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Selectboard

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Zoning Administrator

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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

The Selectboard has been busy this summer. We have approved the municipal tax rate at \$0.3863, which is a decrease of \$0.0057 from the 2013 tax rate of \$0.3920. However, the school taxes increased for both the residential and the nonresidential rates. The residential rate increased from \$1.4022 to \$1.5894, an increase of \$0.1872. The non-residential rate increased from \$1.3457 to \$1.5067, an increase of \$0.1610. The school tax increases are a combination of an increase in the base rate as set by the legislature, an approved budget which has a per student cost greater than the state average, and a drop in the Common Level of Appraisal.

By state statute, all dogs in town must be licensed by April 1st each year, with licensing costs increasing after that date. In May, the Town Clerk sends out a letter to dog owners who licensed dogs the previous year, but did not license them in the current year. Then the Selectboard signs a warrant for all unlicensed dogs and turns it over to the Dog Warden for further action. There are a few households who are on the warrant nearly every year. At our last meeting, we gave the Dog Warden and his Assistant the authority to hand out \$100 citations to those who have been late for two years, for each dog that is not licensed. This citation is reduced to \$50 if the dog is licensed within the timeframe. This is a serious warrant, because if a person does not license the dog, it is similar to a bench warrant from the court. This law was made to protect people from getting rabies. The Selectboard takes public safety very seriously.

We heard an overview presentation from a representative for Aflac Insurance. This is a possible benefit for the employees, entirely paid for by the employees, with no money paid by the town. We will consider this at a future meeting when we have more information.

It is with regret that we have accepted the resignation of Jill DeVoe Assistant Zoning Administrator. We wish Jill the best in her future endeavors. She will be missed.

The Listers have completed the Grand list for 2014. There was only one appeal to the Board of Civil Authority, which was withdrawn just before the meeting. Good job.

We had a productive joint meeting with the Planning Commission (PC) and the Development Review Board (DRB). The DRB expressed areas of concerns that they have encountered when applying the Zoning by-laws to permit applications. The PC is addressing these areas, attempting to clear up ambiguous language and take into account changing technology. The PC is also looking at the zoning district boundaries and the by-right and conditional uses within the Highway Commercial District. We look forward to the outcome of this sharing of information.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Barrett, Selectboard Chair

Clerk News

The **State Primary Election** will be held on Tuesday, **August 26, 2014**; polls are open 7:00 am – 7:00 pm in the Town Hall. The last day to register to vote in the State Primary is Wednesday, August 20, 2014; and the Town Clerk’s Office will be open until 5:00 pm that day to accept new voter applications.

If you would like to request an **absentee ballot**, please call the Town Office @ 453 – 3516, and I will mail one to you, or you can come in and pick up your own ballot.

It is with regret that I accepted Jill DeVoe’s letter of resignation, due to health issues. She will be greatly missed.

Respectfully submitted, Pam Kingman

Ladies Union Salad Supper

Thursday, August 21st at 6:00 pm at the New Haven Congregational Church

Salad, cold meats, rolls, dessert, beverages
\$8 for adults / \$4 for 6-12 years old / under 6 free

Reservations: call Betty at 989-4066
Walk ins welcome

Church Service at **New Haven Mills Church** on Sunday August 31 at 10 am. Come enjoy the special music by harpist Margie Berkoff.

Tax Bills

Tax Bills were mailed on July 9, 2014. Please contact the Town offices if you have not received your bill.

Now is the time to check over your bill and make sure all the information is correct. If by chance there is something that needs to be corrected, contact the office now as many corrections deal with the State and can be very time consuming.

Please remember we do not accept post marks; allow several days for mail deliveries. You may drop off your payment in the drop box at any time. (No cash please) The office will offer extended hours the week prior to Oct. 1st.

Please do not send postdated checks. We will deposit

your check when we get it. If you are worried about missing the date you can use online bill pay to schedule your payment on a specific date. Paper work for ACH transaction is also available; this takes a while to set up and must be done ahead of time. We hate to see people become delinquent because they forgot or something happened on the day they thought they were going to pay their taxes. Please plan ahead and give yourself enough room for the unexpected.

The next time the town will receive property tax adjustment information from the State is on Sept. 15th. We will mail corrected bills as soon as we get new or changed information from the State.

Barb Torian, Treasurer



Where was it?

"Picture is looking east coming off Daniels Rd. onto 17, headed towards New Haven Jct." Dawn Shepard

Correct Answers: Jim Walsh, Dawn Shepard, John Hamel

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 August 15.

Reserved for Community Calendar

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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 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