



The GAZETTE

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STARSBORO TOWN WIDE RE-APPRAISAL

Official Grievance Hearings will be held June 6th & 7th. If you are unable to appear at an appointment, written grievances are acceptable. They must be received by June 7th. **POST MARKS DO NOT COUNT!** Please call 802-453-2639 to schedule an appointment. Remember, under the law you will have the burden of persuading the BCA that the Lister's valuation of your property is incorrect. You will need to be ready to present evidence to the BCA that will support your arguments regarding your property's fair market value.

Once grievances are complete, the tax rate can be set and your new tax bills will be generated.

Starksboro Selectboard Notice of Public Hearing

The Starksboro Selectboard will hold the 2nd (second) public hearing on the proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment at the Robinson Elementary School gym on;

Saturday June 25, 2016 at 10:00 A.M.

This public notice is given pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §4442 and 4444. The Planning Commission has prepared a comprehensive rewrite to Starksboro's existing Zoning and Subdivision Bylaw. This amendment will affect every geographic area of Starksboro. Residents are hereby notified that these draft Bylaws will be discussed at this public hearing hosted by the Selectboard. Property owners and residents of Starksboro may find a copy of the proposed Bylaws on the Town website starksborovt.org or by stopping by the Town office during regular business hours.

A summary of the amendments are included herein and are available on the Town's website www.starksborovt.org or at the Town office.

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SELECTBOARD NEWS:

New Garage Open House – Come tour the new Town Garage as well as the salt and sand shed on Saturday, June 18 from 9:30-noon. The project, completed on time and on budget, will make road maintenance operations safer and more efficient. The garage is off Route 116 north of the village and in the same driveway as the firehouse. Refreshments will be provided.

Positions available: - Starksboro is seeking applicants for the position of second Animal Control Officer as well as Selectboard Secretary to take notes and write up the minutes of Selectboard meetings. Contact the Town office for job descriptions.

WORSHIP SERVICES

The FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF STARKSBORO: 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.

Pastor Larry will be starting a 10 week study leave to complete the fourth & final semester in the VT hospital chaplaincy program. Beginning Sun, May 29 and continuing for 10 Sunday's Pastor Larry will lead the worship service but will not be responsible for delivering a sermon. Other ministers and layperson's have volunteered to present the message during Larry's ten weeks of study and professional development.

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 1st Sunday of every month
- 2:30 p.m. Share-on, community food distribution

STARKSBORO SENIOR MEAL, served at 11:30 monthly on the 4th 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

Youth ministries information and contact Roberta McKinney, Kidsrme7316@gmail.com, 802.922.1766.

JERUSALEM GATHERING: a congregation in the Episcopal tradition that has services on the 1st and 3rd 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

The Post Office lobby is now open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. So if you have a P.O. Box, you can get your mail any time of the day.

"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.

"Boy's 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.

TRAP-NEUTER-RELEASE PROGRAM

Homeward Bound, Addison County's Humane Society, operates a seasonal Trap-Neuter-Release program for feral and barn cats in Addison County. The program is free to farmers and caretakers and any cats who go through the program are rabies and distemper vaccinated as well as spayed/neutered before being returned. The monthly clinics will run from June through October. They have humane traps available and can assist with trapping and transporting if necessary.

This program is intended to humanely reduce feral cat populations and provide basic health care. For more information contact: Morgan Cote – 388-1100, or Foster@homewardboundanimals.org.

Special Service at Starksboro Village Meeting House

Please join us Sunday, June 12, 2016, as the Historic Starksboro Village Meeting House returns to the 1860s.

Chaplain Michael Blakeslee of the Second Vermont Volunteer Infantry accompanied by Lois Burbank will lead

a recreation of a typical Civil War era church service. During the 1860s the Meeting house was the center of the community of Starksboro. Many Starksboro Civil War soldiers enlisted in this very building, and while the upper floor held regular Sunday services, the lower level functioned as a town meeting hall. Service will begin at 11:00 AM.

The June 12 worship service at The First Baptist Church of Starksboro will not be held at its usual location. Instead the congregation will be worshipping with Chaplain Blakeslee at the Starksboro Village Meeting House.

FRIENDS OF JERUSALEM SCHOOLHOUSE: ANNUAL FLEA MARKET will be held on Friday, June 3rd from noon - 5:00 pm and Saturday, June 4th from 8:00am-3:00pm at the Jerusalem Schoolhouse in South Starksboro. We would love to take the "treasures" you find while spring cleaning off your hands...we will accept: furniture (in very good condition--no mattresses or pillows please), household items, holiday decorations, craft items, children's toys, books, games, clothing (without rips, tears or stains please), linens/bedding, small tools and gardening supplies. Donation drop off times will be Thursday, June 2nd from 4:00-7:00pm and Friday, June 3rd from 9:00-noon.

Whether you donate items or come to shop (or both), we appreciate everyone's help in our continued effort to raise funds to renovate/restore the schoolhouse. Thank you! The proceeds from the flea market will be used to do interior painting and refinish the hardwood floors. If you would like information on our renovation project or if you would like to volunteer some time during the sale, please call Susan at 453-5537 or Nancy at 453-4573.

And now for another Jerusalem Schoolhouse Memory! This month's memory was written by Missy Atkins. Missy grew up on Downingsville Road in Lincoln (just over the town line!). She and her siblings were part of the Green Mountaineers 4H Club that ran for many years in South Starksboro. The schoolhouse was the hub of many 4-H activities that the area youth enjoyed over the years. Here are a few things she remembers:

"Without So. Starksboro 4-H, I would not have had the opportunity to make some friendships that I have had throughout my adult life. I remembered a long list of fun times we had:

~~The beautiful pink flannel-like cloud print dress I sewed and the fashion show that followed in which we got to sport our wares.

~~Barney's Day Camp--potato sack race, suitcase race...fun in the sun.

~~Babysitter's Course at Linda Barnard's which started me on my wild and very full path as a young babysitter.

~~The many bike-a-thons we had on what we referred to as the "Yellow Brick Road" that ran past the Jerusalem Schoolhouse. The "Yellow Brick Road" was dubbed so by my siblings and I after Gladys Orvis's yellow house that sat at the end of it. Gladys also happened to be my adoptive grandmother through the 4-H Adoptive Grandparent Program and I adored her. Her granddaughter, ironically, had my grandmother as her own adoptive grandmother!

~~Singing in I don't know what show "Sandwiches Are Beautiful" with the infamous Betsy Orvis.

~~Our monthly meetings where we got to see everyone.

Thank you Missy for sharing your fun memories as a "4-H kid" in South Starksboro! Another memory by another former 4-H member next month...don't miss it!

STARKSBORO FOOD SHELF – CHANGE OF DAYS:

Starting in the month of June 2016, the Food Shelf will only be open two times a month. The dates will be:

2nd Wednesday – 10:30 – 6:00

3rd Wednesday – 10:30 – 6:00

of each month.

Example:	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
	6/8	7/13	8/10
	6/15	7/20	8/17

If anyone needs emergency assistance, they can contact Laurie Webber – 336-2141.

Starksboro Public Library

Monthly News for June 2016

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

Catherine Goldsmith, Librarian, 453-3732 - starksboropl@comcast.net

The library will be closed for Memorial Day, May 30

BUT open on Tuesday, May 31, 10-5:30

Summer Vacation at your public library

Visit your public library over summer break! Let me know your favorite books and discover some new ones. We'll have a reading cave to snuggle in with a book.

Lego Building Time – Thursday, June 16th, 11am.

Meet your friends at the library for some fun group building time. We have Duplo and regular sizes of Legos available for use in the library and will display your finished creations in the display case.

New materials in the library:

New audiobooks for your road trip coming in all the time

Borrow our mp3 player to experiment with e-audio books on family trips

Books:

My Struggle by Karl Ove Knausgard

Organized Mind; thinking straight in the age of information overload; by D. J. Levitin

All three books of *The Copernicus Legacy* by Tony Abbott (middle-school)

Life or Death by Michael Robotham;

Bittersweet by Colleen McCullough (her first romantic saga since *The Thorn Birds*)

Are We Smart Enough to Know How Smart Animals Are? by Frans de Waal

Seasons in My Garden; meditations from a hermitage by Elizabeth Wagner

Escape from Baxter's Barn by Rebecca Bond (grades 3-5).

Preschool Story Time: This month, join us on **Monday, June 6th and Thursday, June 3rd at 11am.**

Knit/Fiber Arts meets this month on **Saturday, June 11th at 10:00 a.m.** Enjoy visiting with others as you work on your projects: knitting, quilting, rug-hooking, cross-stitch, etc. Coffee, tea and chai from the Keurig is available for \$1.00 per cup (half & half is in the frig).

Book Group will meet Wednesday, June 22nd at 7pm at the library. Book to be announced, call the library to find out the title and reserve your copy.

RSVP Bone Builders meets all through the summer on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-6:30. This exercise class is taught by trained leaders and is designed to keep bones strong and prevent osteoporosis.



In the display case: collection of fabulous family hats (and hat boxes) graciously loaned by Cynthia Guild Kling. See U.S. fashion history through hats from 1890 to today.

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 **15th of each month** to the Town Clerk. If the 15th falls on Fri, Sat, or Sun, then it is due the following Monday by **NOON**. **Anything not received by the 15th will not be included in the Gazette.**

COMMUNITY EMAIL GROUP: WWW.FRONTPORCHFORUM.COM

TOWN WEBSITE: www.starksborovt.org

TOWN OFFICE: 453-2639

Open Mon – Thu, 8:30 – 4:30

Town Clerk: Cheryl Estey starksboro@madriver.com

Treasurer: Celine Coon starksborotowntreasurer@gmavt.net

Zoning Administrator: Dave Wetmore starksborozoning@gmavt.net

(Hours - Mon & Wed 9-4; Thu 1:30 – 4:30)

Del. Tax Collector: Amy McCormick-Tues & Thurs @ 453-2639

starksborotaxes@gmail.com

SELECT BOARD

Meetings 1st and 3rd 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

3rd Wednesday at 5:30 pm at Robinson Library.

Louis DuPont – 453-5538

Nancy Cornell – 453-2681

Caleb Elder – 434-4805

Mt. Abe: Meetings 1st and 3rd 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 2nd Monday @ 7 pm at Library

REPRESENTATIVES

Fred Baser – 453-4391

David Sharpe – 453-2754 / dsharpe@leg.state.vt.us

NEW POST OFFICE HOURS:

Mon – Fri, 7:30 – 11:30; 12:30 – 2:30

Saturday – 7:30 – 11:00

Closed each day 11:30 – 12:30

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER:

Wayne Marcelle – 233-9534

CONSTABLES:

1st Constable – George Wyckoff – 989-4538

FIRE WARDENS: Please call ahead for burn permits.

Tom Estey-453-4511, 453-2319, or Tony Porter-989-5096

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Meetings 1st and 3rd Thursdays at the Town Office

Development Review Board meetings 2nd & 4th Thursdays

CONSERVATION COMMISSION: Matt Witten-434-3236 or

mwitten@gmavt.net or Jan McCleery-453-3755 or

mccleery@norwich.edu. Meetings: 4th Monday @ 7 pm at

the Starksboro Public Library

HEALTH OFFICER: Peter Ryersbach – 453-3597

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR: Charlene Phelps

453-3461

RECYCLING: 1ST & 3RD Saturdays from 8-11 am at Town Garage,

1686 Vt Route 116. Trash fees: \$4.50/bag. Recycling – by donation

HUB TEEN CENTER & SKATEPARK:

www.bristolskatepark.com

Ryan Krushenick – 453-3678 / thehub@gmavt.net

STARSBORO VILLAGE WATER COOPERATIVE: 453-5200

Meetings: 3rd Wed of March, June, Sept and Dec at 7:30 pm

at the Starksboro Public Library

SENATORS

Claire Ayer – 545-2142 / cayer@leg.state.vt.us

Chris Bray – 453-3444 / cbray@leg.state.vt.us

NOTE CHANGE IN HOURS, EFFECTIVE JUNE 1st

Food Shelf Hours: 10:30 am – 6:00 pm on the 2nd & 3rd Wednesdays

THE SCOOP

June, 2016

Produced by the Robinson School Board to help keep
Starksboro residents informed of news related to Robinson Elementary School

ANESU ACT 46 UPDATE

On May 4, 2016 the Addison Northeast Act 46 Study Committee voted to pursue a new Unified Union governance structure for our 5 town schools. In such a governance structure there would be one school board with proportional representation from our 5 towns, and one budget that would include the operating expenses for all 5 elementary schools and Mt. Abraham Middle/High School, as well as the superintendent's office and debt payments on all the schools. This means that there would no longer be school boards at each of our community schools. Decisions about everything from budgets to staffing would be streamlined from the single board to the superintendent, to the leadership at each of the 6 schools in our district. There would no longer be an option for towns to debate and amend their community school budgets at an annual school town meeting.

Some members of the committee believe that this model would result in better supervision of the superintendent and improvements to our schools. Others believe that it would result in less community engagement in schools, a less informed electorate, and a superintendency with fewer opportunities to be accountable to our communities.

This proposal must be approved by the voters of all 5 towns before it can take effect. The ANESU Act 46 Study Committee has decided that voters will make a decision about this proposal by Australian ballot in November, 2016, on election day. We are sure that some of you will feel very positive about the potential change. Others may have a strong negative response. In the coming weeks, the ANESU Act 46 Study Committee will be drafting Articles of Agreement that define how the Addison Northeast Unified Union school governance structure would operate. It is possible that the Articles of Agreement can be written in a way that alleviates at least some of the concerns that community members have expressed about this proposed school district merger.

With that in mind, it is vitally important that the Act 46 Study Committee hear from you. Please contact your Starksboro representatives on the Committee with any comments or questions that you may have. You can stay informed about this proposal by attending Committee Meetings, posted on the ANESU website (<http://www.anesu.org/>) under the "School Boards and Committees" tab. Minutes from Act 46 Study Committee meetings can also be found there. Starksboro's representatives on the Act 46 Study Committee are: Nancy Cornell (453-2681 ncornell7@gmail.com); Caleb Elder (434-4805 calelder@gmail.com) Herb Olson: (453-4365 herb.liz@gmavt.net)

**ANESU HIRES NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
TO BEGIN ON JULY 1, 2016**

The Robinson School Board is pleased to announce and welcome Patrick Reen, as the next Addison Northeast Supervisory Union Superintendent of Schools. Patrick began his career as an educator by earning his B.A. in Elementary and Special Education from Castleton State College, and his Master's degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Vermont. After his first year of teaching (3rd grade at Castleton Elementary School), he came to Bristol, in 2002 and taught 6th grade at Bristol Elementary School for six years. In 2008, Patrick Reen became assistant principal at the Middlebury Union Middle School and he became principal there in 2012. Patrick begins work on July 1, 2016, though he is already well-known to many in the 5-town community. He has been active as a girls' sports coach and has two children who attend Bristol Elementary School. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and being outdoors. More information about Patrick Reen, and about the search process, can be found in the March 16, 2016 edition of the *Addison Independent*.

**MT. ABRAHAM UNION MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL
HIRES NEW PRINCIPAL TO BEGIN ON JULY 1, 2016**

We also welcome Jessica Barewicz as the next principal of Mt. Abraham. Ms. Barewicz graduated in 2004 from St. Michael's College, with a B.A. in English. She earned a Master's degree in education from St. Michael's College in 2014 and completed advanced graduate study in transformational leadership at Southern New Hampshire University. Jessica Barewicz began her career as an educator, teaching English at Mount Mansfield Union High School, Milton High School, and U-32 in Montpelier. In 2013, she became the curriculum leader at U-32, and in 2015, became an assistant principal there. In 2014, Ms. Barewicz was awarded a Rowland Foundation Fellowship that enabled her to conduct research on shared school leadership, collaborative learning communities and positive school culture. More information about Jessica Barewicz and the search process can be found in the March 24, 2016 edition of the *Addison Independent*.

GETTING THE ROT OUT!

Over the April Vacation week Mitch Horner and crew were hard at work digging out and replacing rotten siding, trim and wall sheathing on the southernmost gable end at Robinson. All of the new material was flashed where necessary, primed and top coated. One more coat will be applied to this area once school ends on June 9th. The other area that was tackled was around the two windows overlooking the entrance to the multi-purpose room. This area was also primed and painted. Once the summer recess begins Mitch and crew will be back to tackle one of the remaining problem areas either at the original school entrance or the alcove on the north side of the building. Thanks to Andy Young and Alden Harwood for overseeing this work.

Robinson School Board Members

Louis Dupont (chair) 453-5538

Nancy Cornell 453-2681

Caleb Elder 434-4805