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MES Community Meeting

The Marlboro School Board invites you to a community meeting on Monday, October 5, 2015 at 7pm at the Marlboro Elementary School.

The purpose of the meeting is to update the public about Act 46, Vermont's new education governance reform law which calls for larger school districts to be formed. For more information, contact Jen Carr, School Board Chair, at jcarr@windhamcentralboard.org.

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**OFF
THE RECORD**



MARLBORO FAIR

A Side
33 Long Playing
OFF THE RECORD

Saturday, September 12, 2015

**The Muster Field
Ames Hill Road
10:00 – 4:00**

Contact fair if you want to be part of Artisan's Alley
or if you are willing to do a demo! Marlborofair@gmail.com

Select Board Report

The Select Board meets at 5:00 PM every second and fourth Thursday at the Town Office, unless otherwise warned.

Marlboro residents may now pay taxes and other fees by credit card at the Town Office and make automatic payments from their bank to the Town's bank account. Town employees now have direct deposit of their paychecks into their bank accounts. The board achieved these new initiatives with recommendation from Linda Peters, Town Treasurer. (See more about this below).

The board re-appointed **Susanne Shapiro** Town Health Officer. Also, the board appointed **Kate Buttolph** as representative from Marlboro on the Windham Regional Commission.

Pieter reported he researched the King Cemetery property and learned the cemetery may expand to the south, a wooded area that is to the right of the existing drive way. Jodi Clark, Project Manager, Brattleboro Development

Credit Corporation/SeVEDS, updated the board on some of Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies' new initiatives. They include some of the following: workforce development, Six College Collaborative for a paid internship program (website: <http://www.sixcolleges.com>), and a Young Professionals program. The board brought up Marlboro's lack of adequate internet service and Jodi Clark said that is one of the issues on SeVEDS' list.

The board signed the FY 16 contract with the Windham County Sheriff's Department.

The public is always welcome to attend Select Board meetings and we value your input. There is always a ten minute period at the beginning of every meeting for unscheduled open public comment. Contact the board by email at marlboroselectboard@gmail.com or by post at Select Board, PO Box 518, Marlboro, VT 05344. Visit the website: marlborovt.us.

If all goes as planned, as of early September, the Town of Marlboro will be accepting credit card payments for any municipal bills: taxes, dog licenses, zoning permits, or certified copies. The option comes with a service fee of 3%. For tax bills, this means an additional \$30 for \$1,000, \$60 for \$2,000, and so on. The vendor we chose, PayPort, does not charge the town. The consumer covers the convenience fee. This is our best choice since the town can't easily absorb the higher cost of the other model, in which the town pays for the service (which would then fall to all the taxpayers). Payment will be possible in person at the Town Office.

The second phase of the project will allow those credit card payments to be made through the town website. For items such as a \$12 dog license, the extra \$0.36 isn't much for not having to go out on a snowy day in January. The choice is yours to make, but we hope that this will be a convenience and maybe helpful. For more information, please contact Forrest or Linda at the Town Office 254-2181 or marlborovt.us More information will be posted to Front Porch Forum when we have updates.

2015 Marlboro Alliance Scholarships

22 students, 13 families, 6 colleges, 11 summer programs
= \$4480 in awards.

The Marlboro Alliance Scholarship Committee met on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 4pm at the Marlboro School Library. We were, as always, moved and inspired by the hard work and community service done by our college and high school students. We're very pleased with the response. It means that the families of Marlboro are aware of what we offer.

These scholarships are only possible thanks to the continuing generosity of the Marlboro community in response to our annual appeal letter. We are also pleased to have a 'cushion' of \$3000 thanks to our first-ever benefit concert in February of this year.

We especially congratulate our college students: **Mesa Kennedy** at Green Mountain College, **Ferne Johansson** at Bennington College, **Amanda White** at Lesley University, **Eric Johansson** at Hamilton College, **Marcus Shapiro** at University of Vermont, **Rose Bernhard** at Smith College.

At the High School level, we helped 6 students to attend: the Governor's Institute, N.E. Youth Theatre and Pottery and Guitar classes. And at the K-8 level, we provided aid to 10 students attending: New England Center for Circus Arts, New England Youth Theater, In-Sight Photography, Brattleboro Music Center Camp, River Gallery School, Brattleboro School of Dance and Westminster West Studio Camp.

This year's awards committee: Francie Marbury, Sylvia Johnson, Gussie Bartlett, Felicia Tober, Gail MacArthur and Michelle Holzapfel. The Marlboro Alliance is a 501(c)3 non-profit all-volunteer charitable corporation.

Please visit our new website (thanks, Jess!) :
marlboroalliance@gmail.com

News from Marlboro Cares

Alive Inside

Marlboro Cares in conjunction with Brattleboro Area Hospice is pleased to present the amazing film, *Alive Inside*, an uplifting film by Michael Rossato-Bennett, who describes it as ... "a joyous cinematic exploration of music's capacity to reawaken our souls and uncover the deepest parts of our humanity. This stirring documentary follows social worker Dan Cohen...as he fights against a broken healthcare system to demonstrate music's ability to combat memory loss and restore a deep sense of self to those suffering from it." The film won the Audience Award at the 2014 Sundance Film Festival.

Alive Inside will be shown Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 7 pm upstairs in the Meetinghouse Church in the center of town. The film will be introduced by Ryan Murphy of Brattleboro Area Hospice. The film is open to all at no charge. Please call 258-3030 for a ride 2 days ahead.

Senior Lunches

Senior lunches will begin again for the school year starting on October 2, 2015. The ever-popular Bob Engel will speak on Forest Productivity: Can Marlboro compete with the Amazon. Please call by Monday, September 28th to reserve your seat for the most fun lunch in town! Join us for delicious food, wonderful neighbors, and the good cheer that will definitely be in abundance.

Senior Lunches are held at 11:30 a.m. in the Coffee Shop at Marlboro College, still for a charge of only \$3.00. Any resident of Marlboro over the age of 60 is cordially invited to attend and enjoy a delicious meal, an interesting talk or music, and a good time with your neighbors. Please call for a ride 2 days ahead.

Continued Services

For rides, errands, referrals, or other non-emergency assistance, please call Marlboro Cares at 258-3030. Someone will return your call within 24 hours.

Habitat Improvement on Hogback Needs Helpers

The second phase of the ten-year project to enhance wildlife habitat variety in the Hogback Mountain Conservation Area starts this fall. We'll be cutting the overgrowth on the former Great White Way ski slope in order to rejuvenate the early successional habitat (ESH) that developed when the ski area closed in 1986. Five work parties have been scheduled. Volunteers are needed to wield loppers, haul brush, and operate chain saws*. We meet at 9:00 and quit by noon. Gather in the field behind the white A-frame building on Route 9 just west of the gift shop. If it's a big leaf-peeping weekend, please park in the big parking lot north of the highway.

Sunday, Sept. 13

Saturday, Sept. 26

Monday, Oct. 12 (Columbus Day weekend)

Saturday, Oct. 24

Sunday, Nov. 8

*Chain sawyers, please note, you must have chaps and hearing/eye protection. A few sets of safety equipment are available to borrow, as is a saw or two. Please contact us at hogbackvt@gmail.com to reserve a set. Other volunteers: some loppers, hand saws and gloves will be available, but if you have your own favorite tool, bring it.

For more information and to check for last-minute changes, see our website at hogbackvt.org and click on the ESH tab.

Here's some background on the project for those who haven't heard of it before. In 2013-2014, in phase one of the project, we opened up the top portion of the former Meadow ski slope. Thanks to vigorous stump sprouting, that area is already well on its way to becoming the type of dense, young, woody growth that creatures who rely on ESH need.

Why does cutting trees create valuable habitat? Right now, the vast bulk of Vermont's forests are essentially middle-aged. We've all heard the surprising statistic that at the height of the sheep craze in the 1840's, about 80% of Vermont was open agricultural land. Now that ratio is reversed, with almost 80% of the land forested. But that middle-aged even-aged forest, existing in a culture where

we try to suppress forest fires and prevent floods, is not as susceptible to the natural fire and flood disturbances which consistently created large natural openings in the forests in pre-colonial times. Nature just isn't creating ESH in our modern forests at the same rate that occurred in the past. As early as the 1960's scientists documented declining populations in birds, mammals, amphibians, reptiles and even invertebrates that rely on ESH for part of their life cycles. The situation has become critical for some species. For example, the New England cottontail rabbit no longer exists in Vermont due to lack of suitable habitat. Other ESH-reliant species in decline include woodcock, rose-breasted grosbeak, veery, yellow-bellied sapsucker, bobcat, least shrew, bog turtle, and a clutch of butterflies.

When the ski area went out of business and the slopes were no longer mowed, the gradual reversion to forest created valuable swaths of ESH on the mountain. But that early regrowth is by now no longer early. The ski slopes are starting to look more like middle-aged forest. The ten-year plan to increase habitat variety on the mountain aims to turn back the clock by re-opening the five major ski slopes, one every two years. Cutting the young hardwood trees that are growing on those slopes won't kill them. They'll come roaring back via stump sprouting. You can take a look at this process yourself by walking up to the former Meadow ski slope and seeing the regrowth already underway there. You'll also see how blueberry is thriving thanks to the increased sunlight, how milkweed has returned, how hawthorns are producing heavy fruit crops. The nipped tops of the stump sprouts show that browsers (deer? moose?) are enjoying the buffet. Wander up in winter and you will see tracks of many small mammals that have set up housekeeping in the brush piles.

Join us this fall in expanding the rejuvenation effort to the Great White Way!



Guided Walks on Hogback

Have you been on a hike on Hogback yet? whether you have or not, join us on one of these guided walks this fall, organized by Hogback Mountain Conservation Association. To explore Hogback on your own, go to the HMCA web site and download a print-at-home trail map. www.hogbackvt.org

Sunday, Sept. 6, 1:00

The Old Pease Cellar Hole and the People Who Lived in the Home

led by Marcia Hamilton

Not many people know about the barely visible cellar hole just north of the Old Hogback Road on the north side of Route 9, but there was a farm there for a little over 100 years. Our guide Marcia Hamilton has discovered information about some of those early residents in Marlboro. *Meet in the big parking lot north of Route 9. The walk to the cellar hole and back will be less than a half-mile round-trip, and on easy terrain.*

Sunday, Sept. 20, 2:00

Mushrooms at Hogback

led by Justin Garner – co-sponsored by Bonnyvale Environmental Education Center (BEEC)

Early autumn is a good time for finding fungi, including such edibles as lobster mushrooms, oyster mushrooms, hen of the woods (maitake), black trumpets, and hedgehog mushrooms. Justin Garner will be our guide as we explore the woods in quest of mushrooms. Justin has a long-standing interest in these often neglected and misunderstood life forms, and has pursued education in botany, plant chemistry, and for good measure human physiology and biochemistry, and will teach about the

nourishing, medicinal, and toxic properties of our diverse fungi. With luck, we will find some of the tasty edibles and perhaps some with medicinal attributes. Bring a bag or basket for collecting mushrooms and a mushroom knife or small pocketknife. Be prepared for off-trail hiking in wooded terrain. *Meet in*



the field behind the white A-frame building on Route 9 just west of the gift shop.

Saturday, Oct 3, 9:00

Bird Banding Demo – Migratory Songbird Study

led by Amanda Whiting

Researchers from UMass will be netting migratory songbirds on Hogback this fall and outfitting them with nanotransmitters to study their passage through the Connecticut River Valley. This spring, they installed a temporary antenna/receiver on Hogback, one of a network of nine, to capture the information transmitted by the spring birds they netted down in Hadley, Mass. This fall, the former ski slopes on Hogback will be where they will be intercepting the birds making their way south. A short 10-15 minute stroll up the mountainside will bring the group to where UMass researcher Aaron Hulsey will show us how the birds are netted, documented and released. *Meet in the field behind the white A-frame building on Route 9 just west of the gift shop. Please park in the big parking lot north of Route 9, and be careful crossing the highway.*

Sunday, Oct. 11, 1:00

Early Ski Lift Technology – Discovering Remnants on Hogback

led by Diana Todd

When the Hogback Ski Area opened in 1946, its state-of-the-art T-bar lift, carrying 900 people an hour, was the largest capacity lift in the country! Remains of the wooden towers that supported that earliest lift can still be found, along with examples of later-generation surface lifts, including a rope tow and a Poma lift. We'll take a look at some of the remaining lift towers, the bull wheels, the counterweights, and the lift-operator shacks. From time to time we'll split into two groups, with the more adventurous bush-whacking up or down the now overgrown lift lines to see some interesting artifacts, while those who prefer to stay on pleasant trails stroll on and meet us at the more easily accessible (but still very interesting) relics. *Meet in the field behind the white A-frame building on Route 9 just west of the gift shop. Please park in the big parking lot north of Route 9, and be careful crossing the highway.*

News from MES

The school year starts with our annual New Year's Potluck on Monday, August 24, 5:30 p.m. on the soccer field. There we will welcome back all students and, especially, new students and their families. New students in Kindergarten are **Basil, Shay, Rose, Elizabeth, Felix, Wycke, Izzie, Walker, and Nevaeh**. In Primary, **Juno** returns to us and we welcome new students, **Nane, Sophia, Kane,** and **Andrew. Nikita** will join the Junior High. We will open with 78 students.

This year we will have five classrooms. **Ellen Martyn** in Kindergarten, **Judy Jarzombek-Lang** in Primary, **Erica Morse** with **Nancy Angell** in 3rd-4th, **Pam Burke** in 5th-6th, and **Rachel Boyden** and **Tim Hayes** in the Junior High. We are also welcoming **Sarah Lavigne** and **Emily Walsh** as assistants in the Primary. If you'd like to see a complete listing of our wonderful staff, check out the School Handbook at marlboroschool.net under "About Our School."

We have lots to be excited about this year. Highlights include Forest Kindergarten, After School (Lafter) activities and supper, Spanish for Primary students, Personalized Learning Plans for Junior High, ChromeBooks for each student in 5th-6th and Junior High, and expansion of our recycling and composting under the able leadership of the 3rd-4th grade.

Please be sure to read the announcement from the School Board of the Community Meeting coming up on October 5. As changes take place in the governance of schools throughout Vermont, we want to have your thoughtful input as to what is essential to the Marlboro School.

Items Needed

Items needed for Hospice auction on October 17. Antiques and good furniture, jewelry, artwork, other treasures are needed. If you have an item(s) to donate, please call 802-254-8174 to see whether they can be dropped off at the Hospice office on Canal St or whether a pick up is needed.

Clean-up Day

The Marlboro Park Association will be having **South Pond fall clean up** on Sunday September 13 from 10am to noon. All working members are required to attend.

Help Wanted

Restaurant Folly seeks part time service staff. 18 seat, dinner only, Thurs. through Sat. Great Food and Wine - low pressure. Please respond to vtfolly@gmail.com or 464-1333

Progressive Performance Festival

3 Works 3 Venues 3 Days featuring work researched and developed at Vermont Performance Lab by Project In Situ, Carmelita Tropicana + Ela Troyano, Dahlia Nayar

Join us for this three-day festival featuring a variety of artists from as near as Northampton, MA to as far as Lyon, France with performance experiences that call attention to the place and time that we live in. Visit us at www.vermontperformancelab.org for complete details.

Friday September 4 – Sunday September 6
The Dianich Gallery + New England Youth Theatre + various locations in downtown Brattleboro, VT

TICKETS & INFO: \$15 tickets + \$10 student tickets + free event / www.vermontperformancelab.org/events



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Lance C. Shader, 464-5676, Attorney at Law

Malcolm Moore, 254-5664, surveygmls@gmail.com Green Mountain Land Surveying

Boat building, repair, maintenance & woodwork for the home. jmark@sover.net, 254-6955

Mountain Meadow Farm, 348-7344 Organic Beef; Composted manure

Kevin Hamilton, 257-5666 Softwood shavings; maple syrup; cordwood

Russell Horton, 254-2651, Drum repair and lessons

Applewoods Studio and Gallery, 254-2908 Turned vessels and wood furniture

Rob Shapiro, chipping services 254-2570

Absolute Computer Solutions, 413-388-8041 (in Marlboro)

Jerry Lundsted, 254-6512. Earthwork, excavating

Whetstone Ledges Farm, 257-7328 Maple syrup, seasonal produce, berries

Green Power, 2063 Route 9, Small engine sales and repair

Jon May: Full Throttle Lawn Care, landscaping, excavator work + more. 829-0487 or 464-8216

Lucy Gratwick Fine Handweaving 257-0181 Functional hand-woven apparel

Donald Sherefkin, AIA 254-9736. Architectural Services, sherefkin@gmail.com

Yoga & Yoga Dance 254-7724 kel@sover.net Kripalu Instructors Casey Deane & Kelly Salasin

Nat Waring Woodworking 257-4100, custom furniture, built-in cabinets, corian countertops

Brian McNeice—Bonvue Farm. Pastured poultry & 100% grass-fed beef. 258-2296

Greg Burnell 257-0796 Guitar Lessons. All ages all styles. gregsbues18@yahoo.com

Walt's Chain Saw Carvings, Walter F. Ridel, 1947 Auger Hole Rd. 348-7162

Theo's Handyman Services (802) 254-4738

Bob Kreitzer, Custom hardwood frames & more, 464-5992 whoframedbob@myfairpoint.net

Alcan power equip: lawn equipment, chainsaws, generators-sales & service 348-7898

Dave Matt: firewood, hay, maple syrup 464- 9788

Brent Seabrook: Carpentry: Design, Build, Restore, Refinish. 464-5169

A&J Heating LLC, Aaron Diamondstone 254-2246. solar hot water and all heating systems

Green Mtn. Floral Arts; weddings & special events. Carie Kowalski, 380-2832

David Johnson, lawn mowing & odd jobs. 464- 5891

Skunk's Tree Service, 802.598.4434.

The Poetry Studio, 257-8972 Poetry classes for young people and adults

Whetstone CiderWorks, Artisan Hard Cider whetstoneciderworks@gmail.com, 254-5306

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Sunrise House Painting and Landscaping. 257-7184 SunrisePaintersVT.com

Allen Warner - 464-2099 Painting, Small Carpentry, Pressure Washing, Lawn Mowing & small snow removal

Ames Hill Storage, LLC Heated winter storage 802-254-2501

Lavigne Photography: 257.6918 lavignephotography.blogspot.com

Pork, seasonal produce, firewood, 258-0409 or Rob@RamblingBrookFarmVermont.com

Fred Bisbee Adirondack Chairs, Picnic Tables, Trellises, etc., made to order, 464-0297

Photography, Pet Portaiture & Animal REIKI 860-716-1049, rebeccawhitney8@yahoo.com.

Meg McCarthy Design 275-7212, graphic design, web design in Wordpress and Joomla

Tim Whitney, 464-3216, DBA as Another Pair of Hands, property maintenance, handyman, laborer

Lady Moon Holistic Health; Megan MacArthur Littlehales; Reiki for all beings, Massage for dogs; 254-6955 mml.wellness@gmail.co

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Brattleboro Area Hospice