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19th Annual

January Thaw Book Swap

Saturday, January 25, 9am-noon

at the Community Center

Marlboro Town Center

- Bring your best-quality, clean books in a box.
No textbooks, please!
- Take as many books as you like, even if you don't bring books!
- Enjoy a hot beverage and home-baked goods, compliments of the Marlboro Alliance & community volunteers.
- All remainders will be recycled or disposed of by volunteers.
- Can you help? Bake something to share? Help with set-up or clean-up?

Sign up is easy. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/janthaw>, which will bring you to our page on Signup Genius.

Or Contact Sarah Lavigne : lavignephotography@yahoo.com or call 689-0593.

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from the Select Board

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

It's been a busy few months for the Select Board with many important issues on the table. Thank you to the many townspeople who have participated in discussions and forums with the Select Board. Your input and interest is very valuable!

Taking into account the feedback received at the September 26, 2019 forum regarding the possibility of hiring a fourth Road Crew member, the Select Board has decided not to hire an additional Road Crew member, but to maintain the current system of hiring on additional help when needed. The Select Board will also be sharing updates from the Road Crew in the Marlboro Mixer to give town residents a better sense of what tasks and projects the Road Crew has been focusing on recently. (Please see "Roads Report" following this article.)

Also discussed during the September 26th public forum was the possibility of paving a section of Higley Hill Road, a project that has both strong supporters and opponents in town. Again, taking into consideration the many comments received, the Select Board has decided not to pave this section of Higley Hill Road now, but instead would like to put resources into improving the road and directing ski area traffic to stay on Route 9. The Select Board is currently investigating the lowering of weight limits for Higley Hill Road and additional signage that notifies motorists that Higley Hill is not paved all the way through.

The tick-testing subsidy program is currently on hold, (not just because it's winter), but because of challenges in establishing a system that works for both the Town and the UMass Laboratory.

In October, Sheriff Mark Anderson visited the Select Board and shared data about call types in Marlboro. Sheriff Anderson stated that, while patrolling roads in town, he and the other officers try to balance time between Route 9 and town roads. He reminded the Select Board that a percentage of traffic ticket fees do come back to the town. The Select Board let the sheriff know that the radar speed signs on Route 9 has helped with speeding in that spot,

but it remains an area that needs enforcement.

The Select Board and Town Clerk followed up on the October meeting concerning the condition of and traffic on Route 9. The Select Board signed a letter to the State's Highway Safety and Design Department, drafted by Forrest Holzapfel, summarizing the concerns brought up at the meeting and requesting action on some of these points. Specific requests included in the letter were: 1) improving visibility at the intersection between the west end of Hamilton Road and Route 9, 2) improving the top of the climbing lane at Marlboro Elementary School heading west, 3) creating a turn lane on Route 9 at the turn to South Road, 4) paving or improving road surfaces in at least three specific sections of Route 9.

A handful of residents attended the forum about Town Meeting on October 24, 2019, and several town residents sent in comments via mail and email. The Select Board concluded that changing the venue and time and/or day of Town Meeting does not seem appropriate at this time, but making the meeting more accessible via live-streaming is being pursued. The Community Center has agreed to host overflow participants and project Town Meeting via live-streamed video. Some volunteers will be needed to help make this happen on Town Meeting day! There will also be a greater effort to educate townspeople about upcoming issues at Town Meeting and the election.

Two new Beaver Deceivers have been installed: one on Lower Dover Road and one on North Pond Road. These devices help minimize road damage by beaver activity without the need to remove or kill beavers. To learn more about Beaver Deceivers, you can visit beaverdeceivers.com.

The Select Board approved the Hogback Preservation Commission and Hogback Mountain Conservation Association's joint budget. Plans for the coming year include updating the management plan and investigating invasive plant control. The Select Board also approved a change to Early Successional Habitat Plan on Hogback; the change cancels the plans to clear on Ripparoo and Sugar Slope.

The Select Board signed an application for the Broadband Innovation Grant (BIG), prepared by the Marlboro Committee for Universal Broadband. MCUB is asking for

\$5000 to pay a consultant to help assess the feasibility of a business model that doesn't affect the tax base in Marlboro. The consultant would also offer advice in preparing an RFP to entities who might be interested in working with the Town of Marlboro.

The Select Board re-appointed Sarah Robb Grieco as Green Up Day Coordinator and hired Peter Barus as the new Administrative Assistant to the Development Review Board. The Select Board also appointed Will Shakespeare to the Planning Commission.

The news from Marlboro College of their planned merger with Emerson College and closure of the Marlboro campus has caused much concern and sparked numerous discussions and ideas here in town. In response, the Select Board has sent a letter to Kevin Quiqley, President of Marlboro College, to request more information and an avenue for communication. In response to a request from a group of residents for specific action from the Select Board, the Town obtained legal advice and received this response from the town's attorney, Paul Gillies:

"Towns are mere creatures of the legislature, created to perform municipal functions. Burlington v. C. V. Ry. Co., 82 Vt. 5, 71 Atl. 826 (1909); Sargent v. Clark, 83 Vt. 523, 77 Atl. 337 (1910). That is the fundamental principle of Vermont town government. It requires any town officer to first answer what power comes with the office, and to stay strictly within the limits of express statutory authority. Most actions of town officers are protected by sovereign immunity. That disappears when a town acts outside its authority. I can think of no express statutory authority allowing the town through its selectboard to engage in binding action to interfere with the sale. The town could expose itself to damages for any interference."

The Select Board will also request support from SEVEDS/BDCC to address potential job loss in the town.

In response to Marlboro College's request for the immediate appointment of a town representative to the Marlboro College Campus Working Group, the Select Board appointed Jesse Kreitzer. The purpose of this working group to facilitate an appropriate future use and ownership of the Marlboro campus, in connection with the proposed Marlboro/Emerson merger.

Tyler Gibbons will be stepping down from the Select Board in March, after six years of dedicated service to the Town of Marlboro. His centered, compassionate leadership style will be missed, as well as his creative solutions to challenging problems. Thank you, Tyler!

This does mean that there will be an open seat on the Select Board in March. If you are interested in running for this position, learn more by contacting the Select Board or Town Clerk.

Are you looking for other ways to get involved and serve the town? There are current vacancies on the Hogback Preservation Commission and Conservation Commission. The Select Board also continues to seek representatives to the Windham Solid Waste Management District, Senior Solutions, and the Windham Regional Commission. DRB Alternates are also needed. Please contact the Select Board or a member of the other boards if you are interested in any of these openings.

Elections will take place in March. If you'd like to run for an elected position in town, please contact Forrest Holzapfel, Town Clerk to learn how to get on the ballot.

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. Please contact Lauren MacArthur (laurenbmac@gmail.com or 802-264-5306) or a select board member at least 48 hours prior to a select board meeting to be added to the agenda. Visit the Town website: marlborovt.us.

Roads Report

The following is a brief summary of the Marlboro Town Highway Department's recent projects, routine maintenance, and plow routes.

1) Stone-lined ditches were completed on the following sites: Butterfield Rd. (below Jenckes Road), and Lower Dover Road (below 42nd ST and a portion of Stearns Hill Rd.). These are grant-funded projects in compliance with the Municipal Roads General Permit, which focuses on

hydrologically-connected road segments.
Road Report (continued)

2) Culverts were replaced on the following roads in 2019:
Stearns Hill Road
Lower Dover Road (2 culverts)
Butterfield Road (4 culverts)
Jenne Road
Old Hogback Road
Lahar Road

Plow Routes:

Each route is designed to take the same amount of time so all drivers can begin and end at the same time. This takes about 3.5-4 hours depending on conditions.

Truck # 1: Town Garage; Augur Hole Road; Higley Hill Road; Upper Dover Road; Higley Hill to Hughes Road; Route 9 to Butterfield Road; Jenckes Road; Butterfield Road south to the town line; Grant Road; Shearer Hill to town line; Butterfield Road to Adams Cross Road; Hughes Road to Hall Farm Road; Higley Hill Road to Stearns Hill Road; Higley Hill and Augur Hole Roads; Town Garage (drop plow and start sanding) This route is 14.26 miles, one pass.

Truck #2: Town Garage; South Road to Marlboro College; Lucier Rd; South Road to Ames Hill; CP 40; Barrows Road; Ames Hill Road; Fox Road, Stark Road and MacArthur Road; Hamilton Road and Levi Howard Road; MacArthur, Stark and Fox. Finish fourth pass on Ames Hill. Then it's out Town Hill; two passes ending at the shop. Drop plow and start sanding. This route is 13.09 miles, one pass.

Truck #3 Town Garage; Leave shop; Augur Hole Road to town line and back; Church Hollow Road; North Pond Road; Lower Dover Road; 42nd Street; Larrabee Road; Higley Hill Road; Town Garage (drop plow and start sanding) This route is 15.62 miles, one pass.

Truck #4 Town Garage; Town Hill; South Road to Moss Hollow Road; South Road; Staver Road; North Pond Road; Banks Road; Church Hollow; Whitaker Farm Road; Augur Hole; Adams Brook Road, Stratton Hill Road; Collins, Lahar and Gilbert Roads; Augur Hole Road; Pool Farm Road; Town Garage. This route is 16.38 miles, one pass.
*Class 2 roads and bus routes are always the first priority. This covers the heaviest traveled through-roads first. Routes do not include intersections; intersections take some time to widen out and keep clean.

Submitted by Lauren MacArthur

from the Town Library

The Marlboro Town Library Board would like to thank all of our generous donors who contributed money or subscriptions to the library. We raised \$1300 to buy new books. As always, the choice of what to buy is difficult. There is SO much out there we all want to read. But we do take suggestions. They can be emailed directly to themarlbortownlibrary@gmail.com. And, of course, if you have been meaning to send your check to us, it is never too late!

Meanwhile, we do have lots of new things. Check out the facebook page (Marlboro Town Library) for pictures and reviews. Or better still, stop by the library and take a look at the new books displays. If you are new to checking books out, there are directions by the computer on how to, as well as a hand sign up sheet. If you do not have a card yet, please sign up for one on the sheet by the library door and make sure to write legibly and to include your phone number as well as email.

In the future for 2020 we hope to run a bookmaking workshop, and are also considering another town-wide book group discussion. If you have a suggestion for a book you would like to discuss with others please let us know.

We continue to try to stock the shelves and bring you the reading you would like, and always welcome feedback of any sort. If you have read a book that you love from the library and want to share your response with others, we would be happy to publish the review on the facebook page. just send it to our email.

Thanks, again, for all your interest and support. We love our little library and hope it keep it stocked and running for a long time!

Hogback Happenings

Diana Todd

Tuesday, December 31, 3:30-5:30

New Year's Eve Sunset Snowshoe Hike

Join us for a late afternoon trek to the fire tower to watch the last sunset of the year. You won't see the actual sunset unless you climb the fire tower to get above the trees, but if you do, what a view! Not only the sun dipping below the far hills to the west, but the glowing effect on the rolling forests to the north, south, and east.

If there's new snow on the ground, this will be a snowshoe hike, a little over a mile round trip, all uphill in one direction and all downhill in the other. Older snow? The well-loved Tower Trail can get icy from heavy use, so Stabilicers or YakTrax would probably work well, as would snowshoes with cleats. Definitely bring ski poles. You'll be happy to have them in the one steep spot. No snow? We'll have a pleasant hike.

Meet at 3:30 in the parking lot near the white distillery building, on the south side of Route 9 just west of the gift shop. The parking lot is the coldest, windiest spot on the hike, so we won't want to linger there. Once we're in the woods, we'll be fine. Are you borrowing snowshoes? Practice putting them on at home before you come, so that we don't have to linger in that windy parking lot figuring out how to adjust unfamiliar bindings as the sun slips lower and lower. Bring a flashlight for the return trip. We typically get back to the parking lot while there's still enough light from the long, lingering winter twilight to easily see our steps, but it's good to have a light source for unexpected situations.

Questions? Contact hmca@hogbackvt.org.

Wednesday, January 1, 10:00-noon

First Day Hike with Mike Clough

Our neighbors at the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum are once again hosting a First Day Hike in the conservation area. Museum Managing Director Michael Clough will lead us on a leisurely hike to see what we can see. Each year is different but we always have great conversation and see something new. Meet in the parking lot next to Vermont Distillers, the white building on the south side of Route 9 just west of the museum. Bring snowshoes or spikes, depending on conditions. Contact [museum](mailto:museum@sover.net); 802-464-0048 or museum@sover.net.



Paws for Thought

By Peggy Tiffany – Marlboro Animal Control Officer

Baby It's Cold Outside

Winter Preparedness
and WCHS Pet Care Assistance

Brrrr. Winter is upon us! That means we need to take special care with our furry animals. Animals who live outside the majority of the time need at least a three-sided enclosure, with protection from wind, rain and snow and access to water. They also need a space to lay down that is off the ground.

If you are going to snowshoe or ski with your furry companions, be aware of your dog's needs. If it is thin-skinned with short hair, your dog will need an insulated jacket if you are going to be outside for any time. You could also consider getting dog booties to keep your dog's paws protected (especially from ice balls). I've also used Musher's Secret which you spread on their paws. Put on just before going out so dogs don't lick it off. You can order online or buy at One Stop Pet Shop on Putney Rd.

Are you in need of financial help for your pets?

If anyone needs help with finances for shots for their animals, medical care, or you can't afford animal licensing, I have a small fund to help out. Please call me at 348-7479 or email me at marlboroACO@gmail.com

If you need regular assistance, remember that Windham County Humane Society (WCHS) has a Pet Care Assistance program. You can apply online on their website. If you qualify, you can get monthly food supplements for your dog or cat and you can sign up for low cost Wellness Clinics. Vaccines are only \$10/shot and Exams are \$15. Medications and blood draws are an extra cost, but WCHS will work with you to make sure your animal gets the care it needs.

Happy Holidays to all and their furry friends.

from Marlboro Cares

Marlboro Cares wishes Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year to All

Senior Lunches

There will be NO Senior Lunch in January. The next Senior Lunches will be held on February 7th and March 6th. The lunches are open to any Marlboro resident over the age of 60. Please call 258-3030 by 9am Tuesday, Feb 4th to attend the Feb. 7th lunch. When you call please indicate whether you would like a vegetarian meal, as these will be available only for those who ask. If you sign up, then realize you can't make it, please call as soon as possible to cancel to let Lauren know how much food to prepare and in case there is a waiting list.

Senior lunches are held the first Friday of each month at noon in the Marlboro Community Center for a suggested donation of \$5.00. We are delighted that the lunches continue to be a huge success. We do, however, have a maximum capacity of 48 people. Therefore, please remember our new protocols: Reservations are a MUST and MUST be called in by 9:00am on the Tuesday prior to the lunch. NO exceptions will be allowed. We can put you on a waiting list, however, in case we have last minute cancellations.

Rides to the meals are available by calling Marlboro Cares at 258-3030. We appreciate a 48 hours notice to find a volunteer driver.



Senior Lunch

Loan of Medical Equipment

Medical equipment, such as walkers, crutches, commodes, and wheelchairs are available as a loan to Marlboro residents from Guildford Cares, Putney Cares, and Brattleboro Hospice at no charge. Several residents in Marlboro have also generously offered to loan their personal equipment to their neighbors. Marlboro Cares has a list of the equipment and the names and addresses in town, from whom you can borrow what you need.

If you are having a joint replaced or have a need for medical equipment for any reason, you may wish to borrow what you need, rather than buying it. Call Marlboro Cares at 258-3030 to ask if anyone in town has what you need.

Continued Services

For information, rides, errands, 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 48 hours.

Submitted by Jennifer Mazur

Talk About Our Democracy Community Meeting

**Mondays, Jan. 27 & Feb. 24, 6:30-8:30 pm
at the Marlboro Community Center**

We want to hear what you have to say. The last Monday of every month at the Marlboro Community Center. Gus Bartlett, Jean Boardman, Bob Elliott and Woody Bernhard will host the meeting and encourage you to come. Coffee, Tea, cookies, juice, and talk. Contact Woody- 802 464 3154.

Happy New Year from the Marlboro School

In this edition, we'll be spending a day in the life of a Marlboro Kindergarten student! Marlboro School is incredibly lucky to still have one of the only Forest Kindergarten programs left in the country. The natural environment of the outdoors lends itself to all types of learning for the children.

The bulk of their day is spent in the forest behind Marlboro School. Led by teacher Emily Walsh, the students have started prepping for their winter forest time by learning to build and tend a fire. Students collecting small twigs and birch bark to store. They learn how to place twigs directionally; Horizontal, Vertical, Diagonal.

They would welcome any firewood donation of one or two logs! A wooden platform, which serves as the Kindergarten's outdoor classroom, is complete. Many hands make light the work and that was certainly true of this project. Gabe Hulme of Mathes Hulme Builders donated the lumber, and Aaron Walsh, Kent Webster, Mike Einermann, DJ Miller, Ryan Williams, and Eric Matt all helped take the structure to the finish line! The school also received funding from the Marlboro School Association. Another example of the Marlboro Community working together!

The Kindergarten does much of their daily learning through play. Words become part of a classroom treasure hunt! In "Sight Word Search": students use tally marks to record how many sight words they have found throughout the day, allowing them to work on identifying and reading words in multiple settings. Parents are asked to play along at home and are sent specific words to help their child "spy". And these Marlboro sleuths are

becoming English language art masters! Students also play a math game called "10 or bust". Each student has three chances to roll dice to get close to ten either with one die or two. If they go over they lose that round. If they get close they can stay and see if they get a higher number than their partner.

While our Kindergarteners are hard at work in the forest, your school board is working hard to make sure the children in Marlboro have all they need to be successful students. Because the current school building is in need of repairs and upgrades, the Marlboro School Board has asked the architecture firm, Banwell and Associates, to look at our school and help us figure out ways to make it function better. As soon as the questions about the future of the college campus came up a month or so ago, the board asked Banwell to divert some of the original fees toward an assessment of the college campus and give us a report on whether it makes sense to move all or part of the school to the campus. We have walked the campus with representatives of Banwell and the college, and look forward to hearing their ideas. If a similar

amount of money could be spent and produce a better educational facility, we would be remiss if we did not consider the possibilities.

The next budget forum will be on January 8th at 6 p.m. at the Marlboro School library. We encourage you all to attend if possible. As always, meeting minutes will be posted for those not able to attend. If you have an idea or suggestion for the school board, please contact us by emailing Board Chair Doug Korb: dkorb@windhamcentralboard.org

*Your school representatives,
Doug, Dan, David, Celena, Lissa,
and Principal Wayne*



Marlboro students use the new outdoor classroom to play and learn.

from the Town Clerk

Marlboro Town Offices Holiday Hours 2019

The office will be open Monday December 23rd until noon, Monday December 30th & Thursday January 2, 2020 for regular hours.

Interested in getting involved in your town

government? There is an opening on the Marlboro Select Board for a three-year term beginning March 3, 2020. If you would like to know more about the position and duties, you can read a summary at the bottom of the page here marlborovt.us/boards-minutes/select-board/ or speak with a current or past Select Board member.

The other positions to be elected by Australian ballot at Town Meeting on March 3, 2020 are Town Clerk, Lister, Auditor, Constable, Trustees of Public Funds, and Town Agent, and one three-year term and two one-year terms on the School Board. Many incumbents for these positions are seeking re-election, but any town voter may submit a petition to be included on the ballot for any position. To get on the ballot, please contact the Town Clerk for a packet of materials, including a petition which needs to be signed by a minimum of eight Marlboro voters. The deadline to submit this petition to the Town Clerk is Monday January 27, 2020 at 5pm. Also, Thursday January 16, 2020 is the deadline to file a petition with the Town Clerk signed by at least five percent of the voters (35) for articles to be included on the Town Meeting Warning.

Dog license renewals will be sent out to all current tag holders on January 2, 2020. 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 unfixed dog is \$13. A dog displaying a current Marlboro dog tag is easy to return to its owner should it be found running free by calling the Animal Control Officer or Town Clerk, and all people approaching a licensed animal knows that it has been vaccinated against rabies and is therefore safe from the disease. Please license your dog if you have one.

Dear Marlboro residents: please do not park your vehicles overnight during snowstorms in the Town Center as it makes it very difficult for the snowplow to do its job, creating more chaos in our tiny parking lot. We will have vehicles towed at the owner's expense. Remember that if you are going to the Community Center, please park your vehicle as close as possible to the Meeting House. If you are getting your mail or doing town business, please park in front of the Town/Post Office. If you are doing both, consider others when parking your car and that there are often spaces across South Road.

*Forrest Holzappel, Marlboro Town Clerk
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(802) 254 -2181 Open: Mon. Wed. Thur. 9am - 4pm
Town website marlborovt.us*

2019-20 Marlboro Alliance Scholarship Appeal Update

We are deeply grateful to the generosity of our many supporters who enable many Marlboro students to attend summer programs and pursue continuing education.

This year's appeal is now underway, and as the Mixer goes to press, we have received almost \$1500 in donations toward our goal of \$5000.

Our annual appeal letter has been sent out. If we missed you it's not too late to give. Please send your tax-deductible contribution to: Marlboro Alliance Box 165 Marlboro, VT 05344, memo line: Scholarship Fund. Or donate on line with PayPal at www.marlboroalliance.com

The Alliance is an all-volunteer 501(c)3 corporation. Every dollar you give is invested in the future of our community's students. Whether you are an individual, family, club, business or corporation, please make this the year you help these deserving students.

Questions? Michelle Holzappel,
mholzappel1979@gmail.com

Long Nights

So here we are, in the midst of winter, yet again. For those of us who dread this time of year, the last issue of the Mixer offered some simple ideas for getting through the long nights and short days. The concern is more serious for those of us who suffer from depression and loneliness, first with the holidays, and then in the tunnel toward spring. I have no good answers, especially for us who by choice or chance live in the country, though certainly depression and loneliness are not reserved for country dwellers. Anyone can suffer from despair and be at a loss as to how to move forward regardless of where or how we live.

Although the state is concerned with this issue and attempts to address it with proclamations and good intentions, it really falls to the local communities who

know who lives where and who needs a helping hand. Marlboro Cares (258-3030) and Senior Solutions (800-642-5119) are both organizations dedicated to helping those who need assistance, companionship and solutions to immediate problems. It takes volunteers who would like to lend a hand, and the willingness to reach out for those in need of that hand.

Whether you are offering help or receiving it, the rewards are great.

Please remember, you are not alone.

Lucy Gratwick

Marlboro representative to Senior Solutions

Adult Creative Writing Classes

With Ann Gengareilly at The Poetry Studio

“The act of composing a poem is the act of composing the self.”

— *James Merrill*

“Everyone has poetry inside them if we slow down and take the time to listen to the voice within.”

— *Ann Gengareilly*

“Songs are thoughts, sung out with the breath when people are moved by great forces and ordinary speech no longer suffices.”

— *Orpingalik, Eskimo poet*

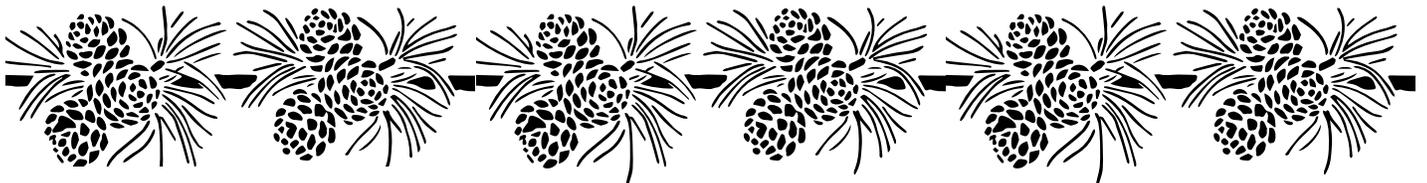
Because poetry and stories are the places where all the fundamental questions are asked about the human condition, participants have the rare opportunity to stretch their compassion and, as they listen to one another, to experience their common humanity.

At The Poetry Studio, a ritual space is created where participants are encouraged to “turn inward,” and discover what is begging for a voice. Together we create a “safe” environment that invites a ...“voiced community where,” as Terry Tempest Williams writes, “we all flourish.”

In David Whyte’s words:

“(Poetry) has changed me in the sense that that it’s kept me friends with myself. Human beings are constantly exiling themselves from themselves. Poetry is like a conversational friendship with your own deepest essence as well as a conversational friendship with the world around you at the same time..”

Workshops are offered Tuesday and Thursday evenings. They start at 6:15 and end by 9:00. Weekend workshops can also be arranged. If interested please call Ann at 257-8972 or contact her at (gengareillya@gmail.com). Classes begin mid-January; registration is currently ongoing.



About Town: Community Profiles
Meet Your Selectboard



I'm **Ty Gibbons**, currently the Chair of the Marlboro Select Board. I grew up in Brattleboro and have been a Marlboro resident for thirteen years. I joined the Select Board in 2014 with little experience but a sense that community involvement is crucial to the health and well being of our small community. I have loved meeting many more neighbors than I otherwise would have, occasionally transforming, Marvel-character like (complete with suit and mask), into "Ty the Recycling Guy," and helping imagine ways in which to bring our community closer together.

When not in the Select Board space, I'm a songwriter and musician who composes music for film, television and media. I record in a little studio with a wood stove, and handful of microphones, and many found and collected instruments in various states of functionality. I also enjoy making things out of wood, working on my never-quite-finished house, and spending as much time as possible adventuring with my family.

I'm **Julia von Ranson**, the newest member of the Marlboro Select Board. I have lived in Marlboro with my family for about 9 years. During that time I have held a number of jobs including several with the Town of Marlboro including Assistant Town Clerk and Development Review Board Administrative Assistant. I currently work at the Brooks Memorial Library in the Children's Room, a job I thoroughly enjoy. There is never a dull moment and no two days are the same.

When I joined the Select Board I was surprised at how much of the work is mediating disputes, concerns and misunderstandings among neighbors. In a short period of time I have been witness to some difficult conversations, deep consideration and listening and ultimate resolution among Marlboro residents. The experience has been a great reminder of the power of both local government and face to face discourse.

In addition to conflict resolution I oddly enjoy the (minimal) bureaucracy of being on the board. If you also enjoy deadlines, forms, government jargon and sequential processes you should consider running for the Select Board!

I'm **Jesse Kreitzer**, Vice-Chair. I was born and raised in Marlboro, and after thirteen years away, my partner Alina and I decided to buy the one-room schoolhouse overlooking the pond where I learned to swim. It's a sweet little place that I'm proud to call home.

I'm a filmmaker by trade, and it's largely to the credit of my teachers at Marlboro Elementary School. They recognized my passion for the arts at a young age and always encouraged me to write stories and create images. Now, I produce documentary and narrative films inspired by oral histories, rooted in the traditions of rural and agrarian life. I've always wanted to return to Vermont to make films because I love its ever-changing light, seasons, and colors.

After years away, I joined the Select Board to reintegrate into town, and give back to the community that raised me. It's great working alongside Tyler, Julia, and Lauren, and all of the folks who make the town run. Despite the formal aspects of the job, I think people would be surprised to know how much we fun we have at our meetings. Sometimes, we even have Lauren's homemade baked goods.

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

Artisans

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

Eric Dennis Traditional Blacksmithing and Ironwork 802-579-7863
edennis@marlboro.edu

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

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

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

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

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

Jess Weitz, Photography/Web Design
jessweitz.com, jessweitz72@gmail.com

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@whetstoneboats.com, 254-6955

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

Food and Beverages

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

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

Roselily Farm Shop: USDA certified Grass Fed beef, pork, chicken, honey, maple syrup, craft pottery, compost makers, more, locally produced. 257-9442 RoseLilyFarm.com

Shakespeare's Folly Side Farm 258-2517 free-range, pasture raised eggs sold every Saturday morning at the Marlboro Post Office at 10:00am

Whetstone Ledges Farm, 257-7328 Maple 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

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

The Colonel Williams Inn: Events and Event Planning 257-1093 www.thecolonelwilliamsinn.com on Facebook at www.facebook.com/colonelwilliams/

Laughing Dogs Dog Hiking Service. Pick up + deliver. Home visits, feeding, walking. 464-5979. debbydorsett@gmail.com

Jerry Lundsted, 802-464-3982. Earthwork, excavating

Professional Property Maintenance: Jon May 380-2023. Excavation, Drainage, Driveways, Tree Removal/ Pruning, Landscaping, Stonewalls, Field & Lawn

Racine House Cleaning & Caretaking: Madonna & Jane Racine, 20+ years of experience. Call 802.257.4467.

Thorin MacArthur mini-excavator and tractor services, tree work. thorinmacarthur@gmail.com

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

Andrew Richardson Brush hogging and field mowing. 802-254-6512 (home) or 802-522-8758 (cell)

Ride to the Airport Kyle Oliver, 802-380-8777, Bradley Airport \$120, Logan Airport \$220, NYC/NJ \$320 and Montreal \$400, other destinations possible.

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 Healing Hands; 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

The Nurtured Way, Meg Smith, Classical Homeopathy Consultations, 267-252-2347 www.thenurturedway.com

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

Heating, Firewood

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

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

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

Music & Music Repairs

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

Russell Horton Drum lessons, private & groups, Drum-set and/or Hand Drums, Drum sales and repair, mrmmbira@gmail.com 802-254-2651

Professional Services

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

Mudpie Mountain Playschool/Erika Korb Nature based registered home childcare. 251-0772 or erikakorb@gmail.com

Russell Horton: audio & small appliance repair, computer repairs & upgrades, software & operating tutoring, the.computa.buddha@gmail.com 254-2651

Maple Hill Horseshoeing Blacksmithing + farrier service for equines including horses, donkeys, mules, drafts. 802-579-8212 or 802-254-6512.

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

Kate Tarlow Morgan, 257 0855 or katetarlowmorgan@gmail.com Editorial Skills, Stretch Coach/Prevention

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

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

Organizations

We Celebrate Democracy/Civil Rights For All 802-464-3154. Positive nonviolent public action for democracy and civil rights for all people

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Next Deadline
February 15 for
the March / April Mixer

January / February Events

Monday, Dec. 30, 6:30–8:30pm

Community Meeting: Talk About Our Democracy
at the Community Center

Tuesday, Dec 31, 3:30–5pm

Sunset Snowshoe Hike at Hogback

Wednesday, January 1, 10am–noon

First Day Hike at Hogback

Saturday, Jan. 25, 9am–noon

January Thaw Book Swap at the Community Center

Monday, Jan. 27, 6:30–8:30pm

Community Meeting: Talk About Our Democracy
at the Community Center

Tuesday, Jan. 28, 4:00 - 5:30

MCUB Meeting at the Town Office.

Friday, Feb 7, noon (reserve by 9am, Feb. 4)

Senior Lunch at the Community Center

Monday, Feb 24, 6:30–8:30pm

Community Meeting: Talk About Our Democracy
at the Community Center

