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15th Annual January Thaw Book-Swap
Saturday January 16th
@ the Town House Marlboro Town Center
9am-Noon

Bring Books to Share, Take home any books
you like for free!
Enjoy a hot beverage & Baked goods free (donations welcome)



Please Bring a
canned food item
to donate
to the food bank

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BRING BOOKS TO TAKE BOOKS !
1. If you have some, bring your books in a box.
2. Browse and take home any books you like.
3. Enjoy refreshments from the Marlboro Alliance.
4. All books left behind will be recycled.
Can you help? Bake something to share? Other Questions?
please email sarah at lavignephotography@yahoo.com
or call 257-6918

Community Input Needed on Proposed Zoning Regulations Changes

The Marlboro Planning Commission is hosting the first of three informational meetings on the proposed changes to the town's zoning regulations on **January 12, 2016, at 6-7 pm at the Marlboro Elementary School**. The first meeting is focused on Article III, Establishment Of Zoning Districts and Zoning Maps. You may review the draft changes on the town website (marlborovt.us/) or read a copy at the Town offices. There will be a preamble explaining what the proposed changes are. Please come with your questions and suggestions to our meeting.

Thanks,

Matt Tell

Marlboro Planning Commission Chair

From Marlboro School

While there's no doubt that the shadow of uncertainty brought on by Act 46 is causing a strain on the school, as a staff we've decided that the best response is to keep on doing what we're doing and to strive to do it better and better. So what is that looking like these days?

Once again the Winter Concert was held at Marlboro College's Whittemore Theater. This annual event is filled with many traditions including the Primary play, Morris dancing by 3rd and 4th graders, and the Junior High Sword Dance. Each class looks forward to taking on these challenges and every year Charlene Morse, our music teacher, finds ways to showcase each child's talents.

A special project going on throughout the school year is an Artist's Residency with visual artist Linda Whelihan and sponsored by the Vermont Arts Council. Integrating the arts into the regular curriculum makes for powerful learning. Each teacher has identified a unit to enhance through puppetry. Linda is helping the kindergarten to make puppets from the fairy tale Little Red Riding Hood. The Primary students are making bird puppets. 3rd and 4th graders will bring alive their study of Native American tales and the 5th and 6th graders each chose an inventor to study. I wish you could see the puppet of Stephen Hawking or Mae Carol Jemison. When the Junior High goes to Washington, DC in May, they will take Bread and Puppet inspired puppets for an effective presentation of the concern they decide to bring to legislators.

This year the Marlboro School Association has come through once again with strong support for the school. This year they have increased their support for Field Research, given funding for special materials such as audio books, a Forest Kindergarten shelter, a spiralizer for garden veggie preparation, and a new projector for the Junior High.

By the time you read this, I hope there is snow on the ground! Winter Sports start January 4 and we're looking forward to skiing, skating, and exploring the winter forest.

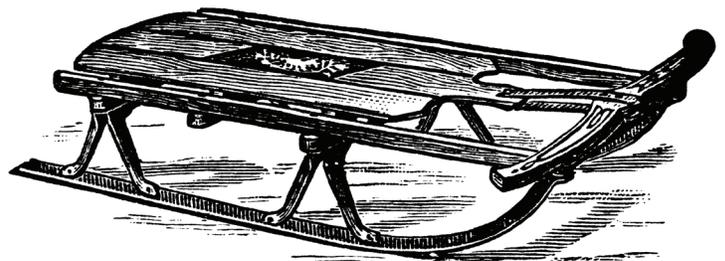
All School Sing takes place every Wednesday at 8:30. It's a great time to visit and we'd love to have you join us.

— Francie Marbury

Marlboro's Meeting House School Will Remain Open

After engaging in a six-month process of research and deliberation, the board of the Meeting House School voted to keep its doors open for the 2016-17 school year. While moving to a public pre-kindergarten program (as part of the Marlboro Elementary School) is an appealing option, it seems that due to budgeting constraints it is unlikely that a public program would be able to offer the same number of days and the option of afternoon care that our school now offers. We feel that our current program will be able to serve the needs of more Marlboro families at this time.

Thanks to state funding for children three-years and up, the tuition cost for our program is minimal and scholarships are available. As a private non-profit organization, the Meeting House School is ever-grateful for the community support we continue to receive in the form of financial contributions, volunteer time, and participation in our decision-making process. In the future, when more is known about the effect of Act 46 on the budget and governance of the Marlboro Elementary School, we may reconsider closing our doors and supporting the creation of a public pre-kindergarten. Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's deliberation process, including Francie, the MES school board, and those who attended our community meeting on October 29th. We look forward to seeing you at the Mudfling on February 27th!



The Marlboro School Board Seeks Community Participation

Special School District/Town Meeting: January 4, 2016 at MES Junior High, 7:30pm

Act 46, passed by the Vermont State Legislature last spring, significantly changes the landscape of education in Vermont towns and charges school boards with drafting proposals for restructuring their current school districts by November 2017. In light of this momentous task that is being added to the board's regular work of overseeing the school district, the board is proposing to add two new positions to its current structure. The addition of two new board members will add to the board's capacity, making it easier for members to attend the many meetings and discussions Act 46 will require in our region and beyond that relate to restructuring. Expansion of the board will also give a stronger voice to community members during Act 46 proposal discussions.

The town needs to vote on this proposal from the school board and we will be holding this vote at a special School District/Town Meeting on January 4, 2016 in the MES Junior High at 7:30pm. A "yes" vote to expand the board at the special meeting would allow for the school board to appoint two new board members from January through March (until Town Meeting Day) and then allow any community members who want to run for the school board (including the two appointed members) to be placed on the ballot for a vote on Town Meeting/Election Day March 2016, bringing the total number of board members from three to five. A "no" vote would continue the school board in its current configuration.

In addition to the possibility of two new board members that could be added by the special School District/Town Meeting process, this year on Town Meeting/Election Day March 2016 there will be two current board positions up for election: one 3-year term and one 1-year term. Current board member, Celena Romo, will be running for one seat and current board member, Jen Carr, will not be running after serving two terms. The third current school

board member, Douglas Korb, is not up for re-election and intends to remain on the board for his full term through March 2018. This means that if the town votes to move to a five-person school board, there will be four spots on the ballot in March 2016.

The board has already been notified by townspeople who are interested in being appointed in January and running for office in March. Right now, with the addition of the one school board member who is running for re-election, we see strong interest in three of the four positions that will be on the ballot. The school board is currently seeking to hear from anyone who is interested in joining the board to help with the important process of navigating Act 46. Additionally, a new Act 46 Committee has already been initiated to work on making recommendations to the board about how to respond to the options for restructuring. All community members are also welcome to join this committee.

This process is vitally important to the future of education in our town and we are seeking broad participation from the Marlboro community. Please contact any member of the school board if you are interested in the Act 46 Committee or in running for office in March. Anyone interested in being appointed to the board in January should also email the board with a few brief sentences about your interest in the process. Thank you for all you do to support our school!

Warm Regards from the Marlboro School Board,

Jen Carr, Chair, jcarr@windhamcentralboard.org
Doug Korb, Vice Chair, dkorb@windhamcentralboard.org
Celena Romo, Clerk, cromo@windhamcentralboard.org

From the Select Board

The Select Board meets at 5:00 PM every second and fourth Thursday at the Town Office, unless otherwise warned. Please note the meetings in January will resume on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. The dates were changed in November and December because of the holidays.

Adam Gebb, Conservation Commission Chair, updated the board with a graphic invasive species inventory on Augur Hole Road. There are some realistic solutions to ridding the plants such as using poison and rubber mats. Some plants come in when fill is trucked in such as around bridges. It then spreads along the waterways. Headwater streams seem to be at the highest risk for spreading species. Birds are spreading seeds on the landscape. Pieter said the Vermont Land Trust is working with The Nature Conservancy in offering owners of conserved land a free service related to invasive plants. He said VLT will survey the Hogback property for invasives, map them, and develop a report for the property. The report describes the current condition, shows the extent of any invasives infestations, suggests ways to control any invasives present, and includes fact sheets on each species found. The information is great on its own, but can also be used to help in overall land planning.

Working with **Mike Andreotta**, Marlboro's Emergency Management Director, the board adopted VT-Alert, the municipally based notification system that municipalities and the state Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security follow. Citizens may opt in and

choose the method by which they would be alerted when appropriate.

Mike Andreotta also proposed a budget for July 1 through December 31, 2016 of \$5,000 that would be part of the Town Budget for the first time. The Vermont Yankee funded State contracts will end on June 30, 2016. Final approval is subject to vote at Town Meeting on March 1, 2016.

The board hired **Mike Young** to be the Town's Animal Control Officer. He lives in Williamsville and is the ACO for Newfane. The board feels he is a good fit for the job. For animal control situations, contact him by phone at 802 380-0311, or by email at mikecyoung53@gmail.com. You may also contact the Marlboro Town Office at 254-2181.

The official hearing and surveying process has been completed to bring almost 900 feet of Gilbert Road into the Town Highway system. This will enable the Town to receive state aid reimbursement for maintenance of that portion of the road.

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.

— *Marcia Hamilton*

Fairpoint Community Forum

Tuesday, February 9, 6pm

Marlboro Elementary School

As part of a stated commitment to improved customer service in Marlboro, Beth Fastiggi, President of Vermont Operations and Connie Faircloth, Senior Network Engineer, will attend a public forum to listen to the community's concerns about their product and establish a formal means of resolving service issues moving forward. This is an important chance to communicate to Fairpoint your experiences with them, but also for the community to speak with one voice about what we expect of them as a business partner. ALL residents of Marlboro, whether current customers or not, are encouraged to attend.

Early Winter Events on Hogback

Dec. 30, 2015 (Wednesday) 6:30 pm

Wolf Myths from Europe: “Wolf Age, Before the World Falls”

Sponsored by the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum. Little Red Riding Hood’s wolf predator is well known, but have you heard of Fenrir, Skadi, Prince Ivan or the vuchari? Wolves play many roles in European myths, and most don’t fit into neat categories of “good” and “evil”. Master story teller and wolf expert Adam Katric from Wolfgard Northeast will share wolf stories from Norse and Slavic mythology. A free indoor program at the Museum. For more information contact the Museum at 802-464-0048 or vermontmuseum@gmail.org.

Dec. 31, 2015 (Thursday, New Year’s Eve) 3:30 pm

Sunset Hike – Catch the Last Rays of 2015

Grab your snowshoes and stuff a flashlight in your pocket. We’ll head to the fire tower on Mount Olga to watch the last sunset of the year, then head back down in the gathering twilight. This is a relatively easy hike, about a mile-and-a-half round trip, but it does gain over 200’ in elevation. There can be icy spots, so bring hiking/ski poles for extra stability. If there’s no snow, we’ll walk. Meet in the parking lot near the white A-frame building just west of the gift shop on Route 9. Led by Diana Todd.

January 1, 2016 (Friday, New Year’s Day) 10:00 am

First Day Hike

Start the year off right with a walk in the woods, co-sponsored by HMCA and our neighbors at the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum. Mike Clough will be leading the hike – picking the route based on input from the group. What do you want to see and do? Look for animal tracks? Identify winter trees? Look for evidence of the farms that were on the mountain in the late 1700’s and 1800’s? Bring snowshoes if there’s significant snow on the ground. Meet in the parking lot just west of the gift shop on the south side of Route 9.

January 8, 2016 (Friday) 1:00-3:30 pm

Tour of Molly Stark State Park Timber Harvest/Habitat Enhancement

Co-sponsored by the Windham County Woodlands Association and HMCA. Tour an active timber harvest that has been designed to enhance habitat for snowshoe hare while protecting existing recreation trails and park infrastructure. See how they are balancing all these priorities in the state park that directly abuts the Hogback conservation land. We’ll have a chance to observe mechanical harvesting where the operator sits inside a protected cab and uses joy-stick-type controls to fell, de-limb, and cut logs to length. Tim Morton, State Forester from the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation will lead the tour. Representatives from Long View Forest Contracting will be there to explain details of the harvest. Bring snowshoes as there may be significant snow cover at that elevation and dress warmly because we’ll be standing and observing more than hiking. Parking at Molly Stark is extremely limited in winter, so we’ll meet in the big parking lot on the north side of Route 9 just west of the former Skyline Restaurant and car pool the mile-and-a-half to the tour site.

January 18, 2016 (Monday, Martin Luther King Day) 9:00am

Family Tracking Hike

Sponsored by our neighbors at the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum. Tracking is a great activity for the whole family and this event can get you started. Past tracking hikes on Hogback have uncovered evidence of flying squirrels, hunting owls, moose, fisher, fox and more. This program, led by museum staff, is free, but it is weather dependent and space is limited, so contact the museum to pre-register. 802-464-0048 or vermontmuseum@gmail.com.

The Hogback Mountain Conservation Area covers 591 acres on both sides of Route 9 in Marlboro at the Marlboro/Wilmington border. Several miles of trails lead to interesting locations on both sides of the highway. See the website for a print-at-home trail map: www.hogbackvt.org. The Hogback Mountain Conservation

Association (HMCA) organizes guided hikes and other events on the mountain, and coordinates volunteer efforts for trail maintenance and other projects. If you’d like to receive occasional emails from HMCA about upcoming events, drop us a line at hogbackvt@gmail.com. All HMCA and co-sponsored events are free, unless otherwise noted.

From Marlboro Cares

The Board of Directors of Marlboro Cares wishes Happy Holidays to all and a HUGE thank you to all of our volunteers. We wish everyone in Marlboro a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Senior Lunches

Reminder: There will be no Senior Lunch in January, as Marlboro College is on break.

Please join us for the next Senior Lunch, which will be held on Friday, February 5, 2016. Our Town Clerk, Forrest Holzapfel will be the speaker, so come to learn more about Marlboro. Please call 258-3030 to reserve your spot by Monday, February 1st. The following lunch will be held March 4th, with reservations needing to be in by Monday, February 29th. Marlboro College's new President Kevin Quigley will be the speaker in March.

You are welcome to call now to reserve a place for every month in advance. However, we do ask that if you find you cannot come, please call us again at 258-3030 to let us know as soon as possible. As seating is limited, we do have waitlists, so your call would allow someone else to take your place.

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 fun time with your neighbors.

Continued Services

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

Submitted by Jennifer Mazur

Town Meeting on March 1, 2015

Town Meeting will be on Tuesday March 1, 2016, and as a result, the timeline for adding articles to the warning and getting petitions in for town offices is likewise earlier than usual. The Presidential Primary Election will also be held alongside the local election of town officers. Some important dates to note:

January 14th will be the last day to file petitions with the Town Clerk signed by at least 5% of the voters for articles to be included on the warning for Town Meeting. (34 signatures minimum)

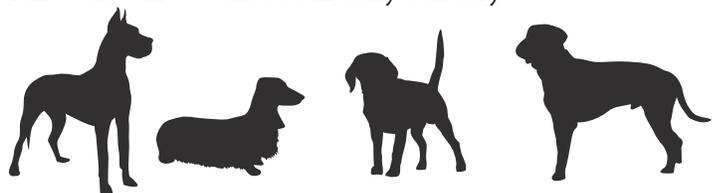
January 25th at 5 pm will be the deadline for candidates who wish to run for town offices to submit nominating petitions to the Town Clerk to be voted on by Australian ballot.

Please contact the Town Clerk with any questions, 254-2181 or marlborotownclerk@gmail.com

Calling All Dogs!

Did you know that by Vermont law, all domestic dogs are required to be licensed annually between January 1st and April 1st? Please license your dog if it is unregistered. For any dog owner who does not know the law or has not gotten around to licensing your canine friends, please do so!

A current rabies certificate, signed by your dog's veterinarian, is required in order to be issued a license. The fee is \$9 for a spayed/neutered animal, while an unfixated dog is \$13 (the fee went up \$1 at the State level). A dog displaying a current Marlboro dog tag is easy to return to its owner should it be found running free by calling the Town Clerk or Animal Control Officer, and all people approaching a licensed animal knows that it has been vaccinated against rabies and is therefore safe from the disease. Dog license renewals will be sent out in early January.



Marlboro Town Services Want to list your business or skills here? Eemail meg@megmccarthy.com

Artisans

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

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

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

Lavigne Photography: 257.6918 lavignephotography.blogspot.com

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

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

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

Malcolm Wright, The Turnpike Road Pottery theturnpikeroad.com, 254-2168

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

Carpentry, Furniture, House Painting, Landscaping

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

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

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

Jorge Romo, Renovation, New Construction, Painting, Roofing, Drywall, Tile 251-0214

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

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

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

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

Food and Beverages

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

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

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

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

General Services

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

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

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

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

Jerry Lundsted, 254-6512. Earthwork, excavating

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

Racine House Cleaning & Caretaking: Madonna & Jane Racine, 20+ years of experience. To make an appointment, call 802.257.4467.

Tim Racine Logging & Excavating: For a free estimate, call 802.257.4467.

Rob Shapiro, chipping services 254-2570

Theo's Handyman Services (802) 254-4738

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

Health and Wellness

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

Refilling Your Well Counseling, Robin White 802-254-2246 www.refillingyourwell.com

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

Music & Music Repairs

Greg Burnell 257-0796 Guitar Lessons. All ages all styles. gregsblues18@yahoo.com

Russell O, 254-2651, Drum repair and lessons

Plumbing, Heating, Wood

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

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

Gary MacArthur, 257-7026, Solar PV & hot water systems, gwmaca@gmail.com

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

Professional Services

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

Joslyn Haineswood/Owl's Nest Registered home preschool / childcare. After school & vacation care 258-7837 or Owlsnestpreschol@gmail.com

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Marlboro Elementary School
Fairpoint Community Forum

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Whittemore Theater, Marlboro College
Barbary Coast Jazz Ensemble

Tuesday, March 1, 9am

Town Meeting

