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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: *Wishing you all a very Happy New Year!*

There are several elected official positions that will be available in March. If you are interested in running for office, come by the Town Office and pick up a nominating petition to get your name on the ballot. You will need 13 registered voters signatures, and the petition needs to be returned to the Clerk's office on Monday, January 30, 2017 by 5:00 pm. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Town Office at 453 - 3516.

Auditor – 3 year term
Beeman School Director – 3 year term
Delinquent Tax Collector – 1 year term
Grand Juror's (2) – 1 year term
Library Trustee (2) - 3 year terms
Moderator – 1 year term
Mt Abe School Director – 3 year term
Selectboard – 2 year term
Selectboard – 3 year term
Town Agent – 1 year term
Trustee of Public Funds – 1 year term

Town Offices will be closed on Monday, January 16, 2017; in honor of Martin Luther King Day.
Respectfully, Pam Kingman

Selectboard Report. The Selectboard has been working on the proposed Town Plan, which can be found on the front page of the Town website www.newhavenvt.com. The four appendices are listed as separate documents. We are looking for a graphic person to format the Town Plan and bring the appendices into the document. If you are unable to access the documents, call the Town Offices and you may pick up a copy. A Public Hearing was held on December 14, 2016 with approximately 20 people in attendance. This is a very long document which has updated statistics, some history of the Town and a very large section on utilities and solar. If the Town wants to have "substantial deference" before the Public Service Board, the Town Plan must be accepted by the Department of Public Service (DPS). DPS has specified the information required in the Town Plan and the format for the information, which is why there is duplication within these sections. Without "substantial deference" the Public Service Board can dismiss our Town Plan in any 248 proceedings concerning utilities. Another topic of discussion was the issue of extraction, such as quarries and gravel pits.

The Selectboard will take into consideration all the comments at the meeting and finalize the Town Plan. The final Public Hearing will be at the Town Meeting on Monday, March 6, 2017, with voting by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 7, 2017.

We are beginning the process of creating a General Fund budget and a Road budget, balancing the needs of the Town and the keeping in mind the tax rate. The Vermont Green Line (Anbaric), solar projects and the North-South Highway continue to be topics of discussion at the Board level.

As the year ends, I would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Barrett

School Board News. The New Haven School Board convened on December 14th for its regular monthly meeting. Development and discussion of the 2017-2018 budget, the main agenda item. The Board reviewed proposed funding for an additional general education paraprofessional, and increased hours for the student guidance/enrichment and technologist positions. Budgeted support for the Expanded Learning Program (ELP) was also proposed. The ELP offers a variety of popular extra-curricular educational workshops for Beeman students. There are also a number of priority building and facility needs for next year including: replacement of the drinking water filtration system, continued upgrades to the heating system, and maintenance to the playground. Offsetting any spending increases, the Board and administration are projecting a reduction in purchased services expense, and year-over-year savings in some other areas.

As always, the School Board seeks to balance student needs and desired outcomes with affordability and community support. The preliminary education tax formula numbers from the State will not be available for several more weeks. However, it is the Board's goal to keep spending per equalized pupil at its current level. We invite the community to attend our January meeting when the budget proposal will be finalized and more details will be available.

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

The Armchair Naturalist Speaker Series (Sponsored by the New Haven Conservation Commission)

FREE

Where Have All the Moose Gone? Our Disappearing Moose Population

Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. New Haven Town Hall

Speaker: Tina Scharf, Lincoln, VT

Subject: A discussion about some of the reasons moose populations have declined across North America in the southern end of their range, and how this phenomenon illustrates general concepts of population dynamics.

Tina has a Masters in Wildlife Biology from UVM. Her thesis subject was "Impact of moose bark stripping on mountain ash in Vermont." She worked for the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department, including seven years as the Osprey Recovery Project coordinator. She was a researcher on the 2009 "Critical Paths" study for the National Wildlife Federation, in which moose played a central role. Tina now works as a consulting wildlife biologist.

Library News. We are happy to announce that a new Teen Group will be forming in the new year, the fifth teen group hosted by the library! It's always such a pleasure to welcome the energy and enthusiasm of young people, and we look forward to starting it soon. The plan will be to meet once a month on an evening week night. We are looking for interested young people between the ages of twelve and fifteen. The focus will be on hanging out with each other, playing games, doing crafts, going on occasional field trips, watching movies, etc. (And snacks are always an important part of the evening!) We are also thrilled to have the group hosted by after school educators, Jared Danyow and Margaret Quinn. We will need to have a list of potential joiners, so please come in and talk to me if you have any questions, and let's get this group going!

On Wed, Jan.18, at 7:00 PM, in the Town Offices, we will welcome Greg Sharrow, Co-director at the Vermont Folklife Center in Middlebury, in a Vermont Speakers presentation, "A Sense of Place." Topic: Vermont's cultural legacy of farming and how it's distinctive traditions help make our state unique. This lecture is a sponsored presentation by the Vermont Humanities Council and the Friends of the New Haven Library.

Library Friends. Looking for a new volunteer opportunity for 2017? The Friends of the Library is a fun way to contribute to a local, non-profit: your library! Friends advocate for the library and oversee well established fund raisers throughout the year. We meet once a month for about an hour for about ten months a year, and two of those are mostly social get-togethers! (In addition to the fundraisers, of course.) We'd love to talk to you if you might be interested. Deborah has a list of Friends and a brochure at the front desk of the library. And speaking of fundraisers - stay tuned for all the news about our biggest fundraiser, Chocolate Delight Night, which will take place on Saturday, February 11, from 7- 9:00pm! Yum is the word!

My very best wishes to all for a healthy and happy new year.

Deborah Lundbeck, Director

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

*Closed Monday, January 16th
for Martin Luther King 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 jmsimmons@gmavt.net Jean Simmons

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Ladies Union Soup Supper

Wed., Jan. 18, 6pm, New Haven Congregational Church,

Includes Varieties of Soup, Bread, Crackers,
Dessert, and Beverage
\$8

Barb Saunders

Historical Society Meeting

Our next meeting will be May 9th, 2017

Bev Landon