

Fall Newsletter 2015

September 2015



Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- ◆ **Select Board:**
- ◆ 9-22 at 7:00pm
- ◆ 10-20 at 7:00pm
- ◆ **School Board:**
- ◆ 9-22 at 6:00pm
- ◆ 10-27 at 6:00pm
- ◆ **Planning:**
- ◆ 10-6 at 7:00pm
- ◆ 11-3 at 7:00pm

Public Notices:

Joint Board Meeting:

- Selectboard
- Dorset Fire District
- East Dorset Fire District

Monday
September 28th
at 7:30pm at the
Dorset Town
Offices

Help us conserve a piece of Dorset History

In our last issue we let you know that we needed to raise \$140,000 to purchase the Gettysburg Quarry by the end of 2015.

We're happy to report that we have roughly \$72,000 left to reach this goal!

Interested in hiking to the Gettysburg Quarry to see what the fuss is all about?

Email: townmanager@gmail.com

Or call 362-4571 x 3 to set up a date for a guided hike with the Conservation Commission members.



WANTED: LITTER BUG

A PERSON(S) ILLEGALLY DUMPED TRASH ALONG MAD TOM ROAD. THE TRASH WAS ACTUALLY DUMPED INTO THE OTTER CREEK.

WHEN PEOPLE ILLEGALLY DUMP THE TOWN IS FORCED TO CLEAN UP THE TRASH AND PAY TO DISPOSE OF THE MATERIALS, COSTING TAX DOLLARS.

IF YOU SEE OR HEAR ANYTHING WITH REGARD TO ILLEGAL DUMPING IN DORSET PLEASE CONTACT:

THE STATE POLICE AT 442-5421 AND THE TOWN OFFICES AT 362-4571



The Dorset Village Library

Library Hours: M, W & Fri: 11am to 5pm
T, Th & Sat: 10am to 3pm

Please visit the new library website www.dorsetvillagelibrary.org and “like” Dorset Village Library on Facebook for up-to-date news and access to our digital services.



September artist of the month: Patti Campbell

The featured artist at the Dorset Public Library during the month of September will be Barham Campbell. The public is invited to meet Patti at the opening reception on Saturday, September 5th from 11-1pm. Refreshments will be served. All works are for sale, with a portion of the proceeds going to benefit the library.

Patti grew up in Monmouth Beach, New Jersey and presently resides in Dorset during summer and Venice, Florida during the winter. Her education started at Rosemont College, continued at les Beaux Arts and the Institute for American Universities in France. She graduated from Kean University with a Masters in Fine Arts Education and from Jersey City University with the M.F.A.



Patti has taught art for 28 years and has recently exhibited two paintings in Aix-en-Provence, France and a one woman show at the Dorset Theatre. Many of her landscapes and seascapes are hanging in professional buildings and private collections around the U.S. and Europe.

The Lego Club meets on the third Thursday of every month. Ages 6+ welcome. The Lego Club is very popular, donations of Legos are always appreciated.

Upcoming Events:

October 10 – Ghosts!

October 17 – Bats

October TBA – Historic Cemetery Tour

October 31 – Halloween!

Contact us: dorsetvillagelibrary@gmail.com or 802-867-5774

PUBLIC NOTICES/ REMINDERS:

- ◇ Summer Recreation Program Reimbursement forms are due by November 13th, forms can be picked up at the Town Offices are downloaded at www.dorsetvt.org. Return Forms to the Town Manager’s Office.
- ◇ Town Offices will be closed on Monday October 12th for Columbus Day and Wednesday November 11th for Veterans Day.
- ◇ The Green Mountain Club & USFS have done a lot of trail work on the Mad Tom Notch trail in East Dorset and a new parking area offers a safe place to park. Come check it out!

Take a hike for a good cause!

BE BRAVE 

Be.Brave Hike-A-Thon

Saturday, October 3, 2015

Hike-A-Thon: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Packet Pick-up: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Basket Bonanza, Food and Drinks, Live Music and More!: noon - 5 p.m.

For registration information, please visit bebrave.life

The Be.Brave Hike-A-Thon is a hike held at **Merck Forest** to inform, support, and improve the lives of individuals affected by benign brain tumors and to drive research for a cure. Join as a team (up to ten people), or join as an individual. Set a hiking goal (a certain number of miles, or hours) and get a sponsor to support your efforts. The day will be a fun-filled event, organized by the Be.Brave Foundation, a newly founded non-profit, started by two local young women: Sarah Shehadi and Riley Callan. For more information on this event please visit bebrave.life.

The Dorset School News Network—Rosanna Moran, Principal

Scholastic Book Fair - The Scholastic Book Fair is Coming! Mark your calendars: Thursday, September 24 through Friday, October 2. This year's PJ party for grades K-4 will be held Thursday, October 1st, from 6:30-7:30pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jenny Iris at irisfamily72@gmail.com



Haiku Parent Portal--Each parent who attended Back to School Night should have received a letter with instructions for logging on to Haiku, our Learning Management System as a parent. (If you were not able to attend, the letter will be sent home with your child.) This allows you to see all of your children's class pages with a single log in. It also permits you to get email notifications when something is updated on Haiku. Please log in as a parent. If you have questions, or need assistance, please call 362-2606.

Fundraising--The Dorset Parent Volunteers (DPV) would like all families to know what the fundraising efforts for the 2015-2016 school year will be going toward. We have decided after many conversations with parents, staff and teachers about the concerns with The Back Sport Field to put the money toward repairs, regrading, water filtration, soccer nets, fencing etc. We are looking for companies and individuals to donate time or financial backing in addition to parent support. The individuals and companies will be recognized on a board display on the field. This will be a tremendous undertaking that will benefit our School Teams, PE classes, Field Day, School Wide Events, Recess etc.

Any questions or concerns please contact Lisa Brand at lisajbrand@yahoo.com.

A letter from the Dorset Schoolboard about Act 46:

To: Town of Dorset Voters, and all with an interest in the Dorset School

Act 46 is the newly enacted law intended to address Education in the State of Vermont. As written, this law will have an impact on all schools throughout the state, in terms of taxes and governance. In fact its express purpose is to require mergers among school boards, including the Dorset School Board. The Supervisory Union and the Board have been studying Act 46 since it became law in June, 2015. Now, as part of our effort to determine how the town wants to respond to this law, the Dorset School Board has scheduled two meetings.

September 22, 2015, Dorset School Gym, 6:00 – The purpose of this meeting is to provide an overview of the meaning and implications of Act 46. This will be done during the first 30 – 60 minutes of our regularly scheduled Board Meeting.

October 27, 2015, the Dorset School Gym, 6:00 PM – The intent of this meeting is to provide time to explore the opportunities and challenges posed by Act 46. We hope to identify a response to the law that the town can support.

Child care will be made available at both meetings for those who need it.

To help begin to understand the scope and direction of Act 46, we have included links to a number of videos and articles that both present the law, as well as attempt to explain its intent and its potential.

Agency of Education page with background and links on Act 46: <http://education.vermont.gov/laws/2015/act-46>

Video on Chittenden East consolidation (where consolidation was viewed to be a useful change): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zyo30aHw2OY&feature=player_embedded

Act 46 (full version of the Act): <http://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Documents/2016/Docs/ACTS/ACT046/ACT%2046%20As%20Enacted.pdf>

Act 46 for BRSU - A one page Summary from BRSU Governance Committee Meetings over the Summer of 2015: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B9jtR573o3j5MzVJSFYxTWllRnM/view>

Act 46 information page on BRSU website: https://brsu.haikulearning.com/brsu/bennington-rutland-supervisory-union/cms_page/view/22112898

A popular Research Study on Consolidation and Costs: http://cpr.maxwell.syr.edu/efap/Publications/Does_School_Consolidation_Nov_05.pdf

We hope that you can note both of these dates in your calendar. We need all the insights and support possible to determine the best ways to respond to this law and continue to provide the best education possible for our kids.

We look forward to seeing you. Respectfully Submitted, The Dorset School Board



Fall Foliage: Kids' Leaf Walk and Create a Leaf Bandana

Saturday, October 3, 2015

Time: 10:00 a.m. - noon

Cost: \$5.00/child, adult supervision required.

Registration is necessary. Please call 802.394.7836 to sign up.

In this fun fall activity parents and kids will take a short walk with Education Director Christine Hubbard to look at fall's colorful leaves. Participants will collect some of autumn's best art work (leaves!) to take back to the studio. You'll use your assembled leaf collection to create a colorful, fall foliage inspired leaf bandana that you can then take home with you! This activity is for children ages 5 - 10 years old, and there are sixteen spaces in the class (plus guardians). Please wear old clothes or bring a smock as painting could be a bit messy.

Fall Foliage: Guided Hike to the Newly Expanded Viewpoint

Saturday, October 3, 2015

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Cost: Suggested donation of \$3/person

Registration is requested. Please call 802.394.7836 to sign up.

Autumn at Merck Forest is a beautiful time to explore the forest and enjoy the great westward views. On this guided, three mile hike, we'll go up to the newly restored vista at Viewpoint. We'll explore the new patch cut, enjoy great views of the Adirondacks, and take in the best of fall's foliage. This is a moderate hike, with some ups and downs (elevation change of 600'). Hikers, please come prepared: wear sturdy shoes, layer your clothing, and bring water.

Author Ron Krupp to Present New Book

Saturday, November 7, 2015

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Cost: TBD, membership discount will apply.

Registration is necessary. Please call 802.394.7836 to sign up.

Join Vermont author and master gardener Ron Krupp for a presentation and question-and-answer session this fall. Krupp will be talking from his new book: *The Woodchuck Returns to Gardening*. The author "believes that it's a gift to be able to write about one's passion in life. Most of the stories and characters in the book come from the Green Mountains of Vermont, but they could have originated in any rural area where people have a tradition of working the land. He loves to weave humor, wit, and a good amount of heart throughout his works and share his passion for gardening." Attendees will certainly glean information on food systems, gardening and more at this hearthside talk.

Don't miss the fall HHW Day in Manchester

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

For Residents & Small Businesses of
Arlington, Dorset, Manchester, Rupert, Sandgate and Sunderland



Saturday October 3, 2015
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Riley Rink at Hunter Park
410 Hunter Park Rd.
Manchester Center, VT
05255

The collection is FREE for residents. Acceptable proof of residency will be required.
Small businesses must pre-register and pay for the amount delivered by September 23rd.

WHAT TO BRING: Any substance with labels that say CAUSTIC, TOXIC, CORROSIVE, POISON, FLAMMABLE, DANGER, WARNING or CAUTION. **Examples of Accepted Household Hazardous Waste Materials Include:**

House	Shop	Garage	Yard
Cleaners (Drain, Bathroom, Toilet, Oven, Carpet, Upholstery), Bleach, Disinfectants	Oil Based & Latex Paint, Lead Based Paint	Gasoline, Kerosene	Pesticides, Herbicides, Fungicides
Glues, Adhesives, Resins	Stains, Varnishes, Turpentine, Shellac	Antifreeze, Brake, Transmission, Radiator, Wiper Fluids	Fertilizers
Floor, Metal, Furniture Polishes	Wood Preservatives, Fillers, Putty, Adhesives	Auto and Mower Batteries	Pool Chemicals
Hobby/Art Supplies, Photo Chemicals	Paint Stripper, Thinner, Solvents	Creosote, Asphalt, Driveway Sealer	Flea & Tick Control Products, No-Pest Strips, Insect Sprays
Mercury Items (Excluding fluorescent light bulbs), Rechargeable Batteries	Acids, Alcohol, Lighter Fluid	Engine Degreaser, Cleaners	Muriatic Acid, Naphtha, Camphor
Nail Polish or Remover, Perfume, Hairsprays and Aerosols, Air Fresheners	Roofing Tar, Creosote	Car Cleaners, Wax, Polishes	Mothballs

WHAT NOT TO BRING: Alkaline batteries, used motor oil, radioactive materials, smoke & carbon monoxide detectors, tires, explosives (ammunition & fireworks), pressurized cylinders, furniture, bulky items, mattresses, scrap metal, appliances.

This event **DOES NOT** accept electronic items such as televisions and computers, however, they are now accepted free of charge at the following transfer stations during their regular hours:

Sunderland Transfer Station	Mon/Tues/ Thurs/Fri 7:30-2:00 Sat 7:30-11:00	4561 Sunderland Hill Rd Arlington, VT 05250
Northshire Transfer Station	Mon-Fri 8:00-2:00 Sat 8:00-12:00	310 Tennis Way Dorset, VT 05251

Visit www.casella.com/dropoff/vt/arlington or www.casella.com/dropoff/vt/dorset for more info.

Sponsored By: Towns of Arlington, Dorset, Manchester, Rupert, Sandgate and Sunderland, the Bennington County Regional Commission, VT Agency of Natural Resources, VT Agency of Agriculture

For more information or to pre-register a business contact Michael Batcher at mbatcher@bcrcvt.org or 802-442-0713 x 2.

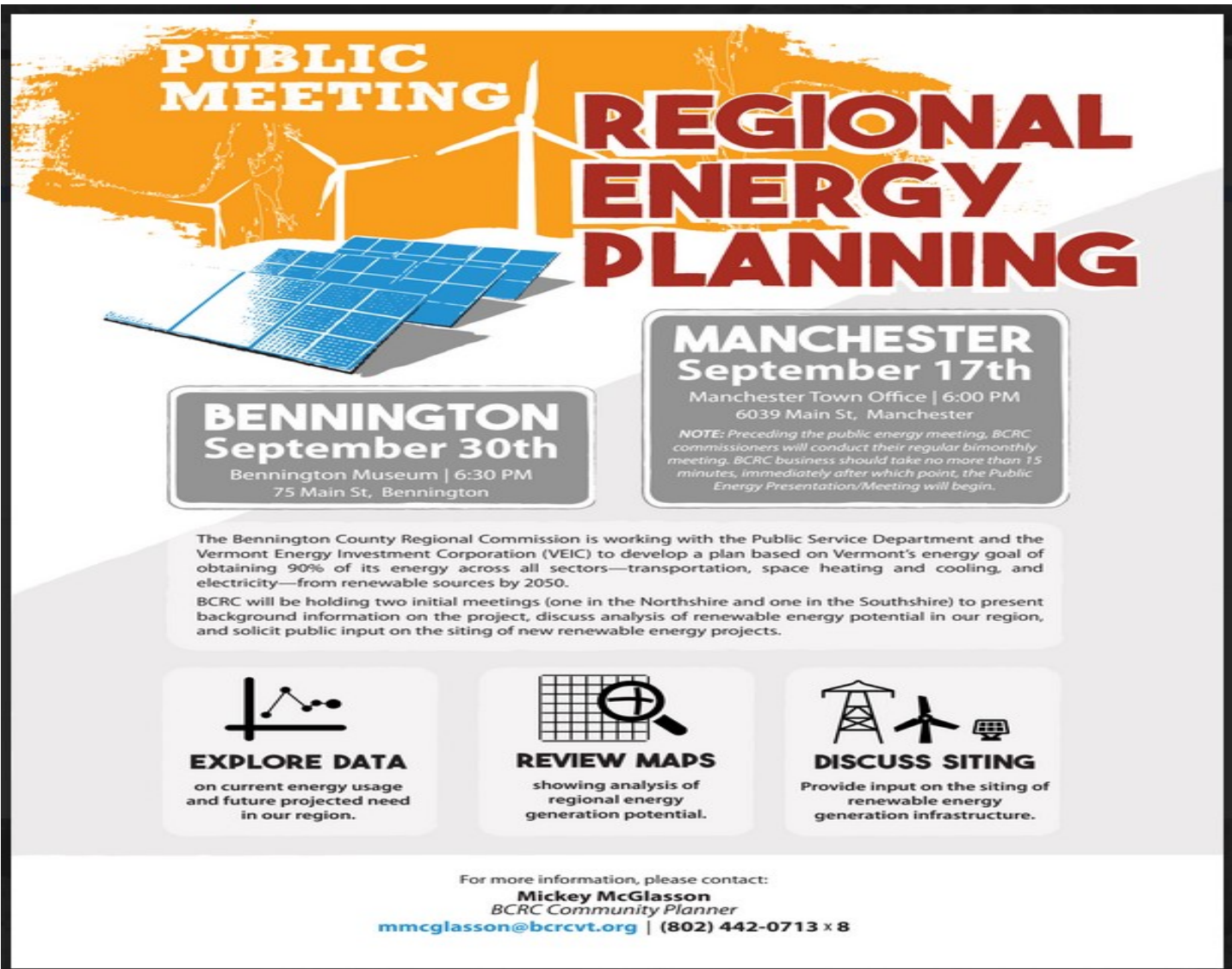
What's going on at the Dorset Marble House Project?

Readings Saturday October 4th 2014 by Authors Charles Salzberg, Ross Klavan & Jenny Milchman

6-7pm in the Pool Room at Marble House Project

Everyone believes his or her life or the life of someone else would make the stuff of a good novel, memoir or movie, and perhaps it would. But how best to turn these life experiences into art? How can you take a memoir and turn it into a novel? Or how can you take fact and turn it into fiction? Or a viable screenplay? Charles Salzberg, Ross Klavan and Jenny Milchman have worked in various genres, creative non-fiction, novels, short stories, non-fiction and film, turning fact into fiction. This weekend they are leading a workshop that will help writers turn their experience into the proper form, whether it be memoir, short story, novel or film. The workshop culminates on Saturday evening for an hour of readings open to the public from 6-7pm in the Marble House Project pool room – join us!

For more info visit: [Marble House Project 1161 Dorset West Road Dorset, VT 05251](http://www.marblehouseproject.org)
www.marblehouseproject.org



PUBLIC MEETING

REGIONAL ENERGY PLANNING

BENNINGTON
September 30th
Bennington Museum | 6:30 PM
75 Main St, Bennington

MANCHESTER
September 17th
Manchester Town Office | 6:00 PM
6039 Main St, Manchester

NOTE: Preceding the public energy meeting, BCRC commissioners will conduct their regular bimonthly meeting. BCRC business should take no more than 15 minutes, immediately after which point, the Public Energy Presentation/Meeting will begin.

The Bennington County Regional Commission is working with the Public Service Department and the Vermont Energy Investment Corporation (VEIC) to develop a plan based on Vermont's energy goal of obtaining 90% of its energy across all sectors—transportation, space heating and cooling, and electricity—from renewable sources by 2050. BCRC will be holding two initial meetings (one in the Northshire and one in the Southshire) to present background information on the project, discuss analysis of renewable energy potential in our region, and solicit public input on the siting of new renewable energy projects.

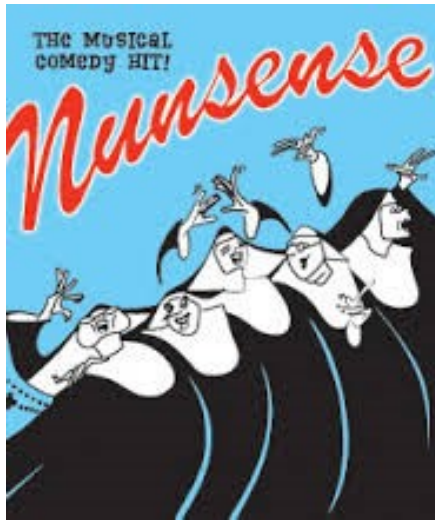
EXPLORE DATA
on current energy usage and future projected need in our region.

REVIEW MAPS
showing analysis of regional energy generation potential.

DISCUSS SITING
Provide input on the siting of renewable energy generation infrastructure.

For more information, please contact:
Mickey McGlasson
BCRC Community Planner
mmcglasson@bcrcvt.org | (802) 442-0713 x 8

Dorset Players Fall Lineup!



Nunsense:

Performance dates: October 9-10 and 16-17, 2015 at 7:30 pm and October 11 and 18, 2015 at 2 pm

by Dan Goggin, follows the crazy antics of five nuns from the Little Sisters of Hoboken convent. When their cook accidentally serves up some tainted soup, 52 of the sisters are poisoned and die, leaving only five living nuns who were not at home the day of the toxic meal. When the convent's first in charge, Reverend Mother Regina, splurges on a plasma TV, the sisters find themselves strapped for cash, as they still have four dead nuns to bury (whose bodies are being stored in the kitchen freezer!). The nuns decide to put on a benefit performance in order to raise the rest of the money before the health department discovers their secret.

Congratulations to the "Little Sisters of Hoboken" Ellen Russel – Reverend Mother Mary Regina

Natalie Philpot – Sister Mary Hubert Tracy Hughes – Sister Robert Ann

Shannon Thompson – Sister Mary Amnesia Greta Schaub – Sister Mary Leo

This show is directed by Angie Merwin. Music Director: Gary Schmidt. Choreographer: Erika Schmidt.



The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

Performances are December 4-6 and 11-13, 2015

This Play tells the story of Imogene, Claude, Ralph, Leroy, Ollie, and Gladys, six delinquent children surnamed Herdman who engage in misfit behavior for their age such as smoking, drinking jug wine, and shoplifting. They go to church for the first time after being told that the church offers snacks. Despite protests from other church members, they are given roles in the Sunday School's Christmas play, in which they tell the Christmas Story in a nonconventional fashion.

This production calls for 4 men, 6 women, 8 boys, and 9 girls. Directed by Kevin O'Toole.

Auditions will be announced at a later date.

**The Dorset Players, Inc. — 104 Cheney
Road Dorset, Vermont 05251 —
802.867.5570**

DORSET  **Players**

Town Clerk's Corner

The Town Clerk's Office is responsible for the recording of all land records, maintaining all vital records, supervising elections, issuing fish & wildlife licenses, dog licenses, and renewal of motor vehicle registrations.

◆ The Town Clerk Sandy Pinsonault can be contacted at 802-362-4571 x 2

Recent Property Transfers (June 2015 to present)

Seller	Buyer:	Address:	Price:	Assessed Value:
Colin	Arnold	494 Lower Hollow Rd	\$425,000	\$432,700
Melton	Peck—Beaty	Lot 3 Long View Ln	\$100,000	3.58 acres
Sprague	Betensky & Silvers	115 Moose Crossing	\$489,000	\$533,000
Gold	Blakeney & Lussardi	96 Owls Head Hill Ln	\$260,000	\$367,200
Holler	Bratton	178 Blue Heron Ln	\$520,000	\$552,700
Baker Estate	Burns & Thebault	794 Peace St	\$131,300	\$131,300
Kondour Capital	Connors	129 Rocky Ln	\$25,000	\$116,200
Wreaks	Connors	1078 Route 30	\$130,000	\$238,500
Dern Electric	Devino	219 Roue 7A	\$200,000	\$200,700
61 Meadow Ln LLC	Frawley	61 Meadow Ln	\$525,000	\$557,800
Blake Trust	Gibson	482 Lower Hollow Rd	\$325,000	\$406,400
Anton	Lima	45 Romance Ln	\$180,000	\$197,400
Babicka	Macauley	540 Dorset Hollow Rd	\$340,000	\$423,700
Looney Trust	Mears	109 Nichols Hill Ln	\$385,000	\$444,300
Council & Hurst	MICA Assoc. LLC	204 Owls Head Hill Ln S	\$410,000	\$434,400
Leslie	McBride	5016 Route 30	\$257,000	\$297,200
Fannie Mae	O' Flaherty	137 Pine Road	\$280,000	\$935,700
Reilly	Page	222 Cheney Rd	\$575,000	\$582,500
Arnold	Pothin	82 Upper Hollow Rd	\$645,000	\$601,400
Rice	Schwindt	293 McNamara Rd	\$410,000	\$325,300
Bornstein	Simonetti	1266 Route 30	\$275,000	\$278,400
Fulco	Workman	255 Mad Tom Rd	\$235,000	\$247,500

Around Town.....



New retaining wall on Lower Squirrel Hollow Road in East Dorset Village. The wall and rocks below are both pinned to bedrock for stability.

We want your pictures of Dorset!

Please consider sending picture to the Town to be placed in the annual Town Report in the spring. Email to:

townmanager@gmail.com

Town of Dorset

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The You Are Never Alone Foundation and
Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless Presents...

JOSEPH WOOTEN

LIVE IN CONCERT!
w/ The Bondville Boys
and Saints & Liars

DORSET PLAYHOUSE
Fri, Sept. 25, 2015
7:30 PM • \$20

FOR MORE INFORMATION
[www.YouAreNeverAlone
Foundation.org](http://www.YouAreNeverAloneFoundation.org)



Fall Events in and around Dorset



The Dorset Farmer's Market Sundays:
10am to 2pm at H.N. Williams Store in
Dorset.



The Ice is coming soon.....

Be sure to visit www.rileyrink.com
to learn about 2015-2016:

- Hockey leagues & programs
- Skating programs
- Seasons Passes
- Event Space & more!



The Dorset Historical Society was incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1963. The Society's purposes are: to discover and collect materials that will help establish or illustrate the history of Dorset, Vermont; to provide for the preservation of relevant collections; to exhibit archival materials and disseminate historical information; and to educate members of the Society and the public. Toward these ends, DHS collects and maintains artifacts, art, photographs, documents, books, manuscripts, and genealogical records pertinent to Dorset and its environs from the time the town was chartered in 1761 to the present.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT DHS:

Lunchtime Lectures:

October 15: *Quabbin Houses* Presented by The Bley House Museum

November 19: *Christmas Decorations* Presented by Linda McKeever

December 17: *Old Cookies and Recipes* Presented by All Who Love Cookies
Dorset Historical Society

PO Box 52 • Route 30 at Kent Hill Road
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E-mail: info@dorsetvthistory.org

— Open Hours —

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, 10-4 p.m.
Saturday, 10-2 p.m.