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Town Office

297 Main Street • 897-5841
Mon, T, Th, Fri: 9^{AM}-12 & 1-4^{PM}
Closed Wednesday

Meetings:

Selectboard: 2nd, 4th Wednesdays; 7^{PM}
Planning: 3rd Thursdays; 7^{PM}
Schoolboard: as posted
see website Calendar

Platt Memorial Library

www.plattlib.org
279 Main Street • 897-2647
Mon: 11^{AM}-7^{PM}
Wed, Thurs: 2-7^{PM}
Sat: 9^{AM}-1^{PM}

Website: www.shorehamvt.org

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Elementary School:

www.shorehamschool.org

State Legislators

In Mont: 800 322-5616
leave message w/ Sergeant-at-Arms

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wstevens@leg.state.vt.us

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Newsletter

News can be submitted to the Town Clerk, attention Editor. Letter is mailed at town expense to Shoreham residents.

Editor

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Loosely followed schedule:

Winter/Spring
Spring/Summer
Summer/Fall
Fall/Winter—maybe

TOWN MEETING

Monday, 6:00 ^{PM}, Elementary School Gym
Ballot Voting—Tuesday, 10:00 ^{AM}-7:00 ^{PM}, Firehouse

Town Meeting Warning February 28 & MARCH 1, 2011

The Legal Voters of the Town of Shoreham, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the School Auditorium in said Shoreham, Vermont on Monday, February 28, 2011 at 6:00^{PM} to transact all business not involving voting by Australian Ballot.

Australian balloting to be held Tuesday, March 1, 2011 from 10:00^{AM} until 7:00^{PM} at the Fire House.

Article 1: To elect all necessary Town and Town School Officers as required by Law. (By Australian Ballot)

- Moderator
- Town Clerk
- Treasurer
- Trustee Public Funds
- Selectperson—one 3-year term
- Selectperson—two 1-year terms
- Auditor—one 3-year term
- Delinquent Tax Collector—one 1-year term
- Lister—one 3-year term
- Lister—one 3-year term, unexpired term, exp. 2013
- School Director—one 3-year term
- School Director—one 2-year term
- UD #3 School Dir.—one 3-year term, unexpired term, exp. 2012
- Library Trustee—one 5-year term
- Library Trustee—one 5-year term, unexpired term, exp. 2012
- Planning Commission—two 4-year terms
- Planning Commission—one 4-year unexpired term, exp. 2012
- Planning Commission—one 4-year unexpired term, exp. 2014
- Water Commissioner—one 3-year term
- Water Commissioner—one 3-year term, unexpired term, exp. 2013
- Grand Jurors—two 1-year terms
- Town Agent—one 1-year term
- Constable—one 1-year term

Article 2: To act upon the reports of the Town Officers.

Article 3: Shall the Town approve the sum of \$556,530 for the support of its town roads for the ensuing year and to pay outstanding obligations and orders.

Article 4: Shall the Town approve the sum of \$233,756 to defray current expenses of the Town for the ensuing year and to pay outstanding obligations and orders.

Article 5: Shall the Town appropriate by taxation \$4,500 for fireworks for the Shoreham Festival?

See Warning, page 2

AUSTRALIAN BALLOT VOTE

MARCH 1

A number of Town Officer positions have no candidates listed on the ballot this year. If you are interested in a position, you may run a write-in campaign. If you receive at least 9 votes, 1% of the registered voters in Shoreham, you will be declared elected to the office. The following elected positions have no candidates on the ballot: Planning Board—1 slot; Grand Juror—2 slots; School Director—1 slot, Town Agent; and Constable.

In addition to elected positions, the following are some of the positions to be appointed by the Selectboard: Zoning Board of Adjustment, Addison Regional Planning Commission, and Waste Water Commissioner.

Trustee of Public Funds, 1 Year
Barbara Kivlin

Moderator, 1 Year
Will Stevens

Town Clerk, 1 Year
Amy Douglas

Town Treasurer, 1 Year
Barbara Kivlin

Selectperson, 3 Years
Robert Warren

Selectperson, two 1-Year terms
Roberta Blodgett
Marthe A. Fisher
Paul Saenger
Randy Strong

Auditor, 3 Years
Maureen Rahner

Delinquent Tax Collector, 1 Year
William R. Telgen, Jr.

Lister, 3 Years
Richard Phillip

See Ballot, page 3

Article 6: Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to put insurance money received following the Newton Academy fire in the amount of \$234,500 plus accrued interest into the New Town Office Reserve Fund??

Article 7: Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to put \$20,000 of the General Fund Balance in the Reserve Fund for Highway Equipment?

Article 8: Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to put \$6,500 of the General Fund Balance in the reserve fund for Fire and Rescue Vehicles?

Article 9: Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to put \$5,000 of the General Fund Balance in the Reserve Fund for Reappraisal?

Article 10: Shall the Town pay its Real Estate Property Taxes to the Treasurer on or before November 10, 2011 with delinquent taxes having a penalty charge of eight per cent, and interest charges of not more than one per cent per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter one and one-half per cent per month or fraction thereof also applying to prior year delinquencies?

Articles 11 through 31 to be voted on by Australian Ballot March 1, 2011

Article 11: Shall the Town appropriate by taxation \$1,500 for Addison Central Teens?

Article 12: Shall the Town appropriate by taxation \$370 for Addison County Court Diversion & Community Justice Projects?

Article 13: Shall the Town appropriate by taxation \$1,000 for Addison County Economic Development Corp?

Article 14: Shall the Town appropriate by taxation \$1,500 for Addison County Home Health and Hospice?

Article 15: Shall the Town appropriate by taxation \$1,500 for Addison County Humane Society?

Article 16: Shall the Town appropriate by taxation the sum of \$1,500 for the Addison County Parent/Child Center?

Article 17: Shall the Town appropriate by taxation \$250 for the Addison County Readers?

Article 18: Shall the Town appropriate by taxation \$535 for the Addison County Transit Resources?

Article 19: Shall the Town appropriate by taxation \$300 for Bridport Senior Citizens Meal Site?

Article 20: Shall the Town appropriate by taxation \$1,300 for Champlain Valley Agency on Aging?

Article 21: Shall the Town appropriate by taxation \$500 for the Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity/Addison Community Action?

Article 22: Shall the Town appropriate by taxation \$500 for the Community Health Services Open Door Clinic?

Article 23: Shall the Town appropriate by taxation \$2,000 for the Counseling Service of Addison Co.?

Article 24: Shall the Town appropriate by taxation \$900 for Elderly Services?

Article 25: Shall the Town appropriate by taxation \$1,200 for the John Graham Emergency Shelter?

Article 26: Shall the Town appropriate by taxation \$1,750 for HOPE (formerly Addison County Community Action)?

Article 27: Shall the Town appropriate by taxation \$300 for Hospice Volunteer Services?

Article 28: Shall the Town appropriate by taxation \$2,604 for Middlebury Volunteer Ambulance Service?

Article 29: Shall the Town appropriate by taxation \$325 for the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program?

Article 30: Shall the Town appropriate by taxation \$500 for Vermont Adult Learning?

Article 31: Shall the Town appropriate by taxation \$700 for WomenSafe?

Total of above Requests (Article 11–Article 31) is \$21,034.

Article 32: To transact any other business thought proper to be brought before this meeting.

Selectboard: January 27, 2010

Paul Saenger, Chair

Marthe Fisher

Steve Goodrich

Karen Shackett

Bob Warren

Attest: Amy B. Douglas, Town Clerk

INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGISTERING TO VOTE

You may register to vote by going to or calling the Town Clerk's Office at 897-5841 to request a voter registration form. You may also register to vote when you apply for or renew a driver's license through the Dept. of Motor Vehicles. In addition, voter registration is available through the Dept. of Social Welfare, the Dept. of Health and the Dept. of Aging & Disabilities and Dept. of Mental Health.

If you are registering to vote for the first time in Vermont, you will need to provide a valid photo ID (Driver's License or Passport).

In order to vote at Town Meeting, Monday, February 28, 2011 at 6 p.m. and to vote at the March 1, 2011 Australian Balloting, you must register to vote by 5 PM, Wednesday, February 23, 2011.

Applications for **Absentee Ballots** must be returned to the Town Clerk's Office so that the absentee ballot can be issued to the voter not later than 4 PM on Monday, February 28, 2011.

WRITE-IN VOTES

In Vermont, voters may write in any name for any position. However, before writing in a name, please consider whether the person whose name you write in has any interest in the office.

Unless a person is conducting a write-in campaign and wants votes, write-in voting will serve only to lengthen the time it takes to count ballots. Keep in mind that votes in Shoreham are counted by hand by volunteers. Vote counting is time consuming and tallying write-in votes adds to the length of the night. Please be considerate of the volunteers counting ballots. Also, please consider volunteering to count ballots.

Lister, 3 Years unexpired term (exp. '13)

Margaret A. Camara

UD #3 School Director, 3 Years unexpired term (exp. '12)

Erik Remsen

Library Trustee, 5 Years

Carol Causton

Library Trustee, 5 Years, unexpired term (exp. '12)

Judy Stevens

Planning Commission, two 4-Year terms

Deborah Diemond

____(open)____

Planning Commission, 4-Year unexpired term (exp. '12)

Elizabeth Golden-Pidgeon

Planning Commission, 4-Year unexpired term (exp. '14)

George Gross

Water Commissioner, 3 Years

Edwin S. James

Water Commission, 3-Year unexpired term (exp. '13)

Douglas Cone

School Director, 3 Years

____(open)____

School Director, one 2 Year

Bruce G. Perlow

Grand Juror, two 1-Year terms

____(open)____

____(open)____

Town Agent, 1 Year

____(open)____

Constable, 1 Year

____(open)____

Other Ballots March 1

UNION HIGH SCHOOL

“Shall the voters of Union District #3 approve the sum of \$15,608,111 to defray current expenses for the ensuing year and to pay outstanding orders and obligations?”

PATRICIA HANNAFORD REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

“Shall the voters of the Patricia A Hannaford Regional Technical school District approve the sum of \$3,416,634 to defray current expenses for the ensuing year and to pay outstanding orders and obligations, said amount to include \$73,301 from fees, grants and state appropriations to defray expenses of the Adult Technical Education Program?”

CONGO CHURCH NEWS

The Shoreham Congregational Church has several events planned this spring.

- An **Adult Bible Study**, led by Pastor Gary O’Gorman, is ongoing from February through April on Sunday noontimes after worship and fellowship. This is open to all in the community; please contact Pastor Gary at 897-2687 for more information.
- The annual **Legislative Breakfast** will be held on Monday April 11 in the church hall. will begin at 7^{AM}, and discussion with our local legislators will start at 7:30^{AM}. This is a good opportunity to share your views with our legislators on the many important issues facing them this term. There is sure to be lively debate, so come and express your concerns.
- Musician Gail Wood is assembling an **Easter Children’s Play** and an **Easter Ecumenical Choir**. The play has parts for several children, and the choir may perform at both the Congregational and Catholic services. Gail is looking for participants in both events. Please contact her at 897-8201 or woodfamily@shoreham.net for more information.
- Easter is late in the spring this year. An **Easter Sunrise Service** will be held on Sunday, April 24 at the home of Rick and Jeri Canfield on Cemetery Road early on Easter morning. The regular Easter Worship Service will be at 10^{AM} in the church sanctuary. We should be past the time of snow by then. Please look for more details in the media closer to the events.
- Everyone is invited to a **Potluck Easter Dinner** at the church on Sunday, April 24. Come to the church at noon to prepare food together and snack. Dinner will be

- served at 2. So don’t spend Easter alone; join us for fellowship and fun. Call Judy at 897-2780 to learn what you can contribute, and make plans to attend.
- The **Spring Rummage and Bake Sale** sponsored by the Women’s Fellowship will be held on Saturday, May 8 from 9^{AM} to 2^{PM}. Donations will be accepted during the afternoons of the Thursday and Friday preceding the sale. This is a good time and place to find great bargains for the whole family.
- **Advance notice**—The annual **Strawberry Festival** is coming in June! It will probably be on the third Thursday of the month, but the exact date depends on when the berries ripen! Look for more information closer to the event.
- **Advance notice**—The many people who made donations in memory of the late Mildred Barnard, former long-time organist at our church, have enabled us to purchase an electronic keyboard for our downstairs meeting space. We will have a special dedication service for this keyboard sometime this summer, when her family can be present. Look for more information at a later date.
- We invite you all to worship with us each Sunday at 10^{AM}. During the winter months Pastor Gary O’Gorman leads our services downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.

Social Services Information for March 1, 2011

AGENCY	2010 Request	2011 Request	Services Provided in 2010 to Shoreham residents
Addison Central Teens	\$1,500	\$1,500	21 visits by 5 Shoreham teens
Addison Cnty Court Diversion	New	\$370	8 Shoreham residents
Addison Cnty Econ.Develop't Corp	New	\$1,000	1 Shoreham taxpayer
Addison Cnty Home Health & Hospice	\$1,500	\$1,500	2,459 visits
Addison Cnty Humane Society	\$1,500	\$1,500	2 animals adopt., 2 returned; 14 taken in at a cost of \$6,650
Addison Cnty Parent Child Center	\$1,500	\$1,500	65 residents
Addison Cnty Readers	\$250	\$250	20 children received 271 books
Addison Cnty Transit Resources	New	\$535	No Shoreham specific info provided
Bridport Senior Citizens Meal Site	\$300	\$300	12 Shoreham residents participated
Champlain Valley Agency on Aging	\$1,100	\$1,300	26 Shoreham residents
CVOEO/Addison Comm Action	\$500	\$500	181 service units to 29 families
Com'ty Health Svcs/Open Door Clinic	\$500	\$500	27 residents received 154 service units
Counseling Service of Addison Cnty	\$2,000	\$2,000	32,735 hours of service
Elderly Services Inc	\$850	\$900	2,769 hours of care, 830 meals, 858 van rides
HOPE, frmly Add'n Cnty Comm Act'n	\$1,600	\$1,750	61 residents assisted, and food for 1,683 meals provided
Hospice Volunteer Services	\$300	\$300	4 hospice care patients for 396 days, 19 bereavement visits
John W Graham Emergency Shelter	\$1,200	\$1,200	No specific Shoreham info
Middlebury Volunteer Ambulance	\$2,590	\$2,604	45 transports
Retired & Senior Volunteer Program	\$275	\$325	bone-builders met 4 times a week in Shoreham
Vermont Adult Learning	\$500	\$500	10 residents received education services
WomenSafe Inc	\$700	\$700	9 residents
Total funds requested:	\$21,034		equals 1.59 cents on the tax rate

REMINDERS

- 1. RECYCLING.** The Town pays for recycling for *Shoreham residents only*. Hours are 9^{AM}–12 noon on Saturdays. Do not leave items at any other time. If it is a holiday, either drive over to check, or assume it's closed. Cassella does not tell us what their holiday plans are. Do not put any bagged items in the recycling bins. All items need to be flattened or crushed before being put in the bins. Call the Town Office with any questions about recycling. Thanks for your help in keeping our recycling program fair and affordable.
- 2. BOTTLE REDEMPTION.** At this time, bottles may again be left in the bin provided at the recycling. Handle glass items carefully as this service will be discontinued if there is a problem with broken glass. Hours are 9^{AM}–12 noon on Saturdays. Do not leave bottles at any other time.
- 3. USE of TOWN FACILITIES.** Permission from the Selectboard is required before use of any town buildings or facilities. Contact the Town Office for information.
- 4. TENNIS COURTS.** The tennis courts are maintained and managed by a loosely organized group of players. For information on tennis activities or to join the email information list, contact Phil Kivlin at 897-8031.
- 5. DOG LICENSES.** Please renew your dog licenses before April 1st. Remember that new rabies certificates are required every 3 years.

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Incumbents and Challengers for Contested Seats

4 Candidates for 2 One-Year Selectboard Seats

Roberta Blodgett

I am running for select board because I feel there is a need for change in leadership in our town. I have lived in Shoreham 29 years and have had the pleasure of leading some successful organizations here in town. I talk to people, I listen to people, and I am willing to WORK FOR THE PEOPLE! I would appreciate your vote and would look forward to the opportunity to help move Shoreham forward during these tough economic times.

Marthe Fisher, One-Year Term, Selectboard

As a member of the current SelectBoard, I feel that my financial background, particularly in budgeting, has been put to good use on behalf of the town. We, as individuals and a community, have faced many financial challenges since the current recession began in 2008. The current SelectBoard has managed to hold town expenses to a reasonable level despite rising costs on all fronts. Fiscal responsibility is, and has been, a top priority—none of us wants more or higher taxes! Fiscal responsibility, much like leadership, is being able to choose a beneficial course of action based not only on “now” but also on the future value, or expense, of today's choice. Beneficial, of course, does not always mean wildly popular. But, that's OK; it's as it should be.

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Being on the SelectBoard has involved much more than I had ever expected. It has also been very rewarding—to the point that I am a candidate once again, pledging to consider all interests equally. Not being influenced by one's own preferences is not an easy task, but I will do my very best for you. I humbly ask for your vote on March 1.

Paul Saenger, One-Year Term, Selectboard

I currently serve Shoreham as Selectboard Chair, JP, Emergency Committee, and previously as Town Auditor. Statewide, I serve as a director of Yankee Farm Credit and on Governor's Commissions' on Ground Water and Animal Care Standards.

I thank-you for your past votes and ask for your vote again.

While we can't all agree on every issue, it is important to agree to disagree, to compromise, and not to let issues divide our Town. Everyone, not just those at the table, should have a voice in decisions that affect us all. I have worked hard to ensure that all residents are heard, all viewpoints considered. During my tenure on the Board we have managed, despite these financially challenging times, to make a number of improvements—notably in regard to our roads—while keeping our fiscal position strong and our budget lean.

I have wrestled with a number of town issues, learned much, been roundly chastened and humbled a number of times, and am proud

of this community, this Board, and what we have accomplished together. I appreciate the trust you have shown me in the past and hope you will allow me to put lessons-learned to good use in your service.

My name is Randy Strong. I am running for a 1 year term for Shoreham Select board. I grew up in Bridport and have lived in Addison County all my life moving to Shoreham permanently in 1995. My Parents and Grandparents were all from Shoreham. I am descended from both the Howe and the Elithorpe Families of Shoreham making me truly local to the area and town. I worked for the State of Vermont Highway Dept. on Road Maintenance for 17 years, at State welcome centers for 6 years and Building Maintenance at the Marble Valley Correctional Facility until Retirement in Dec. 2006.

My goal in running for office is to help move the town forward for everyone. I believe I can bring to the table not only experience with roads but the hopes, values and beliefs of the average person that lives here in Shoreham. I think everyone should be able to feel heard and involved in the choices and direction our town is headed. Vote for me and I will work hard for you, originally from here or recently relocated to us. Our town belongs to everyone let's treat it that way. Thank you for your support.

IF 'TAIN'T ONE BRIDGE, IT'S ANOTHER!

The Agency of Transportation announced the temporary closure of the Rte 74E bridge, as of 5^{PM}, on Monday, February 14. Happy Valentine's Day!

District maintenance workers discovered the initial hole early Monday morning, subsequent inspections revealed additional concerns with the concrete decks, including several other spots that appeared as if they too could break through. The time and method of fixing

the situation took a couple of days and further inspections, but VTrans was able to move fairly quickly, aided by good weather, and had plans to reopen the bridge by late Thursday or Friday of the same week.

On the 14th, Shoreham Emergency Management notified Vermont Emergency Management and Middlebury Ambulance, neither of which had been aware of the situation at the time of the call. Local First Responders were notified by Paul Saenger, Selectboard Chair. We also notified the 2-1-1 system, and put a notice on the Town Office answering machine.

According to VTrans' Interim District 5 Assistant Administrator, Dave Blackmore, the questionable spots on the decking have been filled with steel plates and asphalt; the large hole was fitted with a double 3/4-inch marine plywood bottom, with support from below to hold the new concrete while it hardens. New multi-layer rebar reinforcement was put in place and tied into the main decking. The hole was filled with a special cold-weather set-up epoxy concrete, and cold-patch applied to finish the surface and complete the repair. This is considered a "temporary fix," to be replaced with a permanent fix later this spring or summer. According to Blackmore, the bridge's underpinnings are in good shape, so just the decking is due for an overhaul.



The first fix, on Monday, was to just get a very temporary cover on the hole.

[Photos courtesy of Kate Giegles].



LIBRARY NOTES

Hours: Monday, 11–7; Wednesday, 2–7; Thursday, 2–7; Saturday, 9–1 • 897-2647



There are some big programs at your little Library this winter and spring!

Book Clubs

Wednesday, **February 16** at 7^{PM}. Join us to discuss *Winterdance; The fine madness of running the Iditarod* by Gary Paulsen. Adults and teens.

Celebrate as a community on Saturday, **March 19** at 1^{PM}, at a pre-publication party for Mark Usher's book *The Golden Ass*. This book is a re-telling for children, so it's a milk and cookies event for both children and parents.

Wednesday, **April 20** at 7^{PM}. Join us to discuss *Breakfast with Buddha* by Roland Merullo. It may be the most unusual road trip book you ever read. Adults.

Wednesday, **May 18** at 7^{PM} We are excited to offer a slide talk by Sansae Sparling. She recently went on a month-long exploration of the rocky part of the Sahara by foot and by camel. We will see her slides, and her artifacts and learn more about the nomadic peoples she lived with and learned to appreciate. Adults and teens.

Wednesday, **June 15**, 7^{PM}. Join us to discuss *Small Wonder*, a collection of essays by Barbara Kingsolver. Adults.

Preschool Storytimes

Visiting the Library weekly or every other week is so important for little ones. Why not make Storytime a part of your trip to get books? The program is approximately thirty minutes long. Upcoming dates are: Feb. 14, Feb. 28, March 7, March 14, March 28, April 4, April 11, April 25, May 2, May 9, May 23, June 6, and June 13.

School-age Programs

We offer at least two programs a month after school for students at the elementary school. The program includes a snack, a story, and then a craft or other activity. There is usually a bit of relaxing time in the Library to browse for a book before parents come for pick up at 3:30. Upcoming dates include: Feb. 17, March 3, March 3, March 31, April 14, April 28, May 12, May 26, and June 9. Please try and join in the fun; all are welcome.



www.plattlib.org

Teen Advisory Board

Middle School and High school youth meet to help advise the librarian on books to purchase for their age group and to discuss books. Open to new members. Interested? See Dianne. Upcoming meetings: March 30, April 27, and May 25.

National Library Week

Our own special celebration, this year it falls April 10 through 16. All events are not totally firmed up at this time, but we do know that the Spring Egg Hunt will be at the Inn on April 16 at 10^{AM}. The reception for the Volunteer of the Year will be Tuesday, April 12 at 7^{PM}, and there will be a Friend-Raising Brunch on Saturday April 9th at 10^{AM}. Watch your mail for a letter, announcing the full schedule of events soon.

Ways to Help Your Library

- If you donate your used clothing to Neat Repeats in the Library's name, the proceeds benefit our operating fund.
- Books on CDs—If you see any good books on CD (not cassette) at yard sales this summer, please think of us
- Buying from Amazon.com? Go to their site through the link on the Library's web site and we benefit from your purchase.
- Volunteers—We need extra hands on Monday mornings and Wednesday afternoons to help cover the desk and assist with programming.

AD-HOC TASK FORCES

Economic Development

Shoreham's First Business-to-Business Meeting

Shoreham's first Business-to-Business meeting was hosted on Sunday, January 30th. The meeting provided an opportunity for over 25 Shoreham business owners to meet, educate each other on their products and services, share ideas on how to promote economic growth and sales, and offer suggestions for how the Economic Development Committee can best serve their business interests. It was truly amazing to see the diversity of economic endeavors (products and services ranging from handcraft artistry, consulting services, agricultural and wood products, catering resources, publishing, specialty food producers, to an educational and environmental exchange program) that are all taking place within our town's borders!

Several small breakout groups engaged in focused "brainstorming" resulting in four categories of ideas for working together as a community to promote economic growth in the town. At the conclusion of the meeting, everyone agreed that time spent had been very productive and that they would like to participate in future meetings to help prioritize and implement the ideas generated.

The SEDC would like to thank each of the businesses that took time out to support and make this event such a great success. We are in the process of organizing the ideas generated from each of the breakout groups and will email a summary to each of the attendees by February 10th.

Next Edition of the Shoreham Brochure

The next edition of the Shoreham Brochure will be coming out in early May. In 2010, the brochure was developed by the Shoreham Economic Development Committee to promote Shoreham as a nice place to visit and live; and highlighted many of our local attractions and businesses. The first edition of the brochure was well received with over 1,000 copies being distributed at various locations around Addison county, including the Ti Ferry.

As a Shoreham business, if you'd like to participate in the 2011 brochure edition, please contact Barb Wilson by February 28th. If you were unable to attend the B2B meeting but would like to be involved and included on the SEDC email distribution list contact Barb at barb@solar-haven.com or 897-5430

RABIES CLINIC

March 17, Thursday from 5:30 to 7:30, \$12.00 cash only

At the Firehouse. Bring spay/neuter proof, and keep all dogs leashed, cats in cages. Courtesy of Middlebury Large Animal Clinic.

You can **get your dog(s) licensed** at the same time! See below.

Dog Licenses

Licenses are available now. The licensing deadline is **April 1**. Dogs licensed after that date are done so at a higher rate, and if not registered, owners are subject to fines, time & mileage for Constable, and possible loss of the animal.

There will be a licensing table at the rabies clinic. The fee is payable by cash, or check made out to the Town of Shoreham. Proof of rabies vaccination, and spay/neuter, required. The pre-April 1 fees are: Spayed/Neutered @ \$11
Un-spayed/-neutered @ \$15

Emergency Management

Spring's just around the corner! BUT...Winter's not out of here yet, and March storms can be wicked. So, the usual reminders bear repeating:

- Check your heating vents and make sure they stay clear of snow. If *they* can't breathe, *you* may not either! Carbon Monoxide is deadly.
- Keep extra food, water, and batteries on hand; don't forget pets
- Keep extra medical supplies on hand, too
- Watch out for snow build-ups on roofs—we've heard too many roof collapse stories this winter.
- Last: Keep your eyes peeled for crocuses!

Emergency Numbers

- **VT State Police (VSP) 388-4919 or 9-1-1**
- **Fire/Medical Emergency 9-1-1** (24/7)
- **Local Emergency Updates 2-1-1** ("Shoreham Update")
- **Shoreham Emergency Mgmt 897-2668/250-2668** pgr

FIREWORKS DONATIONS SOLICITED

Do you enjoy our annual Festival Fireworks display? Every year we hear how beautiful our display is and every year we work as hard as possible to keep the display beautiful and at as little cost to tax-payers as possible. If you can spare a few dollars to go toward our fireworks, it will decrease the money needed from the town.

Times are indeed tough and it shows especially when we tally up the Festival receipts. Help us keep our fireworks beautiful! Your donation will be used only for the cost of the fireworks.

Shoreham Festival Committee

Keep Our Fireworks Beautiful! They're the best around.

Attached is my donation of \$_____ to be used to defray fireworks expenses.

Mail with your check (made out to: Town of Shoreham) to:

Fireworks c/o Town Treasurer
297 Main St.
Shoreham, VT 05770



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- ♦ ...& more!

Coming Up...

- **Feb 19**—Pig Kissing
- **Feb 28**—Town Meeting; 6:00 PM
- **March 1**—Elections: 10^{AM} to 7^{PM}
- **Mar 17**—Rabies Clinic, \$12, Firehouse @ 5:30
- **April 1**—Dog Licensing Deadline
- **April 9**—Library's Friend-Raising Brunch
- **April 10-16**—Celebrate Nat'l Library Week
- **April 11**—Legislative Breakfast; eat @ 7^{AM}, meeting @ 7:30; Congo Church
- **April 16**—Egg Hunt, @ the Inn, 10^{AM}
- **April 24**—Easter Sunrise Service, Canfields
- **April 24**—Pot-Luck Easter Dinner, 2^{PM}, Congo Church
- **May 1**—Green Up Day
- **May 8**—Annual Rummage and Bake Sale, Congo Church, 9^{AM}-2^{PM}
- **June**—Strawberry Festival!

EMERGENCY WOODPILE

If you need emergency wood during a power outage or severe winter storm, or if you can donate some wood, contact the Emergency Coordinator : 897-2668 or through the Town Office, 897-5841.

Reminder!

ROAD-SIDE WOOD & YOU

Please ask the owner of the property abutting the roadside for permission before cutting and/or hauling away downed trees. Contrary to popular opinion, wood along public roads belongs to the abutting owner, not to members of the public.

DON'T STOP STOMPIN' NOW!

Recycling is paid for by our taxes and we pay by volume. The less volume, the less we pay.

So, squash it down!

Out-of-towners cost us more as well. Feeling pinched? Do you know how many folks from other towns use us as a dump? If we're not happy to pay for other towns' residents to use our recycling for free, what can we do to keep them out? Put your ideas out there on our web forums: forums.shorehamvt.org and consider volunteering at the recycling center.

Check the online calendar for details, changes, additions (www.shorehamvt.org/town/) or check with the Town Clerk (897-5841).