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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

We had a great turn out on Town Meeting and voting day; 503 people voted out of 1336 registered voters. I would like to thank all the poll workers: Kathy, Carol, Amy, Kathi, Rae, Jody, Daenan, and Susan, as well as those who went to Mt Abe and Hannaford to count ballots: Barb, Karen, Charlie, & Dave. Thank you all so very much. I would also like to thank Earl Bessette for donating the box of Peppermint Patties; I am beginning to think that's the reason folks come out to vote! I would also like to thank Jane Moulton who bought the poll workers fresh donuts from the Bakery—They were still warm and delicious! I would also like to acknowledge all the families who put together a wonderful meal and all the goodies that they brought upstairs for Town Meeting and voting. Thank you!

Don't forget **Dogs Licenses** are due on or before April 1st.

Happy Spring!

Respectfully submitted, Pam Kingman

Treasurer News

Please file your **Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Adjustment Claim** form, HS-122 (If you own and live in your home) by April 15th. If you know you will be filing for an extension, make sure your tax preparer knows to file the form.

The information on this form is used by the State to determine your property tax adjustment payment. The State then downloads the payment information to the town on a weekly basis. If we have received your information from the State by the time we print tax bills, your adjustment will show on your initial tax bill. Every late filed declaration may get penalized and will require a new tax bill to be sent.

It can become very time consuming and frustrating to figure out why the State has not sent your payment to the town. Last year several people had to come up with money that should have been provided by the State and pay their full tax amount because the Town did not receive the information from the State. We like to be helpful, but there is nothing we can do at the State level.

Thanks, Barb Torian

Annual Spring Candy Hunt on the Town Green

Saturday, April 15th - 10:00am on the Town Green
for Children ages **Preschool - 3rd grade**

The Easter Bunny is always hoppy to see everybody come out for this annual "rain, snow, or sunshine" event. Make sure to bring your basket and your camera!

All children should be accompanied by an adult, and dressed appropriately for the unpredictable spring weather (frozen fingers are no fun). We've been caught out in the rain (and wind...and snow), but a "sweet" time has always been had by all. If the weather is nice, stay and have a picnic on the Town Green!

For more information, please give me a call at 453-5978 or 453-3516 ext.17.
Happy Spring!

Suzy Roorda, Town Events Coordinator

Ladies Union Spring Sale: New Haven Congregational Church

Saturday, April 22nd, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

No clothing at this sale. Sale will include plants, food table, RADA wear, kitchen items, linens & curtains, household items, toys, games, attic treasures, furniture, decor items, garden items, books, and other miscellaneous items.

If you would like to donate items that are in good and excellent condition please call Carol at 453-5059

Barb Saunders

Library News

This year, we are excited to be offering some very cool activities for kids during April vacation!

- On Tuesday, April 25, at 1:30, Gail Martin will be teaching a class on origami, the incredible Japanese paper folding art.
- On Wednesday, April 26, at 1:30, Shelley Doyle will be offering a clay class and teaching kids to use a pottery wheel.
- Thursday, April 27, To be announced.

All classes are free, geared to elementary age kids, and snack will be provided. The classes will begin at 1:30 and will generally run about one and a half hours. Due to material and space considerations, sign-up is required. There will also be thousands of legos available for free form building throughout the week!

Citizenship Preparation Classes

As I mentioned in the previous newsletter, Citizenship Preparation Classes will be offered at the library for any permanent resident (green card holder) interested in becoming an American citizen. Nancy McFadden will conduct the three weekly two-hour sessions. A certified educator, she previously taught citizenship prep classes in Missouri and provided instruction and support so that numerous immigrants were able to become naturalized U.S. citizens. The complete course will cover eligibility requirements, study of the civics and history questions included in the interview, and details of the application for naturalization process.

Classes will take place from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Thursday evenings April 13 and 27, and May 4. (No class on April 20.) Cost of \$75 includes study materials. Please call me at the library if you have further questions.

I'm looking forward to seeing those spring flowers!

Deborah Lundbeck, Director

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Library Friends

Used Book Sale:

Mark your calendars: coming up on Saturday, May 6 from 10 AM to 3 PM is our spring used book sale at the New Haven Town Offices. If you have books to donate to the sale or have questions about books you would like to have included in the sale, check in with librarian, Deborah Lundbeck.

The Friends' selling of goodies on March 4 at the Ripton Coffee House evening netted our library another \$300. A thank you to all contributors!

The next meeting of the Friends of the New Haven Library will be at 7 PM on Wednesday, April 5.

Norma Norland

Selectboard Report

The Selectboard welcomes new member, Taborri Bruhl, and the return of Steve Dupoise. Town Meeting was busy and it was great to see so many people turn out and voice their opinions in the discussion on Monday night and cast their votes on Tuesday. Thank you all.

Our meetings will normally be held on the first and third Tuesday of the month, beginning at 7:00 pm in the Town Office. We will be making appointments to the various committees in April. Volunteer applications may be picked up at the Town Clerk's office or on the website www.newhavenvt.com—under **Permits and Forms, Volunteer Application**. If you are currently on a committee and would like to continue, please send an email to newhavenclerk@gmavt.net to let Pam know.

The open appointed positions are:

- Addison County Regional Planning-2 delegates and 2 alternates – 1 year term each
- Addison County Solid Waste Representative – 1 delegate and 1 alternate - 1 year term
- Conservation Committee – 2 openings for 3 year terms
- 2nd Constable – 1 year term
- Development Review Board – 1 member and 2 alternates - 3 year terms each
- Development Review Board—1—2 year term
- Ass't Dog Warden – 1 year term
- Park Committee – 2 openings for 3 year term
- Planning Commission – 2 openings for 3 year terms
- Fence Viewer – 1 year term
- Town Energy Coordinator – 1 year term
- Town Service Agent – 1 year term
- Transportation Advisory Committee – 2 openings for 1 year term each

In addition, we will be appointing a Grand Juror, as this elected position was not filled on March 7th. Feel free to call a member of any of the committees to discuss the duties of a committee and the time involved, or attend a meeting to observe their process.

We are forwarding the approved Town Plan to Regional Planning and then on to the Department of Public Service (DPS) for review. This will be the first Town Plan to be reviewed by the DPS in the hopes of receiving substantial deference before the Public Service Board and give our voice greater weight in fighting solar projects that do not conform to the Town Plan.

I would like to remind people to check out the website www.newhavenvt.com for minutes of past meetings, and the warning for the upcoming meeting. Since the office is closed on Friday, the warning is usually posted on Thursday. Anyone wishing to be placed on the agenda is encouraged to call Pam Kingman, Selectboard Clerk, prior to Thursday. All board meetings are open to the public and everyone is welcome to just come and listen to learn more about what a committee does.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Barrett, Chair

School Board Report

The School Directors thank the voters of New Haven for your support of the proposed 2017-2018 Beeman Elementary budget. The budget makes necessary investments in learning resources and facilities while holding overall spending growth at less than 1%. Here are the vote tallies from all the ANESU districts.

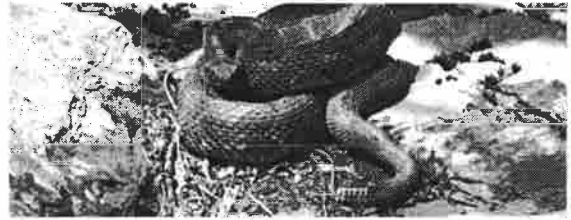
Respectfully submitted by the New Haven School Directors:
Brad Bull (*Chair*), Ed McGuire (*Vice Chair*), Phyllis Smith (*Clerk*)

District	Yes	No	Pass/Fail
Bristol	357	265	Pass
Lincoln	x		Pass (voice)
Monkton	193	139	Pass
Mt. Abe	1333	796	Pass
New Haven	331	163	Pass
Starksboro	x		Pass (voice)

FREE

Rattlesnakes in Vermont

Thursday, April 13, 2016, 7:30 p.m.
New Haven Town Hall



Subject: Can you believe Vermont actually hosts and harbors rattlesnakes? Learn about this reclusive, but much-maligned and misunderstood, reptile and its unique contribution to Vermont's native wildlife community. Doug will reveal some interesting results of his research on this endangered species, and discuss the tough challenges it faces as well as the life history of this original Vermont native animal at the very northern end of its range in the continental US.

The timber rattlesnake is a rare species, and has been designated a Species of Greatest Conservation Need (high priority) in Vermont's Wildlife Action Plan and is endangered in Vermont. In Vermont, they inhabit rock slides, ledges, and nearby woodlands. Do they exist in Addison County? Are there a lot of them? Join us as we learn about this elusive reptile.

Speaker: Doug Blodgett, Wildlife Biologist

Doug holds a B.S. in wildlife biology from the University of Vermont. Throughout his career, Doug has worked extensively on game and non-game management projects as well as public and private land management programs. Doug was the Vermont Wild Turkey Project Team Leader from 1990-2010 and has also assisted on black bear, deer, moose, furbearer and peregrine falcon research projects since 1984. Most recently, Doug's professional interest has focused on reptiles and rare snake research in Vermont.

Don't Miss This One!

The **Armchair Naturalist Speaker Series**, sponsored by the New Haven Conservation Commission, is held during the fall and winter.

The Day Before Easter Bake Sale

Saturday, April 15th at the Village Green Market (across from the Town Green)
7:00 am until 12 noon

There will be delicious homemade baked goods for sale, fresh and just in time for Easter Dinner!

This year the bake sale will help support the Congregational Church's Special Events.

Come by and pick up something yummy! Simultaneously the Church will be hosting a can and bottle drive; look for the decorated truck in the Village Green Market parking lot for can and bottle drop off.

Any New Haven group or club can sign up to host the Annual Bake Sale, just contact Suzy Roorda at 453—5978 or 453—3516, Ext. #17.

April 2017 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 = 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
To register in any town group or club, please call one of the phone numbers listed below. Thanks~	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	time to review and process the application. Applications are available at the Town Office or on the Town web-site. Thanks~				1 Recycle 8am-12pm TG Line Dancing 6-8pm G April Fools Day
2	3 DRB Meeting 7pm TO	4 Library Story Hour 10:30am L Selectboard Meeting 7pm TO	5 Fire Dept. Mtg. 7pm FD Library Friends Meet 7pm L	6	7	8 Recycle 8am-12pm TG Line Dancing 6-8 pm G
9	10 Planning Commission Mtg. 7pm TO	11 Library Open, No Story Hour	12	13 Conservation Commission Speaker Doug Blodgett- "Rattlesnakes" 7:30pm TO Citizenship Class 6pm at the Library	14 Good Friday	15 Recycle 8am-12pm TG Spring Candy Hunt on the Town Green 10am. Bake Sale & Bottle Drive Village Green Mkt 7-Noon. Line Dancing 6-8pm G
Palm Sunday	Passover Begins at Sundown					
16 Easter	17 DRB Meeting 7pm TO	18 Library Story Hour 10:30am L Selectboard Meeting 7pm TO	19 Library Teen Group 6:30pm	20 Library Trustees Mtg. 7pm L	21	22 Recycle 8am-12pm TG Congregational Church Attic Treasures Sale 9-1pm at the Church Line Dancing 6-8pm G
23 Fire Dept. Breakfast 7am-10:30am C \$10/A, \$5/6-	24 No School K-12	25 No School K-12 Library Story Hour 10:30am L Origami Workshop 1:30pm L	26 No School K-12 Pottery Wheel Workshop 1:30pm L Game Night 6:30pm L	27 No School K-12 Citizenship Class 6pm at the Library Library Workshop TBD	28 No School K-12	29 Recycle 8am-12pm TG Line Dancing 6-8 pm G
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Equine 4H 453-5219 * Dairy 4H 545-2484 * Boy Scouts 453-2128 * Girl Scouts 453-4735 * Little League 453-2724 * Historical Soc. 989-4066 * Ladies Union 877-3080 *
* Crime Watch 453-5978 * Bone Builders 453-5978 * Line Dancing 989-6701 *

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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

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The newsletter is an open forum for New Haven residents with 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 jmsimmons@gmavt.net Jean Simmons