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# GAZETTE



The official newsletter produced by the Town of Starksboro  
CLOSED MONDAY OCTOBER 8 **OCTOBER 2018**

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The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Polls will be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm at the Robinson Elementary School. Early ballots are available now. Just stop by the office and pick one up, or vote at the office, or call to have one mailed to you. You may look at the ballot online at [www.mvp.sec.state.vt.us](http://www.mvp.sec.state.vt.us). Early ballot requests may be made up until Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018, no later than 5:00 pm. We would encourage you to request a ballot earlier, especially if you would like to have it mailed, in order to have plenty of time to return it by the end of the day on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Ballot will be double-sided this time, with the Justice of the Peace candidates on the back side. Please remember to flip the ballot over and continue voting on the back side.

## NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF THE TOWN OF STARKSBORO:

Property taxes are due in full on Thursday, November 1, 2018. The office is open from 8:30 - 4:30 Monday through Thursday for the collection of taxes. There are no additional hours for the collection of property taxes. There is a secure drop box at the entrance of the office. If you require a receipt, please include a self addressed, stamped envelope for the return of the receipt. Property taxes will become delinquent at 5 PM on November 1st, and will be turned over to the delinquent tax collector, with penalties and interest added. If you have not received a tax bill please notify the office immediately at 453-2639 or email [starksboro@madriver.com](mailto:starksboro@madriver.com). The bills were mailed on August 8th.

# WORSHIP SERVICES

## **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF STARKSBORO:**

[www.Starksborobaptistchurch.org](http://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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:pantosketcham@newcommunityproject.org).

*The Starksboro Historical Society presents...*

## **HOPS HISTORY IN OUR TOWN**

Learn about 19<sup>th</sup> century hops growing and more about brewing when Kevin Hanson of Bristol gives an illustrated presentation on Thursday, October 4, 2018, at 7:00 pm at the Jerusalem Schoolhouse just off Route 17 in South Starksboro. The program is sponsored by the Starksboro Historical Society and is free and open to the public.

Hanson, a historical society member, founded Hogback Mountain Brewing in Bristol several years ago. He has been doing research in family papers and found a fascinating story of hops growing in Starksboro village. He and perhaps other special guests (stay tuned) will share their stories about hops and brewing. Light refreshments.

# **Starksboro Public Library**

## **Monthly News for October 2018**

**Hours: Mon. 10-6, Thurs. 10-5, Sat. 9-2, Open on Columbus Day**  
*Catherine Goldsmith, Librarian, 453-3732 - [starksboropl@comcast.net](mailto:starksboropl@comcast.net)*

### **Decoding the Weather Machine**

**Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**

Disastrous hurricanes. Widespread droughts and wildfires. Withering heat. Extreme rainfall. It is hard not to conclude that something's up with the weather, and many scientists agree. It's the result of the weather machine itself—our climate—changing, becoming hotter and more erratic. Watch this Nova film with others and discuss. Popcorn and soft drinks provided. Co-sponsored with the Conservation Commission and Energy Committee.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Toddler Meet-Up at the library**

**October 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am**

Meet other Starksboro families and enjoy time together while the kids play with the library toys! If we get a group going, this can be an organized story time with a librarian. Look for reminders on Front Porch Forum.

### **Preschool Story Time: "A book is a special friend"**

The Starksboro Preschool takes a walk to visit the library every week at 11 am. This fall the kiddos will be coming on Thursdays following the public school schedule. Other parents and kids welcome.

**RSVP Bone Builders:** Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 at the library, year-round. Simple exercises improve balance, enhance energy and build strength. Start at any time with this friendly group!

### **New Books in the Library:**

**Youth:** *Star Scouts / Lawrence; Pass Go and Collect \$200; a history of Monopoly/Tanya Stone; Zeus and the Dreadful Dragon/ Tra West; Transall Saga/Gary Paulson (YA); Beezus and Ramona, bound for school/Beverly Cleary; How to Rock Glasses and Braces/M Haston.*

**Picture Books:** *Behold the bold Umbrellaphant/ Jack Prelutsky; If you are happy and you know it.*

**Adults:** *Pieces of Her/Karen Slaughter; Tell the Machine Goodnight/Katie Williams; Warlight; Michael Ondaatje; Neuromancer; William Gibson; Texas Ranger/ James Patterson; Bone Box/Faye Kellerman; The Troubled Man/Henning Mankell*

**Adult Non-Fiction:** *Dopesick/Betty Macy; Practical Guide to Pruning/Peter McHoy; Scrawlings/Deweese.*

The library has a new **Adopt-an-Author program**. Ask for more details and help stretch the library budget.

**Name the plant contest – the library has a very large and interesting plant.**

**Come see it and give it a name! What should we call the plant?**

## STARSBORO ANNUAL HAM DINNER ON OCTOBER 27

The annual ham dinner of the Starksboro Village Meeting House Society will be held on Saturday, October 27, 2018, starting at 5:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 2806 VT Route 116, in Starksboro village. This delicious menu features baked ham, mashed potatoes, winter squash, coleslaw, homemade baked beans, rolls, a variety of homemade pies baked by some of Starksboro's best pie makers, and beverages.

Tickets for this tasty event, which has been held for over 50 years, are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12. Family ticket of \$25 for two adults and two children, with additional children at \$3.00 each. Reservations are not necessary but if you'd like to reserve seats, call 453-5227 or 453- 2079 for a seating at 5:00 or 5:45. Take-outs can be accommodated.

Check out the small silent auction. The Meeting House also will be selling Starksboro woven coverlets, t-shirts, sweatshirts, and *Bertha's Book*, the town history.

*Please consider coming to support this event and enjoy a great home-cooked meal with your neighbors. Learn about the projects we're working on to preserve the Meeting House. We would very much appreciate your support. Visit [www.starksboromeetinghouse.org](http://www.starksboromeetinghouse.org).*

### 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](http://www.starksborovt.org) (submitted by: Rebecca Elder, Selectboard Assistant)

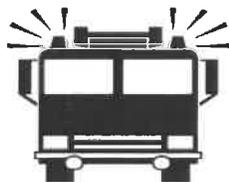
- **Road report:** Stone crushing has been done to provide material for road maintenance. Work on stormwater runoff supported by the Municipal Roads grant from ACRPC has been completed.
  - **Building/Maintenance updates:**
    - **Library:** A sensor light was installed in the main library area and the back stairs for easier, safer access.
    - **Town Clerk's office:** Replacement of rotten wood around the front door and front siding is complete. Research on solutions for the Listers' Office continues.
    - Two trees were removed – one in front of the Town Clerk's office and one by the Food Shelf/Pottery Studio.
  - **Town Plan:** The Selectboard held a public hearing to receive comments on the current draft Town Plan. At the 9/18 meeting, the Selectboard approved the Plan as it was presented by the Planning Commission.
  - The Board has continued work on revising the personnel policy and will be reviewing other policies for updates throughout the Fall.
  - The Board will begin planning for budget development in October, including the prioritized list of capital projects that need attention.
- **Next meetings: October 2 and 16 at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Office**

**FRIENDS OF JERUSALEM SCHOOLHOUSE:** Our September presentation at the schoolhouse was enjoyed by 45 guests that came to hear Nate Shepard and Chris Kokubo tell of their adventures when they drove to Brazil. It was an evening filled with great stories and pictures ~~ and they answered lots of good questions that we had about such a long and wonderful journey.

**PLEASE JOIN US** on Thursday, October 18th at 7:00pm for another presentation. Larry Jones, a retired Presbyterian minister living in South Starksboro, walked the Camino de Santiago de Compostela last summer (2017); 500 miles from southern France, over the Pyrenees, and across northern Spain. His own discipline for the trip was to write a poem a day, and he exceeded that, putting them together in both book form and in an abbreviated version with pictures and videos, accompanied by narration in PowerPoint format. In 37 days, he and an old friend accomplished the trip, and he will be presenting his poetry, pictures, videos and conversation in the Jerusalem Schoolhouse that evening. Refreshments will be served. Questions? Call 453-4573

**HUNTER/EARLY BIRD BREAKFASTS** will be back in November! We will, once again, be cooking up some great breakfast foods for all to enjoy on 3 Saturdays in November...the 10th, 17th and 24th. The "all you care to eat" breakfasts will be served buffet style...Eggs, Pancakes, Homefries, Sausage, Bread pudding, Bacon, Home baked muffins, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate and Juice. Hours and price will be published in the November Gazette...mark your calendar now and don't miss out on these fun, annual breakfasts...a great opportunity to meet up with some neighbors and help boost the JSH renovation fund. Want to help? We always appreciate donations of maple syrup, eggs, bacon, potatoes, butter, etc...Call 453-4573 if you would like to donate something or volunteer to help at 1, 2 or all 3 of the breakfasts. Spread the word and come enjoy a good time right in South Starksboro.

**SLOW DOWN, MOVE OVER...ITS THE LAW:** A reminder to everyone about the State law that requires motorists to "Move Over" and change lanes to give safe clearance to Emergency personnel on roadsides. When you see flashing lights on the side of the road, slow down, move over – away from Police, Fire, Rescue, and Tow personnel. Proceed when safe, in the opposite lane to get around them. Also, when you have an emergency vehicle approach you from behind, pull over to the right and stop. Do this safely – not on a curve or the crest of a hill or in other difficult spots with poor visibility. It is very difficult to get by a vehicle that does not come to a full stop, but just rolls along. In the case of a curve or hill, it is better to wait and pull over after you get beyond this. There is no way to safely get around you without the possibility of an accident. Slowing down and keeping your eyes on the road will make things safer for everyone. Thank you.



## *Starksboro Energy Corner*

*Report from the Town Energy Forum on September 14, 2018*

*On Friday September 14, the Starksboro Energy Committee hosted its first public event, the Starksboro Energy Forum. About 15 people came out on a beautiful Friday evening to hear about what the State and Starksboro are up to in terms of our energy future. We were joined by three of our local candidates running for political office, so that was helpful to hear about their thoughts on energy issues.*

*Robert Turner framed the recommendations from the Governor's Climate Action Commission, both in the context of statewide greenhouse gas emission goals and in the work of the Starksboro Energy Committee. Megan Nedzinski reviewed the new energy section of the Starksboro Town Plan, providing us with a picture of how "Starksboroians" currently use energy to heat our homes and businesses, drive our cars and trucks, and suck and boil our sap. In the context of meeting the State's goal of moving to 90% renewable energy by 2050, Megan presented what the Town Plan says we will need do in order to achieve this goal.*

*After hearing the State and Town context, Richard Faesy presented some of the current activities of the Energy Committee, including the following:*

- Coordinating the "Button Up Vermont" Program to help weatherize Starksboro homes*
- Assisting long-time farmer and resident Leslie Rublee with reducing his energy bills and making his home more comfortable. (Please let us know if you would like to volunteer in this effort)*
- Robinson School energy audit and improvements, including working with teachers on an energy curriculum*
- Supporting the Select Board in researching a battery backup system (that could be powered by our solar panels) for town buildings in case of a power outage*
- Future solar PV on the Town Office vault roof*
- Upgrading power service to the Starksboro Village Center*
- Looking into an electric vehicle charging station in the Park & Ride Lot*
- Solar PV on the Old Landfill*
- Mobile Home Park weatherization initiative*
- ...and more.*

*We look forward to sharing our progress going forward. If you have any questions or suggestions or would like to volunteer on any of these projects, please contact Richard Faesy at 355-9153.*

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**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), 453-2639

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

**Zoning Administrator:** Rebecca Elder [rebecca@starksborovt.org](mailto:rebecca@starksborovt.org)

*Hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs mornings 453-2768*

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

[starksborotaxes@gmail.com](mailto:starksborotaxes@gmail.com)

**Listers** – 453-2778 Tues/Thurs 9 – 3pm [starksborolisters@gmail.com](mailto:starksborolisters@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.*

Peter Marsh – [pmarsh@starksborovt.org](mailto:pmarsh@starksborovt.org) 453-3478

Tony Porter – [tporter@starksborovt.org](mailto:tporter@starksborovt.org) 989-5096

Keegan Tierney – [ktierney@starksborovt.org](mailto:ktierney@starksborovt.org) 777-9431

Koran Cousino – [kcousino@starksborovt.org](mailto:kcousino@starksborovt.org) 453-4352

Eric Cota – [ecota@starksborovt.org](mailto:ecota@starksborovt.org) 373-9763

**SCHOOL BOARD**

Mt. Abe Unified School District Board:

Caleb Elder – 434-4805

Steve Rooney – 453-4963

See the "School Board & Committees" tab at [MAUSD.org](http://MAUSD.org) for the meeting calendar and Minutes.

**ENERGY COMMITTEE:** Digger Faesy – 434-4254

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

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

**STARKSBORO VILLAGE WATER COOPERATIVE:** 453-4034

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

**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

**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 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:**

Meetings: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday @7 pm at the Starksboro Public Library

Chair, Jan McCleery – 453.3755 or [mccleery@norwich.edu](mailto:mccleery@norwich.edu)

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

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR:** Charlene Phelps

363-4276

**RECYCLING:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:starksboropl@comcast.net)

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

*Library Board Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday @ 4:30 pm at the Library*

**HUB TEEN CENTER & SKATEPARK:**

[www.bristol skatepark.com](http://www.bristol skatepark.com)

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

## Notice of New Food Shelf Hours:

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