

## From WCSU on Act 46

Since late last summer, the Windham Central Supervisory Union (WCSU) Act 46 Elementary Study Committee concerning Dover, Marlboro and Wardsboro has met twice monthly, rotating locations among the three towns. The committee consists of 10 members, volunteers from each of the three towns. These individuals, who serve the towns in a variety of capacities, were tasked with working towards an agreement that will form a new educational school district for these towns that meets the goals of Vermont's Act 46 — to provide better and more educational opportunities for students in these three towns.

During its two September meetings, the committee reviewed findings from John Everitt, an education consultant, in detail and they governance studied the per-pupil costs and enrollment projections for Dover, Marlboro and Wardsboro. The members have also been reviewing the successes and failures of other school districts have had in getting their consolidation plans accepted by the State and by voters. Throughout October, the committee will continue to draft the Articles in what is called a “side-by-side” plan —that is, none of the schools in the three towns will close, but will be governed by a single school board. The make-up of that tri-town school board will be addressed

in one of the final Articles as to how the towns, of unequal population and unequal pupil enrollment, are represented and as to the members' voting powers. All the committee meetings are Open Public meetings, by Vermont law.

Richard Werner of Dover, chair of this committee, says, “We are now in the process of working on the actual articles of agreement which is the second hardest part of this committee. Moving forward towards a vote and giving the public the information to make an informed decision will be the hardest job of the committee.”

Townspople may sign up for periodic email news about the Study Committee by sending their name, address and email address to this email: [wcsu.media@windhamcentral.org](mailto:wcsu.media@windhamcentral.org). This blogsite, [www.wcsu-committee.blogspot.com](http://www.wcsu-committee.blogspot.com), contains the full minutes of every meeting, links to video tapings of the meetings, the full schedule of upcoming meetings, a page of Frequently Asked Questions, and a page of links to valuable information and articles about Act 46. Visitors to the blog may submit questions by email, which the Study Committee will answer and may post.

## Call for Applications!

### **Vermont Performance Lab SEED Program supporting Vermont dance-makers**

DEADLINE: 5:00pm December 1, 2016

APPLY: [www.vermontperformancelab.org/seed](http://www.vermontperformancelab.org/seed)

In response to the need for more comprehensive support for Vermont artists working in dance, Vermont Performance Lab has created The SEED Program, designed for professional artists working in dance, who are seeking to develop new small scale performance projects for regional touring.

Because VPL is invested in linking our community to the creative process, artists will be asked to propose activities that will engage VPL's community in the artist's process or research. Examples may include a workshop for dancers and movers of all abilities, or proposing a round-table discussion or community forum.

The artists selected for SEED will receive the following:

- Commissioning fee of \$2,000
- A presentation at VPL in July 2017 (dates TBA)
- \$500 travel stipend + housing for up to 4 people
- Video documentation
- Consultations with VPL's director on project management

including development of timelines and project budgets, and advice on strategies for residencies and venues for presenting the new work, documentation and marketing

### **Eligibility**

- Lead applicant and collaborators must be professional artists (not students) residing in Vermont.
- The panel will make decisions based on the quality and innovation of the artist's work and suitability to the SEED program based on the work sample and the written narrative.
- The panel is open to all dance aesthetics represented, with a particular interest in contemporary and innovative approaches to any given form or style. The level of support is modest, so small scale projects are encouraged.
- The selection panel shall not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, sexual preference or national origin.

For Selection Criteria + To Apply

visit [www.vermontperformancelab.org/seed](http://www.vermontperformancelab.org/seed).

*The 2016-17 SEED Program is made possible in part with support from the Vermont Community Foundation and the Vermont Arts Council.*

# Marlboro Elementary School Annual Wreath Sale



Wreaths are made by a local craftsperson and come with a red ribbon.

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- Place your order by **December 1st**
  - Pick up at Marlboro Elementary Holiday Bazaar, **Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>**, 9am - 1pm  
(Alternative pick up times may be arranged if this time does not work for you.)
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Return form and payment to Marlboro Elementary School, marked "Wreath Orders."  
MES, PO Box D, Marlboro, VT 05344. For more information call Julia von Ranson, 254-5587.

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24 inch @ \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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Total Wreaths \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

(checks made payable to Marlboro P&F)