

## Contacts

### Selectboard

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### Town Clerk

Pam Kingman: 453-3516

### Town Treasurer

Barb Torian: 453-3516

**Town Shed:** 453-3397

### Beeman Elementary

453-2331

### Mt. Abe High School

453-2333

### Superintendent's Office

453-3657

### Community Library

Deborah Lundbech: 453-4015

### Events Coordinator

Suzy Roorda: 453-5978

### Fire Chief

Alan Mayer: 453-5129

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### Burn Permit: Fire Warden

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### Planning Commission

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### Development Review Board

Tim Bouton: 453-4596

### Zoning Administrator

Dave Wetmore: 453-3516

### Animal Control Officer

Wayne Marcelle:

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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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## Tax Information

### Taxes are due Monday Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>:

Your payment must be received in the office by 5 pm. The office is usually open for additional hours during the week of or prior to the tax due date. There is no way to accommodate everyone's schedule. You may also leave payments in the drop box to the right of the new office door. (No cash please) If you are using the postal service please allow several days for your payment to reach the office. Postmarks are not considered timely. You may make payments toward taxes at any time during the year.

### If you're late: It's the law governed by State Statute

Delinquent taxes will be assessed an 8% penalty and then a 1% per month charge after that. The 8% penalty really hurts, especially if you happen to show up the next day because you forgot. We do everything we can to help you avoid this and it's up to you to make sure we get your tax payment on time.

### State Payments:

September 1<sup>st</sup> is/was the deadline for filing your homestead declaration for this year. Several people have inquired about the payments from the State. I will receive payment information from the State on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. Revised tax bills are sent out promptly after receiving the State information. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

### If your taxes are being escrowed by a mortgage company:

Please remember that you are still responsible for making sure that your mortgage company has all the information they need to make a timely payment. We do provide copies of tax bills to those companies who request the information and it is a good idea to make sure that they are aware of your information and the date that taxes are due. It often takes more than a week for them to process things.

### Filing your State taxes:

Please save a copy of your tax bill. If you file for an extension you will want to make sure that you file your HS 122 Homestead declaration form by April 15 of each year. (If you live in and own your home)

Property tax payments are deposited in a very timely fashion. If you are transferring funds to cover a check, please make sure you have allowed sufficient time for the transfer. (Please don't expect that the office will catch or hold a postdated check)

Barb Torian, Town Treasurer

## Clerk News

I want to thank everyone who helped out at the polls / or counted ballots for the State Primary on August 9, 2016: Kathi, Amy, Rae, Carol, Mike, Jodi and Kathy. We had 90 absentee ballot requests for the State Primary, and 328 people came in to vote at the polls. Considering it was a hot August day and the first day of Field Days, it was a pretty good turnout.

The Town Offices will be closed Monday, September 5, 2016 for Labor Day.

Respectfully, Pam Kingman



New Haven  
Fire Department

# Chicken BBQ

**September 24th**

*at the Fire House*



Misty Knoll Farms chicken will be served!

**1/2 BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Baked Beans,  
Rolls, Chips, and Drinks  
\$12.00 per serving**

**Servings start at 5:00pm**

## Selectboard Report

The Selectboard has voted to restructure the Road Department. The new structure calls for the elimination of the road foreman position and the office clerk. The two positions will be replaced with a single person. A subcommittee has been formed to determine exactly how this position will be filled and create a job description. There was some overlapping of responsibilities between the Road Commissioner, road foreman and office clerk. This action will reduce the duplication of efforts.

The road crew is preparing Quaker Village Road, Hallock Road and Campground Road for paving.

The Nash Bridge opened for traffic two days earlier than anticipated. There is still some work to be done, so there may still be some delays.

The Planning Commission has forwarded the Town Plan to the Selectboard. Due to the ever-evolving regulations concerning solar, the Selectboard is looking very closely at the Town Plan and making revisions which will strengthen our position concerning utility generation facilities within the Town.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Barrett, Selectboard Chair

### **Chicken and Biscuit Dinner**

New Haven Congregational Church

Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

2 Sittings: noon & 1:00 PM

\$10 adults, \$5 6-12 years old, under 6 free

Take-outs available

Walk-ins are welcome, but reservations are appreciated

Call Betsy, 453-2724 for reservations

Barb Saunders

**The New Haven Historical Society**  
will meet Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 7pm  
in the New Haven Community Library.

The small forest on the east portion of the school property will be the topic with photos, newspaper articles and personal memories.

*All are welcome*

Refreshments will be served

Bev Landon

## **Library News**

As much as I mourn the passing of summer, and pretty much dread winter, I do love the sense of change in the air that September brings. Here at the library I am gearing up for Story Hour once again, which begins on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30. All babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers and their parents and caregivers are welcome. Traditionally, we sing together, share rhymes and stories, and finish with some kind of project. It's a wonderful place to share the joys and challenges of parenting, too!

Our audio CD shelves have been very popular this summer. Thanks to a very generous donation from Jack DeVoe, we have added many new titles this year, (along with general collection enrichment) and will continue to do so. If you're contemplating a journey by car, or like to listen while you work on projects or crafts, come and browse the collection. We have fiction and non-fiction, current offerings and classics. Many of the CDs have also been re-housed in new, easier to use cases, thanks (again) to Jack, and to a generous donation from the Friends of the Library.

And speaking of the Friends, our first meeting of the 2016/17 year will take place on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. (Off-site potluck.) We would love to welcome new members! Friends support the Library in many ways - all very appreciated. Please speak with me - or a Friend - to find out more.

Finally, if your child took part in the summer program, please remember to bring them by to pick up their certificate and book from the Friends. Thank you.

Deborah Lundbeck, Director

## **Letter**

Friends and Neighbors,

You may remember the beginning of the transformation of Shelburne Road from being part of the rural Vermont landscape (which is a foundation for the tourist industry and jobs for Vermonters) into a strip mall of urban sprawl. That has begun to happen at the south entrance to New Haven on Rte 7.

I also remember that when a large statue of a genie appeared in front of the (at that time) carpet store just north of Campground Road, it was considered inappropriate and made to disappear.

It seems that it will be helpful in stopping the snowball of urban sprawl for the Selectboard to again make it clear that New Haven is a rural community, and it is expected that commercial activity should respect and follow that standard.

John Madden

Reserved for Community Calendar

Town of New Haven  
78 North Street  
New Haven, VT 05472  
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US Postage Paid  
New Haven Vermont  
Permit No. 1

Postal Patron  
New Haven, VT 05472

[www.newhavenvt.com](http://www.newhavenvt.com)

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, September 5th  
For Labor 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](mailto:jmsimmons@gmavt.net) Jean Simmons

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