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## TOWN MEETING RESULTS:

415 voters (31%) voted by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. All budgets passed, with the exception of the Mt. Abraham Bond Vote, which was voted down 1785 to 1196. Results of the contested Selectboard race was: Eric Cota – 188 votes, Nancy Boss – 169 votes.

135 voters attended Town Meeting this year, on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## DOG LICENSES:

Per State Statute, all dogs are required to be registered with the town on or before April 1<sup>st</sup> each year. This requires a current rabies vaccination certificate and the fee of \$9 if they are spayed or neutered, and \$13 if not. This can also be done by mail or dropped off in the drop box. After April 1<sup>st</sup> additional fees will be added: \$11 for spayed / neutered, and \$17 if they are not.

43 dogs were licensed at the Annual Rabies Clinic held on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

A reminder from the Animal Control Officer....Starksboro does have a leash law. We have had many dog issues related to this that could have been avoided. Please keep your dogs on your property or leashed so that they don't get into trouble. This also helps keep your dog safe as well.

**THE BEARS ARE WAKING UP!!!!** Fish & Wildlife experts are asking folks to not fill their bird feeders right now, or you may have a hungry bear in your yard. Once they find food, they will most likely return for more.

# Select Board News

*The following is a summary of the most significant information from recent SB meetings. It is not a complete or official record. For more information please read official meeting minutes on the Town website. Submitted by Rebecca Elder, Selectboard Assistant.*

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## March 20, 2018 meeting

- **Road report:** Tom reported that salt and sand levels are low as the end of winter approaches; new tires have been installed on the grader; Tom is getting quotes and more information on options for the “utility truck” purchase (approved at town meeting).
  - **Election of officers:** Koran Cousino was elected chair; Tony Porter elected as vice chair.
  - **Welcome to new board member:** This was the first meeting since election day. Eric Cota was elected to a 2-year term and was welcomed to the board. Koran Cousino was re-elected for a 3-year term.
  - **Gazette distribution:** The board discussed the distribution of the Gazette and the input received in various ways since the brief discussion during non-binding business at Town Meeting. Two residents attended to discuss various thoughts on the value of the publication and ways to improve all types of town communications, including the Gazette. The Selectboard will continue to explore this topic in 2018 and seek input from town residents. The board voted to continue sending printed copies via bulk mail to all town residents for now.
  - **Technology and IT:** The board reviewed current computer specs and software used in the office in order to anticipate future needs. This will be an ongoing conversation and the board will likely have a special meeting in the next couple of months to focus on IT related issues.
  - **Current business items reviewed:**
    - The Hazard Mitigation plan has been reviewed by the selectboard and planning commission. The draft has been forwarded to FEMA for review and approval.
    - **Hurd easement for power right-of-way:** The board gave condition approval for the easement pending the DRB’s site plan review to be scheduled in May.
    - **Hazardous waste collection** in town to be scheduled and advertised.
- **Next meeting: April 3 at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Office**
- **SB retreat meeting: April 6 at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Garage conference room**

# WORSHIP SERVICES

## **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF STARKSBORO:**

[www.Starksborobaptistchurch.org](http://www.Starksborobaptistchurch.org)

2806 VT Route 116 and P.O. Box 12, Starksboro, VT 05487

Pastor Larry Detweiler – 802-989-2679 or [revdets@gmail.com](mailto:revdets@gmail.com). Church phone 453-5577

### **Sunday Schedule:**

- 10:00 a.m. Chat, Chew and Renew adult small group bible study and fellowship  
11:00 a.m. Worship weekly with communion on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month  
2:30 p.m. Food For All – Share - On a New Community Project food re-distribution program  
NCP information contact Pete 434-2333

**STARKSBORO SENIOR MEAL**, served at 11:30 on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, January-October. Meal held in the Community Room of the Church, 2806 VT 116. Donations to defray costs are gladly accepted. Starksboro Senior Meal program information contact Brenda Boutin, 453-6354, or [mtgazette@earthlink.net](mailto:mtgazette@earthlink.net).

**BONEBUILDERS EXERCISE CLASSES:** Every Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30 am at the Jerusalem Schoolhouse in South Starksboro. This class is to help prevent osteoporosis. Questions? Call Susan at 453-5537.

**TAI CHI CLASS:** Every Thursday at 9:30 am at the Jerusalem Schoolhouse. This class is for those that already know Tai Chi for Arthritis 1 & 2. Questions? Call Vera at 453-3597.

### **"FOOD FOR ALL - SHARE ON..."**

Greetings Starksboro friends and neighbors,

Please join New Community Project (NCP) each Sunday for our community food (re)-distribution program also known as Share On. The program is held at the Starksboro First Baptist Church – the doors open 2:30 PM. Come "shop" for free fresh organic produce, dairy, meat, and bread. Trader Joe's and the gardens of NCP are our main contributors. The amount and variety of food items change weekly. Please join the many local families that benefit from this blessing. For more information contact Pete at 434-2333 or [pantosketcham@newcommunityproject.org](mailto:pantosketcham@newcommunityproject.org).

## **Notice of New Food Shelf Hours:**

The Food Shelf is now open on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. The hours are 9:30 - 6:30.

## Learning about Starksboro Through Maps Program

On Thursday, April 19, 2018, enjoy an illustrated presentation, "Learning about Starksboro Through Maps," offered by the Starksboro Historical Society, Meeting House Society, and Conservation Commission. The program, which starts at 7 pm, will be in the Starksboro Village Meeting House, 2875 VT Route 116.

The Historical Society has recently received a donation of an 1857 Wallings wall map of Addison County, the inspiration for the program. Michael Blakeslee and Elsa Gilbertson will offer the program, showing images of maps over time and what they can reveal about Starksboro. Of particular interest will be orthoquad aerial photo maps and the most recent LIDAR (Light detection and ranging remote sensing) mapping being conducted by the State of Vermont. The LIDAR mapping can reveal old roads, cellar holes, and interesting landforms. All these maps are good resources for doing research.

All are welcome. Light refreshments. Donations to the historical society and Meeting House for the restoration project appreciated. Parking is behind the Meeting House and in the town center lot in back of the town clerk's office.

**FRIENDS OF JERUSALEM SCHOOLHOUSE:** Things are pretty quiet "up south" ~~ we have made it through some crazy March snowstorms...now we are ready for bare ground, crocuses, forsythia and even muddy roads!

We are thankful for the positive outcome at Town Meeting on the Article which requested money to move ahead with a survey of the land that the Schoolhouse sits on, development of architectural plans, and preparation for permitting for the purposes of constructing a replacement Fire Station #2 and renovating the historic old Schoolhouse. YAY...thank you Starksboro for your support!

Interested in using the Jerusalem Schoolhouse for an event? Call Edie Sears at 453-3083 for details.

*ANOTHER SOUTH STARKSBORO STORY:* This month we have the pleasure of enjoying a story by Bonnie Williams. Bonnie and her husband, Marvin, live on Route 17 across from the Jerusalem Store. Thank you, Bonnie, for sharing with us; we are thankful to have you in our community.

Bonnie Williams    Starksboro

I'm originally from northern Michigan close to the Lake Michigan sandy beaches. When I arrived in Vermont, newly married, I discovered the beautiful green mountains and lovely countryside in this area. My husband, Marv, and I were warmly welcomed to Starksboro. At that time, we were building a house in the valley of South Starksboro and enjoying a lovely warm summer. That fall I began a teaching job at Robinson School. It's an awesome school with a wonderful close-knit, country feel. As the years passed and the population grew, there were a great many meetings and budgets passed for additional space. It's hard to believe things have changed so much since I worked there.

I also worked for VEIC in Burlington, which is the parent company for Efficiency Vermont. It was an amazing experience. I learned a lot about saving electrical energy and conserving resources. The work inspired the two of us to make our home more energy efficient. It also gave Marv plenty of extra projects.

Now I spend more time with family and friends. I've expanded my perennial flower garden. I often travel to Michigan to see family and friends. It's nice to be able to do all these things and live in this pretty valley. The mountain view from our front deck is beautiful in all seasons.

**Starksboro Public Library**  
**Monthly News for April 2018**

Hours: Mon. 10-6, Thurs. 10-5, Sat. 9-2

Catherine Goldsmith, Librarian, 453-3732 - [starksboropl@comcast.net](mailto:starksboropl@comcast.net)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Story Time at the library**

**April 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am**

Join us for a casual, fun storytime, geared for pre-school age kids. We will sing a little, read and visit. Meet other Starksboro families and play with the library toys!

**Fiber Arts Saturday!**

**April 28<sup>th</sup> at 10 am**

Knitters, weavers, and crafters from all towns welcome. Coffee and tea on tap.

**Library Book Group**

**Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

Reading the classic "My family and other animals" by Gerald Durrell this month. Would you like to join a book group? Stop in and find out more about this group which meets at the library. New members welcome.

**Preschool Story Time: "A book is a special friend"**

The Starksboro Preschool takes a walk to visit the library every week at 11 am, alternating between Monday and Thursday and following the public school schedule. This happy group welcomes visitors!

**RSVP Bone Builders:** Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 at the library, year-round. Simple exercises improve balance, enhance energy and build strength. Start at any time with this friendly group!

**New Books in the Library:**

**Youth:** *Wishtree* / Katherine Applegate; *The Day of the Triffids* / John Wyndham; *Fishbone's song* / Gary Paulson; *The good, the bad, and the Barbie: a doll's history and her impact on us* / Tanya Lee Stone.

**Picture Books:** *Niko draws a feeling* / Robert Raczka; *A different pond* / Bao Phi.

**Adults:** *Future home of the living god* / Louise Erdrich.; *Reluctant Queen* / Sarah Beth Durst; *Walking the bones* / Randall Silvis; *Since we fell* / Dennis Lehane; *Winter* / Ali Smith; *A dog's way home* / W. Bruce Cameron; *Dark in Death* / J.D. Robb; *The people vs. Alex Cross* / James Patterson; *Practical Magic* / Alice Hoffman (AUDIO)

**Adult Non-Fiction:** *The dawn watch : Joseph Conrad in a global world* / Maya Jasanoff.; *Warmth of other suns* (Pulitzer Prize) / Isabel Wilkerson; *Official Social Security Answers to 100 FAQ about retirement* / John Weber. *Ticks and what you can do about them* / Roger Drummond, Phd.

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**COMMUNITY EMAIL GROUP:** [WWW.FRONTPORCHFORUM.COM](http://WWW.FRONTPORCHFORUM.COM)

**TOWN WEBSITE:** [www.starksborovt.org](http://www.starksborovt.org)

**TOWN OFFICE:** 453-2639

Open Mon – Thu, 8:30 – 4:30

**Town Clerk:** Cheryl Estey [starksboro@madriver.com](mailto:starksboro@madriver.com), 453-2639

**Treasurer:** Celine Coon [starksborotowntreasurer@gmavt.net](mailto:starksborotowntreasurer@gmavt.net)

**Zoning Administrator:** Rebecca Elder [starksborozoning@gmavt.net](mailto:starksborozoning@gmavt.net)

Hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs mornings 453-2768

**Del. Tax Collector:** Amy McCormick-Tues & Thurs @ 453-2639

[starksborotaxes@gmail.com](mailto:starksborotaxes@gmail.com)

Listers – 453-2778

#### **SELECT BOARD**

Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 5:30 at Town Office.

Please call at least one week in advance to get on the agenda.

Peter Marsh – 453-3478

Tony Porter – 989-5096

Keegan Tierney – 777-9431

Koran Cousino – 453-4352

Eric Cota – 373-9763

#### **SCHOOL BOARD**

Every other month at 5:30 pm at Mt. Abe

Louis DuPont – 453-5538

Nancy Cornell – 453-2681

Caleb Elder – 434-4805

**Mt. Abe:** Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 6:30 at Mt. Abe Library

**Supervisory Board** – Nancy Cornell, Louis Dupont, Caleb Elder

**LIBRARY:** 453-3732 or [starksboropl@comcast.net](mailto:starksboropl@comcast.net)

Open Mon 10-6; Thurs 10-5, Sat 9-2

Library Board Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday @4:30 pm at Library.

#### **REPRESENTATIVES**

Fred Baser – 453-4391

#### **SENATORS**

Claire Ayer – 545-2142 / [cayer@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:cayer@leg.state.vt.us)

Chris Bray – 453-3444 / [cbray@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:cbray@leg.state.vt.us)

#### **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER:**

Heather Ragsdale – 453-6485

**ROAD FOREMAN:** Tom Estey – 453-2319

**FIRE WARDENS:** Please call ahead for burn permits.

Tom Estey-453-4511, 453-2319, or Tony Porter-989-5096

#### **PLANNING COMMISSION:**

Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at the Town Office

Development Review Board meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays

#### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION:**

Meetings: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday @7 pm at the Starksboro Public Library Chair, Jan McCleery – 453.3755 or [mcclleery@norwich.edu](mailto:mcclleery@norwich.edu)

**HEALTH OFFICER:** Peter Ryersbach – 453-3597

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR:** Charlene Phelps

363-4276

**RECYCLING:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays from 8-11 at the new Town Garage-3904 Vt Route 116. Trash fees: \$5/bag. Recycling – by donation.

#### **HUB TEEN CENTER & SKATEPARK:**

[www.bristolskatepark.com](http://www.bristolskatepark.com)

Ryan Krushenick – 453-3678 / [thehub@gmavt.net](mailto:thehub@gmavt.net)

**STARКСBORO VILLAGE WATER COOPERATIVE:** 453-5200

Meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of March, June, Sept and Dec at 7:30 pm at the Starksboro Public Library

#### **NEW POST OFFICE HOURS:**

Mon – Fri, 7:30 – 11:30; 12:30 – 2:30

Saturday – 7:30 – 11:00

Closed each day 11:30 – 12:30



# Unbound Grace

at SENTINEL FARMS

## Summer Kids Schedule

*Farm-Based Learning for Active, Healthy Kids*

Classical Horsemanship July 9-12 | Orienteering & Maps July 23-26 | Musical Theater August 6-10  
Ages 6 - 17

**Join Sentinel Farms as we celebrate 10 years of farm-based, whole health summer programs!**

There is increasing public awareness of the challenges youth face today and the ease of getting involved with life-threatening risky behaviors. At Sentinel Farms we want to ensure that all youth are on course for their own health-focused journey.

Youth need clear goals and mentored support to help them achieve their goals. At Sentinel Farms, we recognize the importance of remaining health focused and aim to provide youth with the support they need to achieve their goals.

Our summer programs re-root our youth in Vermont's traditional agricultural skills and values. We specialize in building self-esteem and self-confidence. Youth recognize their individual strengths and learning style as they embrace the responsibility of caring for the animals. At Sentinel Farms, we believe that multi-age group learning encourages shared responsibility and empowers all youth to ask for and offer help.

**Week I                      July 9 - 13th                      9:00-3:00\*                      Tuition: \$455\*\***

Classical Horsemanship Camp: *Foundational experience in respectful, responsible horse care and riding. Horses are healing by nature. Appropriate for beginners through Intermediate I. Our first week of camp shares the joy of building a healthy relationship with Horses. Youth learn and/or review how to safely handle, groom, tack, mount & dismount, and Ride. Basic equine anatomy included. Each lesson progresses the growing horseman's base of knowledge in the art and discipline of classical horsemanship.*

**Week II                      July 23 - 27th.                      9:00- 3:00\*                      Tuition \$285\*\***

Building Experience: Care, Compassion & Comfort in our Natural World: *Camp will feature orienteering and maps, tracking and shelter building, and nature arts. Our second week of camp shares experience with orienteering (team treasure search using map and compass), tracking, animal observation & shelter building. We walk and investigate the varied topography and ecosystems of the 200 acre beef & horse farm, including journaling/ drawing and nature arts. We have a very active beaver pond in the back. Bring a swimsuit for creek swimming!*

**Week III                      August 6-10<sup>th</sup>                      9:00-3:00\*                      Tuition \$300\*\***

The Summer Musical Theater Camp *We are honored to work and play under the direction of professional Youth Theatre Director, Mickey Pekar of Very Merry Theater. Campers will experience co-creation & co-writing of an original youth advocacy Musical Theater piece, including a Friday 8/10 6:30 PM stage performance in The Loft of the barn. Family and friends are invited.*

*\*Lunch and snacks are provided. Before and after care available; campers may be dropped off as early as 8:00 AM and picked up as late as 5:00 PM. There is an extra charge of \$3/half hr per family.*

*\*\*Tuition is not a deciding factor. Part of the Mission of Unbound Grace is to ensure that all youngsters who want to participate have the opportunity to do so, regardless of their family's current financial strength. Scholarships are available!*

*Councilor in Training (CIT) placements are available. Please contact us!*

*For scholarship information, registration forms, or camper and CIT questions, please email [kerry@unboundgrace.org](mailto:kerry@unboundgrace.org) or call Kerry at 802-377-1066.*

**Sound like the right camp for a youngster you know? Make a difference. Make a connection.  
Are you or do you know of a child who is interested in pursuing Classical Horsemanship on a**

## weekly basis? Contact us to discuss joining the Young Sentinels Program!

Young Sentinels meet weekly from June-August for instruction in all facets of Classical Horsemanship, includes a series of skills exhibitions at the farm. Open for youth aged 8-17, beginner-intermediate skill levels. Please reach out for more information! Adult internships available.

## Big Barn Tag Sale! Memorial Weekend May 26-28 2018

Is Spring Cleaning on your mind this time of year? Donate/drop off your lightly-used treasures here at the farm May 19-20th or by appointment. Tag Sale starts May 26th at 9 am sharp! To make contributions or to volunteer on the day of the sale, please email [kerry@unboundgrace.org](mailto:kerry@unboundgrace.org) or call Kerry at 802-377-1066.

## Hamburger Wednesdays

Every Wednesday 11-3 we grill our delicious grass-raised and finished beef into juicy burgers, complete with farm buns and cheddar cheese, yum! Sweet treats and beverages provided, all proceeds benefit our farm-based learning programs.

## Save the Date for our August 10th Kids' Performance, Awards Ceremony, and Dance!

For more information on how you can get involved in volunteering your talents for this family-fun, season-ending performance opportunity, please email [kerry@unboundgrace.org](mailto:kerry@unboundgrace.org) or call Kerry at 802-377-1066.

## If you love Mid-Summer Night's Dream, you'll love our walking tour/performance series around the Nob this summer, here at Sentinel Farms! Contact us to get involved!!

For more information or to volunteer on the Farm please email [kerry@unboundgrace.org](mailto:kerry@unboundgrace.org) or call Kerry at 802-377-1066.

We'd like to take a moment to thank our Business Community for their 10 years of support!

802 Excavating  
Adam's Electric  
Addison Independent  
Agway, Middlebury  
Andrulat Insurance Services  
Aubuchon Hardware, Hinesburg  
Barbara Ann Cochran  
Barry Churchill, PGA Professional  
Bee Happy Vermont  
Bobcat Cafe & Brewery  
Bourdeau Brothers  
Boyer's Orchard  
Breezy Lane Sugarworks  
Brown's Certified Welding  
Butler Farm  
Cedar Knoll Golf Course  
Champlain Physical Therapy,  
Chris Hislop Reiki Master  
Clifford Lumber  
Costello's Market  
Cubber's Restaurant  
Designer's Circle Jewelry  
Dewey & Associates Architects  
Distinctive Paints & Interiors  
F. W. Whitcomb  
Fire & Ice Restaurant  
G. Stone Commercial  
Gardener's Supply  
Green Mountain Pet & Tack Supply

Green Mountain Shoe & Apparel  
Gumbo Yaya  
Guys' Farm and Yard  
H&M Autoparts & Garage  
H&R Block, Middlebury  
Heffernan Excavating  
Hickock & Boardman Insurance  
Impact Resume  
Johnson Law Group  
Karen Pike Photography  
Keely Henderson, DVM  
Kimball Office Services  
Kinney Drugs, Hinesburg  
Lantman's Market  
Lang Trucking  
Lewis Creek Farm  
LJB Upholstery & Tack, LLC  
Luigi's Pizza  
Maple Meadow Farms  
Maplefields Bristol  
Marbleworks Pharmacy  
Marijke's Perennial Gardens  
Martin's Hardware  
Mary's Restaurant at Baldwin Creek  
Mason Stone Walls  
Masterson Excavation  
MD Property Services LLC.

Middlebury Bagel & Deli  
Middlebury Natural Foods Coop  
Mike Reilly Photography  
Misty Knoll Farm  
National Bank of Middlebury  
O Bread  
O'Brien's Salons  
Papa Nick's Restaurant  
Patchwork Acres  
People's United Bank  
Pomerleau Real Estate  
Reed Prescott Gallery  
Rockville Market Farm  
Rocky Ridge Golf Club  
Ryan Plumbing & Heating  
Ryebrook Construction  
Scott & Todd Baldwin BBQ  
Sentinel Farms  
Shelburne Country Store  
Siple Farm  
The Auto Master  
The Mac Doctor, Inc.  
The Valley Voice  
Three Squares Cafe  
Toad Hall Bed & Breakfast  
Truex Cullins Architects  
Valleywide Vet  
Vermont Folk Rocker  
Williston Insurance Agency

