



Canaan Carrier

<http://www.canaan-vt.org>

April 2023



FIRE PERMITS

No person shall kindle or authorize to kindle a fire in the open air for the purpose of burning brush, weeds, grass or rubbish of any kind except where there is snow in the site, without permission from the Canaan Fire Warden. Persons in violation are subject to fines pursuant to 10 V.S.A. Ch. 83 §2645.

Norman Flanagan, Canaan Fire Warden

603-331-1176



DOG LICENSES



The **deadline is April 1st** to register your dog before late fees are applied.

Per state law—all dogs 6 months or older are to be licensed every year.

Please bring in your most recent rabies certificate.

If you no longer own your pet contact the Town, so your name will be removed from our list.

If you do not license your dog by that date the Animal Control Officer will pay you a visit.

INTERESTED IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING...

For more information or if interested, please contact Zachary Brown, Town Clerk at 802-266-3370 or clerktreas@canaan-vt.org.

- **Zoning Board — 2 Years**
- **Town Service Officer — 1 Year**
- **NVDA Representative — 2 Years**
- **Green Up Chairperson — 1 Year**
- **Lister — Until Town Meeting 2024**

CLEANUP OF EXCREMENT

The owner of any animal shall be responsible for the prompt removal of any excreta deposited by his or her animal(s) off the owner's premises. Failure to remove such excreta shall be considered a violation of the ordinance. The fine for a violation of this section of the ordinance shall be \$50 with a waiver fee of \$25. A written warning shall be issued for the first violation of this section of the ordinance.

May 6, 2023

**Be safe and have fun out there
on Green Up Day!**



What is Green Up Day? Green Up Day, always the first Saturday in May, was launched in 1970 by Governor Deane Davis. In 1979, the non-profit organization Green Up Vermont was formed to carry on the tradition of Green Up Day. It is an annual statewide event, when over 22,000 volunteers come together to remove litter from Vermont's roadsides and public spaces.

LEASH LAW

An owner or person otherwise in control of a dog within Town limits shall be responsible to ensure that whenever such dog is off the premises of the owner, a collar or harness is securely fastened on such dog and that the current license tag issued by the Town is attached thereto.

Failure to follow the leash law shall be considered a violation of the ordinance.

SELECTBOARD QUARTERLY REPORT

Mud Season is Upon us!

The Town has posted weight limits on Town roads. There are permits available at the Canaan Town office at the cost of \$5 for a single truck and \$10 for a fleet. If you are stopped on a posted road you will need to show your permit. Contact the Canaan Town office at 802-266-3370 for more information.

Hall Stream Bridge Project

The Hall Stream Bridge construction project has been approved by the Selectboard and a bid has been accepted. The funds for this project come from a grant from the state of Vermont. The State will pay 90% and the Town pays 10% of the cost. Austin Construction of Concord Vermont will be completing the project. Start date is to be determined, updates on the start of the project will be posted on the Town website and Facebook page.

New Selectboard member and Staff role changes

After eight years of service to the Town of Canaan, Haven Haynes has stepped down as Selectman. Thank you Haven for your service to the Town. The newest member of the Selectboard is Michael Daley. Mike has been a valued member of the community for many years and will bring knowledge and understanding of our community's needs.

After many years of dedicated service to the Town of Canaan Noreen Labrecque has retired as Town clerk/treasurer, she will continue to work part time to mentor our newest Town clerk/treasurer Zachary Brown. Please welcome Mike and Zach into their new roles with the Town of Canaan.

Transfer station

The Town has purchased a new Construction and Demolition (C&D) dumpster. The old one that we have had for many years has been sent out for repairs. Having two C&D dumpsters on site will help with the overflow problem that has been occurring on a regular basis. Please note there is a dumping fee for any waste deposited into these dumpsters see the transfer station attendant before depositing waste into the C&D dumpster.

Open Position

The Town of Canaan is looking to fill the position of Lister until Town Meeting 2024. For more information on what a Lister is and what their duties are go to valvt.org or Vermont.gov web sites. If you are interested, please feel free to contact Zach Brown at 802-266-3370 or email him at clerk-tres@canaan-vt.org

Message from the Town Clerk and Treasurer

Dear Residents and Property Owners,

With many people switching from landline telephones to cell phones, it has become increasingly challenging to find contact information for our residents and non-resident property owners. This information can truly help the office; whether it is in case of an emergency or the office has a question for you, we could use your contact information.

As the new Town Clerk and Treasurer, I want to tackle the significant undertaking of collecting this information and keeping it on file alongside your tax/lister card. This way, whether you have a water leak at your property or we need to update your dog's rabies certificate, we can quickly contact you without having to scour the internet.

My request to all of you is to provide me with your preferred phone number and email address and let me know which method of contact is preferable. You can do this by calling the office at 802-266-3370, emailing clerktreas@canaan-vt.org, stopping in, or writing it on your next payment or other correspondence with the Town. I genuinely thank you all in advance for helping me with this endeavor.

On another note, I appreciate your support and understanding as I take on the position of Town Clerk and Treasurer. I certainly have some big shoes to fill, taking over after Noreen's twelve-year tenure. I want to take a second to publicly thank her for staying on as my assistant/consultant, as her institutional knowledge is invaluable. If you have any questions or concerns with anything Town related, don't hesitate to reach out or stop in. This is the Town's office, and we are always happy to help you in any way we can.

I look forward to this Town's future and believe there are great things in store for us. We just need to work together to achieve it.

Sincerely,
Zachary Brown
Town Clerk and Treasurer
clerktreas@canaan-vt.org

TOWN OF CANAAN 2023 JUSTICES OF THE PEACE LIST

FERN
OWEN-BROWN
TEL: 603-331-2197

RENEE
MARCHESSEAU
TEL: 802-266-3906

JUDITH
MASSON
TEL: 802-266-7780

CATHERINE 'KATIE'
SAWICKI
TEL: 802-266-3324

FRANK
SAWICKI JR.
TEL: 603-331-2598



Helping Northeast Kingdom & Bennington County Save Energy

HEAT Squad and **VLITE** seek to help homeowners in Northeast Kingdom and Bennington County **save on their energy bills**. Start with a \$50* energy audit.

Receive up to **\$6500*** off your weatherization cost
PLUS up to \$2000** off cost of single zone HEAT PUMP

Weatherization Projects:

- Air Sealing (min. 10% reduction required)
- Insulation (attic, basement, and/or wall)
- Vapor barrier
- Bath fans and ventilation
- Health and safety repairs (as applicable)



PLUS Single Zone Heat Pump!!

*EfficiencyVT rebate of 75% of weatherization cost up to \$5000 and HEAT Squad/VLITE up to \$1500 for a total of up to \$6500. Rebates for completed weatherization projects for those who income qualify subject to income verification. Total weatherization rebates not to exceed total project cost. \$50 energy audit, see table below for eligibility. Rebates subject to change.

**Up to \$2000 bonus rebate for qualifying single zone heat pump plus applicable utility rebates, must complete weatherization project. Total heat pump rebates not to exceed total project cost. Must install heat pump within 3 mos. of weatherization. Rebates subject to change.

Help for Vermonters with Limited Income

Eligible homeowners must meet income guidelines and own: single-family home, condo/townhouse, duplex, or a modular/mobile home and **live in NEK or Bennington County**.

Total Household Size:	1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person
Max. Household Income for Bennington County & NEK	\$78,000 or less	\$89,000 or less	\$100,200 or less	\$111,400 or less	\$120,200 or less

July 2022

Schedule your \$50* Energy Audit TODAY and take advantage of these **bonus rebates before June 30, 2023!** (802) 438-2303 or heatsquad.org
 Rutland West NHS, Inc. d/b/a NeighborWorks of Western Vermont NMLS #194008 Equal Housing

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.

FATS, OILS, & GREASES

Never pour fats, oils, or greases (a.k.a. FOGs) into sink, toilet, or storm drain!

When they solidify, FOGs impair performance and require pumping or replacement of small septic systems. FOG clogs in public sewer pipes and pumps cause breakdowns that result in sewer overflows and costly repairs. Either way, you pay.

FOGs combine with solid materials - see opposite side - and create "fatbergs." These horror-story clogs cost New York City taxpayers \$20 million a year. Some towns in Vermont pay up to \$40,000 in avoidable clog repairs.

- In-sink disposals do not dissolve FOGs!

Don't put FOGs into compost. They can attract pests and slow the composting process.

For more information on damage caused by clogs, do a web search for "fatbergs" - lots of wonderfully gross videos!



FOG SOLUTIONS

Bacon Grease & Deep-Fry Oil:

- Save in a jar and re-use. Do a web search for "what to do with bacon grease" for great food recipes and advice on how to make soap, candles, lip balm, bird food, and more.
- Let cool until solidified, then wrap and dispose of in your trash.
- When warm, pour into a sealable jar or directly into your trash bag among absorbent materials.
- Wipe warm pans with a paper towel before washing; toss towels in trash.

Regular Frying & Salad Oil:

- Wipe all frying pans when butter, fat, or oil is still warm, then wash.
- Wipe salad bowls before washing. Use paper towels and dispose of them in the trash.

This is the first of four brochures produced by Green Mountain Water Environment Association (GMWEA), thanks to a grant from the Lake Champlain Basin Program, with project support from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns and your municipality. Future editions will cover other pollutants typical households flush, pour, or spill into their wastewater stream.

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2023 Canaan HHW Events Schedule
CANAAN TRANSFER STATION
186 Treatment Plant Road Canaan, VT 05903

May 5th 12:00 PM—4:00 PM

May 6th 8:00 AM—1:00 PM

September 8th 12:00 PM—4:00 PM

September 9th 8:00 AM—1:00 PM

ACCEPTED ITEMS LISTED BELOW:

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Air Fresheners
 Ammonia
 Arts & Craft Supplies
 Bleach
 Household Cleaners
 Disinfectants
 Metal & Furniture Polish
 Mothballs
 Mercury Thermometers
 Nail Polish/Remover
 Spot and Stain Removers

GARDEN SUPPLIES

Creosote
 Dioxins
 Fertilizers
 Flea Killers
 Fungicides
 Herbicides
 Insect sprays
 Muriatic acid
 No-pest strips
 Pesticides
 Rodent Killers

GARAGE

Antifreeze
 Brake Fluid
 Corrosives
 Car waxes & cleaners
 Engine degreasers
 Gasoline/dry gas
 Kerosene
 Lighter fluid
 Oil based & latex paint
 Paint thinner
 Sealants
 Stains/Strippers
 Swimming pool chemicals
 Transmission fluid
 Wood preservatives

PLEASE DO NOT BRING:

Asbestos
 Explosives, including gun powder,
 Ammunition
 Flares
 Infectious waste
 Prescription medications
 Radioactive waste, including smoke detectors

**Stump Dump Schedule:
8A.M. to 12 P.M.**

2023 Calendar

JANUARY

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**AUTHORIZED MATERIALS ALLOWED FOR DISPOSAL
AT THE STUMP DUMP**

Stumps, brush, untreated wood.

Untreated wood means only clean wood that contains none of the following: paint, adhesive or preservatives. The following are examples of **wood products that are not accepted at the stump dump**: Veneers, particle board, treated wood, painted wood, stained wood. Any wood waste that has been treated with a chemical or paint product. Note: All treated wood is accepted at the Town Transfer Station.

Road, bridge or highway construction debris

Concrete, bricks, masonry, mortar, or other inert materials

Lawn and garden wastes. The Town accepts these wastes and we strongly promote composting and urge residents to compost.

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PUBLIC NOTICE:

Remember no trash bags, except for the **Blue Canaan Trash Bags**, are permitted at the Transfer Station.

Pick a roll up at any one of the following establishments. **Cost: \$21/Roll**

Town Office

Laperle’s IGA

Quechee Farms

Transfer Station Hours

Monday—Closed

Tuesday—Closed

Wednesday—8:00AM to 1:00PM

Thursday—Closed

Friday—12:00PM to 4:00 PM

Saturday—8:00AM to 1:00 PM

PUBLIC NOTICE:

ILLEGAL DUMPING

No unauthorized dumping of any kind in the Transfer Station or Stump Dump is permitted. No person shall dispose of household or yard waste in these facilities during non-hours of operation. If caught doing so punishment will occur in accordance to the **Town of Canaan Ordinance Regulating the Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste (Article VI Section 1 and 4)**

For the hours or more information please visit our website: canaan-vt.org or call the Town Office 802-266-3370.

CANAAN, VERMONT

COMPOSTING RULES

COMPOSTING MATERIAL ACCEPTED ON SATURDAY’S ONLY

DO’S	DON’TS
Fruit	Bones
Vegetables	Plastics – Recycle Bin
Meats	Keurig K-Cups
Coffee grounds & filters	Newspapers – Recycle Bin
Liquids (keep to a minimum)	Grass trimmings & lawn debris – Stump Dump
Egg shells	Rice (cooked or uncooked)

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR FUTURE UPDATES AS NEEDED

**A Message from the VT Department of Environmental Conservation
Waste Management and Prevention Division
Solid Waste Program**

Safe Disposal of Sharps

We've fielded a few calls recently on proper home generated sharps disposal so we just wanted to send a reminder about how they should be managed and to let you know residents can request stickers from us.

Home-Generated Sharps, Syringes, and Needles

To be safe and legal, dispose of **home-generated** sharps, needles, and syringes in this manner:

1. Place sharps in an empty, rigid plastic container, such as a laundry detergent bottle.
2. Tape the bottle's cap shut with strong tape. Firmly attach a "Do Not Recycle" label to the bottle. You can print a sample label off the website below or call 802-828-1138 to request "Do Not Recycle" stickers for home-generated sharps.
3. Dispose of bottle in the trash.

The Universal Recycling Law allows people to reuse rigid plastic bottles to dispose of their home-generated sharps.

More information on sharp disposal and regulated medical waste on our website: <https://dec.vermont.gov/content/safe-disposal-sharps>

ANNUAL VERMONT HOMESTEAD DECLARATION

By Vermont law, property owners whose homes meet the definition of a Vermont homestead must file a Homestead Declaration annually by the April 18th filing deadline. If eligible, it is important that you file so that you are correctly assessed the homestead tax rate on your property.

Please remember to file both the 2023 Form HS-122 Homestead Declaration and 2023 Schedule HI-144 Household Income before the April 18th filing deadline.

In Vermont, all property is subject to education property tax to pay for the state's schools. For this purpose, property is categorized as either non-homestead 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.

All property is considered *non-homestead* (formerly "nonresidential"), unless it is declared as a *homestead*. The education property tax rate levied on non-homestead property differs from the rate levied on homestead property. It is your responsibility as the property owner to claim the property as a homestead if you meet, or expect to meet, the following requirements:

- You are a Vermont resident
- You own and occupy a homestead as your domicile as of April 1, 2023

Please note: If you meet these requirements, except that your homestead is leased to a tenant on April 1, 2023, you may still claim it as a homestead if it is not leased for more than 182 days in the 2023 calendar year.

NONHOMESTEAD PROPERTY

Property is considered non-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.

4 Reasons You Shouldn't Connect a Sump Pump to the Sewer Line Courtesy of Acme Plumbing Company

When it comes to plumbing, there can be a fine line between finding the easiest solution and exploiting a shortcut. An example that comes to mind is the method for discharging a sump pump. Some homeowners connect their sump pump to a nearby drain and never give it a second thought.

While it may seem simple and harmless to discharge your sump pump down a regular drain in your home, it's actually a bad idea to send that water into the sanitary system. On top of potentially being illegal, this method can overwhelm the sewage system and cause other issues.

Why you shouldn't discharge your sump pump into the sewer system

1. It may be illegal. You'd have to look up the code in your municipality, but there's a good chance that connecting a sump pump to the sewer line is a big no-no. You could be fined for each day that your sump pump is illegally hooked into the sanitary sewer in some areas.
2. Overwhelming the sewage system. During a heavy rainstorm, the volume of water that sump pumps can move is more than the municipal sewer system and water treatment facility are designed to handle. If the sewer main gets overwhelmed, then wastewater can get backed up into your sewer line (under the property) or even into your home. This can result in a giant mess and health hazards.
3. Environmental impact. When water treatment facilities are overloaded, they can dump sewage or only partially cleaned water into local water outlets, which is harmful to the environment.
4. Issues selling your house. If you're looking to sell your home and your sump pump is incorrectly hooked up, it may get flagged during a home inspection.

How to properly discharge a sump pump

There are two acceptable methods for discharging a sump pump. You can have the discharge pipe empty onto your property at least 10 feet from the home. With this approach, make sure the ground slopes away from the foundation and the pipe stays clear of debris or animals.

The second option is connecting the sump pump to the storm drain, which is separate from the sanitary sewer system. This approach usually requires professional installation but completely removes the water from your property.

CANAAN REVOLVING LOAN

The Canaan Revolving Loan Fund is intended to enhance the quality of life in Canaan and the towns of Norton, Averill, Warren's Gore, Avery Gore, Warner's Grant, Lewis, Lemington, Bloomfield, and Brunswick, by increasing economic activity, creating jobs, providing additional affordable housing, rehabilitating existing housing, and improving public facilities. To the greatest extent feasible, all these activities are to be achieved by providing loan assistance to individuals and organizations that will benefit families, individuals, and households that are of low and moderate income.

If you have a business or wish to start a business and would like to apply for the Canaan Revolving Loan, call or stop in at the Canaan Town Office during business hours to pick up the Application and the Policies and Guidelines.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

If you plan on making any site improvement or modifications to your property, please ensure that they meet the zoning laws set forth by the Town. If you have any question please visit our website canaan-vt.org to view the Zoning Bylaws or Contact Tom Trammell, Zoning Administrator. He can help walk you through the process and answer any questions you might have.

Gordon "Tom" Trammell, Zoning Administrator:
gtrammell@comcast.net +1 (260) 251-9163

Bear Coexistence PSA from Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department

The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department has begun to receive reports of bears coming out of their dens as the weather warms. Now is the time to take these proactive steps to help prevent bears from looking for food in your yards and neighborhoods:

- **Take down your birdfeeder.** Between late March and December, birdfeeders should not be used. You can attract birds by planting bird-friendly native plants instead. Check out Audubon's Native Plants for Birds Program: <https://www.audubon.org/native-plants>
- **Make your garbage inaccessible.** Store garbage in a secure structure and a bear proof container. Learn how to make your garbage can bear proof here: <https://vtfishandwildlife.com/sites/fishandwildlife/files/documents/Learn%20More/Living%20with%20Wildlife/Living%20with%20Bears/bear-resistant-retrofit-polycart.pdf>
- **Dispose of garbage frequently.** If you have pick-up services, wait until the morning to put your garbage out.
- **Demand bear proof dumpsters for your community.** Your garbage hauler should be able to provide these.
- **Follow steps for composting in bear country.** Compost needs to be 3 parts brown materials to 1 part kitchen scraps, turned frequently, and kept in a sturdy tumbler or bin: <https://vtfishandwildlife.com/node/260>
- **Use electric fencing to keep chickens and bees safe.** Fences need to be 4,000-6,000 volts, tested regularly and baited: <https://vtfishandwildlife.com/node/1996>
- **Clean your grill after every use.** For added effectiveness, keep your grill in a secure outbuilding between uses after cleaning.
- **Make bears feel uncomfortable in your yard.** Yell, bang pots and pans, or use other noise devices from inside your home. Never shoot a bear to scare it. Even BBs can seriously injure bears.
- **Please report your bear encounters to Vermont Fish & Wildlife.** These reports allow us to help you prevent future bear incidents. They also give us information to help all Vermonters better coexist with bears: <https://anrweb.vt.gov/FWD/FW/WildlifeBearReport.aspx>

Following these steps can save bears' lives, and help protect you, your neighbors, and your property. Please do your part to be a good neighbor and help keep Vermont's bears wild!

If you have questions, contact the Vermont Fish and Wildlife department at 802-828-1000, or fwinformation@vermont.gov.



Canaan Naturally Connected
and Canaan Rec Park Presents

MURDER MYSTERY ITALIAN DINNER

Saturday, April 1, 2023 @ 5:00pm
American Legion Post #47, 79 Kingsley Rd. Canaan, VT

\$17 at door, \$15 early purchase, \$10 children under 12, Free under 4
RSVP by sending check to CNC, PO Box 259 Canaan, VT 05903 or
purchase tickets at the Canaan Town Office
Any questions: Terrie Herr @ 802-735-4711 or 802-266-3537

**THIS EVENT WILL BE LED BY ACTORS AND IS DESIGNED
FOR AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

A Big Thank you to Denyse Thibault!

For donating a quilt for a fundraiser to benefit the Canaan Recreation Park and Canaan Naturally Connected. Tickets will be sold for \$5 each or 6 for \$25 and can be purchased at the Canaan Town Office, see Zach Brown, or at any events we hold throughout the summer.



Canaan Fire District #1 Goes to Washington

The Rural Water Rally provides an opportunity for supporters of our industry to make their case directly to their elected officials. Rural Water Associations in each state schedule meetings with Representatives, Senators, and their staff, so that they can share the Rural Water success story, answer questions, and build important relationships. Attending the Rural Water Rally also provides a unique opportunity to meet with association leaders and watch the Great American Water Taste Test in person. This year Canaan FD1 was lucky enough to win the taste contest for Vermont. Vermont Rural Water sent our chief operator April Busfield to the Rally. They had a great first day in DC and were able to meet with Senator Peter Welch and Representative Becca Balint to discuss the challenges faced by Vermont's small water and wastewater systems - including workforce development and access to infrastructure funding!



Town Meeting Awards



Recognized at Canaan Annual Meeting: from the left, Town Clerk / Treasurer Noreen Labreque steps down from her role and into the role of assistant town clerk; Haven Haynes, Jr. did not run for re-election as town selectman this year and was thanked by fellow selectmen Mark Bullard (at left) and Alfred Buckley; Diana Rancourt has stepped down from her role as assistant town clerk. Donna Jordan photos.

Pictures and blurb courtesy of the Colebrook Chronicle

Welcome to the Newest Elected Officials!

The following individuals were elected during the Town Meeting Election held on March 7, 2023. They will serve for the terms listed beside them. For contact information, please get in touch with the Town Office. We wish them luck in their future endeavors with the Town and thank the previously elected officials for staying in their roles. Being an elected official is not always the most enjoyable experience, so we thank you for your dedication and service to the Town.

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| A. Morgan Wade*— Town and School Moderator— 1 Year | Zachary Brown— Town Clerk and Treasurer— 3 Years |
| Michael Daley— Selectboard— 3 Years | Ginette Ladd*— Auditor of Accounts— 3 Years |
| Solange Poulin*— Trustee of Public Funds— 3 Years | Noreen Labrecque— Trustee of Public Funds— 2 Years |
| Sharon Belleville*— Library Trustee— 3 Years | Shellie Bresnahan*— Library Trustee— 3 Years |
| Raelene Begin— School Director— 3 Years | Catherine “Katie” Sawicki*— School Director— 3 Years |
| Roger Laflamme— School Director— 2 Years | Gordon “Tom” Trammell Jr*.— Lister— 3 Years |
| Michael Ladd*— Sexton— 1 Year | * Indicates an Incumbent |



Mystery, intrigue, great food, and fellowship await you on April 1st, no joke! A collaboration between the Canaan Recreation Park and CNC as hosts of an Italian Murder Mystery Dinner will be happening on Saturday, April 1st at the American Legion Post 47 in Canaan, VT. The evening of whodunnit begins at 5:00 and the patrons at the event are encouraged but not mandated to wear clothing deemed appropriate for the theme. Once the scene is set, the actors will be available to be questioned by the patrons to solve the mystery during the meal. The cost is \$15.00 if tickets are purchased early, \$17.00 at the door, \$10.00 for children under 12 and free for children under 4. To RSVP send a check to Canaan Naturally Connected, PO Box 259, Canaan, Vermont 05903 or tickets can be purchased by March 24th at the Canaan Town Office. All proceeds are to benefit the Recreation Park which serves the community of all ages with its courts, fields and various offerings and CNC. A 50/50 raffle will also be available to benefit the American Legion. We hope to see you there!

A huge “thank you” to the voters of the Town of Canaan for the continued monetary support of the groups’ endeavors! Another huge shoutout to the Pitch Tournament participants and organizer, Cheryl Cote, for the donation of January’s proceeds! We truly appreciate your kindness and effort to help CNC on projects for Canaan!

Also, in collaboration with the Canaan Town Office, a community calendar has been created and various organizations have been invited to add their own events in hopes to avoid double or triple tapping one another for a specific date. If your organization would like to be added, please contact Zachary Brown at the Canaan Town Office. The website is <http://canaan-vt.org> if you are interested in looking at what activities are happening in our area. The hope is to be able to funnel all activities for the North Country into one location, so this is a good start.

CNC and the Canaan Schools’ Canaan Vision 2028 group provided an opportunity for the community to be made more aware of Canaan Schools happenings/offerings and to have a voice in its future, the same goal of CNC and future projects. “Catch the Wave” took place February 4, 2023, 11:00-2:00 in the Canaan gym. A meal was provided by Jean Ralph Catering, door prizes from April’s Maple and the CTE programs were won, free babysitting was provided as well as ZOOM capabilities. All this in exchange of the community’s thoughts. A tour of the school was provided and were very happy to have had that offered to them. Unfortunately, less than 20 people other than the facilitators attended. Granted, the weather was atrocious, and many were dealing with frozen pipes, plus there was a Pee Wee tournament in Colebrook. Although the numbers were not what was hoped, the ideas and thoughts from those who came were exceptional! It was a very productive session! If anyone has any ideas for Canaan Naturally Connected Inc. projects, large or small, that could not attend this event, please get in touch with us.

CNC is purchasing St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in early May, and prior to this transaction there will be a service to deconsecrate the building. This will take place April 26, 2023 at 1 pm at St. Paul’s Church, 55 Power House Rd., Canaan, Vt. Anyone is welcome to attend.

CNC has their monthly meetings the 2nd Wednesday of each month, at 4:30 either at the Grace Community Church or ZOOM. We invite anyone who has an interest in working with any projects to please get in touch with us. Besides the Destination Website <http://canaanvt.com> you can email your questions to cnaturallyc@gmail.com or message us on our Facebook page, Canaan Naturally Connected, Inc. As CNC looks forward to many accomplishments in 2023, we truly hope that more people become involved to make it happen!

Principal's Updates



March 20th, 2023

Upcoming Events

Canaan Schools Title I night will be on Thursday March 24th. This is an opportunity for parents and caregivers to hear how we use our Title I grant money, and provide feedback and suggestions. The presentation will start at 5:30 in the Canaan Schools Library.

Parent teacher conferences for elementary students will be on April 7th.

FBLA Rocks the State Conference.

The FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) had a highly successful state conference this past weekend. The students won awards in 9 of the 10 competitions and Hana Bissonnette was elected Vice President of the state chapter.

FIRST PLACE:

- Business Ethics - Hana, Amelia, and Jacqueline
- Marketing - Jacqueline and Savannah
- Public Service Announcement - Amelia, Jacqueline, and Savannah (the State Executive Director told me their PSA video was excellent and she really enjoyed watching it)
- Spreadsheet Applications - Savannah
- Website Design - Amelia

SECOND PLACE:

- Impromptu Speaking - Jacqueline
- Publication Design - Karissa
- Website Design - Karissa

THIRD PLACE:

- Graphic Design - Savannah and Karissa
- Hospitality & Event Management - Hana and Jacqueline

Staff Member Corner



This month's featured staff member is Megan Prehemo. Megan has been at Canaan for 14 years as our school nurse, and went above and beyond during COVID. This year she has also taken on the role of Admin Assistant to the Director of Student Services. Thank you Megan for all you do.



Therapy Dogs Visit Canaan Schools

The Gizmo for Mental Health program sends therapy dogs around New England along with their owners. We had a few dogs come by the school last week to visit with our students and staff.

Members of FBLA and their awards



From left to right: Karissa Sweatt, Amelia D'Aiello, Hana Bissonnette, Jacqueline Giroux, and Savannah Ricker.

Alice M. Ward Memorial Library

Spring is in the air! Is it here to stay? We're open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from Noon-5pm & Saturday from 10am-1pm. The library is busy and active.

Our "Tiny Art Show" is brightening up mud season! Over 40 local adults & teens (including Ms. Keafer's awesome 8th graders) picked up a kit with paint and supplies and brought back a tiny masterpiece to display in the library. Drop by during open hours & view the Tiny Art Show.

Canaan Playgroup meets at the Library on Thursdays at 9:30AM. Children ages birth-5 are invited with a parent or caregiver to join in building early literacy foundations, socializing and free play activities. RSVP is not required. This age group is also eligible for the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program and the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to have free books mailed every month to your home. Building early literacy is a priority to us as we help prepare our youngest town residents to enter PreK & Kindergarten. We also enjoy classroom visits from students from Canaan Schools to continue that love of learning.

The Fiber Friends crafting group meets every Monday at 1. Bring a craft or just drop by to visit and enjoy the company and conversation. Thank you to all of the participants of our February and March basket making classes co-sponsored by SASH Rural Edge. This was a lot of fun and you made beautiful creations. The library has free passes to the ECHO Leahy Center in Burlington! This would make a fine April vacation day trip. Check them out today.

Save the date! We've invited Kevin Martin, the author of the book "Big Trees of Northern New England" to speak at the library on Sunday May 21st at 1pm. Afterwards we will all self drive or carpool to visit a local award winning big tree where we will measure it and learn more. All ages are welcome. We felt this was a great theme for a Speaker Event timed around Arbor Day, Earth Day and welcoming Spring across the Green Mountain State.

Thank you for your support at our annual Town Meeting along with your positive comments about our community work and services, and our welcoming staff. People who might not normally connect in life will bump into one another at the library. The services and resources offered by the library are available to everyone – regardless of religion, socioeconomic status, age, or ability. At some libraries in VT, the only time people see one another is when they attend a program or story time – or when they pick up the Chronicle or the latest edition of their favorite magazine. The good will that the majority of citizens have for our work and the resourcefulness and innovative mindset of library workers results in unexpected programs and services that can meet a wide range of community needs. Books are only the beginning of the many items and programs we offer!

My door is always open to you for suggestions and feedback. Thank you. I hope to see you soon at the library.

Sharon Ellingwood White- Library Director,
Alice M. Ward Memorial Library



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So far so good! Winter is nearly over and we can start looking forward to summer and its promise. Our book, *From Stump to Mill and Side Trips in Between*, has been selling well and we have ordered a second printing. A few copies are still available at the museum. We have begun editing more of Fred's articles for inclusion in a volume II. Both books should be available sometime this summer, hopefully by the time of the Alumni Banquet and certainly by the Sugar Social, Stewartstown Day, and the Moose Festival. We have had a number of positive comments about the book and thank all who have purchased it.

I spent much of the winter processing another batch of glass plate negatives we received from Bob and Rita Lee before they left for Florida. These were in nice condition and the resulting photos very interesting. There were a number of negatives that were taken at various logging operations in the late 1890s or early 1900s, mostly in winter. Such photos are rare because of the time and effort required to haul the camera gear to the job sites on less than adequate roads.

We also have hired a student to complete some of the projects started last summer. There is money left from last year's Tillotson Dash Grant to get her through the rest of the school year and if she wishes to spend the summer we will apply for another grant.

We hope to see you somewhere this summer and thank you for your support.



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