

Happy Halloween!



Canaan Carrier

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October 2023



PROPERTY TAX BILLS

The Town of Canaan property tax bills were mailed and were **due on or before October 1st, 2023**. Any tax dollars received after that date are delinquent and subject to delinquent fees and interest charges. If you have gone delinquent, payment plans must be made and submitted to Dencie Cunningham, Delinquent Tax Collector. 802-266-8206. In the future, if you do not receive your tax bill by August 30th, please reach out and we can either email or mail another copy. We would rather print off copies of tax bill, than have individuals go delinquent due to the mail.

Canaan Municipal and School Tax Rates 2018-2023

Category	2018 Tax Rates	2019 Tax Rates	2020 Tax Rates	2021 Tax Rates	2022 Tax Rates	2023 Tax Rates
General	0.3931	0.4274	0.4297	0.4241	0.3631	0.4287
Highway	0.2266	0.2668	0.2685	0.3094	0.2569	0.2596
Library	0.0928	0.0922	0.098	0.0958	0.0786	0.0788
Voted Articles/ Special Services	0.0194	0.0171	0.0218	0.0210	0.0181	0.0156
Education Homestead	1.4555	1.5062	1.4736	1.5416	1.2004	1.3522
Education Non-Homestead	1.3662	1.3681	1.448	1.4923	1.1662	1.3544
Total Homestead	\$2.1874	\$2.3097	\$2.2916	\$2.3919	\$1.9171	\$2.1322
Total Non-Homestead	\$2.0981	\$2.1716	\$2.2628	\$2.3426	\$1.8829	\$2.1344

SELECTBOARD QUARTERLY REPORT

CANAAN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The work on the Hall Stream Bridge is well underway and is slated to be completed by October 31st, 2023. The contractor, Austin Construction, has done an excellent job! The project has been seamless if it wasn't for the flooding and high rivers that have plagued us and the rest of the State all summer. We thank everyone for their cooperation and caution as the project has been completed. Richard has been busy fixing the roads this past quarter. With the help of ARPA funds, Richard was able to complete much needed maintenance on many Class IV roads. These roads don't always get the attention they need, due to budget constraints, but with the help of ARPA and a State of Vermont grant they were able to get fixed without any tax dollars. As the colder months set in, the highway department has been busy doing their final grading of the year and have put chloride on all of the gravel roads.

CANAAN SEWER DEPARTMENT

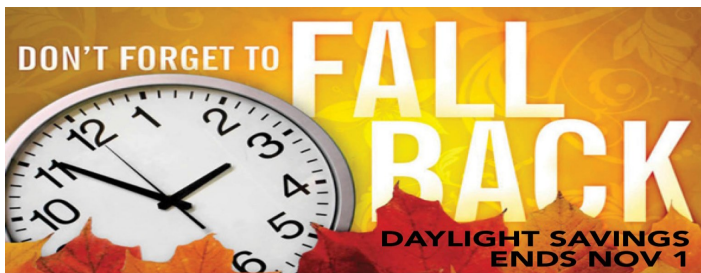
April has been busy keeping everything running smoothly at the Treatment Plant. We were lucky that the heavy rain didn't affect our roads, but the excess rain water has kept the sewer system running a full capacity. Due to the excess rain water, one of the pumps failed and a new one was needed.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The Town's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan is set to expire at the end of the year, so the Town has been working with OPH Consulting to revise the plan. We sought public input through an online survey and want to thank everyone who took the time to complete it. We hope to use all of the input to redraft our plan. The board has decided to make a remote option available for all of our meetings. We understand that it can be difficult to attend meetings in person and wanted to give our townspeople a second option. This project was also funded with ARPA money.

The State of Vermont Building and General Services launched a grant program that is aimed at increasing the energy and heat efficiency of municipal buildings. Zach applied on behalf of the Town and signed the Town Office, Town Garage, and Library up for the program. Last month, Canaan was the first in the State to receive free energy audits for the three buildings. Once the results of the audits are in, up to \$500,000 will be available to the Town to repair these three buildings.

Due to safety concerns, the Town has split Lake View Drive into two separate roads. Lake View will remain the name for the 800 foot section off from VT RTE 114. The section off from Dubeau Road will now be called Hidden Acres Drive. This change was made because the middle portion of the looped road is no longer passable.



**Sunday,
November 5, 2022
at 2:00 AM
(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 correctly, and replace the batteries. As the cold sets in and many start up their gas-fired furnaces, fireplaces, portable heaters, etc., for the first time, carbon monoxide poisoning risks increase dramatically. Replace any smoke alarm unit that is older than ten-years. Replace any CO alarm unit that is older than five-years.

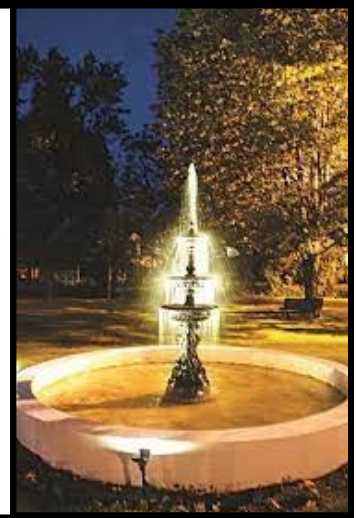
Following this schedule can mean the difference between life and death.



Help Needed!

Fletcher Park Fountain

Norman Flanagan is looking for help with the maintenance and upkeep of the Town's historic fountain in Fletcher Park. If you are interested in helping, contact the Town Office at 802-266-3370 or drop by. We will get you in contact with him. Thank you, Norman Flanagan, for all your hard work with the fountain this year and the countless other years!



Annette and Leslie Perrin,

Thank You!

The Town of Canaan would like to extend our heartfelt thank you to Leslie and Annette Perrin for the beautiful work they have done and continue to do. Leslie and Annette volunteered to do the landscaping around the Town Office and the traffic island at the start of Christian Hill. The flower beds have never looked better! We appreciate your time and hard work!

Do you have a business or wish to start one?

Do you need venture capital to start the business?

Do you need to expand your operations?

If you said yes to any of these questions and either personally reside or your business resides in the Towns of Canaan, Norton, Averill, Warren's Gore, Avery Gore, Warner's Grant, Lewis, Lemington, Bloomfield, or Brunswick; we have just the program for you

The Canaan Revolving Loan!

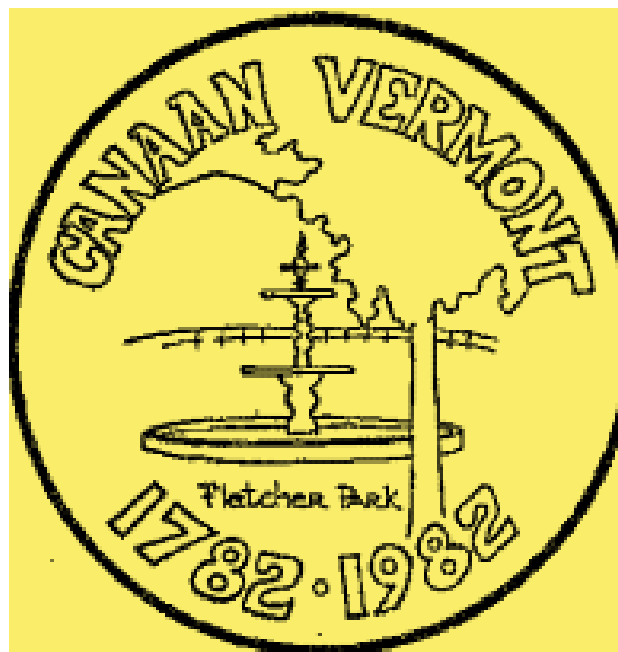
The Canaan Revolving Loan Fund is intended to enhance the quality of life in these Towns by increasing economic activity, creating jobs, providing additional affordable housing, rehabilitating existing housing, and improving public facilities. To the greatest extent feasible, all these activities are to be achieved by providing loan assistance to individuals and organizations that will benefit families, individuals, and households of low and moderate-income. To apply for the Canaan Revolving Loan, call or stop at the Canaan Town Office during business hours to pick up the application and the policies and guidelines. Interest rates are typically below prime!

Let the Town of Canaan help get your business up and running!

Say goodbye to blue bags and say hello to stickers !

The Selectboard has been looking into alternative ways to comply with the State of Vermont's mandate that all transfer stations operate under a pay-as-you-go system. This was sparked after the last batch of blue bags was incredibly defective. After much research, the Selectboard has decided to get rid of the blue bags and go to a sticker model. The stickers, pictured below, will be suitable for one regular-size kitchen bag, between 13 and 20 gallons. All you have to do is affix a sticker to your garbage bag, and you are good to go.

The stickers will be bright yellow and be a 3" x 3" square that will easily stick to any garbage bag you have. This program should roll out in early December or January. More information to come as the time comes closer. Make sure to follow our Facebook Page, visit our website, and check the paper for the price of the stickers and where to purchase them.



Recycling Updates:

Due to a lack of workforce, the Coos County Recycling Center requires all member towns to separate their recyclables. Currently, you are not required to separate your plastic or metal recyclables. They go into their respective containers. When the recycling center picks up our containers, they must dump the recyclables and sort through them. This can be highly time-consuming. This change will go into effect on January 1, 2024, but may be rolled out sooner. Once rolled out, residents must start separating their plastic into three categories and their metal into two. The metal is the easiest and must be divided into aluminum and steel. Examples of aluminum cans would be soda and beer cans, whereas steel cans would be vegetable and soup cans. The plastic must be divided into #1 PETE or PET, which are clear plastic bottles, #2 HDPE Multicolored Solid, and #2 HDPE Natural, Cloudy Plastics. Examples of what goes in each category can be found below, or look for the recycling symbol on your item.



Glass	Aluminum	Steel
#1 Plastic PET or PETE "Clear Plastics"	#2 HDPE "Multicolored Solid Plastic"	#2 HDPE Natural "Cloudy Plastic"

How to Dispose of Refrigerators, Freezers, and Air Conditioners?

Thanks to Sylvain Lamontagne, NRRA has agreed to remove the freon from appliances at our transfer station. We will be partnering with the Coos County Transfer Station to get the minimum number of appliances for NRRA to come up. All households will be allowed to dispose of any freon containing appliance for \$10 per appliance. If you have any questions please direct them to the Selectboard or Transfer Station Attendants.



TOWN OF CANAAN PARKING BANS



Effective December 1, 2023 through April 1, 2024 between the hours of 11:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. it is unlawful to park 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 their 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.

**What's Happening at the
Alice M. Ward Memorial Library?**

"Go Ask Alice" Book Club

Last Thursday of the Month

4:30 PM to 5:30 PM



50's and 60's Fashion Show

"Cocktail Culture - The Mad Men Era"

Spirits of Fashion with Karen Antonowicz

Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 1:00 PM

Pumpkins In The Park

Tuesday October 31, 2023

**Pick up a free pumpkin at the
Library for the first 20 people!!**





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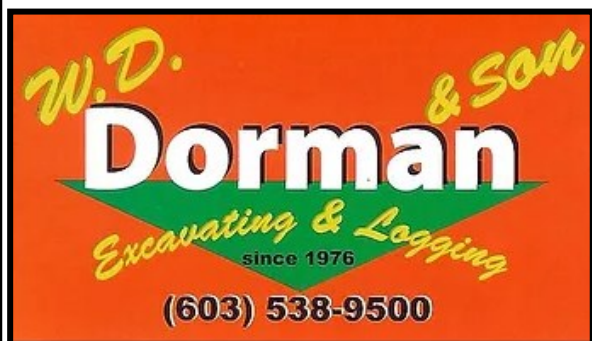
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We had a quiet summer. Visitations to the museum did not meet the numbers of past summers but a number of visitors expressed a desire to return another time. One of the visitors was Congresswoman Becca Balint, who has been involved with the Brattleboro Historical Society and seemed to enjoy her tour of our facility.

We have three students working on projects, when they have time, thanks to a grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. They have given us more free time to work on more involved projects like our volume two of Stump to Mill and the Pioneer Trail project.

Volume two of From Stump to Mill and Side Trips in Between has run into a couple of delays so was not available for the Sugar Social or the Moose Festival. We are expecting the book to be available later this month or early November. We will be most pleased if we have them available long before Christmas this year. Volume One sold well and we are hoping that the second volume will be as well received. Tim Cowan provided more material after we had chosen the articles for Volume Two so we have enough of Fred Cowan's writings to include in more books, should we decide to continue the project. Choosing which articles to include, finding photographs to match the articles, and editing are all time consuming and often tedious. Regardless, we will place notices in the local papers and on Facebook when the book is ready for sale. The Northland Journal will also have excerpts from the book and advertisements in the November and December issues. Scott Wheeler does an excellent job publishing the memories of area residents and historical events. Pick up a copy or subscribe if you enjoy stories from the Northeast Kingdom. Thank you for your support.



Thank you!

A big thank you to W.D. Dorman & Son Excavating for rolling the soccer fields in the Rec Park. We appreciate how willing you were to get this done on such short notice. Once again thank you from the entire Rec Park Committee!

Principal's Updates



OCTOBER 2023

From the desk of Ron Patterson

I'd like to welcome you to the Principal's Updates. I will try to follow the example of the previous principal and to put these updates out on a regular basis. My goal is to help foster communication between the school and the community. If you ever have any questions about what's in the update, or anything having to do with the school, please send me an email at ropatterson@canaanschools.org or call my office at 802-266-8910.

AUTUMN ACTIVITIES FROM CANAAN SCHOOLS



2023 Homecoming

Oct.9-13
Dress Up Week

October 13 @ 5 pm
Homecoming Parade and
Bonfire



Homecoming Events

Thursday 10/12
Cross Country Meet
Home
4 PM

Saturday 10/14
Homecoming Games vs. Gorham
NH
Girls at 11 AM
Boys at 1 PM

**Come out and
Support The Teams**

Picture below
Nadia Mauris





October 31, 2023

Halloween is Tuesday, 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 and contact info. 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); and People's Choice.

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



Saturday, October 28, 2023

Canaan Rec Park—Canaan, VT

“Treaters” 2:00 P.M.— 4:00 P.M.

“Trunkers” who would like to pass out candy to the children please let us know by emailing terrie.herr@gmail.com or messaging the CNC Facebook page. Please arrive no later than 1:30 P.M. to set up your trunk! Late signups welcome, early RSVP's help.

THANK YOU “TRUNKERS”!



As the leaves slowly begin to change into North Country palette splendor, so do CNC's projects!

Starting off October's events was a Chili Cook-Off at the Beecher Falls Park on October 7th, 1:00-4:00. Besides the chili contest games, arts and crafts and music were offered for a Fall Festival atmosphere. Raffle tickets for a beautiful quilt made by Denise Thibault will be raffled off at the end of the event. Tickets are still on sale! We look forward to several participants and engagement with the local communities.

The Annual Scarecrow Contest will be held from October 1-31, building one at Fletcher Park or the Beecher Falls Park, or on your own lawn. Categories for prizes are Funniest, Friendliest, Scariest, Prettiest, Best Recycling, and People's Choice. We ask that each creation is labeled with contact information of the name(s) of artist, phone number or email address. This is always a fun event and makes our communities fun and welcoming! Trunk or Treat will happen on Saturday, October 28th from 2:00-4:00 at the Canaan Rec Park. Trunkers who would like to participate, please contact Terrie Herr at 802-735-4711 or email cnaturallyc@gmail.com. We ask trunkers to arrive by 1:30 to be ready for the treaters at 2:00. We look forward to all the imagination that goes into these trunks! Pumpkins in the Park will again be offered by the Alice Ward Memorial Library. Please contact the library for more information. Bring your own pumpkin, or get one from the library, the afternoon of October 31st. The lights will be supplied by the library and will be lit from dusk to 8:00 PM. Grace Community Church will again offer hotdogs on Halloween night. What an active and fun October we have in store for all!

Another evening of mystery, intrigue, great food, and fellowship was a success thanks to the actors, cooks, servers, decorators, and audience! Thank you to all who made the Masquerade Ball Murder Mystery a fun event for everyone there. A special thanks to Zach Brown for coordinating the ticket sales, always appreciated! Now we begin to research for the next one in the spring.

Please continue to look at the local newspapers, our Facebook page and website for information and updates on this and all our events. Although still learning how to design the website, it does have information that is being updated as time goes on. Projects and activities are in the works to close out 2023 in November and December. It should be fun!

CNC has monthly meetings the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 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 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 more accomplishments in 2023, we truly hope that more people become involved to make it happen!

Report from the Rec Park Committee

SPLASH PAD

We were hoping to have the Splash Pad installed during the summer but unfortunately parts were backordered and we had to prolong it until Spring of 2024. We also plan to improve the tennis courts by adding a Pickleball Court and we feel it will be a welcome renovation.

Special thanks to the following for their generous donations to our project: Marty Ames, Robert Lee, Roland and Rachel Labrecque, Leslie Klinefelter, and Gilbert "Eph" Parker.

Most recently Dan Johnson and Krista Rodrigue donated their tips and collected donations at the Solomon's 100 anniversary celebration which we were very grateful.

QUILT RAFFLE

The quilt raffle winner was Patricia Klinefelter. Thank you again to Denise Thibault for the donation of the quilt.

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

Thank you to all everyone that attended the dinner and the volunteers that made food or helped in any way to make it such a success.

CASINO NIGHT

The Canaan Recreation Park and Canaan Naturally Connected will host an adult only Casino Night fundraiser to benefit the installation of a splash pad in the Canaan Rec Park and renovations to the former St. Paul's Church for use as a Community Center. The event will be held at The Time Out Tavern, 114 Gale Street, Canaan, VT 05903 on Saturday, November 25, 2023 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The fundraiser is for adults with poker, roulette, drinks, food, silent auction, 50/50 raffle and great company. There is something for everyone and the evening will bring our community together to have a fun time. Tickets are \$50 each, which includes chips and a light buffet and can be purchased at the Canaan Town Office or the Time Out Tavern.

To donate an item for the silent auction or to sponsor a table, please contact Jennie Santamaria at the Time Out Tavern by phone 802-266-3988 or email timeouttavernvt@yahoo.com or Diana Ran-court, 802-266-3036 before November 1, 2023.

Want to be a part of the Town and make a difference in the place you live?

If you said yes to that question, contact the Town Clerk to learn more about 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 2024 Election is January 29, 2023. You must have signatures from 1% of the registered voters, about seven signatures, on your petition to qualify.

Offices to Appear on the March 2024 Town and School Ballots

Town Moderator—1 Year Term	Emergency Management Coordinator—1 Year Term
School Moderator—1 Year Term	Rep to Ambulance District A1—1 Year Term
Selectman—3 Year Term	Zoning Board (x3)— 2 Year Terms
School Board (x3)—3 Year Terms	Zoning Board— 1 Year Term
Lister (x2) —3 Year Term	Loan Committee Treasurer—1 Year Term
Delinquent Tax Collector— 3 Year Term	Rec Park (x4) — 1 Year, 2 Year, and 3 Year Terms
Auditor of Accounts—3 Year Term	Green Up Chairperson—1 Year Term
Trustee of Public Funds— 3 Year Term	Tree Warden— 1 Year Term
Library Trustee — 2 Year Term	Animal Control Officer—1 Year Term
Sexton— 1 Year Term	Fence Viewer (x2)— 3 Year Terms
Fire District 1 Prudential Committee— 3 Year Term*	Weigher of Coal—1 Year Term
Fire District 1 Clerk and Treasurer—1 Year Term*	Inspector of Lumber, Shingles—1 Year Term
Fire District 2 Prudential Committee— 3 Year Term*	CT River Joint Commission (x2)— 1 Year Terms
Fire District 2 Clerk and Treasurer—1 Year Term*	Cemetery Commission (x2)— 1 Year and 2 Year Terms
Agent of Prosecute and Defend Suits—1 Year Term	Community Forest (x3)—3 Year Terms

* Fire District Positions are voted on at their annual meetings in January.



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WARNING: SYRINGES

Put in trash. DO NOT recycle.



USE: Apply sticker to a thick plastic container with screw-on lid, such as a laundry detergent bottle. Bottles stamped with ♻ on the bottom are best.
DO NOT use soda bottles or food storage containers—Needles can puncture.

STORE: Carefully place used syringes inside of bottle.

SEAL: When bottle is 2/3 full, replace lid and secure with heavy tape (e.g. duct tape).

DISPOSE: Dispose of the bottle with household trash—DO NOT put in a recycling bin!



KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN!

For questions or replacement stickers, contact VT DEC (802) 828-1138 | www.VTrecycles.com

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