



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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Martha Mott of the Streetscapes Committee Raises Another Flag

The flags have arrived! Cavendish and Proctorsville villages now have American flags on the power poles lining Main Street. No longer are we the odd one out as towns across Vermont display their patriotism for the world to see. It truly is a sign of summer that our town decorates its main thoroughfare with these iconic symbols. CCCA is quite proud to be a part of the effort. Streetscapes was an idea raised by several local citizens to beautify the two villages and the flags were one of their first efforts. The other efforts include plantings at the Svec Memorial Green in Proctorsville, both around the bus shelter and around the gazebo, and plantings in the newly created park next to the elementary school. New projects are being planned for both villages. Watch for them in the next year! Summer 2019; Page 1



A Message from Robin

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Welcome summer!

The return of the long days and growing season is most welcome. The CCCA continues our activities in Sustainability and Community Building as you will see in the updates below. One committee has moved on to launch its own independent 501(c)(3) organization and another committee has recently joined us; change is always a part of an organization's journey. We have also recently changed and updated our website to make it more user friendly. We will be posting all news and upcoming events, information and links at www.cavendishccca.org, so please check it out. We are always looking for Cavendish residents who share our commitment to this community and are willing to help us move forward into 2020, so please don't hesitate to contact us if you would like to make a difference in Cavendish.

Our Conservation Committee has continued the Walk and Talk series this past winter and spring. Claire Walker brought us a fantastic talk on Foxes in Vermont from the Southern Vermont Nature Museum and Sara Stowell

recently hosted a day long discussion and woodland walk on forestry and logging practices on her property off 20 Mile Stream Road.

Meanwhile, our upcoming events are also shaping up. Eric Krasnauski is a member of our Conservation Committee, and he has been helping Pieter Van Schaik to create a nature and hiking trail on Pieter's property in Cavendish that overlooks a heron rookery. On Sunday, August 11th Pieter and Eric will take us on a guided walk to the rookery after the chicks have hatched and developed, pointing out botanical and creature highlights on the way, including checkered rattlesnake orchids which may be in bloom, vernal pools, porcupine dens, maple sugar borers and more. Pieter will provide maps to give us a context of the conserved lands that are linked to his proposed trail. The walk is on easy terrain and is 2 hours in duration. It is limited to fifteen people so please RSVP with Robin at 226-7736. (Rain date will be the following Sunday, the 18th.) We will meet at Crows Bakery at 8 a.m. Binoculars and cameras are welcome. And, if you have not yet seen the stunning photographs by Hans Schrag of the rookery that are hanging in the town office be sure to stop by and look.

Another event that we are sponsoring will occur on September 18th when Rebecca Zellis, the founder of www.vtlyme.org, will lead a roundtable discussion on living with Lyme disease. Rebecca's experience parenting a child with neuroborreliosis (neurological Lyme disease) led to her work advocating for families affected by pediatric illness and tick-borne diseases. Rebecca educates health providers and education professionals about the psychiatric and cognitive manifestations of tick-borne diseases in children. She facilitates workshops and developed [free online resources](#) to support parents of children with complex Lyme disease. Rebecca is an artist and writer. Her work ranges from personal projects to designing systems that

support the wellbeing of families, employees, and communities. The location and time of the roundtable will be posted on our website and advertised in the local press. This is a valuable opportunity to learn more and to share your experience.

The Cavendish Community and Conservation Association continues to bring conservation topics to the people. We are always interested in hearing about what you want to see and hear. Please call me at 802-226-7736 with your thoughts and with any suggestions, we welcome them all.

Robin Timko

Summer Concerts!



Gypsy Reel Starts the 2019 Season

The 2019 Summer Concerts on the green in Proctorsville kicked off on July 10th with the sounds of Gypsy Reel, sponsored by Outer Limits Brewing. Concerts are scheduled to continue for the following five weeks on consecutive Wednesday evenings. The lineup as originally set was:

July 17, The Springfield Community Band, sponsored by Okemo Mountain;

July 24, Sensible Shoes, sponsored by Neals Restaurant and The Golden Stage Inn;

July 31, Davis Brothers Band, sponsored by DG Bodyworks of Proctorsville;

August 7, Chris Kleeman, sponsored by Good Earth Landscaping; and

August 14, Yankee Chank, sponsored by Murdock's Restaurant.

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Cavendish Energy Committee News

In 2019 the Energy Committee is focused on two major projects for the town of Cavendish. First is the rewrite of the Energy chapter in the Cavendish Town Plan. The Vermont legislature passed Act 174 to encourage the use of alternative energy sources in Vermont towns and cities. The act provides that a town plan, which includes an approved chapter on Energy, will be given due deference in environmental proceedings involving that town. Previously a town plan was given no legal weight and was considered only as an expression of opinion. The Cavendish Energy Committee has created a chapter designed to acquire approval and thus enhance the town's ability to control its own decisions. That chapter is now under consideration by the town Planning Commission, whose mandate is updating the Town Plan.

The second project undertaken by the committee is an attempt to give the revitalized Proctorsville village center an electric vehicle charging station. There are currently no charging stations in Cavendish. In 2018 the State of Vermont expanded the statewide network of electric vehicle charging stations in accordance with the Vermont Beneficiary Mitigation Plan of the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust. This was accomplished by making available grants to municipalities and others. Cavendish, through the energy committee, unsuccessfully applied for a grant in 2018, and renewed that application in 2019. The town was recently notified that it will receive \$16,600 towards our charging station!

The Proctorsville location is central to businesses and housing and attracts regular visits from locals, tourists, and second homeowners. A charging station will help attract both additional business visits and additional business development, while

encouraging electric vehicle usage by a variety of users and workers. To build a robust and vibrant village center, Cavendish must capture this market. To help meet state energy goals, Cavendish must encourage electric vehicle use by all residents. Currently there are ten employers within a short walk of the proposed project site, employing some 65 individuals who drive to work. Cavendish needs a charging station to both meet energy use goals and to meet village development goals.

The Energy Committee also sponsors many workshops and educational events for residents, such as the recent program on composting to meet the state's recycling requirements. The event was quite well attended and many people came away with both the knowledge necessary to save on trash disposal costs, and to create better compost for home use, and they were also able to purchase a home composter at enormous savings.

The Energy Committee meets on the second 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.

Become a CCCA Supporter!

We are a Section 501(c)(3) organization and donations to us are tax deductible. To help us continue our work, please send a check payable to Cavendish Community and Conservation Association to:

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

Save The Date!

CAVENDISH HARVEST DINNER

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14th 6:30 to 8:30
Crows Bakery and Opera House Café
Depot St., Proctorsville

Tickets: \$30 pp available at Crows Bakery

OUR CHEFS WILL HAVE THREE DELICIOUS ENTREES TO CHOOSE FROM

Entrees will feature local ingredients from
our own fields, gardens and farms

Dinner will include Appetizers, Dessert,
Coffee and Tea

Proceeds benefit the work of the
Cavendish Community
and Conservation Association