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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

Clerk News:

Town Meeting is on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the New Haven Town Hall. We will be meeting in person; please remember to bring your town report with you. Please come and be informed about your town. Voting will take place in the same location; polls are open from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm. Your vote is your voice.

We will be hosting a **Rabies Clinic on Saturday, March 25, 2023 from 9:00 - 11:00 am.** This is for cats and dogs only. Dr. Randy Ross from Champlain Valley Small Animal Mobile Clinic will be administering the vaccinations. Please leave your pets in your vehicle, Dr. Ross will come to you. Cost for each vaccination is \$20.00, cash or check. During the Rabies Clinic, the Town Offices will be open to license your dog(s). Cost for licensing are \$9.00 for spay/neutered and \$11.00 for unspayed/unneutered. Dog Licenses are due by April 1st of every year. Fees increase after April 1st.

Respectfully, Pam Kingman

Townwide Reappraisal

The Town of New Haven will begin to implement a Townwide reappraisal this year. The State of Vermont requires that Towns initiate a reappraisal when the CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) is less than .85 and New Haven's is currently .8055.

This will be approximately a 3 year project with an anticipated completion date of April 2026.

The Town of New Haven has entered into a contract with Spencer Potter of Vermont Municipal Assessor (VMA), who is the current assessor for the Town. Spencer will be inspecting each property and conduct an exterior (includes pictures and measurements) and a interior inspection. If the property owner is not available when Spencer conducts the exterior inspection, he will leave a postcard which will provide the homeowner with instructions on how to set-up an appointment for the interior inspection.

At the end of the 3-year process, everyone will receive information regarding the revised values for their property / properties and will have the ability to discuss and / or appeal those values prior to taxes due in 2026.

Train Depot update:

This will be my final newsletter as a New Haven Selectboard member. It was a sad moment writing that last sentence. I have truly enjoyed being a member of this Board for the last eight years. I was shocked to be mentioned in the Town Report. There have been many before me that have contributed more than I have and there will be many more after me that will do the same, as well as our current Board members. That being said, I hope that this next Board will allow me to complete my undertaking to finish the Depot.

On to the Train Depot, as was mentioned in the Town Report, we've hired a grant writer to help us secure funding to complete the interior and get it ready for its next use. The plan at this time is to use half of it for the Historical Society and to rent the other half in order to provide income for future maintenance. The Depot is in its final location and the current interior walls are now supported. The facade and brick work around the foundation has been completed. The next step is to pour the basement floor and prepare for the final rehab. Certainly, if anyone from New Haven or the surrounding area would like to donate to this project, we are accepting donations. We've already had a few.

I do wish to thank the Townspeople for electing me four times. It's an honor that I can't repay. I'm confident that the two people who are running for the open positions will continue to contribute to the community that I'm so proud to be a part of.

Respectfully, Steve Dupoise

New Haven Community Library News:

The Library has partnered with the Conservation Commission again to co-host a Community Read program on Suzanne Simard's *Finding the Mother Tree*. The Library has multiple copies of the book available for loan to the community and the Library and Commission will host a community discussion on March 23rd at 6:30 pm via Zoom. Stop by the library to grab a copy of the book and email me at librarian@nhcl.org to register for the program. On April 5th at 6:30 pm, the Library will host a presentation with fungi educator, author, and photographer Meg Madden to celebrate the release of her book on the world of fungi appreciation, *This is a Book for People Who Love Mushrooms*. Meg's new book is a "welcoming guide to the world of mushrooms" with "punchy profiles, informative sidebars, full-color illustration," and the perfect size to pack along for your next mushrooming adventure! The program will include a presentation by the author and a book signing. Books will be available for purchase at the program.

And save the date for Saturday, April 15th when Angela Burke Kunkel will be joining us at 10:00 am to celebrate the release of her new children's book--*Make Way: the Story of Robert McCloskey, Nancy Schön, and Some Very Famous Ducklings!* There will be a reading of the book, crafts, refreshments, and a book signing. Books will also be available for purchase at the program.

Make sure to mark your calendars or stop by the library to chat with me about any of our standing programs like Storytime, Book Club, Game Night, and Craft Circle! Dates are always on our website calendar at nhcl.org, and I'm happy to answer questions at your next visit.

Katie Male-Riordan
Library Director

The Planning Commission has an open position and welcomes anyone interested in serving to attend their next meeting on Monday, March 13th. The Planning Commission regularly meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7 p.m. and is currently working on updating the Town's zoning and subdivision regulations. If you are interested in joining the commission, please visit the Town's website at <https://www.newhavenvt.com/> and click on "Permits and Forms," to fill out a Volunteer application.

The Development Review Board is also looking for 2 new members to act as alternates. Please follow the same directions above for a volunteer application.

Thank you!

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More details on all of GMP's rebates and programs for residential customers are online at <https://greenmountainpower.com/rebates-programs/> and include:

- Heat pumps, \$400 rebate with up to \$1,000 in savings for income-eligible customers
- Motorcycle, \$500 rebate
- E-bike, \$200 instant rebate at participating shops
- Induction stove, \$200 rebate
- Lawn tractors and mowers, up to \$100 rebate

Zoning Administrator,  
Peggy Connor

### **Food Closet**

I would like to thank Kayhart Farms and the Rogers family for their generous donation to our February Meat and More. It was a huge success! Not only were we able to supply meat and fresh vegetables, but also eggs, cheese, and homemade soups. Without the help of our local farms and families donating, we would not be able to hold this event. If you would like to donate to Meat and More, you can contact me at [nhccfoodcloset@gmail.com](mailto:nhccfoodcloset@gmail.com) or by phone at 802 - 989 - 5224. Also thank you to all who donate through the month to keep the closet full.

May your days be full of love and sunshine.

Deb Taylor

**New Haven Ladies Union** will hold a rummage/attic sale on Saturday, March 18, 2023 from 8:00 am - noon in the New Haven Congregational Church. Clothes, toys, linens, games, books, bake sale, Rada, plants, kitchen items, and so much more.

If you would like to donate good or excellent quality items; donations may be dropped off Wednesday, March 15, Thursday, March 16 and Friday, March 17 between the hours of 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

**Please no:** encyclopedias, text books, VCR tapes, DVD's, computers, printers, video games, or any outdated technology.

For more info call Carol at 453-5059.

**OUR TOWN**

Sponsored by the New Haven Historical Society. Identify the image in the photo by answering the appropriate question (s). Who? What? Where? When? Why? Send responses to: Bevlandon@mail.com. Win bragging rights for knowing New Haven's history by being the first correct responder. Answer will be in next month's newsletter.



Answer to February's Town history quiz is: The house is located at the top of Beech Hill on South Street. Originally Solomon Brown's brick home built circa 1798. Solomon was a controversial early settler of New Haven. He has been credited by some with firing the first shot at Lexington, starting the Revolutionary War with Great Britain. He served as a soldier in that war for independence. His original homestead was at the base of Beech Hill, closer to the center of the village on South Street.

**February Photo: What? And Where?**  
\* you must answer both questions to qualify.

**Roadside Brush cutting:**

It has been many, many years since this has been done. The Road Crew will be cutting back the brush along the roadsides within the Town's right of way. In the long run, this helps with maintaining the roads. If you have any questions, please call the Town shed @ 453 - 3397.

**March 2023 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                                                                                |
|-----|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|     |                                         |                                                    | 1                                                                  | 2                                                                                                               | 3                                                                | 4<br>Trash & Recycle<br>8AM-12PM<br>Town offices                                   |
| 5   | 6<br>Town Meeting<br>6:30 pm Town Hall  | 7<br>Voting - Polls open<br>7am - 7pm<br>Town Hall | 8                                                                  | 9                                                                                                               | 10                                                               | 11<br>Trash & Recycle<br>8AM-12PM<br>Town Offices                                  |
| 12  | 13 Planning<br>Commission Mtg<br>7PM TO | 14<br>Special Selectboard<br>Mtg 7PM TO            | 15                                                                 | 16                                                                                                              | 17                                                               | 18<br>Trash & Recycle<br>8AM-12PM TO                                               |
| 19  | 20<br>DRB Mtg 7PM TO                    | 21                                                 | 22                                                                 | 23                                                                                                              | 24                                                               | 25 Rabies Clinic<br>9 - 11 am TO<br>Trash & Recycle<br>8AM-12PM TO                 |
| 26  | 27                                      | 28<br>Special Selectboard<br>Mtg 7PM TO            | 29                                                                 | 30                                                                                                              | 31                                                               |                                                                                    |
|     |                                         |                                                    | Interested in renting the<br>Town Hall for a party or<br>function? | Applications can be<br>found on the website:<br>www.newhavenvt.com<br>or call the Town Office<br>at 453 - 3516. | Please submit your<br>application 3 weeks<br>prior to your event | To ensure the<br>Selectboard has<br>sufficient time to<br>review it.<br>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

**Town Offices Closed:  
March 7, 2023  
for voting.**

**Library Hours:**

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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**Appointed Position Available:**

Are you good with dogs, livestock  
and animals in general?  
Please consider becoming our  
Town's Animal Control Officer.  
You will receive a yearly stipend, plus mileage.