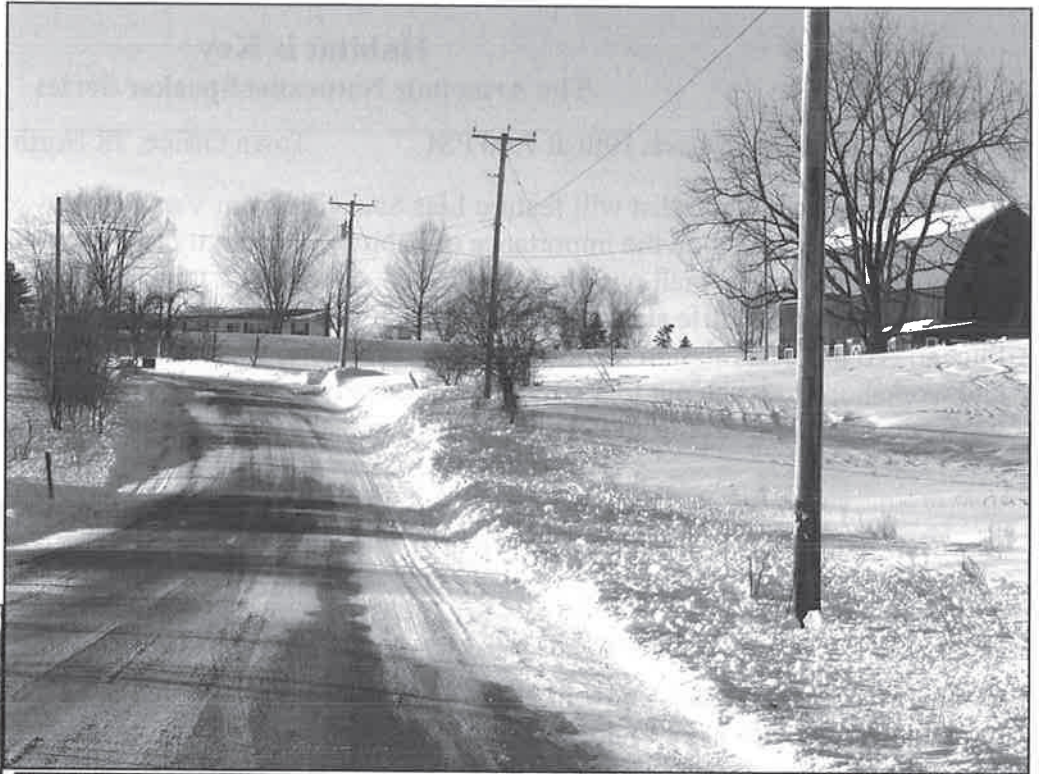
Email: ginger54@sover.net for registration information or call 802–343–7160.

Instructor: Ginger Lambert

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.

Deadline March 15.
Jim Gallott



Where Was It?

"I believe this months picture is on camp ground rd. headed west going by pikes on the right just before r/r crossing" - Dawn Shepard

Correct Answers: Ed Rybka, Jim Walsh, Josie Davis, Dawn Shepard

Letter about Article 13 Question on Rezoning

To Fellow New Haven Residents,

To begin, having the opportunity to express a point of view in our town newsletter is greatly appreciated and we would like to acknowledge that. The purpose of this commentary is to present an opinion on Article 13 which will be on the Australian Ballot for Town Meeting Day, March 3rd.

In simple terms, the article asks the voters whether they think the 20 acre parcel on the southwest corner of RT 7 and Belden Falls Road (which is also the intersection of the south end of River Road) should be changed from its present zoning of agricultural/rural to become highway commercial.

We strongly think that voting "No" on Article 13 would be the right decision for the following reasons:

1. When people purchase property as agricultural/residential they should have no expectation that it should undergo rezoning to highway commercial (which has been the objective with this being the third attempt in about 8 years).
2. When individual parcels are considered for rezoning one at a time in a piecemeal fashion that is spot zoning which is not the intention behind town planning.

3. The Townspeople solidly voted this exact question down before in 2008 and 2010.

4. As the southern gateway to New Haven a parcel the size of 20 acres could be developed many ways including a large shopping/office plaza or gas station/convenience store complex similar to that being built in Ferrisburgh. These types of developments are contrary to certain Town Plan goals for the RT 7 corridor: one being to keep traffic moving and the other to preserve the scenic vistas.

Please carefully consider whether or not your vote for Article 13 is in the best interest of the town and is in keeping with the Character of New Haven? Would rezoning solve a problem or provide for a better future? Who would benefit now and in the future? Will our children thank us if RT 7 is lined with businesses from Middlebury to Vergennes?

We believe that there is no need to develop this parcel and support a "No" vote.

We are also in full support of Susie Leonard's Letter which presents another aspect of this issue about Article 13 that was in last month's February issue of the New Haven Town Newsletter. Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Jono Chapin, Tammy Newmark, and Susan Smiley

Memo Re: Zoning Petition

TO: New Haven Selectboard
FROM: Cindy Ellen Hill, Esq.
DATE: 2-15-2015
RE: Article 13 Is a Substantive Vote On The Zoning Change

I've been asked to clarify the meaning of Article 13 on the 2015 Town Meeting Warrant for the Town of New Haven. The proposed article, mirroring the exact language of the petition, states as follows:

Article 13. We the Undersigned voters of the Town of New Haven, Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. [section] 4442(d), hereby petition the Selectboard of the Town of New Haven to call a special meeting/town wide vote to consider whether the amendment that affects only and more specifically the remaining portion of parcel #0787 on map 12, the southwest corner of Belden Falls Road and Route 7, not currently designated as Highway Commercial, should be changed from its designation as "Rural Agricultural District (RA-5 and RA-10)" pursuant to section 1002 and 1003 (NHZB) to "Highway Commercial District (HC)" pursuant to section 1005 (NHZB). By Australian Ballot.

A plain reading of Article 13 raises the syntax question: Are we voting on *having a meeting* or are we voting on *the zoning change*?

It is somewhat unfortunate that the petition was worded and fashioned in precisely this manner, but the reason behind that wording is found in the underlying statute it references -- where the answer to this question is also found. 14 VSA §4442(d) states as follows:

*(d) Petition for popular vote. Notwithstanding subdivision (c)(1) of this section, a vote by the legislative body on a bylaw, amendment, or repeal shall not take effect if five percent of the voters of the municipality petition for a meeting of the municipality to consider the bylaw, amendment, or repeal, and the petition is filed within 20 days of the vote. **In that case, a meeting of the municipality shall be duly warned for the purpose of acting by Australian ballot upon the bylaw, amendment, or repeal.***

CONCLUSION:

The highlighted portion of this statute clarifies the purpose of the vote. When the petition to call a meeting on the zoning issue has been received, the Town must warn a meeting and vote, NOT on whether to have a meeting or vote, but rather for the purpose of acting on the zoning change itself. A YES vote supports the zoning change for Parcel #0787 and results in that parcel being zoned Highway Commercial; a NO vote rejects the zoning change for Parcel #0787 and results in the parcel remaining in the Rural Agricultural zone.

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RECOMMENDATION FOR FUTURE PETITIONS:

It is an accepted best practice for the Town to place on the Town Meeting Warnings the exact language of a petition submitted by residents of the Town. If the Town Clerk or Selectboard start altering the language of submitted petitions--even for purposes of clarification-- they run the risk of changing the meaning and intent of the petition and not accurately reflecting the wishes of the petitioners.

It is helpful if petitioners, therefore, are as clear as possible in the wording of their petition, and specify which portion of their petition should comprise the Warning. For example, this petition could have been more clearly worded as follows:

We the Undersigned voters of the Town of New Haven, Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. [section]4442(d), hereby petition the Selectboard of the Town of New Haven to call a special meeting/town wide vote to consider the following question:

“Whether the zoning designation that affects only and more specifically the remaining portion of parcel #0787 on map 12, the southwest corner of Belden Falls Road and Route 7, not currently designated as Highway Commercial, should be changed from its designation as “Rural Agricultural District (RA-5 and RA-10)” pursuant to section 1002 and 1003 (NHZB) to “Highway Commercial District (HC)” pursuant to section 1005 (NHZB).” By Australian Ballot.

Petitions submitted in this fashion make it crystal clear that the first paragraph, regarding calling a meeting, is addressed to the Selectboard as per the statute, and the second paragraph is what should go on the Warning for the meeting that the Selectboard will call. It might be helpful to have something available with some examples for residents who are petitioning in the future to help avoid any confusion that may arise over the purpose of the vote.

(signed) _____

Cindy Ellen Hill, Esq.

March 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 *

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Cub Scouts Meet 4pm CH	2 Town Meeting 6:30pm -Gym Town Dinner at 5:30pm C Sponsored by the Cub Scouts.	3 VOTE 7am-7pm Town Hall Town Office Closed Library Story Hour 10:30am L Tai Chi Maintenance 1pm CH	4 Fire Dept. Mtg. 7pm FD Library Friends Mtg. 7pm L	5 ZUMBA Class 6-7pm G	6 Bone Builders Exercise Class 10:30am CH	7 Recycle 8am-12pm TG 4H Quiz Bowl 9am-12pm G
8 Daylight Savings~ YAY! Set your clocks ahead! Cub Scouts Meet 4pm CH	9 Planning Commission Meeting 7pm TO Exercise Boot Camp 5:30pm G Call Ginger at 388-6252.	10 Library Story Hour 10:30am L Tai Chi Maintenance 1pm CH Selectboard Mtg. 7pm TO	11 4H Twilight Tails 6:30pm C	12 ZUMBA Class 6-7pm G Energy Meeting 7pm L Call Rick at 453-4752 to confirm.	13 No School K-12 Parent Conferences Bone Builders Exercise Class 10:30am CH	14 Recycle 8am-12pm TG
15 Cub Scouts Meet 4pm CH	16 DRB Meeting 7pm TO Exercise Boot Camp 5:30pm G	17 St. Patrick's Day Library Story Hour 10:30am L Tai Chi Maintenance 1pm CH	18 Ladies Union Mtg. 7p CH	19 ZUMBA Class 6-7pm G Lib. Trustees Mtg. 7pm L Conservation Commis- sion Special Speaker "Woodlands" 7pm TO	20 Bone Builders Exercise Class 10:30am CH	21 Recycle 8am-12pm TG Rabies Clinic at the Town Office 1pm-2pm.
22 Fire Dept. Breakfast 7am-11am C Cub Scouts Meet 4pm CH	23 Exercise Boot Camp 5:30pm G	24 Library Story Hour 10:30am L Tai Chi Maintenance 1pm CH Selectboard Mtg. 7pm TO	25 Library Game Night 6:30pm L	26 ZUMBA Class 6-7pm G	27 Bone Builders Exercise Class 10:30am CH Beeman Cake Walk-Gym Call for info 453-2331	28 Recycle 8am-12pm TG
29 Palm Sunday Cub Scouts Meet 4pm CH	30 Exercise Boot Camp 5:30pm G	31 Library Story Hour 10:30am L Tai Chi Maintenance 1pm CH				
Interested in Tai Chi Maintenance Classes? Call Mary Pratt at 545-2106	Rent the Town Hall for your own events or parties, or to teach classes. Please sub- mit your application at least 3 weeks prior to your event	to allow the Selectboard time to review and process the application. Applica- tions available at the Town Office or on the Town's web site.	*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,	newhavenrec@gmavt. net or cscasam@ gmavt.net by the 15th of the month prior to the event for publish- ing. Thanks	To register in any Town group or club, please call one of the phone numbers listed below. Thanks~	Join "Exercise Boot Camp" with Ginger Lambert beginning March 9th! 388-6252 to register for class.

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 *
* Crime Watch 453-5978 & Police 388-4919 * Mary Johnson Children's Center 388-4304 * Boot Camp 388-6252 * Bone Builders 453-5978 * Tai Chi-545-2106 * ZUMBA 758-2482 *

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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 jmsimmons@gmavt.net Jean Simmons

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