

Canaan Carrier

<http://www.canaan-vt.org>



APRIL 2017

FIRE PERMITS



No person shall kindle or authorize to kindle a fire in the open air for the purpose of burning brush, weeds, grass or rubbish of any kind except where there is snow in the site, without permission from the Canaan Fire Warden. Persons in violation are subject to fines pursuant to 10 V.S.A. Ch. 83 §2645.

Vernon Crawford, Canaan Fire Warden

802-266-8277

DOG LICENSES

Did you remember to license your dog by April 1st.

If you did not the Animal Control Officer will be visiting you shortly.

If you no longer own your pet contact the Town, so your name will be removed.

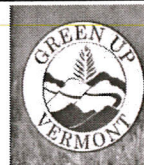


CLEANUP OF EXCREMENT

Responsibility for cleanup of excrement. The owner of any animal shall be responsible for the prompt removal of any excreta deposited by his or her animal(s) off the owners premises. Failure to remove such excreta shall be considered a violation of the ordinance.

May 6, 2017

Be safe out there on Green Up Day!



Wear brightly colored clothes, sensible shoes, gloves, and sunscreen. **Be tick smart!** Wear long pants, avoid tall grass, and check for ticks when you arrive home.

Contact the Green Up Coordinator

Renee Marchesseault

for information

802-266-3906

LEASH LAW

Responsibility for Leash Law: "At large" shall be intended to mean off the premises of the owner, and not immediately under the control of the owner or a member of the immediate family either by leash, cord, chain or otherwise. Failure to follow the leash law shall be considered a violation of the ordinance.

TOWN MEETING

Another Town Meeting is behind us and the Selectboard wants to thank all who attended and offered their support for the 2017 budget. We also want to thank the Class of 2020 for providing a great meal before the Town meeting.

The Town is privileged to have many volunteers who give many valuable hours to make the town a safer and better place to live. We thank all the volunteers for their generous help.

PROJECTS

There were several projects that we overlooked to mention at the town meeting:

Project 1. Improving Efficiency in Municipal Street and Public Space Lighting

This program is designed to encourage municipalities to re-evaluate the present use of older less efficient lighting technologies for street and public spaces. We will be considering the benefits of replacing with more efficient LED Lighting Systems. One component of the program is to review all current lighting fixtures on poles and see if any of them could be turned off and taken out of service. A thorough review will be done with safety in mind. There appears that there are some that could be turned off without creating safety issues. We are working with Vermont Efficiency to complete this project. We will also be looking into the possibility for Solar Energy for the wastewater treatment plant and transfer station. We will be looking into the feasibility of solar panels on the utility poles that would generate power back into the grid. This could be a pilot program for Canaan.

Project 2. Creating Designated Village Centers for Canaan and Beecher Falls.

Village center designation supports the revitalization efforts of medium sized historic centers. The designation brings financial incentives, training and technical assistance needed to attract new business and vitality to Vermont's smaller communities. Our new town plan helps us meet the requirements for this program. The Town Planning Board and Selectboard will be meeting with Irene Nagle of NVDA and Richard Amore on April 7th, 2017. Richard Amore represents the VDVCP and will be reviewing the potential village destination centers for Canaan and Beecher Falls. There will be a meeting with business owners that same day. This will be for business owners within the potential designated area. They will be notified of the place and time of the meeting.

Community Revitalization Heart & Soul Update

1. We were awarded a \$22,000 grant from the Tillotson New Hampshire Charitable Foundation to cover Phase 111 of our CRHS. We thank and appreciate the trust and commitment the foundation has in our efforts to continue with the process of bringing positive change and involvement in ways to make Canaan a vibrant and connected community going forward creating a positive outlook that we collectively can make a difference for positive change without changing what we treasure as our community.
2. One of the projects that we have identified that would be helpful for our aging population was senior housing. We have been working with Rural Edge. Representatives for the organization have toured our town. We have gotten positive feedback from them. Having said that there are always hurdles to overcome. We will continue to pursue this opportunity.

PROJECTS CONT'D

3. We recently got news that SASH will be providing a part time coordinator for the Norton/Canaan area. Her name is Christine Wheeler and duties start 3/27/17. SASH is also part of Rural Edge a Community Development Corporation.
4. So what is SASH?
 - a. Establishes trusting, supportive relationships with residents that builds upon their current support systems and enhances their opportunities for care and stability in the coming years.
 - b. Build relationships with elder care professionals that will lead to formal partnerships in the SASH program.
 - c. Develops and collaborates with a team of volunteers that will provide services and activities for seniors in the program.
 - d. Bring services to seniors at all income levels and health stages
 - e. Applies evidence based practices in a Community Healthy Aging Program.
5. For more information on Rural Edge check them out at <http://www.ruraledge.org>. There is also flyers at the town office on what they have to offer.

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.

Gregory D. Noyes, Chairman

Haven L. Haynes, Jr.

Frank T. Sawicki, Jr.

STUMP DUMP

Opens Saturday, May 6, 2017 and closes October 28, 2017

Open the 2nd week on Wednesday only.

Check out the newsletter calendars for scheduled dates.

Hours of operation 8:00 AM TO 12:00 PM



Canaan Historical Society

PO Box 214

Canaan, Vermont 05903

canvthistsoc@gmail.com

<http://www.canaanvthistoricalsociety.org/>

This past January we voted to hold our February meeting at the Coos County Nursing Hospital. We brought some of our photo albums of the local towns for the residents to peruse while we held our business meeting. After the meeting we talked with the residents about the photos and answered questions. We, and the residents, had a good time. It was agreed that this was a good idea and plan to continue having a once-a-year meeting at C.C. N. H. We also hope to have a showing of our soon to be finished video there.

Final edit of our video is complete, packaging has been designed, and the production of the final product is scheduled for early April. Our plan is to advertise and start selling "We Remember" in May. Plans for Alumni Weekend, the Sugar Social, Stewartstown Day, and a booth at the Moose Festival have been discussed and should be finalized at our next meeting. Snippets of the video may also be viewed on our Facebook page and possibly YouTube in the future.

Canaan Schools' Then and Now has kept us busy as students look for information about Canaan's history to complete their projects. Photos, memorabilia, timelines, and assorted statistics are the most requested items.

Old photographs, school ephemera, and yearbooks continue to arrive from both local and distant sources. We were recently contacted by a gentleman in Alabama who found some pictures from his grandfather's estate that were taken in 1934 at the Canaan-Pittsburg town line when the stone marker was erected. We have been unable to identify the men in the picture but will keep searching for information.

A used display case has been purchased and will be utilized for displaying some of the newly acquired school items and any other interesting objects or photos.

Stop by for a visit and look for us this summer at the various events.

Thank you for your continued support.

LISTER'S MESSAGE

WE WILL BE UPDATING OUR RECORDS AND WILL BE TAKING PICTURES OF THE EXTERIOR OF MANY PARCELS THIS SPRING. We are also in the process of viewing properties for the 2017 Grand List. If your property is being or has been viewed, you will get a notification in the mail of any appraisal changes. The date for our annual Grievance Hearings has not been set yet. This usually takes place in June, so watch the papers and place of notices for the date.

Please remember to file your Homestead Declarations (HS-122 & HI-144 forms) by April 15, 2017 to avoid any late State penalty fees.

Canaan Board of Lister's—Dennis Johnson and Diana Rancourt

Updates on Canaan Fire District #1 Projects

The Canaan Fire District #1 has gone to bid with Phase 3 of the 4 phases for the Water System Improvement Projects. This phase consists of a 220,000 gallon water storage tank that will be located on the Canaan Forest Land off VT RTE 253 along with 1,600 LF of 12 inch water main connecting to the line that was installed last summer on VT RTE 253. To date no decision has been made on the chosen contractor for this phase of the project, however one is expected soon with construction estimated to begin around May 1st, weather dependent. As with all prior projects, we ask for your cooperation and patience with the extra traffic and possible delays in travel through the village of Canaan. Phase 4, the water treatment facility, is currently being designed and is expected to be out to bid by the summer of 2017.

Additionally, the District, based upon the findings during Phase 1 that replaced the vast majority of the water mains and services, is planning to upgrade the water mains on Nathan, Enid and Holmes Street in 2018. In addition, we are planning to replace all of the water meters by 2018.

Chlorine Odor in Drinking Water

There have been complaints about chlorine in our water systems in both Canaan and Beecher Falls. We try our best to keep the chlorine level at a point that keeps our consumers happy and meets state requirements which are more stringent than that of Federal EPA requirements. The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires treatment facilities to maintain a chlorine residual level that is chemically detectable but no greater than 4 mg/l. Four milligrams per liter is the "Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level" for chlorine, and it is the level below which there are no known or expected risks to health from exposure to the disinfectant. At this time the State of Vermont Department of environmental services has more stringent requirements. FD1 is required to have a minimum residual in the distribution lines of .30 mg/l which may change after the completion of upgrades and the removal of the springs which require constant chlorination. Because of the proximity to the river FD2 is required to have a residual of .5 mg/l in the distribution line. Currently at the wells and reservoirs we are trying to have the residual chlorine be somewhere between .6 and 1 mg/l averaging at .75 mg/l. By the time the water reaches the furthest point of the system the level is very close to the minimum requirement.

The chlorine odor of tap water can be traced to the chlorine "residual," a low level of chlorine maintained in water to guard against bacteria, viruses and parasites, which may be in the water as it flows from the treatment plant to points of use. In the US, even treatment plants that use non-chlorine disinfection technologies are required to add chlorine to the water before it flows into the distribution system. The chlorine residual acts like a "body guard". Most people can sense a chlorine residual around 1 mg/l.

If your water smells more strongly of chlorine than others you are probably nearer the point of entry. Both treatment facilities feed water a long distance throughout the towns and into New Hampshire, requiring heavy chlorination to maintain a chlorine residual throughout the system. (The chlorine residual also may be raised by treatment facilities during warm weather when chlorine dissipates readily from water.)

If you are bothered by a chlorine odor to your water? Here are some practical solutions:

- Install an activated carbon filter at your tap to eliminate residual chlorine in water safely delivered to your home.
- Fill a pitcher of water and set it aside for several hours while chlorine dissipates. Transferring the water rapidly between two pitchers can accelerate chlorine dissipation.

Canaan Fire District #1 & #2 Consumer Confidence Report

The Consumer Confidence Report can be viewed on our Town website at <http://www.canaan-vt.org>. or you can request a paper copy to be mailed or emailed by calling the Town Office at 802-266-3370.

NORTHEAST KINGDOM LEARNING SERVICES

Northeast Kingdom Learning Services mission is to inspire and empower learners, birth and beyond. We are located in Newport, St. Johnsbury, Hardwick, Island Pond, and Canaan in the Learning Center next to the Alice Ward Library. We offer computer classes, GED prep, High School Completion Program for Vermont residents, language courses, Tutorial Program and many others services for the community at large for New Hampshire and Vermont residents. The Community Educator at the Canaan site is Frank Sawicki, he has been there for almost two years and will work with you to help your educational needs in a creative and personalized way. Frank really values people and tries to uphold all the value statements that NEKLS stands for in all of their programs:

Values Statements

We nurture team, family and community relationships.

We cultivate and celebrate growth and learning.

We engage in genuine and transparent communication.

We advocate with passion and determination.

We embrace and drive change.

We model humility and kindness.

We creatively do more with less.

Impossible is our favorite kind of possible!

If you need more information about NEKLS and how we can serve you or your family please contact us at <http://neklsvt.org/> or call us at 802-266-3933 or email frank.sawicki@neklsvt.org. We are always here to serve and teach.

Frank Sawicki, Community Educator Canaan Site



BLOOD DRIVE

CANAAN HIGH SCHOOL

GYMNASIUM

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017

11:30 AM TO 5:00 PM

Sponsors by The Steering Committee



TOWN MEETING (TOWN PLAN) WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Canaan are hereby warned and notified, in compliance with 17 VSA Section 2662, to vote on the following Article:

ARTICLE 1: Shall the vote taken on the 2017 Municipal Plan at the meeting of Canaan held on March 7th, 2017, in spite of the fact that the Article was not warned, and any act or action of the municipal officers or agents pursuant thereto, be readopted, ratified and confirmed?

Vote on the above article to be by ballot on the 24th day of April, 2017 A. D., ballot box to be open from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The voting place will be at the Canaan Municipal Office Building.

2017 Canaan & Lemington HHW Event Schedule—CANAAN TRANSFER STATION

May 12th	12:00 PM—4:00 PM
May 13th	8:00 AM—1:00 PM
Sept. 15th	12:00 PM—4:00 PM
Sept. 16th	8:00 AM—1:00 PM

ACCEPTED ITEMS LISTED BELOW:

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Air Fresheners
 Ammonia
 Arts & Craft Supplies
 Bleach
 Cleaners (includes: drain, oven,
 floor, window, rug, etc.)
 Disinfectants
 Metal & Furniture Polish
 Mothballs
 Mercury Thermometers
 Nail Polish/Remover
 Spot and Stain Removers

GARDEN SUPPLIES

Creosote
 Dioxins
 Fertilizers
 Flea Killers
 Fungicides
 Herbicides
 Insect sprays
 Muriatic acid
 No-pest strips
 Pesticides
 Rodent Killers

GARAGE

Antifreeze
 Brake Fluid
 Corrosives
 Car waxes & cleaners
 Engine degreasers
 Gasoline/dry gas
 Kerosene
 Lighter fluid
 Oil based & latex paint
 Paint thinner
 Sealants
 Stains/Strippers
 Swimming pool chemicals
 Transmission fluid
 Wood preservatives

PLEASE DO NOT BRING:

Asbestos
 Asbestos
 Explosives, including gun powder,
 Ammunition
 Flares
 Infectious waste
 Prescription medications
 Radioactive waste, including smoke
 detectors

TRANSFER STATION (ACCEPTED WEEKLY) MUST SEE OPERATOR FOR PROPER DISPOSAL

Used motor oil/filters, used cooking oil, fluorescent light bulbs/CFL's, lead—acid car batteries, propane cylinders and electronics

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICER

Bed Bugs, Should we be concerned?

It seems that in the last couple of years there has been a lot more talk about bed bugs and many people really do not know exactly what they are, some people will tell you that there is no such thing but that is not the case, they are real.

Bed bugs bite and some people react to the bites. When bitten, bites show on adults around the ankles and children on their back. They survive off of blood of warm-blooded animals which include people. Many times they go unnoticed.

To help prevent a bed bug problem keep your mattress covered, dry linens at a high temp for 30 minutes or sealed in a plastic bag in your freezer overnight, and through using pesticides. In some cases an exterminator is needed.

The health risk primarily is itchy skin from the bite.

For more information of Bed Bugs go to healthvermont.gov

HEALTH OFFICER NEEDED

Town Health Officers are responsible for:

- Investigating possible public health hazards and risks within the town
- Taking action to prevent, remove, or destroy any public health hazards
- Taking action to lessen significant public health risks
- Enforcing health laws, rules and permit conditions, and taking the steps necessary to enforce orders

If interested in being the Town Health Officer, please call the Town Office 802-266-3370

TOWN OFFICE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

APRIL 4, 2017

MAY 29, 2017

2017 Town Meeting Cell Phone Coverage Survey

In 2014, the State of Vermont joined in a public-private partnership with a company called CoverageCo to increase cell phone coverage in rural parts of the state. After learning a lot about where people need coverage, we are now entering the next phase and we need your help!

We have provided a map where you will find the locations where CoverageCo currently has radios to fill in service gaps. You will know you are using one of the radios because the carrier on your phone will read "extension." A couple of items to keep in mind:

- The radios provide voice service for T-Mobile, Sprint, US Cellular and Verizon.
- Verizon doesn't allow data services on this part of the network and AT&T doesn't allow their phones to work on the network at all.
- Mobile virtual network operators (MVNOs) like TracFone, Republic, AARP, etc. cannot utilize the network due to their discount arrangements with their host carriers.
- A cell phone repeater in a house or building will block the use of these radios. You might get better service if you are near a radio and turn off your repeater!

Here's what we'd like to hear from you:

1. Who is your cell phone carrier (circle one or more)

a. AT&T	d. US Cellular	
b. Sprint	e. Verizon	g. Other? _____
c. T-Mobile	f. TracFone	
2. Do you live or work within a 500 foot radius of one of the radios? Yes/No
If "Yes", have you been able to use your cell phone at that location? Yes/No
3. Do you have broadband at your home (DSL, Cable or Fiber)? Yes/No
If "Yes" who is your provider: _____
4. The radios only break even if there is a need for service and there is a critical mass of people who will use the service. Is there a location you believe needs service and has a cluster of at least 5 houses or businesses? Please be as specific as possible (i.e. an intersection or mile marker) _____
5. If you have a TracFone or discount carrier and knew you could have service if you switched to a standard carrier, how likely would you be to do so?
___ Very Likely ___ Somewhat Likely ___ Somewhat Unlikely ___ Not Likely at all ___ N/A
6. If you live in a remote location, would you be interested in having a radio attached to your home or outbuilding even if you had to pay a \$40 monthly fee? _____

Name: _____ Email: _____


Optional Cell #: _____

Locatable home address (not P.O. Box): _____

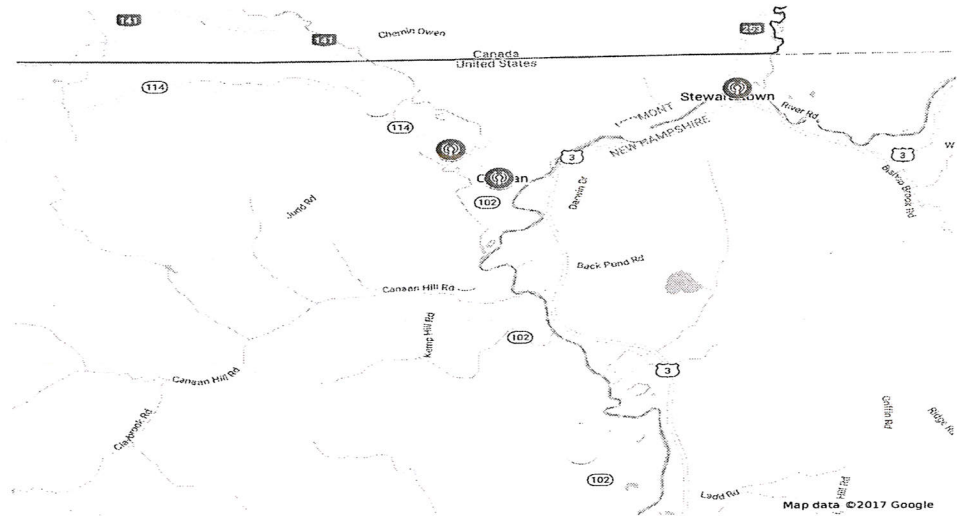
~~Please return to the box provided~~ mail to CoverageCo, 81 Hartwell Ave, Lexington, MA 02421. Feel free to send a photo of your survey or any questions/comments to info@coverageco.com

SEE CURRENT AND PROPOSED SITES ON NEXT PAGE

Current and Proposed Sites

Current Sites
 All items

Proposed Sites
 All items



Alice M. Ward Memorial Library

The most successful event of March was the visit to the library by three birds of prey: two owls and one substitute eagle (due to owl illness). We had a remarkable 77 people attend the program, when the Vermont Institute of Natural Sciences talked intelligently about the birds and answered all questions. She also brought along wings, skulls and talons for people to pick up and study. VINS will be returning during the school Spring Break on Thursday, April 20 at 10 am, this time with live reptiles!

Speaking of Spring Break: if you have kids and you'll be in town, check the library's Facebook page (@AliceWardLibrary) or your kids' school bags for info on programs during that week. We'll have something for all ages available at least once to keep them occupied.

Visiting patrons will have seen our new displays in the adult fiction area. Both of these are rotating displays, new to the library, with different themes every few weeks. Right now, you can see a wide range of Vermont authors, including novels, history and various nonfiction. All are marked with Local Author stickers. The other display currently features Mysteries of all kinds, so have a look and see if you missed something. Several more other new display shelves can be seen around the other sections of the library.

As the weather begins to (slowly, slowly) shift to Spring, you can expect to see our restoration work recommence, with work on the upper porch and replacement of our front pillars. As the weather warms even more, windows will begin to disappear for their own restoration work, to help us seal up the building, save money on heating, and maintain the library in the way it deserves.

If you ever need a book, please tell us! And do check aliceward.org or come by to find out how you can check out free e-books and audiobooks for any device you own, for long drives, long runs, or relaxing at home. We can get you the books you want, in the format you need.

Finally, thank you for your support at the town meeting.

Craig Varley

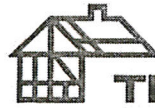
Librarian

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The Canaan Recreation Park Committee
Presents a
★ Family Oriented
VARIETY SHOW



April 8, 2017
Canaan High School Gym
7:00 p.m.

\$5.00 adults
\$4.00 senior citizens
\$3.00 children
Children under 3 free

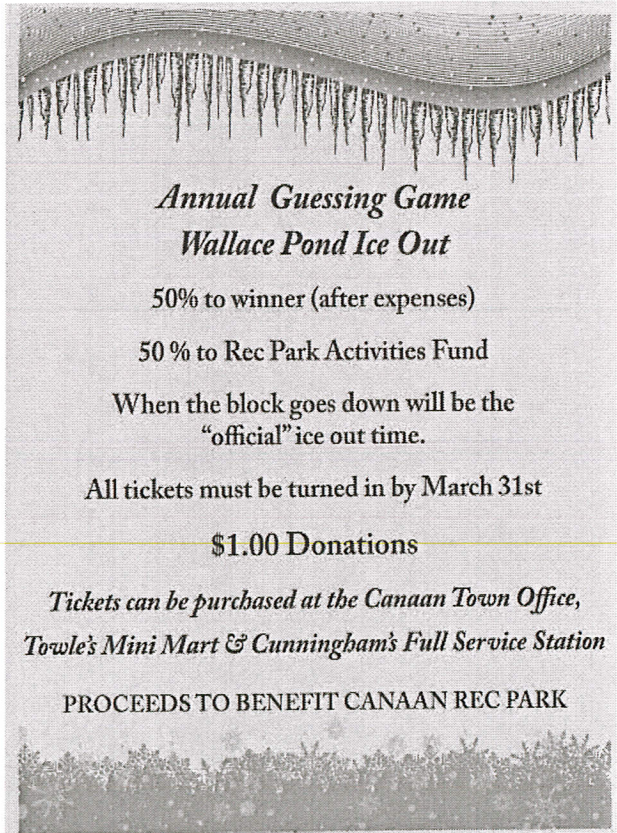


**We are looking for:
Singers, Dancers, Musicians,
Magicians, Comedians, Jugglers,
Actors, and the Slightly Unusual**

Call to Register by March 31st (802-266-3370 or 802-266-8602)

Awards will be presented.

TO BENEFIT THE CANAAN RECREATION PARK



*Annual Guessing Game
Wallace Pond Ice Out*

50% to winner (after expenses)
50 % to Rec Park Activities Fund

When the block goes down will be the
“official” ice out time.

All tickets must be turned in by March 31st

\$1.00 Donations

*Tickets can be purchased at the Canaan Town Office,
Towle's Mini Mart & Cunningham's Full Service Station*

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT CANAAN REC PARK

**Soccer & Nerf-style
Tournaments**

Watch for details in the next
newsletter.