

# Summer Newsletter 2016

June 2016



## Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- ◆ **Select Board:**
- ◆ 7-19 at 7:00pm
- ◆ 8-16 at 7:00pm
- ◆ **School Board:**
- ◆ 8-23 at 6:00pm
- ◆ 9-27 at 6:00pm
- ◆ **Planning:**
- ◆ 7-5 at 7:00pm
- ◆ 8-2 at 7:00pm
- ◆ **DRB:**
- ◆ 7-18

## Public Notices:

On June 22nd the Selectboard, Dorset Fire District and East Dorset Fire District agreed to a Fire Protection Services Contract that will equalize fire department funding in Dorset. Fire funding will be placed on the Town tax bill. Residents will now only receive 1 tax bill instead of 2.

A Town wide vote for final approval will take place August 9th at Dorset School

## Dorset Union Store Celebrates 200 Years!

*(Write up by: Makayla -Courtney McGeeney, Photos: Holly Pelczynski—Bennington Banner)*



**A local institution, the Dorset Union Store (also known as Peltier's) has served the Town for 200 years.**

The Dorset Union Store on the Dorset Green used to operate as a co-op and associated with the New England Protective Union, which offered uniform bookkeeping and partnership. It was bought by Moore Holley & Company in 1839 and acquired names such as S.F. Holly & Co. and Holley & Gray Co., according to Tyler Resch's book "Dorset, in the shadow of the marble mountain" (1989). At this point, it was a six-man partnership. Six years later the store name was changed to Underhill & Ray, and then Clark Gray in 1847.

The original name came back in 1851 when it encompassed a library space and store on the second floor. In 1926 Perry M. Peltier and Kimball O. Tifft bought the store and renamed it the Peltier & Tifft general store. Tifft sold his half in 1955 and the name was dropped to just "Peltier's."

Jay and Terri Hathaway from Connecticut bought the store in 1977 and lived with their three children on the second floor for 27 years until they sold it in 2004 to John Rushing and Ellen Stimson. Three years later Loudenslager and Gretchen Schmidt took the reins and restored the original name, once again.

On **July 9** there will be old-fashioned games such as hoop rolling, with prizes, food, and banjo and fiddle music. The store will honor the Vermont Make-A-Wish Foundation and Unplugged Vermont, an organization to get children to not depend as much on technology and instead go out into nature. Both groups are close to the owners and Hathaway.

The Dorset Union Store is located at 31 Church St. and is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

## 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](http://www.dorsetvillagelibrary.org) and “like” Dorset Village Library on Facebook for up-to-date news and access to our digital services.

**Library Hours: Monday-Friday 11am-5pm, Saturday 10am-3pm.**

**June 7th and June 21st:** The library welcomes all knitters on Tuesday June 7th and June 21st for an hour long knitting session! All skill levels welcome, assistance is readily available.

Bring a snack to share if you'd like and the library will provide coffee and tea!



**Milla says: “Don’t miss the second annual Dorset Dog Days at the Dorset Village Library”!**

The Dog Days of July cookout hosted by the Dorset Library on Saturday July 9th from 12-3 p.m.

**Contact us:** [dorsetvillagelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:dorsetvillagelibrary@gmail.com) or 802-867-5774



### Town of Dorset Special Town Meeting Warning August 2016

Legal voters of the Town of Dorset, County of Bennington, State of Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Dorset School, 130 School Drive Dorset, Vermont on Monday, August 8, 2016 at the hour of 7:00 o'clock in the evening for an informational session about the Fire Tax Equalization Agreement to be voted by Australian Ballot, and on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August at the hour of 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon to transact voting at the Dorset School 130 School Drive by Australian Ballot as required by law.

(ARTICLE 1) will be voted by Australian ballot on Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. Polls (**LOCATED AT THE DORSET SCHOOL 130 School Drive Dorset, Vermont**) will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. on August 9, 2016.

**Article 1.** Shall the voters of the Town of Dorset approve inclusion of 2016-2017 Fire District Budgets, into the 2016-2017 Town Budget to equalize the cost of Fire Protection in Dorset?

YES

NO

**So approved on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2016. By the Dorset Select Board.**

Henry Chandler

Tom Smith

Liz Ruffa

*Posted: July 1, 2016 at: Dorset Town Offices, East Dorset Post Office, Jiffy Mart, Dorset Post Office, H.N. Williams Store, published in the Bennington Banner/Manchester Journal the week of July 25<sup>th</sup>, published in the Vermont Newsguide the week of August 1<sup>st</sup>.*

# YOU'RE INVITED



## YOU ARE INVITED TO A FREE RECYCLING TRAINING FOR BUSINESSES & MUNICIPALITIES

**WHEN:** WEDNESDAY, 07/20/18

**WHERE:** ARLINGTON INN (DIRECTIONS BELOW)

**TIME:** BUSINESS OUTREACH: 9 AM TO 11 AM  
MUNICIPAL OPERATORS: 11 AM TO 1 PM

**RSVP:** **BY 7/15/16** TO GWEN ERLEY @  
800-736-4401 X19 OR GERLEY@NRRA.NET

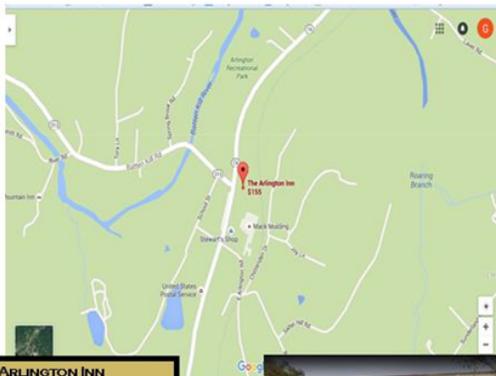
THE BENNINGTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE, AND THE USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT, ARE OFFERING A FREE TRAINING TO HELP BUSINESSES AND MUNICIPALITIES COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF ACT 148—UNIVERSAL RECYCLING.

(LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED)

### DIRECTIONS

THE ARLINGTON INN IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED IN THE CENTER OF ARLINGTON ON HISTORIC ROUTE 7A AT THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTE 313 WEST

(PLEASE NOTE UPON ENTERING ARLINGTON, THEY STRICTLY ENFORCE A SPEED LIMIT OF 35 MPH)



ARLINGTON INN  
3804 VT ROUTE 7A  
ARLINGTON, VT 05250  
802-375-6532  
STAY@ARLINGTONINN.COM



### AGENDA

- 9 AM - ALLIANCE BUSINESS OUTREACH
- REVIEW OF ACT 148 TIMELINE
- RESOURCES AND VENDORS
- Q & A's
- 11 AM - MUNICIPAL OPERATOR SMACK DOWN—SAFETY & PUBLIC RELATIONS TRAINING FOR WASTE FACILITY OPERATORS
- IT'S NOT EASY BEING GREEN—CURRENT MARKET TRENDS IN RECYCLING
- VT ACT 148 MMP'S—WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?
- Q & A's

(PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CREDITS WHERE APPLICABLE)

## Support Vermont Youth Conservation Corps in Dorset!

Vermont is a special place because of the beauty of its natural landscape and its people. Our connection with the outdoors keeps us grounded and refreshed. Many of us toil away happily in our backyards, gardens, woodlots, and forests during our free time when we can. Dorset is fortunate to have such a unique natural landscape that offers so much to our community.

***“Of all the paths you take in life, make sure a few of them are dirt” - John Muir***

The Dorset Conservation Commission and Selectboard recently worked with the community to purchase 255 acres of land that includes a host of hiking trails, old woods roads, and marble quarries. The icon of the property being the Gettysburg Quarry. During this process we engaged the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC) about future trail projects. The VYCC employs local high school kids to work outside, learn important life skills, and get paid in the process. During the summer of 2016 the newly expanded Owls Head Town Forest will become home to a VYCC work crew. The work crew consists of 16 to 18 year olds from as far away as Pittsford and as near as Dorset & Manchester. Burr & Burton Academy and Long Trail School have worked hard to support the effort with VYCC by encouraging students to participate in the program. They will spend 8 weeks working to improve trails and amenities on the property. Crew members will learn technical skills like developing drainage for a hiking trail. They will learn work ethic by rising every morning and working from 8am to 4pm, in the sun and rain. They will learn interpersonal skills like working as part of a team, taking direction, and dealing with others.

Thanks to the generosity of the community we have secured funding for VYCC to work in Dorset during the summer of 2016. We have also realized the potential of this partnership between the Town and VYCC and are asking community members to consider additional support for this effort. We will benefit from owning a unique property where visitors are immersed in the recreational, historical, and ecological aspects of Owls Head Town Forest. The larger community will benefit by involving our youth in a program that will help teach skills that sculpt character and build successful lives.

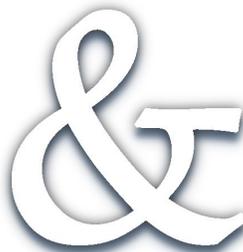


VYCC Dorset Crew 2016 (L to R): Ben, Jacob, Ada, Liz, Chris, Evan, Aiden, Sam, and Gabe

The kids will reap benefits and so will we. They're good work will help us further integrate the Town Forest into the community in an effort to encourage residents to spend more time enjoying the outdoors.

Later in July the Dorset Conservation Commission will roll out a partnership campaign with the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps to fundraise in support of continued work in the Dorset Town Forest in future summers.

There will also be a ribbon cutting for the Owls Head Town Forest in mid August.



**VERMONT  
YOUTH  
CONSERVATION  
CORPS**

# Our Forest, Our Youth

Join us to hear from hard-working local teens with the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps about their work restoring historical trails at the Gettysburg Quarry in the **Dorset Town Forest**. Get to know your town forest!

**Thursday, July 14 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.**

**Hunter Room, Manchester Community Library**

For more info, contact: [John.Woodward@vycc.org](mailto:John.Woodward@vycc.org) (802) 560-4691

## Dorset Chamber Presents:

Dorset Chamber of Commerce 3rd Annual

# Concert at the Quarry



Saturday July 30th @ 5:30 pm  
Dorset Quarry , Route 30, ( weather permitting)

Featuring the Famous

# Don't Leave Band

Special appearances by:

Dorset BBQ Quartet



## MPR and Swimming Info:

Dorset Residents are reimbursed the difference between resident and non-resident pricing rates for MPR passes, camps, and events.

# SWIM

EVENTS CAMPS FITNESS TENNIS SOCCER

### 2016 Swimming Pool Schedule

Dates of Operation: June 18 to August 21, 2016. (Weather dependent, subject to change)

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
7:00-11:00 AM	Swim Team	Swim Team		Swim Team	Swim Team		
9:00-10:45 AM			Family Swim				
11:00-12:30 PM	Adult Lap Swim	Adult Lap Swim	Adult Lap Swim	Adult Lap Swim	Adult Lap Swim	Adult Lap Swim	Adult Lap Swim
12:30-5:00 PM	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim
5:00-6:00 PM	Swim Lessons	Swim Lessons	Swim Lessons	Swim Lessons	Swim Lessons Make-Up	OPEN SWIM IS EXTENDED UNTIL 6:00 PM FOR THE MONTH OF JULY	
6:00-8:00 PM	Open Swim	Swim Meets (schedule TBD)	Open Swim/ Sandlot Soccer & Swim	Open Swim	Swim Team		

- Notes:
- Pool schedule is subject to change due to weather, swim meets, water clarity, and water conditions.
  - Due to Swim Team meets, the pool will close at 4:00 PM on Swim Team Meet Days. See page 10 for more information about the Triton Swim Team
  - Call 362-1439 for up-to-date pool information. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult (over the age of 18). Animals are not allowed in the pool area.

#### FAMILY SWIM

The pool will be open on Wednesday mornings from 9-10:45 AM for family swim. This time slot was implemented to meet the morning swim needs of families with young children. *Adult Lap Swim is not permitted during Family Swim.*

#### 2016 Season Pool Membership Rates

Adult <sup>1</sup>	\$60/Residents	\$100/Nonresidents
Youth <sup>2</sup>	\$40/Residents	\$70/Nonresidents
Senior <sup>3</sup>	\$40/Residents	\$100/Nonresidents
Swim Team*	\$25/Residents	\$40/Nonresidents
Family Cap**		

#### 2016 Daily Pool Membership Rates

Adult <sup>1</sup>	\$6/Residents	\$10/Nonresidents
Youth <sup>2</sup>	\$4/Residents	\$7/Nonresidents
Senior <sup>3</sup>	\$4/Residents	\$10/Nonresidents

<sup>1</sup>: Age 18+      <sup>2</sup>: Age Under 18      <sup>3</sup>: Age 65+

For resident status information please see page 11

\*All Swim team participants will need to purchase a Swim Team Pool Membership or Youth Membership to swim on the team in addition to the \$175.00 swim team fee

\*\*Family Cap: No household headed by a Manchester Resident shall spend more than a total of \$200.00 for season pool passes for immediate family members during the pool season. Infants and toddlers three years old and younger may enter the pool without charge with the paid admission (season pass or day pass) of an adult (18 years of age or older).



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



### MHP BENEFIT BASH WHITE PARTY JULY 9TH 5:30PM

**From casual to elegant, WEAR WHITE.** Fabulous auction items, live music, and a buffet of summer's bounty from the Marble House Projects garden. \$100 per person \$125 at the door

### MINI CHEF COMPETITION JULY 31ST 2—4 PM

#### COMPETE IN ONE OF TWO MINI CHEF-COOKING COMPETITIONS

**Ages 5-9 and 10-14**

Aspiring mini chefs will team up with a parent to compete in one of two mini chef-cooking competitions. Participants will be assigned a dish and allowed to "shop" in our pantry.

Dishes will be judged on originality, use of product, appearance and of course taste!

Our two resident Chefs will judge dishes. Entry fee-\$25.00 per team

Children under 5 will be able to decorate cookies!



### Manley-Lefevre and Charles Downing Lay House and Garden Tour with Optional Buffet Lunch AUGUST 7TH

**On Sunday, August 7th from 11am until 2pm,** join us for a self guided tour of the spectacular interior of the Manley-Lefevre home built in 1812 and the historic gardens designed by Charles Downing Lay in 1915. On the National Register for Historic Places, view the light fixtures brought back from La Scala, the tavern that Ethan Allen used to frequent and the original engravings in the Tea House and fountains. For those of you who would like to join

us for lunch we will be eating in the garden. In case of rain we will move inside. Staff will be on site to answer any questions you might have. This is the first time that the house itself has been opened up to the public since it was built.

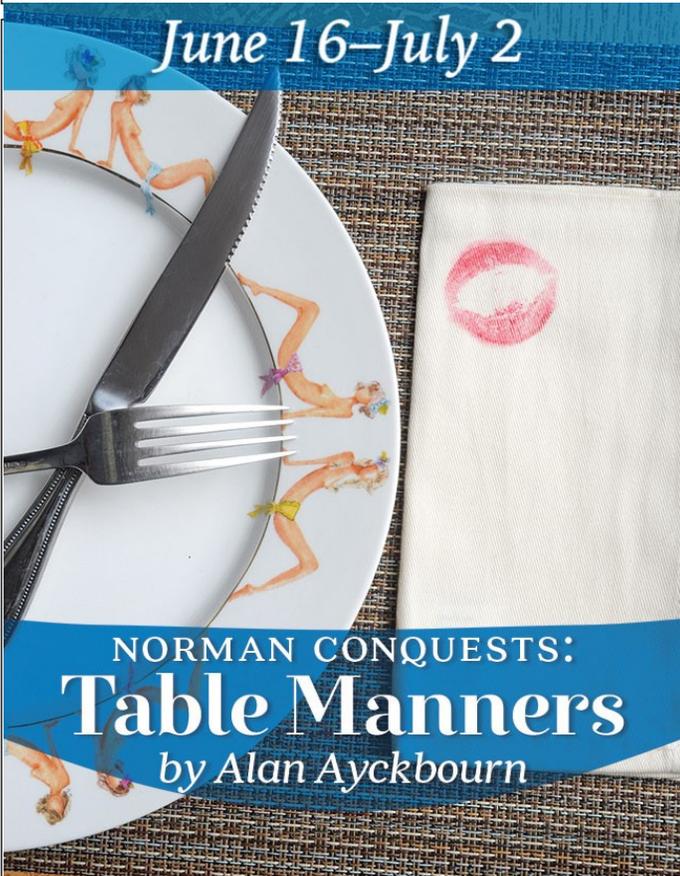
**Tour \$20 per person    Tour and Lunch \$50 Per person**



**1161 Dorset West Road Dorset, VT 05251**  
**[www.marblehouseproject.org](http://www.marblehouseproject.org)**

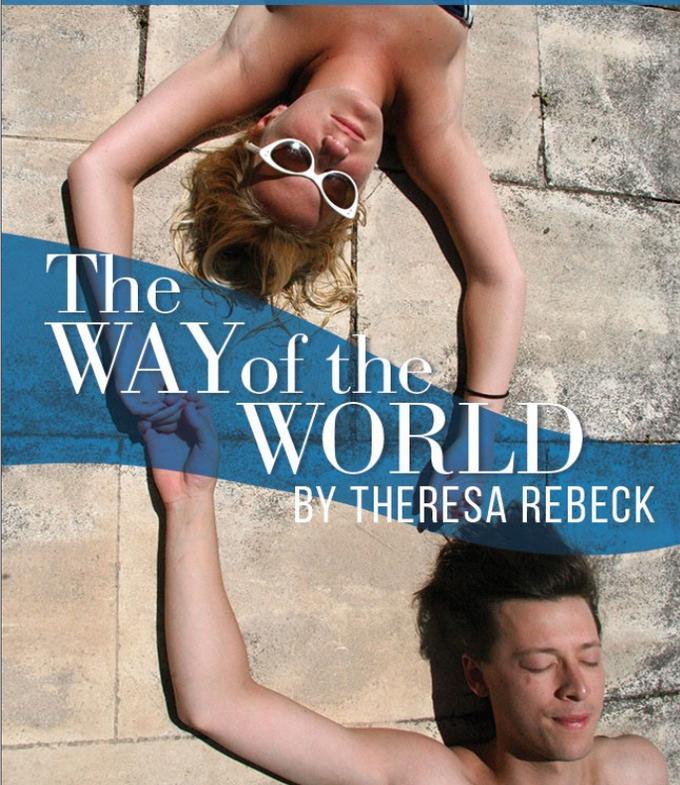
**DTF is here again! Visit: [dorsettheatrefestival.org](http://dorsettheatrefestival.org) for tickets.**

June 16–July 2



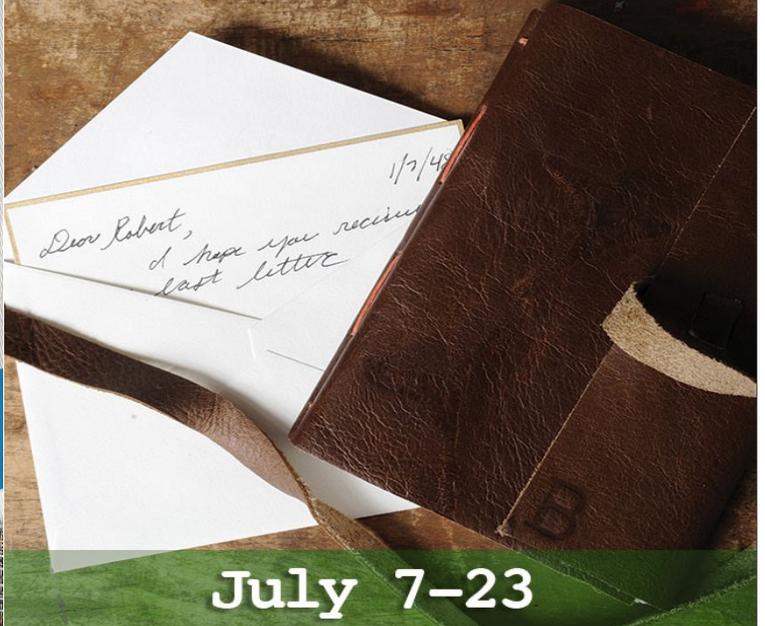
NORMAN CONQUESTS:  
**Table Manners**  
by Alan Ayckbourn

JULY 28–AUGUST 13

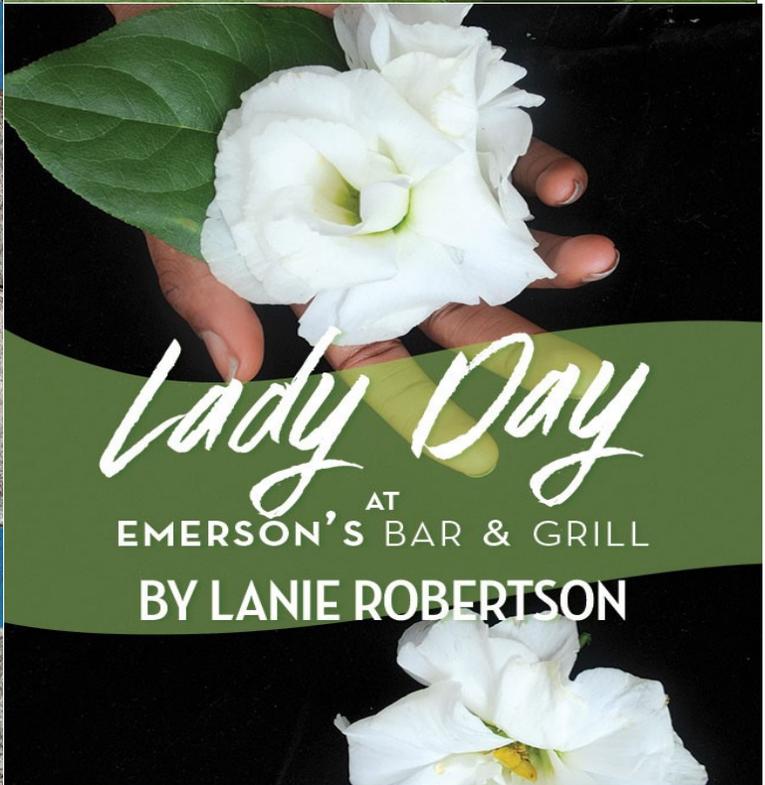


The  
**WAY** of the  
**WORLD**  
BY THERESA REBECK

*Dear Elizabeth*  
by  
Sarah Ruhl



July 7–23



*Lady Day*  
AT  
EMERSON'S BAR & GRILL  
BY LANIE ROBERTSON

AUGUST 18–SEPTEMBER 3

## Summer Events:



It wouldn't be summer in Dorset without the Vermont Summer Horse Festival at the Beebe Farm. Be sure to stop by and support this great local event!

<b>2016 Schedule</b>
<b>Vermont Summer Special July 5 - July 10</b>
<b>Manchester Summer Festival July 12 - 17</b>
<b>Manchester Classic Horse Show July 19 - 24</b>
<b>Valley Classic Horse Show July 26 - 31</b>
<b>Manchester &amp; the Mountains August 2 - 7</b>
<b>Vermont Summer Celebration August 9 - 14</b>
<b><u>Harold Beebe Farm</u> <u>East Dorset, VT</u></b>

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT Dorset Historical Society



**July 9 — Ice Cream Social**

**July 21 — Tour of Off-Site Storage** *Many of the larger artifacts in the DHS collections are stored in a local barn. Join us for our second annual tour of these rarely seen carriages, sleighs, and farm equipment.*

**August 18 — Art Gilbert — Dorset's Marble Industry**

*Now you don't need to join us for a quarry hike to hear Art's voluminous knowledge of the local marble industry.*

**September 15 — Sue Green — Walking Tour of Dorset Green**

Dorset Historical Society PO Box 52 · Route 30 at Kent Hill Road Dorset, VT 05251 USA · 802-867-0331

E-mail: [info@dorsetvthistory.org](mailto:info@dorsetvthistory.org)

— Open Hours —

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

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

## 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.

- ◆ AUGUST 9TH IS THE PRIMARY ELECTION & SPECIAL TOWN MEETING VOTE AT THE DORSET SCHOOL FROM 7AM TO 7PM. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT VOTING CALL THE TOWN CLERKS OFFICE 362-4571 X 2

### Recent Property Transfers (March 2015 to present)

Seller	Buyer:	Address:	Price:	Assessed Value:
Vermette	Bardin	126 Foote Rd	\$285,800	\$285,800
Rumney	Brownlee	0 Route 30 (land)	\$28,500	5.7 acres
Rumney	Cephas Kent LLC	0 Route 30 (land)	\$200,000	6.61 acres
Meachem	Dole	99 Bond Ln	\$225,000	\$359,600
Dworkin LLC	Town of Dorset	0 Black Rock Ln	\$608,631	275 acres
Cornell	Duffy	201 Meadow Ln	\$372,500	\$434,200
Bowden	Gabriele	21 Peace St	\$250,000	\$311,300
Kelly	Hadlock	424 Coolidge Ln	\$1,000,000	\$1,111,200
Roberts	Heaton	325 Lower Hollow	\$260,000	\$280,800
Hatfield	HSH 1122 LLC	190 Scallop Dr	\$235,000	\$333,400
Wassermann	Kwiatek	204 Green Peak Orch S.	\$385,000	\$559,800
Eichel	Maggiotto	2139 Morse Hill Rd	\$365,000	\$586,700
Dean	Noriega	1280 Route 7A	\$140,000	\$201,300
McClellan	Polkosnik	2644 Morse Hill Rd	\$250,000	\$278,700
Beckwith	Romano	0 Dorset West Rd (land)	\$100,000	\$160,000
Bradbury	Rooney	1792 Lower Hollow	\$650,000	\$702,000

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

## Around Town.....



**Robin & Rupert: two Randall steers that call Dorset home.** Randall cattle are a rare breed of purebred cattle developed in Sunderland, Vermont, USA, on the farm of Samuel Randall, and later his son, Everett Randall. The Randall family kept a closed herd for over 80 years. Randalls are considered to be a landrace breed, descended from the local cattle common in New England in the nineteenth Century.

**We want your pictures! 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.**

# Town of Dorset

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K-3 Field Day at The Dorset School

## In and around Dorset

### New business alert



Located at  
Southern  
Vermont  
Arts Center



### Hours

Thursday - Saturday,  
11:30AM - 3PM  
Sunday, 12:00PM -  
3:00PM

(Located in the Yester House)

Also open for dinner

before most evening  
performances

Reservations are required for dinner

**802.367.1028**

About the proprietors and their cooking...

Inspired by their mother's and grandmothers' love of cooking and community, friends Chie Addington (Dorset resident!) and Katsuko Lord have teamed up to offer healthy family style Japanese cooking.



### September 10, 2016

The Make-A-Wish Vermont 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 and back to the finish. Adding to the beauty, Vermont will be in the early stages of fall foliage.

The Make-A-Wish Vermont Maple Leaf Half Marathon, Walk for Wished, and Kotler 5K will be run on Saturday, September 10, 2016, in beautiful Manchester, Vermont, a vibrant region with much to offer. Organization is excellent and the course is scenic and enjoyable. There is something for everyone in this rural Vermont tour. It's one of those "must do" New England races. Manchester, Vermont is a year round sports, recreation, food and shopping destination in the heart of the Green Mountain National Forest. For more information on the event and registration visit: [manchestervtmapleleaf.com](http://manchestervtmapleleaf.com)