



The GAZETTE



The official newsletter produced by the Town of Starksboro

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2017 TAX BILLS

You can expect the tax bills to be mailed out around mid-July. If you do not receive your bill by the end of July, you should probably call the office. Taxes are due in full on or before November 1, 2017. Postmarks are not considered receipt. If mailing in your payment, you should plan on doing so at least 5 or 6 days ahead to make sure that your payment gets here in a timely fashion. Payments received after November 1st are subject to late fees and penalties.



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 - New Community Project's food re-distribution

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.

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,

Please join New Community Project (NCP) each Sunday for our community food (re)-distribution program also known as Share On.

The program is held at the Starksboro First Baptist Church – the doors open 2:30 PM.

Come "shop" for free fresh organic produce, dairy, meat, and bread. Trader Joe's and the gardens of NCP 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 at 434-2333 or pantosketcham@newcommunityproject.org.

Select Board News:

The following is a summary of the most significant information from SB meetings. It is not a complete or official record of the meetings. For more information read official meeting minutes on the Town website.

June 6 meeting

Brookside MHP: Celine Coon reported that ACCT informed the Town Office that the sign at the entrance of Brookside Park was vandalized. She invited representatives of the Town to come to a meeting of the Brookside MHP residents at Robinson School at 6:00 pm June 27.

Road Foreman Report: Tom Estey reported that the VT Dept of Public Safety declared that the bridge replacement project on Ben Roberts Road was complete and FEMA funds for the project had been received by the Town.

Visitors Business: Several people were present to discuss possible reclassification of portions of Brown Hill Road and Perry Sweet Road. The Board discussed the options available to the Town and their ramifications. There will be a date set for a public hearing about the possible reclassification in the near future.

Other business: Treasurer Celine Coon discussed the need to refine and clarify the payroll policy for Town employees. Bill Coon discussed his concerns with possible breaches of the Purchase and Sale Agreement for the possible sale of the Town land in the gravel pit area to Kerry Kurt. Keegan Tierney and Peter Marsh are working on obtaining the permits the P&S Agreement requires the Town to acquire as part of the sale process.

Maintenance needed on Town buildings was discussed including repairs or replacement of the Firehouse roof and the Town office vault roof as well as painting of the Town Hall and Town Office building.

June 20 Meeting

Road Foreman's Report: Tom Estey reported that the road crew had constructed a roller that can be attached to the rear of the road grader to better smooth and compact newly graded roads. It can be weighted by having water pumped into it for better compression.

The crew is planning to rebuild a section of Big Hollow Road just east of Baldwin Pond that had performed badly during mud season.

Building and Road maintenance: Bids were received and accepted to repair the Firehouse roof and to paint portions of the Town Hall and Town Office building. Steve Eustis came to the meeting to describe his concerns with the location of some utility power poles on Rounds Road, a Class IV at the far eastern portion of Starksboro and requested SB support in dealing with the utility companies. He stated that he understands that any changes to the pole locations will not involve Town funding.

Robinson School land: Louis Dupont, Robinson School board member, came to discuss the future ownership of the field west of the school which has the Town and School solar trackers installed on it as well as part of the school septic system. The SB is interested in the possibility of having the ownership of the land transferred from the school to the town.

New business: The SB reappointed Marjorie Dickstein, Jon Fenner and Rob Liotard to the Development Review Board and appointed Dennis Casey as an alternate.

Old business: There was a lengthy discussion of the permitting and contractual requirements for the possible sale of land in the gravel pit to proceed. The SB approved the new lease for Judith Bryant Pottery in the old town office building with a minor change in language. Keegan Tierney and Tony Porter reported back to the SB the results of their participation in a meeting of the Friends of the Jerusalem Schoolhouse.

June 23 Special Meeting: Sale of a portion of the reclaimed gravel pit

This meeting was attended by twelve visitors as well as the SB to discuss the status of the possible land sale of about thirteen acres of former gravel pit to Kerry Kurt, owner of Sentinel Farm. The Development Review Board ruled that the original application was void as it had not met deadlines for action. The SB will resubmit the application to the Zoning Administrator for administrative action.

Kerry Kurt requested an extension to the Purchase and Sale agreement as the Town has not acquired all the permits the P&S agreement requires. The SB listed the actions and deadlines necessary for the buyer to be granted an extension.

Town Plan update

The Planning Commission met with consultant Brandy Saxton on June 15th to review the results of the recent “community survey” and plan our “next step”. 221 surveys were returned, 109 on line and 113 written. This shows a 50% increase over the 2008/09 survey. Residents and others may view the results at the following link;

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-VGWZ79WH/>

Next Steps:

- 1- The PC will not meet on July 6.
- 2- We are waiting for some information and input from several Town organizations.
- 3- The PC has initiated an energy working group. The group is made up of community members whom have expressed an interest in developing an updated energy plan that seeks to comply with Act 174. Members of the working group met on June 21 to organize their plan of work. The group will meet monthly through the summer; Jeff Keeney is the Board liaison.
- 4- Brandy concluded from the survey results that there are areas where more consensus is needed, centered mostly around renewable energy siting and overall energy planning. The PC plans to conduct a public forum this fall to further address the State’s energy planning goals.
- 5- Over the next months, Brandy will review the 2011 Plan and draft amendments compliant with required State Statutes requirements.
- 6- Dave will follow up with ACRPC regarding “Hazardous Mitigation Planning” and once complete share with Brandy. This document will become an addendum to the Plan.
- 7- Brandy will meet again with PC on July 20.

The Planning Commission welcomes visitors at their meeting and will continue to keep residents updated on the Plans development process through the Gazette and Front Porch Forum. If you have any questions please contact one of the members of the Planning Commission or myself (Dave Wetmore @ 453-2639). Thank you for your continued participation.

Starksboro Public Library
Monthly News for July 2017

Hours: Mon. 10-6, Thurs. 10-5, Sat. 9-2

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

The Library will be CLOSED this year on Monday, July 3. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Summer Reading Club - "Build a Better World"

Come to the library to find fun and enjoyable summer reading! We've got mysteries, graphic novels, animal stories, LEGO books, Star Wars books, even "horror" for middle school readers. Every book you read gets you a chance to win prizes at the end of the summer. How many can you read this year?

Very Special Event for families on Wednesday, July 12 at 2pm – DINOMAN!

You won't want to miss DINOMAN at Holley Hall in Bristol! This award winning theatrical troupe is entertaining and presents interesting facts about science. The performance is sponsored in collaboration with the Lincoln Library and the Lawrence Memorial Library in Bristol. Save the date and time!

Monthly Book Group

4th Wednesday, July 26th, 7pm

Call the library for book title as we will be choosing at the June meeting. No long commitment required to join this book group. Feel free to come to join us for just one book and one meeting during the year!

It's summer vacation – borrow a MUSEUM or PARK PASS!

Each pass has different rules – some are for free admission – some for reduced price: American Precision Museum (Windsor), Shelburne Farms, Vermont State Historic Sites, Vermont History Museum, Vermont State Parks, ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center, Birds of Vermont Museum (Huntington) and Shelburne Museum (coming back soon). Passes circulate for one library business day to maximize usage.

RSVP Bone Builders: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 at the library. Friendly group! All ages. Prevents and Reverses Osteoporosis • Improves Balance • Enhances Energy and Well-Being!

New Books in the Library:

Picture Books: *Sadako and the Paper Cranes*; *Are You a Boy or Are You a Girl?* - Savage, Sarah; *No Fair, No Fair!* – Trillin, Trillin. **For new readers:** *Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot*, The Humphrey Series (fun-loving hamster) and Pet Squad Series. **Middle grades:** *Copernicus Legacy: The Crown of Fire* - Abbott, Tony; *Inhuman* - Falls, Kat; The H.I.V.E series (Higher Institute of Villainous Education)– Walden, Mark.

Adults: *Broken Wing* - Budbill, David; *Birnbaum's 2017 Walt Disney World*; *Shoot like a Girl* – Hegar, Mary Jennings; *Novel Destinations*; *Little French Bistro* – George, Nina; *Shop Class as Soulcraft*; *You're the only one I can tell*, Tannen, Deborah; *American Gods* – Gaiman, Neil; *Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend* – Bivald, Katarina; *Hidden Figures* – Shetterly, Margot; *The Original Argument* – Beck, Glenn

FRIENDS OF JERUSALEM SCHOOLHOUSE

As many of you have probably figured out, we decided not to hold the Flea Market this year. So, as you are cleaning out your house and find things to pass along, please remember that the Three Day Stampede is coming and they would love to have your treasures to sell! What a wonderful group of people come together each July to put on the biggest yard sale in the state...let's all support them by donating items and then going to shop on July 28, 29 and 30th!

This month's Jerusalem Schoolhouse memories are from Nancy Orvis. Here is a little collection of her thoughts from the years she was a volunteer 4-H leader.

The 1980s were when I first started to accumulate memories of my own at the Jerusalem Schoolhouse. Those years were filled with many activities at the schoolhouse because I became involved with the Green Mountaineers 4-H Club. Two of our children, Betsy and Paul, were interested in joining the Club because their friends were joining. So it was only natural for me to also "join" as a leader! I remember the schoolhouse being a buzz with chatter as kids arrived for the monthly meetings. The room was packed with kids and adults...but mostly kids! Everyone was happy to be there. The noise level would rise as more and more kids came in. All of a sudden the president would slam the gavel on the table to call the meeting to order. It got pretty quiet and "role call" would begin...one month kids would shout out their favorite flavor of ice cream when their name was called, another month it might be their favorite color, and yet another month it might be their favorite pizza topping. Role call time was fun and as I was thinking back on the meetings, I started brainstorming names of kids. I enlisted the help of a couple of former (now grown) 4-H members to help me compile the list...so now just imagine you are in a packed Jerusalem Schoolhouse as the role is called: Amy Jennings, Randy Orvis, Ken Harvey, Adam Crafts, Nate Shepard, Robert Lang, Eric Denice, Alyssa Leach, Carl Olsen, Missy Heisler, Heather Hall, Josh Orvis, Nick Bullard, Victor Atkins, Betsy Orvis, Erin James, Jason Barnard, Tim Porter, Pam Martel, Adam Poplawski, Josh Martell, Mark Cooper, Leah Quittner, Melissa Norris, Heather Noble, Shawna Bedard, Chad Sumner, Zak Ryersbach, Meadow Osmun, Alice Goodrich, Derek Herring, Mike Conlon, Jessie Clark, Jennifer Stokes, Heather Domski, Jason Gray, Sara Jennings, Billy Orvis, Mike Shepard, Vanessa Lang, Marcus Denice, Amber Dague, Neil Olsen, Dawn Heisler, Meredith Hall, Lisa Orvis, Chris Bullard, Missy Atkins, Paul Orvis, Corey James, Jessica Barnard, Jamie Martell, Stephan Poplawski, Seth Quittner, Bryan Noble, Sheri Bedard, Travis Sumner, BJ Goodrich, Tim Conlon, Ethan Clark, Jason Stokes, Becky Domski, Adam Gray, Eric Jennings, Abby Shepard, Harold Heisler, Matt Atkins, Trevor James, Micah Quittner, Annie Sumner, and Bethany Gray. Meetings were always fun and lively ~~~ leaders would tell what activities were being offered that month and kids would have time to sign up for those they were interested in. Most of the leaders were parents of the members ~~~ each offering to teach kids something they enjoyed themselves ~~~ cooking, sewing, hiking, conservation, gardening, knitting, crafts, and the list goes on. Over the years many kids were involved (even more than on my role call list)...they grew vegetables & flowers, they raised animals, they learned how to cook some really good food, they put on plays, they made Christmas crafts, they went on camping trips, they learned how to build wood duck boxes, they entered lots of things in Field Days ~~~ and mostly they became really good friends.

I have many memories stored up from my years as a 4-H leader...what a great way to bring a community together. I hope that someday the Jerusalem Schoolhouse will be the meeting place for a whole new generation of kids and leaders to learn, grow and experience 4-H together.

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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) – 453-2768

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

starksborotaxes@gmail.com

Listers – 453-2778

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

Keegan Tierney – 777-9431

Koran Cousino – 453-4352

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

Jodi Bachand – 434-5336

Supervisory Board – Nancy Cornell, Louis Dupont, Caleb Elder

LIBRARY: 453-3732 or starksboropl@comcast.net

Open Mon 10-6; Thurs 10-5, Sat 9-2, Sun 1-4

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:

Heather Ragsdale – 453-6485

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

mcclery@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 at the new Town Garage-

3904 Vt Rte 116. Trash fees: \$5/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.

ADVERTISEMENT

Art Sale

Original Paintings and Prints of local scenes by local artist Cynthia Kling – July 15th from 10am - 2pm at the Starksboro Village Meeting House. Cash or Check only.

A VERY SPECIAL CAMP EXPERIENCE

Hello parents and youngsters of Starksboro and surrounding towns! School is out and it is time for camp!

Sentinel Farms Classical Horsemanship & Theater Camp, running July 24 through August 4. Welcoming ages 6 through 17.

An out door, unplugged & creative experience adding confidence building skills that celebrate each child's gifts as they achieve their dreams and goals.

Two weeks of enjoying a small Vermont working farm; adding classical horsemanship and agricultural skills while creating an artful, entertaining and insightful summer theater performance to be shared with the public on August 4 in the loft of the barn.

The two consecutive weeks of camp will be built upon one another. Classical Horsemanship, deep listening to the rhythms of the natural world, highlighted with gifts of professional youth theater director, Mickey Pekar.

In the second week the youth will create an original production to share nature's messages for Whole Health with a public Theater performance August 4.

Youth and program volunteers alike will enjoy and grow together with this unique creative experience. Thank you for sharing this opportunity with your children, nephews, nieces, grandchildren, students, friends and neighbors.

Unbound Grace mission ensures all youth interested in learning are invited and welcome to participate. Two week camp tuition: 550.00.

All meals are included and locally sourced whole foods.

Our growing community thank our generous individual and business benefactors who offer their under writing support and compounding interest in the whole health of every child.

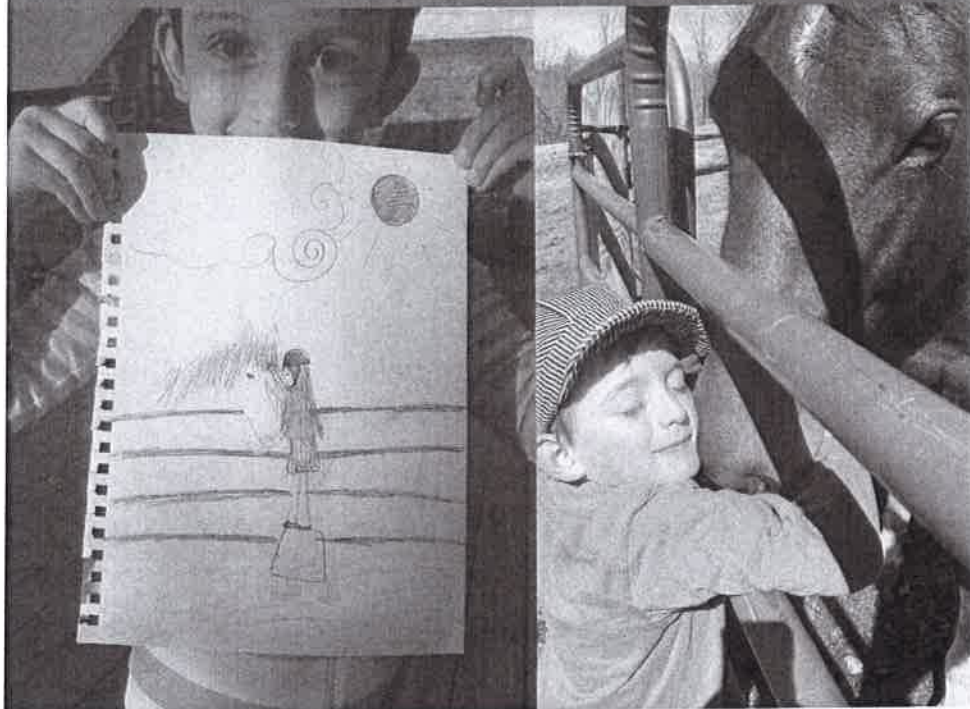
Volunteer service and scholarships are available to ensure all those interested in learning can attend.

Can you help? Yes! You sure can! We invite you to come and join our growing community.

Unbound Grace at Sentinel Farms needs and welcomes volunteer helpers who can commit to any amount of scheduled time to assist in the transformative two week Classical Horsemanship and Theatre Camp.

Please contact Kerry at 377-1066 with any questions you may have to sign up your child or to sponsor another! Together, all things are possible and it's also a lot more fun.

SENTINEL FARMS:
CLASSICAL HORSEMANSHIP & THEATRE CAMP
JULY 14TH - AUGUST 4TH



2 week Camp for kids ages 6-16

The first week is laying the foundation of Classical Horsemanship. Children will learn how to contact horses, care for them and ride. Infused in the lessons, the children will be asked to listen deeply to the animals and nature, and guided to develop a partnership in grace. Thursday evening of this first week, the children will stay overnight at the farm and local playwright Mickey Pekar will join the group to begin to translate the message of the children & animals into a play the children will create the second week, and perform for the community on Friday August 4th.

The cost is \$550 for 2 weeks, scholarships funded by local businesses & family work-trades are offered so that no child needs to be excluded from this extraordinary camp.

Healthy, whole food meals are included. Camp runs from 9am-3pm most days, Monday thru Friday, 7/24-8/4.

Email: Kerry@UnboundGrace.org

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