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JANUARY 2018

TOWN OF CANAAN PARKING BANS



Effective December 1, 2017 through April 1, 2018 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.

Gregory D. Noyes, Chairman

Haven L. Haynes, Jr.

Frank T. Sawicki, Jr.

HOLIDAY HOURS

The Canaan Town Office will close at 12:00 p.m. on December 22nd and reopen at 9:00 a.m. on December 26th and will close at 12:00 p.m. on December 29th and reopen at 9:00 a.m. on January 2nd.

STUMP DUMP

The Stump Dump will be open on January 6th and 13th, 2018 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

LED Lighting Update and Review

Our reasons to switch to LED lighting

Reduce energy use, energy costs, light pollution and wasted light, improve light quality.

Our guidance in this process was using Efficiency Vermont Guide to improving efficiency while recognizing and meeting safety needs in the planning process of making changes to our Municipal Lighting Plan.

We obtained a Street Light Inventory and Map from Vermont Electric. We reviewed all locations of our municipal lights and have identified street lights to be removed. Our review and assessment of which street lights to remove followed the following criteria: Pedestrian and Traffic Safety. Such as intersections, sidewalks and crosswalks.

Our next step is to meet with our appointed Energy Consultant from Efficiency Vermont. He grew up in Canaan (Jonathan Thibeault). He will work with us on the Incentive Agreement with Efficiency Vermont and how to move the project forward. Hopefully we will have concrete information to inform the town before the Town Meeting.

CHIEF'S CORNER

Winter is upon us so it's time to change our driving habits. Keep in mind that speed limits are set for dry conditions. Adjust your speed according to weather conditions. Don't rely on four wheel or all wheel drive to keep you safe. Take time to clean off your vehicles and make sure your windshield is completely clean. Snow or ice covered windshields can obstruct your view.

Scams

Telephone scams are again on the rise. Be very cautious with what information you give over the phone. As a rule of thumb if you didn't make the call don't give any information. Request them to send information through the mail. Don't let them bully you into giving up information. The police will NEVER come and get you for not paying someone money. Be aware that they are now using local numbers that come up on the caller id as Canaan VT. And lastly, if you don't recognize the number let the answering machine pick it up.

Pets

Please care for your pets in this colder time of year. Animals should never be left outside for long periods of time. It is inhumane and illegal.

Canaan Police 266-9619

VT State Police 334-8881

Essex Sheriff 676-3500

CHECK THIS OUT!!

<https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/fraud-watch-network/>

UPDATE ON FIRE DISTRICT #1 PROJECTS

THIS SUMMER/FALL THE CANAAN FIRE DISTRICT #1 ONGOING PROJECT CONSISTED OF THE INSTALLATION OF A 220,000 GALLON STORAGE TANK LOCATED IN THE CANAAN COMMUNITY FOREST ON GREEN HILL ROAD. WE ARE VERY DISAPPOINTED THAT THE STORAGE TANK HAS NOT BEEN PUT ON LINE THIS YEAR. UNFORTUNATELY CIRCUMSTANCES DIDN'T ALLOW FOR IT. WE ARE IN HOPES OF GETTING IT ONLINE NEXT SPRING 2018. AS SOON AS THE TELEMETRY (RADIO CONTROL) SYSTEM IS INSTALLED THE NEW TANK WILL BE PLACED INTO SERVICE. THIS NEW TANK WILL INCREASE THE PRESSURE TO ALL OF THE CUSTOMERS SO A SMALL PRESSURE REDUCING VALVE WILL NEED TO BE INSTALLED. THIS WILL ACCOMPANY THE INSTALLATION OF NEW WATER METERS.

WE ARE VERY AWARE OF THE 'DIRTY WATER' PROBLEM IN OUR SYSTEM. THIS IS DUE TO THE INCREASED IRON AND MANGANESE IN THE WATER SYSTEM FROM OUR GROUNDWATER WELL. WE PERFORM MANDATORY MONTHLY WATER TESTS AND ALL TESTS HAVE COME BACK WITHIN THE STATE'S ALLOWABLE LIMITS FOR ALL TESTED SUBSTANCES.

OUR NEXT PROJECT CONSISTS OF A WATER TREATMENT FACILITY WHICH WILL REMOVE THE PROBLEMATIC IRON AND MANGANESE IN OUR SYSTEM. WE HAVE SENT THE PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF VERMONT DRINKING WATER PROGRAM SO WILL HOPEFULLY BEGIN THIS PORTION OF OUR PROJECT IN THE SPRING OF 2018. THE PROJECT WILL BE COMPLETED BY NOVEMBER 30, 2018.

WE ALSO PLAN ON REPLACING THE WATER MAINS ON NATHAN, HOLMES AND THE REST OF ENID.

UPDATE ON FIRE DISTRICT #2 PROJECT

This summer Fire District Two in in process of completing two parts of the continuing project. In November a "loop" was completed connecting the water mains from the last upgrade to the other part of East Street that had not been previously connected. This connection is going to give the ability to feed water in a loop from two directions so if there is a break on one side the whole area does not need to be shut down. This also gives the factory sources of water from two directions the main on Route 253 and off East Street. Also this winter into spring there is going to be a new telemetry system installed that is going to connect the well house and the reservoir remotely to the Wastewater Treatment Facility dual operator so if there is an emergency someone is immediately called out. If it is a small issue the operator will be able to access it from their computer at home and save having to call them out for minor issues which will be a cost savings to the user. The Engineering firm in in the process of getting quotes for this project and scheduling the work, this work will be done in unison with Fire District One by the same contractor.

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 8, 2018 starting at 6:30 p.m.

TOWN WARNING PETITIONS

Anyone wishing to place an article in the 2018 Town Warning or School Meeting Warning by petition, must have the petition in to the Town Clerk by January 18, 2018. The petition must be signed by 5% of the legal voters of the Town of Canaan. (This is about 35 signatures)

ATTEST: Noreen Labrecque, Town Clerk

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 6 signatures)

The petition form must be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 29, 2018. 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 2018 Ballot:

Town Moderator	1 year
School Moderator	1 year
Selectboard	3 years
Delinquent Tax Collector	3 years
Lister	3 years
School Director	3 years
School Director	2 years
School Director	1 year
School Director	1 year
Auditor	3 years
Trustee of Public Funds	3 years
Library Trustee	2 years
Library Trustee	2 years
Library Trustee	1 year
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

ALICE M. WARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The library's First Lego League robotics team went all the way to Norwich University in Northfield VT with 16 other teams for the statewide tournament on Sunday December 10th. The five 4th and 5th graders in the team had to work together to build a robot from Lego Mindstorm pieces and guide it through several complicated missions using their own code. They also had to address engineering problems around the theme of water and created a presentation proposing a new product they designed to aid people in purifying drinking water during natural disasters. The team called themselves the Alphabots. Next year's competition is around the theme of space travel. The FLL club starts up again in early 2018 and practices weekly for kids in 4-7 grade. If you know a child who may be interested in robotics, coding, engineering or just building stuff please contact the library for further details.

The library's oral history project has begun with interviews with local people on various subjects, particularly the Beecher Falls Ethan Allen factory. All the interviews will be archived and clips from all will be available on a website. This is a community history project where interviewees are encouraged to talk about Canaan and its history in a personal way to share the town's stories. Please contact the library if you would like to contribute to the project.

If there is ever a book you would like to read please do not hesitate to let us know.

Craig Varley, Librarian

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

The 2017 Annual Town Reports will be available for distribution by February 24, 2018. 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

March 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. the Annual Town Meeting begins. Followed by the Annual School Meeting.

March 6, 2018 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 11, 2018

change clocks ahead one hour.

*Thank
you*

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT DONATED FLOWERS AND ALSO WORKED ON THE FLOWERS AROUND TOWN THIS SUMMER. THEY WERE BEAUTIFUL AND WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT.

SMOKE ALARM SAFETY TIPS

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom. They should also be outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- There are two kinds of alarms. Ionization smoke alarms are quicker to warn about flaming fires. Photoelectric alarms are quicker to warn about smoldering fires. It is best to use both types of alarms in the home.
- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

CARBON MONOXIDE SAFETY

Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.
- Choose a CO alarm that is listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Call your local fire department's non-emergency number to find out what number to call if the CO alarm sounds.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department.
- If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel declare that it is safe to re-enter the home.
- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO — only use outside.

A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.

Vermont Income Tax Forms and Schedules

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

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

HOMESTEAD DECLARATIONS

By Vermont law, property owners whose homes meet the definition of a Vermont homestead must **file a Homestead Declaration annually by the April filing deadline**. If eligible, it is important that you file so that you are correctly assessed the homestead tax rate on your property.

In Vermont, all property is subject to a statewide education property tax to pay for the state's schools.

For this purpose, property is categorized as either nonresidential or homestead. A homestead is the principal dwelling and parcel of land surrounding the dwelling, owned and occupied by the resident as the person's domicile.

BOTH HS-122 AND HI-144 FORMS MUST BE FILED ANNUALLY.

AVOID PENALTIES AND FILE ON TIME.

What is not a Homestead?

Property is considered nonresidential and therefore not a homestead if one of the following applies:

- Your property is leased for more than 182 days out of the calendar year.
- The property is used exclusively for a commercial, including rental, purpose.
- The property is used for a second home, camp, vacation, or summer cottage.



PO Box 214, Canaan, Vermont 05903

**canvthistsoc@gmail.com or
www.canaanvthistoricalsociety.org**

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

Fall, 2017, was rather quiet for the historical society. Visits dropped off after August and we are preparing for the winter lull. In October, our monthly meeting was held at the Coos County Nursing Hospital so we could show our video, "We Remember, Growing Up in the Canaan Area" to the residents. Most stayed awake through the presentation and we received a number of favorable comments as the video brought back many fond memories. In December, we hosted our yearly Wassail Party after the monthly meeting. The event is open to the public, as are our meetings, and we encourage you to attend one in the future.

Canaan Schools has donated a number of items that were discovered while closet cleaning. Items from the Science Department included a microscope while the Athletic Department furnished a box of uniforms from various sports and years. The laboratory equipment is on display but the uniforms are housed while the year and sport are researched.

This past October 28th, four of us attended the annual League of Local Historical Societies and Museums event held at Lyndon State College. Sponsored by the Vermont Historical Society, the event provides sessions on various aspects of historical interests and helps small groups like ours solve problems that have been encountered by others. We happened to be seated at a table with Steve Perkins and his wife. They lived in Canaan while Steve was the music teacher at the school in the 1970s. They have become active in the Williston, VT, Historical Society and their son, Steve, is the President of the Vermont Historical Society. One of the sessions focused on displaying and storing photographs, which we have a lot of. The presenter has agreed to come to visit us and assess our collection to see what we are doing right or wrong. Other local historical societies have been invited so it will be a chance to compare notes and possibly plan some future joint event.

Our Facebook Page is still going strong and increasingly being noticed by past residents or people whose ancestors were residents of the Canaan area. If you have photos you think would be interesting to our Facebook viewers, please let us know. We can scan them and return the original to you.

Thank you for your patronage and donations.

Holiday Health and Safety Tips

Holidays are meant to be spent with family and friends, not in the waiting room of an emergency room. We reached out to experts for some tips to avoid common holiday medical emergencies. Here are some suggestions:

Traveling: Don't drink and drive, and don't let someone else drink and drive. Wear a seat belt every time you drive or ride in a motor vehicle. Always buckle your child in the car using a child safety seat, booster seat, or seat belt according to his/her height, weight, and age.

Decorations: If you have small children or pets keep decorations like hanging lights or glassware out of their reach—even some seasonal plants like poinsettias and mistletoe can be toxic if ingested.

Children: Make sure your child is wearing proper protective equipment like helmets and gloves if they are doing any winter sports or activities. If they are going out to play in the snow, make sure they wear multiple layers and insulated, waterproof coats and pants.

Fire Safety: Be sure to keep trees well-watered and away from heat sources like air vents, burning candles and fireplaces.

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Canaan Community

Community members from Canaan and neighboring region
are invited and encouraged to attend a Community Summit
that will focus on what's important for Canaan to grow and
thrive, on Saturday, February 10th, 2018 from Noon – 3:00
PM, in the Canaan School Gym.

Come and see what many others have said is important to them and add your voice!

Childcare and refreshments will be available.

An opportunity for you to make a difference in your community's future!

Saturday, February 10th, 2018 from Noon – 3:00 PM, Canaan School Gym

WINNERS OF THE 2ND ANNUAL SCARECROW CREATION OF FUN!

Scariest—The Varley's

Funniest—Grace Community Youth Group

Prettiest—Annette Boynton

Friendliest—The Houle's

Best Recycling—The D'Aiello's

Thank you to all the participants!