

## Contacts

### Selectboard

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### Town Clerk

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### Beeman Elementary

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### Mt. Abe High School

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### Superintendent's Office

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### Community Library

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### Events Coordinator

Suzy Roorda: 453-5978

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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 sent the latest draft of the Town Plan to the Planning Commission and then met jointly with the Planning Commission to discuss the changes made to the Town Plan. The latest draft is on the website and will be on the ballot for the voters to approve or reject. This is your Town Plan. Check it out. A hard copy can be picked up at the Town Office. Please call ahead.

The General Fund budget was approved with revenues of \$333,491.55, expenses of \$722,350.00, for a total of \$388,858.45 to be raised by taxes, not including any separate articles voted in the affirmative. This represents nearly a 20% decrease over last year. The Road Fund budget was approved with revenues of \$687,903.34, expenses of \$1,265,080.00, for a total of \$577,176.66 to be raised by taxes. This is an increase of 9.5% over last year.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Barrett

## School Board News.

The New Haven School Board met on both January 10<sup>th</sup> and January 19<sup>th</sup> for regular business and to finalize the 2017-2018 (F'18) budget proposal. The Beeman budget for next year includes most of the requests mentioned in the last School Board News: funding for an additional general education paraprofessional, increased hours per week for guidance and enrichment, media, technology, some new textbooks, and support for the popular extra-curricular Expanded Learning Program (ELP). Replacement of the ailing water filtration system and storage tank is budgeted. The town has agreed to share some of this cost, as the system also serves the town hall and town office building. Other proposed facilities spending includes heating system upgrades and maintenance to exterior doors.

Substantial expense decreases in purchased services and a positive fund balance carry-over offset much of the spending increases. The Board anticipates Education Spending and Spending Per Equalized Pupil to rise less than 1% next year, still the lowest of the 5 ANESU towns. However, there are factors outside the Board's control which are putting upward pressure on the tax rate calculation. New Haven's Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) has dropped substantially this year, below 100%. Additionally, the Mt Abe School Board is proposing spending increases in its budget which will affect the final combined tax rate for New Haven.

The Annual Report of the School Directors (in the Town Report booklet) contains more detail, and the Board encourages community members to attend the school meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup> (Town Meeting). This F'18 budget will be the last budget prepared and presented by the New Haven Directors exclusively for Beeman Elementary School. Future budgets will be developed by the Board of the unified Addison Northeast Supervisory District (ANESD) and approved by combined votes from all five member towns, much as the Mt Abe budget is voted now.

The Addison Northeast Supervisory District will formally organize in a warned public meeting scheduled for February 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:00PM at Mt Abraham. Vermont Secretary of Education Rebecca Holcombe will open the meeting. It is expected that the new ANESD Board will hold its first meeting in March.

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

**FREE**

## **Rattlesnakes in Vermont**

Monday, February 13, 2016 @ 7:30 p.m.  
New Haven Town Hall



Speaker: Doug Blodgett, Wildlife Biologist

Subject: 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.

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.

**Library News.** Our big news for the month is, of course, **Chocolate Delight Night!** Please check the Friends of the New Haven Library News for details. We hope to see many of you there, sipping a glass of wine if you choose, enjoying the chocolate treats, and helping support the New Haven Community Library. Thank you to the Granstrom family for, once again, allowing us to host our biggest fundraiser in their beautiful space at the Lincoln Peak Winery.

We are thrilled to announce that the new teen group will begin on February 15 at 6:30. At this point the plan is to meet once a month on the third Wednesday of the month. Our Teen Group will be hosted by Jared Danyow and Margaret Quinn. I look forward to the excitement, creativity, and energy that teens always bring to the library. Please call me at the library with any questions you might have about the program.

Check out our website at [nhcl.org](http://nhcl.org) for a list of all the new additions at the library - books, DVDs, and audio books. Happy Valentine's Day to all!  
Deborah Lundbeck, Director



### **Library Friends.**

**What is life without dessert?** Indulge in your favorite desserts, enjoy wine, celebrate Valentine's Day, and, with the cost of admission, support your New Haven Community Library—all at the same time. The ever-popular **Chocolate Delight Night returns on Saturday, February 11, at 7 PM at the Lincoln Peak Vineyard and Winery**, 142 River Road in New Haven. Admission is \$10. Lincoln Peak wines may be purchased by the glass.

**What is the Library without Friends?** The next meeting of Friends of the Library will be March 1 at 7 PM in the Library.  
Norma Norland

### **Ladies Union Rummage Sale: Clothing & Used Books**

Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> 9:00—1:00 at the New Haven Congregational Church

Looking for donations of clothing and books of excellent and good quality only. Please call Carol Charbonneau for times to donate @ 453-5059. Thank you, Barb Saunders

# February 2017 New Haven Community Calendar

**Location of Events Key:** 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
	* Line Dancing "Round Up" Fund Raiser! Lessons, Raffles & WOKO Visit! Sat. Feb. 18th at the Town Hall Gym. \$10/pp 6pm-8pm Call Andrea 989-6701 for info.		1 Fire Dept. Mtg. 7pm FD Library Friends Meet 7pm L	2 Groundhog Day	3 Beeman Family Fun Night in the Gym. 453-2331 for more info.	4 Recycle 8am-12pm TG Line Dancing 6-8pm G
5	6 DRB Meeting 7pm TO	7 Bone Builders Exercise Class 10:30am CH Library Story Hour 10:30am L Selectboard Mtg. 7pm TO	8	9	10	11 Recycle 8am-12pm TG Line Dancing 6-8pm G Chocolate Delight Night 7-9pm at Lincoln Peak Winery! Yummmmm!
12	13 Conservation Commission Speaker, "Rattlesnakes in Vt." 7:30pm Gym Planning Commission Mtg. 7pm TO	14 Valentine's Day Bone Builders Exercise Class 10:30am CH Library Story Hour 10:30am L	15 Library Teen Group 6:30pm	16 Library Trustees Mtg. 7pm L	17	18 Recycle 8am-12pm TG Line Dancing "Round Up" Fund Raiser! 6-8pm Gym. Andrea 989-6701 Cong.Church Clothes & Book Sale 9-1pm 453-5059
19	20 President's Day No School K-12 Town Office Closed Winter Recess DRB Meeting 7pm TO	21 No School K-12 Winter Recess Bone Builders 10:30am CH Library Story Hour 10:30am L Selectboard Mtg. 7pm TO	22 No School K-12 Winter Recess Library Game Night 6:30pm	23 No School K-12 Winter Recess	24 No School K-12 Winter Recess	25 Recycle 8am-12pm TG Line Dancing 6-8pm G
26 Fire Dept. Breakfast 7am-10:30am C \$10/A, \$5/6-	27	28 Bone Builders Exercise Class 10:30am CH Library Story Hour 10:30am L				
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~	Bone Builders Exercise Class every Tuesday at 10:30am at the Congregational Church. Please call Suzy at 453-5978 if interested in participating	*if your town group or club would like its meetings or events listed in the Town Newsletter Calendar, please contact Suzy at	newhavenrec@gmavt.net or cscasam@gmavt.net by the 15th of the month prior to the event for publishing.	

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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

*Closed Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>  
For Presidents Day*

**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 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 [jsimmons@gmavt.net](mailto:jsimmons@gmavt.net) Jean Simmons

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