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JANUARY 2021

SELECTBOARD QUARTERLY REPORT

The town has been really busy trying to help people through COVID-19 culture and seeing that we all make it through safely. We know through the school, town, neighbors and surrounding help we have all sacrificed and stepped up as a community to be proud of in our eyes. You have made sacrifices but it has helped all those around you. Thank you for your time and effort it has really helped the town grow and become one again. There is always a silver lining in crisis.

We have been in the process of helping with getting rid of food scraps the right way. We encourage all those who can to compost at home but if you cannot there are options down at the transfer station to drop off your food scraps. There will be a list of what is acceptable. If anyone in the town also has woodchips lying around or leaves or any carbon based material please contact the Town Office so we can partner with you and use it for composting. In the winter it is harder to do this process we realize but come spring time we should be in full swing. Parts of food items that are typically discarded rather than eaten: peels, rinds, cores, eggshells, seeds, pits, bones, coffee grounds and paper filters, loose-leaf tea & paper tea bags, and fats/oils/grease. Food that was not finished: "plate scraps" or leftovers that went bad. Any type of food can become scraps-bread, pasta, soup, veggies, fruit, sauces, meat, dairy, sweets, etc. Please be aware that this is a new system to all of us so we will need time to sort out the bumps and bruises of the right way to do things. Be patient with us please.

We are partnering with the Agency of Natural Resources to fulfill our obligation to compost and get the food scraps out of our waste stream. We are asking for \$3,000 to purchase equipment that will help us break down the food waste faster and more efficient at the transfer station. There are ways that you can help with this grant process. Please be willing to compost at home as the first line of work if you can do it. Second option is to partner with a neighbor or community in your area to designate a place that you all can benefit from composting together and use it in gardening. We will have spots at the transfer station to dump your scraps but make sure there is no plastic in the food scraps. We will be purchasing the equipment in the Spring until then be prepared to help.

We also have been working on roads, plowing, and trying to keep our road passable through mud and snow. If you do not have to go down a road that is muddy then don't so we can preserve the road through the winter. If you live on a road please drive carefully so to not make ruts or tear up the road itself for others who live there also. We know it is tempting to go "off roading" but this does not help with the roads and we tend to spend more money in the summer repairing which in turn brings taxes up not down. Thank you for your understanding and thinking of others first in trying to keep the roads great for traveling in other seasons.

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Selectboard Quarterly Report Continued

We already have an ordinance in place for the class 4 roads but recently we have had a problem with our class 3 roads. When you have a logging operation going on you need to be mindful of the roads you are using. You need to realize that the weight limits on class 3 roads is 24,000 pounds and if you are hauling on these roads you need to go to the town office and get permit for these roads. The permits are \$5.00 for a truck or \$10.00 for a fleet. If you do not get permit and damage occurs you will be charged for repairs by the town. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

We understand that being stuck at home and deciding to work on your house to cut the boredom is a good thing but, when you are getting your construction debris disposed of you need to judge how much you have. The town provides a container for debris at the transfer station which you need to see the attendant to find out how much the cost will be and needs to be paid at that time. We are limiting the amount of debris to a pickup load because if we don't people with only a little bit will not be able to dump theirs. If you have more than a pickup load then you should use a construction container that you can get through one of the area haulers. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

The town and the local snowmobile club met and worked out problems we have been having with snow machines not staying in the trail on the town lot behind the school. We have contacted the school about students who ride their snow machines to school only use one specific trail and not go free riding anywhere else. Also, on this trail they need to be registered in Vermont, since this is not the commercial corridor. There are also jersey barriers in place and the trail is between the barriers and the bridge. If there are any problems, please notify the town and don't confront anyone either way please. Thank you to all involved in getting this resolved.

We do have some good news and that is that people can park their trailers at the rec park and get on the trail there. The snow mobile club has volunteered to groom the walking path when there is enough snow so that people can walk, ski, and snowshoe on the path. There are to be no snow mobiles on this path.

The Selectboard thanks everyone for their hard work in this time of need. Remember also that the Selectboard meetings are open to all and there is a Zoom option that can be found on the town website. <http://canaan-vt.org/>

Happy New Year's,

Frank Sawicki, Haven Haynes, Jr., Greg Noyes

TOWN OF CANAAN PARKING BANS



Effective December 1, 2020 through April 1, 2021 it is unlawful to park between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. 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.

Frank T. Sawicki Jr., Chairman

Gregory D. Noyes

Haven L. Haynes Jr.

HOLIDAY HOURS

The Canaan Town Office will close at 12:00 p.m. on December 24th and reopen at 8:00 a.m. on December 28th and will close at 12:00 p.m. on December 31st and reopen at 8:00 a.m. on January 4th.

STUMP DUMP

The Stump Dump will be open on January 2nd and 9th, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. allowing access to get rid of Christmas trees and other clean wood waste.

ADJUSTING TOWN ACCOUNTS

The Auditors of the Town of Canaan, Vermont will meet at the Community Office Building on January 9, 2021 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, Renee Marchesseault, Ursula Johnson

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 11, 2021 starting at 5:30 p.m.

TOWN WARNING PETITIONS

Anyone wishing to place an article in the 2021 Town Meeting Warning or School Meeting Warning must send in a request to the Town Clerk by January 14, 2021. At the November 2nd Selectboard meeting, they approved the request to forego the requirement for needed signatures for this year only and that the amount remains the same as last year. New agency requests will not be accepted.

ATTEST: Noreen Labrecque, Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

The 2020 Annual Town Report will be available for distribution by February 22, 2021. 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, March 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. the Annual School Meeting begins. Followed by the Annual Town Meeting. (This may change due to COVID— Stay tuned for updates)

March 2, 2021 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.

CHANGE CLOCKS



Daylight Saving Time changes at 2 a.m. on

Sunday, March 14, 2021

change clocks ahead one hour.

Change Your Clock, Change Your Batteries

VERMONT ELECTION LAWS

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.

Act No. 162 (S.354). Elections; local elections; Australian ballot; municipal legislative bodies; local candidate petitions; year 2021 An act relating to using Australian ballot for municipal meetings in the year 2021.

1 This act applies to municipal meetings in the year 2021. It not withstands current law to allow a municipality to apply the Australian ballot system to any or all of its municipal meetings held in the year 2021 by vote of its legislative body. It also not withstands current law to eliminate the requirement for a person to collect voter signatures in order to have the person's name placed on the ballot as a candidate for a local election that is held at a 2021 municipal meeting. Effective Date: October 5, 2020.

Interested candidates wishing to run for election as a Town Official must submit to the Town Clerk's Office a Consent of Candidate form no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 25, 2021. If you are interested in seeing someone's name on the ballot, please do not hesitate to contact the Town Clerk.

The following is a list of Town Officers on the 2021 Ballot:

Town Moderator	1 year
School Moderator	1 year
Selectboard	3 years
Lister	3 years
School Director	3 years
School Director	3 years
Auditor	3 years
Delinquent Tax	3 years
Trustee of Public Funds	3 years
Library Trustee	3 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

Consent of Candidate Form on next page

**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).

TRANSFER STATION HOLIDAY HOURS

The Transfer Station hours during the holiday

Christmas

Wed. Dec 23--8 am to 1 pm

Fri. Dec 25—**CLOSED**

Sat. Dec 26—8 am to 1 pm

New Year's

Wed. Dec 30—8 am to 1 pm

Fri. Jan 1—**CLOSED**

Sat. Jan 2—8 am to 1 pm

THE IMPORTANCE OF HOUSE NUMBERS

House numbers are not only convenient for finding addresses but necessary for emergency responders to locate those in need. When responding to an emergency, minutes matters so be sure that fire, ambulance, and police personnel can easily and quickly find your address.

NOTICE

Town of Canaan trash bags can be purchased at the following businesses:

Town Office

Quechee Farms

Laperle's IGA

Thanks to the businesses for selling our trash bags

REAPPRAISAL FOR THE TOWN OF CANAAN

2020-2022

The Town of Canaan has hired New England Municipal Resource Center (NEMRC) to complete a *reappraisal* of all property in Canaan for the 2022 grand list.

The listers will be making contact with residents to schedule ongoing visitations. The bulk of the visitations will start next year.

Please work with the Appraisers and your Listers when a property visitation is scheduled.

Vermont Income Tax Forms and Schedules

Coming soon! Income tax forms for tax year 2020 will be available in mid-January.

Visit 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

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.

AVOID PENALTIES AND FILE ON TIME.

Increase in Zoning Permit Fees

Zoning permit fees have increased: \$50 regular and \$65 for permits requiring a hearing.

The Zoning Bylaws and a zoning permit application can be found on the Town website

<http://www.canaan-vt.org>. or picked up at the Town Office.

Don't Flush Trouble



Baby Wipes



Wet Wipes



Feminine Products



Condoms



Cigarette Butts



Grease/Oil



Hair



Cat Litter



These items belong in the trash can. The label might say "flushable" but disposable wipes and other products are clogging sewer pipes and damaging pumps and aerators.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Justice of the Peace Officers effective February 1, 2021

- Judith Masson
- Michael Daley
- Renee S. Marchesseault
- Martha W. Allen
- Irving Cullivan
- Fern Brown

CANAAN HILL CEMETERY REPORT

Canaan Hill Cemetery Est. 1839 was last used in 1927. The report from 1988 stated it had 60+ graves. Good with quite a few down and broken.

Thirty-two years have passed with little or no upkeep. This year saw considerable change. In total 65 monuments have been reset. Twenty of which were in two-parts buried in ground. Eighteen more were 80% buried. Six 20X40 inch stones were severely broken in multiple pieces. Eighteen gravestones were field stones with less than 2 inches showing. Nine of the eighteen were reset and leveled. Nine will be fixed in the spring. Four 20X40 inch stones were set into a large, chiseled base that had sunk ten inches below the ground due to settling over time. The remaining stones had multi-level bases held in place by rusted rods.

We also removed moss, debris and broken branches that had accumulated over the years due to moose, deer, and other animals.

We saw a photo from many years ago that showed a gate, long since gone. We replaced it with cedar posts and two cross bars.

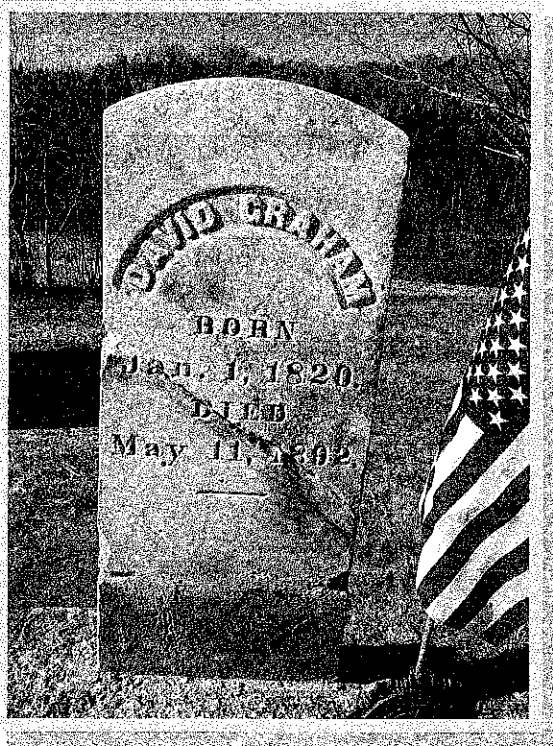
We thank the Selectboard for letting us help restore this cemetery.

Dennis Fuller

Walter Noyes

Al Buckley

Canaan Cemetery Committee





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www.canaanvthistoricalsociety.org**

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

2020 will surely be recorded as one of the worst years for the Canaan Historical Society, as well as most other small historical organizations and museums. Our visitor log is nearly blank except for a day in October when we were allowed out-of-town guests who had come north for the unveiling of the Beecher Falls mural. They were previous residents of Beecher Falls and have promised to return next year and bring related items for our records and display. Other correspondents have also had to reschedule planned visits until some time in 2021. They also have genealogical documents and photos for our archives. We hope 2021 will arrive with news of vaccines and cures for the Covid -19 problems that have plagued us and disrupted travel, business, and the enjoyment of life in general for everyone.

We have managed to accomplish a few things despite Covid -19 . Bob Lee has let us photograph or copy nearly all of the photos collected by BEA Holmes through the years. These include cabinet cards of photos taken by the Lunds, the glass negatives of many of the photos, and a host of photos, and their negatives taken by Bea Holmes or her parents in the early part of the 1900s. The discovery of her negatives has caused me to reconsider my understanding of the history of photographic images in general. Some of the more unique photos in her collection are of soldiers stationed in Norton and West Stewartstown during World War One. There are also photos of her high school basketball team as well as of the boys team that included Neil Tillotson. Bob and Rita Lee also donated a scrapbook that Bea put together while she was a student, dated 1915-1916. Included were playbills and hand-outs for plays, movies and shows held at the Gem Theater in West Stewartstown, which was on the second floor of Lovering's Store. Other items in the scrapbook were ticket stubs from basketball games, scores of basketball games, and write-ups of parties and events she held or attended. Having grown up in Canaan , this item gave me a fresh look at someone I only remember as the post mistress and shop keeper. She was actually a young girl who was no different than the kids who attend Canaan Schools now. We hope to be able to scan the entire book and publish it to our website sometime this winter. I think many people will find it interesting and those that grew up knowing Bea will probably find it fascinating.

Our facebook page has been a problem for me since they "upgraded". Please be patient if you request more information about a posted picture, it may take a few days for me to respond. In the meantime stay healthy, be careful, and hope you a much better 2021.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!



COVID-19 reared its ugly head on our local communities this month. On behalf of CNC, we offer our condolences to the families of those who passed and wish speedy recovery to those who have contracted this dreaded disease. Most October activities were curtailed with the exception of the Scarecrow Contest which brought about 24 wonderful creations! The members found it very difficult to decide upon winners. Congratulations to Beth Howes – Friendliest; Begin's Beecher Falls Beverage & Redemption – Prettiest; Annette Boynton – Best Recycled; Deb Houle – Scariest. The Funniest category had a tie with The Giroux's and Mario and Hylie Marquis. Your certificates and "trophies" will be delivered soon. Thank you ALL for participating and making our communities look fun and welcoming!

CNC's Welcome Sign project, funded by The Tillotson North Country Foundation and Bangor Savings Bank Foundation is complete! Many thanks to Richard Thibeault, Dan Wade, Steve Young, David and Dillon Begin for the installation of the signs and Cheryl Cote for organizing a Pitch Tournament, donating the proceeds for this cause.

The "Recipes and Remembrances 2020" cookbook made its appearance and is sold out! We are now taking orders for gift certificates as it has been determined there is a need for another order to be made! They are beautiful and filled with wonderful recipes. No one has been disappointed yet! Also, if you missed the very quick deadline for recipe submissions in the first edition, please forward your recipes along with a short story or remembrance that is associated with that recipe. We will also be making the additional recipes available for those who have already purchased the first edition. More details will follow in the spring. Please contact Angie Flanagan at canaancookbook2020@gmail.com.

The creation of an old-fashioned winter wonderland at Fletcher Park has been tabled for next year. CNC hopes that passersby have seen Fletcher Park recently decorated complete with the Memory Tree. Tags may be purchased at Cunningham's garage or Canaan Schools. All donations go to Two Rivers Ride for Cancer. Your donation changes the red bulb to white, making the goal to be all white by the ceremony on December 20th at 1:00 pm, COVID protocol.

Our group was made aware of a wonderful activity that is happening in Rangeley, Maine at the Rangeley Health and Wellness Fitness Center and would like to replicate it here. Beginning as soon as one wishes, we encourage everyone to participate in the Holiday Gratitude Project! "We believe that practicing gratitude is so important to our emotional well-being, so from now through the holidays we want to get YOU, our community, involved—as there is so much to be thankful for." Using yellow cardstock, share your own gratitude by creating a sign sharing it with all community members by placing it in your windows or doors. Be on the lookout at the Alice Ward Memorial Library for being one of the first to participate in this activity. The library may have yellow cardstock for those who cannot find any. Decorate as you wish and exhibit. Spread thankfulness around, creating brightness and cheer!

A group of citizens have been meeting for a gazebo to be built in the Beecher Falls Park. This project will be done in the spring. More information will be made as time goes on. If anyone would like to volunteer their services for any part of this wonderful and worthwhile project, please let us know. Also, CNC in collaboration with the Community Forest committee are working on a way to get the surrounding communities' input for the forest. Be on the lookout for upcoming information in various media! This land's use is implemented in the Canaan Schools curriculum, to include the Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs.

CNC members look forward to the months ahead and are excited about the possibilities and partnerships that will continue to be made for the Town of Canaan! There are monthly meetings that normally occur the 3rd Thursday of every month but if interested in helping in any way, please let the group know. You can always click on Canaan's Destination Website (www.canaanvt.com) for the most up-to-date information available.

Happy and safe Holidays to all!

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- St. Johnsbury, VT (802) 748-5624
- Island Pond, VT (802) 723-4261
(or contact Newport Learning Center)
- Canaan, VT (802) 266-3933
- Canaan, VT (802) 334-2839

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CANAAN RECREATION PARK

THANK YOU

Thank you to the family of the late Kirk Hann. It was so kind of you to make such a generous donation in honor of your loved one. We are so appreciative of your generosity.

Recreation Park Committee