

Dorchester Notes
March, 2017

Town Election and Town Meeting: March 14 and 18

Dorchester's 2017 Town Election will be held on Tuesday, March 14, from 11AM to 7PM, at the Dorchester Town Hall and our 2017 Town Meeting will be Saturday, March 18 from 10AM until noon (we hope). Although our Town Web site continues to be full of outdated and not very useful information check for Dorchester Town Warrant Article may be found at <http://townofdorchester.net/documents/2.27.2017%20Town%20Warrant%20&%20Budget.pdf> and this includes the budget. Unfortunately the listing of candidates for office is not there not a quick connect to School District Warrant Articles

We need to Thank all candidates who are actually running for local offices. However, only one position has multiple candidates to choose from and the number of positions with only one or NO candidates is disturbing. Our town cannot exist without people willing to fulfilling local positions unless we raise money to hire “consultants to do the work mandated by state and federal regulations”. If you are worried about property taxes think about the work that needs to be done by volunteers. No one except the Town Clerk/Tax Collector is paid more than a small stipend and many even refuse to take the stipend to help keep Town taxes down.

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTED POSITIONS:

SELECT BOARD: 3 YEAR TERM: (1) Choice

Michael Woodard

Craig Veasey

Margaret Currier-LeMay

TREASURER: 1 YEAR TERM: (1)

Eleanor Myles

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR: 3 YEAR TERM: (1)

Darlene Oaks

PLANNING BOARD: 1 YEAR TERM (1)

Shawn Russell agrees to serve if written in

3 YEAR TERM (1)

Bethann Weick

TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS: 2 YEAR TERM (1)

No candidates signed up

CEMETERY TRUSTEE: 2 YEAR TERM (1)

No candidate signed up

3 YEAR TERM (1)

Bethann Weick

AUDITOR: 2 YEAR TERM (1)

No candidates sign up

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST: 6 YEAR TERM (1)

Melissa Howard

The Mascoma Valley Regional School District Sample Ballot may be found at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3L0A1YoEVhSdkYyYXpvUmpYZVE/view>

Thankfully we have two people from Dorchester who are running School Board from Dorchester is Cookie Hebert, and Margaret Currier-LeMay for District Budget Committee from Dorchester

Please note that Articles 9 and 10 found on page 6 have changed dramatically from originals with significant majority votes at the Deliberative Session.

Dorchester Select Board meets at Town Hall on March 9 and 23rd. Please contact Select Board at 786-5095 or sent email to SelectBoard@Dorchester.net to add items to Agenda. Current Select Board members are Steve Bjerklie, Larry Walker Jr., and Mike Woodard. All members of the public are reminded that Select Board meetings are open and all are welcome to observe. However, public input is limited to specific times set aside by Chairman. The Board reserves the right to call for Executive Session when dealing with personnel issues and other issues allowed under NH law.

Cemetery Committee. Please contact a Cemetery Trustee with questions or concerns Bethann Weick at 236-1569 or b.a.weick@gmail.com, Shawn Russell shawnerussell@gmail.com.

Dorchester Planning Board meets on Wednesday, March 8th at 7:00 PM.

Dorchester Conservation Commission meets every other month. Next meeting is for March 21st, 2017 at 7PM.

Of Local Interest

Healthy Volunteers Needed for Brain Imaging Research

Healthy **paid** volunteers wanted for brain imaging studies at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. Subjects should be age 25 to 60, with no medical or psychiatric conditions. You will participate in neuropsychological testing, collection of background data, and brain imaging. The session will take approximately three hours. Every effort will be made to work around individual schedules. We will respond to inquiries until enrollment numbers are reached. If you are interested in participating or would like more information please contact Emily Geiger at [603-650-4536](tel:603-650-4536) or by email: Emily.J.Geiger@hitchcock.org

Canaan Library <http://www.canaanlibrary.org/> Lots happening so check the calendar!

Tech Night Mondays

Have questions about your new Kindle, iPad, laptop, or personal tech device? Visit us on Monday evenings from 5:30 – 7:00 pm and our resident tech whiz, Margot can help get you going in the right direction.

Downloadable Books

Sick of buying books for your Kindle? Listened to all of our audio books? Try Overdrive! With a library card, you can download over 7000 audio books and over 9000 ebooks. You can also download magazines through NOOK periodicals. We can show you how!

2017 Meetinghouse Readings Schedule has been set for July.

Gardening Gems with Ray, Canaan Library Saturday, March 11, 1:00 pm



Join local gardener, Ray Kulig for tips and tricks to give your vegetable a head start..

Pemi Baker Community Health 101 Boulder Point Drive, Suite 3 Plymouth, NH 03264

Tel: [\(603\) 536-2232](tel:(603)536-2232) Fax: [\(603\) 536-2189](tel:(603)536-2189)

has many services available for Dorchester residents such as Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Home Health Care and Hospice. In addition, it provides community exercise opportunities, swimming lessons and educational programs. Check out their web site at <http://www.pemibakercommunityhealth.org>

Pease Library, Plymouth NH

Be sure to check out the new and improved website: <http://www.peasepubliclibrary.org>!

Hours: Mon. Tues. Wed. 10AM to 8PM; Thurs. & Fri. 10AM to 5PM; Saturday 10AM to 2PM

Tuesdays 6-7pm Technology Learning Series: Computer Questions. Sign up for an appointment to get your computer questions answered. Work with someone one-on one.

Squam Lakes Natural Science Center www.nhnature.org has so many programs scheduled for March, especially for families, check out the **Wild Winter Walk: Guided Tour of the Live Animal Trails** offered periodically as are Bird Banding and Natural Shelter Building.

Currier Museum of Art located at 150 Ash Street, Manchester is well worth a visit especially this month when kids can see some amazing art made of paper. Check the many events available for hands on experiences <http://currier.org/visit/>

Dartmouth Hitchcock invites us to attend

Living a Healthy Life With Chronic Pain

March 7, 2017 | 1 to 3:30 pm

Ageing Resource Center, Lebanon: This is an evidence based self-management program developed at Stanford University for people dealing with chronic pain. Phone or email to register for the workshop. Phone or email to register for the workshop:

603-653-1826

Inger.Imset@hitchcock.org

Don't forget to check the monthly Dartmouth Hitchcock Community offerings for special classes and events that may be of particular interest to you or your children. [http://www.dartmouth-hitchcock.org/classes_events.html?](http://www.dartmouth-hitchcock.org/classes_events.html?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Imagine%20Better%20February%202017&utm_content=Imagine%20Better%20February%202017+CID_91089c403071c934c2bc40399cd03ee8&utm_source=Imagine%20Better%20Newsletter&utm_term=Check%20for%20events%20in%20your%20community)

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Local Foods Plymouth is an on-line marketplace where you can purchase food & other products grown, raised & made in the Plymouth, NH area. In addition they sell shares to a NH seafood cooperative which delivers fresh fish. Go to <http://www.localfoodsplymouth.org/> Orders may be placed from Saturday afternoons through 6:00 a.m. Wednesday. Orders are picked up on Thursdays from 3:30 - 6:00 p.m. @ PAREI on Highland St in Plymouth.

Saturday, March 25th 6 to 9PM Permaculture Double Header, at Take Root Coworking,
359 Central St, Franklin, NH see Facebook for directions to Take Root Coworking Venue.

Come on down for a pair of talks by "homegrown authors" Josh Trought of D'Acres on perennial farming and Michael Phillips of Lost Nation Orchard on fungal networking. This special gathering of the New Hampshire permaculture community will get us fired up for the growing season ahead.

Food Pantry for Dorchester Residents – Eligibility live in Mascoma Valley and have need.

The food is in and Dorchester residents can and have now signed in to "shop" in food pantries in Enfield and Canaan. Once a week in either pantry.

We need volunteers, please contact Bob Cusick call [603-306-7831](tel:603-306-7831) or if you are online food@clients.rotundasoftware.com to get password and sign up to help. Job is simple, welcome folks and if new help them fill out form, give them shopping bags if they don't bring some and then weigh bags on way out.

Canaan Pantry: (Warehouse behind Hardware Store at 9 Mechanic Street, 3rd door from end)

Wednesday from 2:30 PM until 6:30 PM

Enfield Pantry: Located at Enfield Town Offices, 23 Main St **Thursday, 3PM to 7PM**

D ACRES: 218 Streeter Woods Road. Dorchester, NH 03266. Please check the D Acres web site www.dacres.org or Facebook for constantly updated information or call 786-2366 for more information or to register for events. D Acres is making every effort to keeps fees down so that all may learn together. Remember that some fees can be waived due to economic constraint. Work trade arrangements are also available. Talk to Josh.

Every Sunday of the Month ~ Dawn to Dusk ~ Open Trails at D Acres of NH

Most of the 180 acres managed by D Acres is forest land. In addition to its role in providing clean air and water, the forest is a wonderful place to explore as well as a valuable resource. We maintain a trail system with over 6 miles of trails for year round recreational activities, such as hiking, biking, skiing and snowshoeing.

Open to all, so please come and enjoy!!

Sunday, March 5th ~10am -1pm ~ Tour 1pm ~

First Sunday - Farm Feast Breakfast and Tour

Every FIRST Sunday of the month, we host an "All-You-Should-Eat!" farm breakfast, serving local eggs cooked to order, D Acres' pork sausage/pulled pork, potatoes, fresh sautéed kale/greens from our gardens, and organic pancakes served with local maple syrup. Enjoy the breakfast with friends and family, then stick around for a full farm tour at 1 pm. Suggested Donation (sliding scale of \$5-\$15).

Friday, March 10th ~ 6 pm Family Pizza & Movie

Every SECOND Friday of the month, It's time for Family Pizza & a Movie Night! We host an "All-You-Should-Eat" buffet style delicious selection of pizza topped with only the best farm fresh toppings, including fresh mozzarella cheese. After a full belly of pizza, relax and enjoy a thought-provoking film. There is also a movie for the kids. Open to all. \$5-15 suggested donation.

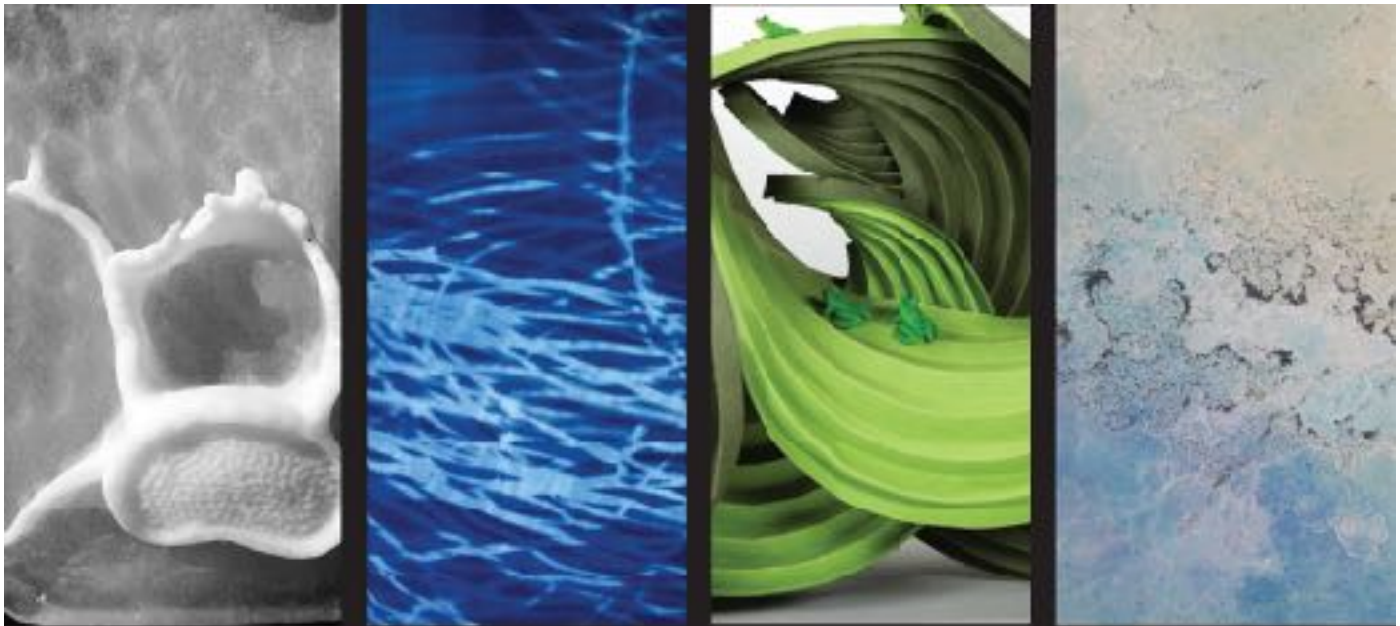
Friday, March 31st ~ 6pm Potluck ~ 7pm Open Mic ~ Potluck & Open Mic Night!

Bring you leftovers and we can all enjoy the holiday again with little to no work. More family fun at the LAST Friday Potluck & Open Mic Night! We host some of the best local entertainment in the area. Join us for a potluck feast, and stay for music, poetry reading, joke-telling, and more! Bring a dish, bring the family, and bring some fun! Free and open to all!

Volunteer Day Last Saturday of each month, 10am - 4pm March 25th

The staff at D Acres invites the public to join us on the last Saturday of each month at 10am for Volunteer Day. Volunteers will work on various projects appropriate to the season around the farm including fence building, moving manure, hauling brush, and gardening. Lunch will be provided at 1pm for all volunteers. Choice of projects is on a first come, first serve basis. Please call to let us know you are coming: (603) 786-2366

Museum of White Mountains



**FORECASTING:
CLIMATE CHANGE AND WATER IMPACT**

JAN 23 -APRIL 21, 2017

Forecasting: Climate Change and Water Impact

Curatorial Team: Kimberly Ritchie, Shandra McLane, and Cynthia Robinson

This exhibit explores climate change overlapping the lens of scientific information with artistic imagery and expression, inviting the viewer to engage in the material via contemporary art installations and scientific data concerning oceans of the world, waterways, atmosphere, and drought. This interdisciplinary experience highlights the power of combining different critical thinking pathways to deepen understanding of climate change's relevance to the individual.

Artists and scientists featured in this exhibit are Kimberly Ritchie, Shandra McLane, Fawn Atencio, Martin and Erik Demaine, Eric Kelsey and his research team.

The project brings together the disciplines of meteorology, technology, and visual art to explore a topic on the forefront of today's news: climate change and its impact on water. It will provide students with a model for describing and presenting information that originates in NH but has wider impacts. Using cutting edge technologies from both arts and science disciplines, the exhibit will be a launching location for multiple educational experiences for PSU students, area public schools, and NH educators.

Preview of Upcoming Events

D Acres Permaculture Through the Seasons Design Certification Course May thru November, 2017

Internationally recognized 72 hour design course instructed by Steve Whitman, Stacey Doll, Liz Kelly, Molly Messenger, Josh Arnold & Josh Trought

About

This curriculum based course introduces the ethics, principles and practices of permaculture. This course is designed to maximize practical learning by following the annual flow of the seasons. Participants will gain exposure to the rhythm of the seasons and activities at the farm from planting to harvest & preservation. The course culminates with a permaculture design presented by each student for a location of their choice.

This course is especially useful for homeowners, planners, design professionals, community organizers, farmers, and gardeners. It is adapted to a wide variety of learning styles and is presented via lecture, images, video, group discussion, hands on experiences, exercises, and design projects. Throughout the course each student will be working on a design project for their own property. The course will meet on Saturday and Sunday of the identified weekends, and tuition includes 4 nourishing organic meals and simple accommodations for one night each weekend.

Course graduates will receive a Permaculture design certificate.

If you are working toward a sustainable future and want practical tools and applicable methodologies, then this course is for you!

Topics covered will include:

- Permaculture ethics and principles
- The Design Process
- Food and Energy Security
- Natural Systems and biodiversity
- Site Analysis and assessment
- Backyard Gardening and Sustainable Agriculture
- Natural Building and Appropriate Technology
- Sustainable Forestry and Creating Food Forests
- Animals in the Permaculture System
- Solar Greenhouse Design
- Village Design and local economics

- Preserving the Harvest
- Holistic Orchardng
- + A Design Project for your site!

Where

The course is primarily taught at D Acres although there are occasional field trips to specific sites in the area. Camping and indoor [overnight accommodations](#) are available.

Dates:

Course starts in May and meets one weekend each month for 7 months with the July Northeast Permaculture Convergence optional. The weekends of the course are:

- May 20-21
- June 10-11
- July 15-16
- August 19-20
- August 26 - NH Permaculture Gathering at Mt Kearsage Indian Museum (highly recommended, but course fee does not include registration to this event.)
- September 16-17
- October 14-15
- November 11-12

Tuition: Full payment is due with registration

Includes Saturday lunch & dinner, Sunday breakfast & lunch as well as overnite accommodations.

\$1,350.00 course fee if registered by 3/15/17

\$1,400.00 after 3/15/17

\$100.00 cancellation fee until 4/1/17, no refunds after 4/15/17

Call 786-2366 or see web site for Registration Form

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Health & Peace

Betty Ann Trought