

# THE BOLTON GAZETTE

THE TOWN OF BOLTON, VERMONT

"THE LAND OF BOULDERS AND BEARS"

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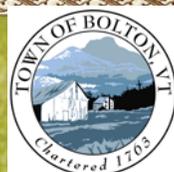
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## TOWN MEETING 2015 THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who participated in our community potluck dinner, our town meeting and cast their ballots, and thank you to...Smilie School for hosting our meeting, Debbie Nadeau and Wayne Ring for their help in setting up, Steve Peery for his sound system expertise, microphone runner Andrew Gervia, babysitters Carly Hanson, Lily Poor, Amanda Grzywna, and Miranda Grover, our voting day portrait artists Willa, Lena, Ginny, and Rosa, and especially to our poll workers and election officials; Linde Emerson, Paula Gervia, Brenda McKeown, Carol Devlin, Tim Grover, Ron Lafreniere, Gene Armstrong, Josh Arneson, Jen Dudley-Gaillard, Sharon Murray, Bob Fett, and Debbie Armstrong.



## CLERK'S CORNER

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### REMINDER – DOG LICENSES ARE DUE BY APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>!

See page 8 for more information!

### REAPPRAISAL GETTING BACK UNDERWAY

We will start calling later this month to begin scheduling appointments again after the winter hiatus. Appointments are scheduled on Wednesdays, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

### WHEELER TRUST SCHOLARSHIPS

Reminder that the *Wheeler Trust Scholarship* application deadline is April 30<sup>th</sup>. Overseen by the Board of Civil Authority, the Wheeler Trust Scholarship annually awards funds to 1 - 5 full time college students from Bolton. See the town website or call the town office for the full guidelines on applying.

### UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

As noted in the Town Meeting wrap up, our State Treasurer Beth Pearce attended Town Meeting in part to let us know that there is a HUGE list of Bolton residents on the Vermont Treasurer's unclaimed property list! Unclaimed property = cash! Go to [www.vermonttreasurer.gov](http://www.vermonttreasurer.gov) and search by town; Bolton, or by your name, or contact the town office – we have the list on file!



### PHOEBE IN HER READING GLASSES!

### PHOEBE'S KIDS' QUESTION

### OF THE MONTH!

I put on my reading glasses to look at some reports at the town officer and learn about all the other dogs in Bolton! Did you know that last year we had 123 dogs registered in Bolton? If your family has a dog, remind them that it is time to register them and get that cool golden bone dog tag! Hmm...I wonder what the most popular breed of dog is in Bolton? What do you think? Is it a Golden Retriever like me? Find out in next month's issue!

### WOOF! WOOF!!

Last month's answer: Wow, since December 1<sup>st</sup> Bolton Valley has reported they have gotten 236" of snow! That is a lot of snow!! We might have gotten a little bit less down here at the town office and around town, but there still is so much snow that my humans have had to shovel me paths to walk around in my yard! Thank you to our hard working road crew for keeping all of that snow plowed!

## SMILIE SCHOOL NEWS

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION Smilie Memorial School 2015-2016

Kindergarten is open to children who reach their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before September 1, 2015. Registration packets are available by calling Sherry Mahoney at school, 434-2757. Birth certificates and immunization records are required.

Students were filled with excitement during this year's Smilie READS program! This year our theme was "We've Got Reading Down to a Science" Our books and activities focused on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math). Smilie scholars got to meet Albert Einstein, they were challenged by Mike Turner and his MMU students to build the tallest structure possible using only marshmallows and toothpicks, and they got to choose 2 free books they get to keep forever! Thanks to all of the guest readers who share their love of reading and inspired us to read 2,069 books this year! Smilie scholars love to read! This program is made possible each year by The Cheryl Jennings Reading Fund and all the hard work of the Smilie and Bolton community!



## **TOWN MEETING 2015 WRAP UP**

### **MONDAY MARCH 3, 2015 TOWN MEETING**

About 80 people attended Town Meeting and many of those came earlier to enjoy our traditional community potluck dinner. As always, we were treated to an assortment of delectable entrees this year, along with our traditional Town Meeting cake!

We appreciated that our representatives Rebecca Ellis and Tom Stevens were on hand to share information from Montpelier, and listen to concerns from our community. Rebecca and Tom reiterated their accessibility, and that residents were welcome to contact them anytime with questions or concerns; Rebecca: 802-244-5687 or [rellis@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:rellis@leg.state.vt.us) and Tom: 802-244-4164 or [tstevens@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:tstevens@leg.state.vt.us)

We also appreciated the visit by our State Treasurer Beth Pearce – as she noted, remember to check out the unclaimed property list! Go to [www.vermonttreasurer.gov](http://www.vermonttreasurer.gov)

The town budget of \$893,927 passed from the floor, as did all the other school and town articles.

### **2015 GOOD CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**

Although she wasn't able to attend, we enjoyed presenting Linda Baker with the 2015 Good Citizen of the Year award, accepted on her behalf by her husband Mike Baker. The presentation speech for Linda:



“The 2015 recipient of Bolton’s Good Citizen of the Year Award made Bolton her hometown with her husband in the early 1970s, arriving here to build their home and raise their family. It wasn’t long after their arrival that our good citizen began to volunteer for our town, serving on both the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Adjustment. That was in 1986. In 1989 she took on the role of chair of the Planning Commission, and here she is nearly 30 years later – still at the helm of the Planning Commission. We can’t even begin to guess the amount of time that Linda Baker has devoted to our community ~ volunteering countless hours in meetings and hearings, completing research, sheparding numerous revisions to the Town Plan, zoning, subdivision and flood regulations, and overseeing several planning grants. Not only has Linda devoted nearly thirty years to thoughtfully planning for Bolton’s development and future, she has simply made Bolton more beautiful; always happily and generously sharing her gardening expertise and plants, tending to and planting gardens at the school and the town office over the years, and through her own gorgeous gardens that delight all passersby. Congratulations Linda, and thank you.”

### **SPECIAL THANKS AND APPRECIATION**

Jen Dudley- Gaillard (Select Board member and on behalf of the Select Board) gave special thanks and recognition to volunteers Steve Barner and Deb Shelby for all of the hard work, knowledge and expertise they devoted to the town website update, and to Steve for his many years of service in maintaining the website.

**TUESDAY MARCH 3, 2015, AUSTRALIAN BALLOT VOTING RESULTS**

181 people out of 930 registered voters came to the polls to vote. All of the school & town officers in uncontested races were re-elected:

- Joss Besse – Town and School Moderator; one year
- Al Cohen – School Director; three years
- Mary Ellen Seaver-Reid – School Director; two years
- Ken Remsen – School Director; three years
- Amy Grover – Town Agent and Grand Juror; one year
- Joan Pecor – Delinquent Tax Collector; one year
- Chris LaBerge - Town Constable; one year
- Josh Arneson - Select Board; two years



- Conservation Fund ¼ cent - defeated: 105 (no) to 75 (yes)
- Elimination of the Office of Lister - passed: 121 (yes) to 58 (no)
- MMMUSD budget of \$42,904,392 passed: 1842 (yes) to 948 (no)

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION & THANKS...**

...go to all the current and former members of the Smilie School Board. Due to the merger vote in November and the formation of the Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District (MMMUSD), this board will be dissolved as the new MMMUSD takes over, making Town Meeting 2015 the Smilie School Board's last. We appreciate the many years of service to our community by all of the members of the Smilie School Board. Thank you!



**ACCEPTING BIDS FOR TOWN MOWING CONTRACT**

The town is accepting bids for the town mowing contract for 2015: the town garage, fire station, & town office – mowing and trimming. Bids must be submitted in writing to the town office by 4 p.m. Monday April 6, 2015.

**BOLTON UP AND DOWN TOWN CLUB SENIOR DINNER**  
**FAITH AND BEGORRAH 'TIS IRISH!**

Come enjoy some traditional Irish fare!  
Date: Thursday, March 26, 2015  
Time: 5:00 p.m.  
Place: Bolton Fire Station  
Menu: Corned beef, oven roasted potatoes, vegetables, Irish soda bread, and key lime pie  
Questions? Call Doris at 434-3769



**BOLTON UP AND DOWN TOWN CLUB AND SCA NEWS**

The Smilie Community Association, consisting of 25 students and parents, took on the project of making Valentine's Day decorated placemats and centerpieces for the Senior Meal in February. Two of the kids came and volunteered to represent the association; Willa Pelschoen and Meriah Daley along with coordinator Leslie Pelch. The seniors enjoyed all that the association did for them and enjoyed sharing their meal with them. The Smilie Community Association looks forward to participating in future senior dinners.



Photo on right:  
Back row: left to right Raelene Emerson, Don Kenny, Dorothy Fuller, Rosalie Palermo  
Front row: Willa Pelschoen, Meriah Daley

**YOUR TOWN NEEDS YOU! YES...STILL LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS**

Our small town truly relies on our volunteers to keep our town operating smoothly and efficiently. We are still seeking 2 volunteers to serve as Alternates on the Development Review Board. Without Alternates to serve when needed, it can be difficult for the DRB to have a quorum, and without a quorum, the DRB cannot conduct business. Please contact the town office if you are interested in serving on the DRB. Thank you!

**RABIES CLINIC**

Saturday, March 21, 2015, 10 a.m. To 12 noon, Richmond Recue Building  
Costs is \$20 per animal, & please bring proof of previous rabies vaccinations  
Questions...call Linda Parent, Richmond Town Clerk 434-2221  
All animals must be leashed or crated

**BOLTON GAZETTE INFORMATION**

Reminder: The deadline for submissions in the 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month for the following month's edition. To OPT IN to receive the Bolton Gazette electronically and in color (help the town save \$ on paper and postage costs!) email [boltongazette@gmavt.net](mailto:boltongazette@gmavt.net). 

We welcome all submissions, in any format: stories, news, events, art, poetry, photographs. Drop submissions at the town office or, you've got it, email them to [boltongazette@gmavt.net](mailto:boltongazette@gmavt.net)!

Share some of your green to help keep Vermont clean! **Now you can donate** to Green Up, not a State Agency, when you do your taxes. 



Green Up Vermont

*Item 29b on your tax form*

Keep Vermont green and clean! Your gift supports Green Up Day, a unique Vermont tradition that brings together families, neighbors, and communities to remove litter and restore the natural beauty of our state every spring.

Green Up Day, May 2nd, 2015

[www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org) \* (802) 229-4586

**FEMA AND THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM INFORMATION**

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is in the process of implementing Congressionally mandated reforms required by the Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act of 2014 (HFIAA) that repeal and modify the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 (Biggert-Waters). The new law slows some flood insurance rate increases and offers relief to some policyholders who experienced steep flood insurance premium increases in 2013 and early 2014. Flood insurance rates and other charges will be revised for new or existing policies beginning on April 1, 2015. In addition to insurance rates, other changes resulting from Biggert-Waters and HFIAA will be implemented that will affect the total amount a policyholder pays for a flood insurance policy. For more information go to [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov) and/or [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)

**ALL DOGS NEED TO BE REGISTERED BY APRIL 1, 2015.**

Our records indicate that 100 dogs living in Bolton have yet to be registered. Is your dog one of them? Do you have a dog that has never been licensed in Bolton? If so, please register him or her.

Registration is easy! All you need is a current rabies certificate (if one is already on file and still current, you don't need to send another one) and \$11.

There are several ways to register your dog:

Come to the Town Office and register in person.

If nothing is changed, send a check to the Town Office for \$11 or put it in the drop box.

If you have a new dog or a new rabies certificate, instructions and the form are available online and can be mailed to the Town Office or put in the drop box:

<http://boltonvt.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Instructions-for-Registering-Your-Dog.pdf>

<http://boltonvt.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Dog-Registration-Form.pdf>

The mailing address is:

Town of Bolton  
3045 Theodore Roosevelt Hwy  
Waterbury, VT 05676

All dogs registered by April 1<sup>st</sup> will be entered into a drawing for a free 2016 dog license! Winner will be drawn on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Thank you!

# CAMELS HUMP MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mark Carbone  
Principal



January 15, 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As per Federal and State regulations this is our second notification letter pertaining to supplemental educational services that CHMS offers to eligible families/students. In November 2007, the Vermont Department of Education identified Camels Hump Middle School as a school in need of improvement based upon student performance on State NECAP assessments. In 2007, CHMS did not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for student's identified as economically disadvantaged and for students with disabilities in reading and mathematics. In the fall of 2013, CHMS students, again, completed the NECAP assessments and based on those results, Camels Hump Middle School continues to be identified as a school in need of improvement. Presently, CHMS is identified as not making Adequate Yearly Progress in mathematics and reading for all students and the identified sub-groups, socioeconomically disadvantaged students and students with disabilities. While CHMS does not report out on students identified as English Language Learners, these students do receive supports and services to address their language acquisition needs.

Below, are two charts, comparing Camels Hump Middle School students to their state peers and to Browns River Middle School. The first chart shows CHMS student achievement as compared to other students throughout the state of Vermont while the second chart shows CHMS student achievement compared to Browns River Middle School. **Across sub-groups, CHMS students performed better than their state peers in reading and mathematics.** The third chart shows CHMS NECAP data for the academic 2013-2014 and 2012-2013 school years.

Student Groups	Reading				Math				Science			
	At/Above Standard		Below Standard		At/Above Standard		Below Standard		At/Above Standard		Below Standard	
	CHMS	State	CHMS	State	CHMS	State	CHMS	State	CHMS	State	CHMS	State
All Students	87	70	14	29	76	62	24	38	47	25	53	75
Economically Disadvantaged	64	57	37	43	50	47	50	53	20	17	80	83
Students w/Disabilities	41	22	59	78	21	19	79	82	8	4	92	96

Student Groups	Reading				Math				Science			
	At/Above Standard		Below Standard		At/Above Standard		Below Standard		At/Above Standard		Below Standard	
	CHMS	BRMS	CHMS	BRMS	CHMS	BRMS	CHMS	BRMS	CHMS	BRMS	CHMS	BRMS
All Students	87	86	14	14	76	75	24	25	47	49	53	51
Economically Disadvantaged	64	73	37	27	50	53	50	47	20	31	80	31
Students w/Disabilities	41	33	59	67	21	18	79	82	8	8	92	8

## CHMS Two Year Comparison

Student Groups	Reading				Math				Science			
	At/Above Standard		Below Standard		At/Above Standard		Below Standard		At/Above Standard		Below Standard	
	13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13
All Students	87	87	14	13	76	76	24	24	47	59	53	41
Economically Disadvantaged	64	68	37	32	50	56	50	44	20	25	80	75
Students w/Disabilities	41	33	59	41	21	16	79	84	8	12	92	88

As a result, CHMS is required to provide Supplemental Educational Services, extra academic assistance/tutoring, to improve eligible CHMS students' academic performance, free of charge. Eligible families, that choose to participate, will be able to select a program that best fits their child's needs. This letter contains information outlining Supplemental Educational Services, program eligibility, how to access these services, and also, offers ideas about how you can be involved at CHMS.

**What we are doing to improve outcomes at Camels Hump Middle School:** CHMS has implemented a number of changes to address these subgroups of students, as well as, all students' needs and achievement.

- CHMS continues to work with the District Math Specialist. In 2013-2014 all CHMS math teachers participated in a lesson study format of embedded professional development.

- CHMS has a dedicated teaching position to support math instruction.
- Karen Reinhardt, District Math/Science Coordinator, is working with CHMS teachers on instructional practices, common assessments and formative assessment.
- CHMS has implemented *Math Menu* across all grades to address problem solving and application proficiency.
- In 2014-2015, identified students will be working with *Accelerated Math*, a supplemental skills based math program.
- Students identified as not meeting the standard in reading, will be assigned to supplemental reading programs/services based on skill level and area of need.
- During the academic 2014-2015 year all CHMS teachers worked on developing academic vocabulary skills for all students.

While the above bulleted items pertain mainly to math and math instruction, CHMS teachers are also hard at work, addressing the areas of reading and writing. With up-dated action plans in reading and writing, Camels Hump has identified reading strategies across all content areas that students will become proficient at using while we focus on conferencing. Our writing teachers are working with Beth Moore to implement common core writing standards and instructional practices. We have also identified key academic vocabulary terms and are increasing the explicit instruction of these terms.

**Service providers:** The Vermont Department of Education has approved a list of eligible providers. The list of current Supplemental Service Providers is included in this packet. You can also access this list at: [http://education.vermont.gov/documents/EDU-SES\\_Approved\\_List\\_for\\_2014-2015-6-26.pdf](http://education.vermont.gov/documents/EDU-SES_Approved_List_for_2014-2015-6-26.pdf). The attached list includes the provider, the services they offer and their qualifications. They will offer their services at the addresses listed below. Parents are responsible for the transportation and associated costs to and from a service provider's location. You must use a provider who is on this list.

**You get to choose:** One of the most important features of Supplemental Educational Services is that eligible families are the ones who will make choices for their children. You can choose among different types of services, given by different providers, at different locations. Remember, there is no obligation to enroll your child in Supplemental Educational Services.

**Eligibility:** Only children who are eligible for free and reduced priced school meals can participate. We have attached an application for the free and reduced price school meals' program for those who wish to participate. If you have not previously applied for the free and reduced price school meals' program, please return the *Free and Reduced Price School Meals* application along with the application for Supplemental Educational Services to CHMS. If you do not wish to participate in the free and reduced priced school meals' program, but meet the financial guidelines for that program, you may still be eligible for Supplemental Education Services. Please, contact Mark Carbone for further information regarding eligibility.

**Limited services available:** Only a limited number of spaces are available. As a result, we may not be able to enroll every child whose parent applies.

**Student priority:** In compliance with federal law, we will give first priority to students at the lowest-achievement level. This achievement level will be based on the student's score on their NECAP assessment.

**Application deadline:** If you decide you want to enroll your student in the Supplemental Educational Services program, you must submit the enclosed application to Camels Hump Middle School by Friday, January 30, 2015. If we do not receive this form from you by Friday, January 30, 2015, your child will not be eligible to participate.

**Notice date:** We will let you know by Monday February 9, 2015, if we have approved your application for your child's participation in the Supplemental Educational Services program.

**Questions:** If you have questions about the Supplemental Educational Services program, or would like help in choosing a provider, please contact CHMS Principal, Mark Carbone.

**How you can get involved at Camels Hump Middle School:** We need your involvement to continue improvements for our students. Parents/guardians are critical to a child's success. From time to time, we will ask you to be involved with your child's class or to assist in some other way. For the 2014-2015 academic year, CHMS is seeking volunteers to be math and reading "tutors" during the school day. Also our Partners-In-Education (PIE) parent group is always looking for new members/volunteers. Please contact your child's teacher, if you are interested in volunteering within your child's classroom. Please contact Mark Carbone, if you are interested in volunteering as a math "tutor" or joining PIE.

Camels Hump Middle School offers after school supplemental math and reading services and students who did not meet the standard in either mathematics or reading will be encouraged to attend this on-site support service. The on-site services at Camels Hump are provided Tuesday through Friday, and started in early October, 2014. These services will continue for students that have been previously enrolled. For further information regarding our services, please contact Mark Carbone @ 434-2188.

Sincerely,

Mark R. Carbone  
Principal