

Winter Newsletter 2013

December 2013



Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- ◆ Select Board:
- ◆ 1-21 at 7:00pm
- ◆ 2-18 at 7:00pm

- ◆ School Board:
- ◆ 1-28 at 6:00pm
- ◆ 1225 at 6:00pm

- ◆ Planning:
- ◆ 1-16 at 8:00am
- ◆ 2-3 at 7:00pm

Did you know?

Over the course of a typical winter the Dorset Highway Department will use as much as 800 TONS of Salt and 2,000 yards of sand and stone to treat the roads in Dorset.



Kicking off the holidays with Tractors!



Friday November 29th, nearly 20 decorated tractors putt-ered down to Church Street from H.N. Williams much to the delight of those in attendance.

Pictured above: Billy Brownlee and his son on a yellow John Deere

Pictured below: The Rising Sun Maintenance family, Sean Lawrence at the helm of the Kubota with his son, and Dave Lawrence spreading holiday cheer from the wagon!

The Dorset Village Library

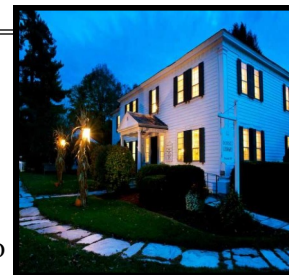
Library Hours: M,W & Fri: 11am to 5pm T, Th & Sat: 10am to 3pm/
www.dorsetlibraryinfo.org

New Saturday hours, the library stays open until 3pm on Saturday!

Volunteering The Library is always happy to have people volunteer if they are able to give the Library at least two afternoons a month. We always need help with shelving books, preparing books for circulation, straightening the shelves, etc. Students in fifth grade and above are welcome to volunteer if they are willing to commit to one afternoon a week for four weeks.

The Dorset Library enriches the lives of all children who attend the Dorset School by making bulk loans of books, audios, puppets, explorer packs and videos to the school upon a teacher's request.

Contact us: 867-5774 or dorsetlibrary@aol.com



The Market is still open...



Join us as we 'Shop Local, Shop Fresh' Sundays from 10AM-2PM at the Dorset Farmers Market, located in beautiful Dorset Vermont at the J.K. Adams Kitchen Store, Rt.30 VT, www.jkadams.com

We are a producer-only market to ensure our consumers have direct communication, and the opportunity for education, from those creating products we enjoy everyday.

Updates from The Dorset School



Giving Thanks:

Students at The Dorset School enjoy the annual Thanksgiving Feast, Tues. November 19th. On this day parents and grandparents visit the school to sit down to a nice thanksgiving style lunch. The Dorset School staff and Dorset Parent Volunteers deserve much credit for making this event possible. The Dorset School is such a special place because of the dedicated staff, parents, and community!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

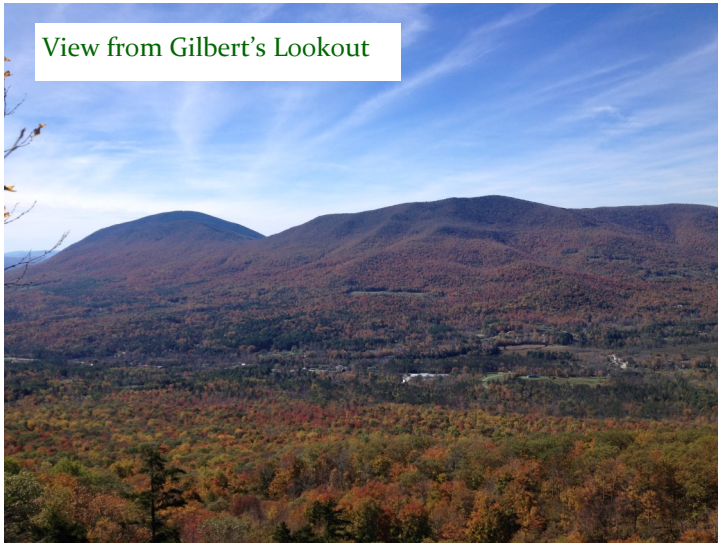
12/17- School Board Meeting in the Library a 6:00 pm

12/23-1/6 Holiday Recess

The Dorset School, 130 School Drive Dorset - Principal Rosanna Moran—362-2606—rmoran@brsu.org

Owl's Head Project....

View from Gilbert's Lookout



On November 19th the Dorset Select Board held a public hearing at the Town Offices on the Owl's Head Community Forest Project. Currently the Town owns a 40 acre parcel (the Owl's Head Peak), and will be applying for a United States Forest Service Community Forest Grant. This grant will assist the Town in purchasing a 200 acre property that is adjacent to the current Town Forest.

The Dorset Conservation Commission with input from the public will develop a comprehensive management plan for the property. This project

has been outlined in the Dorset Town Plan and has been well received by residents to date. The prospective property is home to many ecological, historic/ cultural, and recreational assets for Dorset. The Gettysburg Quarry is located on the property, most of the Owl's Head Gilbert Lookout Trail is located on this property, and there are rare/endangered/uncommon plants recorded by the National Heritage database. If you have input about this project: contact 362-4571 x 3 or townmanager@gmail.com

Dorset Players Winter 2013-14!



Pinocchio: Produced & Directed by:

The Missoula Children's Theatre

January 25 at 3:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Carmen | Hubbard Hall Opera

Performance at the Dorset Playhouse~February 1, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Thrilling but dangerous, the captivating Carmen is one of the most vivid characters in all of opera. Bizet's Carmen tells the story of a beguiling gypsy who sets her sights on a naïve but passionate young corporal, tracing a tale of seduction, obsession, and deadly betrayal. In this fully staged and costumed piano reduction, the Hubbard Hall Opera Theater will treat you to all of Carmen's sizzling hits, including the famous "Habañera" and the irresistible Toreador's song.



Winter Recreation 2013-14!

Spend some time at the Riley Rink!

Visit the rink website to register: www.rileyrink.com

Register NOW for School Skate



PARENT AND ME

Child & parent can learn to skate together in a FUN yet RELAXED atmosphere; kid's rentals included.

2013/2014 WINTER ICE



TUES: (Jan 7 – Feb 4) 10-11am

or

WED: (Jan 8 – Feb 5) 10-11am

**Only one session offered this season*

HUNTER PARK
RILEY RINK • HUNTER FAIRGROUNDS

Learn to Skate Program for Ages 3-6
5-week Program: \$60.00 per Parent & Me
Walk-On \$15 per Class

Riley Rink at Hunter Park Hunter
Park Road | Manchester, Vermont

For More Information or to Register Contact
Riley Rink: 802-362-0150 OR www.rileyrink.com

802-362-0150 | Toll Free: 866-866-2086 info@hunterpark.com



The Junior Instructional Snowsports Program (JISP) was started in 1951 to give local school children an inexpensive way to learn to ski. Today the Bromley Outing Club teaches over 700 local students per week to ski and snowboard. The program also offers one-on-one classes for special needs athletes.

Classes are divided according to their ability and are taught by volunteer instructors who are trained by the BOC coaching staff.

The BOC offers classes in beginner skiing and snowboarding through racing, freestyle and snowboard competitions for all levels of students.

The cost of this program is \$85 for ten days of lessons throughout the season. There are numerous Sunday afternoons that the students can ski or ride at Bromley on their JISP pass and two exchange days at Stratton.

DISCOUNTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR RILEY RINK PROGRAMS!

THE TOWN OFFERS A 25% REIMBURSEABLE DISCOUNT FOR JISP!

VISIT WWW.DORSETVT.ORG/RECREATION.PHP FOR INFO!

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.

- ◆ Stop by the Town Clerk's Office to register to vote, Town Meeting will occur in early March
- ◆ Voting takes place at the Dorset School at 130 School Drive Dorset, VT 05251
- ◆ After **January 1st 2014**, Dogs living in the Town of Dorset will need to be registered with the Town Clerk's Office.
- ◆ Dog Licenses are \$10.00 for dogs that are spayed or neutered and \$14.00 if the dog is not spayed or neutered. Proof of a current rabies vaccine is required. After April 1st the fees increase to \$12.00 and \$18.00

Recent Property Transfers (Sept 2012 to present)

Seller	Buyer:	Address:	Price:
Hersom, Nancy	Davis, Peter	239 Cheney Rd	\$550,000
Collingwood & Meredith	Welch, Heidi & Phillip	191 Pleasant St. Ext	\$230,000
Gilbert Estate	Claudine, Calvin	2061 Dorset West Rd	\$205,000
Citibank NA	Manly, Kaye	242 Kent Hill Rd	\$165,000
Burditt	Murphy, David	1887 Morse Hill Rd	\$480,000
Burden & Hart	Sands, David	1044 Dorset West Rd	\$640,000
Knight & Heft	Engard, Peter & Rebecca	75 Timberbrook	\$250,000
Lynch	McGillicuddy	646 Nichols Hill Rd	\$640,000
Latorella	Maltzman & Purchase	3149 Morse Hill Rd	\$375,000
Baker, Edgar	Barefoot, Brian	89 Windward South	\$765,000
White, Melina	Thomas, Jason & Jennifer	2218 Route 30	\$285,000
Lind, Ellen	Cubberly, Noelle & Craig	28 Leary Lane	\$220,000
Wilson, Scott & Donna	Howe, Michelle & Edward	45 Dorset Hollow Rd	\$330,000
Gajdatsy	Travers, Brenda	158 Bowen Hill Road	\$170,000

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

Around Town.....

Kirby Hollow Cows



SAVE MONEY WITH PACE!

**The Dorset Energy Committee
can help you make your Home more Energy Efficient
and PACE may be a great way to pay for it**

*Who doesn't want a warmer, more comfortable home in the winter,
and more money in your pocket every year?*

Most Vermont homes are drafty and not well insulated. Most of us go on, year after year, spending more than we need to heat our homes. We toss on another sweater and an extra blanket on the bed. We say to ourselves, during the long winters – I need to do something to fix this cold & drafty house. But, for most of us, we're not quite sure how to tackle the problem. Or, we sigh and say it is going to be too expensive to make our home more energy efficient. Spring arrives, and we forget about the cold drafts, and forget about our resolutions to deal with the problem.

If this sounds familiar – you can call on a local helping hand to work with you to make your home more comfortable, and to reduce those heating bills.

Your Dorset Energy Committee – a Committee set up by the Dorset Selectboard to help our Town and Townspeople be more energy efficient – is ready to lend a hand. We are volunteers, just here to help our neighbors. We can lend a hand to walk you through the right steps to figure out what needs to be done to make your home more energy efficient, how to get the work done, how to get available incentives for doing the work, how to best pay for the work, and ultimately how to save on your heating bills. We have all been through the process of investing in our home's energy efficiency, and we are all more comfortable and saving on our energy bills because of those investments.

And, PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) may be a great way to pay for your energy efficiency project. As a Town, we voted at our 2012 Town Meeting to set up a PACE Financing District. PACE is now up & running in 2014, and PACE can be a particularly good option to finance energy efficiency if you meet the programs income guidelines (\$64,875 for a family of 2, \$81,150 for a family of 4)– as you can qualify for a great rate of 2.99% for 20 year financing. With PACE, you can finance all the costs of your weatherization project – and the yearly cost of the PACE financing will normally be much lower than your yearly savings on heating. For some, other financing options may make more sense, and the Dorset Energy Committee can give you a hand figuring that out.

Not a bad outcome – a warmer, more comfortable house; lower heating bills; providing work for local contractors; and you have more money in your pocket every year – because you decided to invest in your home's efficiency.

Please feel free to contact the Dorset Energy Committee to talk about the steps you can take to make an incredibly smart investment – in your home's energy efficiency. Just email Jim Salsgiver at jsalsgiver@hotmail.com, and we'll set up a discussion with someone on the Dorset Energy Committee. You can also find some information on PACE at the Town website: www.dorsetvt.org – just click on Committees, then Energy Committee.

TAXES DUE MARCH 11TH

Reminder to Dorset Taxpayers:

Property taxes are due:

Tuesday March 11th

Mail payments to Town Manager's Office:

PO Box 715 East Dorset, VT 05253

Or in person at the Town Offices:

112 Mad Tom Rd. East Dorset, VT

PAY TAXES ONLINE AT:

www.dorsetvt.org

Clear postmarks are accepted, late payments are

subject to 8% penalty & 1% interest

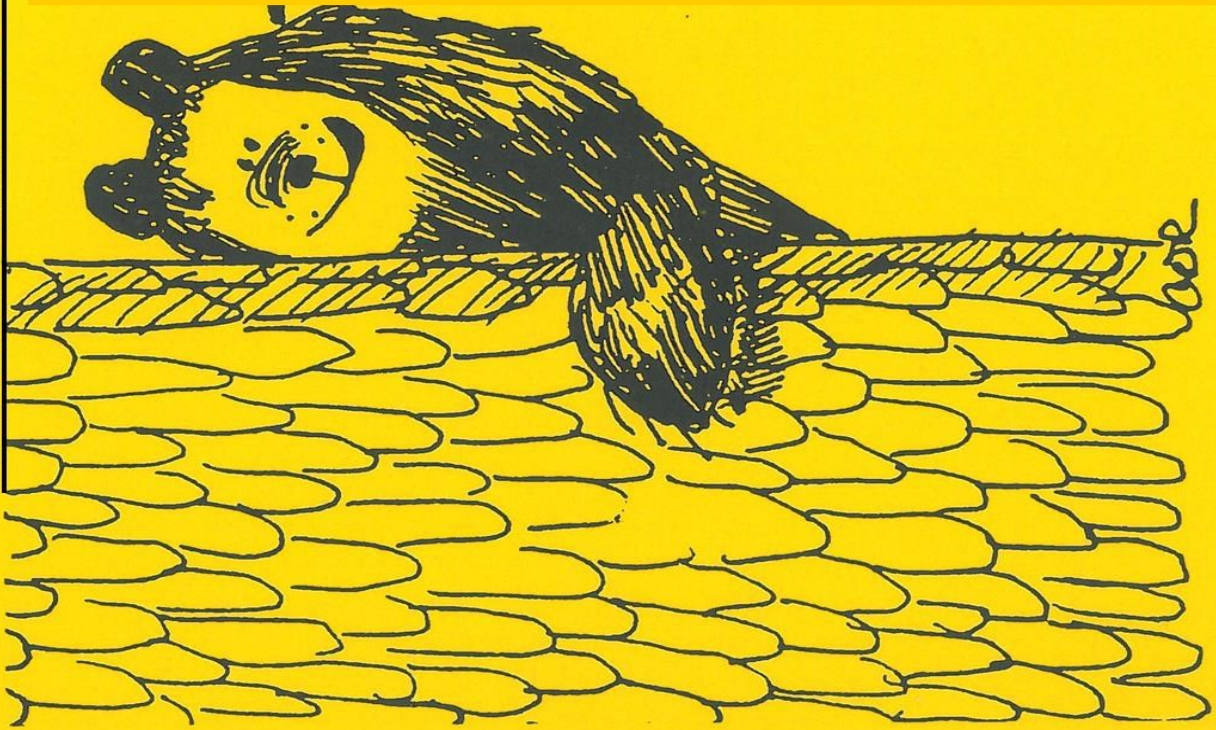
(no exceptions!)

Also, if you live in VT full time remember to file a

homestead declaration by April 15th to avoid a

LARGE PENALTY!

Call 362-4571 x 4 with questions.



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Pinnacle Work Party—Dorset Conservation Commission

Dorset News

MANCHESTER -- The Dorset and Manchester Select Boards held an unusual, historic, and perhaps unique, joint meeting Thursday afternoon at the Bennington County Courthouse in Manchester Village.

The purpose of the meeting was to review and discuss a proposal that would authorize a study, estimated to possibly cost about \$30,000, which both towns would contribute towards, that would explore ways both towns could cooperate and possibly save money by consolidating emergency and public safety services, such as police, fire and rescue.

Both boards unanimously approved a "memorandum of understanding" at the conclusion of the roughly hour-long meeting, which encouraged both to pursue potential avenues of cooperation. The agreement is not legally binding, according to the language of the agreement. The study is expected to formally start, assuming voter approval, around July 15, 2014, with an eye towards completing it by Nov. 30.

The ultimate cost would be divided 64/36 - with Manchester picking up 64 percent of the eventual cost and Dorset paying for the remaining 36 percent. This formula was arrived at through a calculation of respective grand lists.

Currently, Dorset relies on the Vermont State Police for police enforcement, and has two fire departments; one based in East Dorset and the other in Dorset. Manchester operates its own municipal police department as well as a volunteer fire department. The Manchester Rescue Squad covers both Manchester and Dorset.



In August, visitors from China toured the former studio of Lo-renzo Hatch located behind the Josiah Allen Real Estate Office on Route 30 in Dorset. Pictured from left to right are: Crystal Gong, Zhao Qiming, Jon Mathewson, Arthur Gilbert, former DHS board member Bob Gibney, Rocky Zhao and Clarence Chan.



Model Train Exhibit Opens Saturday, December 7

The Dorset Historical Society is seeking loans of model trains and accessories to display in its holiday exhibit December and January. Loans will be acknowledged with a DHS Loan Agreement and returned in February. So far, the Society has loan donations of some circa 1950 HO scale trains and Lionel trains, but we would welcome more. Advertising and authentic packaging are welcome, also. Call Jon Mathewson at 867-0331, if you are able to loan items to our exhibit.