

# Canaan Carrier

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



OCTOBER 2021

## PROPERTY TAX BILLS

The Town of Canaan property tax bills have been mailed and are due on or before October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Besides the regular daily hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, the Canaan Town Clerk's office will be open on Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of collecting the 2021 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

## STUMP DUMP

The Stump Dump will be closing October 30, 2021 and will reopen May 7, 2022. It will be open for the disposal of Christmas trees on January 1st and 8th, 2022.



Sunday,  
November 7, 2021  
at 2 a.m.  
(gaining 1 hour of sleep)

## A safety reminder

Check and replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms. Ensure they are working properly and replace the batteries. As the cold sets in and many start up their gas-fired furnaces, fireplaces, portable unit heaters and the like for the first time, carbon monoxide poisoning risks increase dramatically during this time of year. Replace any smoke alarm unit that is older than 10 years. Replace any CO alarm unit that is older than 5 years.



PO Box 214

Canaan, Vermont 05903

canvthistsoc@gmail.com

www.canaan-vthistoricalsociety.org

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

**Museum closed until further notice**

We hope everyone has stayed healthy and sane through the past few months. The museum remains closed for the foreseeable future but we hope the Covid-19 Pandemic will soon be only a bad memory and it will be business as usual sometime in 2021. We have resumed our regular monthly meetings but hold them outdoors, at least until the weather turns too cold. We may have to cancel the Winter meetings unless we can find a suitable space.

Our annual Wassail Party may also become a casualty of the Pandemic. I had hoped to feature a C.V. Lund photo and negative slide show but will have to put it off until we are able to again have guests or a small crowd.

We still receive requests for information about past inhabitants or buildings that no longer exist but try to help as best we can. We are currently looking for information about a family named Finley that lived in Wallace Pond in the late 1800's or early 1900's. If you know anything about where they lived or worked, please let us know.

In August, we received a batch of negatives from a former resident of Beecher Falls that shows a line of cars at Canada Customs. From the look of one of the drivers and the clothes of a passenger, it appears to be a group of dignitaries destined to a golf match somewhere in Canada. We will post a few of the photos on our Facebook page to see if anyone can solve the question of who and what it was all about. Our Facebook page continues to draw interest but I have had problems accessing the site so cannot sometimes add comments to the pictures that have been posted.

Not all Covid-19 news is bad, fortunately. Grant money became available from the Vermont Humanities Council, which we split with the Alice M. Ward Library, that enabled us to purchase a newer and faster refurbished computer, a refurbished laptop, and a new scanner that is far better than our current model and will enable us to compile book materials. We have considered a couple of book projects and feel we are now better equipped to tackle that type of project and be able to produce a quality product. Finally, our year-end picnic was held at the home of Jack and Connie Provencher after our September meeting and we had a good time.

Enjoy the Fall, stay safe, and don't forget to vote.

**TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:**

OCTOBER 12, 2020

NOVEMBER 11, 2020

NOVEMBER 26, 2020

NOVEMBER 27, 2020

DECEMBER 24, 2020 CLOSING AT NOON

DECEMBER 25, 2020



October 31, 2021

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



**CANAAN NATURALLY CONNECTED INC  
ANNUAL SCARECROW CREATION OF FUN EVENT  
FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**

Date: October 1-31 (on running)

Locations: Fletcher and Beecher Falls Park

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 your creation with a tag that has your name(s) on it. After judging takes place, please make sure to remove creations.

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)

**TAKE PART IN JUDGING FROM NOV 1 – 15TH: YOU CAN VOTE ON OUR NEW CNC FACE-BOOK PAGE@CNCVERMONT**

Winners Receive a Ribbon Fall-Themed Goody, recognition in the Newspaper and social media

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

**TRUNK OR TREAT**

**Saturday, October 30, 2021**

**Canaan Rec Park—Canaan, VT**

**“Treaters” 2-4 pm**

**“Trunkers” who would like to pass out candy to the children please let us know by emailing [terrie.herr@gmail.com](mailto:terrie.herr@gmail.com) or messaging the CNC Facebook page. Please arrive no later than 1:30 pm to set up your trunk! Late signups welcome, early RSVP’s help. THANK YOU “TRUNKERS”!**

**Sponsored by Canaan Naturally Connected, Inc.**

## REPORT FROM THE SELECTBOARD

### TRANSFER STATION

The Town of Canaan has been awarded a \$3000.00 grant from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation to establish a convenient food scrap management system for the collection of food scraps from users of the Canaan Transfer Station. This grant will fund the purchase and installation of a composting equipment/materials for the management of food scraps collected at the Canaan Transfer Station, located at 186 Treatment Plant Road, Canaan, VT.

The Selectboard has hired a part time person for Saturdays only to help with the Composting Program and other miscellaneous duties. Our composting program has been in place since early summer and seems to be doing well. We would like to thank Ethan Allen for donating the sawdust we use in the composting process.

A few reminders and housekeeping items to mention:

If you are not sure what is recyclable and what is not there are pamphlets at the Transfer Station itemizing all recyclables accepted at our Transfer Station. There are also boards displaying all the items that are not accepted and not accepted and the list can also be found on the Town website <http://canaan-vt.org>. Any unacceptable items left at the Transfer Station need to be removed by the attendant which takes time and time is money.

We are experiencing traffic jams at times which is time consuming for all involved. Please be courteous and move in and out of the drop off areas as quickly as possible.

Please flatten cardboard boxes. This container fills up very quickly if boxes are not flattened.

Hard covered books need to have the covers removed. The insides can be disposed of in the paper bin and the covers need to be included in the regular blue bags. Paperbacks can be disposed of in the paper bin.

Our Transfer Station hours are; Wednesdays – 8:00AM – 1:00PM

Friday – 12:00PM – 4:00 PM

Saturday – 8:00AM – 1:00PM

NOTE: Any items dropped off after hours is considered littering and fines will be imposed. Our security camera system has been very successful in identifying illegal dumping.

### THANK YOU!

We have had to accept the resignation of one of our Selectboard members. Frank Sawicki has stepped down because of a change in jobs. We would like to thank Frank for his years of service on the board and wish him well in his new job. Serving on these boards is time consuming and usually thankless job but it is a job that needs to be done. Frank, it has been a pleasure to serve with you the past four plus years. You will be missed but things must go on. Within the next two weeks we will be selecting Frank's replacement until next election. So, at the March elections there will be a one year and a three year term up for the selectboard. It would be prudent for those interested to attend some board meetings to see how things go and to see if this is what you want to do. There is a lot of responsibility to making up the town budget and being involved with the other subcommittees we are on also. Once again thank you Frank for your time and fresh ideas these past years.

## Alice M. Ward Memorial Library

A busy summer at the library is changing to fall, as we watch the first trees get their vibrant color in Fletcher Park. The library was an active and popular spot this summer for patrons and visitors from all over. We held a very active Summer Reading program with events and prize incentives for children and adults. The children alone read over 14,000 minutes this summer as tracked through their reading logs and stickers. Well over a thousand tickets were entered and earned through reading minutes, submitting book reviews, and via library visits. During this time many new library cards were issued. We participated in the CNC Community Scavenger Hunt, held two book sales in August, and celebrated the Library's 90th birthday. The building is circa 1846 and became a library at the bequest of Alice M. Ward in August 1931. We have ten years to plan for the big 100!

The Summer Reading program was "Tales & Tails" with a theme around stories, pets and animals. We would like to thank Inspector Raj Hailey & K9 Annie and their fellow VT law enforcement officers with their amazing K9 partners for the fantastic demo to wind up the Summer Reading events.

Summer prize drawing winners included: Marie Noyes, Margaree Masson, Raelene Begin, Delia Young, Helen Masson, Sage & Ella Norsworthy, Evie Levang, Evie Warden, Olive Gray, Miles Drapeau, Maya Ladd, Sally Masson, Bryce Goodreau, Liara Begin-Boulanger, Daniel Young, Vivian Gales, Ivan Giroux, Kaisa Levang and Kathalyna Fuller. Congratulations! Your prizes are at the library! Thank you to each and every participant.

Thanks to generous grant funding from The Preservation Trust of Vermont and the Freeman Foundation the library has been full tilt into building upgrades and projects. Thank you to Cunningham Logging & Excavation for the new driveway resurfacing to make our library accessible and safe year-round for our patrons. It looks fantastic and is so improved. Norm Hiddeman is doing interior paint upgrades for us, please come by and check out how beautiful it looks, and the new colors. It is quite an undertaking to move all the shelves, books and furniture and we thank you for your patience during the painting project, please excuse our appearance. The library is fully open during this work. If the painter is in an area where you need to retrieve a book, a staff member will assist you. We also have a new screen/storm exterior door that is attractive and matches the style of our 1846 structure. Thank you to historic restoration specialist Sally Fishburn from Danville, Vermont for milling this beautiful door to welcome everyone to the library. Funding from the Tillotson North Country Foundation and the VT Department of Libraries have assisted with new plug in portable HEPA filtration units, clearing and recirculating our indoor air with efficiency so our library is optimized for use as we approach the "indoor weather" months. All of these improvements were grant funded from external sources. We are extremely grateful.

It is garden harvest time! In partnership with NEKCA and the food shelf, the library will frequently have fresh FREE produce on our front porch in a cooler for anyone who needs it. Please help yourself.

We have many new books, and keep patrons informed on new items through a circulated newsletter, nationwide bestseller lists, and via social media. We recently highlighted a collection of titles commemorating the history and legacy of the somber 20th anniversary of 9/11. Also, the library partners with Canaan Schools the first week back to make sure families have library cards, and we have up to date patron information. Thank you Canaan Schools teachers and staff for your continued partnerships and collaboration.

In addition to back to school library card efforts, the library will be participating in the community-wide Scarecrow contest, Trunk or Treat and Trick or Treat for Halloween. The library always has seasonal sections of books for fall, and the upcoming themes of Indigenous Peoples' Day, Halloween, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, Winter, Christmas and other holidays. Our book club meets on the first Thursday of the month at 4:30. Crafting fun can be found on Mondays at 1pm with the Fiber Friends. It's the time of year we are thinking about our winter wood-piles. We have a wood moisture meter that we loan out to patrons to test the dryness and seasoning of your firewood. Ask for it today at the library and take it home! Burning dry firewood saves money and improves indoor air quality. Need a new wood stove? A \$200 stove changeout rebate is available from Efficiency Vermont and stoves with at least 75% efficiency are eligible for a 26% federal tax credit. For more info visit <https://fpr.vermont.gov/woodenergy/rebates>.

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**Canaan Naturally Connected Inc. Continued**

We would be remiss in not acknowledging those that have awarded CNC grants to further accomplishments for the community of Canaan. We would like to thank the following (not in any order): The Tillotson Fund/NH Charitable Foundation, Tillotson North Country Foundation, Bangor Bank Foundation, New England Grassroots Environment Fund, New England Grassroots Spark Grant, Vermont Community Foundation, Vermont Natural Resources, Ben & Jerry Foundation, AARP Community Action, and Vermont Humanities Council (CNC sponsored this grant for the AWML).

We are constantly reminded of the quote “many hands make light work”. CNC members look forward to the months ahead and are excited about the possibilities and partnerships that will continue to be made for the Town of Canaan! We invite anyone who has an interest in working with any of the projects or ideas to please get in touch with us. There are monthly meetings that normally occur the 3rd Thursday of every month. Besides the Destination Website ([www.canaanvt.com](http://www.canaanvt.com)) you can email your questions to [cnaturallyc@gmail.com](mailto:cnaturallyc@gmail.com) or [Terrie.Herr@gmail.com](mailto:Terrie.Herr@gmail.com).

We wish you a splendid autumn season as we all get prepared for winter!

**MURAL UNVEILING**

The Canaan Naturally Connected group will be unveiling a 12' X 32' mural on a building in Beecher Falls, VT at 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 3rd. The magnificent mural depicts scenes relating to the history of the village and is part of the revitalization of the area.

Watch for press releases in the local papers.

**2020 COOKBOOKS**

What was this year like for you? Canaan Naturally Connected is putting together a 2020 cookbook. What recipe did you discover that you loved this year with your extra time at home? Or which one did you make over and over because it brought you comfort. You can add a short note to the bottom of each recipe to include things like the origination of the recipe, what do you remember most from 2020, you can dedicate the recipe to someone, or even tell a funny story or joke. The note itself can be up to 375 characters. You can send more than one recipe but if too many are received, we may only be able to use the first one. Our group is about connecting our communities so this is open to all our neighboring towns.

Send your recipe(s) for free to [canaancookbook2020@gmail.com](mailto:canaancookbook2020@gmail.com). Recipes can also be dropped off at Canaan Town Office, or call 603-331-1644 and someone will come to pick it up from you. The cut off date is October 9th and the finished hard cover cookbooks should be available for sale in December, for that perfect Christmas gift. Each hard cover book will come with a free ebook. This will allow you to email the cookbook if you need to send a last minute Christmas gift and then follow up with the hard-cover cookbook in the mail. These should make for a beautiful lifetime memento of this historic year.

**FROM THE CANAAN COMMUNITY RECREATION PARK COMMITTEE****Please Respect Your Property**

We need your help in keeping your Town Park safe and in good condition. This is your park. It's just like your very own back yard. Please take a moment to teach your children respect for public property. Remind them to pick up after themselves, use trash receptacles throughout the park to dispose of your trash. Be a good role model too!

Recent vandalism again, (damage to a memory bench and the newly repaired basketball court in the park was vandalized with graffiti), prompts us to ask for your help in the reporting of any vandalism that you observe happening or that you discover has occurred .

Benches are put in the rec park to commemorate the loss loved one through a lasting tribute. Please respect this.

Please report any vandalism to the Canaan Police at 802-266-9619 or the Town Office at 802-266-3370.

Thank you for your help!

Vernon Crawford, Chairman

Donald Labrecque

Paul Lyons

Dana Masson

Rajesh Hailey

Diana Rancourt

**POPULATION IN CANAAN**

**2020 Population: 896**

**Change since 2010: -76**

**% Change: -7.8%**





### From the Canaan Planning Commission

Property owners are reminded that a zoning permit is required for ANY land development including "division of a parcel into two or more parcels, the construction, reconstruction, relocation or enlargement of any building or other structure, whether it is portable, on a slab, on cement blocks or a foundation, and any change in the use of any building or other structure, or land," it needs a permit.

Please feel free to contact the Town Office whenever you are in doubt as to the need for a zoning permit. To date this year, we have issued 21 permits. Canaan is thriving.

The Canaan Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustments would like to thank all who help us with our work as we continue to serve the Town of Canaan. If you have any questions, feel free to call Cheryl Cote, Zoning Administrator at 266-3480 or the Town Office at 266-3370.

The Zoning Bylaws and a zoning permit application can be found on the Town website <http://www.canaan-vt.org> or picked up at the Town Office. Zoning permit fees are: \$25 regular and \$35 for permit requiring a hearing.

### *Interested in running for office.....*

Contact the Town Clerk if you are interested in running for office, you will be required to file a petition to be placed on the ballot. The last date to turn in a petition for the March 2021 Election is January 24, 2021. You must have at least seven signatures from registered voters on your petition to qualify.

### Alice M. Ward Memorial Library

Welcome Fall!

The Library has been bustling and busy with robust programming, circulation of books, DVDs and materials, serving patrons to support needs such as public computers, reference questions, reader's advisories, homeschooling resources, and more. We have seen a lot of day trippers to our area including 251 Club members and we always try to have a personal visit with every one that we can to promote our town and history. I can report to you that the Library, Fletcher Park, the surrounding businesses, and our school and rec areas, the flowers and landscaping, and other community hubs always make a great impression by the comments of our out of town summer visitors.

The Fiber Friends are meeting in Fletcher Park on Mondays at 1PM, all crafters are welcome. The Go Ask Alice Book Club has been well attended and meets on the first Thursday of the month at 4:30pm please join us via ZOOM. The Canaan Victory Garden is in full swing and producing locally grown vegetables for the food shelf at NEKCA. Our "Top of the Beanstalk" program winner was Janie Burke who guessed the pole beans would reach the top of the trellis on Sept 3. Janie guessed the day exactly right! Congratulations, Janie.

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The dog days of summer have decided to linger a bit longer on our community this year. We hope that everyone has had a great one, possibly getting together with loved ones, making new memories and reminiscing on the old.

CNC returned to face-to-face meetings but still have a ZOOM connection possible. Early in June we were approached with an opportunity to participate in Summer Matters, a federal grant which was promoted on Vermont youth. Of course, we applied even with the time constraints, and were awarded a portion of the grant. The unfortunate part of the grant was that we needed to front up money then be reimbursed. Unfortunately, we could not cover the large amount that we were awarded, so had to decline. Much work had been put into the planning of this grant, so this inspired us to have free events available to our youth, to include an Escape Room, Star Gazing Night and a Scavenger Hunt. The Escape Room had participants moving all about and managing to escape to dine on pizza. S'mores were included in the Star Gazing Night with limited equipment and the utilization of an app provided everyone with great viewing and acquired knowledge of the cosmos. The Scavenger Hunt succeeded in getting many community members to be aware of some places that they were unfamiliar as well as some insight into possibilities of the Community Forest and its future. It culminated at the Canaan Rec Park with hotdogs and watermelon for all. We thank everyone who participated, helped out, donated and encouraged us in all of our endeavors this quarter.

CNC won Most Original float in the Stewartstown Day Parade bringing back some old time dance halls, such as The Riviera (then Red Bones) and the Bluebird Pavilion, as well as some dancing performed by members. A fun time was had by all! The evening before, Canaan's Grace Community Church had the 77<sup>th</sup> Sugar Social in Fletcher Park which was well attended.

Those driving through Beecher Falls may have seen the building of a gazebo in the park at various stages. Thanks to those who volunteered their services and donated materials or money towards this project. The project is finished! The dedication of the gazebo was held on Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00. A steel depicting the history of Beecher Falls is on the short list of items to purchase in the near future. If interested in helping in this project, please let us know.

Soon the banners of the CMHS Class of 2021 will be taken down and some brackets will be tended to during that procedure. We are searching for some designs to replace them during the months in-between. If anyone has some options they'd like to share, please contact us. We will be putting it out to the Town to vote in the near future.

The beginning of an exercise class in the Canaan Rec Park has been a huge success. The participants have all described it as fun and engaging. Kudos to all of you!

Many attended the Moose Festival on August 28<sup>th</sup> at the Canaan Rec Park and stopped at our table! We have cookbooks, fall bulbs and Rada knives for sale as fundraising opportunities. We also have maps of Canaan with other items. Any help that you can do with our fundraising will be greatly appreciated, not just by the group but the Town of Canaan who reaps these benefits.

Lastly, we have created a new Facebook page. We had been discussing it since January and now seemed to be a good time to take the plunge. The group format was too restricted for our non-profit organization. A separate page is more general which will enable us to reap more benefits with this form of media. We hope you "like" our new page and follow our many happenings as well as other area events.

Looking ahead, we have started planning for the Annual Scarecrow Contest and Trunk or Treat in October.

CNC members look forward to the next quarter and are excited about the possibilities and partnerships that will continue to be made for the Town of Canaan! We invite anyone who has an interest in working with any 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 <http://canaanvt.com> you can email your questions to [cnaturallyc@gmail.com](mailto:cnaturallyc@gmail.com) or message us on our Facebook page, Canaan Naturally Connected, Inc.

Have a wonderful fall!

### Alice M. Ward Memorial Library Continued

The library is a distribution spot for Small Acts North lawn signs and "pay it forward" postcards. Please call to get supplies to participate. More about the Small Acts program can be found here: [www.smallactsnorth.com](http://www.smallactsnorth.com) The #SmallActs campaign is made up of a growing group of people in the North Country. It is about neighbors helping neighbors and weaving stronger communities where #SmallActs are a way of life. JOIN IN & do #SmallActs for neighbors, friends, anyone in your community who could use a hand.

We would like to ask community members, please do not block our side ADA ramp and sidewalk when you park. It is important that those with disabilities, especially those with specialized vehicles that can include lifts and ramps, can access the library in an equitable way. Also, it is helpful in front of the building that if you are attending a meeting or event nearby please be kind and leave some parking spaces for our patrons. Thank you.

If you have any questions about the library please stop by, my door is always open to you and we welcome you to the library. As your Library Director I always welcome the opportunity to visit you with a program for your club, group, or organization to make others aware of all the services we can offer, just ask! Take care, and thank you. Sharon

Sharon Ellingwood White Library Director Alice M. Ward Memorial Library



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Best Summer we've had since 2019. That isn't saying much but it is a start. We have had a number of visitors this summer who came specifically to visit the museum or were ushered upstairs by the librarian when tourists stopped to visit the Alice M. Ward Library. The Sugar Social, and the library's annual book sale, was good for us as a number of people asked for tours and were pleased with our displays. That weekend we co-sponsored a float with the Canaan Naturally Connected group for the Stewartstown Day Parade. We won a ribbon and the accompanying cash, which we donated toward the fireworks for next year's weekend. Combined with the softball tournament, the weekend in Canaan and West Stewartstown was busy and reminiscent of pre-pandemic years.

We also shared a table with the Canaan Naturally Connected group at the Moose Festival, selling historical society hats and copies of the video we produced a few years ago. We still have a few left if anyone is interested. They have garnered good reviews and we appreciate the positive comments we received this summer from former purchasers.

An ornate shadow box, dedicated to Ella Bassett, a long time resident of Canaan who was called "the flower lady", was created by one of her granddaughters and presented to the museum in late August. It is a beautiful, creative piece and we thank the Bassett family for thinking of us.

Thank you also to the Pingrees, who have donated a lighted display cabinet. It has been placed in the "Beecher Falls Room" and holds various items that were presented to employees of the factory on their birthdays. Other donations this summer include items from the Morrison family, who have a camp on Averill Lake and are the descendents of the Morrises and Gamsbys who lived in South Canaan.

Mid-September I had a visitor who had contacted me two years ago and had been planning a genealogy and cemetery search which has been delayed for Covid-19 related reasons. She is a descendent of the Hiram Schoff family who lived in Pittsburg, NH, but moved to Canaan upon the death of his first wife and later owned what I remember as the Carpenter Farm. She was delighted to find that the house and barns were still in excellent condition, as she had assumed they were long gone, and took a number of pictures to show her relatives. She had a great visit and left some photos of her ancestors.

Last year, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we chose to not hold meetings through the winter months and will address that situation at a meeting this Fall. We have only a few projects to consider and hope to have them started or completed before the weather turns cold.

Enjoy the Fall, happy hunting, be safe, and stop by the museum when you have time.

**VACANCIES**

If you are interested in our Town and would like to become more involved, please let us know.

We have several opportunities coming up with our March Elections as well as some immediate vacancies.

The Town Clerk's Office would like to hire someone who is civic minded, well organized, and willing to learn all the different aspects of working for Town Government.

The Selectboard recently had a position open due to a resignation.

The Zoning Administrator position is currently being held by Cheryl Cote but available for anyone wishing to take that position.

The Emergency Management Coordinator is currently being held by Harland Crawford but available to anyone wishing to take that position over.

The Green-Up Chairperson position is available.

***Interested in running for office.....***

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DECEMBER 24, 2021 CLOSSES AT NOON

**REAPPRAISAL**

We very much appreciate the property owners that cooperated and will continue to cooperate to help us and the Reappraisal Firm complete the Reappraisal for the 2022 Grand List.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at 802-266-3370.

Listers of the Town of Canaan



## CANAAN FD1 AND FD2 RECEIVES FREE VALVE EXERCISING GRANT

The Department of Environmental Conservation's Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division offered Free Valve Exercising Grants to public community drinking water systems. Both fire districts have received a valve exercising grant that was completed in 4 days August 27 til Sept 1. Waterline distribution valves are rarely used, and the need for operation (opening and closing) often comes at times of critical usage: emergency shutdown, ventilation, pressure relief of flood risk, etc. In an emergency, sections of a water distribution system may need to be completely shut down without delay. It's not uncommon for valves to rest idle for many years, even decades between operation. If a valve is not used or properly exercised, it can seize-up from corrosion and make the valve inoperable. Valve exercising programs can help maintain the useful life, safety and operation of water system valves.

- ◆ Locating each valve to be exercised
- ◆ Verifying valve location with water system maps
- ◆ Cleaning valve boxes and painting valve box lids
- ◆ Operating/exercising the valve
- ◆ Documenting valve location, number of turns, size, turn direction, and depth
- ◆ Identifying valves that were inoperable, broken, leaking, etc.
- ◆ Furnishing a database with collected information

It has been a busy year with multiple projects between the different departments and towns that we cover. We thank Vermont DEC for this opportunity.

## ADDRESS CHANGES

Please notify us at (802) 266-3370 or email [clerktreas@canaan-vt.org](mailto:clerktreas@canaan-vt.org) of any address changes so that you may receive timely information from our office regarding your tax bills, water & sewer bills, voting, dog licensing, or other Town business.



253 Gale Street

Canaan, VT 05903

<http://www.nekcavt.org>

802-266-7134

NEKCA Canaan has been busy this summer! We had our community garden running again this summer and it has produced beautiful vegetables. Please feel free to stop in and help yourself to some of the goodies. We still have tomatoes, squash, and greens that can be harvested!

This summer has also brought some big changes inside the building! We recently received new flooring throughout the first floor. It has really updated the look of the space.

We have a couple of programs running now. Our "Sit and Sip" has returned to Tuesday mornings from 9am to 11:30am and is open to the public. We offer coffee, tea, and snacks. We have a cooking class, run by Amy Levang, the third Thursday of the month (10/21, 11/18, and 12/16). There will be a demonstration and all participants will be given the ingredients and recipes to take home.

Upcoming programs include our annual Thanksgiving Baskets, sign-ups will run from October 1 to October 28. LaPerle's IGA is again partnering with area food shelves with their "Hometown Neighbor Assistance" food bags. Sign-ups will start after Thanksgiving and bags will be given out before the December Holidays.

## REPORT FROM THE SELECTBOARD

### TRANSFER STATION REMINDERS

Contact the site operator if you have any questions about what goes in any container or what can be recycled. The metal, construction debris, tire and electronic containers can not be used until you see the site operator. This is to make sure the proper containers are used and the appropriate fees have been paid. We could incur extra charges at the landfills if we do not comply with their requirements.

## GENERAL ELECTION - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020

**All active registered voters will receive a ballot by mail between  
September 21 and October 1.**

No Vermonter should have to choose between their health and their constitutional right to vote. As long as COVID-19 still poses a risk to our communities, we should allow Vermont voters the option of voting from the safety of their own homes. If you prefer to vote in person, polling places will still be open. **Please make a voting plan.** Whether you vote by mail or in person is up to you, but we encourage you to vote by mail and vote early – by October 24th - to reduce contact at polling places and to ensure clerks and postal workers have ample time to deliver and process your ballot.

We encourage you to **vote early** and **vote at home**, but in-person voting is still available, subject to the polling place safety guidelines we developed with the Vermont Department of Health, following [CDC best practices](#).

- Registration is available on Election Day during the hours the polls are open— from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## Town Clerk's Office

The Town Clerk's Office will be open to the public soon, watch for updates in the local papers. At that time, one person at a time will be allowed into the Town Clerk's office. A mask will be required. The vault is open by appointment only.