

Canaan Carrier

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OCTOBER 2016

PROPERTY TAX BILLS

The Town of Canaan property tax bills have been mailed and are due on or before October 3rd, 2016. 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 3rd from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of collecting the 2016 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.

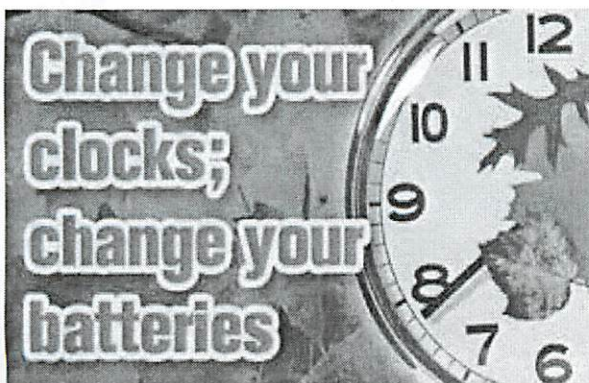
ATTEST: Noreen Labrecque, Canaan Town Treasurer

Town Board of Listers

The Canaan Town Board of Listers is elected for a three year term. In order to keep the cost down and not contract an outside firm we need one more lister. If you are interested in running for this office, please contact the Town Office at 802-266-3370.

STUMP DUMP

The Stump Dump will be closing October 29, 2016 and will reopen May 6, 2017. Will open for the disposal of Christmas trees on January 7th and 14th, 2017.



Daylight Saving Time

On Sunday, November 6, 2016 at 2 a.m.

as daylight saving time ends



Canaan Historical Society

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This past August we logged the most visits we have had in a single month since we started our sign-in book. Individuals, families, and members of other historical societies stopped to visit or take a tour of the museum and carriage house. We received a number of nice comments regarding our exhibits and the fact that we are open more consistently than many small-town museums. One couple, on a bicycle tour, stopped at the library to get out of the rain and then spent time at the museum going through the exhibits and enjoying the Beecher Falls factory history. Our location in the center of town is certainly an asset while the Sugar Social and Moose Festival help bring people to the area.

The Beecher Falls Memories event drew a good crowd despite being accidentally scheduled the same day as Pittsburg's Old Home Day. New pictures, artifacts, and stories of Beecher Falls' past were shared and the event garnered two new Lifetime Memberships for the historical society. Next year's event will probably be at Wallace Pond, but that has yet to be finalized.

Donations of display items and pictures continue to arrive from former residents and relatives of former residents. Thank you to all who have remembered us and contributed items of historical significance to the town. E-Bay still provides a number of Canaan and Beecher Falls items, mostly post cards.

Thank you, also, to Paige Hughes and Jonah Cote for covering at the historical society museum while I was away in July.

Dennis Fuller, Chairman

First Annual Fall Scarecrow Festival



Target dates: Any time between October 8-30

In the spirit of community and working together with Heart and Soul, reinforcing being naturally connected

Scarecrows may be brought/built in Fletcher Park with a positive fall theme to greet people passing through our town as well as bringing smiles on towns peoples' faces. If we have several participants perhaps we could incorporate the Alice Ward Library lawn. Gale Street residents are encouraged to create scarecrows on their lawns to provide a gateway to Canaan!

Any questions, please contact Terrie Herr at 802-266-8986

Wastewater Treatment Facility

On September 10, 2016 the Town of Canaan VT and Stewartstown NH Hosted a Open House at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. The Facility had been completely rebuilt and has been up and running since December 2014. Tours of the Facility were given followed by a picnic lunch.

People were shown the new efficient technology in the pumps blowers and pellet boiler. The tours also included demonstrations and seeing the multiple ways solids are being removed from the system to prevent having to drain and remove sludge from the lagoons.

If you are interested in touring the facility and were not able to make our open house, please call and make an appointment for a tour. The Wastewater Facility can be reached at 802-266-7723.

NOTICE: Please do not flush wipes down the toilets of septic system or Sewer Systems it is clogging our pumps costing you money and time that could be spent on other maintenance.

DON'T FLUSH TROUBLE!

**THESE ITEMS
BELONG IN
THE TRASH CAN!**





Cleaning wipes



Disposable diapers,
nursing pads & baby wipes



Hair



Grease



Condoms



Facial wipes



Tampons and pads



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The label might say "flushable," but disposable wipes and other products are clogging our sewer lines and damaging pumps and other equipment. Not only are these problems expensive to fix, they can also cause raw sewage overflows into homes, businesses and local waterways. So, think trash, not toilets!

To learn more, including how to get rid of things you no longer want or need, visit us on the Web at <http://www.kingcounty.gov/wtd> or call the Wastewater Treatment Division at 206-684-1280 or 711 TTY.

USE THE TRASH CAN,
NOT THE TOILET!



WATER PROJECT UPGRADES

Canaan FD1 Phase 1 Distribution System Upgrade

The distribution system upgrade is nearing completion. The lines are all in and only touchup work is being done. We thank everybody for their patience and apologize for any inconvenience and disturbances you may have had.

The district now has 21 Fire Hydrants for drastically improved fire protection and in addition four flushing hydrants to assist with flushing the lines to keep sediment from accumulating. There are plans to install an additional flushing hydrant on Holmes Street to also assist with some sediment problems. Due to the new lines there should be much less buildup of iron or sediment coming through the lines and you should also have improved water flow.

We would like to Thank the Engineering Firm Tata and Howard and the Contractors Munson and Courtland Construction who were great to work with. They went above and beyond to make this a good project with minimal interruptions to your water service.

Canaan FD1 Phase 2 Water Main Connection to FD2

New water main installed along Rail Trail to connect to FD2 giving both systems redundancy. We are trying to get this started this fall.

Canaan FD1 Phase 3 New Storage Tank

The new storage tank is planned for construction to start late this year and finish in early summer. The tank will provide more pressure in Town.

Canaan FD1 Phase 4 Water Treatment Facility

The District is planning to construct a small building adjacent to the well off Ethan Allen Drive with construction to begin in the summer of 2017.

Beecher Falls FD2 River Crossing

The river crossing connecting Stewartstown and Beecher Falls has been disconnected from the Bridge and has been bored under the river. We thank everybody for their patience and apologize for any inconvenience and disturbances you may have had.

This new connection was directionally bored from Hall Stream Road under the river bottom approximately 20 feet deep and to the adjacent Lambert Property across the river. Directional boring, commonly called horizontal directional drilling or HDD, is a steerable trenchless method of installing underground pipe, conduit, or cable in a shallow arc along a prescribed bore path by using a surface-launched drilling rig, with minimal impact on the surrounding area. Directional boring is used when trenching or excavating is not practical.

We would like to Thank the Engineering Firm Tata and Howard and the Contractor Fenoff Construction and Bore Tech who were great to work with. They went above and beyond to make this a good project with minimal interruptions to your water service.

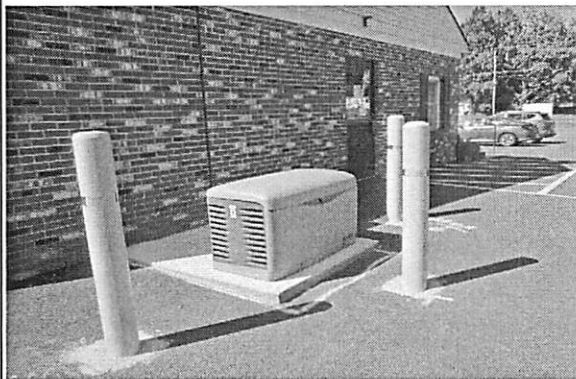
GRANTS

BETTER BACK ROAD GRANT



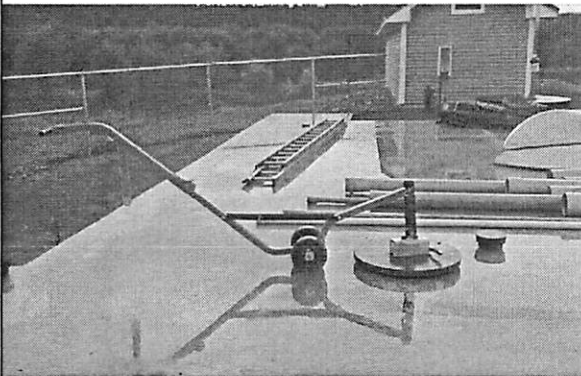
The Town of Canaan recently completed a project on Canaan Hill Road that involved ditching $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of road, replacing seven under-sized culverts and resurfacing of $\frac{3}{4}$ of road. Cleaning out the ditch and enlarging culverts will stop erosion. Placing stone on end of culverts will prevent washouts and resurfacing the road will allow for better run off. The project was made possible by a \$20,000 grant from Vermont Better Back Roads and completed by Cunningham Logging, LLC.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM GRANT



The Town of Canaan recently completed the project of installing a new generator at the Town Office which is a designated Emergency Operations Center for our jurisdiction. The voters voted to cover \$10,000 of the cost. The project was made possible by a 50/50 grant from Department of Public Safety.

PACIF EQUIPMENT GRANT



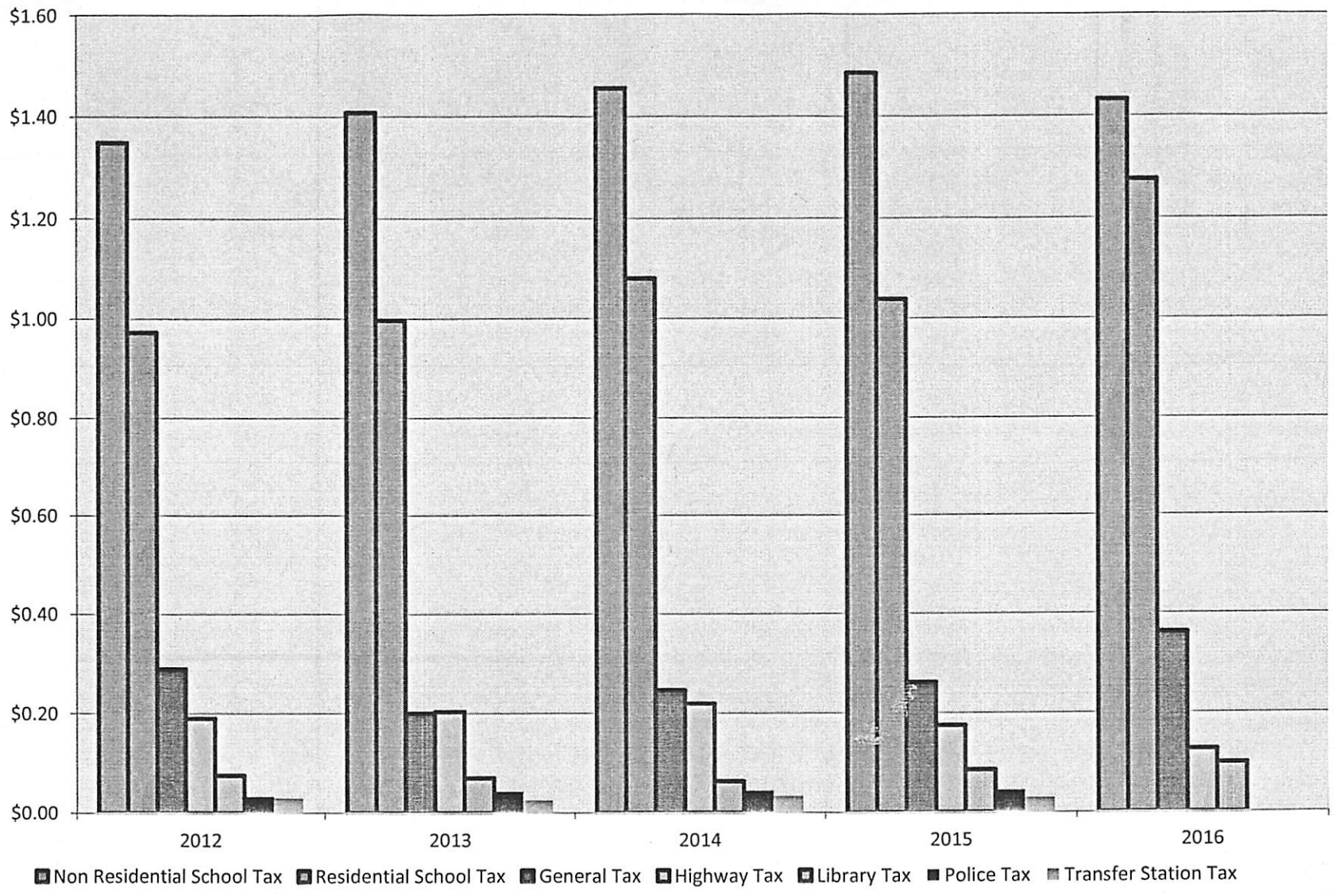
The Town of Canaan Wastewater Treatment Facility recently received a grant to purchase a manhole magnet with dolly and cover extractor. This was made possible by a grant from Vermont League of Cities & Towns.

REHABILITATION OF DRAINAGE SYSTEM GRANT



The Town of Canaan recently completed a project in the Recreation Park to address drainage issues by constructing a sub-surface drainage system. The project was made possible by a \$20,000 grant from the NH Charitable Foundation Neil & Louise Tillotson Fund and \$5,000 from the State of Vermont Department of Buildings and General Services and completed by Wells Excavators of Colebrook.

5 YEAR PROPERTY TAX BREAKDOWN



Combined General/Police/Transfer Station in 2016

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CANAAN CRAFT FAIR

Date: Saturday, October 15, 2016

Time: 9:00 AM TO 1:30 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
the purchase of a new school sign



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FREE WALKING TOUR WITH LUNCH

Date: Saturday, October 22, 2016

Time: 10:00 AM TO NOON

Location: COMMUNITY FOREST, CANAAN, VT

Join Essex County Forester Matt Langlais, as well as teachers
and students from Canaan Schools for an
informational walking tour of the Canaan
Community Forest and school-run sugarbush.

Lunch will be provided by April's Maple.

Learn more at canaan-vt.org or www.canaanschools.org



October 31, 2016

Halloween is Monday, October 31st and trick or treating will be from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Hello from Alice Ward Library ...

We've bought a lot of new bestselling books for the library recently, with many famous and less famous names, across all adult and youth genres. Come by and check one or more out. We've also made a few changes to our layout. The picture book room is much brighter for it and the junior fiction room now has the capacity for more seating as well as the X-Box. We are now taking reservations for our amazing Oculus Rift Virtual Reality device, which allows you to immerse yourself in a virtual world with astonishing immediacy: Mondays 3-5, Tuesdays 3-5 and every other Saturday. You can have half an hour just to yourself on this amazing device. We'll soon rearrange the adult section and add new seating to make it a more comfortable area.

We have some great programs coming up at Alice Ward in September and October. We recently received \$2,500 from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation for a series of programs teaching outdoor, nature and survival skills. Our first program is a Rope Making Workshop at 9.30am on October 8, in which a Vermont outdoor leader gives a hands-on workshop on how to make rope from basswood fibers. More programs will come toward the end of the year. Our classic movie series begins with *The Killing*, directed by Stanley Kubrick, at 6.30 pm on September 22, with more movies coming. For kids, we have Lego Club every Monday, as well as a weekly Young Makers club for grades 4-7. There is an upcoming book + pizza club for grades 5-7 as well as a (student started!) writing club. They can also check out a new book from our broad selection. Ask us about any of these things.

We try to reach out to the people of Canaan in as many ways as we can. We have a website at aliceward.org. We're on Facebook. You can email us at alice.ward.library@gmail.com or call us on 266-7135. We also very much want to hear from you. There are some questions below we'd love you to answer. You can drop off a completed survey at the library, mail it to PO Box 134 or, if you prefer an online one, go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6D55QKL> and it will be forwarded to us automatically. It's anonymous too. We want to be the best library we can be for Canaan. Let us know how we can do that.

Survey Questions

What kind of books would you like to see that the library does not have?

What kind of programs do you think we should have at the library for adults?

What kind of programs do you think we should have at the library for children?

Do you know someone who is homebound or infirm who may be interested in receiving a book or information from the library at their home?

What are we doing wrong?

What we are doing right?

PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 23 SEPTEMBER 2016

CANAAN. NATURALLY CONNECTED. COMMUNITY FORUM**GROWING A THRIVING CANAAN VERMONT**

CANAAN VT | Community members from Canaan and neighboring communities are encouraged to attend a community forum that will focus on what's important for Canaan to grow and thrive on Tuesday, October 4th from 6p – 7.30p, in the Canaan Schools' Gym. Childcare and refreshments will be available.

It was only one year ago that 70 people came to a community forum that introduced the Community Heart & Soul project to Canaan. At that meeting, and since, there was overwhelming support from the community to pursue the project.

In March 2016, at the Canaan Town Meeting, the Canaan community voted unanimous support for contributing \$2,000 for the Heart & Soul project.

Additional support for the Community Heart & Soul Project comes from the volunteer members of the Canaan Community Heart & Soul Team, in-kind and cash support from the Orton Family Foundation, and the Tillotson Fund of New Hampshire Charitable Foundation.

The Canaan Community Heart & Soul Team, hard at work on this project since January 2016, will present this community forum. Following a progress report from the team members there will be a community discussion on these three questions:

1. WHAT MAKES YOU FEEL CONNECTED TO THE CANAAN COMMUNITY?
2. WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE TO MAKE CANAAN A BETTER COMMUNITY?
3. WHICH LONG-TERM PROJECTS WOULD YOU CHOOSE FOR CANAAN?

The Canaan Community Heart & Soul goals are:

- Revitalize & build the Canaan community based on local values by connecting to and including voices of all members of the community to promote collaboration
- Enhance and expand bridges connecting Canaan and its neighbors in surrounding communities in Vermont, New Hampshire and Quebec to create a healthy, active destination for community and commerce
- Decide WHAT HAPPENS NEXT to create the future of the Canaan region

All are invited to participate in the Community Forum on Tuesday, October 4th, to find out about the Heart & Soul Team's accomplishments. We sincerely hope you will choose to volunteer to help the team with the next steps forward to grow a thriving Canaan community.

Childcare and refreshments will be available. For more information contact Diana Rancourt:
drancourt@canaanschools.org and check out
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CanaanNaturallyConnected/>

