

Summer Newsletter

June 2019



Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- ◆ **Select Board:**
- ◆ 7-16 at 7:00pm
- ◆ 8-20 at 7:00pm
- ◆ **Planning:**
- ◆ 7-9 at 7:00pm
- ◆ 8-6 at 7:00pm

Did you know?

To have a fireworks show or to shoot off fireworks on your property you need a permit from the Fire Chief. Planning Fireworks?

Contact the Fire Chief for a permit. Also, think about letting your neighbors know, especially if they have animals.

East Dorset:

Howard Towsley

375-5006

Dorset:

Shawn Hazelton

375-4233

Saturday July 13th: A Day in Dorset Village!

Don't miss out on the events going on in Dorset Village on Saturday July 13th.

- **Dorset Village Library presents:** "Dog Days" bring your pooch and enjoy meeting friends and neighbors and enjoying free food provided by the Library! Event takes place on the lawn of the Library from 1pm to 3pm
- **Dorset Historical Society Quarry Walk:** Join DHS curator Jon Mathewson on a guided hike of Folsom Quarry, learn the history behind the marble industry and it's impact on Dorset. Meet at the Bley House Museum at 9am. Allow 2 hours for the hike, bring water and wear hiking shoes/boots.
- **Dorset Historical Society Ice Cream Social:** Join DHS board members as they give you the "scoop", of Wilcox ice cream that is! Event takes place on the lawn of the Bley House Muesum from 1pm to 3pm.
- **Talk a self guided tour of the Dorset Village Historic District:** Available all day. Visit: dorsetvthistory.org/maps.php, pull up the Dorset Village historic district map on your phone and explore the village!



Photo Credit: Cherise Madigan





Photo By: TARA SCHATZ

Kick-Off Event: Forums and FREE Community Dinner

This event launches a process to bring community members together to identify and advance priorities that improve economic opportunity and affordability in the face of climate change. Vermont leaders in economic development, agriculture, energy, and business will join as the Visiting Team. Enjoy the free dinner and attend the forums most important to you!

5:00-6:15pm	Working and Natural Lands: Agriculture, Forestry, and Recreation	Energy Generation and Efficiency
6:15-7:15pm	<p align="center">FREE Community Meal</p> <p align="center">Main dish and drinks provided. We welcome you to bring a potluck salad or dessert dish to share if you are able.</p>	
7:15-8:30pm	Dorset Tomorrow	Improving Local Transportation Options



The "Dorset Tomorrow" Initiative is a community-driven process with local leaders, the Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD), and Efficiency Vermont. This event is produced by VCRD, a non-profit organization supporting the locally-defined progress of Vermont's rural communities. To learn more, visit www.vtrural.org or contact us at jon@vtrural.org or 802-225-6393.



Owls Head Town Forest Update:

The Town is happy to announce that the upper trail at Owls Head is no longer subject to a legal dispute, the case was recently dismissed.



Azelea at Gilbert Lookout

The upper trail to Owls Head & Gilbert Lookout has been reblazed and signed. Follow the blue trail markers and directional signs to the Lookout and enjoy the fantastic views!

Got roadside flowers? Other special Flora?

The highway department has begun summer road mowing. If you have flowers or special plants near the roadway, now is the time to mark them. Our highway workers generally remember where people like us to avoid, but it is helpful for people to mark out the areas. Report a road related issue: 362-5244 or email: townmanager@gmail.com



Make A Donation!

Your donations are greatly appreciated.
We have three main categories for donations:

1. **General Fund** supports operating expenses of the Players and the Playhouse.
 2. **Building Fund** supports the maintenance and repair of the Playhouse including the roof.
Young Thespian Award Fund supports annual scholarships awarded to high school students
- Checks made out to the **Dorset Players, Inc.** can be mailed to the address below:

Dorset Players PO Box 521 Dorset, VT 05251

Call the Business Office (802) 867-5570 ext. 2
Monday through Friday 10am to 2pm.

Donations are tax deductible. Visit: dorsetplayers.org for more info!

The Dorset Village Library

Library Hours: Mon to Friday 11am to 5pm & Sat: 10am to 3pm

JUNE ARTIST OF THE MONTH: NELL MCGUIRE

The featured artist at the Dorset Public Library the month of June will be Nell McGuire. The public is invited to meet Nell at the opening reception on Saturday, June 1st from 11 to 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served. In an effort to support the library, the public will be invited to make a purchase offer on any piece of art, 30% of which will go directly to the library. There will be no fixed prices. Visit the library and look for a bargain in June.

Nell draws inspiration from the Green Mountains just outside the windows of the 90 year old schoolhouse that she and her husband call home here in Dorset. Together with their family they have criss-crossed the country gaining inspiration along the way prior to coming to Vermont. Art has been a creative passion of Nell's for many years. Being a self-taught artist, she has benefited from the advice of many artists and teachers over the years. She hopes you will enjoy sharing some of the fruits of her creativity.



SUMMER EVENTS:

GAME NIGHT!

June 26th 6-8pm

The BYOB (Bring Your Own Book) Club is hosting a board game night for young adults in their 20s and 30s, (as well as the young at heart of any age!) Everyone is invited to attend on June 19th from 6 – 8 PM. This event is free, open to the public, and will take place at the Dorset Village Library. And there will be snacks! The BYOB Club is a library-led initiative to establish young adult programming in the Shires region. The group meets once a month throughout the year and offers a variety of meet-ups and activities.

Summer Reading Kickoff

June 27th 5-7pm

Join us to kick off this summer's "A Universe of Stories"! This outerspace themed event will announce our upcoming programs and new books for summer reading. You will also have a chance to pick up any materials you may need for summer reading. Snacks, crafts and a fun time to be had by all at this outer-space themed program. More information coming soon!

DANCE PARTY!

June 29th 7-9pm

Dance, dance, dance! Join us for a mixture of dance music, snacks and a good time! If you have any song suggestions, pass them along to Erica!

P.O. Box 38 Dorset, Vermont 05251 (802) 867-5774

dorsetvillagelibrary@gmail.com

Meeting Minutes of the Raptor Lane Steering Committee: Wednesday May 29, 2019

Committee Members in attendance: Sandy Pinsonault, Alan Calfee, Malcolm Cooper, Alison Clarke, Cindy Loudenslager, Jim Salsgiver, Liz Ruffa. Ben Weiss.

Other in attendance: Rob Gaiotti (Town Manager), Andrew McKeever (GNAT-TV)

R. Gaiotti called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. The group began a recap of the May 8th meeting and continued general discussion about the process.

Discussion ensued about the list of options documented on May 8th. B. Weiss noted that the options could be broken down into:

- 1. Land Use 2. Municipal 3. Housing 4. Commercial 5. Energy

There was discussion and general consensus that the Raptor Lane property (or portions thereof) should be connected to Owls Head Town Forest. Discussion ensued about connectivity to Dorset School via a hiking/biking trail. A. Clarke mentioned coming up with an outdoor recreation plan for the property.

A. Calfee asked about setting up a timeline for the review of the project. It was noted that the Selectboard had approved a 12 month process for review and recommendations by the committee.

M. Cooper stated that most people are probably only vaguely aware or somewhat aware that the Town now owns the property. J. Salsgiver noted that the Vermont Council On Rural Development will be holding a large community driven event in July and that it would be a good opportunity to get the word out about Raptor Lane. A. Calfee stated that 6-8 months would seem like a reasonable timeframe to come up with a plan and solicit public input (in the fall 2019). General discussion was had about changing the name away from Raptor Lane. Possible options were considered related to former ownership, much of the property was a farm owned by the Codey family. It was the consensus of the group to research options of a name change. M. Cooper mentioned that a sign might be a good idea to raise awareness. General discussion was had about the sign and layout.

A way to survey residents was discussed to raise awareness and solicit input in the early stages of the project.

Future timeline:

- Name Change
- Create Sign
- Attend VCRD event to raise awareness of project
- Survey residents
- Develop draft report
- Hold input session
- Final Report/ Action Items

R. Gaiotti noted that at the June 26th meeting the group will have a rough draft of the engineering report and will meet with the engineer to review and discuss.

Next Meeting is June 26, 2019 at 6:30pm. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Rob Gaiotti Town Manager

What's going on at the Quarry?

The question everyone has been asking during this rainy spring/early summer. The Dorset Quarry, owned by Dick & Kirsten McDonough since 1997 has long drawn attention (good & bad) from residents and visitors. From the late 1990's until around 2013 parking and access to the Quarry were unplanned, unmanaged, and haphazard. During 2012 & 2013, the McDonough's worked with the Town to conduct a land swap and discontinue a portion of Kelly Road. This allowed neighbors to access Black Rock Lane without driving through the Quarry parking lot. This separation lowered the amount of interaction between Quarry goers and neighbors.



“Dorset Quarry” by Peter Huntoon

In 2016, after an update from residents in the area, the Town began to underwrite the costs for Sheriff patrol shifts at the Quarry. Since that time the Town has provided a Sheriff detail on hot summer weekend and holidays, generally from 11am to 6pm. In addition the McDonough's have posted a no alcohol policy on the property. Under Vermont law, violators of the policy are given a trespass notice by the Sheriff and escorted off the property.

During recent months, the Vermont River's Conservancy, a Vermont non-profit entity dedicated to protecting public access to swimming holes, expressed an interest in partnering to possibly take over stewardship of the Quarry. In an effort to bring partners on board the McDonough's have funded recent improvements to the Quarry: cleaning up and seeding the south side of the Quarry, clearing brush and cleaning up the grass beach area.

More recently a permit application for a re-vamped parking area was approved by the Town. Under this plan, the managed parking area will be expanded to accommodate up to 135 cars. The access to Route 30 will be changed and screening added. It should be noted that ownership of the parking & Quarry will be separate entities. These changes will improve the aesthetics of the area, and bring in the era of a more “managed” Quarry. The Town law enforcement support will be increased during the early days of these changes, in an effort to assure parking stays in the designated area and visitors behave themselves while enjoying their time in Dorset. The Town will continue to work with everyone involved to assure that residents and neighbors are not unreasonably impacted by the summer use of the Quarry.

Are these solutions perfect? No. Will they help to get residents and neighbors through the 2-3 month swimming season in a more suitable manner? Most likely. For better or worse, Dorset has the Quarry and the Quarry has Dorset. In the grand scheme of things, Dorset is fortunate that our industrial heritage has only left us with one of the more beloved swimming holes in the region, and that can't be said for most post industrial sites in Vermont.

Want to help? A GoFundMe site has been set up to support the efforts as described above, to date \$4,000 of a \$50,000 goal has been raised.

Visit: <https://www.gofundme.com/preserve-and-enhance-dorset-quarry>

SAVE THE DATE: BCRC EVENT

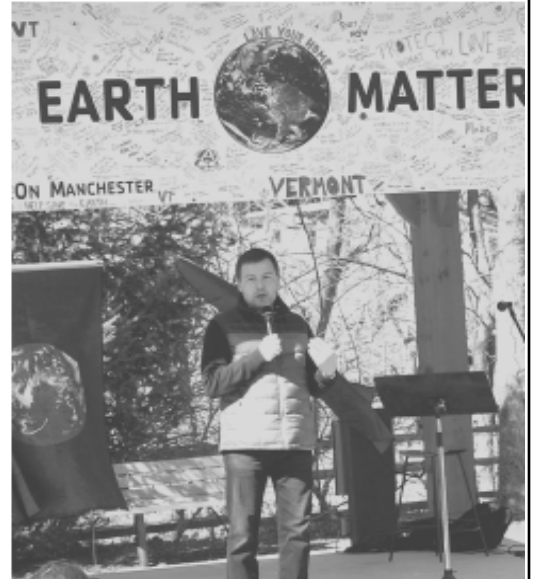
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July 11, 2019, 5 - 7 PM
Mack Performing Arts Center,
Arlington Memorial High School
529 E Arlington Rd, Arlington, VT

VISION 2020:

Building a low-carbon,
climate-resilient, and
inclusive world

A presentation from global climate change specialist **Dr. Edward Cameron**, hosted by the Bennington County Regional Commission. For questions, email Madison at mkremer@bcrcvt.org



Things to do!



THE TOURS OF
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CHALLENGE™
Our roads are calling.

Vermont's Top Rated 4-Day Tour—August 15-18, 2019 <http://www.vtchallenge.com/>



MAPLE LEAF HALF MARATHON
& KOTLER 5K

Saturday September 7, 2019

The Maple Leaf Half Marathon traverses truly gorgeous Vermont landscapes. Your run will take you from the downtown community to picturesque village settings to country roads past farm lands back to the finish. Adding to the beauty, Vermont will be in the early stages of fall foliage. To register visit: www.manchestermarleleaf.com



Help the Manchester Lions Club and the Vermont Reading Partners support community projects such as vision screening in local schools eyeglasses for those in need, tutoring, mentoring and community grants.



**Celebrate VYCC's work in Owls Head
Town Forest!**

Monday July 8th at 5:00pm

VYCC is proud to invite the local community to join our **Dorset Regional Spike Crew at the Old Gray Barn in Rupert on July 8th** at to hear Crew Members and Leaders share what they have learned and show you what they have accomplished so far this summer. Come spend an hour with local young people and celebrate their great work for the Dorset community. To register visit: vycc.org





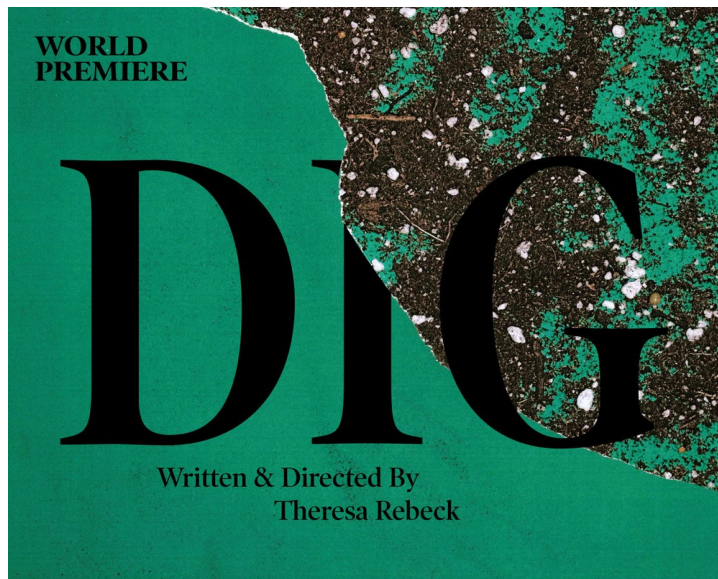
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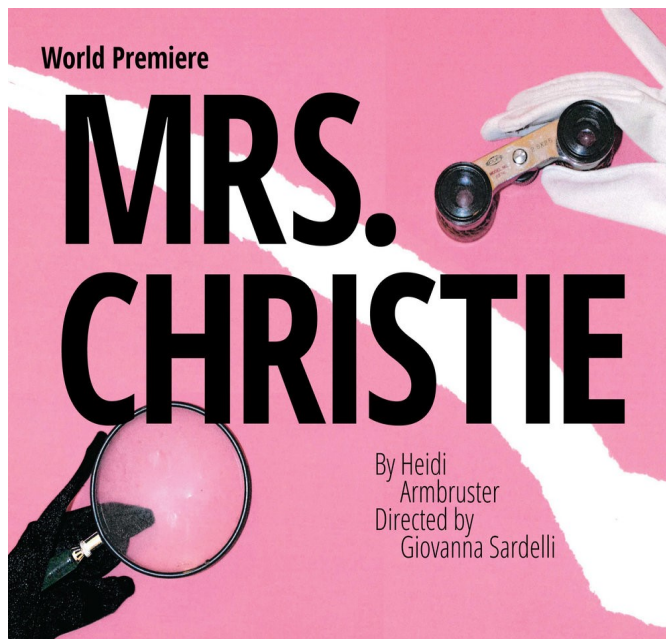
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**WORLD
PREMIERE**



JUL 11-27

World Premiere



AUG 1-17

**A NEW
COMEDY**



AUG 22-31

Visit dorsettheatrefestival.org for tickets and info!



Presents:



Uphill Mile: Friday August 23

What's 5,280 feet long, climbs approx. 450 feet, and donates 100% of entries to the Second Chance Animal Center? The Wildcard Friday Uphill Mile, that's what!!! Take Friday morning off for a great cause and come get steep with the Dorset Running Festival!! Course: This 1-mile road race gains ~450' of elevation. The course is fully paved.

LOST CAT 50K: Saturday August 24

Hills, rocks, and trails...oh my! This rugged course on Dorset's Mount Aeolus takes you through hardwood forests and past historic marble quarries. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Bennington Humane Society.

Course This course offers steep climbs, varied terrain, and scenic descents. A mix of class 4 roads, packed dirt, and a little pavement.

Be prepared for mountain weather and changing conditions. As we say in Vermont, if you don't like the weather wait 5 minutes!!



Dorset Hollow Road Race: Sunday August 25



10k 10k runners will be treated to a rolling loop course through idyllic Dorset Hollow. You will gain and lose approximately 550' of elevation. Fast downhill/flat finish!

5k The 5k is a fast point-to-point that follows latter half of the 10k featuring over 300' of net downhill! Don't forget to enjoy the scenery as you fly by!

FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION VISIT:

<https://www.netrailruns.com>

Town Clerk's Corner

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

- ◆ Dog Licenses were due by **APRIL 1st**: Dog Licenses are \$11.00 for dogs that are spayed or neutered and \$15.00 if the dog is not spayed or neutered. Proof of a current rabies vaccine is required. After April 1st the fees increase to \$14.00 and \$20.00

Recent Property Transfers (May 2019 to present)

Seller	Buyer:	Address:	Price:	Assessed Value:
Baker	Torrie	389 Read Farm Ln	\$180,000	\$115,400
JMK Corp	Bryant	1535 Danby Mtn.	\$395,000	\$380,900
McGunnigle	Charbonneau	278 Village Street	\$206,500	\$141,900
Pellegrini	Coppola	0 Morse Hill (Land)	\$40,000	\$122,300
Sturges	Deschutter	0 Route 30	\$210,000	\$214,300
Howland	Epstein	1702 Dorset West Road	\$330,000	\$415,600
Lynch	Golnick	444 Upper Hollow Road	\$750,000	\$383,300
Burke	Guardado	204 Mad Tom Road	\$327,000	\$360,100
Roland	Harney	157 Hidden Hollow	\$327,500	\$293,700
Hollingshead	Krivichich	3444 Route 30	\$167,000	\$189,900
Binkley	Kaler	3093 Route 30	\$280,000	\$322,500
Foote Lee	Stacy	168 Meadow Ln	\$255,000	\$268,800
Berkshire Bank	Silk Enterprise	23 Church Street	\$207,000	\$231,100
Jones	Taylor	62 Farwell Lane	\$750,000	\$684,000
Rihm	Vermont Country Store	1805 Route 30	\$250,000	\$246,600

Questions? Call 362-4571 x 2 , Sandra Pinsonault, Town Clerk, MMC, CVC

Snapping turtle on Lane Road



New soccer field work at Dorset School



Town of Dorset

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East Dorset, VT 05253

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Fax: 802-362-5156
Email: townmanager@gmail.com
Website: www.dorsetvt.org

Netop Farm, Dorset Hollow



Summer Events in and around Dorset



GREEN MOUNTAIN BLUEGRASS & ROOTS FESTIVAL

August 15-August 18

A four-day music festival featuring a variety of bluegrass, roots and Americana music from both icons

of the industry and innovative up-and-coming artists. Featuring a main stage, dance tent, camping, food trucks, craft beers and specialty cocktails, craft vendors, kids activities, yoga and more in a truly beautiful mountain setting. For tickets:

www.greenmountainbluegrass.com

RECREATION INFO:

Dorset Residents:

Did you know the Town offers a discount on:

MPR Summer Programs

- Long Trail Summer Programs
- Free Entry at Emerald Lake State Park
- Recreation Scholarships
- Swim Lessons at Lawrence School

How to claim the discount:

Simply fill out the reimbursement form with proof of payment and residency and the Town will send you a check for the discount. Reimbursement forms can found online at www.dorsetvt.org or can be picked up and dropped off at the Town Office or emailed to: townmanager@gmail.com

Spend Your Summer in Vermont!
VERMONT

JULY 2 - AUGUST 11, 2019

SUMMER FESTIVAL HORSE SHOW

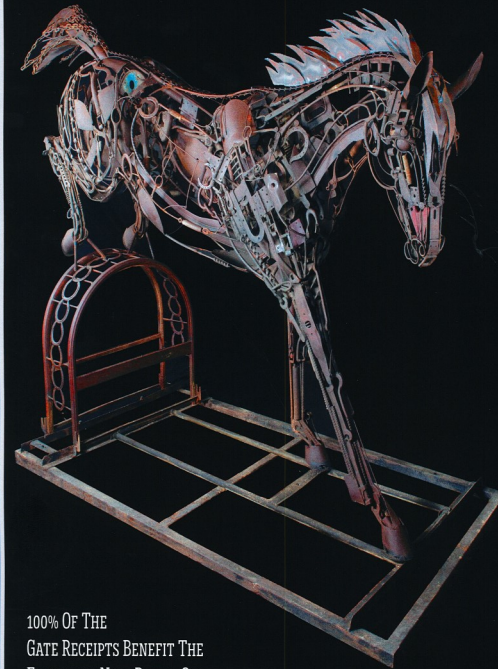
WEDNESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY

8 AM TO 4 PM

DON'T MISS THE GRAND PRIX
EVERY SATURDAY AT 1 PM

ADMISSION:
WEDNESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
\$5 CHILDREN & ADULTS

SATURDAY & SUNDAY
\$10 ADULTS | \$5 CHILDREN



VERMONT SUMMER FESTIVAL
WWW.VT-SUMMERFESTIVAL.COM
INFO@VT-SUMMERFESTIVAL.COM
TEL: (802) 489-4945

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GATE RECEIPTS BENEFIT THE
FOLLOWING NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS:
DORSET EQUINE RESCUE, THE DORSET SCHOOL,
MANCHESTER CENTER LIBRARY

HAROLD BEEBE FARM, ROUTE 7,
EAST DORSET, VT

FEATURED SCULPTURE "THE DUMP" BY JENNY HORSTMANN | AVAILABLE AT TILTING AT WINDMILLS GALLERY

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