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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:

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Suzy Roorda: 453-5978

Mount Abe Bond Vote

Thursday, November 2, 2017

in the Town Hall gym

Polls open from 7:00 AM—7:00 PM

Selectboard Report

As fall descends upon us, road construction should be winding down. The base of Pearson Road was built up and is expected to be paved by the end of October. The Selectboard is looking to hire an additional person for the road crew.

Over the next few months, the Selectboard will be focusing on the budget and other items that will be brought to the voters at Town Meeting. All departments have been given a budget worksheet from Barb. Please respond to her with any changes you would like to see.

We are working on updating policies. We have adopted a **Conflict of Interest Policy** and a **Burn Ordinance**. Due to changes in statutes, the **Dog Ordinance** will be updated, as well as the **Personnel Policy**.

Vermont Gas has begun installing the distribution lines. The Town has signed a "Memorandum of Understanding" with them. If there are any issues, feel free to contact Jim Walsh, the Selectboard contact with VT Gas.

Susan Smiley and Doug McKain brought the bike survey results to the Selectboard and there was a discussion on how to increase bike safety. These ideas will be considered on any road projects in the future.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Barrett, Chair

Tax Information

Late property Tax Adjustments

I will receive the last property tax adjustment from the State on November 1st. For those of you who receive a late adjustment and have already paid your taxes, I will send refund checks out after the Selectboard has approved the pay order. The next Selectboard meeting will be on Nov. 14th

Any transactions that occur after the November 1st date will be between you and the State. Please call the State if you have questions or concerns regarding any property tax adjustments that have not been handled at this time: (866) 828-2865.

Reminders for next year

Way too many people forgot to pay their taxes this year. Please find a system that works for you to remember to pay in a timely manner. Make sure your **homestead declaration** gets filed in a timely manner, **by April 15th** in order to avoid late fees from the State. You may need a **copy of your tax bill** for **income tax filing** purposes.

Respectfully, Barb Torian

Clerk News

Reminder – The Mt Abe Bond Vote is on Thurs, Nov. 2, 2017, in the Town Hall gym.

Polls open from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm.
Remember – your vote is your voice.

The Town Office will be closed during voting.

There is no voting on Election Day, Tuesday, November 7, 2017, as there is nothing to vote on this year.

Wishing all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving. Enjoy time with family and friends and time to remember what we are thankful for.

Respectfully, Pam Kingman

School Board News

The New Haven School Board convened on Oct. 24. and reviewed the Superintendent's draft report on Core Subjects, Life, Learning, and Innovation Skills (ENDS Policy). Evidence included test scores, surveys, and various other quantitative measurements of student outcomes. The ANESU Executive Committee will formally debate ENDS

Policy compliance at its November meeting. Copies of the final monitoring report will be available at the meeting, on anesu.org, or upon request. The community is encouraged to look at this important evaluation of school performance.

Respectfully submitted by the New Haven School Directors: Brad Bull (Chair)

Library News

Please make sure to check out the **Friends News** for two cool library events this month: our **Ripton Coffee House fundraiser on November 4th**, and our **Vermont Humanities Council program sponsored by the Friends, on November 29th**.

We are very grateful to all the people who helped make our October book sale so much fun and so successful! Thanks to those who donated materials, and thanks to Friends, kids of Friends, patrons who helped set up and pack up, and all the happy buyers.

We raised \$270!

At the library, we have new DVDs, children's books, fiction, non-fiction, and more. Check out some new materials for post-Thanksgiving feast relaxing!

The library will be closing at 5:00 pm the evening before Thanksgiving, and will be closed for the holiday. Saturday hours remain the same. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Deborah Lundbeck, Director

Friends of the Library

Music and Food: On November 4 the Ripton Coffee House will present the band Hollar General whose orchestrations have been described by the New York Times as "echoing the sounds of traditional folk music while also having an indie-pop flair." Baked goods for sale at this event are offered by the Friends of the New Haven Library and help support the Library.

Coca Cola and the USA: On Wednesday, November 29, at 7 PM at the New Haven Town Offices The Friends will host a talk entitled "Pop Goes History: What Coca Cola Tells Us About American History." Castleton professor Sanjukta Ghosh will

explore 3 major themes: the use of images of women in Coke advertising, Coke's role in shaping America's involvement in World War II and the subsequent global economy, and Coke's entanglement in imperial movements around the world. The talk is sponsored by the Vermont Humanities Council and is open to all.

Joining the Friends:

We welcome Nancy McFadden, our second new member this season. Regular meetings of the Friends meetings take place in the library the first Wednesday of each month. Newcomers are welcome.

Norma Norland

New Haven Historical Society Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the New Haven Community Library

Topic: 1940 Census & Household Information

Refreshment will be served. All are welcome

Bev Landon

Lands Committee Report

Since May of this year, the Town Lands Committee has been hard at work visiting and discussing Town-owned properties around New Haven. The Committee has no decision-making authority, but instead acts in an advisory capacity to the Selectboard, making recommendations for future use and disposition of the Town's properties. Many members of the public have provided helpful input by attending the Committee's meetings and submitting emails and written comments.

The initial set of recommendations to the Selectboard appears below. The Committee will make additional recommendations as it completes its review of the remaining properties.

Although the Committee was originally formed with the goal of completing its work in 2017, the Selectboard may request that it continue its work into the first few months of the new year if more time is needed.

The public is encouraged to review the Committee's minutes for information about the work completed to date, and to continue attending hearings and site visits. Copies of the minutes and agendas for upcoming meetings are posted on the Town website.

Benj Putnam,
for the New Haven Town Lands Committee

New Haven Lands Subcommittee

Recommendations as of 8/29/2017

To date, the New Haven Lands subcommittee has visited, evaluated and created recommendations for ten of the parcels contained within the Bev Landon book of town lands. The properties visited and the committee's recommendations to date are:

Demers Park (Riverside Park) --

- Remove backstop
- Keep boulders where they are
- Pressure wash picnic tables
- Add signs (pack in – pack out, and dawn to dusk)
- Improve the aesthetics of the current gravel parking (possibly additional gravel but well placed, rather than dumped)
- Clear invasive species from River Rd down the hill to improve visibility from the road

No changes recommended to the access road (Discussed changing culvert to allow better drainage for ball field but where the runoff would go is problematic)

Munger St/River Road Corner-

- No changes necessary
- Town should keep lot as is because it may be needed sometime in the future for the Munger St. bridge

River Road/O'Mara Tax Sale property-

- Keep town's ownership
- No changes necessary
- Town should see whether it would be a good idea to remove the junk cars lining the riverbank.

Riverside Cemetery-

- Keep town's ownership
- Look into repairing headstones
- Look for volunteer/s to record inscriptions on headstones

Sumner/Dugway Parcel-

- Retain town ownership (important for sightlines and as pull-off for fishermen, etc.)
- Cease all fill/grading activity in this location

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Sleeper Parcel-

- Retain for future use
- Make changes to tax map reflecting the change in property lines and town ownership.
- Identify and remove town-owned dead trees along property boundary

Town Center/King/Tebbetts Lot-

- Survey parcels and delineate dividing lines between School parcels and town parcels (town east line appears to lie along the third base line more or less, and the separation between town and school lands to the south are also unclear.)

Town Garage and Larrow lots-

- Survey these lots to determine where the boundaries are. (Currently the property owner to the west has a clearly defined boundary but all the others are unclear)
- Be cautious about pushing gravel, expanding parking, storing materials, etc. before knowing the property lines.

Note on surveys:

- All corners should be marked with suitable monuments (pipes or rebar) so that they may be found in the future
- All corners should have their coordinates recorded so they can be found easily via GPS.
- Town should undertake a schedule of walking boundaries once they are known.

Important time sensitive recommendations to New Haven Selectboard:

1. The town lands committee recommends that the New Haven Selectboard complete a survey of lands around the town offices and town shed/fire station as soon as possible.
2. The town lands committee recommends that the New Haven Selectboard undertake negotiations immediately with the New Haven school board to ensure that ownership of the land underneath the town hall is transferred to the Town prior to the date when the New Haven school district passes ownership of all remaining school property to the new regional school district. The committee feels these negotiations are best handled between elected town officials at the local level rather than between the town and the regional district where the town may be at a disadvantage.

Annual Turkey Dinner
with all the fixings,
dessert, & beverage

New Haven Congregational Church
Sunday Nov. 5th

3 sittings, 11:30, 12:30, 1:30

Adults \$12, 6-12 \$6, under 6 free

Takeout available
Reservations recommended,
but walk ins are welcome.

Reservations call Betsy 453-2724

Barb Saunders



Erma King's ticket stubs for dances in the new town hall. New Haven Library Collection. Does anyone know about the "tax paid" note on the stubs below?

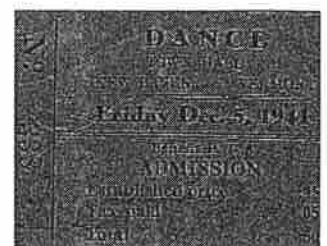
October's **What? Where? When?** was a picture of the old Town Hall, which stood on the southwest corner of Route 17 and Town Hill Road (site of the town's war memorial & flagpole). It was built in 1856 and burned down because of an overheated stove pipe eighty years later, on January 5, 1937. Several people who now live in town watched the fire when they were children. This is a picture of it, from the 1984 history, [New Haven in Vermont](#).



Road crew pose with scraper in front of the Town Hall, ca.1910. Courtesy of D.A. Everest.

People who sent in correct answers: Lowell Nottingham & Dale Orvis.

Bev Landon has an old post card of the building, with a handwritten description on the back stating that there was "Grange meeting in the upper part. The ladies serve suppers in the lower part. There's a kitchen, a parlor . . . room for tables." The Town Hall was used for meetings, presentations, and probably dances. There was a small library, but no town offices—which were usually located wherever the town clerk lived.



November 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 =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
			1 Library Friends Mtg. 7PM L	2 Town Office Closed M.A.U.H.S. -Bond Vote 7AM-7PM Town Hall Gym	3 No School K-12 Inservice Day Lands Committee Site Visit 4pm West Cemetery	4 Recycle 8am-12pm TG Friends of the Library Fund Raiser at Ripton Coffee House 7:30PM
5 Congregational Church Turkey Dinner. 11:30, 12:30 & 1:30. \$12/A, \$6/6-11Yr 453-2724 for info.	6 DRB Meeting 7PM at TO Planning Commission Meeting 7PM Location TBD 453-3516	7 Library Story Hour 10:30AM L	8 Early Release K-12 Historical Society Mtg. 7PM at Library.	9 Line Dancing Class 6pm-7pm G	10	11 Recycle 8AM-12PM TG Veteran's Day
12	13 Planning Commission Meeting 7PM at TO	14 Library Story Hour 10:30AM Selectboard Meeting 7PM at TO	15 Game Night at the Library 6:30PM (call 453-4015 to confirm)	16 Line Dancing Class 6pm-7pm G Library Trustees Mtg. 7PM at L Lands Committee Mtg. 7PM at TO	17	18 Recycle 8AM-12PM TG
19	20 DRB Meeting 7PM at TO	21 Library Story Hour 10:30AM	22 No School K-12 Town Office Closed Library Closes at 5:00PM	23 No School K-12 Town Office Closed Thanksgiving	24 No School K-12 Town Office Closed	25 Recycle 8AM-12PM TG
26	27	28 Library Story Hour 10:30AM Selectboard Meeting 7PM at TO	29 Library Program: Vt. Hum. Council "Pop: What Coca Cola Tells Us About American History" 7PM	30		
	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~	*If your town group or club would like its meetings or events listed in the Town Newsletter Calendar, please contact Suzy at 453-5978, 453-3516 ext. #17, or email	newhavenrec@gmatv. net, or email cscasam@gmatv.net by the 15th of the month prior to the event for publishing.		To register in any town group or club, please call one of the phone numbers listed below. Thanks~

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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 *

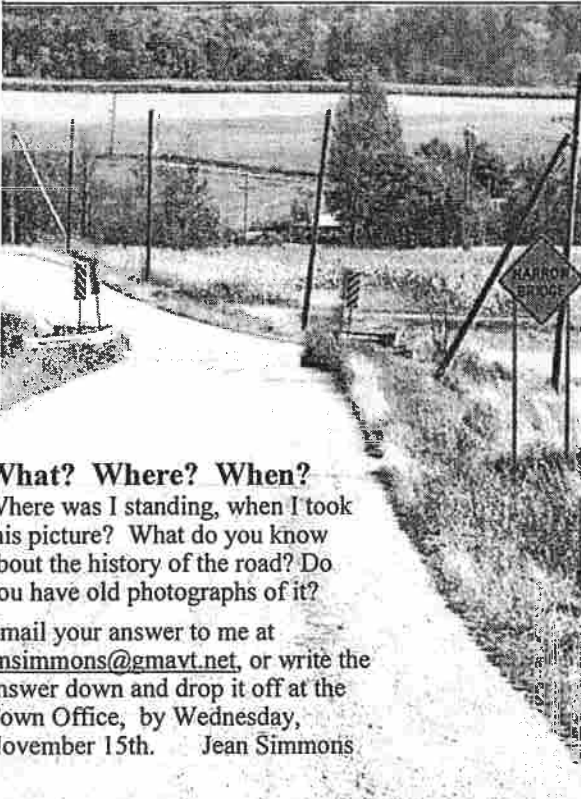
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Recycling Saturday mornings 8-12 at Town Garage. Trash drop-off at same time for a fee.



What? Where? When?
Where was I standing, when I took this picture? What do you know about the history of the road? Do you have old photographs of it?

Email your answer to me at jmsimmons@gmavt.net, or write the answer down and drop it off at the Town Office, by Wednesday, November 15th. Jean Simmons

Forum for New Haven residents with reports, articles, & letters about town matters. Letters: 500 words or less. 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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Town Office Hours:

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays
9:00 am – 4:30 pm

*Closed Thursday, November 2 for Bond Vote,
Wednesday & Thursday,
November 22 & 23, for Thanksgiving*

Library Hours

Tuesday 10:00 - 5:00, Wednesday 1:00 - 8:00
Thursday 1:00 - 8:00, Saturday 10:00 - 1:00