

## Grand Isle County VIP:

Douglas DiSabito

- Has been States Attorney of Grand Isle County since Feb 2015
- Castleton's 2018 Outstanding Alumni of the Year
- Only openly gay State's Attorney in Vermont
- first State's Attorney to have obtained his law degree solely online

Matt Bartle

- Molly has met (Aug 2020) when he owned Wally's Place (prior to opening Two Heros)

Albert Reyes-McCarver and Michael McCarver-Reyes

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## Grand Isle County News:

Alburgh, VT [Broadband/ Recreational Marijuana](#)

- Approved a broadband project and the sale of recreational marijuana
  - o Broadband: Matrix Design Group would extend fiber alongside power lines
  - o Marijuana: retail cannabis will hit shelves in October 2022

Isle La Motte, VT [Equity](#)

- St. Anne's Shrine: the third bilingual historic sign in VT history
  - o French and English

Grand Isle, VT [Health](#)

- Cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) is responsible for closing many beaches in VT, as some cases of it can be toxic
  - o However, light amounts of Cyanobacteria are important for ecosystems
  - o Can be prevented with human control of Nitrogen and Phosphorus

#### Grand Isle, VT [Childcare](#)

- Learning Adventure closed last week
- Leaves the town (population 2,100) on Lake Champlain Islands without a child care center
  - o Only 3 on the Islands- losing one can be extremely detrimental to the workforce
- Before the pandemic, more than 60% of infants likely to need child care did not have access to a regulated program (Let's Grow Kids)
  - o 2020: 80% of infants
- Decision of closure came down to a staffing issue
  - o Location makes it hard to recruit staff
- H. 171 is just a start – more is needed

#### Alburgh, VT [Equity](#)

- Alburgh is currently letting residents decide if they would like to adopt a local word of inclusivity
- The Declaration of Inclusion could be on the ballot for the next Town Meeting Day

#### Isle La Motte, VT [Hospitality](#)

- Ruthcliffe Lodge, a six-room inn on Isle La Motte has been under the same ownership for almost four decades.
  - o This year in particular, the owners are struggling to find staff like never before
- Even though travelling is set to resume as usual, hotels and other hospitality industries are struggling to reach pre-pandemic staffing levels
- Business owners in the Islands are also desiring the border to reopen so they are able to profit off of Canadian business

#### South Hero, VT [Housing](#)

- 30 apartments will be available in South Hero due to Vermont Housing Finance Agency
  - o Financing tax credits will be building permanently affordable housing structures in 5 towns

## THANK YOU NOTES:

Douglas DiSabito -- [3677 US-2, North Hero, VT 05474 \(Grand Isle Superior Court\)](#)

Walter Blasberg -- 3643 US-2, North Hero, VT 05474 (North Hero House)

Matt Bartle and Daren Orr-- [1 Ferry Rd, South Hero, VT 05486 \(Two Hero's Brewery\)](#)

Albert Reyes-McCarver and Michael McCarver-Reyes -- [6 South Street, South Hero, VT 05486](#)  
(Champlain Islands Candy Lab)

## DRAFT TWEETS:

It was great to meet with State's Attorney @DDisabito today. As courts are in the process of reopening, its crucial to continue to offer remote hearings and bridge the gap in access to justice.

As we recover from this pandemic, we must listen to local business owners when they tell us what they need. Walter Blasberg of the @northherohouse explained that \_\_\_\_ could make all the difference in helping his business recover stronger.

The pandemic set Matt Bartle and Daren Orr's plan to open a restaurant back a few steps. Instead, they opened Two Heroes Brewery, with their mind still on the goal of opening a larger restaurant. Their hand-crafted beers, which pair perfectly with food, anticipate breaking ground in August of 2022.

Albert Reyes-McCarver and Michael McCarver-Reyes who conquered opening a new pan-Latin food truck amid the pandemic told me today that \_\_\_\_ was the hardest part of the adjustment to pandemic restrictions and they require \_\_\_\_ to move forward in their success.

It was great to see local Vermonters today at Seb's Snack Bar, who told me that \_\_,\_\_, and \_\_ were needed in their area in order to recover stronger from this pandemic.