

Canaan Carrier

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OCTOBER 2017

PROPERTY TAX BILLS

The Town of Canaan property tax bills have been mailed and are due on or before October 2nd, 2017. Besides the regular daily hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday, the Canaan Town Clerk's office will be open on Monday, October 2nd from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of collecting the 2017 Property Taxes. Any tax dollars that are received after that date are delinquent and are subject to delinquent fees and interest charges. The night deposit at the Town Office is also available for your convenience.

ATTEST: Noreen Labrecque, Canaan Town Treasurer

Town Board of Listers

Richard Dennis Jr. has been appointed to fill the position of Lister/Assessor until the elections in March, 2018.

WELCOME

STUMP DUMP

The Stump Dump will be closing October 28, 2017 and will reopen May 5, 2018. Will open for the disposal of Christmas trees on January 6th and 13th, 2018.



On Sunday, November 5, 2017 at 2 a.m.

This weekend is also a good time for everyone to take these steps to make sure their household is prepared for emergencies.

- **Check smoke alarm batteries.** When turning the clocks back, take a few minutes to push the test button to make sure the alarms are working. Replace the batteries at least once a year – if your model requires it. It's also a great time to check carbon monoxide detectors.

- **Install smoke alarms.** If you don't have smoke alarms, install them. At a minimum, put one on every level of the home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas.

- **Practice an escape plan.** Make sure everyone in the family knows how to get out of every room and how to get out of the home in less than two minutes.

REPORT FROM THE SELECTBOARD

Highway Department

1. Completed the riverbank restoration on River Rd. and installed guard rails.
2. Completed the project of redirecting the stream to the culvert at the dry hydrant on Canaan Hill Rd.
3. Completed the Keyer Brook stream bank restoration.
4. Graveled 3 tenths of a mile on Hudson Rd.
5. Graveled section of Canaan Hill Rd. from Rte. 102 to the Fund Rd.
6. Due to the fact we had to divert some highway funds to complete the top three items the wastewater treatment road paving will be re-scheduled to 2018.

Transfer Station

1. The container for the MSW has been repaired and back in use.
2. The C&D container has been repaired and back in service.
3. The concrete pad has been built for the metal container.

PACIF Inspection. (Property & Casualty Inter-municipal Fund Insurance) Purchased through Vermont League of Cities and Towns.

The following is a list of issues reported at the designated location and which need to be corrected.

Transfer Station

1. Space between tire storage container and metal container needs to be fenced off.
2. Electrical power strips were connected in series. Too many extension cords connected to power strip device.
3. Stairway in recycling building blocked.
4. Eyewash was not in use.
5. Clutter in office.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

1. Needs a confined space program in place.

Town Office

1. One or more exit routes were blocked.

Town Garage

1. Blades for grader need to be stored off the floor in a rack.
2. If we allow the dirt pile for community use during the winter months we need a separate pile of dirt away from the main pile for community use and identified as such.

The selectboard has inspected the sites and reviewed all the issues with the operators and corrective actions have been implemented. Quarterly inspections will be scheduled with a check list to make sure all required safety issues are met going forward.

Village Destination Centers

Canaan and Beecher Falls have been mapped for Village Destination Status and we have been approved by the regulating board. This is an opportunity for businesses in the designated centers to get tax credits for starting a business or making improvements. Contact the town office for more information.

Selectboard: In order to complete some of the items on our to do list the selectboard will be working on these items on the weeks between our regular schedule meetings. The following is list of items we will be addressing.

1. Meeting Act 148 requirements to remove food waste from our waste streams.
2. Ordinances:
 - a. Town of Canaan Highway Access Policy
 - b. Blighted Properties (will include updating current junk yard polices)
3. Town Lighting (Switching to LED and taking some lights out of service). We will be placing a colored tape on the poles that we have determined could be turned off. This will allow for public comments on the lights identified to be turned off.

Water Leak Statistics & Examples

Water use and especially unattended leaks can quickly add up to excessive water bills!

Give the town a call if you suspect a water leak at 802-266-3370.

The following shows the amount of water that can be lost for various size leaks.

A dripping leak consumes:

15 gal. per day

450 gal. per month

A 1/32 in. leak consumes:

264 gal. per day

7,920 gal. per month

A 1/16 in. leak consumes:

943 gal. per day

28,300 gal. per month / At 60psi, a 1/16" hole leaks 74,000 gallons (9,850 cubic feet) in 3 months

A 1/8 in. leak consumes:

3,806 gal. per day

114,200 gal. per month / At 60psi, a 1/8" hole leaks 296,000 gallons (39,400 cubic feet) in 3 months

A 1/4 in. leak consumes:

15,226 gal. per day

456,800 gal. per month / At 60 psi, a 1/4" hole leaks 1,181,500 gallons (158,000cf) in 3 months

A 1/2 in. leak consumes:

60,900 gal. per day

1,827,000 gal. per month

Common water Loss examples:

Leaking Toilet @1/2 GPM = 21,600 Gal/mo

Watering Garden for 2 hours @ 5 GPM = 18,000 Gal/mo

Watering Garden for 2 hours @ 10 GPM = 36,000 Gal/mo

Unattended Water Hose 1 night @10 GPM = 5,400 Gal/mo

Broken Services Line 1 night @15 GPM = 8,100 Gal

1 day @15 GPM = 21,600 Gal

1 week @15 GPM = 151,200 Gal

1 month @ 15 GPM = 648,000 Gal

Stuck Ice Maker @ 2 GPM = 86,400 Gal/mo

Stuck Check Valve in Washing Machine – 30 minutes = 240 Gal

Typical Normal Water Uses:

1 Bath = 42 Gal

1 Shower = 17 Gal

Wash 1 Load of Clothes = 45 Gal

Flush Toilet = 3 Gal

Chiefs Corner



Be advised that the posted stop signs at the intersection of River Road and VT RTE 253 in Beecher Falls are still ACTIVE. Once the bridge is reopened your mind will be trained not to stop and that complacency could result in a serious crash causing injury or death. Be respectful of the construction workers present at this location who are trusting that the motoring public will stop and not drive through at posted limits. Violators will be subject to fines up to \$214.00 and 2 points on their license.

With the increasing number of motor vehicle complaints and recent spike in highway fatalities law enforcement agencies across the state are stepping up patrols and will be issuing more traffic complaint violations. We will be doing the same here in the towns of Essex County. If you see violations please report them. We all need to have a stake in keeping our highways safe.



Stay Alive



Is Your House Number Clearly Visible from the Street?

Seconds Count in an Emergency! That's why it's important that your house is clearly marked for emergency personnel. Simply put, ensure that assistance coming from any direction is easily able to identify your house number.

- Protect your family and your property by having large visible house numbers.
- Firefighters, police officers, and paramedics will be able to find you faster when your home is properly marked.
- A visitor, child, or injured person may be unable to give clear directions and rely on your house being properly marked. Emergency personnel from a neighboring community may be unfamiliar with your area.

Use Large, Visible Numbers!

- The Office of the State Fire Marshal says "numbers need to be at least 4-inches in height and facing the street."
- Put the numbers under lighting, and use numbers with a contrasting background so they will be visible at night.
- Attach numbers to the home and NOT a door. Doors can be opened which will make the markings no longer visible.
- If your driveway is long, also post your house number on BOTH sides of a mailbox or sign pole at the end of the driveway near the road.

Be sure to keep the numbers visible by trimming trees and bushes.

The 45th Parallel EMS has 911 reflective signs available for purchase. They are made of highly visible materials that can be seen day or night. Up to 5 numbers can be placed horizontally or vertically for a variety of mounting options. The signs have pre-drilled holes for easy mounting, and installation advice and assistance is available. The cost of each sign is \$15.00. Contact 45th Parallel EMS at 603-237-5593 or email 911signs@45thems.org to order.

REMINDER—ZONING PERMITS

Property owners are reminded that a zoning permit is required for ANY land development including the “division of a parcel into two or more parcels, the construction, reconstruction, conversion, relocation or enlargement of any building or other structure, and any change in the use of any building or other structure, or land”. Application forms are available either at the Town Office or from Bob Lee the Zoning Administrator.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all of you who continue to voluntarily comply with our Town Zoning By-Law. By doing this, you are making a significant contribution toward reducing the cost of running your Town government.

Please feel free to contact Bob Lee at 266-8269 whenever you are in doubt as to the need for a Canaan permit.

HEART AND SOUL COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

The Heart and Soul Team have chosen the following long term goals. Please mark the ones you would be interested in working on along with your contact information and return to the Town Office by October 12th.

- # 1 Project - NON-MOTORIZED RECREATION**—MISSION: Identify existing outdoor sports, such as Cross Country Skiing/Hiking/Biking and develop these potential opportunities.
- # 2 Project - IMPROVE GALE STREET**-MISSION: To improve the visualization of Gale Street in order to provide a welcoming, safe Main Street, resulting in increased pride by community members as well as help promote Canaan as a great place to visit and live.
- #3 Project - Cultural Destination for Writers/Artists/Etc.**-MISSION: Capitalize on the natural beauty, peace and tranquility that Canaan has to offer and market Canaan as a destination for writers and artists to coalesce.
- #4 Project - BRICK AND MORTAR**-MISSION: To create a venue to enhance the Canaan area as a destination to relax and take in the Northeast Kingdom culture. Depending on the affordability and practicality of our resources, there are many opportunities that already exist but are not being utilized for one reason or another, they are as follows:

- Outdoor Center
- Welcome Center/Internet Cafe

(Canaan Schools could become involved with either of these projects, volunteers, and partnerships with area businesses to make this a positive contributing resource to the Town of Canaan. These projects would impact a large number of people with job opportunities for travelers/visitors.)

#5 Project - HOMELESS SHELTER-MISSION: To have small shelters with a bed, heater, and a sink hook up that is portable and have a process to ask for spare rooms in people’s houses, or using some abandoned building that the town can buy to house people at a reduced cost for a night or two. This will help to relieve individual decisions on how to help others, it will relieve the law enforcement to get people off the streets, and it will relieve outside organizations to help when we can step up and do something for the town and others. Some ideas:

- The Homeless Emergency
- Town Benevolence Fund to help people get a hotel room for a night.
- Occupy Madison

I am not interested in working on any specific project above, but I am interested in helping the Heart and Soul Team in any way I can.

Contact Name and Phone Number or Email Address _____

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CANAAN SCHOOL CRAFT FAIR

Date: Saturday, October 14, 2017

Time: 9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

Location: High School Gym

If interested in renting a table, call Deborah Lynch at 802-266-8910 before October 10th

Proceeds from this event will go towards scholarships and school improvements.



October 31, 2017

Halloween is Tuesday, October 31st and trick or treating will be from

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

BE A PART OF OUR 2ND ANNUAL SCARECROW CREATION OF FUN!



Date: October 8-30 (on running)

Locations: Fletcher and Beecher Falls Park

Why: to promote a fun community event for the whole family

Create on-site or bring from home

Residents in the center of the Town of Canaan are encouraged to create on their lawns as a gateway to the Town of Canaan

Please make sure to identify who made the scarecrow creations

**For more information:
contact Terrie Herr
802-266-8986**

After judging takes place, please make sure to remove creation.

Thank you

Our Awards

Crow's Best Friend (Friendliest)

Most Likely to Succeed (Scariest)

Just Like You Only Prettier (Prettiest)

Going Green (Best Recycling)

You Keep Me In Stitches (Funniest)

Winners Receive

a
Ribbon
Fall-themed
Goody

Recognition in
Newspaper and social media

Judging will take place at the next
Heart and Soul meeting scheduled for
November 9th

USE OF FACILITIES—REC PARK AND MEADOW LOT

Event organizers are required to fill out a Use of Facilities Application prior to their event. All large events require proof of liability insurance, all event organizers must provide the Town with a certificate of insurance with a minimum of \$1 million in liability coverage and name the Town of Canaan as an additional insured for the specific event.

Use of Facilities Applications can be found on our Town Website at

http://canaan-vt.org/images/USE_OF_FACILITIES_FORM.pdf

or pick up a form at the Town Office.

Thank you

Northern Forest Center and Bourne's Energy Offering Low Cost Pellet Stove Packages to Essex County Residents

The Northern Forest Center and Bourne's Energy are partnering to offer a unique wood heat package to Essex County residents. It's a Hearthstone pellet stove plus a 2.4-ton bulk storage unit that brings the benefits of bulk delivery to stove owners. The stove, storage unit, and 2 tons of pellets are now available for \$2,050 (refurbished stove) or \$2,550 (new) - a discount of over 50%! The Northern Forest Center is providing the incentives for this package. There are only 25 packages available at this low price so act now before the incentives are gone!

Detailed information can be found at: <https://www.bournesenergy.com/Essex-county-pellet-package>

FD#1 PROJECTS

The Water Storage Tank project is ahead of schedule and is expected to be completed and online by year's end. Pressure and bacteriological testing is near completion and the 220,000-gallon concrete water storage tank is being backfilled. The contractor is expected to be demobilized from the project in mid-October. The new tank is at a higher elevation which will result in better water pressure. The fire hydrants will then be able to be used for fire protection once completed.

Meanwhile, the water treatment facility which will be located next to the well near Ethan Allen Drive design is in process. The facility will filter out both manganese and iron and the design plans for construction are being finalized by Tata & Howard to be submitted to the State for permitting within the next few months. Bids for the construction are expected in mid-Winter 2018 for a Spring 2018 groundbreaking. Final completion of the treatment facility is expected to be the Fall of 2018.

Additional water main replacement upgrades for Nathan, Enid and Holmes will be constructed in the summer of 2018 as well.

FAITH IN ACTION NORTHERN COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP INC.

Sixteen communities participated for a total of 89 families consisting of 209 individuals. Twenty six volunteers helped to distribute 10,241 pounds of food. We extend our appreciation to the Fire Department, Ethan Allen and Greg Noyes for all your help in making this a successful drop. We are looking forward to assisting your community in the future.

Deb Reynolds

NEK Faith In Action

2017 CANAAN RECREATION SURVEY

The Recreation Commission would like to thank you in advance for taking time to complete our survey. This survey will help us improve our service to you and your family. We are compiling information about our recreation park so we can ensure we are providing recreation services that meet the needs of our community. We ask for your input to determine how we might improve our facilities. Please take a few moments to complete this survey and drop off at the Town Office.

1. Preparer Information Age:___ Gender Male Female
2. How long have you lived in our area? _____
3. Number of people in family (residing at your home): _____
 Ages of family members:
 0 - 5 20 - 25 55 - 74
 6 - 14 26 - 54 80+
 15 - 19
4. How often do you use our recreation park?
 Daily Weekly Monthly
 Occasionally Rarely
5. During what time period do you visit the park the most?
 Morning (9 a.m. - 11 a.m.) Afternoon (12 p.m. - 5 p.m.)
 Evenings (6 p.m. - 9 p.m.)
6. What recreation activities do you usually use? (Please check all that apply)
 Basketball court Tennis courts Walking path
 Playground Softball/soccer fields Fitness Stations
7. Has anything prevented you from fully enjoying your visit at our recreation park?
 Lack of parking Lack of restrooms
 Concern for personal safety No assistance for physical condition
 Other _____
8. What events would you attend in 2018? (please check all that apply):
 Softball games Outdoor Movies in the Park Volleyball tournaments
 Soccer games Moose Festival Aerobic classes
 Soccer camp Little League games Tennis classes
 Running training/clinics Horseshoe tournaments Community running group
9. What would you like to see added to our park? (Please number them from 1 to 2 **1=best**)
 ___ Bocce court ___ Skate park Other _____
10. What is your overall opinion of our recreation park?
 Excellent Very good Good
 Fair Poor No opinion
11. Please comment on any ideas for improvements to our recreation park

Thank you for completing this survey.



Canaan Historical Society

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Museum hours: Monday-Friday from 2 pm to 4 pm

"We Remember, Growing Up in the Canaan Area", our long-awaited video is finally finished and currently available at April's Maple and the Historical Society. They will also be available on Amazon.com and the Create Space website. We sold them at the Sugar Social, Stewartstown Day, and the Moose Festival and sales have been good. Reviews of the video have been mostly favorable and there has been discussion about producing a follow-up. Snippets were published on our Facebook page and received many positive comments. We plan to schedule a showing at the Coos County Nursing Hospital in the near future. A Sunday lunch at the Northland Hotel, to congratulate Alec Biron for his excellent work on the video, finished the project.

Our second Wallace Pond Memories session was held the 19th of August at Jackson's Lodge. We had about 35 attendees and all seemed to have a good time. Old Home Day in Pittsburg, the 20th anniversary memorial in Colebrook, and the George Van Dyke Pioneer Trail event in Hereford were all held the same day so we feel we did well.

Photographs and family albums continue to be loaned or donated to the historical society and many photos are scanned to our computer, labeled, and filed. The process is time consuming but rewarding as we continue to add to our photographic history of the town and its families.

This summer, as we have in the past, we provided background information and statistics for five alumni of Canaan Memorial who were to be inducted into the Orleans Northern Essex Hall of Fame. Twenty-two alumni have been inducted through the years and we are proud to have been instrumental in the selection process of most of them and writing the biographic sketches.

Our Facebook page continues to draw interest from former and current residents, their far-away relatives, and even people with no ties to Canaan. Check it out when you have time.

CAN YOU ANSWER THIS QUESTION?

What was the name of Vermont before it was named Vermont?

Answer on page 11

Alice M. Ward Memorial Library

Our new two-year oral history project Canaan Histories kicks off this September. Funded by a grant from the Vermont Humanities Council, Canaan Histories will use newly purchased recording equipment to interview Canaan and area residents on key historical moments in recent history, such as the closure of the Ethan Allen factory in Beecher Falls, the return of veterans after wars, the Earth's People's Park in Norton, and others. The first interviews will be collaborations with four elementary classes in Canaan Schools, with following. Our first subject will be the closure of the Beecher Falls factory. I strongly encourage local people to interview their own family members and friends, with all training and equipment provided by the library. All interviews will be made available on a website and archived afterwards to make them available to a wide audience. Please contact us for more information.

Our library two robotics teams have started their challenges. First Lego League features 4th and 5th graders designing, building and coding Lego robots to complete given tasks and compete against other teams at a competition in December. First Tech Challenge involves middle and high school students doing the same with real aluminum robotics parts. These were funded initially by grant and donations from the New Hampshire FIRST organization.

We continue to purchase new books for your enjoyment. If there is ever a title you would like that we do not have, please do not hesitate to contact us to ask.

Thanks

Craig Varley

Director, Alice M. Ward Memorial Library

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON PAGE 10

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