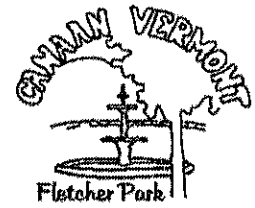


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TOWN OF CANAAN PARKING BANS



Effective December 1, 2019 through April 1, 2020 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.

Haven L. Haynes, Jr., Chairman

Gregory D. Noyes

Frank T. Sawicki, 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 26th and will close at 12:00 p.m. on December 31st and reopen at 8:00 a.m. on January 2nd.

STUMP DUMP

The Stump Dump will be open on January 4th and 11th, 2020 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 11, 2020 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

TOWN WARNING PETITIONS

Anyone wishing to place an article in the 2020 Town Meeting Warning or School Meeting Warning by petition, must have the petition in to the Town Clerk by January 16, 2020. 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

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

The 2019 Annual Town Report will be available for distribution by February 22, 2020. 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 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. the Annual Town Meeting begins. Followed by the Annual School Meeting.

March 3, 2020 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.

PRIMARY ELECTIONS

The Democratic and Republican parties will hold primary elections in Vermont on March 3, 2020.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

CHANGE CLOCKS

Daylight Saving Time changes at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 8, 2020
change clocks ahead one hour.

Change Your Clock, Change Your Batteries

VERMONT ELECTION LAWS

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

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

The petition form must be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 27, 2020. 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 2020 Ballot:

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

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

ATTEST: Noreen Labrecque, Town Clerk

Canaan Fire District #1 Project Update

Water meter installations will be finished in Spring 2020. We want to thank everyone for their patience during our projects.

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 13, 2020 starting at 5:30 p.m.

SOLID MATERIALS

Your private or municipal system can process only toilet paper, which is designed to fall apart rapidly.

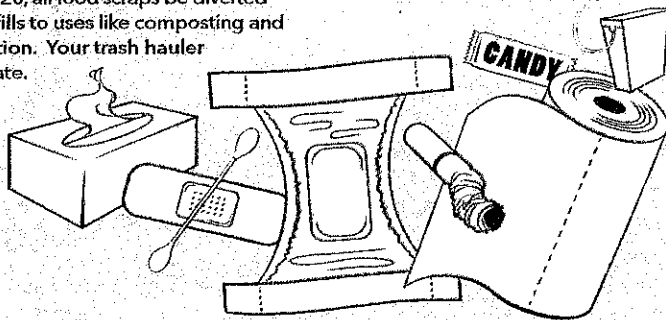
Never flush household solid waste such as paper, cloth, or plastic film, even if the package says it's "flushable." Those "flushable" wipes are a leading cause of serious clogs - never flush them!

These items don't dissolve. They mix with fats, oils, and greases, creating clogs that require costly repairs. They can also cause sewage overflows into rivers and lakes.

SOLID MATERIALS DISPOSAL

Toss household solid waste materials into the trash for pickup, or take them to your municipal drop-off. Don't try to burn or compost them (except food scraps)!

Food scraps also cause clogs - and in-sink disposals don't help! Compost them if you can. Vermont law requires that by July, 2020, all food scraps be diverted from landfills to uses like composting and bio-digestion. Your trash hauler will facilitate.



NEVER FLUSH

The following common household items should never be flushed:

- Paper towels
- Disposable diapers
- Tampons & applicators
- Sanitary napkins
- Hair
- Rags
- Dryer lint
- Cleaning/disinfectant wipes
- Cigarette butts
- Q-Tips
- Dental floss
- Bandages
- Condoms
- Cotton balls
- Facial tissues
- Flushable wipes
- Candy wrappers

DON'T FLUSH IT!

VOLUME 1: CLOGGERS!

How to save money and hassle and protect the environment by knowing what NOT to flush or pour into your septic tank or municipal sewer system.

RULE #1: Sewage treatment systems, big or small, are designed to handle pee, poo, and toilet paper. That's it! Everything else causes problems.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Our Sewer Plant Operators have reported increased maintenance cost for the Hall Stream Pump Station.

The normal maintenance for pulling pumps to clean is every two months. Since this past summer/fall they have had to pull the pumps once or sometimes twice a week. This is costing the users between \$61.73 and \$82.30 in man hours each time.

The Selectboard would like to ask that all users be more diligent in avoiding the use of the "flushable" wipes as they seem to be our biggest culprit.



Canaan Historical Society

PO Box 214, Canaan, Vermont 05903

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

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

Greetings from the Canaan Historical Society and we hope your holiday season is going as well as ours. We held our annual "Wassail Party" on the 20th of December and, since I'm writing this early, assume we had a good time. The last quarter of 2019 was perhaps the most rewarding and interesting since I became involved with the history of the town.

Bob and Rita Lee have donated a number of items that belonged to the family of his great-aunt, Bea Holmes. Many of you probably remember her as the Postmaster in Canaan during the mid 20th century and some may remember that she also ran a general store in the building. We are now in possession of the large wooden signs that once hung over the entrance to the store. The oldest of the signs is one that announces C. O. Holton, who was the original druggist and store owner. The reverse side of the sign is W.I. Schoff, who was Bea's father. He bought the store from Holton in the 1890s and, being thrifty, just turned the sign over and added his name. The sign has been stored in the attic and is in excellent condition. A second sign displays B. M. E. Holmes and has "groceries" and "postcards" on the ends. Its condition is not as good but is a wonderful item to have to remember the history of the town. We plan to hang the signs in the carriage house so both sides can be viewed. Other donated items of historical interest include an American Red Cross flag that Bea and other members displayed while soliciting donations and a Gold Star Family banner issued to the Schoff family during World War One. We have photos of Bea and her friends in their Red Cross uniforms with the flag. Bea has also written the names of the family members and the date of the banner, adding to its historical significance. One other item of interest is a hand-drawn map of Canaan showing the then-current property owners. The map also states: Map drawn by Beatrice M.E. Schoff, grade 9, Sept., 1914. We have had the map mounted and framed and are looking for a good display space at the museum. We intend to frame the flag and banner so they can be properly displayed. There are many other items that we are thrilled to have that reflect the history of the town and gratefully thank Bob and Rita Lee for their generosity.

The town office recently found another box of Mrs. Lund's glass plate negatives that should keep me busy this winter. A quick inspection revealed a number of portraits but also buildings that I won't be able to identify until the negatives have been cleaned, photographed, and processed to

Canaan Historical Society continued

positive images. I will then, hopefully, be able to identify the buildings and locations, a process I look forward to because I never know what treasure I may uncover. The quality of the negatives in many cases is so good that I can enlarge the positive image without losing a lot of its clarity. The positive images will be stored on our computer and prints made of some to be posted on our Facebook page.

The families of Mary Lou Lovering and Joan Cowan have also donated items for display or daily use by the Canaan Historical Society. Photos, slides, dolls and carriages, and a "Snoller" are among the display items and a slide projector for our slide show(s) the office donation. Thanks to the families for thinking of us.

As always, we are grateful to the many people who donate to our cause, be it cash or items of historical significance and we strive to share those items with the public. Remember us if you discover an old family photo album and are unsure what to do with it.

Have a happy, and safe, Christmas and New Year. Your friends at the Canaan Historical Society

VERMONT HOUSEHOLD INCOME FORM HI-144 AND PROPERTY TAX ADJUSTMENT FORM H2-122

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.



Greetings Canaan community!

This letter is an effort to keep the Canaan community informed on Canaan Naturally Connected, Inc. (CNC) activities, current projects and future possibilities. CNC is very excited about the past participation of our area community members and are in hopes for it to continue and grow!

CNC was very active this fall. September saw the group busily readying for the Volunteer Fair, where the focus was to highlight the work of the participating organizations/businesses, to solicit new volunteers, create partnerships, networking, and take concrete steps in making our community better in the five value areas aforementioned, in our "Action Plan". The Volunteer Fair took place November 2nd with 21 organizations/businesses participating. The general consensus from the group was to provide this opportunity again in the future.

Along with continuing to prepare for the Volunteer Fair and holding a "Coffee, Cake, Collaborate" night at NEKCA for that activity, October was a very positive month! The first Canaan Trunk or Treat was held on October 27th despite the inclement weather. Seventeen trunks were decorated in the Canaan Recreation Park filled with treats for the approximately 100 participants in this event. The month-long Scarecrow Contest witnessed much creativity in the towns of Canaan and Beecher Falls. Winners were chosen at the November meeting and were given a certificate, a scarecrow "trophy" and bragging rights on social media and the local newspapers.

Besides the Volunteer Fair, November was calmer, but members were actively working on future projects and participating in other organizations activities. CNC is participating in the North East Kingdom Challenge organized by the North East Kingdom Collaborative. This project is a partnership between Vermont, Federal Reserve of Boston, private sector, philanthropy and communities. The Boston Fed wants to support collaborative efforts that build strong economies and healthy communities. The challenge is to create a viable plan that encompasses work towards that goal.

CNC's current projects that were found through much data-collecting, are coming up with funds, to include grant money that has been awarded, for the new Welcome Signs for Canaan and Beecher Falls. The group has been awarded \$2000 from the Tillotson Grant to put towards this endeavor. The Fletcher Park fountain is also on the horizon for repair as well as reconditioning this historic landmark. The creation of a brochure of the Town of Canaan is in the works, again thanks to a grant. Canaan's Destination Website (www.canaanvt.com) is being worked on and updated.

CNC members look forward to the New Year and are excited about the possibilities and partnerships that 2020 will hold for the Town of Canaan! We invite anyone who has an interest in working with any of the projects to please get in touch with us. There are monthly meetings that normally occur the 3rd Thursday of every month. Besides the Destination Website you can email your questions to cnaturallyc@gmail.com or Terrie.Herr@gmail.com.

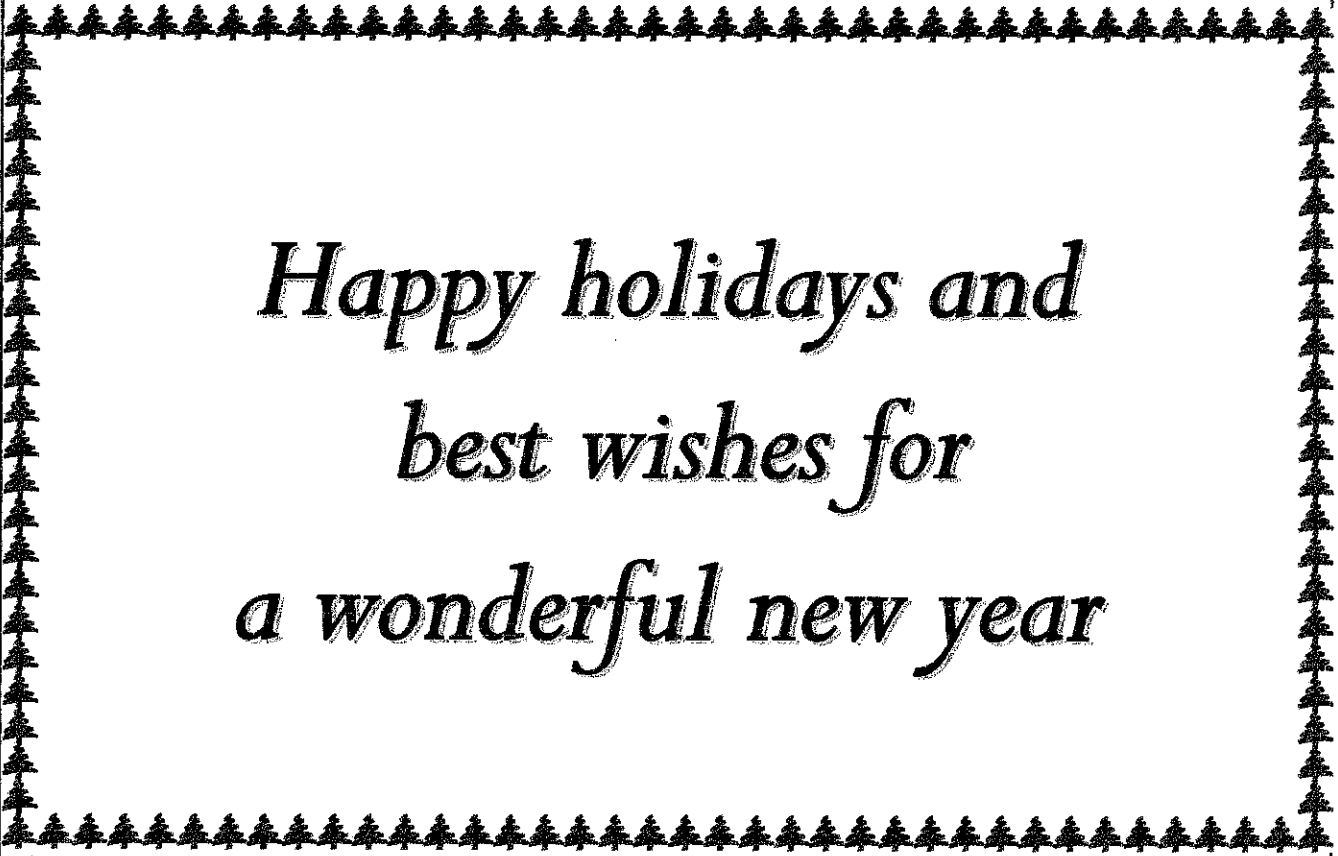
Can you finish these lyrics?

- 1. Oh the weather outside is frightful.....
- 2. You better watch out, you better not cry.....
- 3. Have yourself a merry little Christmas.....
- 4. So this is Christmas, and what have you done. Another year over.....
- 5. Grandma got run over by a reindeer.....

Trivia Questions

- 1. In the song "Frosty the Snowman," what made Frosty come to life?
- 2. Who played George Bailey in the Christmas classic "It's a Wonderful Life?"
- 3. In Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," what was Mr. Scrooge's first name?
- 4. "Miracle on 34th Street" centers on what real-life department store?
- 5. In what modern-day country was Saint Nicholas born?

Answers on last page



*Happy holidays and
best wishes for
a wonderful new year*

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Answers— Lyrics

1. But the fire is so delightful
2. Better not pout I'm telling you why
3. Let your heart be light
4. And a new one just begun
5. Walking home from our house Christmas Eve

Answers— Trivia

1. An old silk hat
2. Jimmy Stewart
3. Ebenezer
4. Macy's
5. Turkey