

The GAZETTE



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September 2018

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TAX BILLS

You should have received your property tax bill by now. If you haven't, please call the Town Office to verify your address and request a new one. Taxes are due November 1, 2018 by 4:30pm. Any payments received after the 4:30 deadline is considered delinquent and will be charged a late penalty and interest. Postmarks are NOT considered on time payments. Cash payments must be exact – change cannot be given.

**Please join the Starksboro Selectboard for a
Public Hearing on the draft Town Plan
Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.**

The Selectboard invites you to attend the second and final public hearing on the draft Town Plan. The Planning Commission worked for more than a year and a half on this draft, which now includes an energy plan appendix. This was not a major rewrite or revision, but rather an update that brings our town's plan into compliance with State statute.

The draft can be found by following the link on the home page of the town's website: starksborovt.org

The public hearing will take place at the Robinson Elementary School's multi-purpose room on Sept. 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Please review the plan ahead of time. If you need a paper copy, they will be available at the town clerk's office upon request.

We welcome you to submit your questions and comments in advance of the hearing so we can have answers or more information available as needed. You can email your questions/comments to the Selectboard Chair Koran Cousino at kcousino@starksborovt.org or via Rebecca Elder/Zoning Administrator (Rebecca@starksborovt.org). You can also send via mail to the town office at PO Box 91, Starksboro, VT 05487

Thank you for your interest in the plan! We look forward to seeing you on Sept. 11.



starksboro town plan

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WORSHIP SERVICES

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF STARKSBORO:

www.Starksborobaptistchurch.org

2806 VT Route 116 and P.O. Box 12, Starksboro, VT 05487

Pastor Larry Detweiler – 802-989-2679 or revdets@gmail.com. Church phone 453-5577

Sunday 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. Food For All – Share - On a New Community Project food re-distribution program
NCP information contact Pete 434-2333

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. Starksboro Senior Meal program information contact Brenda Boutin, 453-6354, or mtgazette@earthlink.net.

CROSS TRAIL – All are welcome to hike this local trail. It's a 1 1/2 mile loop with a great view. The trail is at 590 Conway Rd and maps are at the trail head. Please park on right side of driveway. Look for orange blazes. Come hike and enjoy God's awesome creation.

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.

August Primary Election Results are listed on the Town website.

Total registered voters were 1,340. Total turn out for the election was 358.

Total absentee voters were 57.

The Town Office will be closed for the Labor Day Holiday, Monday September 3.

Starksboro Public Library

Monthly News for September 2018

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

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

September is New Library Card Month!

A library card is free to all. Stop in – we love to help you find the information you need or the books you want. Find out what your public library offers.

Free Wi-fi – E-Books – E-audio Books – Books on CD – Magazines – Movie DVDs – Public Access Computers with Printing – Assistance with Internet questions – Coffee (by donation).

2nd Saturday Toddler Meet-Up at the Library Saturday, September 8, 9:30am

Make a date with a local friend and visit while the kids play with the fun library toys. If we get a group going, this can become an organized story time with a librarian.

While the weather is still warm – 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. Passes circulate for one library business day to maximize usage.

New to the Library:

Picture Books: *Look, Édouard Manceau; Zombie in Love, Kelly DiPucchio (patron recommendation, age 5);*

Youth: *Owl Diaries 1-5; Wishtree (2 copies), Katherine Applegate; D-Day: Battle on the Beach (Ranger in Time #7), Nemesis and Genesis (YA), Brendan Reichs; Grimm Legacy, Polly Shulman;; Love Scene Take Two, Evansley; Monster Trucks; Naruto (Anime graphic novel); Swindle, Ungifted, Restart all by Gordon Korman (kids love his books); First Rule of Punk, Celia Perez; How to Rock Braces and Glasses, Meg Haston.*

Adults. Fiction: *Female Persuasion, Meg Wolitzer; Night Moves, J. Kellerman; Two Girls Down, Luna Lu; Manhattan Beach, Jennifer Egan; Tangerine, Christine Mangan; Varina, Charles Frazier;*

Non-Fiction: *Mozart's Starling, Lyanda Lynn Haupt; Drawdown, Paul Hawken (editor);*

RSVP Bone Builders:

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-6:30

All ages; year-round. New members and visitors always welcome. Friendly, local group.

Prevents and Reverses Osteoporosis • Improves Balance • Enhances Energy and Well-Being!

Featured Book: “Butterfly” *Taught to swim before she could walk by her swim coach father, Yusra Mardini competed in the 2016 Olympics on the first Refugee Olympic Team. This is her story and the story of other refugees around the globe. To be re-made as a movie soon, directed by Stephen Daldrey (Billy Elliot).*

Congratulations to the READING ROCK STARS! See them in our HALL OF FAME.

For the August Energy Corner in the Gazette (due August 20, 2018)

Our Energy Future

The Starksboro Energy Committee hopes you can join us for a public forum on energy issues on Friday, September 14, 7:00 p.m. at the Starksboro Public Library. We'll hear from three town residents who have been actively engaged at the local and state level. We'll then open up the discussion to hear what energy issues are of interest to you. Refreshments will be served.

At the state level, we'll hear from Governor's Climate Action Commission member **Robert Turner** about their recently released report and recommendations. He'll highlight the five focus areas of the report and comment on what opportunities may be available to Starksboro.

Next, **Megan Nedzinski** will summarize energy-related initiatives and recommendations included in the recently finalized Town Energy Plan and what it is going to take to meet Vermont's goal of achieving 90% renewable energy by 2050.

Lastly, **Richard Faesy** will share some of the initiatives that the newly formed Starksboro Energy Committee is undertaking, including helping Robinson School reduce energy use and incorporate energy conservation into the curriculum and negotiating a solar-powered, emergency battery backup system for the town buildings. He'll also highlight upcoming Button-Up events, efforts to install an electric vehicle charging station in town, an initiative to help improve mobile home energy efficiency, and efforts we as individuals can make to conserve energy and make the transition to more local and renewable energy.

We hope to see you on the 14th; remember to bring your ideas and questions and help us plan Starksboro's energy future together.

E-mail any questions or suggestions to rfaesy@energyfuturesgroup.com or call 802-355-9153.

FRIENDS OF JERUSALEM SCHOOLHOUSE:

FRIENDS OF JERUSALEM SCHOOLHOUSE: Please join us at the Schoolhouse on Jerusalem Road in South Starksboro on Thursday, September 13th for a wonderful presentation by Nate Shepard and his lovely wife, Chris, of their adventures traveling from Nate's hometown in Vermont to Chris' hometown in Brazil. This is guaranteed to be an enjoyable evening as we become "armchair tourists" and experience some of the fun they had on their yearlong journey. The program will begin at 7:00pm. Refreshments will be served.

Please join us for:

From Home Para Casa

Through the Americas

South Starksboro to São Paulo

30,000 miles

18 countries

11 months

1 Suzuki SX4

No flat tires

No accidents

Uncountable unexpected bonuses

Selectboard News

The following is a summary of recent meetings. You can find the complete, official minutes of each meeting on the Town website: www.starksborovt.org (submitted by: Rebecca Elder, Selectboard Assistant)

- **Road report:** Summer road maintenance has been underway with ditching and drainage improvements made on several Class 3 roads. A speed study was conducted by Addison Co. Regional Planning on State's Prison Hollow Road and the board will be reviewing the results at a future meeting. Crushing for gravel and stone will take place in late summer/early fall. Salt will be ordered as soon as prices are released. Signage for Class 4 road sections will be ordered this fall. A resident spoke to the board about speeding on Mason Hill North and danger to kids and animals.
- **Solar array on former landfill:** The board continues to work with Green Lantern Solar on the plan to install a 145 kW solar array on the former landfill in town. The town hired an attorney with experience working with larger-scale solar leases who is reviewing the lease terms and providing counsel as the plans develop.
- **Policy Reviews:** The board is currently reviewing and updating the personnel policy. A new town policy was created stating that no political campaign signs may be placed on Town-owned land.
- **Building/Maintenance updates:**
 - **Library:** The front doors are showing wear and tear and need repair or replacement soon. A sensor light was requested for back stairs for easier, safer access.
 - **Town Clerk's office:** Replacement of the rear porch and stairs will take place this week. The vault roof will be replaced in the fall. The board continues to research ways to address air quality issues in the Listers' office and has received two proposals from contractors.
 - **Other buildings:** The post office lights will be replaced with high-efficiency LEDs. Routine painting was completed on portions of the library and town clerk's building.
- **New Recycling container:** Thanks to the diligent effort of Jennifer Turner and a matching grant from the Addison County Solid Waste District, Starksboro now has a new recycling container at the town garage. It has easier access and should last a long time!
- **Land swap with school district:** Legal work is complete and the closing will occur on 8/30.
- **Town Committees:** The two newest committees in town are the Energy and Jerusalem Schoolhouse Committees. Each has an appointed board and holds regular meetings. Please check the town website or local posting areas for agendas and more information. All meetings are open to the public so please come hear more about what is happening in town!
- The New Community Project requested permission for a few projects in town. The board approved the following: to store firewood for the 5-Town Collaborative emergency firewood near the town garage; to install a small solar panel on the commuter shed; and to construct 3 storage bins at the community garden area to protect tools. All projects are funded through private foundation sources. Celina Aiguier is now the community garden manager.
- **Town Plan:** The Planning Commission approved the draft Town Plan with Energy Plan appendix and submitted it to the Selectboard. The Selectboard accepted the draft and will hold the final public hearing on Sept. 11, 2018 at 6 p.m. to allow for additional comments prior to final adoption. The hearing will be at the Robinson school multi-purpose room. The draft plan is available on the town website home page or you can request a paper copy by calling the Town Clerk's office at 453-2639.

➤ **Next meetings: September 4 and 18 at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Office**

THE GAZETTE is published monthly and mailed to all Starksboro residents. Articles and advertisements must be submitted by the **20th of each month** to the Town Clerk. If the 20th falls on Fri, Sat, or Sun, than it is due the following Monday by **NOON**. **Anything not received by the 20th 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 453-2639

Treasurer: Celine Coon starksborotowntreasurer@gmavt.net

Zoning Administrator: Rebecca Elder rebecca@starksborovt.org

Hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs mornings 453-2768

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

starksborotaxes@gmail.com

Listers – 453-2778 Tues/Thurs 9 – 3pm starksborolisters@gmail.com

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER:

Heather Ragsdale – 453-6485

ROAD FOREMAN: Tom Estey – 453-2319

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:

Meetings: 4th Monday @7 pm at the Starksboro Public Library

Chair, Jan McCleery – 453.3755 or mccleery@norwich.edu

HEALTH OFFICER: Peter Ryersbach – 453-3597

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR: Charlene Phelps

363-4276

RECYCLING: 1st & 3rd Saturdays from 8-11 at the new Town Garage-

3904 Vt Route 116. Trash fees: \$5/bag. Recycling – by donation.

LIBRARY: 453-3732 or starksboropl@comcast.net

Open Mon 10-6; Thurs 10-5; Sat 9-2

Library Board Meetings 2nd Monday @ 4:30 pm at the Library

HUB TEEN CENTER & SKATEPARK:

www.bristol skatepark.com

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

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

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.

Peter Marsh – pmarsh@starksborovt.org 453-3478

Tony Porter – tporter@starksborovt.org 989-5096

Keegan Tierney – ktierney@starksborovt.org 777-9431

Koran Cousino – kcousino@starksborovt.org 453-4352

Eric Cota – ecota@starksborovt.org 373-9763

SCHOOL BOARD

Every other month at 5:30 pm at Mt. Abe

Louis DuPont – 453-5538

Nancy Cornell – 453-2681

Caleb Elder – 434-4805

ENERGY COMMITTEE: Digger Faesy – 434-4254

Pete Antos-Ketcham, Jeff Dunham, Richard Faesy, Phil Mosenthal, Megan Nedzinski

Meetings on the 1st Monday of each month, 5:30, Starksboro Town Office

Mt. Abe: Meetings 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 at Mt. Abe Library

Supervisory Board – Nancy Cornell, Louis Dupont, Caleb Elder

STARKSBORO VILLAGE WATER COOPERATIVE: 453-4034

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

at the Starksboro Public Library

Notice of New Food Shelf Hours:

The Food Shelf is now open on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The hours are 9:30 - 6:30.