



# The GAZETTE

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## STARKSBORO TOWN WIDE RE-APPRAISAL 2016:

The Starksboro Town Wide Re-Appraisal has been completed and new values will be mailed to all property owners mid-May 2016. Pre-Grievance Hearings are scheduled for May 26 & 27 from 9 am to 3 pm. Appointments are recommended but not necessary. This is an informal opportunity to review your property value and data. Official Grievance Hearings will be held June 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. If you are unable to schedule an appointment, written grievances are acceptable. They must be received by June 7<sup>th</sup>. **POST MARKS DO NOT COUNT!** Please call 802-453-2639 to schedule an appointment.

## SELECTBOARD NEWS

The Select Board has received the proposed Starksboro Unified Zoning Bylaws from the Planning Commission for consideration. The Select Board will hold at least two hearings on the proposed regulations before taking any action. The first hearing will be on Tuesday, May 10 from 7-9 PM at the Robinson School Multipurpose Room. The second will be held on a Saturday morning near the end of June on a date yet to be determined. After the hearings have concluded, the Select Board will decide whether to vote on the proposed bylaws as a Board or to put them to a town vote during the August 9 state primary election after the hearings.

The proposed Zoning bylaws and the report on the changes that the Planning Commission made in the Zoning proposal since their hearing last fall are on the town website and copies are available at the Town Office.

The Town garage and salt shed are nearing completion, on time and on budget. There will be an Open House in June so everyone can tour the new facilities. We plan to move the Recycling operation to near the new garage this summer as well. There will be more specifics about the Open House in the June Starksboro Gazette.

# WORSHIP SERVICES

## The FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF STARKSBORO:

[www.Starksborobaptistchurch.org](http://www.Starksborobaptistchurch.org)

The First Baptist Church of Starksboro, 2806 VT Route 116. Church phone 453.5577. Pastor Larry Detweiler, 802.434.6715 (home), 802.989.2679 (cell) or [revdets@gmail.com](mailto:revdets@gmail.com).

### Sunday Schedule:

- 10:00 a.m. Chat, Chew and Renew, adult bible study and fellowship group meets
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday's Cool youth bible study and fellowship group meets (grades K-6)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship service with communion on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month
- 2:30 p.m. Share-on, community food distribution

Starksboro Senior Meal, served at 11:30 monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, January-October. Meal held in the Community Room of the Church, 2806 VT 116. Donations to defray costs are gladly accepted. Senior meal information and contact Brenda Boutin, 453-6354 or [mtgazette@earthlink.net](mailto:mtgazette@earthlink.net)

Youth ministries information and contact Roberta McKinney, [Kidsrme7316@gmail.com](mailto:Kidsrme7316@gmail.com), 802.922.1766.

JERUSALEM GATHERING: a congregation in the Episcopal tradition that has services on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month at 9:30 am. We meet in the Jerusalem Schoolhouse, 397 Jerusalem Rd, in South Starksboro. Everyone is welcome. Contact: Vickie Backus - 434-6488.

SOUTH STARKSBORO FRIENDS MEETING: Singing every Sunday at 9 am, meeting for worship at 9:30 am at the Meeting House located at 430 Dan Sargent Rd. Call 453-4927 for details.

***Bonebuilders Exercise Classes***: Every Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30 am at the Jerusalem Schoolhouse in South Starksboro. This class is to help prevent osteoporosis. Questions? Call Susan at 453-5537.

***Tai Chi Class***: Every Thursday at 9:30 am at the Jerusalem Schoolhouse. This class is for those that already know Tai Chi for Arthritis 1 & 2. Questions? Call Vera at 453-3597.

## POST OFFICE CHANGES:

Effective 4/25/2016, the last collection box time for Starksboro will be as follows:

- Mon – Fri: 2:30 PM
- Saturday: 10:45 AM

Also, beginning the last week of April, the Post Office lobby will remain open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. So if you have a P.O. Box, you will be able to get your mail any time during the day. Date of this change to be determined.

**FRIENDS OF JERUSALEM SCHOOLHOUSE: ANNUAL FLEA MARKET** will be held on Friday, June 3rd and Saturday, June 4th at the Jerusalem Schoolhouse in South Starksboro. We would love to take the "treasures" from your spring cleaning fun off your hands...why not donate them to the sale? Donation drop off days and times will be: Thursday, June 2nd from 4:00-7:00pm and Friday, June 3rd from 9:00am until noon. We will accept: furniture (in very good condition--no mattresses or pillows please), household items, holiday decorations, craft items, clothing (without rips, tears or stains please), children's toys, linens/bedding, books, games, small tools and gardening supplies.

The sale will officially begin at noon on Friday the 3rd! We will be open that day until 5:00pm and then on Saturday, June 4th from 8:00am until 3:00pm. Whether you donate items or come to shop (or both), we appreciate your support of this annual fundraiser. We hope to use the proceeds from the sale to do some interior painting as well as refinish the hardwood floors. We would like to have a work day with local volunteers to accomplish this work...more on that later.

If you have questions regarding the schoolhouse renovation project or if you would like to volunteer some time during the donation drop off days/times or during the actual sale, call Susan at 453-5537 or Nancy at 453-4573.

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And now for another schoolhouse memory...these memories are from Gladys Orvis. Gladys and her husband Roger lived at 14 Jerusalem Road during their married life. They raised their three children (Gary, Greg and Suzanne) there and loved their property and the South Starksboro community. Roger passed away in March 2002. Gladys is now 92 years old and resides at Helen Porter Nursing Home. These remembrances were shared with Greg as he talked with her one day not too long ago. She has many good memories of times spent at the Jerusalem Schoolhouse~~both when her children attended school there and for the many years she was a member of the "Ladies Home Dem" (which was later named the "Ladies Home Circle"). Greg has formulated this story from his mother's thoughts:

The Ladies Home Demonstration group, which has a 99 year lease on the Jerusalem Schoolhouse, often used the schoolhouse for their meetings when school wasn't in session. Bingo was held there from time to time to raise money for the group. For many years, the "Ladies" paid the utility bills (heat and electricity) so they needed to figure out ways to raise money.

Gladys recalls the quilting bees that the "Circle" often held there. Ladies would work on some of the cutting and sewing of quilt squares at home and then for a small fee (she couldn't remember how much as it was so long ago!), you could hire the LHC group to tie your quilt. They would get the quilting rods/frame down from overhead at the schoolhouse (where it was stored for safe keeping), and after pushing the classroom desks to the edges of the room, they would set up the frame over chairs as that was a good height to work from. Two people would work on each side. There was work to be done...but there was a whole lot of visiting to do too. As Gladys said "Yappity, yappity, yap, yap...we would catch up on all the news from everyone as we worked"! Alice Orvis, Hilda Orvis, Sadie Thompson, Maggie Stokes, Helen Orvis, Grace Hallock, Dorothy Orvis, Helen Russell and Bessie Young were some of the ladies that worked alongside Gladys tying quilts.

Leona Thompson was the Addison County Home Demonstration Agent through the UVM Extension Agency back in the '50s, '60s, and 70s. She would come to the meetings once or twice a year to give talks on various topics regarding homemaking: sewing, nutrition, pressure cooking, canning, and gardening tips. Gladys said "We always looked forward to her visits as she shared with us the newest modern ideas that would help us housewives make our housework easier in those days long ago."

Thank you to Gladys for her fond memories of days spent at the Jerusalem Schoolhouse ~~ check the Gazette next month for another good memory!

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### "Share On..."

Greetings Starksboro friends and neighbors,

There is an opportunity for you to enjoy the benefits of our local food distribution. Every Sunday @ 2:30pm the doors open at Starksboro First Baptist Church for folks to come "shopping" for free fresh, organic produce, dairy and meat. Trader Joes and Panera Bread are our main contributors. The amount and variety of food items change weekly which always keeps us curious. Please join the many local families that benefit from this blessing. Contact Roberta: [kidsrme7316@gmail.com](mailto:kidsrme7316@gmail.com).

### Tween Science

Another fantastic successful year of Tween Scenes will be celebrated Friday, May 13th as we close out another cool school year here in Starksboro. Activities as always are free for 5th graders and up, Tweens and Teens keep the beat with our new "Block Rocker." They laugh out loud with gross and gooey games. Then they settle into the pizza, pickle, and Panera buffet as they enjoy their pick of a (G/PG) movie. Program runs from 6-9pm at SFBC

Contact Roberta: [kidsrme7316@gmail.com](mailto:kidsrme7316@gmail.com).

**Starksboro Public Library**  
**Monthly News for May 2016**

Hours: Mon. 10-6, Thurs. 10-5, Sat. 9-1

Catherine Goldsmith, Librarian, 453-3732 - [starksboropl@comcast.net](mailto:starksboropl@comcast.net)

**FREE Concert – Hungrytown plays at the library - Friday, May 20, 7pm**

After more than a decade of world-wide touring and three album releases, Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson--otherwise known as the folk duo Hungrytown--have earned a reputation for the quality and authenticity of their songwriting. The couple continues to spend more than half of each year on the road, especially roads in North America, Europe and New Zealand but they come home to Southern Vermont whenever they can. Hungrytown's music has appeared on several television shows, including The Daily Show and Portlandia. Don't miss this community event! No library card necessary!

**Please, bring a non-perishable food items for the Starksboro food shelf!**

**Mother/Daughter Book Group: Thursday, May 7 at 7pm**

*We Were Liars* by E. Lockhart; a suggestion from the girls this month! "Thrilling, beautiful, and blisteringly smart, *We Were Liars* is utterly unforgettable." - John Green.

Call the library for a copy of the book if you would like to join in the good times.

**Adult Book Group: Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

All are invited to join in the monthly book group. The group is due for a new male participant or two – could that be you? Excellent book discussion and refreshments. This month's title is *The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin.

"A wonderful, moving, endearing story of redemption and transformation that will sing in your heart for a very, very long time." -- Garth Stein, author of *The Art of Racing in the Rain*

**New Books this month:**

*Edge of the Orchard* by Tracy Chevalier; *Girls and Sex, Navigating the Complicated New Landscape* by Peggy Orenstein; *My Brilliant Friend* by Elena Ferrante; *Septimania* by Jonathan Levi; *The Shark Attacks of 1916* and *The Destruction of Pompeii*—both in the **I Survived** series for younger readers; *Steampunk! An Anthology* for young adults; *Oil and Honey* by Bill McKibben; *Table of Contents: From Breakfast with Anita Diamant to Dessert with James Patterson - a Generous Helping of Recipes, Writings and Insights from Today's Bestselling Authors* By Judy Gelman

**Preschool Story Time:** alternates between Monday and Thursday, depending on the week and following the school schedule. Any children and their adults are very welcome to join in our singing, dancing and reading fun time. This month, join us on **Mondays**, May 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> and **Thursdays**, May 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at eleven for a rollicking good fun!

**Knit/Fiber Arts** meets this month on **Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00 a.m. Enjoy visiting with others as you work on your projects: knitting, quilting, rug-hooking, cross-stitch, etc.

**Bone Builders every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 5:30**

### **"Boys Only" Campout**

Event: Jul 15, 2016, 3:00 PM to 11:00 AM, Jul 16, 2016

Another year for bugs, bass fishing, a beastly BBQ and bon-fires at our 5th "Boys Only" Camp-out held July 15th/16th at the Russell Pond. Bring your boots, bait, sleeping bags and bug spray. Schedule of events may include swimming, fishing, and their favorite..."tough boy" competitions! There is always plenty to eat at our BBQ buffet. Then it's all-in sports 'till dusk. Followed by the now stinky-sweaty boys-s'more-stuffing-sing-a-long-star-starring-scary-story telling-before they slumber time. Bacon & eggs cooked over an open-fire gets them up and ready for activities and free choice time before they pack-it -up to be picked up BY 11am. Registration begins June 3rd. Free, as always well supervised certified life guard on duty. Contact Roberta: kidsrme7316@gmail.com

### **"Girls Only" Campout**

Event: Jun 10, 2016, 3:00 PM to 11:00 AM, Jun 11, 2016

Only girls. Only one night. Always life long memories! All girls, 3rd grade and up are invited to join their friends for our 5th annual "Girls Only" Camp-out, hosted at the Russell Pond. The over-nighter starts off with a splash as girls frolic on the floating dock or relax along the grassy shore. Supper consists of delicious fresh fruit, BBQ burgers, garden grown veggies and all the fix'ns. Next everyone joins in on the crazy cooperative games and then our sing-a-long-s'more-stuffing-star-gazing-story-time ends the evening as the sloth-like sleuth themselves into their tents to sleep in their cozy sleeping bags. Rise & Shine to a gourmet breakfast cooked over an open fire, then it's group crafts, a meandering meadow walk and closing circle at 11am. Registration forms available starting May 27th. Free as always well supervised certified life guard on duty. Contact Roberta: kidsrme7316@gmail.com.

### **Hiking On Kilimanjaro**

Event: Aug 8, 2016, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Aug 12, 2016

Strap on your hiking boots and dust off your walking stick, as this summer's Vacation Bible School (VBS) goes hiking up Kilimanjaro! Program's run August 8th-12th from 9am-noon then the Adventure Camp kick's it up a notch as even more Starksboro community volunteers get into action sharing their crafts, artistry and professional skills daily from 1pm-5pm.

Preschool through 6th grade registration starts soon. 7th grade and up volunteers needed as Jr. Helpers. High School students earn your required Community Service Credits, Adults sign up for a block (or two) of time as "many hands make for a lot of fun (and safety)!"

As always ALL events, meals & materials are free! Come be a part of Starksboro's largest community volunteer event! (over 97 participants daily last year!) An organizational meeting will be held June 20th @7pm at 11 Parsonage Rd.

Contact Roberta: kidsrme7316@gmail.com.

Life's Helpers Inc. is having a benefit FOOD DRIVE, RUMMAGE SALE AND RAFFLE on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Hinesburg Fire Dept, from 9 am – 3 pm. This will benefit the Starksboro Food Shelf. Please come and bring a non-perishable food item for the food shelf. Come check out the great items we have, take a chance on the raffle and help out a family in need. We look forward to seeing you.

Seeking facilitators for upcoming Nurturing Parent Program in Starksboro. Looking for facilitators who enjoy working with families, have positive attitudes, and good communication skills. Facilitating experience helpful but not required. Contact Heather Niquette at [hnikette@pcavt.org](mailto:hnikette@pcavt.org) for more information or call 498-0607.

## ADVERTISEMENTS

Think beautiful and Vermont different gifts; handmade locally. Now available at **Art on Main**, 25 Main St, Bristol

*Jude Bryant* – Pottery

*Ellen Spring* – Scarves, unusual children's tees, felted pins

*Cynthia Kling* – Prints & cards of Starksboro and Little  
People ornaments

Also by appointment or when open at our studios.

The GAZETTE is published monthly and mailed to all Starksboro residents. Articles and advertisements must be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month to the Town Clerk. If the 15<sup>th</sup> falls on Fri, Sat, or Sun, than it is due the following Monday by noon.

COMMUNITY EMAIL GROUP: [WWW.FRONTPORCHFORUM.COM](http://WWW.FRONTPORCHFORUM.COM)

TOWN WEBSITE: [www.starksborovt.org](http://www.starksborovt.org)

**TOWN OFFICE:** 453-2639

Open Mon – Thu 8:30 – 4:30

Town Clerk: Cheryl Estey [starksboro@madriver.com](mailto:starksboro@madriver.com)

Treasurer: Celine Coon [starksborotowntreasurer@gmavt.net](mailto:starksborotowntreasurer@gmavt.net)

Zoning Administrator: Dave Wetmore [starksborozoning@gmavt.net](mailto:starksborozoning@gmavt.net)  
(office hours - Mon & Wed 9-4; Thu 1:00 – 4:30)

Del. Tax Collector: Amy McCormick-Tues & Wed @ 453-2639  
[starksborotaxes@gmail.com](mailto:starksborotaxes@gmail.com)

**SELECT BOARD**

Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 5:30 at Town Office.

Please call at least one week in advance to get on the agenda.

Susan Jefferies – 453-3611

Peter Marsh – 453-3478

Tony Porter – 989-5096

**SCHOOL BOARD**

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 5:30 pm at Robinson Library.

Louis DuPont – 453-5538

Nancy Cornell – 453-2681

Caleb Elder – 434-4805

**Mt. Abe:** Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 6:30 at Mt. Abe Library.

Bonita Bedard – 453-4305

Jodi Bachand – 434-5336

**Supervisory Board** – Nancy Cornell, Louis Dupont, Caleb Elder

**LIBRARY:** 453-3732

Open Mon 10-6; Thurs 10-5, Sat 9-1

Library Board meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday @ 7 pm at Library

**STARKSBORO VILLAGE WATER COOPERATIVE:** 453-5200

Meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. of March, June, Sept, and Dec at 7:30 pm  
at the Starksboro Public Library

**REPRESENTATIVES**

Fred Baser – 453-4391

David Sharpe – 453-2754 / [dsharpe@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:dsharpe@leg.state.vt.us)

**NEW POST OFFICE HOURS:**

Mon – Fri 7:30 – 11:30; 12:30 – 2:30

Closed each day 11:30 – 12:30

Saturday – 7:30 – 11:00

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER:**

Wayne Marcelle – 233-9534

**CONSTABLES:**

1<sup>st</sup> Constable – George Wyckoff – 989-4538

**FIRE WARDENS:** Please call ahead for burn permits

Tom Estey – 453-4511 or Tony Porter – 989-5096

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** 453-4054

Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at the Town Office

Development Review Board meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION:** Matt Witten (434-3236 or

[mwitten@gmavt.net](mailto:mwitten@gmavt.net)) or Jan McCleery (453-3755 or

[mccleery@norwich.edu](mailto:mccleery@norwich.edu)). Meetings: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday @ 7 pm at the  
Starksboro Public Library

**HEALTH OFFICER:** Peter Ryersbach – 453-3597

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR:** Charlene Phelps

453-3461

**RECYCLING:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays from 8-11 am at Town Garage,  
1686 VT Route 116. Trash fees: \$4.50/bag. Recycling fees by quantity.

**HUB TEEN CENTER & SKATEPARK:**

[www.bristolskatepark.com](http://www.bristolskatepark.com)

Ryan Krushenick – 453-3678 / [thehub@gmavt.net](mailto:thehub@gmavt.net)

**SENATORS**

Claire Ayer – 545-2142 / [cayer@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:cayer@leg.state.vt.us)

Chris Bray – 453-3444 / [cbray@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:cbray@leg.state.vt.us)

Food Shelf Hours: 10:30 am – 6:00 pm every Wednesday,  
(except the first Wednesday of each month).