

Dorchester Notes

January, 2012

Happy New Year!! To start the year off with a political note please remember to VOTE in the **legendary NH Presidential Primary – Tuesday January 10, 2012 from 11AM to 7PM at the Dorchester Town Hall**. Remember undeclared registered voters can vote in either the republican or democratic primaries by declaring a party affiliation at the polls. If you want to stay undeclared after voting go back to the Registrars of the checklist and ask to change back.

Yes there is also a democratic primary!

Public Hearings:

**Mascoma Valley Regional School District, Wednesday January 11th at 6pm
Mascoma High School Library, Budget Committee FY 2013-2013**

Dorchester Planning Board Saturday, January 14th beginning at 10AM at the Town Hall. This meeting will give the public information regarding the Town Survey and the opportunity to discuss and make suggestions regarding the proposed new Dorchester Master Plan.

Mascoma Valley School District Monday, January 16th at 6pm Mascoma High School Library, Bond Hearing for Renovation/Expansion Project \$23,760,000 –Snow date January 17th.

Tuesday, January 24th beginning at 5:30PM at the Town Hall. Dorchester Cemetery Committee. This meeting will give the public the opportunity to discuss and make suggestions regarding the proposed revision to the Dorchester Cemetery Rules and Regulations.

Local Boards and Committees

Dorchester Select Board will meet Thursday evening **January 19 at 6:30pm** in the **Town Hall**. Public input is invited about **7pm** at each meeting. The Mascoma School Board will be at this meeting to discuss Budget and Bond issue. Current Select Board members are Artie Burdette (Chairperson), Michael Mock, and Sherman Hallock. All members of the public are reminded that Select Board meetings are open and all are welcome to observe.

Dorchester Historic Commission will meet on **Tuesday January 24th at 7pm** at the **Town Office**. The Commission is completing a review and update of Historic District regulations which will be presented at public hearing soon. Chairperson Sandy Green.

Dorchester Planning Board meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month **7:15 PM** at the **Town Office**. Next meeting **January 11 , 2011**. Besides regular business to come before the Planning Board, it is in midst of the Master Planning project. The public is welcome to observe.

Dorchester and NH House Redistricting – Who will our representatives be and where will they be from? We have lost our familiar Mascoma Valley District.

Redistricting in NH

Members of the NH Redistricting Committee Chair: Paul Mirski (R) V Chair: David Bates (R) Clerk: Steve Villancout (R) Republicans: Gene Chandler, David Hess, Robert Rowe, Edwin Smith, Herbert Richardson, Warren Groen, Peter Silva, William Smith, Elaine Swinford, Spec Bowers. Democrats: Sandra Keans, David Pierce, Lucy Weber, Robert Perry. Staff: Secretary: Kay Culberson. Researcher: Pam Smarling. Phone: 271-3319

Here is a link to the NH Redistricting committee's [website](http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/committees/committee_website/h48/default.htm) (http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/committees/committee_website/h48/default.htm) Click on [Maps of 0030h Plan, adopted Dec. 14*](http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/committees/committee_websites/h48/miscellaneous_documents/Maps_of%20subcommittee_plan_revised2.pdf) (color).http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/committees/committee_websites/h48/miscellaneous_documents/Maps_of%20subcommittee_plan_revised2.pdf

If you go to the read [background information](#) on this website, you will find a lot of material, such as a glossary, NH redistricting guidelines for 2011 and recent change to the NH Constitution, Voting Rights Act.

Local Programs

For those who need health care but are without insurance.

Good Neighbor Health Clinic —Dr. Dave Beaufait with “Doctors Who Care” on Rte4 in Enfield has agreed to allow Good Neighbor Health Clinic to use his offices for the Mascoma Satellite Clinic. Clinics will be scheduled on Wednesday evenings two or three times a month. Please call the Good Neighbor Health Clinic to schedule an appointment with one of the volunteer physicians. Toll Free: 877-552-4815 or regular phone 802-295-1868.

Plymouth Regional Clinic, Tuesday Evenings 6 to 8pm at the Whole village Family Resource Center, 258 Highland Street, Plymouth. For questions call 603-536-4467.

Chess Club

Meets on Thursdays from 7 to 9pm at Starr King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 101 Fairgrounds Road, Plymouth. Players of all ages and abilities are welcome. Tutoring available. Questions call George Maloof at 536-1179 or Maloofo@plymouth.edu

Scrabble on the mind?

In Dorchester a small group from surrounding towns meets most Tuesday afternoons from 1 to 3 (sometimes 4pm) at my home – call 786-2394 for Directions. Begins again Tuesday January 17th

Looking For New Nonfiction Book

**Club? Sundays once a month from 4 to 6pm At
D Acres of New Hampshire. Contact George
Matthews at 786-2366.**

Interested in Helping Find Answers to Alzheimer Disease?

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center is one of multiple centers (55) participating in this multi-year research study called the Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative. This study is sponsored by the National Institutes of Health to determine whether imaging of the brain can help predict the onset and monitor the progression of cognitive change. The study is looking for volunteers from 55 to 90 who can be accompanied by a study partner to all clinic visits and has at least 10 hours per week with the volunteer. Volunteers must be in generally good health and may be cognitively intact, have early Alzheimer's disease or MCI and be willing to undergo in-clinic assessments, memory testing, and other test procedures like MRI, PET scans, etc. If accepted into the study mileage will be reimbursed. Please contact Tammy Kitzmiller, Study Coordinator at 603-650-5811 or Tamar.J.Kitzmiller@hitchcock.org for more information.

Pease Public Library, Plymouth

<http://www.peasepubliclibrary.org/pease/>

Now has Downloadable audiobooks & eBooks that can be accessed through <http://nh.lib.overdrive.com> ***Please stop by the library if you need assistance from a staff member***

They also have a Kindle that can be borrowed for two weeks at a time so check it out before you invest.

Line Dancing

Line dancing will continue to be held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays from 4:00 to 5:00 pm at Starr King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 101 Fairgrounds Rd, Plymouth. Donation fee of \$5.00 suggested. Never too late to join in. Yeehaw!

D ACRES: Please check the D Acres web site www.dacres.org for constantly updated information or call 786-2366 for more information or to register for events. D Acres is making every effort to keep fees down so that all may learn together. Remember that fees can be waived due to economic constraints and some scholarships may be available for financial assistance. – Just talk to Josh, Regina or Beth.

JANUARY 12

KNITTING CIRCLE

7–9pm

Meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at D Acres.
Contact George at info@dacres.org for more info!

JANUARY 13

EXCLUSIVE PERFORMANCE!

"Ragtime to Classics"

A Piano Recital with Commentary by

MASANOBU IKEMIYA

Grammy-nominated pianist and founder of the New York Ragtime
Orchestra and the Arcady Music Festival

7pm at D Acres

Donations welcome!

JANUARY 26

WRITING GROUP with Ivy Page

10am–Noon, \$15

All levels and styles are welcome; emphasis is currently on poetry and short-stories. Please call to pre-register.

JANUARY 27

Potluck & Open Mic

6pm Potluck

8pm Open Mic

Bring a dish or a song; musicians,

storytellers, and poets are welcome!

FREE!

JANUARY 29

VOLUNTEER DAY

10am–4pm

Hearty, farm–fresh lunch included! Pre–registration is required.

Bulk Buying Opportunities!

We've got Spring in our sights!

Our upcoming bulk orders are open to the community in an effort to minimize transportation costs and cultivate cooperative relationships among local farmers & gardeners.

Fedco Tree Order

Browse their [online catalog!](#)

Deadline to order is January 16 with delivery in April.

Maine Potato Lady

Your local source for organic seed potatoes!

Deadline to order is March 1.

Green Mountain Feeds

Certified organic poultry, dairy, equine, sheep, goat, and pig grain out of Bethel, Vermont.

Deadline to order is January 16.

Call 786-2366 or email info@dacres.org for more information on placing an order with us!

**Time to Think Seriously about SPING?
Permaculture Design Through the**

Seasons

Certification Course at D Acres of New Hampshire

7 Weekends from April to November 2012

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!

The course will meet at D Acres Organic Farm & Educational Homestead in Dorchester, New Hampshire.

Tuition is \$1200 which includes Saturday lunch & dinner, Sunday breakfast & lunch as well as overnite accommodations. Course starts in April and meets one weekend each month for 8 months with the July North Permaculture Convergence optional.

The weekends of the course are April 21-22, May 12-13, June 23-24, July Convergence, August 18-19, September 15-16, October 21-22, November 17-18.

The Instructors:

Steve Whitman has been teaching courses in sustainability and Permaculture in the northeast and internationally for seven years, and began practicing Permaculture years before.

Josh Trought, Regina Rinaldo & Beth Weick comprise the D Acres staff teaching cadre. We provide hands-on practical systems study & implementation of rural farm & community scale permaculture.

And guests experts!

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
- A Design Project for your site!

For details contact D Acres or call Steve at 603-381-1798 or email steve@low-energy-future.com

Dorchester Notes

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Health & Peace

Betty Ann Trought