

Canaan Carrier

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JANUARY 2022

## TOWN OF CANAAN PARKING BANS



Effective December 1, 2021 through April 1, 2022 between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. it is unlawful to park on all streets and roads in Canaan and Beecher Falls (this includes Town Roads and Vermont Routes 102, 114 and 253).

## SNOW REMOVAL

No person, other than an employee in the performance of his or her official duties as authorized by the Agency of Transportation or the Selectboard, shall plow onto the traveled way, shoulder or sidewalk of a State Highway or a class 1, 2 or 3 Town Highway (V.S.A. T23 Section 1126a.)

## NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

The Canaan Selectboard would like to remind town residents that, despite the best efforts of the town road crew not to do so, sometimes items within the town highway right-of-way get damaged, either by snow removal or other highway maintenance equipment. The town is not responsible for damages obtained within this 25 foot from center of road. The Selectboard is asking that residents beware before leaving or placing objects such as vehicles, fences, trees, signs, etc. within these boundaries. Objects may be removed at the owner's expense.

Haven L. Haynes, Jr., Chairman

Alfred Buckley

Mark Bullard

## HOLIDAY HOURS

The Canaan Town Office will close at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 23, 2021 and resume regular hours on December 27, 2021 and will close at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 30, 2021 and resume regular hours on January 3, 2022.

The Canaan Transfer Station will be closed on Saturday, December 25 (Christmas Day). The Transfer Station and Stump Dump will be open on Saturday, January 1, 2022 (New Year's Day).

## STUMP DUMP

The Stump Dump will be open on January 1st and 8th, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. allowing access to get rid of Christmas trees and other clean wood waste.

## REPORT FROM THE SELECTBOARD

We hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving and will have a Merry Christmas along with a safe and Happy New Year. We welcome Mark Bullard to the Selectboard and wish him the best. Elections will be coming up in March and we have already started to see sign-ups for items to go on the warrants for Town Meeting on the table at the Town Office. This coming elections there will be a one year and a three year position for the Selectboard. It behooves those who are interested in running to attend a Selectboard meeting or two to see what is going on and if it is for you. It is more than just a meeting every two weeks. We have quarterly meetings with Stewartstown for the sewer committee. There is also dispatch and meetings at the County for recycling. Any emergencies that come up, we meet to make sure that things are being done in compliance with State rules which change every time the wind changes directions. You need to come in with eyes wide open.

This time of year we are putting the budgets together for the upcoming year and this year fuel costs are going to be the driving factor on a good portion of the budget.

Contractors and residents doing big renovation jobs or disposing large amounts of debris need to rent their own dumpsters since the container at the transfer station has limited space and it is not fair to other residents in town who have a small amount of items and cannot dump because the container has been filled up with your debris.

We want to extend our thanks to our dedicated Firefighters, First Responders and Police Officers for their hard work, dedication and countless hours. Your hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed We are very grateful for all you are doing.

## NOTICE

Food Scrap Collection at the Transfer Station will be put on hold beginning January 1st, 2022 until Spring, the food does not break down in the composting process when it freezes.



## TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

December 23, 2021 office closes at noon

December 24, 2021 office closed

December 30, 2021 office closes at noon

December 31, 2021 office closed

February 21, 2022 office closed

## VERMONT ELECTION LAWS

Vermont Election Laws no longer require Vermont Towns to hold a yearly nomination caucus: The sole purpose of which is to have a candidate for each vacant office.

Interested candidates wishing to run for election as a Town Official must get a petition at the Canaan Town Clerk's Office. The petition must be signed by 1% of the legal voters of the Town of Canaan. (This is about 7 signatures)

The petition form must be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 24, 2022. If you are interested in seeing someone's name on the ballot, please do not hesitate to pick up a petition.

The following is a list of Town Officers on the 2022 Ballot:

Town Moderator	1 year
School Moderator	1 year
Selectboard	3 years
Selectboard	1 year (to complete a 3 year term)
Lister	3 years
School Director	3 years
Auditor	3 years
Auditor	2 years (to complete a 3 year term)
Trustee of Public Funds	3 years
Library Trustee	3 years
Library Trustee	3 years
Library Trustee	2 years
Grand Juror	1 year
Town Agent	1 year
Sexton	1 year

If you have any questions regarding the positions, terms, and duties, please contact the Town Clerk's Office.

ATTEST: Noreen Labrecque, Town Clerk

**PETITION AND CONSENT OF CANDIDATE FORMS ON NEXT TWO PAGES**



**CONSENT OF CANDIDATE  
LOCAL ELECTION  
17 V.S.A. § 2681(a)(2)**

The filing deadline for petitions of nomination for local office and this Consent of Candidate form is no later than 5 p.m. on the sixth Monday preceding the day of the election. Both forms must be filed together with your local town or city clerk.

This consent form is used by local election officials to determine the form of a candidate's name, its spelling and the use of any initials or nicknames for the ballot. **Please complete this form carefully, using the exact form of your name as you want it to appear on the ballot.** You may include a nickname, but you may not include a title. (For example, Rick "Speedy" Driver is o.k., but you cannot use Dr. Rick Driver.)

I consent to having my name printed on the ballot for the office of:

\_\_\_\_\_

(Office and Term Length)

\_\_\_\_\_

(Name of town or city)

My name (exactly as I wish it to appear on the ballot), town or city of residence, and party are as follows:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Town of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Party\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Candidate

\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_

Town, State, Zip

\_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_

Email

\*This is not allowed in most towns. **Leave blank unless your town has complied with the following state law** : No political party or other designation shall be listed unless the municipal charter provides for such listing, the town has voted at an earlier election to provide such a listing or, in the absence of previous consideration of the question by the town, the legislative body decides to permit listing. If political party or other designations are permitted, no candidate shall use the name of a political party whose certificate of organization has been filed properly with the secretary of state unless the candidate has been endorsed by a legally called town caucus of that political party for the office in question. In any event, the candidate must still file the petition and consent form required by section 2681 of this title. 17 V.S.A. §2681a(d).

### TOWN OF CANAAN VACANT OFFICE FOR LISTER

The Town of Canaan is looking for a local candidate to run for upcoming elections and serve on the Board of Listers. This is a paid part-time position for approximately 5- 10 hours per week depending on workload. Not only would you perform an important role in town government but will acquire skills that includes tax mapping, processing zoning permits, deed references, data entry and generating the grand list from which our property taxes are based upon. Training will be provided by the present team of Listers with assistance from the NEMRC Assessor Firm. Being a lister is a great opportunity to be a vital part of town government while earning extra income and adding to your resume.

Interested candidates wishing to run for March elections must get a petition at the Canaan Town Clerk's Office. Those petitions must be signed by 1% of the legal voters of Canaan. (This is about 7 signatures). The petition form must be submitted to the Town Clerk no later than 5:00 pm on January 24, 2022.

If you have any questions regarding these positions, terms or duties, please email the Board of Listers at [canaanlisters@gmail.com](mailto:canaanlisters@gmail.com) or call 802-266-3370.

### TOWN WARNING PETITIONS

Anyone wishing to place an article in the 2022 School Meeting Warning or Town Meeting Warning by petition, must have the petition in to the Town Clerk by January 13, 2022. The petition must be signed by 5% of the legal voters of the Town of Canaan. (This is about 35 signatures)

### ADJUSTING TOWN ACCOUNTS

The Auditors of the Town of Canaan, Vermont will meet at the Community Office Building on January 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of adjusting town accounts. All those having accounts due to the Town of Canaan, please pay, and all those against the Town of Canaan, please bill.

Per Order of Auditors  
Ginette Ladd,  
Ursula Johnson,  
Fern Owen Brown

### ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

The 2021 Annual Town Report will be available for distribution by February 19, 2022. If you are unable to pick the report up in person, call or write the Town Clerk and a report will be mailed to you or you can read the Town report on our Town website at <http://www.canaan-vt.org>

**TOWN MEETING**

Monday, February 28, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. the Annual School Meeting begins. Followed by the Annual Town Meeting.

March 1, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. the polls open at the Canaan Town Office for the Election of Town and School Officers and the polls close at 7:00 p.m.

Daylight Saving Time changes at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 13, 2022  
change clocks ahead one hour.

**Change Your Clock, Change Your Batteries**

**Vermont Income Tax Forms and Schedules**

**Coming soon! Income tax forms for tax year 2022 will be available in mid to late January.**

Visit [www.tax.vermont.gov](http://www.tax.vermont.gov) to find.....

- Income tax forms and schedules as fillable PDFs
- Electronic payment options through **myVTax**
- Free e-filing for eligible taxpayers through Free File
- The status of your tax return, tax refund, homestead declaration, property tax adjustment, or renter rebate
- Information and resources to help you file your taxes
- Vermont tax statutes, regulations, and technical bulletins

**Call, email, or visit Taxpayer Services or stop in the Town Office to get copies of forms**

Business hours: Mon-Fri, 7:45 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Phone: Mon, Tues, Thu, Fri 802-828-2865 or 866-828-2865 (toll-free in Vermont) Taxpayer Services Division does not take calls on Wednesdays in order to focus on processing returns.

Email: [tax.individualincome@vermont.gov](mailto:tax.individualincome@vermont.gov)

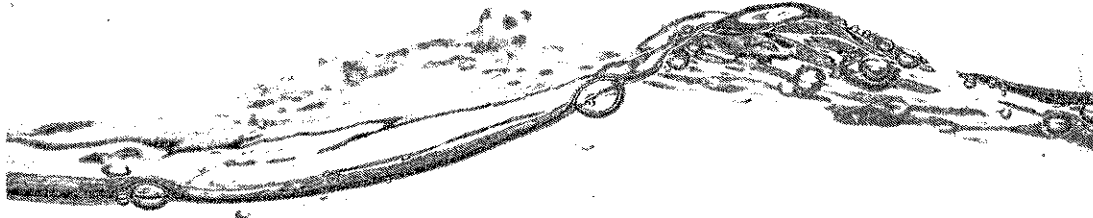
Address: 133 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont

**VERMONT HOUSEHOLD INCOME FORM HI-144  
AND PROPERTY TAX ADJUSTMENT FORM HS-122**

REMINDER, BOTH HI-144 AND HS-122 FORMS MUST BE FILED ANNUALLY BY THE APRIL FILING DEADLINE TO AVOID PENALTIES.



# Special Report



## Charleston Water System class-action lawsuit against 'flushable' wipe makers given preliminary approval from federal court

The federal district court in Charleston, South Carolina, has given preliminary approval to a proposed Class Action Settlement between Plaintiff Charleston Water System and Defendant Kimberly-Clark Corporation ("Kimberly-Clark") addressing Kimberly-Clark's flushable and non-flushable wipe products.

The settlement does not affect any potential individual claims against wipe manufacturers for damages or other monetary relief due to wipes-related blockages. However, if approved, Kimberly-Clark will implement certain modifications to its business practices with respect to flushable wipes, as well as labeling requirements for non-flushable wipes, and Settlement Class Members will release any and all claims for injunctive relief they may have against Kimberly-Clark arising from or relating to Plaintiff's allegations. Owners of wastewater treatment plants/systems should review this settlement as their legal rights are affected whether or not they act.

"We believe the settlement is outstanding in terms of ensuring that Kimberly-Clark's Cottonelle Flushable Wipes will meet a national municipal flushability standard for flushable wipes and Kimberly-Clark will provide much improved notice on its packages of non-flushable wipes that such wipes should not be flushed. In combination we believe this settlement will significantly reduce collection system impacts from Kimberly-Clark's products, and eventually other manufacturers' products, given that this settlement will set a precedent/standard for the rest of the industry."

### FIRE DISTRICT #1 & #2 ANNUAL MEETINGS

The annual meetings of the Canaan Fire District#1 & #2 will be held at the Canaan Community Office Building on January 10, 2022 beginning at 5:30 p.m.



## Alice M. Ward Memorial Library

Alice M. Ward Memorial Library has been busy circulating books, magazines, DVDs, puzzles, snowshoes and more. We also provide copy, fax, scan and printing services and fast reliable 24/7 WiFi from outside the building. The staff is happy to provide reader's advisories for the whole family. Home delivery service is also available if needed. Our full library catalog is available online at our website [www.aliceward.org](http://www.aliceward.org). You can search 24/7 for authors, titles or subjects. We are very happy when you call us for assistance as well and come by to visit!

The library participates in interlibrary loan and can get any book you are looking for from other participating libraries in the state of VT system. *Nous avons des livres en français ! We own the largest collection of books in French in Vermont, they fly off the shelves.*

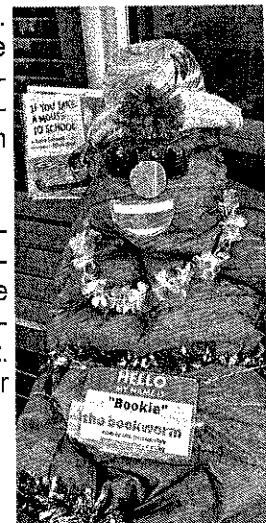
The "Any Book" Book Club meets in person and also over Zoom at 4:30 on the first Thursday of the month, participants must pre register. Readers are invited to chat about any book, hear guest speakers, win door prizes, hear recommendations, and see previews of the new books coming into the library. Canaan's Playgroup for children ages birth to 5 years of age is now meeting on Tuesday mornings at 9am in the library. It is great to see our families back interacting with fun stories and activities. Please call ahead to register.

Everybody Reads in the Kingdom! That is, the Northeast Kingdom. The Greater Barton Arts (GBA) has become an operational affiliate of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library (DPIL) to support children in all 3 counties of the Northeast Kingdom from birth to five years in this worldwide literacy program. GBA has reached out to our library as the local partner for our area of the NEK. Dolly Parton began this program 20 years ago in Pigeon Forge, TN. A free book is mailed to a child every month from birth to age 5. This is FREE to all children in the NEK. We are actively seeking signups from our local kiddos. Please call us and we will get you enrolled immediately. Start building your child's at home library today with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

Every Monday the current New York Times Bestsellers list is posted and distributed to advise readers which popular titles are available right here in Canaan. We always have new arrivals. Some new DVD arrivals include: The Crown Season 4, Longmire, Schitt's Creek, Yellowstone, and last but not least our most popular series, Heartland, we have all 14 seasons.

Headed to Canada? We are well versed in ArriveCAN app technology. There are many steps to complete the requirements to enter Canada. We have helped many residents and even a few Canadians trying to get back home with the steps to complete the proper documentation. Have questions? We can help.

The library thanks everyone who participated in Pumpkins In The Park on Halloween. We had over 50 illuminated pumpkins shared by community members and everyone wants to do it again next year! We are proud to announce that "Bookie" the Bookworm Scarecrow won a prize from Canaan Naturally Connected. "Bookie the Bookworm" was made by the library and Mrs. Norsworthy's Kindergarten Class at Canaan Schools, these awesome young readers are to be congratulated!



Our new storm door, and interior paint job are finished and look fantastic. Our resurfaced driveway is safer and more functional as well, thank you Johnny and Cunningham Logging and Excavation for your services. If you have not seen them, do make a point to stop by. The library received a grant for this work made possible by a partnership between the Freeman Foundation and the Preservation Trust of Vermont. We also have new HEPA filtration machines in use around the building for optimal air quality, and thank the Tillotson North Country Foundation for their ongoing support.

Happy New Year to all! We are always happy to see you here at the library.  
Sincerely, Sharon Ellingwood White Library Director



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Many people don't know all the services NEKCA offers. While all of them are not available at all offices, we can always get you connected to the programs. A detailed list of these services is available, please contact our office!

- ◆Head Start
- ◆Food Insecurity Assistance
- ◆Utilities and Fuel
- ◆Housing Insecurity Assistance
- ◆Parent Child Center/Parent Services
- ◆Economic Equity
- ◆Youth Advocacy/Services
- ◆Community and Social Justice

The Canaan NEKCA office is open five days a week! Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm and Wednesday from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. We can be reached at 802-266-7134.

Suzanne Routhier

Director of Outreach, Essex County

## Meet Rural Community Transportation (RCT)

Did you know? In the past year, RCT provided over 1,000 trips to and from Canaan, traveling 61,200 miles to ensure Canaan residents had access to medical treatment, social services, and resources like grocery shopping and family contact. RCT is a phone call away and serves Canaan through employee and volunteer drivers ready to help connect the Canaan community with each other and to a wider area of resources in the Northeast Kingdom. Best of all, RCT drivers maintain strict COVID-19 protocols to ensure riders' safety.

Learn more about RCT by visiting <http://riderct.org>. Explore the Volunteer Driver Program, career opportunities, and why RCT is a vital part of helping Canaan thrive. To ask about services or schedule a ride, call (802) 748-8170.



Canaan Historical Society

PO Box 214, Canaan, Vermont 05903

canvthistsoc@gmail.com or  
www.canaanvthistoricalsociety.org

Museum hours: Monday—Thursday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

With the passing of 2021 and the coming of 2022 we can only hope things get better. We have cancelled our annual Wassail Party for the second consecutive year and decided to curtail our monthly meetings through the Winter. Come Spring we will plan to meet outdoors when the weather fits and indoors if it doesn't. We have only one project that we need to work on and more news about that will hopefully come in the next newsletter.

Recently Marc Dion, at the transfer station, salvaged an old photo that he passed on to us. It was about 33 by 8 inches and featured a large group of well-dressed men and women standing in front of a couple of buses in Toronto. It was dated 1927 and titled "The Vermont Special". Some research found that it was a special train outfitted by the State of Vermont that traveled around the Midwestern U.S. and Canada. Products, exhibits, and representative from the state and all counties of Vermont were part of the tour to bolster tourism in the state. Products from the Beecher Falls Furniture Company, fish and animal exhibits from Quimby's and representatives from Marshall's Cabins were all mentioned in a story in the March, 2020, Northland Journal written by Sylvia Dodge. I have contacted the Vermont Historical Society to see if they have a list of the representatives from Canaan, whom I hope to identify in the picture.

One of our late-season visitors was a lady who has a cottage on Averill Lake. During the tour she discovered the glass-plate negative project I am working on and expressed an interest in writing an article for the Seven Days Vermont newspaper, for whom she works. She hoped to have it completed in December and promised to send us a copy. She wanted some of our photos of the project but no photographer was available on short notice so she contacted the Colebrook Chronicle. They were nice enough to send her some photos to include in the article. The article was published in the December 8 issue so I read it in the on-line edition. It was a positive for us, despite a couple of minor discrepancies. Any publicity is better than none and may result in more visitors next year. Our thanks to Seven Days Vermont for writing about us.

Here's hoping 2022 is a prosperous and healthy year for us all.

Happy holidays from all our members, stay safe, and come visit the museum if you have a chance and thank you for your support.



Canaan Naturally Connected members and participants of activities had a very busy fall! September brought the gazebo dedication in the Beecher Falls Park. It was a fun event with approximately 85 people in attendance! The Smokey Haze set the festive mood along with donuts made by "Great Gram" Wilma Boulanger from Newport VT, cider, and ice cream cone coupons donated by Canaan Naturally Connected (CNC), t-shirts donated by D&P Specialty Shop & Consignment, and a gourd painting activity. Thank you to all those who attended this event celebrating community and volunteerism in the Beecher Falls and Canaan area! Those who have not seen the gazebo are invited to stop and take a look as well as use it. This project could not have been completed without those who volunteered their services and donated materials or money towards this project. If interested in helping in similar future projects, please let the organization know.

The Scarecrow Contest had 26 amazing creations in both Beecher Falls and Canaan. It was very difficult to narrow category winners. The following were selected: Friendliest, #2 Irene Hewlett; Scariest had a tie, #25 Deb Houle and #16 Louise Keyser, Wanda Nichols and Wanita Begin, both in Beecher Falls Park; Prettiest, #8 Autumn Gobeil and Mom; Best Recycling, #6 Town of Canaan; Funniest had a tie, #22 Zak, April and William Wallace and #11 Alice Ward Memorial Library and Canaan's Kindergarten; Most Creative, #10 Canaan School's CTE Program; Cutest, #15 Vera and Ivan Giroux. People's Choice was #26, Donna and Ron Merson. Congratulations to all! A small award will be heading your way soon!

Trunk or Treat had 19 trunks, to include the Beecher Falls Volunteer Fire Department and U.S. Border Patrol. Approximately 200 children left with goodies and smiles that day. Thank you for making this event so successful and we're hoping that you smiled a little bit as well. The addition of 51 Pumpkins in the Park made Halloween truly memorable, thank you!

The group would like to thank everyone who participated in the Scarecrow Contest, Trunk or Treat and Pumpkins in the Park. The communities' involvement is what makes our area so wonderful!

Canaan Naturally Connected (CNC) has decided on winter-themed banners which are being purchased for this season and we will continue to look at other options for the future based on data that was collected previously in our community. On December 5<sup>th</sup> a small group gathered to light Fletcher Park for the holiday season.

CNC continues to have cookbooks, fall bulbs and Rada products for sale as fundraising opportunities. Any help will be greatly appreciated so that the group can continue activities that the community has voiced they would like to see. Information may be found on the CNC site.

CNC members look forward to the coming months and are excited about the possibilities and partnerships that will continue to be made for the Town of Canaan! We invite anyone who has an interest in working with any projects to please get in touch with us. There are monthly meetings that normally occur the 3rd Thursday of every month. Besides the Destination Website <http://canaanvt.com> you can email your questions to [cnatural-lyc@gmail.com](mailto:cnatural-lyc@gmail.com) or message us on our Facebook page, Canaan Naturally Connected, Inc. Information for all of the events mentioned may be located on the CNC page.

Canaan Naturally Connected, Inc. members wish you all a wonderful holiday season!

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- Hardwick, VT (802) 472-3183
- St. Johnsbury, VT (802) 748-5624
- Island Pond, VT (802) 723-4261
- Canaan, VT (802) 274-2608
- (or contact Newport Learning Center) (802) 334-2839

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*We want to shape the future of Canaan by creating a sense of belonging and strengthening the social, cultural and economic environment.*



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#### Frankie Sawicki

Senior Minister

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