# The Barnard Bulletin

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## SELECTMEN'S NEWS

Another Town Meeting pretty quietly behind us. Exactly 100 registered voters were present as revealed by the one paper ballot called for. All Articles, including the proposed budget, passed with little discussion and Australian ballot issues, the WUHS budget and renovation of the Windsor County Courthouse, passed with healthy margins. Justices of the Peace elected are Doton, Caruso, Croft, Silva and VanAlstyne. At our first meeting following Town Meeting we filled Appointed Offices (pg 14 of Town Report) by reappointment. Draft minutes of Town and School Meeting are available in the Town office. And special thanks to the Progressive Club for another timely and delicious lunch in support of Barnard scholars.

As revealed at Town Meeting, the draft FY12 audit shows a considerable surplus in both Highway and General Fund. We and the Treasurer are suspicious of both and have scheduled a meeting with the Independent Auditors to figure it out so we can explain it to you and have a realistic idea of what surplus (or deficit) to apply when setting the tax rate in July.

We've had a little spring-like weather sufficient to make a little syrup and get the roads sloppy, although so far nothing like last year. Now we've gone back to winter cold and, as I write, are expecting a significant snow storm, hopefully our last of the season. We'll have to start all over with mud season.

As correction from last month, I misinformed you that Australian ballot issues may not be discussed from the floor at a meeting at which they are being voted upon. Not so, as Moderator Doton pointed out at Town Meeting except where the vote is for elected positions.

We remind residents that effective April 1st, Town Hall Rental will increase to $200 and the damage deposit to $250. A checklist for clean-up and one for kitchen equipment inventory will be given to renters and will be rechecked by the Town Hall Administrator following each rental.

Hopefully, by this time next month not only the snow and cold but the frustrations of mud season will be behind us and we can focus on more agreeable topics like sugaring, getting the peas in and that first trout or bass.

## BARNARDCOMMUNITYTRUSTNEWS

The new store keepers of the Barnard General Store, Joe Minerva and Jillian Bradley, have been living above the store for a couple of weeks. They have been busy painting their living space and making it their home. Work has also begun on the retail space as they get ready for business. We are all anxious to see what it will look like. They are still planning to open the BGS the first week of April.

On Saturday, March 2nd, the BCT hosted an informal "Meet and Greet" at the store to introduce Joe and Jillian to the community. Many people came to the BGS to chat with the new shopkeepers and share a cup of coffee with their neighbors. It was wonderful to see the store filled with people.

The BGS building and property have been purchased and the lease with the new operators has been signed. The improvement and renovation expenses have been greater than we expected, but have been necessary to preserve the integrity of the building. To prepare for leasing to the new operators, it was necessary to bring the building up to code for fire, safety, health and environment. Here are some of the improvements we have made:

- The installation of a garage door to facilitate deliveries
- Upgrades of the electrical and smoke/fire alarm systems
- Reinforcement of structural components
- Special safety installations in the kitchen area

The BCT needs to continue its fund raising. We need help raising at least another $150,000 so that we can continue to pay the property taxes, insure the building and keep it in good operating condition. Our largest expense is our mortgage on the purchase of the store that must be paid off before the end of 2013.

We are very grateful for your interest in restoring the Barnard General Store and the many donations we have received. We hope that you will continue to help us reach our financial goal.

If you have any questions or suggestions please contact one of the following BCT board members: Rick Carbin, Tom Platner, Boyd Bishop, Dana Bargezi, Teo Zagar, Mary Blanton, Mary Myers, Lee Resseguie, Leah Stewart or Tony Braca.

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For more information please contact:

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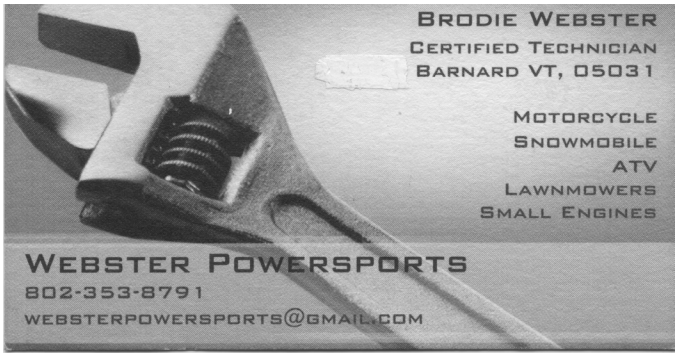




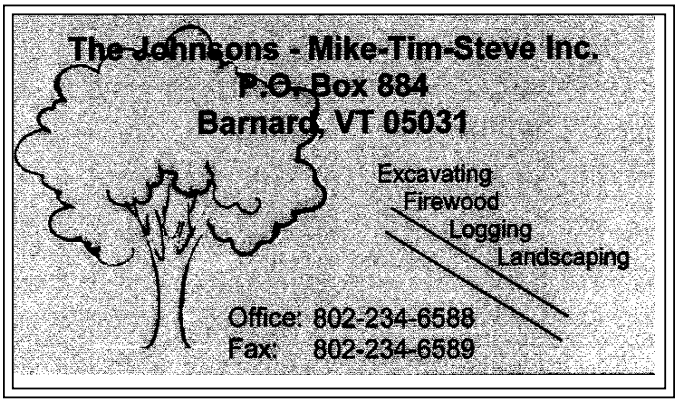




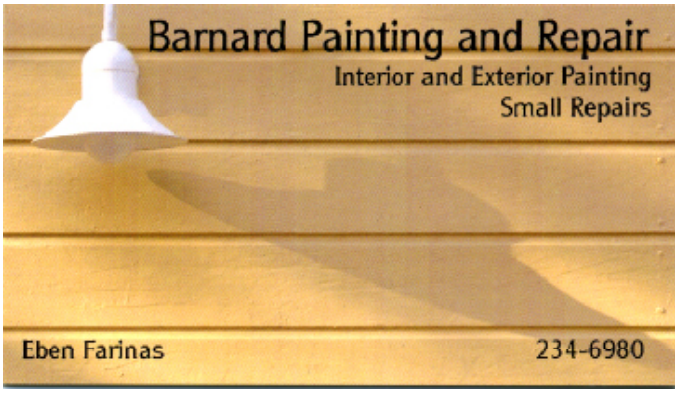



## LOCAL CRYPTOGRAM

A cryptogram is a code in which one letter is substituted for another. For example, the word "Church" could be written BWMSBW. The letter B would be the letter C and would be throughout the entire message. In this message **E = S** The solution is found by trial and error.

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Front Page, Vol.1, No 1, April 1986

ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER,

Three years ago the idea of a Barnard Newsletter was talked about. Material was collected for the first issue and then the editor/publisher found herself with too much to do so the idea was dropped.

Since that time it has become apparent that because the residents of Barnard are served by two daily and two weekly papers it is difficult for officials, organizations, and residents to get their message to everyone in town. A third of the residents reads The Vermont Standard; a third reads The White River Valley Herald and the rest read neither. How is one going to reach everyone in town?

Read The Barnard Bulletin. The Bulletin will be published monthly and will be mailed free of charge to legal residents of the town. Any others, summer residents or visitors interested in receiving the Bulletin, will be charged 50 cents a copy or $6.00 a year. The cost of publishing and mailing the newsletter is expected to be about $75.00 a month. It is hoped that there will be enough advertising after awhile to defray the costs. Several contributions have been received to start the newsletter.

The Bulletin doesn't intend to make money. If there should ever be a profit, the money would be used for the benefit of the Town — improving the recreation field, repairing the Town Hall -- or for whatever the Towns people decide would be good for Barnard.

To make the Barnard Bulletin a success we need advertising support from our residents. Here is a chance to advertise that auction you plan in July or the garage sale in June. Do you need extra work? Advertise. Do you need someone to help you with you garden or your kids? Then advertise in The Bulletin.

The rate for classified ads is 10 cents a word. A camera ready display ad, 3 1/2'* x 4", will cost $7.00. All public notices, either municipal or organizational, will be free. The deadline for receiving ads and articles will be the 5th of every month and the publishing date will be the 20th.

Because of "start-up" problems, this month's edition is late.

Here is a chance to tell hundreds of your neighbors about your organization, the fair or supper your organization is planning to hold, a trip you have just taken, or about an idea you have involving the welfare of the town. This first Bulletin is thin on news, but it is a start. Let's all try to make it work. Send your news and prepaid ads to:The Barnard Bulletin, Box 82 RD #2, South Royal ton, VT 05068.

# THE BULLETIN - PAST AND PRESENT

The column to the left is an excerpt from the very first Bulletin. In light of all the changes we have seen in the last 27 years, we thought that if might be worth reminding everyone about how and why the Bulletin was first printed.

Note that we expected to publish the newsletter for about $75.00 a month, which included the printing and mailing. Today our expenses are $72.80 for printing and $117.35 for the mailing. Neither then, nor now, does the publisher charge for the time involved. Throw in the cost of computer usage, along with the domain management and the out of pocket costs are over $200.00 a month.

Due to our recent change in subscription and ad rates, we have managed to bring in about $300 a month so far this year. So at this point you might say that we have been making around $80 a month. Put that against the 10 to 15 hours it takes to assemble, print and mail the Bulletin, and we are not even making minimum wage.

As was noted in the first Bulletin, we still feel that the newsletter is worth the effort to keep the legal residents of the town informed.

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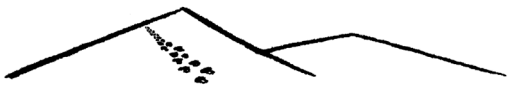

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I can remember two occasions when the mud almost got the Listers mired so deep that we might have had to call for a tow truck. However, on both occasions we managed to get the vehicle unstuck.

In the first case, a long drive on Mt. Hunger had softened up and the car was nearly belly stuck. As luck would have it we had been going uphill, so two men lifting and pushing were able to move the car back down to a piece of firmer ground. The net cost was two pair of very muddy feet and a missed inspection.

On another occasion, the front end of our SUV dropped into a mud bog that looked firmer than it was. Because the front end was low and slightly tipped to the passenger side, the driver's rear wheel was spinning, even though it was on firm ground. With three wheels spinning it looked bad.

The solution was to put one lister on the drivers side rear of the car, holding additional weight in the form of a rock, while I lifted and pushed on the passenger side front. With some rocking and steering wheel manipulation, we worked the car back up to solid ground. Again my feet were muddy, but since the camp we were inspecting was close, we walked in to finish the job.

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## THOMPSON CENTER NEWS

Submitted by Pam Butler

April 21-27 is National Volunteer Week and we salute the approximately 160 Thompson Center volunteers who donated over 6,000 hours in the past year in a multitude of ways. This number includes many Barnard residents and we thank each and every one of you for your contribution to our Center – your Center! You are invited to The Thompson for a time of celebration, recognition, and a delicious breakfast on Tuesday April 23 at 8:30AM.

With the start of a new season, our thoughts turn from snow and mud to spring cleaning. Have you thought of spring cleaning your financial affairs? We are introducing a new series beginning in April that will include an Advance Directives talk, a legal advice clinic for seniors, and a financial management talk about retirement and estate planning.

If you are ready to hit the road, read about our upcoming trips to Newport, Rhode Island; Franconia Notch; and Kittery Maine for starters. Although the weather tells us otherwise, spring has sprung at The Thompson and we look forward to seeing you.

Hospice Volunteer Training Class; Presented by The Visiting Nurse & Hospice of VT and NH and BAYADA Hospice: Thursdays April 4-May 23, 4:30-6:00PM. This joint training program will allow the participants to be certified as Hospice volunteers with both agencies. Please call 457-3277 to register.

Spring Clean Your Financial Affairs:

Thursday April 11, 1:00PM - Planning for Life's Uncertainties: Do You Have Your Health Care Directive in Place? Learn what you need to know about Advance Directives (Health Care Powers of Attorney), how to have meaningful conversations about your wishes with your loved ones, and how to put your wishes in writing.

Friday April 19, 9:00AM to noon; 12:30 to 1:30PM - Legal Advice Clinic for Seniors (age 60+). Harvard Attorney, Jacob Speidel, will be available for free legal advice or referrals on a variety of legal problems, including wills, powers of attorney, landlord-tenant issues, Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security, debt collection, consumer issues, guardianship, divorce, foreclosure, small claims, bankruptcy, and other civil legal matters. Please call to sign up for your free 30 minute appointment.

Wednesday May 22, 4:30 to 6:00PM - Financial Management Talk—Strategies for Retirement and Estate Planning. Financial Planners David Otto and Susan Otto Goodell will discuss retirement goals, including how to budget enough money to live on and avoid running out and current options for allocating your investments. They will also review important estate issues and creative planning choices that can support you and your family.

Thompson Trips At a Glance: All trips on Premier Coach bus.

May 5 to 7, Trip to Newport, Rhode Island sponsored by Notch Above Tours. Call Diana at 457-3277 for information on reduced pricing and slightly modified itinerary.

June 5, Trip to the scenic mountaintop village of Sugar Hill, NH to enjoy Lupines in bloom, have brunch at the popular Polly's Pancake Parlor, travel to Bretton Woods to ride the Cog Railroad, and complete the day with an early dinner at Chef Joe's Bistro in Franconia, NH. Cost: $98.00, (includes coach bus, brunch, Cog RR, and dinner). Sign-up deadline is May 22nd.

July 9, Trip to Kittery Maine to dine at Warren's Lobster House, followed by a tour of the Fuller Garden in North Hampton, Cost: $74.00, Sign-up deadline is June 25th.

October 9, Fall foliage trip on the Winnipesaukee Railroad, with lunch served on the train by Harts Turkey Farm. Cost: $56.00, Sign-up deadline is September 25th.

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We look forward to another long season next year and we thank the generous Barnard landowners, the dedicated volunteers and riders that make it all possible.

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## CRYPTOGRAM ANSWER

One swallow does not make a summer, but one skein of geese, cleaving the murk of March thaw, is the Spring.

- Aldo Leopold

## EAST BARNARD NEWS
by Virginia Glass Schlabach

### Community Club Sets Dates for Voting Meeting and Yard Sale

Even though it's been several months since the East Barnard Community Club met for an activity, the executive committee has been meeting regularly. All club members and interested persons have been invited to meet on Monday evening, March 25, at Joani and Glenn Yankee's house, where members will vote on three agenda items. The main question for discussion and action regards the exterior of the Community Hall - whether to cover the clapboards with vinyl siding or to scrape and repaint. Detailed reports on cost estimates, current condition of the Hall, etc. will be presented as the issues at stake are larger than this simple description would indicate. Other voting will be on a proposed amendment to the by-laws, which introduces a nominating committee for club elections, and affirmation of Laura DiCicco as the secretary of the Club, a position she has been filling unofficially.

Saturday May 18 has been set as the date for the East Barnard Community Yard Sale. Open from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., the sale will include items on offer at individual houses and at the Community Hall, where there will also be a concession stand with beverages, snacks, and a light lunch. Tables at the Hall (inside - furnished; outside, bring your own) are available for a donation of $20. At-home sales are open to the East Barnard community and those in close proximity for a requested donation of 20% of total sales; these participating houses will be included on the official map, with copies available at the Hall on the day of the yard sale. Coordinator Joani Yankee says: "Please come and enjoy the day in our beautiful village and help us raise money to improve the outside appearance of our Community Hall." Anyone interested in participating as a seller should contact Joani soon (763-8627) for confirmation.

The women of the Community Club have been hard at work on the annual raffle quilt, which has a Buckeye Beauty design. It will be on display and ticket sales will begin at the yard sale. East Barnard "Peaceable Kingdom" tee shirts will also be on sale.

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SELECTMEN meet the second and forth Wednesday of the month at 7:00PM at the Town Clerk's office

TOWN CLERK office hours are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:00am - 3:30pm.

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THE BARNARD ACADEMY SCHOOL BOARD meets at 5:00pm at the school on the last Tuesday of each month.

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DANFORTH LIBRARY is open Saturdays 10:00 to noon, Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00. Story hour is the first Saturday of the month. The Book Club meets the first Wednesday at 7:00pm.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY meets the last Tuesday of the month. Call 457-3020 for location.

BARNARD ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S office hours are 9am – 12:00 noon, Tuesdays, until further notice.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION meets on the first Monday of the month, 7:00pm, in the Town Clerk's office. Sub-committee meetings as arranged.

BARNARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION meets the second Monday of the month, 7:00 PM, Town Hall.

RECYCLING HOURS: Saturdays, 8:00am to 4:00pm, THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:00pm at the Barnard Town Hall as necessary.

BEES MEETINGS First Tuesday of each month allowing for school vacations, 6:00pm - 7:30pm, at the school library.

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