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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:

This month has been relatively quiet for the Board. We signed the new Dog Ordinance, which has been warned; signed the VAST request and a couple of liquor licenses. We also signed the Lister Notice of No Appeal or Suit Pending along with a minor revision of the Personnel Policy. We also signed the formation of a Committee to study the Train Station. I'm hoping to have a meeting of this Committee before Town Meeting.

The Road Crew has been busy with winter road work, plowing and salting. The Selectboard also approved the posting of the roads when the time comes. There has been some vandalizing of road signs on Plank Road so please if you see something - please let us know.

The Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, along with the Town Administrator have been prepping for Town Meeting. Town Meeting will be held remotely as you know and there's been a lot of preparation done in advance to try to assure a smooth meeting as this is new to all of us. Please get out and vote as this is YOUR Town and we certainly value your input.

Steve Dupoise

Town Administrator's Update:

Thanks to residents who took the online survey about how they plan to participate in Town Meeting Day this year. While the survey was advertised only on Front Porch Forum, we received over 50 responses and found that a vast majority plan to attend the information session Monday, March 1 at 6:30 by computer or tablet and they have experience with online meetings. That helps our planning tremendously. Again, if you absolutely need some kind of in-person accommodation for the informational meeting, please contact the Town Office as soon as possible. We must meet state guidelines to provide you and your household with a 100-square-foot area for social distancing. See the Town Meeting insert on page 2 for more information.

Energy improvements at the Town Garage and Fire Department are already paying off. According to data from our smart thermostats, the new systems in the Fire Department saved 16% in monthly costs. It's more difficult to estimate the Town Garage, which had a used oil burner before we upgraded to an efficient gas furnace. What is clear is the road crew enjoys a healthier, quieter, and more comfortable workplace.

Aaron Brown,
Town Administrator

Zoning Administrators Report:

The most recent draft of the town energy plan is available at <https://bit.ly/3ccazNk>. The Planning Commission will hold a remote hearing on the proposed plan at 6:00 PM on March 8. Please visit the website or call the office for information about how to log into the meeting. After the hearing, the Planning Commission will resume work on some zoning revisions. Tentative agenda items include defining tiny houses and creating regulations around helipads and airstrips!

Aaron Brown, Zoning Administrator

Clerk News: Town Meeting will be a little different this year. We will meet virtually via GoToMeeting. The meeting will still begin at 6:30pm, you can log-in or call using the instructions in the Town Meeting Warning; page 2 of this newsletter or the front page of the Town Report. Polls will be open for in person voting on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 in the Town Hall gym from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm. Please plan to practice social distancing, as well as wearing a mask. Thank you! If you'd prefer to vote by absentee ballot, please call the Town Office at 453 - 3516; Mon. - Thurs. 8:30am - 4:00pm, and we can mail your ballots. You can also request a ballot on the Secretary of States website: <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us/> You can also register to vote there.

Due to COVID-19 we will **NOT** be hosting a Rabies Clinic in March. However, Tractor Supply in Middlebury is hosting a Rabies Clinic on Saturday, February 27, 2021 from 9:30-11:00 am. Dog Licenses are due by April 1st of every year - this is not a Town "thing" this is mandated by State Statute. Licensing fees are: \$9.00 for spayed/neutered and \$13.00 for unspayed/unneutered.

Respectfully, Pam Kingman

2021 Guide To Town Meeting

This year's Town Meeting will obviously be much different than what many of us are accustomed to due to COVID. Here's a quick guide for what to expect:

The Town will offer two ways to remotely connect to the informational meeting Monday, March 1 at 6:30 PM. **You can participate that evening (1) by audio only using a phone or (2) by video using a computer, tablet, or smart phone through the website GoToMeeting.** The log-in information for both options appears below. We recommend installing GoToMeeting on your computer or other device before the meeting.

Remote attendance is strongly encouraged. If you absolutely require an in-person option to participate in the informational meeting, please contact us or drop by the Town Office to discuss your needs by Monday, February 22, 2021. Office hours are Mon. – Thurs. 8:30 - 4:00 pm.

Question and comments about warrant articles may be submitted in advance by 12:00 PM

February 26. Please email Aaron Brown at newhavenzoning@gmavt.net, drop off a hard copy in the Office drop box, or call 453-3516.

Voting will take place on Tuesday, March 2, 2021: Polls are open in the Town Hall Gym from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. You are required to wear a mask and please practice social distancing.

Absentee ballots may be used instead of in-person voting. You may request an absentee ballot up until 4:00 PM March 1st; however - you are responsible for returning the ballot prior to the close of polls on Tuesday, March 2nd.

The informational meeting will include comments from local legislators, candidates for contested town office, the Town Administrator, and the Energy Committee at the beginning.

To ask a question at the informational meeting: the preferred option is to use the chat function in the GoToMeeting online platform. Town Administrator Aaron Brown will direct chat comments to Town Moderator Pam Marsh on specific warnings in the order that the articles appear. After addressing comments posted in the chat, we will unmute users to see if any phone-only participants have comments – at the conclusion of each article and then at the end for general comments. Please identify yourself when you speak.

Patience! Many residents have experience working remotely at this point, but we understand that some do not. None of us has experienced a remote Town Meeting. Exercise kindness and understanding.

A reminder of community: it's been a difficult year and we haven't seen many of our neighbors in a while. Use this remote Town Meeting to safely connect with your community.

Log-In Information
2021 New Haven Town Meeting
Mon, Mar 1, 2021 6:30 PM (EST)

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/293610813>

You can also dial in using your phone.

United States: [+1 \(646\) 749-3122](tel:+16467493122)

Access Code: 293-610-813

New to GoToMeeting? Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/293610813>

<p>New Haven Community Library News:</p> <p>My warmest gratitude for the many kind responses to my retirement news. What a wonderful town this is. Thank you all so much!</p> <p>We have a request for library information that perhaps some of you can help with. Our lovely website, www.nhcl.org created and updated by Ruth Penfield, has recently added a "History" to our "About the Library" drop down information bar at the top of the page. If you get the chance, please look over the library history and let us know if you see mistakes - or can give us more information. Thank you!</p> <p>Deborah Lundbech, Director</p>	<p>Plank Road Street signs Vandalized / Stolen:</p> <p>The Town has seen repeated vandalism and theft of road signs on Plank Road. If someone you know is responsible for this: help us stop it. It is a federal crime to tamper with traffic signs and area police are well aware of the situation. Furthermore, whoever is responsible is costing the town hundreds of dollars per incident and forcing the road crew to do unnecessary work when they could be plowing, grading, etc. instead. Tips may be reported anonymously to the Town or to the Addison County Sherriff's Department at 388-2981.</p> <p>Aaron Brown, Road Commissioner</p>
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The Conservation Commission The New Haven Conservation Commission will be meeting with the Planning Commission in March to explore forest fragmentation. The Bio-finder presentation has been postponed until a later date. We hope for safer times and being able to resume our field walks. We are all looking forward to spring!

Cheryl Mitchell

March 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 meetings are still scheduled**	1 Town Meeting 6:30PM— remote access	2 Town Meeting Voting-Polls open 7:00am-7:00pm G	3	4	5	6 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices
7	8 PC Public Hearing – Energy Plan 6:00pm Planning Commission MTG 7PM TO	9 Selectboard Mtg 7PM TO	10	11	12	13 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices
14 Daylight Savings begins	15 DRB MTG 7PM TO	16	17	18	19	20 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices
21	22	23 Selectboard Mtg. 7PM TO	24	25	26	27 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices
28	29	30	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

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 15th of the month to newhavenclerk@gmavt.net or 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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