

Town of Swanton
OFFICE of the SELECTBOARD
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Dear Swanton Citizens and Property Owners,

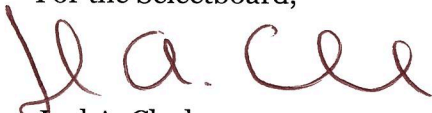
On behalf of the Swanton Selectboard, I want to bring to your attention two problems that we need your help with. The first is vandalism and the second is zoning permits. With your help, we can get these problems under control and eliminate their negative impacts on our community.

First, let's talk about vandalism. Within the Swanton community we have seen a marked increase in the amount of vandalism that is taking place. Most notably is the defacing and destruction of signs along the paved rec path. We have also suffered the repeated throwing of the bridge flower baskets into the river. And there have been numerous destructive incidents at the Railroad Museum depot. We have a lot of dedicated people working hard to enhance how our community looks. We are asking you: *"If you see something, say something."* Call 911 if you feel it is something you are not comfortable handling. We have a \$500 reward available for information leading to the prosecution of the vandals. Your name will remain anonymous. It's your community. Please help us keep it free of the damage being done to our beautiful town. A community forum on vandalism is being planned for September 28th at 6 p.m. in the Village Complex. Please join us as we discuss ways to end the vandalism problem.

Second, the permit issue is also a serious one. We have had some recent incidents where work was being done on people's property without a permit for construction first being issued. Improving one's property is a great thing and we encourage it. Our community has zoning bylaws and it will go smoother for all if a permit is received in advance for work that requires permitting. A permit is also required for doing any type of work in a Town road right-of-way. If you are contemplating a project and are not sure whether or not a permit is required, contact the Zoning Administrator, Darlene Marrier at 802-868-3325 or swanza@swantonvermont.org.

We are very fortunate to live in a community that is as strong, vibrant, and beautiful as Swanton is. On behalf of the Selectboard, I ask you to help us by reporting any vandalism you observe and by adhering to our zoning bylaws. Thank you.

For the Selectboard,



Joel A. Clark
Selectboard Chair