

# Canaan Carrier

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JANUARY 2016

## TOWN OF CANAAN PARKING BANS



Effective December 1, 2015 through April 1, 2016 it is unlawful to park between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. on all streets and roads in Canaan and Beecher Falls (this includes Town Roads and Vermont Routes 102, 114 and 253).

## SNOW REMOVAL

No person, other than an employee in the performance of his or her official duties as authorized by the Agency of Transportation or the Selectboard, shall plow onto the traveled way, shoulder or sidewalk of a State Highway or a class 1, 2 or 3 Town Highway (V.S.A. T23 Section 1126a.)

## NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

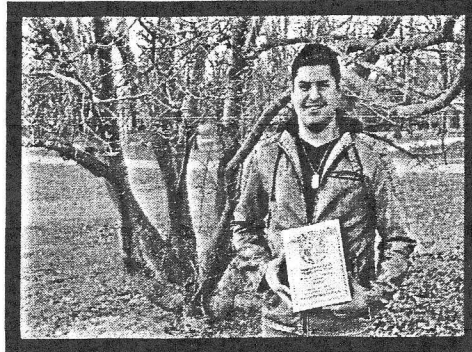
The Canaan Selectboard would like to remind town residents that, despite the best efforts of the town road crew not to do so, sometimes items within the town highway right-of-way get damaged, either by snow removal or other highway maintenance equipment. The town is not responsible for damages obtained within this 25 foot from center of road. The Selectboard is asking that residents beware before leaving or placing objects such as vehicles, fences, trees, signs, etc. within these boundaries. Objects may be removed at the owner's expense.

Vernon L. Crawford, Chairman

Gregory D. Noyes

Haven L. Haynes, Jr.

## Canaan Community Forest Update

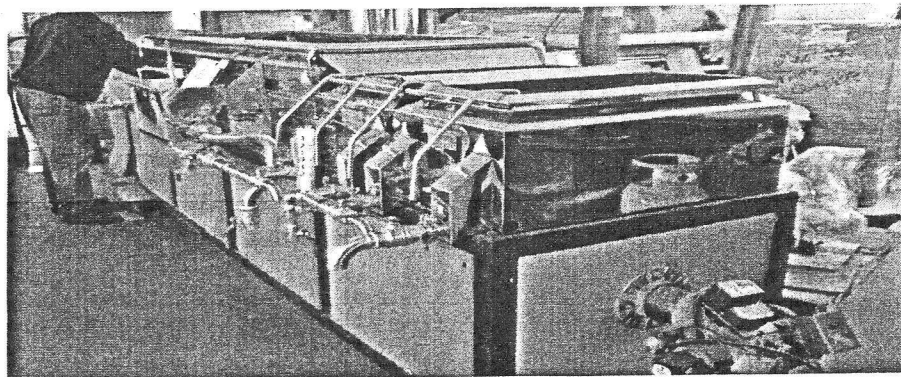


Pictured above is Kevin Arias, Canaan's Class of 2014 with Canaan's Centennial Town Forest Award. Kevin was a former member of the Diversified Agriculture program and is presently an agriculture student at Vermont Technical College. Thank you for your continued hard work and excellent job representing Canaan Kevin!

The Centennial Town Forest Award is a one-time award, recognizing one community in each county of Vermont who have established *model* town forests over the last 100 years. Communities were nominated by VT Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation's County Foresters and members of the Town Forest Centennial Planning Committee, with the following criteria in mind; management and stewardship planning, conservation and protection, citizen advisory group engagement and community use and engagement.

Other Community Forest related activities include the recent completion of the Game of Logging chainsaw safety class. Approximately a half a dozen local adults completed all four levels of this class on December 5<sup>th</sup>. The Game of Logging is an internationally recognized program that has proven to save lives while increasing efficiencies of safely felling trees of all shapes, sizes, leanings, etc.

Canaan Schools' Building Trades and Diversified Agriculture Career and Technical Education programs continue to make progress towards our goal of having a 200-300 school run, community sugaring operation running by spring 2016. Building Trades has been concentrating on completing the sugarhouse, while the Diversified Agriculture is installing sap lines and a pumping station. Below, is a picture of the new 10'X2' arch and pans. All of this is made possible by the hard work of the students and teachers, as well as funding from the Neil and Louise Tillotson Fund, a State of Vermont Working Woodlands grant, and the North Country Investment Corporation.





As we close out 2015, a number of our projects are completed, nearing completion, or just starting. The digitizing of our Canaan High School and Canaan Memorial High School yearbooks as well as a number of the monthly and weekly Campus Yankees has been completed by OCI. The discs have been reviewed and seem to be excellent quality. We have also acquired a number of yearbooks that are available for a donation.

The interviews for our video were completed in September and editing has begun. The editing process will take longer than we anticipated due to the number and quality of the interviews and problems acquiring a computer on which to view the raw video. Historical Society members will then make recommendation as to which portions of the interviews should be included in the final product. The plan is to have everything finished prior to Alumni Weekend, barring further problems.

We have two students who are willing to undertake the glass negative project. We hope to be able to start during, or immediately after, the holiday season. Once this project is completed, we will have approximately 1000 images taken by local photographers in the late 1800s or early 1900s. The images are mostly family and individual portraits and should prove interesting, if we can identify them.

A number of our members will be starting a comprehensive inventory of our holdings this winter. We plan to purchase a computer program specifically designed for small museums such as ours and will enable us to keep better track of all our items. This will also make display items and photographs easier to find.

In October, we received four boxes of documents and genealogical information. Ceremonial ribbons from the Knights of the Macabees, Beecher Falls, VT, were found in one box and immediately put on display. Any information about KOTM would be greatly appreciated. The genealogical information is being reviewed and will be set aside for others who are doing family searches to inspect.

Other new acquisitions include photographs, with names, of the Green and White Orchestra, factory photos, and advertising items from the L. E. Turcotte Company and Bowler's Drug Store, both of Beecher Falls. Our Facebook page continues to draw interest and positive comments. If you have old photos you would like to share, please contact us.

Thanks for your continued support and donations.

**Dennis Fuller Chairman PH#802-266-3989 or Joan Cowan Curator PH#802-266-7766**

**PO Box 214, Canaan, Vermont 05903**

**canvthistsoc@gmail.com or [www.canaanvthistoricalsociety.org](http://www.canaanvthistoricalsociety.org)**

**Museum hours: Monday—Friday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

## **FIRE DISTRICT #1 PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEMBER NEEDED**

The Fire District #1 has a vacancy for the position of Prudential Committee Member. Anyone interested in the position should stop in at the Town Office for more information about the position.

## **JOB OPENING**

### **PART-TIME PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE WORKER**

The Town of Canaan has an opening for a part-time Public Works Maintenance Worker position for approximately 20 hours per week. The position performs routine skilled manual maintenance work with wastewater, water, town streets, vehicles, equipment, buildings, grounds, and related duties as required. Minimum requirements include a high school diploma and one year of maintenance experience.

The ideal candidate will hold both Wastewater and Water operator's license in the State of Vermont or be willing to acquire one. Training will be provided by the Town.

Applications may be obtained by contacting Noreen Labrecque  
Canaan Town Office—Tel: 802-266-3370.

## **NEW HIGHWAY TRUCK**



## Solid Waste Update

Another year is coming to a close and a new year will be full of new challenges and opportunities. This year we faced challenges in getting our SWIP approved and the amendment to the SWIP to hold HHW Events at the Transfer Station. Working with the Agency of Natural Resources we were able to get both approved. The approved SWIP comes with some requirements that we have to meet. Following is a list of items we have to complete for 2016

- ❖ Conduct survey of town residents on knowledge of town waste management programs.
- ❖ Meet with the town approved hauler to discuss current waste management requirements.
- ❖ Meet with businesses and public entities to discuss current waste management requirements.
- ❖ Provide technical assistance for waste reduction and recycling for all public events.
- ❖ Provide assistance in reducing food wastes going to the landfill. All food wastes are banned from the landfill 2020. If you have the space to compost now is a good time to get started. I currently compost. We needed a new washing machine. So I took the old one removed all the mechanical parts and saved the frame. I sealed off the back with heavy duty screening to keep the critters out. It was a top loading machine so it's easy to use and no critters have bothered it Works great for us. We will be looking into ways to accept food wastes at the transfer station and find a way to compost them locally.

## Heart and Soul Community Process

We want to thank all those who attended the community meeting held on 10/28/15.

We got some very positive feedback and many have offered to join and help move the process forward.



## UTILITY USERS

To all users of water and sewer utilities and backhoe services in the Town of Canaan, Vermont:

All unpaid water, sewer and road account charges for 2015 not paid by December 16, 2015 will be posted in the annual Town Report as per request of the Town Auditors. Also all Town Delinquent Tax accounts will appear in the Town Report after that date. Please note: The Canaan Sewer and Water Commissioners will contract to disconnect your water and sewer services on December 16<sup>th</sup> if your account is not paid in full.

Attest: Noreen Labrecque, Town Clerk

## ADJUSTING TOWN ACCOUNTS

The Selectboard of the Town of Canaan, Vermont will meet at the Community Office Building on December 17, 2015 at 3:45 p.m. for the purpose of adjusting town accounts. All those having accounts due to the Town of Canaan, please pay, and all those against the Town of Canaan, please bill.

Per Order of Selectboard

Vernon L. Crawford, Gregory D. Noyes, Haven L. Haynes, Jr.

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES

The Board of Civil Authority of the Town of Canaan, Vermont will meet at the Community Office Building on December 17, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of Abatement of Taxes, Justice of the Peace and Listers, please attend. All abatement of taxes request must be submitted in writing and received by 3:00 p.m. on December 17th.

ATTEST: Noreen Labrecque, Town Clerk

## HOLIDAY HOURS

The Canaan Town Office will close at 12:00 p.m. on December 24th and reopen at 9:00 a.m. on December 28th and will close at 12:00 p.m. on December 31st and reopen at 9:00 a.m. on January 4th.

## TRANSFER STATION

The Canaan Transfer Station will **not** be open on Friday, December 25th and Friday, January 1st.

## STUMP DUMP

The Stump Dump will be open on January 2nd and 9th, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. allowing access to get rid of Christmas trees and other clean wood waste.

## TOWN WARNING PETITIONS

Anyone wishing to place an article in the 2016 Town Warning or School Meeting Warning by petition, must have the petition in to the Town Clerk by January 14, 2016. The petition must be signed by 5% of the legal voters of the Town of Canaan. (This is about 35 signatures)

ATTEST: Noreen Labrecque, Town Clerk

### VERMONT ELECTION LAWS

Vermont Election Laws no longer require Vermont Towns to hold a yearly nomination caucus: The sole purpose of which is to have a candidate for each vacant office.

Interested candidates wishing to run for election as a Town Official must get a petition at the Canaan Town Clerk's Office. The petition must be signed by 1% of the legal voters of the Town of Canaan. (This is about 6 signatures)

The petition form must be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 25, 2016. If you are interested in seeing someone's name on the ballot, please do not hesitate to pick up a petition. The following is a list of Town Officers on the 2016 Ballot:

Town Moderator	1 year
School Moderator	1 year
Selectboard	3 years
Lister	3 years
School Director	2 years
School Director	2 years
Auditor	3 years
Trustee of Public Funds	3 years
Library Trustee	3 years
Library Trustee	2 years
Library Trustee	2 years
Library Trustee	1 year
Grand Juror	1 year
Town Agent	1 year
Sexton	1 year

If you have any questions regarding the positions, terms, and duties, please contact the Town Clerk's Office.

ATTEST: Noreen Labrecque, Town Clerk

## FIRE DISTRICT #1 & #2 ANNUAL MEETINGS

The annual meetings of the Canaan Fire District#1 & #2 will be held at the Canaan Community Office Building on January 11, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

## ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

The 2015 Annual Town Reports will be available for distribution by February 20, 2016. If you are unable to pick the report up in person, call or write the Town Clerk and a report will be mailed to you or you can read the Town report on our Town website at <http://www.canaan-vt.org>

## REGISTER TO VOTE

February 24, 2016 is the **last** day to register to vote prior to the Annual Town and School Meetings. Town Office will be open from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. to receive applications.

## TOWN MEETING

February 29, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. the Annual Town Meeting begins. Following the Annual Town Meeting the School Meeting begins.

March 1, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. the polls open at the Canaan Town Office for the Election of Town and School Officers and the polls close at 7:00 p.m.

## CHANGE CLOCKS

Daylight Saving Time changes at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 13, 2016  
change clocks ahead one hour.



**“CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS, CHANGE  
YOUR BATTERIES:” DAYLIGHT  
SAVING TIME A GOOD  
OPPORTUNITY TO CHECK  
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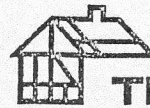
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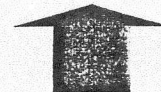
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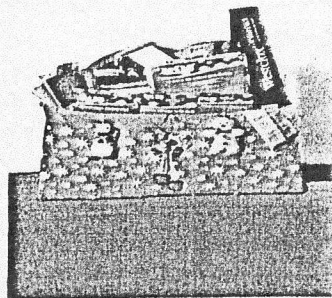
**December 19th**

**1 to 3 p.m.**

**Stocking and Snacks**

## Recreation Park Raffles

Makes a Great Christmas Gift



A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED ITEMS OR MONEY FOR THIS FUNDRAISER.

1st Prize: Christmas Basket Kitchen Items - \$150 value

2nd Prize: Gift Certificate Golf Fees Colebrook Country Club - \$40 value

\$1.00 each, 3 for \$2.00, 8 for \$5.00

Buy your tickets today at the Town Office

Items and gift certificate donated by: Larry Fuller Oil Furnace Service, Thibeaults Real Estate, Dencie Cunningham, Mary Lou Lovering, Diana Rancourt, Donald Labrecque, Claude Houle Masonry Work & Repair, Dana Masson, DTM Small Engine Repair & General Auto Repair, Squeegee Printers

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## VERMONT INCOME TAX FORMS

Telephone—Order forms by calling the department's direct line, toll free (855) 297-5600