



**Our Vision:** *CCCA is committed to a vibrant Cavendish/Proctorsville community that supports its human and natural resources, building a legacy of health, integrity and vitality for future generations.*

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*The Gully Boys – Live on the Svec Memorial Green*

The annual Cavendish Summer Concert series began with great local talent this year featuring the Davis Brothers Garage Band and continuing with The Gully Boys. Each year the Town of Cavendish asks the CCCA to run its summer concerts on the Green in Proctorsville with local Vermont talent for the local Vermont audience. CCCA has been running these shows for the town since 2010 and has brought some amazing talent to the gazebo. Always held on Wednesday nights in July and August, many folks reserve the night to enjoy listening to the music, socializing with old friends and making new ones. There have been plenty of rain dates over the years, but summer is a time for getting outdoors, and concerts on the green are a great way to do just that. Plan to join your family and friends for the next concert, or if you missed them all this year, mark July and August on your calendar for next year.



## A Message from Robin

Dear friends and neighbors –

The year 2018 continues to unfold and the summer is already on the wane. The CCCA continues its work with sustainability and community building. Change is always part of the picture and we are very pleased to announce the addition of Sara Stowell to our board. Sara is rooted in Cavendish and she brings to our meetings vitality and insights and her connection to people and to the land. All of which will help shape the future direction of our organization.

As always we look for feedback from community members. We welcome your suggestions, ideas, and whatever you think might help us serve the community and the land that you value. We thank you for your support.

Our Conservation Committee continues to be busy this summer. We are approaching the season of the mature tick! This past spring Bradley Tompkins, epidemiologist and program chief of the tick borne and enteric diseases division at the Vermont Department of Health, shared valuable information about the facts and fiction of tick diseases. Ticks are lively during their nymph stage in the spring, and tend to live in damp areas such as piles of leaves. They do not drop from trees as some folks have told me, but come up from the grass or the leaves on the

ground, and they cling to the brush waiting for a host to pass by. Mice and chipmunks and even our common Robin carry them. As nymphs they are hungry for their first meal so spring is a time to be careful. They tend to go more dormant during late July and August, which are drier months, and rise up again in the fall as full grown ticks, ready for the feast to get them through winter. So September and October are once again months to be more careful in checking for ticks.

Mr. Tomkins gave an interesting and informative presentation and we intend to bring him back to our Walk and Talk presentations next spring.

We are working on an ambitious and highly informative series of workshops and lectures for the next six months. Please see below under the Walk and Talk Series for descriptions of these upcoming presentations.

This fall we will hang a series of beautiful photographs in the town office with pictures of a heron rookery in Cavendish, taken by Hans Schrag. Hans is an accomplished, local amateur photographer and his work is stunning. Please stop by the Cavendish Town Office meeting room this fall and see his work.

We will not be offering a 2019 Calendar next year but plan to continue the Cavendish Calendar in 2020 with a collection of photos by another local photographer, Winston Churchill. A native of Proctorsville, Winston has been taking photos of our natural landscape in Cavendish for many years, and his photos have graced the covers of many of our past calendars.

The Calendar Committee is looking for enthusiastic participants to help carry our beautiful calendar forward! We have been publishing for well over ten years and we will keep it going. Please call me if you would like to help us in the process of creating and distributing this now iconic local calendar.

*Robin Timko*

## Walk and Talk Series Continues

The Cavendish Community and Conservation Association continues to bring conservation related presentations on popular and timely subjects and we are excited to keep it going.

On the list of upcoming presentations is a slide show by Tim O'Donoghue of Life on a Beaver Pond; a beautiful story in photos of the various wildlife that inhabit and visit one of the many woodland ponds that dot Cavendish, Proctorsville and surrounding towns. Also, Claire Walker is orchestrating another great presentation on wildlife in our region.

We will also take a look at the current issues with forestry in our area such as the emerald ash borer. Cheryl Leiner is organizing an evening dedicated to the essential Solitary Bee pollinator with a demonstration on how to create your own pollinator house.

Check our website for the dates of these events. They will also be posted in our local papers and with Cavendish Connects.

We are always interested in hearing about what you want to see and hear. Please call Robin at 802-226-7736 with your thoughts and with any suggestions, we welcome them all.

## Conservation Committee Projects

In our last issue we talked about what we see as an important problem with road maintenance in small Vermont towns. We continue to hold conversations on the issue and will let you know about any changes that arise.

This past summer two local committees arose to help beautify Cavendish and Proctorsville.

The Streetscapes Committee addressed a longstanding desire on the part of many citizens to place American flags along the length of Main Street. The committee applied for grants, partnered with the Town, the Proctorsville Fire Department, the Historical Society, and the Cavendish Community Fund and purchased flags for all of the power poles on Main Street in Proctorsville. The committee is now a part of the CCCA's sustainability branch and plans to continue its work in the next year by purchasing flags for the power poles in Cavendish village.



*Main Street, Proctorsville*

The Beautification Committee addressed another subject that many in the town have raised for many years. The Proctorsville Green, now the Richard Svec Memorial Green, has needed attention as the gazebo has deteriorated and become overgrown, and the garden around the bus shelter has gotten ragged. The committee applied for grants and like the Streetscapes Committee they partnered with the town and the Community Fund to rebuild the garden infrastructure and to repaint the gazebo. They have now joined the CCCA as another sustainability committee.

If you have an idea for a project like those above that you think will benefit the town, and you think that we might be able to help, please give us a call.

# Cavendish Energy Committee Upcoming Events

In 2017 the Cavendish Energy Committee ran a program to weatherize homes in Cavendish with the aim of reducing the town's carbon footprint, saving energy for individual homeowners and ultimately to save people money. That program ended several months ago, but the committee still seeks ways to help residents and the environment.

That is why it will sponsor a series of "Button Up" workshops this fall. On October 25<sup>th</sup> and again on November 27<sup>th</sup> the committee will hold workshops at the Cavendish Town Office on High Street. These events will include discussions of what you can do and what others can do for you to make your home more energy efficient – which means warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer. Guests will explain the Efficiency Vermont rebate program and other ways to save on the costs of buttoning up your home. There will also be free giveaways and refreshments.

An underlying reason for our concern with energy is the state of our natural environment and the need for people to live more sustainably. The Energy Committee is generally interested in reducing our carbon footprint in Cavendish, but that is only one part of an overall problem and we strive to address different aspects of that problem.

The committee is also planning other workshops but would like to hear from you. What topics would you like to see discussed in Cavendish? Anything tied to the natural environment and how we can better our world will be considered.

The Energy Committee meets on the second Summer 2018; Page 4

Wednesday each month at noon in the Town Office. There's room for more interested residents on the committee, so please stop by. For more information, please call Peter LaBelle at 802-226-7250.

## Save The Date!

### CAVENDISH HARVEST DINNER

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30 to 8:30 at Crows Bakery and Opera House Café

Tickets are \$30 per person available at Crows Bakery or call 802-226-7736

Limited Seating! Don't Wait!

### CHOOSE FROM 3 DELICIOUS ENTREES:

Autumn Lamb Stew

Roasted Zucchini with herbs, garden tomatoes and cheddar,  
baked to perfection!

Delicate Quail, with a savory maple glaze and apples.

All entrees served with rice and salad

*WITH FOOD SOURCED FROM OUR OWN FIELDS, GARDENS AND FARMS!*

For dessert, gluten free wild apple cobbler or honey cake with cream.

Appetizers will be served with drinks.

Proceeds benefit the work of the Cavendish Community and Conservation Association.

## Become a CCCA Member!

Dues are a nominal \$35 per year for full membership. In order to join CCCA, please fill out the information below and send with a check payable to Cavendish Community and Conservation Association to:

**CCCA, P.O. Box 605, Cavendish, VT 05142**