

# Spring Newsletter 2013

March 2013



## Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- ◆ **Select Board:**
- ◆ 4-16 at 7:00pm
- ◆ 5-21 at 7:00pm
- ◆ **School Board:**
- ◆ 4-23 at 6:00pm
- ◆ 5-28 at 6:00pm
- ◆ **Planning:**
- ◆ 4-2 at 7:00pm
- ◆ 5-7 at 7:00pm

## Did you know?

- ◆ Verizon Wireless has notified the Town of their intent to co-locate on the AT&T cell tower behind H.N. Williams Store in Dorset.
- ◆ Verizon hopes to have their service up and running by the summer of 2013
- ◆ **REMEMBER TO FILE A HOMESTEAD BY APRIL 15TH!** (to avoid penalty). Questions call the Town Manager's Office at **362-4571 x 4**

## Town Meeting 2013.....

Dorset Residents dug into the Town portion of Dorset's Town Meeting, Monday March 4, 2013. Around 100 residents ventured out into the early March snow flurries to participate in a time honored Vermont Town tradition. Pictured is Ellen Maloney, at the ready, to give voters an explanation why they should invest tax dollars in one of our local non-profit organizations. All articles for the School & Town, both floor & Australian ballot passed in 2013. Dorset continued its strong support for the many local non-profits that serve our community.



Annual Report 2012



**Special Thanks to Nancy Aversano for all her hard work on the Dorset Town Report, the report was very well done!**

**Copies of the Town Report are still available, be sure to pick one up at: H.N. Williams, The Dorset Village Library, or Town Offices.**

## The Dorset Village Library

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

### Board of Trustees

**President:** Alex Bornstein, **Vice-President:** Carol Cone, **Secretary:** Carol Cooper

**Treasurer:** Chip Ams, Richard Freeman, Ari Lynch, Betsy Olson, Anne Thompson

Contact us: 867-5774 or [dorsetlibrary@aol.com](mailto:dorsetlibrary@aol.com)



## The Dorset School

### Things to do:

**Soccer Academy:** March & April

For kids in K- 3rd grade

**Dorset School Tag Sale:** April 27

**Art from the Schools Exhibit:** Spring 2013 at the Southern Vermont Art Center. Opening March 23rd.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4/12 School wide concert by the Manchester Music Festival @ 9:20am

4/15 to 4/19 April Spring Break

6/13/13 Tentative last day of School

130 School Drive Dorset, VT 05251/ 362-2606

Rosanna Moran, Principal / [rmoran@brsu.org](mailto:rmoran@brsu.org)

[www.haikulearning.com/brsu/thedorsetschool](http://www.haikulearning.com/brsu/thedorsetschool)

*Looking ahead —*

## Dorset Farms & Forests

What steps can we take to become a more *Sustainable Community*?

*A timely discussion led by Kate McCarthy, Program Director at Vermont Natural Resources Council, who has state-wide experience in "Smart Growth."*

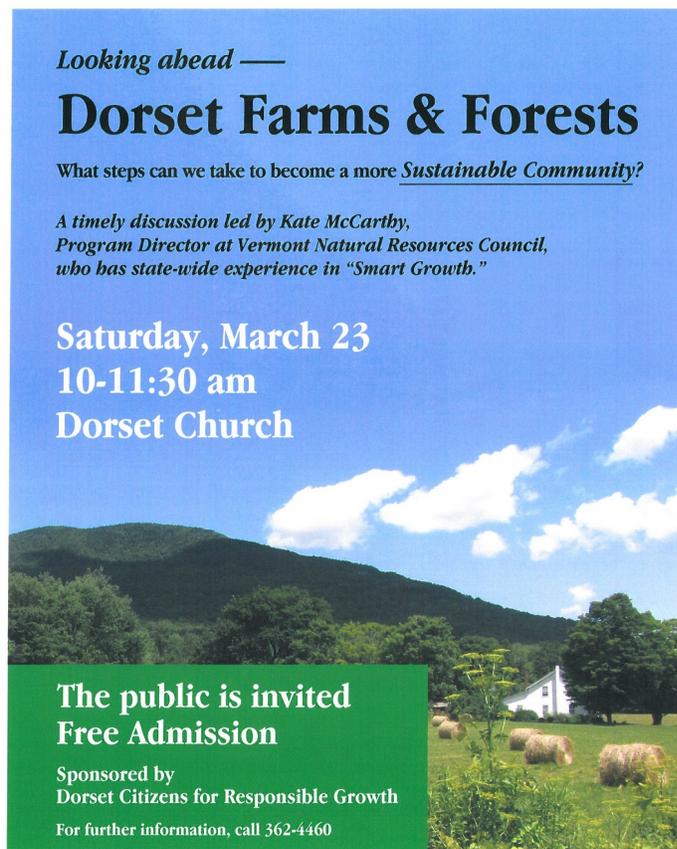
**Saturday, March 23**

**10-11:30 am**

**Dorset Church**

**The public is invited  
Free Admission**

Sponsored by  
Dorset Citizens for Responsible Growth  
For further information, call 362-4460



## Spring is in the air...



**Third annual  
Shires of Vermont Marathon  
Sunday May 19, 2013 8:00am**

The course begins in Bennington and stretches up through the rolling hills and ends at the Hildene fields in Manchester. Last year around 230 brave runners completed the trek from the south shire to the north shire.



**Tour of the Dragons  
May 4 & 5 2013**

The professional bike race traverses into Dorset, heading out Route 30 and up Danby Mountain Road into Danby before heading down into Pawlet.

## Dorset Build Out Survey

In late 2012 the Town of Dorset was awarded a municipal planning grant for a "Build Out Study". The grant will allow the Dorset Planning Commission to work with the Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC) to provide an analysis of future growth patterns in Dorset.

The Planning Commission has started the project with a town wide survey that will be mailed to all Dorset property owners in the next month. The survey is one page and a stamped return envelope is provided. The Planning Commission is hopeful that all residents will take the time to respond. The information collected by the survey will be extremely valuable as town planners embark on analyzing our current patterns of growth and choosing a direction for future growth.

Anyone with questions can contact Zoning Administrator: Tyler Yandow, AIA at 362-4571 x 5 or dorsetza@gmail.com

## Dorset Players Spring 2013!

**Take in a show at the historic Dorset Playhouse!**

**The Dorset Playhouse Box Office: 104 Cheney Road Dorset, VT 05251**

**Phone: 802-867-5570 Website: [www.dorsetplayers.org](http://www.dorsetplayers.org)**



April 5 & 6 @ 7:30PM  
April 7 @ 2:00pm



April 20th 6 - 9PM



May 16 - 18 @ 7:30PM  
May 23 - 25 @ 7:30PM  
May 19, 26 @ 2:00PM

# Spring & Summer Recreation 2013

## Emerald Lake

 
<b>2013 DORSET RESIDENT</b> <b>EMERALD LAKE PARK PASS</b>
Resident Name: _____ Resident Physical Address: _____ _____
<b>Office Use Only:</b> Staff Initial _____ Date: _____ Pass #: _____



Emerald Lake State Park will open for the season Memorial Day weekend May 25-27. Pictured above is the Dorset Highway Crew putting the finishing touches on the "New Beach". Last fall the Dorset Highway crew lent a hand in giving the beach a face lift. The Town has also purchased recreational equipment for residents to use when they visit the park. Be sure to pick up a 2013 Lake Pass at the Town Offices.

## Remember to Register Early!



  
 Lawrence School for Young Children-  
 Camps & Swim Lessons  
 Cathy Lawrence, Director  
 P.O. Box 914  
 East Dorset, VT

**DISCOUNTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR MANCHESTER PARKS & REC. PROGRAMS!**

**DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE FOR LONG TRAIL SCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAMS!**

**THE TOWN OFFERS A DISCOUNTED SWIM LESSONS AT THE LAWRENCE SCHOOL!**

**RECREATION SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN!**

**[VISIT WWW.DORSETVT.ORG/RECREATION.PHP](http://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.

- ◆ Dog Licenses are due by **APRIL 1st**: 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 (Jan 2013 to present)

Seller	Buyer:	Address:	Price:
Plank Estate, Mary	Gaiotti, Robert & Kelly	238 Myrickview	\$230,000
McWayne Estate, Ruth	Beverly Buber & Leo Ledoux	3269 Route 30	\$165,000
Volckens, Robert & Julie	Joseph & Caryl Defelice	136 Squirrel Hollow	\$260,000
Group W, LLC	Thompson, Peter & Patricia	81 Church Street	\$875,000
Murphy, Sean	Lodico, Yvonne	712 Dorset Orchard	\$365,000
Laberge, William & Lisa	Mears, Elizabeth	5145 Route 30	\$165,000
Winter, William & Judith	Roland, Ashley	157 Hidden Hollow Lane	\$263,000
Dern, Claude	Welp, Randy & Lisa	o Hillside Drive (land)	\$65,000
Conte, John	Barausky, John & Matthew	256 Havoc Hill	\$465,000
Conestoga News Service Inc.	Vermont Mtn. Retreats, LLC	3156 Route 30	\$1,150,000
Whitehead, Trustee	Cote, Adrienne	78 Church Street	\$350,000
Lynch, Mary	Labranche, Trust	o Hidden Hollow Lane ( land)	\$75,000

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

## Around Town.....



Cleaning up brush at The Pinnacle

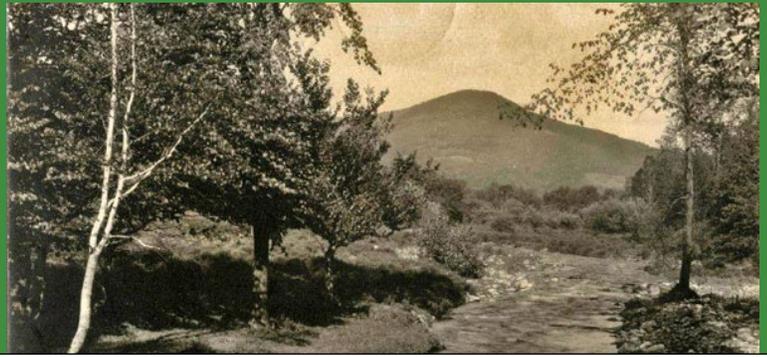
**We want your pictures!** Throughout the year we'll be taking pictures to include in the 2013 Town Report, we invite residents to submit pictures to be included in the report & on the town website.

Email pictures to: [townmanager@gmail.com](mailto:townmanager@gmail.com) or drop at the Town Offices.

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Crane Hill Dorset, VT

## Spring Events in Dorset



At H.N. Williams Store: Sundays May through October 10:00am to 2:00pm

Attention Dorset Dog Owners:



Get your dog license from the Town Clerk's Office by April 1st to avoid penalty. Contact the Town Clerk with questions: 362-4571 x 2



### IN THE NEWS

Curator Jon Matthewson & volunteer Dave Parsons bring the Experience Barrows 1804 spinning wheel, donated by Holly Whitehead, up Church Street to its new home at the Dorset Historical Society.



Visit our website at:

[www.dorsetvthistory.org](http://www.dorsetvthistory.org)

### Upcoming Events:

**Thursday March 21:** Bonnie Burke, owner of the Wilson House in East Dorset, will give the history of the Wilson House.

**Thursday April 18:** Kevin O'Toole will discuss the history of The Pinnacle, Dorset's public park, and its creator, Miss Cecelia De-Nottbeck.

**Saturday July 6:** at the annual Ice Cream Social (1 to 4pm) enjoy free Wilcox Ice Cream on the Bley house lawn and tour the museum. Artisan cheese makers from Southern Vermont will display and sell their cheeses under the tent.