



The GAZETTE

The official newsletter produced by the Town of Starksboro

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Happy Thanksgiving!

NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION

Tues, November 8, 2016

The General Election will be on Tues, November 8, 2016. Voting will be at the Robinson Elementary School with polls open from 7 am to 7 pm. Voting by Australian Ballot will consist of 4 separate ballots: General Election ballot, Justice of the Peace ballot, the School Unification ballot, and the new school board ballot.

Voters may vote early by Australian Ballot as well. All ballots are now available. Ballots are available by mail, or you may vote at the office, or pick them up at the office and bring them home to be voted. Call the office for details on voting early.

If your name is not already on the checklist, and you wish to vote in the November Election, you must apply for addition to the checklist by November 2, 2016, no later than 5:00 p.m.

YOU CAN VIEW ALL 4 BALLOTS ON STARKSBORO'S WEBSITE – www.starksborovt.org. The School Unification Ballot is included in this issue of the Gazette so the voters have a chance to read it prior to voting on November 8th.

TAXES DUE NOVEMBER 1, 2016

Don't forget to pay your taxes by the first of November. Late fees will be applied on November 2nd. Postmarks are not considered, so give it a few days to get here if you decide to mail it in. There are also no additional hours for the collection of taxes, so make sure it is here by the close of the normal business day on November 1st.

HOLIDAY PROJECT: Contributions are now being collected for the Annual Holiday Project, which helps ensure that children have a nice Christmas. Families are selected through the school system. Donations may be made to "Holiday Project" P.O. Box 91, Starksboro, Vermont 05487.

FOOD SHELF DONATIONS NEEDED: The Starksboro Food Shelf is in dire need of turkeys and all of the fixings for the Thanksgiving holiday. As always, they can also use the everyday non-perishable staples, like soups, canned fruit, vegetables, mayo, peanut butter, catsup, mustard, cereals, etc.

WORSHIP SERVICES

The FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF STARKSBORO:

www.Starksborobaptistchurch.org

The First Baptist Church of Starksboro, 2806 VT Route 116., P.O. Box 12, Pastor Larry Detweiler – 802-989-2679 (cell) or revdets@gmail.com. Church phone 453-5577, (pastor home) 802-434-6715.

Sunday Morning Schedule:

10:00 a.m. Chat, Chew and Renew adult small group bible study and fellowship
11:00 a.m. Worship weekly with communion on 1st Sunday of every month
2:30 p.m. Share-on, a community food re-distribution program

STARKSBORO SENIOR MEAL, served at 11:30 on the 4th Thursday of the month, January-October. Meal held in the Community Room of the Church, 2806 VT 116. Donations to defray costs are gladly accepted. Senior meal contact Brenda Boutin, 453-6354 & mtgazette@earthlink.net.

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 detail.

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.

"FOOD FOR ALL - SHARE ON..."

Greetings Starksboro friends and neighbors,

Join us each Sunday for our community food (re)-distribution program we call Share On. The program is held at the Starksboro First Baptist Church – the doors open at 2:30 PM. Come "shop" for free fresh organic produce, dairy, meat, and bread. Trader Joe's and the gardens of New Community Project are our main contributors. The amount and variety of food items change weekly. Please join the many local families that benefit from this blessing. For more information contact Pete: pantosketcham@newcommunityproject.org.

ANNUAL HARVEST SUPPER:

Annual Harvest Supper, Saturday, November 5th beginning at 5:30 pm. Supper features Vermont and Addison County foods and product alongside the culinary talents of the members of the Starksboro Conservation Commission. Oven roasted fresh Stonewood Farm turkey, stuffing, gravy, root vegetables, butternut squash soup. Apple, berry and pumpkin pies made by the 4 Winds volunteers will be served for dessert along with hot and cold beverages.

Tickets sold at the door of the multipurpose room of Robinson School, 41 Parsonage Road, Starksboro. Fee for a family of two adults and 2 children is \$25; adults \$10, children 12 and younger \$5. Adult supervised outdoor activities will be offered for children from 6:00 - 7:00.

All proceeds from the Harvest Supper benefit the Four Winds Institute natural science program at Robinson School. The members of the Conservation Commission and Four Winds Nature Institute share a common goal of striving to improve environmental literacy throughout our community by providing people of all ages with meaningful opportunities to explore the natural world while learning the creative problem-solving and citizenship skills needed to protect it.

The Harvest Supper is hosted annually by the Starksboro Conservation Commission, an advisory body whose mission is to provide leadership in efforts to protect Starksboro's natural and agricultural resources through education, conservation advocacy, land stewardship, and the Towns planning process.

FRIENDS OF JERUSALEM SCHOOLHOUSE: The ANNUAL HUNTER/EARLY BIRD BREAKFASTS are coming soon...Dates are Nov. 12, 19, and 26 at the Jerusalem Schoolhouse in South Starksboro. "All you care to eat" menu includes: Eggs, Bacon, Pancakes, Sausage, Homefries, Sausage Gravy & biscuits, Baked goods, Coffee, Tea, and Hot Chocolate. Prices: \$9.00/12 and over, \$4.00/5-11 and free/under 5. If you would like to volunteer to work at one of the breakfasts or would like to donate something (eggs, bacon, maple syrup, baked goods, etc) please call Nancy at 453-4573. All proceeds will go into our schoolhouse renovation fund. Thank you to all that continue to support our efforts to keep the schoolhouse in good condition.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING PARTY: Sunday, Dec. 18th from 2:00-4:00 pm at the schoolhouse. Come sing some carols, eat some cookies and visit with your neighbors & friends! SANTA will arrive at 2:45 so bring your kids/grandkids in time for them to see his arrival! Please mark your calendar now and join us for an afternoon filled with good cheer!

MORE JERUSALEM SCHOOLHOUSE MEMORIES: This month's memory was written by Edie Corse Sears. For many years Edie lived in South Starksboro and was involved in many community things. She now lives in New Haven with her husband, Leonard, but continues to be a member of the Ladies Home Circle. She serves as their president. Thank you, Edie, for your wonderful memories of the schoolhouse.

"In the spring of 1982, I moved to South Starksboro and was befriended by two close neighbors, Hilda and Gladys Orvis. They became dear friends along with others in the South Starksboro Home

Dem. We later changed it to the Ladies Home Circle when we could no longer compete with the "big league".

Our monthly meetings are held at the JSH mostly from April – December due to water and heat being turned off for the winter.

About three years ago the town took over the expenses. Up until then the ladies held Bingo, flea markets and raffles to cover the expenses.

We are now a very small group and meet at the JSH at 1:00 pm on the 2nd Monday of each month when it's nice out. YOU are welcome to join us or even visit.

In my early education I attended 2 one room schoolhouses and have lots of good memories. These historic buildings are slowly disappearing. I'm glad to be a part of the people who are trying to save our own Jerusalem School House." Pres. Edith Corse Sears Info: 453-3183

NEW AND USED BOOK SALE:

Robinson Elementary School will have a new and used book sale the week after Thanksgiving. The dates will be November 29, 30 and Dec 1.

A large part of the sale is the used Children's book sale. All children's books are sold for 25 cents making them affordable to all students.

Please consider saving any good used children's books that are no longer needed in your home to donate to the sale. The school will start mid-November to collect the children's books. Please bring them to the school after November 14 and put them in the boxes outside of the office.

The sale is supported by Project READ!!. Questions please call Mary O'Brien at 453-4921.

Zoning Corner:

*Starksboro has recently voted to amend the Town's Land Use and Development Regulations. **Residents and area contractors are reminded that Starksboro continues to require that all land development comply with Starksboro Zoning.** Land development is broadly defined as "the division of a lot into two or more lots; the construction, reconstruction, conversion, structural alteration, relocation, or enlargement of any building or other structure, or of any mining, excavation, or landfill; the construction or alteration of a stream, pond or other body of water; and any change in the use of any building or other structure or land, or extension of use of land.*

Please contact zoning administrator Dave Wetmore at the Town Office (453-2639) for assistance.

Starksboro Public Library

Monthly News for NOVEMBER 2016, (closed on Thanksgiving)

Hours: Mon. 10-6, Thurs. 10-5, Sat. 9-2 (extra hour!)

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

****ARTISAN FAIR* - The annual Artisan Fair will be held December 10 – HOLD THE DATE!**

Starksboro Baby Brunch, Saturday November 5 from 11-12:30

Co-sponsored by Project READ and the library, we gather to honor babies born in the previous school year. Meet parents of your child's future school friends and enjoy a casual brunch. A new picture book will be dedicated to each new Starksboro resident and placed in the library collection. Free board book to take home for each baby!

Starksboro Community Parents' Group and Storytime: Saturday, November 5 at 10am

This is free and open to all ages and stages of parents! Come meet other local families, find support, share resources and form bonds with your neighbors. We'll have a Storytime this month at 10 am.

Preschool Story Time: Every child is welcome to join us for story time geared towards our 3-5 year old patrons. We'll be meeting on Mondays, November 7th and 21st and Thursdays, November 3rd and 17th at 11:00 at the library. It's a party when the Starksboro Coop Preschool group walks over for storytime!

Knit/Fiber Arts will meet on Saturday, November 12th at 10:00 a.m. Get a jump on those holiday gifts as you visit with others. The skill of the group is considerable and help is available if you have questions. Coffee, tea and chai from the Keurig is always available for \$1.00 per cup (shelf stable half & half is in the refrigerator.).

Adult Book Group: Join us on the third Wednesday of this month, November 16th at 7:00 p.m.

The November choice is "Euphoria" by Lily King. Set between the First and Second World Wars, the story is loosely based on events in the life of Margaret Mead. There are fascinating looks into other cultures and how they are studied, and the sacrifices and dangers that go along with it. This is a powerful story, at once gritty, sensuous, and captivating. (Amazon).

RSVP Bone Builders meets year round on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-6:30. Every class is taught by trained leaders and is designed to keep bones and muscles strong and prevent osteoporosis. All equipment provided and conversation keeps it from being dull. Newcomers always welcome!

Just some of the new materials in the library:

Books: "Fatal Pursuit: a Bruno Chief of Police Novel" by Martin Walker, "The Girls" by Emma Cline, "Thrice the Brinded Cat Hath Mew'd" by Alan Bradley, "The Shepard's Life" by James Rebanks, "The Summer Before the War" by Helen Simonson, "The Kept Woman" by Karen Slaughter, "Awkward" by Chmakova, "Before the Court of Heaven" by Jack Mayer, "Today Will Be Different" by Maria Semple.

Audio Books: "An Available Man" by Hilma Wolitzer, "Arcady's Goal" by Eugene Yelchin, "Insatiable Appetites" by Stuart Woods, "The Uncoupling" by Meg Wolitzer, "Personal Injuries" by Scott Turow, "Liar" by Nora Roberts, "When Parents Part" by Penelope Leach, "ABC Murders" by Agatha Christie, "39 Clues" by David Baldacci, "The Seventh Child" by Erik Valeur, "Trigger Warning" by Gaiman, "Betrayed" and "Save Me" by Scottoline, "The Butter Did It" by Phyllis Richman, "To Catch a King" by Jack Higgins.

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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 @ 4:30 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:

Tony Porter – 989-5096

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

mcclleery@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 new Town Garage,

3904 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

Food Shelf Hours: 10:30 am – 6:00 pm on the 2nd & 3rd Wednesdays.
For the winter months the Food Shelf will be closed when the schools are closed.



The Scoop

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

November 2016

SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSOLIDATION (ACT 46) – ON THE BALLOT NOVEMBER 8

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

ON NOVEMBER 1 @ 7:00 p.m. Robinson School Multipurpose Room

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Voters in Starksboro, and in the other 4 towns of the Addison Northeast Supervisory Union (Bristol, Lincoln, Monkton and New Haven) will be voting on the Act 46 school district consolidation proposal on November 8, 2016. In the new school governance structure being proposed, there would be one school board with proportional representation from each of our 5 towns. Starksboro would have 2 representatives on this board; Bristol would have 5 representatives. Lincoln, Monkton, and New Haven would each have 2 representatives. This 13-member board would replace the local school boards that we currently have. There would be 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. The budget would also include debt payments for all of the schools that have outstanding debt. Decisions about everything from budgets to staffing would be placed in the hands of the superintendent and this regionalized board. The school district budget (which would be a total of about \$25,500,000, including funds for Robinson School) would be voted on by Australian ballot. There would no longer be an option for towns to debate and amend their community school budgets at an annual school town meeting, as voters currently do in Starksboro and in Lincoln.

Act 46 requires that voters vote on a slate of candidates for the Unified Union Board on the same day that they decide whether or not to merge their school districts. If the school district consolidation proposal passes in all 5 towns on November 8, this new 13-member board will be formed. The candidates running for that board are:

<p><u>Bristol (5 seats)</u> Krista Siringo - 1 year term Allison Sturtevant - 3 year term the other 3 seats - no candidates</p>	<p><u>New Haven (2 seats)</u> Sara LaPerle - 1 year term Andrew Morton - 2 year term</p>
<p><u>Lincoln (2 seats)</u> Barry Olson - 1 year term Rebecca Otey - 3 year term</p>	<p><u>Starksboro (2 seats)</u> Jodi Bachand - 1 year term Caleb Elder - 3 year term</p>
<p><u>Monkton (2 seats)</u> Dawn Griswold - 3 year term Marikate Kelley - 2 year term Jennifer Stanley - 2 year term</p>	

Before you vote on November 8, do you need more information about this proposed change to the way we govern our schools?

Here are some ways to get answers to your questions:

- ◆ **Attend the Informational Meeting – Tuesday November 1, 7PM – Robinson Multipurpose Room**
- ◆ **Visit the ANESU Act 46 Study Committee website:**
<http://www.anesu.org/home/act-46-unification-study>
- ◆ **Visit the website created by the co-authors of the ANESU Study Committee Minority Report:**
<https://sites.google.com/site/votenoonaanesumerger/>
- ◆ **Call or email Starksboro's representatives on the Act 46 Study committee:**
Nancy Cornell 453-2681 ncornell7@gmail.com
Caleb Elder 373-6465 calelder@gmail.com
Herb Olson (401) 829-1678 herb.liz@gmayt.net

Remember that a majority of voters in each of the 5 towns must approve the merger proposal in order for the plan to go forward. If a majority of voters in one or more towns votes "no", the proposed change will stop, and school boards will need to decide what to do next.

School Board Members

Chair

Louis duPont 453-5538

Vice Chair

Nancy Cornell 453-2681

Clerk

Caleb Elder 434-4805

Robinson Principal

Edorah Frazer 453-2949

Superintendent

Patrick Reen 453-3657

Scoop Editor

Evelyn Bushey 453-2949



School Board Meeting Calendar

Just a reminder about the new format and schedule for Robinson Board meetings in the coming months. This new schedule is designed to utilize staff and board member time more efficiently. Please see below for our calendar and location of the upcoming meetings for the Robinson School Board; and please consider attending our meetings – even when they take place in a town other than Starksboro.

Meeting date	Meeting location	Meeting time
Tuesday November 22, 2016	Robinson Elementary School	following the 6:00 ANESU Executive Committee Meeting *
Wednesday December 21, 2016	Robinson Elementary School	5:30 PM
Wednesday January 17, 2017	Robinson Elementary School	5:30 PM
Tuesday February 28, 2017	Bristol Elementary School	following the 6:00 ANESU Executive Committee Meeting *
Tuesday March 28, 2017	Beeman Elementary School	following the 6:00 ANESU Executive Committee Meeting *
Tuesday April 18, 2017	Monkton Elementary School	following the 6:00 ANESU Executive Committee Meeting *
Tuesday May 23, 2017	Mt. Abe Small Cafeteria	following the 6:00 ANESU Executive Committee Meeting *
Tuesday June 27, 2017	Lincoln Elementary School	following the 6:00 ANESU Executive Committee Meeting *

* When the Robinson Board meeting follows an ANESU Executive Committee meeting, the estimated start time for the Robinson Board meeting is 7:00 PM.

PLEASE NOTE: As in the past, agendas and minutes for Robinson School Board meetings are posted on the ANESU website:

<http://www.anesu.org/school-boards/starksboro-agendas-and-minutes>



ADVERTISEMENTS

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of Starksboro by artist Cynthia Guild Kling.
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