



CANTON

Summer 2008 Edition

MEETING SCHEDULES

Various Boards & Commissions
(Held at Community Center)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:
First and Third Wednesday, 7PM

BOARD OF FINANCE:
Third Monday, 7:30PM

BOARD OF EDUCATION:
Second and Fourth Thursday, 7PM

LAND USE COMMISSIONS
CANTON CENTER HIST. DIST.
Second Wednesday, 7PM
COLLINSVILLE HIST. DIST.
Second Tuesday, 8PM (Town Hall)
CONSERVATION COMM:
Second Wednesday, 7:30PM
INLAND WETLANDS:
Second Thursday, 7PM
PLANNING COMMISSION:
First Monday, 7:30PM
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:
Second Monday, 7:30PM
ZONING COMMISSION:
Third Wednesday, 7:30PM

OTHER COMMISSIONS
CHARTER REVISION COM.
Second and Fourth Wednesday, 7PM
COMMISSION ON AGING:
First Monday, 12PM
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:
Second Tuesday: 7:30PM
LIBRARY BD. OF TRUSTEES:
Second Wednesday, 7:15PM
OPEN SPACE COMMISSION:
First Tuesday, 7:30PM
PARKS & REC. COMMISSION:
Third Monday, 7PM
WATER POLLUTION:
Second Tuesday, 7PM
YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU:
Fourth Thursday, 6PM

TOWN HALL HOURS
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
8:15AM to 4:30PM
Wednesday
8:15AM to 6:45PM
Friday
8:15AM to 12PM

TOWN WEBSITE
Be sure to check out our website at www.townofcantonvt.org and sign up for electronic notification of meetings and important information!

A Warm Welcome to Our New CAO!

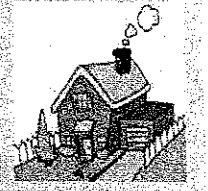
Robert Skinner, Canton's new Chief Administrative Officer, is familiar with the Farmington Valley. He was born and raised in the Town of East Granby. From 1993 to 1997, Mr. Skinner was a partner in the law firm of O'Connor & Skinner located on Route 44 in Canton. After moving to Suffield, Mr. Skinner became First Selectmen in 1997 and served until 2001. Mr. Skinner has also served on Suffield's Board of Finance, Planning & Zoning Commission and Board of Education.

For the past four years Mr. Skinner has served as the Town of Columbia's first Town Administrator. He is credited with successfully applying for grants to support numerous capital projects, including an elevator and other ADA improvement for Town Hall, an addition to the senior center and the purchase of 135 acres of farmland. He also spearheaded regional approaches to such initiatives as economic development and trail maintenance.

Mr. Skinner's diverse experiences in small town government should serve him well in Canton. He looks forward to meeting the many challenges of working in a small, but growing community.

Mr. Skinner lives in Suffield with his wife Karen and their three school age boys.

Where is YOUR house number?



Can your house number be clearly identified from the street? According to Ordinance #214, numbers should be at least 3" in height and clearly visible from the road. This includes approved building lots prior to the commencement of any site work or construction. Our police, ambulance and fire personnel need to get to you as quickly as possible in the event of an emergency. Please help them help you!

ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING RESULTS

The results of the Annual Budget Meeting, held May 12th at 7:30 pm in the auditorium of the Canton Middle/High School, were as follows:

"SHALL THE BOARD OF FINANCE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008/2009 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,103,110 BE APPROVED?"

YES-197

NO-19

SELECTMEN'S COLUMN

The warm weather, end of the school year, and tax bills signal that summer is here. For many people vacations are upon us. However, the volunteers who provide many of your municipal services will still be hard at work. Our land use boards have had an active spring. Some may question their decisions, but everyone must appreciate the time they spend serving the Town. The Zoning Commission is once again turning its attention to the rewrite/update of the regulations. Please participate in the public discussion and comment period as these revised regulations will serve to guide future land use decisions.

Throughout the summer many other volunteers will continue to benefit the Town, such as the Cherry Brook Garden Club which is maintaining the gardens at the Library/Community Center and other public areas. Still others will coach, referee and assist with youth sports programs. Finally, the men and women of our Fire/EMS services will continue to be there when we need them.

When you pay your taxes, remember the additional cost we would have to pay for these services if we did not have these dedicated volunteers. Have a great summer and please consider joining the many volunteers who give their time to make Canton the community we love.

FALSE ALARMS

In calendar year 2007, the Town's emergency services responded to hundreds of false, or nuisance, alarm calls. False burglary and fire alarms divert our police and fire personnel, as well as resources, away from legitimate emergencies, leading to potential loss of property or life. If you have a central alarm system, please be sure it is in good working order at all times. Bringing resources, both equipment and personnel, to a place where they are not needed unnecessarily stretches our valuable assets. Please make an attempt to reduce false alarms by:

- Making sure to have a good quality alarm system that has been installed by a licensed alarm company;
- Making sure that all of your employees or family members in the household are familiar with how your alarm system works; and,
- Having your alarm system tested on a regular basis.

Town Ordinance #217 provides for a \$100 fine for persons who fail to maintain an alarm system in good working order to minimize false alarms or who have more than two false fire alarms within a twelve month period.

TOWN TEAM NEWS

This is one in a series of brief introductions to Town employees and community volunteers.

MEET JUDY LOCKWOOD

Position in Town: Police Dispatcher

Background: Judy has lived all but 5 years of her life in Canton. Her family's roots run deep, as her Grandfather was the Town's blacksmith and in 1936, the First Selectman. Her Dad came to Town to work in the Collins Co.

Education: Judy attended Canton schools, graduating with the class of 1963.

Best Part of the Job: The diversity of talking to so many individuals, each with totally different issues, on a daily basis. Boredom is not an option in this job!

Personal: Her parents, Marion and Dewey Rote, resided in Town most of their lives. Her brother, Arthur, lives at 21 Dowd Ave. Judy has four children (Bruce Lockwood, Marilyn Fay, Dewey Lockwood and Tammie Abate), twelve grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Little Known Fact: Judy graduated in the same class as our present First Selectman.

MEET PAUL VOLOVSKI

Volunteer Positions in Town: Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman (22 years) & Canton Volunteer Fire Co (54 years) (Chief for 8 years)

Background: High School teacher for 25 years; currently the Building Official and Land Use Officer for the Town of New Hartford.

Education: Paul holds both Bachelor and Master's degrees

from Central CT State University as well as a Master's degree in Education from the University of Hartford.

Best Part of Volunteering: Working with the residents and the administration. Every day and every application is different. The decisions that are made are important to all.

Personal: A life-long resident of Canton, Paul's family represents three generations in Canton, many of whom volunteer for various Town functions. Both he, and his wife Nancy, enjoy the Town!

Little Known Fact: Enjoys skiing, golfing, hunting, fishing, biking and working around the house.

WELCOME!

The Town is pleased to welcome the following new staff members to the Canton Team:

- Robert Skinner, Chief Administrative Officer
- Robert Simon, Library Director

THANK YOU!

The Town offers appreciation and thanks to the following individuals for their service to the community and best wishes for continued health, happiness and success:

- Jonathan Luiz, Acting CAO & Administrative Services Coordinator
- Karin Olsen, Administrative Assistant

A REMINDER FROM YOUR CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Don't forget to keep us in your life us this summer/fall!

During July and August, the library will be open its regular hours except for Saturdays. This means Mondays through Thursdays 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Fridays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. As in the past, Saturday hours (10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) are in recess for the summer months but will resume starting September 6. Also, we will be closed on Friday, July 4, and Monday, September 1 (Labor Day). The library is offering dozens of special activities for children this summer as part of its *Catch the Reading Bug* summer reading program. A flier is available in the Children's Room and at the front desk describing our reading club, story times, and many kids' events. Please pick up a flier, call us, or visit our homepage for more information. After Labor Day, watch for information on our autumn events. We are as close to you as our website: www.cantonpubliclibrary.org.

Adult programs are "on leave" for the summer but will resume in September. We are planning special adult classes on bonsai gardening, living with loved ones suffering from dementia, getting a passport, naturopathic ways to good health, and others topics. Also, don't forget our monthly book discussion series on Monday evenings and Thursday afternoons. Our library will again be part of the

Farmington Valley and Hartford County *One Book* reading events. This year, the Farmington Valley event will focus on *Waiting for Snow in Havana* by Carlos Eire. Details are complete for some of these events and still under development for others, so contact us, consult the local newspapers, or visit our website for more information.

The Friends of the Library are collecting books and audiovisual items for their annual book sale. Donations may be dropped off at the library through August 29. The book sale will take place here at the Library/Community Center on Saturday, September 13 (8:00 to 9:30 a.m. admission by a \$10 donation, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. free admission) and Sunday, September 14 (11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. free admission). Please attend, buy, and support The Friends, which helps the library in so many important ways. Also, if you would like to be a helper at the June-through-August pre-sale sorting, or at the sale itself, call the library and speak with Library Director Robert Simon: 693-5800.

How can your public library be of service to you?

VOLUNTEER COMMISSION/ BOARD VACANCIES

Serving on a Board or Commission is a great way to become involved in our community and meet the needs of Canton's citizens. Current vacancies are on:

- Canton Center Historic District Commission
- Conservation Commission
- Economic Development Agency
- Farmington River Coordinating Committee
- Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency
- Juvenile Review Board
- Library Board of Trustees
- Open Space Preservation & Acquisition Com.
- Parks and Recreation Commission

- Planning Commission
- Plainville Area Cable Television Advisory Council
- Town Meeting Moderator
- Water Pollution Control Authority
- Youth Service Bureau
- Zoning Board of Appeals

Each Commission/ Board holds monthly meetings, a schedule of which can be found on the front page of this newsletter or on the Town's webpage. If you are interested in serving or would like more information, please contact Richard Barlow at (860) 693-7847.

DOWD AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Construction of the Dowd Avenue Sewer Project has begun and is expected to last through the Fall of 2008. This project will include the replacement of approximately 2100 linear feet of existing gravity sewer on Dowd Avenue, Canton Green Road and Route 44, and the elimination of an antiquated sewage pumping station located to the north of Route 44 just west of the Dowd Avenue Intersection. The majority of the work will take place along Dowd Avenue, from Route 44 westerly to the area of Commerce Drive. All pipeline replacement work will take place within existing paved roadways and the disturbed areas will be restored to match existing conditions. This project is being funded by the State of CT Department of Environmental Protection's Clean Water Fund with a 20 year loan at 2% interest. The loan is being repaid through the sewer use fees and supplemented by the WPCA's Sewer Assessment fund.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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IMPORTANT NEWS, EVENTS AND DATES

- **All Town Offices will be closed in observance of the following:**

Monday, September 1, 2008 Labor Day
Monday, October 13, 2008 Columbus Day

- **Register to Vote!** If you are new to Town, please be sure to register to vote in time for the Republican Primary in August and General Election in November. Registration forms can be obtained at the Town Clerk's office, the Library or online at www.sots.state.ct.us. Mail completed forms to the Canton Registrar of Voters, PO Box 168, Collinsville, CT 06022.
- **14th Annual Sam Collins Day** will be held Saturday, September 20, 2008, from 10AM to 4PM (rain date Sunday, September 21st). Join us for the "annual hometown celebration" where food, fun and entertainment are a plenty! The event showcases local businesses, crafters and community organizations and is sponsored by the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

For general information, contact Mary Tomolonius at 860-693-0368 or visit www.samcollinsday.com.

- The Connecticut Resource Recovery Authority has released their 2008 **electronics recycling** schedule. For more information visit www.crra.org. In addition, the MDC has released their **household hazardous waste** collection schedule. Visit their site at www.themdc.com for more information.
- The **Tax Office** is open 8:15-4:30 Mon, Tue, Thur; 8:15-6:45 on Wed; and Fri. 8:15-noon. And Sat, July 28th from 9:00-noon. Your taxes can also be mailed to: PO Box 168, Collinsville, CT 06022. If a paid receipt is needed, please enclose a self-address stamped envelope with payment. If you receive a bill for a car that you were not expecting or do not receive a bill for a car that you were expecting, please read the insert with your bill(s). Please call 693-7843 with any questions.