

# Winter Newsletter 2012

January 2012



## Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- ◆ **Select Board:**
- ◆ 1-17-12 at 7:00pm
- ◆ 2-21-12 at 7:00pm
  
- ◆ **School Board:**
- ◆ 1-24-12 at 6:00pm
- ◆ 2-28-12 at 6:00pm
  
- ◆ **Planning:**
- ◆ 1-3-12 at 7:00pm
- ◆ 2-7-12 at 7:00pm
  
- ◆ **Energy Committee:**
- ◆ 1-9-12 at 3:00pm
- ◆ 2-6-12 at 8:30am

## DID YOU KNOW?

In 1775 and 1776, Dorset hosted the vitally important Dorset Conventions which set the stage for the creation of the Republic and later the state of Vermont. These meetings were held at the tavern of Cephas Kent on the West Road and today a marble monument marks that general location.

## Remember last winter?



Want to learn how to:  
**Stay Warm & Save Money?**  
**"PACE" yourself!**

Come to an informational session on  
Property Assessed Clean Energy Districts (PACE)  
**Wednesday January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 6:00pm**  
**at The Dorset School**

Presentation by Peter Adamczyk, Energy Finance & Development Manager for Vermont Energy Investment Corp. (which runs Efficiency Vermont). Peter is leading the state-wide PACE effort in Vermont.

*And, Dorset – you may have a chance to vote on PACE at Town Meeting!*



**PACE**



## The Dorset Farmer's Market at J.K. Adams

Starts Sunday October  
16th, 2011 and  
ends Sunday February  
19th, 2012  
10am-2pm  
RAIN OR SHINE

## Winter Recreation News:

The Riley Rink season has begun!

Manchester Parks & Rec winter programs!

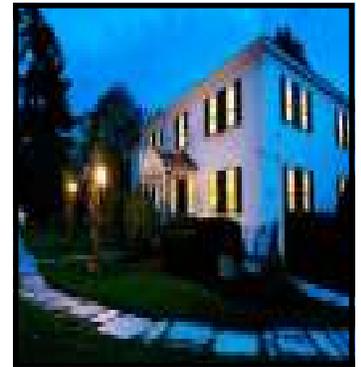
Dorset residents are eligible for discounts on the above programs. Checkout the Recreation page on the town website for more information. [www.dorsetvt.org/recreation.php](http://www.dorsetvt.org/recreation.php)

## The Dorset Library

**Library Hours:** M,W & Fri: 11am to 5pm T, Th & Sat: 10am to 1pm/  
[www.dorsetlibraryinfo.org](http://www.dorsetlibraryinfo.org)

Come into the Dorset Library anytime and get started with a program at UNIVERSAL CLASS! It's fun!

The Department of Libraries has signed a contract with Recorded Books to offer Universal Class at no cost to all Vermont Public Libraries. All citizens of Vermont who have access to the services of a public library are eligible to use this online learning resource for free in the library or from remote sites. Visit the Library website for more information.



## The Dorset School ([www.dorsetschool.us](http://www.dorsetschool.us))

### Snowglobe Notecards

Last year's third graders did an extensive unit on the history of Dorset. As part of the celebration of Dorset's 250th anniversary the snowglobe pictures that they created of town buildings were showcased at the

Dorset Historical Society. Mrs. Hubbard has arranged to have these snowglobe pictures made up into notecards. They will be sold in packs of 5 for \$10.00 and will benefit this year's fourth grade. They would make a

wonderful holiday or anytime gift. Please look for the sample poster in our lobby!

**Shop for TDS:** If you shop at Price Chopper, a portion of your purchase can go to support The Dorset School. Working together we can make The Dorset School the best experience possible for your children.



## Zoning Administrator Notes:

Many people use winter as a time for planning spring projects. It is not too early to be thinking about obtaining a zoning permit for work that will begin in 2012. An applicant has up to one year to begin a project after a permit is issued. Obtaining a permit early allows work to begin as soon as weather breaks. It also allows time for any required hearings before the Planning Commission and, or the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

When filling out an application for a zoning permit, be sure to follow the directions included with the application. Double check to be certain all parts of the form have been completed. One of the most common reasons a permit is delayed is that the application is incomplete. Nearly all applications require a Plot Plan drawn to scale. The Zoning Administrator can provide a copy of the tax map for your property which can be used to create this.

If the project includes the addition of one or more bedrooms, a permit from the VT Dept. of Environmental Conservation Wastewater Management Division is also required prior to a zoning application being reviewed and approved. The Rutland Regional Office can provide guidance and address questions you may have. They can be contacted at 802-786-5900. Please provide a copy of your wastewater permit with your zoning application.

Applicants for commercial projects should contact the VT Dept. of Fire Safety prior to submitting a zoning application. A State building permit or change of use permit is typically required of all commercial projects. The Rutland office can be reached at 802-786-5867

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## 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.

### Recent Property Transfers (September 2011 to December 2011)

Seller	Buyer	Address	Price:
Walker, Barbara	Kramer Trustee	69 Marsh Lane	\$475,000
Gehring, Joseph	Marks, Eric	50 Fox Lane	\$395,000
Iglinski, Michael & Peggy	Long Trail School	325 Paul's Way	\$563,316
Gilbert, John	Deyo, James	Off Lane Road	\$77,500
Hallett, Bruce	Winter, Robert	1596 Dorset West Rd.	\$440,000
Raspe, Herman	Nassivera, John	18 Marsh Lane	\$500,000
Nassivera, John	Herman, Raspe	173 Church Street	\$710,000
140 Myrick View, LLC	Hensel, Thomas	140 Myrick View	\$550,000
Kopituk Trust	Ziegler, Thomas	20 Nichols Hill Road	\$300,000
Boyer, Guy	Sands, Jefferey	71 Battenkill Way	\$465,000
Kastner Trustees	Karas, Charles	1450 Lower Hollow Road	\$445,000
Slade, Mark	Mariah, King	106 Culver Lane	\$145,000
Roberston, Jane Trust	White, Michael	2511 Route 30	\$149,000

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

### WINTER DRIVING TIPS:



**Start with the basics:** Have good snow tires, traction strips, a shovel, working heat and defrosters, new wipers, and plenty of washer fluid – carry extra.

**Clean up your act:** Clear all snow and ice from windows, mirrors, lights, hood, trunk, and roof. You need to see and be seen.

**Take your time:** You will need extra time on winter roads – relax, don't rush or speed. Travel during daylight whenever possible.

**Safety first:** Keep an emergency kit with blankets, flashlight, batteries, warm clothes, booster cables, a candle, and matches in your vehicle.

**Speed:** Slow down and drive according to the road conditions. Driving too fast is the leading cause of winter crashes.

**Distance:** Leave more room than usual between vehicles – you'll need the extra time to brake safely. Signal early, merge slowly and carefully.

**Brake:** Brake early and slowly to prevent skidding. Never slam on the brakes on winter roads.

**Control:** Do not use cruise control during a storm, don't overestimate the ability of four-wheel drive and lookout for black ice on what appears to be bare pavement.

**Focus:** Stay off the cell phone and minimize other distractions. You'll need added reaction time in case something happens.

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## Things to do around town.....

### Pottery Anyone?



Flower Brook Pottery came to Dorset in 1997. The studio offers a great variety of hand-made gifts that anyone would

love. Flower Brook offers a paint-your-own pottery experience, this is a great family activity and creative way to give gifts this season. The proprietor Janno Gay created a piece for the Town of Dorset's 250th celebration (pictured below). Visit Flower Brook pottery on Facebook!

Be sure to stop by Flower Brook pottery!



Flower Brook Pottery

3120 Route 30 Dorset, VT / 867-2409

[www.flowerbrookpottery.com](http://www.flowerbrookpottery.com)

Open Daily 10:00am to 5:00pm

Closed on Tuesday

## Winter Events in Dorset

### Upcoming Shows at

#### The Dorset Play House:

*The Wiz of the West*  
January 21st

at 3:00 pm & 7:00 PM



The Importance of  
Being Earnest



*The Importance of Being Earnest*

Directed by Sherry Kratzer

March 9,10,16,17 at 7:30pm



**Jan 13:** John Lillie's Art - Open House. 5-7. Red Room at Bley House Museum and Historical Society.

**Jan 19:** Luncheon Lecture Series: *Old Sleds*. 12-1 p.m. Mat Petrisky will talk about his passion collecting antique sleds. Several of his sleds are on exhibit in the Main Galley as part of our Winter Sports exhibit. This is the first of the Luncheon Lectures to be held on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

### Something New!

The Town of Dorset now has a Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/Town-of-Dorset-VT](https://www.facebook.com/Town-of-Dorset-VT).

Check out the page for town updates & alerts.

Do you have info to include in the Dorset Town Newsletter? Contact the Town Manager's Office at 362-4571 x 3 or [townmanager@gmail.com](mailto:townmanager@gmail.com)