



Mount Holly Chit Chat



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April 2017

Village Baptist Church – Worship 9:30am, Pastor Glenn Davis 259-2440 vbch@weebly.com
E. Wallingford Baptist – SS 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am Evening 6:30 pm Phone 259-2831 www.ewbaptist.com
First Baptist Church, Wallingford – Worship 10 am, Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm, Pastor Dave Bentley 802-446-2020
Lighthouse Independent Baptist Church-SS 11 am & 3 pm Until May, 11 am & 6 pm 253 S. Main St, Rutland 802-779-0300
St. Patrick's Mass, Wallingford Sat 4 pm Sun 10 am Rev Msgr Bernard Bourgeois, Phone 446-2161
Annunciation Mass, Ludlow, Sat 4:30 pm, Sun 8 am & 11 am Proctorsville Sun 9:30 am, Rev Thomas Mosher Ph. 228-3451
Mt. Holly Community Asso – Contact Penny Coldwell at 259-2760
Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce – Marji Graf 228-5830
Town Library: Sat 9-1 Sun 2-4 Mon 11:30 -7 Wed 3-7 Mt. Holly Town Library, P.O. Box 93, Belmont, VT 05730 Call 259-3707
Town Office Hours: Mon. to Thurs. 8:30 am – 4:00 pm Closed Fri. & Holidays Phone & Fax 259-2391
Town Treasurer's Office Hours: Mon 8:30 am – 12:00 pm Wed 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm and by Appointment 802-259-2391
Burn Permits: Call Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward 786-3408 or 259-2211

Transfer Site: Sat. 8 am-2 pm & Sun. 9 am-12 pm – Spring/Summer Hours – Wed & Sat start Wed Apr 12th 4 pm-7 pm

Sat 1 st		<i>All Fools' Day</i>	
Sun 2 nd	Snow Flyers Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	<i>Hans Christian Anderson 1805</i>	8:30 am
3 rd		<i>Washington Irving 1856</i>	
4 th	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	<i>Martin Luther King Jr. Assassinated 1968</i>	7:00 pm
	Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library	<i>NATO Est. 1949</i>	7:00 pm
5 th	Mt. Holly PTSA Meeting	<i>Booker T. Washington 1856</i>	3:15 pm
	Mt. Holly School Board Meeting, BRHS		6:00 pm
	Union #39 School Board Meeting, BRHS		6:00 pm
Sun 6 th		<i>Persian Gulf War Ends 1991</i>	
Sun 9 th		<i>Civil War Ends 1865</i>	
10 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building		7:00 pm
11 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		9:00 am
	Selectmen's Meeting, Town Office	<i>Persian Gulf War Official Cease Fire 1991</i>	7:30 pm
	Fire Dept. Drill, Mt. Holly Fire Station		7:00 pm
	Mason Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge, E. Wallingford		8:00 pm
12 th	Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station		7:00 pm
	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		7:00 pm
13 th	Fire Dept. Work Detail, Fire Stations Mt. Holly & Belmont	<i>Thomas Jefferson 1743</i>	7:00 pm
14 th		<i>Pan-American Day ~ Titanic Struck Iceberg 1912</i>	
Sat 15 th		<i>America's 1st School For Deaf Founded 1817 ~ Leonardo DaVinci 1452</i>	
Sun 17 th	Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office	<i>Happy Easter</i>	7:00 pm
18 th	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont	<i>Paul Revere Midnight Ride 1775</i>	6:00 pm
	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Stations		7:00 pm
19 th		<i>Revolutionary War Began 1775</i>	
Sat 22 nd		<i>Earth Day</i>	
Sun 23 rd		<i>William Shakespeare 1564 - 1616</i>	
24 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building		7:00 pm
25 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		9:00 am
	Fire Dept. Work Detail, Fire Station		7:00 pm
26 th	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	<i>Professional Secretaries Day</i>	7:00 pm
		<i>John James Audubon 1785</i>	
27 th		<i>Ulysses S. Grant 18th President 1822</i>	
28 th		<i>National Arbor Day 1872</i>	
Sat 29 th		<i>Holocaust Remembrance Day</i>	
Sun 30 th		<i>Vietnam War Ends 1975</i>	



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Emergency Services

Mount Holly Fire Dept.	259-2700 or	911	Poison Control	(802) 658-3456
Mount Holly Fire Warden – Jim Seward	786-3408	259-2211	American Red Cross	802-773-9159
Mount Holly Rescue Squad	775-3133 or	911	Game Warden – Tim Carey	802-773-9101
Mount Holly Constable Paul Faenza		C 802-353-8347	Health Officer - Tim Bickford	259-3664
Animal Control For Mt. Holly		C 802-353-8347	Vermont State Police	773-9101

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April Birthdays: 1st - John Seward 4th -Carol Pike 5th - Amanda Surething 8th - Bob Garrow * Jeff Carrara 9th - Eliza Hudak * TJ Milks 12th - Jean Palmer * Carlos Bickford * Tobi Macey 14th - Mallary Flanders * Melissa Garrow 16th -Paul Paul * Jamie Carrara 17th -Noah Koponen 18th -Robyn Lewis * Todd Bussino Sr 19th -Joseph Bourgeois 21st - Alaxander Bussino * Melissa Perry 24th - Vincent Turco * Eric Holt Jr * Eric Holt Sr * Beverly Stearns * Randy Hawkins 26th -Nicolas Turco * Samantha Norton * John Puro 27th -Mary Ellen Jacobs 28th - Danielle McMahon * Lisa Hendee 29th -Cassie Wilkins * Michael Ely * Ian D.F. Miller



April Anniversaries: 12th -Chris Colm & Jahnava Jenkins 16th -Dick & Nancy Tilton 18th -Randy & Tammy Hawkins

If you would like to add or remove yours or a family members birthday and or anniversary from the list please send the information to me at the above address or e-mail me at chitchat@vermontel.net or call me at 802-259-2314.

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&	2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
Sat	8:00 am – 10:45 am
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Sat	7:00 am – 10:00 am
Cuttingsville/Shrewsbury	802-492-3585
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&	11:30 pm – 2:30 pm
Sat	8:00 am – 11:00 am
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Dr. Walker F. Connor

Dr. Walker F. Connor, of Belmont, Vermont, and retired Distinguished Visiting Professor at Middlebury College, passed away on Feb. 28, 2017, at the age of 90. Dr. Connor was born in South Hadley, Massachusetts, in 1926 to Daniel J. and Mary Jane (Walker) Connor. In 1944, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in the South Pacific during World War II. Upon completion of his service, he returned to Massachusetts and later graduated from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. He continued his education at Georgetown University, obtaining a Master's degree and Doctorate in Political Science in 1961.

Upon graduating, he began his career of teaching and the pursuit of scholarship in the field of political science. Starting as a faculty member of Nasson College (Springvale, Maine), he subsequently taught at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, SUNY-Brockport in New York, Trinity College (Connecticut) and Middlebury College. Additionally, Professor Connor was appointed to the faculty of Oxford University, Salzburg University, Cambridge University, the London School of Economics, Central European University and Dartmouth College, among other institutions.

Additional prestigious appointments included Scholar-in-Residence at the National Foreign Assessment Center; Senior Fulbright Lecturer, Institute of Political Science (Warsaw); and a Fellowship at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

Professor Connor is considered one of the founders of the interdisciplinary study of nationalism. From his earliest work, he attempted to improve understanding and establish conceptual consistency in the field. In doing so, he urged fellow scholars to avoid loose terms and concepts.

He enjoyed his relationships with his many colleagues around the world and sharing in the development of a better understanding of the movements toward ethnic self-determination. He continued these efforts until his passing. He was an especially good and humorous correspondent and reference letter-writer for young and older scholars.

Professor Connor published numerous pioneering and still-cited journal articles and two major books and served on the Board of Editors for numerous publications. He was named Distinguished American Humanist (1991) by the University of Nevada and Distinguished American of Political Science by the University of Vermont.

Professor Connor married Mary Lyon Connor in 1951. Walker and Mary collaborated in his research and writings until she became ill and he became her caregiver. Mrs. Connor passed away in 2014. He is survived by his three children: Peter (and Marlene) Connor, of Holyoke, MA; Professor Joan Connor, of Athens, OH; and Daniel (and Nancy) Connor, of Mount Holly, VT. He is also survived by his grandson, Nils Walker Wessell, of Brooklyn, NY; his sister, Dorothea Barry, of South Hadley, MA; and numerous nieces and nephews and their children. He was predeceased by his sister, Eileen Paxton, of OH.

Throughout his life, he pursued other interests as fervently as his chosen field of study. He was passionate about antiques, art and jazz. In his final years, he enjoyed his mountain retreat in Vermont; UConn women's basketball; his friendship with his son, Dan, and daughter-in-law, Nancy; and especially, visits from his grandson.

His family has announced that Professor Connor and his wife's lives will be celebrated in Vermont sometime this summer.

In his honor, it is suggested that donations be made to Doctors Without Borders: <https://donate.doctorswithoutborders.org> and Our Revolution: <https://ourrevolution.com>.



Warren H. Lackey

Warren H. Lackey, 92, of Rutland, died Feb. 16, 2017, at Mountain View Genesis Center. He was born Nov. 6, 1924, in Mount Holly, the son of Henry and Alice (Silloway) Lackey.

He graduated in 1942 from Wallingford High School.

Mr. Lackey was a U.S. [Army Korean War](#) veteran.

He married Jean McGinley June 1, 1954, in East Wallingford.

He was employed at General Electric Co.

Mr. Lackey was a charter member of Green Mountain Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife and children, Gloria Vitale, Mark and James Lackey, all of Rutland, Peter Lackey, of Mount Holly, Judy Durant, of Proctor; a sister, Helen Pleisch, of Bellows Falls; eight grandchildren, five great-grandsons.

He was predeceased by two sons, John and Paul Lackey.

Memorial contributions, in lieu of flowers, may be made to Green Mountain Baptist Church, Barrett Hill Road, Center Rutland, VT 05736. A memorial service is pending with Clifford Funeral Home.

Mount Holly School Notes

Please help the cats and dogs that are waiting for their forever homes at Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society in Windsor, VT. Ayla Price is collecting donations in the entryway of the school from now until March 31st. Here is a list of supplies the shelter needs:

Dog and Cat - dry and canned food, Dog and Cat toys, Non Clumping Cat Litter, Paper Towels, Bleach, Ivory Liquid Dish Soap, Laundry Detergent, Blankets, Gift Cards

Please drop your donation in the receptacle in the en-tryway of the school. You can also bring in your spare change. Every little bit helps! Thank you for your help!



Mt. Holly School Board Meeting

The Mt. Holly school board met on Wednesday, March 1 at Mt. Holly Elementary School. The board approved the agenda for this meeting and the minutes from the last meeting. The board discussed the options they have under Act 46 and under Article 721, together and separately. They also discussed the recent subcommittee meeting involving the representatives from Chester, Andover, Cavendish and Baltimore.

While meeting with the LES and U39 boards, the board discussed formalizing their subcommittee under Act 46 and/or Article 721. The board approved a contract for the principal of the school. They also discussed town meeting preparations.

The next meeting will be the annual school meeting on Monday, March 6, at 6:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. The next regular meeting will be on April 5 at Black River High School.

Mt. Moriah Masons March 2017, Trestleboard

Next Meeting: Tuesday April 11th at 8:00 PM

Sap Bucket Degree: Saturday April 1st at 10:30 AM

The Sap Bucket Degree will be held at King Solomons Temple Lodge #45 at 61 Westminister Street in Bellows Falls. Please respond by 3/26/2017 and let either Fred Yates @ 802-463-3468, home phone, or his cell @ 802-376-5996, or Roger Adams @ 802-875-5038, and let them know you are coming. Cost of the meal is \$8 per person.

Our District Deputy, Earl Miller, will make this meeting his last official visit as District Deputy before giving up his office in June to Brother Andy Paczkowski.

The nominating committee, along with Worshipful Master Bob, have come to an agreement on officers for the ensuing year. We will finalize them all at this meeting.

The Past Masters Association held a meeting recently at Olive Branch's Lodge in Chester to discuss having a Farmer's Degree this year in August. It's still in the planning stages at this point, but it was decided that every Lodge in the district will help with the set-up and not be left to just Mt. Moriah.

Just a quick reminder that dues are due NOW! Many thanks to those who have

sent in their dues recently. If you have questions or want to speak to the Secretary, he can be reached at: 802-259-9400 or by email at: sseward@vermontel.net Fraternally, Bob Blaisdell, WM, Buster Seward Sec'

Join Bone Builders

Monday, Wednesday & Friday Mornings
9:00 am

At Mt. Holly Community Center
For Weights and more information
Call Cathy Chadburn 259-3665

Note: If Mt. Holly School is cancelled or delayed because of weather conditions, Bone Builders will be cancelled for that day.



Mount Holly Community Guild Awards Scholarship Recipients

Bessie Centini of the Mount Holly Community Guild awards \$1000 scholarships to Sadie Koponen who will be attending Green Mountain College in Poultney, VT and to Leslie Bixby who will be attending Plymouth State University, NH. Congratulations to Sadie & Leslie!

The Community Guild meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. They are always looking for new members.

The Community Guild does all kinds of sewing projects one of which is quilting, also knitting and crocheting. For more information or to join the Guild you may call Bessie at 259-3564.

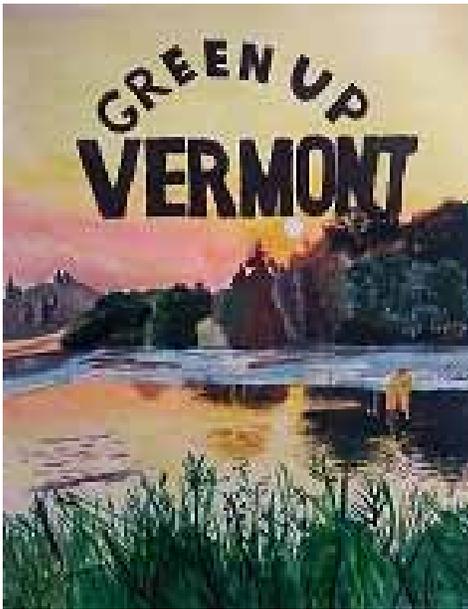
The photo by Angelo Centini L-R Sadie Koponen, Bessie Centini, Leslie Bixby

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**Green Up Day– Saturday, MAY 6th
Vermont's Annual Rite of Spring**

Saturday, May 6th is Green Up Day. Put on your boots, get together with your family, invite some friends and clean up Mount Holly. **Come to the Mount Holly Library between 9:00 am and 1 pm** to pick up your road assignment and trash bags. After registering at the Library you have Saturday and Sunday to complete trash removal. Leave the bags by the side of the road and the town road crew will pick them up Monday morning. If you are not able to come on Saturday and need to pick up bags sooner or have any questions, contact me at 259-2823. As in past years, the Belmont General Store will provide a free piece of pizza at the store from 12 until 1 for anyone who helps beautify Mount Holly. Any child between 3 and 13

who helps collect trash can sign-up to win a basket of “summer fun”. Please help continue this 47-year tradition. Keep our town GREEN & CLEAN and add to the 50,000 bags of trash cleaned up annually in Vermont.

2017 Poster Design winner, Petraro, grade 9, of Montpelier.



**Green Up Day
Saturday, May 6th**

**Mount Holly
Library
9 am to 1 pm**

**Pick Up a Trash
Bag
Select a Road
Assignment
Free Pizza at Noon
Kids can win a
prize!**



Thank you

A special thank you to all those who supported me in the Miss Vermont USA Competition. Although I did not place, it was an amazing experience that I will never forget and it would not have been possible without your contributions and support. I will surely be competing again in the near future!

~Kathleen Thompson~

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Jackie Robinson becomes first African-American major league baseball player when he takes his position at first base for the Brooklyn Dodgers April 11th, 1947

What's New at Mount Holly Town Library? Heartfelt Thanks for Supporting the Town Library!

I want to personally thank the townspeople of Mount Holly for your support of the library at Town Meeting 2017. I had the privilege of addressing the residents who gathered on March 6 for Town Meeting. I said that it is an honor to serve your community as your library director. I am eager to meet all of you and want to learn how the library can serve you better. Please stop in on Mondays and Tuesdays when I am in the library to see the books and movies we have, to use the Wi-Fi or computers, to find out about programs we offer. I think you will be happily surprised at what a great library you have right here in your beautiful rural community! Happy Reading, Amanda Merk, Library Director

Emma, a Library Volunteer, proudly shows off her Dr. Seuss book display. Nice work Emma!



New Program at the Mount Holly Town Library "Ask the Local Computer Expert"

Computer Expert, Matt Sydorowich of Ludlow, Vermont will teach computer skills and answer individual questions for PC Windows users. How to avoid spam and scams, how to handle Windows 10, why is my battery dying so quickly? Bring your laptops and tablets or just come in to learn!

Saturday, April 8 10:30 am – 12:00 noon

Sydorowich is an accomplished computer expert and a thoughtful, caring instructor. He has decades of experience fixing computers and teaching others how to get the most from technology. He has worked at Hewlett Packard and Borders. Sydorowich owns the local computer service and repair company, **Sydscompufix** www.sydscompufix.com

This program is free and open to all. It's a great way to get computer questions answered!

If you are interested in attending please send an email to mthollylibrary@gmail.com for more details.



Do You Have Young Children? Get Them Involved In Reading and Learning at the Mount Holly Library

Tuesday Morning Play Group 10:00am – 11:30am
February Ladies Night at the Town Library

On February 24th the women of Mount Holly came out to the library to enjoy delicious food, drinks and great company. Thank you to the organizers of the Ladies Night for choosing the library as your venue and for supporting us.

Picture: Young moms of Mount Holly catching up at Ladies Night

Another Great Vermont Humanities Program was Held at the Library

More than 30 Civil War buffs came out to enjoy a Vermont Humanities Program at the library on March 11. Many thanks to Joan McCallum and all of the library trustees who made this program happen. *One Regiment's Story in the Civil War: The*

Ninth Vermont, 1862-1865 was presented by civil war historian, Donald Wickman. Tales were shared of The Ninth Vermont Regiment, one of the most traveled regiments in the Federal Army. It was noted for being a well-disciplined and steadfast regiment made up of Vermonters. Someone from the audience shared that 3 members of The Ninth Vermont were from Belmont!

The **Library Open House for Volunteers** has been rescheduled. It will be held Monday April 24th. Come to the library between 11:30 and 3pm to sign up to volunteer, get trained on how to use the library catalog system or learn about other volunteer opportunities at your town library. Refreshments will be served!

New Books and Movies at the Library:

DVDs:

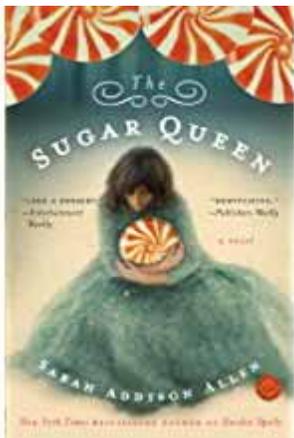
Jackie
Fences
Allied
Manchester by the Sea
The Accountant
Things
Hell or High Water
Jack Reacher
Hacksaw Ridge

Books:

One of the Boys, Daniel Magariel
The Roanoke Girls, Amy Engel
Close Enough to Touch, Colleen Oakley
Clive Cussler, The Gangster
Bryn Greenwood, All the Ugly and Beautiful

Neil Gaiman, Norse Mythology
Lisa Gardner, Right Behind You
Jacqueline Woodson, Another Brooklyn
Helen Oyeyemi, What is Not Yours is Not Yours





Mount Holly Library

Reading Discussion Group

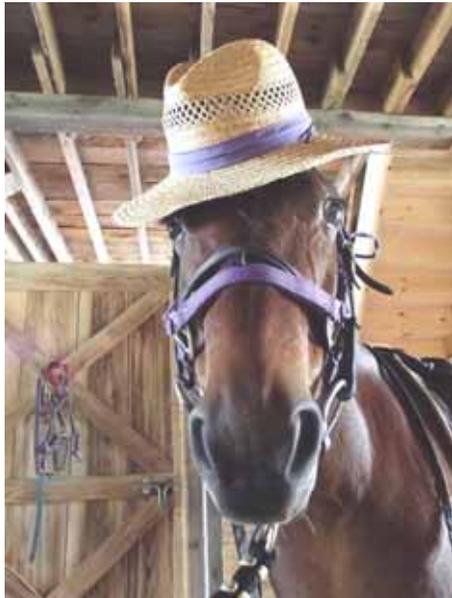
The Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group will meet at 6:00 on April 12, 2017 at Minga's on the Straight Road in Belmont. We will be discussing *The Sugar Queen* by Sarah Addison Allen. If you need further info or would like a copy please call Minga at 259-2471. Happy Spring



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Reinbow Riding Center

We've had a little time off and have learned some new skills. Ryan is learning to drive. We have had a stationary vaulting horse donated to us and are looking forward to practicing on the vaulting horse, then transitioning to the horse.

Spring is here? As you work in your gardens and are dividing your perennials, please keep us in mind. Our sensory garden has taken a hit the last few years and we would like to replenish it. I'd be happy to come and pick plants up.

Our first volunteer training day is Sat. May 6th at the barn 430 Robinson Rd. 10-12. The paperwork can be downloaded off the website.

Our Silent auction is scheduled for August 19. If you would like to donate to a great cause please contact us. This year it will be held at the Odd Fellows Hall in Belmont, a great day on the beach with games, then a barbecue, music and dancing. If there is anyone out there who would like to participate by playing music - we would love to hear from you. Also, A TASTE OF SUMMER pie competition so break out your favorite recipe and enter to win a prize.

There is evidence that therapeutic riding benefits Stroke victims, so if you know someone who would benefit from our services, please feel free to contact us with any questions. The telephone # is 802-492-2226. Yeah Spring!! Mary Jane Osborne

Miracles Abound

Easter is all about...

miracles. It began with the tremors that erupted into a full-blown earthquake, thundering beneath the feet of those who had watched him die. In the miraculous, mid-day, murkiness, the rending sound of the temple veil terrified the priests. Within hours the city of Jerusalem was mystified by visitations of people who had been raised from the dead. (Even modern commentators have no explanation... just that it was a miracle.) Then a dead Jesus rising to life from a sealed tomb is the miracle of miracles.

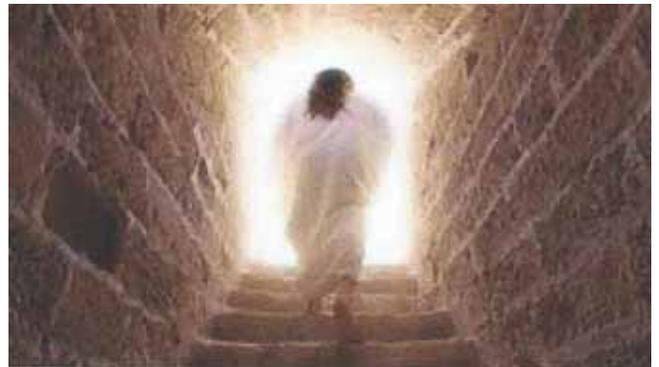
Sometimes we have a hard time believing that miracles are possible. The ultimate question is, "Does **God** exist?" Settle *that* question and miracles cease to be a problem. Why wouldn't the all-powerful Author of natural law be capable of transcending it to accomplish His sovereign ends?

Our problem, though we may admit that they took place in the Bible, is believing that they can take place today. In order for any of us to experience a miracle, we have to first, open ourselves up to God's power. We need to know that God is not only able, but willing. Are there characteristics of God that would help you believe that truth? Have you ever opened yourself up to the Risen Jesus and experienced a touch from Him?

The *greatest* Easter miracle is a changed life. God & Son have been in the life-transforming business for over 2,000 years. So Easter is not just a day to be remembered, but one to be experienced. Experiencing Jesus can cause an addiction to lose its death grip. It can breathe new life into a marriage desperately in need of resurrection. It can bring healing to an emotionally distraught heart, a worried, heartsick mind, an exhausted, troubled soul or even to a health situation in which all hope has died. Maybe just some help is needed. What's the impossible situation you're facing, where only a miracle will do?

The Risen One said, "Anyone who has faith in Me will do even greater things." The Bible says, "The same mighty power that raised Jesus from the dead is available to *you*." (Ephesians 1:20)

My hope is that this Easter you would not just have a church or holiday experience, but that you might experience the miracle and the power of the resurrection of the Redeemer... because it is still operating today. What would it take for you to follow the One who emerged from death's tunnel triumphant, to free us all from the fear of death? A miracle? *Pastor Glenn Davis, Village Church 9:30*



Mount Holly Community Association

With frigid temperatures and lots of snow still on the ground, it's hard to imagine that spring is on the way, but it will be here before we know it! To help us celebrate that "in-between" time we so fondly call "mud season", plans for the MHCA's **Spring Mud Fling** are well underway. On Saturday evening, April 1st, The *Tony Lee Thomas Band* will take the stage at 9:00 pm and keep us all rocking and stomping until midnight. The doors will open at 8:00 and the *Mount Holly Folk Group* will be the warm up act, entertaining us until 9:00 pm. Admission is \$10 in advance (tickets at the library, the Belmont Store, and People's United Bank in Ludlow), or \$12 at the door. Don't forget to bring some cash for the 50/50 raffle we'll be having during the evening. The party is BYOB...see you there!

If you get this Chit Chat before Friday, March 24th, don't forget that the **Mount Holly Art Group** is having their **annual show**, beginning at 6:00 pm. All of our local artists, who participate in the Saturday morning group, are most anxious for you to come and see the pieces that they have been working on this year. Refreshments will be served, so please join us for an evening enriched by the company of good neighbors and beautiful art.

In advance: now we're *really* going to ask you to think ahead...this time to summer! The planning for the annual **Garden Tour**, Saturday, July 22, is well underway and we are currently soliciting the interest of Mount Holly gardeners in offering their gardens for the tour. We usually have eight gardens on the tour and we look for a wide range...formal and manicured to wild and rambling. If you would like to exhibit your garden, or just volunteer to help organize in other ways, please contact Linda Miller at LindaDDMiller@aol.com who is in charge of the tour this year. Thanks so much!

Once again, **membership in the MHCA** for this past year was very strong and we are pleased to say that each year gets better and better. In order for the MHCA to sponsor a dozen events throughout the year and to maintain the beautiful historic building that houses the Library and the Community Room, it is essential that this membership stay strong. It is the major portion of our operating budget and we cannot do it without you! To clarify the duration of the membership year...each year's membership runs from July 1st to June 30th, so you can expect to hear from us again in June! Thank you all and special thanks to Beth Latino, the Membership Chair, for all of her hard work this year!

As you can see in all of the Chit Chats, something is always going on in the **Community Room!** The Mount Holly Artists' Group continues to meet on Saturday mornings from 10:00 – 12:00 noon (thanks to Madeleine Fay); yoga is on Mondays at 4:30 and the Mount Holly Folk Group is there on Mondays at 7:00 pm. The weekly Play Group is every Tuesday morning; Bone Builders is there at 9:00 am on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The room is also available for small parties, so if you are looking for a lovely room in which to have a party, or a meeting, for up to 50 people, please contact Carol DeVine (259-2562), or Amanda Merk, our librarian (259-3703). If you are a non-profit organization, the room is free. Otherwise, there is a minimal charge...\$15/hour for MHCA members and \$25/hour for non-members.

To Citizens of Mt. Holly,

Recently the Mt. Holly School Board and Ludlow Elementary School Board voted to put to the voters of both towns whether they would support dissolving the Union 39 contract and joining the Mill River Union Unified District. Act 46 has mandated work be done within towns to merge districts which should be improving student opportunities as well as decrease expense. I served on the Mt. Holly School Board for 9 years and am strongly opposed to this direction. This would ultimately close Black River High School and force the students of Mt. Holly as well as Ludlow to send their middle school and high school students to Mill River Union High School. This is bad for many reasons and here are a few:

- * Our students would not be in our communities any longer
- * Travel time is excessive for everyone
- * Our students deserve to be in our communities learning & playing
- * Community has its heart ripped out
- * No more local games, concerts, parades, and other activities

Less attractive for families to move here with no high school Students class size goes from ~30 to ~200 or more

Mill River has more students and is probably a good high school, but it's not our community, not our school, and should not be where our children attend middle and high school. Our children deserve our best work in coming together to find a way to improve our schools, increase opportunities, and decrease expense in a way that is more innovative and creative than ever before. This is a pivotal moment for our community and we should VOTE AGAINST the dissolution.

I believe with good hard work and a little more time we can create better learning opportunities right here in OUR COMMUNITY! Kelly Tarbell, Parent, Teacher, Community Member, former School Board Member

HE HAS RISEN!



You are invited April 16th
for a Celebration at the
Village Church, Belmont VT
Free Breakfast at 8:15 AM
Celebration Service at 9:30 AM
Questions? Contact Pastor Glenn at 259- 2440

Mount Holly Photo Contest and Calendar – a Look Back and Forward

It began simply enough: with photos mounted on the back of old painted stage sets, crammed between bookshelves in a still to be remodeled library. The photos were different sizes, some black and white and many years old; some taken only days before with newly purchased digital cameras. The first calendar was printed on card stock with a flimsy plastic binder to hold it together. Over the years, the Mount Holly Photo Contest and Calendar gradually morphed and changed and improved but the one element that has remained the same is the enthusiasm with which the residents of Mount Holly embraced them both and made them into a wonderful annual tradition. Each year since its inception, there are 80 to 100 photos submitted to the photo contest and over 400 members of the community vote on their favorite photos for the calendar. The photos now hang on sleek bars in the newly remodeled lower floor of the community center and the calendar is printed on professional glossy paper that rivals any calendar you can buy in a store. But the true heart and spirit of the photo contest and the calendar remain the same: to capture the beauty and uniqueness of Mount Holly.

Calling all Gardeners!!

Would you like to open your garden for
the Mount Holly Community Association Garden Tour
on Saturday, July 22, 2017?

Show off your garden to friends and neighbors and
visitors from afar.

All gardens are welcome..

Humble or grand, groomed or rambling.

Proceeds benefit the on-going restoration &
maintenance of
The Mount Holly Library & Community Center Building

If you are interested, please contact

Linda Miller

LindaDDMiller@aol.com

259-3060

In the years that I've been coordinating the photo contest and calendar, perhaps my fondest memories are of watching parents and children, or grandparents with their grandchildren, selecting together their favorite photos or talking about how a photo reminded them of something in their childhood. I never cease to delight in people coming up to me and saying, "Look at that view. Wouldn't that make a great July photo?" Or telling me that they just took a photo they can't wait to put in the next photo contest. Even in the smallest of moments, we are attuned to our environment, watching to see if we can capture something special. And often we do with a click of the camera or now even our phones.

After thirteen wonderful years, I've decided it is time to step down and let others have the joy of coordinating the photo contest and creating the calendar.

Craig Tomkinson has graciously agreed to take on the project with great cheering and help on the sidelines from me. I will continue with the 2018 calendar but Craig will coordinate the 2017 photo contest.

Like many projects, the success of the photo contest and calendar could not have happened without the support of many. Those would include the board of the Mount Holly Community Association; Alec McCallum who provides the photo matting; Penny Coldwell who makes the art room available for matting the photos; the many people who have helped mat and hang the photos including but not limited to Carol Devine, Dottie Finnerty, Joan McCallum, and Nancy McKeegan; Annette Lynch who first conceived of the idea of a photo contest and has been a helping hand throughout including scanning every photo for the town archives; the discerning photo contest judges including David Baker, Diana Garrow, Brenda Kelly, Alec McCallum, Stephanie Stouffer, and Craig Tomkinson; Abe Leber, the calendar designer; Don Reiser, for printing a first rate professional and beautiful calendar; Diana Garrow and the Chit Chat for their wonderful coverage; Sue Covalla in the Town office, the staff and volunteers at the Library, and to Kevin and the many employees at the Belmont Store who sell the calendar every year; and finally, to my husband, Paul, who willingly helped with every aspect of the photo contest and calendar.

Most of all, I thank you the residents of Mount Holly. Your generous participation always made this a wonderful and fulfilling experience. I look forward to the photo contest and the calendar continuing for many years to come, helping to document life now in Mount Holly for our future generations to appreciate. Janet Warren



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NITKA'S NOTES FROM THE STATE HOUSE

By Senator Alice Nitka

The Legislative Lounge which is actually our computer work room has been abuzz with Senators and Representatives finishing Town Meeting reports for the annual March event. There is a lot of frustration as they try to fit their various topics into a template that they haven't used in a long time or maybe never. There is a lot of mumbling and words that aren't lofty although this is a room with a history of lofty words, arguments, states of elation and crushing defeats. It is the former location of the Vermont Supreme Court before the court moved next door to its own building. All the statewide office holders were housed in the building in what are now small committee rooms. The Treasurer's office was in what is now the Senate Judiciary room and the walk in safe is where I sometimes keep my lunch.

With all the report writing going on in the building, it was interesting to hear from another group of writers; that is, journalists who are the target and supporters of S-96. The bill proposes to prohibit any governmental body from compelling the news media to divulge a source and information obtained in the in the course of official news gathering. News media in the bill are defined as newspapers, magazines, television, radio, photographic or electronic means of disseminating information to the public. Are bloggers included when they are compelled to protect a source? There is a lot of support for the bill but lots of questions to be answered first. The bill is in the Senate Government Operations Committee and is proposed to be changed from how it was introduced. Around the country about thirty states have "shield" laws for the press and in ten others there are court case decisions that protect the press. We heard testimony that our NY neighbor has a one of the strongest laws to protect the media. It did seem odd to have the reporters who report on events in the State House sitting in the witness seat being questioned while other media people filmed them.

Former Senator Bill Doyle has made his survey available again, for the 48th time, for folks to complete at Town Meeting or thereabouts and he has a few new questions. He asks, "Should VT create a lending program to provide capital for start-up businesses?" and "Should VT increase funding for our state colleges?" The surveys are available in many towns. Town meetings start on Saturday, March 4th and are also held on Monday, the 5th and Tuesday the 6th. I hope you can attend yours or can get out to vote if your town no longer has the floor meeting. Talk in the State House at the beginning of the week centered around the many issues raised at Town Meetings around the state. They ranged from trucks, roads, equipment purchases, all the water issues, of course budgets, Act 46, police services, the opiate crisis, non-profit agency requests and in a few towns Sanctuary issues. Attendance is waning in many towns, even those with floor votes and in others the numbers are robust as are the discussions. The food and pies are still good.

The new Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, Thomas Anderson and Col. Matthew Birmingham, the head of the VT State Police with their finance team were in the Senate Appropriations Committee this week to present their budget. There are 332 authorized troopers and 97 civilian employees. Presently there are 21 vacancies and normal attrition each year is about 10 persons. However this year they expect to lose about 26 officers due to more retirements occurring. Mandatory retirement in the force is age 55. A big challenge for the force is the recruitment of qualified men and women, who after screening will attend the Police Training Academy, graduate and start serving. There are presently fewer than ten new troopers at the Academy in one of

the two training sessions offered each year. In the force, five new trooper positions have been added who are dedicated to Heroin enforcement and a Fair and Impartial Policing Director has been appointed. The total budget for the State Police is \$64 million as proposed by the Governor. A new expense in the budget is a proposal for body cameras for all troopers at a cost of \$604,000 while the proposal for gasoline is down by \$237,000.

The Criminal Justice Training Council which runs the Police Academy has a proposed budget of \$2,339,000. Municipal police, Game Wardens, Sheriffs, Constables, FBI Agents, Corrections Officers, and Federal Park Service Officers use the facility, some for all of their training and others for a portion of it. There is a lot of use of the shooting range from which lead is removed periodically to the tune of 7 tons, if I heard this correctly, over a two year period. The state sells it.

Ludlow 5th graders visited Montpelier this week with Ms. Heidi Baitz, their teacher and had the opportunity to argue a lost and found dog case in the VT Supreme Court chamber. They also met with their Senators and Representative, toured the State House and visited the museum. This is a great opportunity for students and they are very welcome here. Our tour guides can make these arrangements for school groups.

Visit the State House, have lunch in the cafeteria and listen to testimony in the committees on many of the bills. Contact me at home at 802-228-8432 or anitka@leg.state.vt.us I am able to read all of your e-mails and appreciate you sending them, however the volume received makes it impossible to respond to all of them.



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Legislative Report By Senator Dick McCormack Something to Write Home About

Refugees: Before I take issue with Governor Scott I want to thank him for his reason and courage in condemning the bigoted banning of refugees based on their religion. We Americans have many conflicting opinions, but the things that unite us are greater than the things that divide us. Mutual respect among people of different faiths is one of those unifying things (or should be).

I've heard from folks who object to state officials speaking out on national issues, saying we should concentrate on issues closer to home. I'm happy to report that we don't have to choose, that we can and do tend to all the issues before us. We don't

neglect budget issues in order to address human rights issues. Vermont has a long and proud history of addressing national issues, most notably legislative instructions to Vermont's congressional delegation to oppose slavery. Vermonters have reason to be proud that we're continuing our tradition of defending human rights.

Respecting the Education Fund: That said, I disagree with Governor Scott's positions on the Education fund. Increasing financial support for higher education is a worthy goal, but I disagree with tapping the Education Fund to pay for it. Twenty years after the passage of Act 60 it's important to remember that the Ed Fund was created in the first place as a tool to equalize the school tax (property tax) burden town to town. It has been derided as a Robin Hood scheme and a "shark pool" because towns with richer grand lists relative to their student populations pay in more than they keep while property poor towns, relative to student population, are paid more than they pay in. But the end result is that in both sending towns and receiving towns X per pupil spending requires the same tax rate. This is the tax equity required by the Vermont Constitution as interpreted by the Vermont Supreme Court in the Brigham Decision.

In the debate that preceded passage of Act 60, and has continued ever since, opponents have warned that future legislatures would raid the Ed Fund thereby diverting property taxes that support the fund. "Mark my words, you guys set this thing up and you'll come after it!" The Legislature promised that the Ed fund would be used only for local public school systems. The only part of Act 60 that I wrote was the provision that lottery proceeds go into the Ed Fund, but I supported the entire law. So, as a supporter, I was personally a party to that promise.

When it was created, the Ed Fund supported K-12, the range of education for which local property taxes were directed. I support expanding K-12 systems to include preschool as it still involves local systems. But funding higher education is a separate demand. It needs a separate source of funding. The Governor has not suggested a new source. Instead he proposes we tap the Ed Fund, the very "raid" of which tax equity opponents have warned for twenty years.

The problem is not just a broken promise. Every penny diverted from the Ed Fund for purposes other than local schools is either a loss of funding for those local schools or a property tax increase. I'm not aware of a public demand for higher property taxes.

Right to Try: I've introduced a bill, S. 37, to create a legal "Right to Try" (RTT) under which a person afflicted with a deadly and incurable illness, who is approaching his/her death, would have legal access to experimental drugs that have not completed vetting by the Federal Drug Administration. Such people already have a right to hasten death medically. This bill would expand legal end of life choices to include the right to keep fighting.

There are good arguments against continuing the struggle; possible side effects, false hope, loss of the benefits of peaceful surrender. Similarly, there are good arguments against medically hastening death. But I don't think the issue of the best choice is the question. Rather, I think the question is who should get to make the choice.

Interestingly this bill has made for some strange bedfellows. It comes from the Goldwater Institute, a conservative/libertarian organization, and my carrying water for them has raised a few eyebrows. And my cosponsors are all Republicans. Ah well, I reason that RTT is a good idea, and that over rides any qualms about awkward alliances.

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Mount Holly Town News

The following Minutes of the Select Board and the Planning Commission are "DRAFT" until approved at their next meeting. NOTE: Most Select Board and Planning Commission meetings are covered by LPC-TV. The videos can be viewed at their website, www.lpctv.org. Computers with internet access are available at the Town Library.

Regular Select Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm in the Town Office. Items to be included on the Agenda are due by Noon the Thursday before the meeting.

Selectboard Meeting Minutes 3/14/17 ~ The meeting was called to order at 7:32 by Ted Crawford, Chair. Tim Martin was present. Also present were Jeff Teter, Dave Johnson and

Jim Seward. All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2) Addition to Agenda: Appointment of Representative and Alternate to Board of Supervisors of the Rutland County Waste District. VOTED to appoint Clinton Woolley as Representative and Jeff Teter as Alternate. (2-0)

3) Minutes: The minutes of the regular meeting of February 14 were sent out before the meeting for review. VOTED: to approve the February 14 minutes. Passed 2-0

4) Reorganization for 2016-2017. Upon motions made and seconded, the following were Voted (all votes were 2-0,) Selectboard

Chair: Ted Crawford. Tree Warden: Ray Tarbell. E911 Coordinator: Sue Covalla. Newspaper of Record: Vermont Journal. The Town Clerk appointed Nancy Conner as assistant Town Clerk. The Town Treasurer appointed Diana Garrow as Assistant Town Treasurer. The Selectboard Clerk position remains vacant. The 911 measuring will be done by Ted Crawford. The date and time of the regular Selectboard meeting was set for 7:30 on the second Tuesday of the month. The two public places for posting of the agenda are

Mount Holly Animal Control Officer
The Mount Holly Animal Control Officer is Constable Paul Faenza. He handles all calls concerning domesticated and farm animals, including Animal Cruelty concerns. For more information or to make a report please call (802) 353-8347 or email pfaenza47@yahoo.com

the Mount Holly and Belmont Post Offices. On a weekly basis the orders will be reviewed and signed by the Selectboard Chair, Ted Crawford.

5) Highways. The Board reviewed and signed the Annual Financial Plan which provides the town's budget for highways. This required document is used with grant applications and FEMA disasters, among other things. Deadline for FY18 TH Class 2 grants is April 15th. Jeff is working on it. A \$5,700 grant was awarded to the town to conduct a road drainage study, a study required by the State. Jeff has been researching prices for a new truck and tractor. He will meet individually with Tim and Ron and will present information at the April Selectboard meeting.

6) Report of the Treasurer: David presented an income and expense statement dated March 2017 **Highlights:** Delinquent taxes are lower than expected for this time of year, down to \$105,000, solid waste labels sold are at \$14,000 and the projected budget should be realized, winter road material is over budget and winter labor will be as well. Some of this overage will be made up with the balance of funds in summer labor and materials

Authorization for Orders: Upon motions made and seconded, it was VOTED to authorize the Treasurer to put on the orders and pay certain items: payroll taxes and withholding payments, regular wages, postage, property tax refunds and school advances per the schedule reviewed annually (2-0). VOTED To authorize the Selectboard Clerk to review all invoices, bills and other requests for payments and place them on the orders for the Selectboard to authorize for payment. (2-0)

7) Transfer Station: The Board approved summer hours at the Transfer Station. The last Sunday will be April 9th and the first Wednesday will be April 12th. The trash compactor is no longer working. Estimates to repair total over \$6,500. To rent one would cost \$365 per month and to purchase one would cost \$21,000. It was noted that five years of rental would be

**MOUNT HOLLY TRANSFER STATION
SPRING/SUMMER HOURS
Begin
WEDNESDAYS, 4 pm to 7 pm
SATURDAYS, 8 am to 2 pm
Last Sunday is April 9th
First Wednesday is April 12th
Closed Sunday April 16th**

equal to the purchase price and the life of the compactor could be as long as 25 years. The town has \$15,208 in reserves for this replacement and it was felt that other savings in the budget could offset the balance. A motion was made and seconded to purchase a new trash compactor. VOTED: To purchase a new trash compactor for \$21,000. (2-0). It will take approximately six weeks for delivery so a temporary container will be at the transfer station and will be "pulled" as required.

8) RRPC Report: At the last meeting of the RRPC the budget and audit were discussed. It was also mentioned that funding for energy planning going forward is tenuous. No specific Mount Holly topics were discussed by the Commissioners.

Mount Holly Listers Hours
The Listers are at the Mount Holly Town Office most Tuesdays 10:00am-2:00 pm or by appointment. Please call 802-259-2391 for any questions.

9) Other: There will not be a rabies clinic at Mount Holly this year. Wallingford will host a clinic on Saturday March 18 starting at 10:00 am. The Town Office was broken into and Sue Covalla will be doing research on alarms and cameras and will present information at the next Selectboard meeting. Ted will research any possible grant money. Both the Selectboard Clerk position and a Listers position remain vacant. These are very important positions for the community and the Selectboard urged members of our community to come forward and apply for these vacancies.

10) The Board reviewed and signed the February orders for payment. There

being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion made and seconded and approved at 8:05 pm
Respectfully Submitted, Ted Crawford

TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY NOTICE OF VACANCY TOWN LISTER

There is a vacancy on the Listers, to start April 4, (training could begin sooner). An appointment will be made at a Selectboard meeting as soon as possible. This appointment will be until the next election, either the town meeting in March 2018 or a special meeting called by the Selectboard or by petition of the voters of the town.

As an elected office, the appointed individual must be a registered voter of the town. In addition, individuals should have some knowledge of and be comfortable working with computers, as much of the Listers' work is now done by computer. A willingness to learn and attendance at lister education workshops is also desired. More information can be obtained from the Mount Holly Listers or the State website: tax.vermont.gov/municipal-officials/listers-and-assessors/resources

File your Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Adjustment



Interested individuals should contact the Selectboard, at P.O. Box 248, Mount Holly, 05758 or email mthollysb@gmail.com or phone 259-2391. A letter of interest is requested.

The Listers meet at the Town Office on Tuesdays, from 10:00am to 2:30pm. Additional time may be required throughout the year.

Town of Mount Holly Selectboard Clerk

The Town of Mount Holly seeks to hire a Clerk to assist the Selectboard, as directed by the Board through its chairman, in the day-to-day operations and governance of the Town. The work may include planning, organizing, directing and/or coordinating the affairs of the Town in areas not directly the responsibility of others as defined under State Statues or Town policies. This is a part time

position, approximately 30-50 hours per month. Hours are very flexible and some evening hours are required. Pay range is negotiable, commensurate with experience. Interested parties should contact Ted Crawford, Selectboard Chair, at mthollysb@gmail.com. A resume and letter of interest should be submitted. The complete job description may be requested at the town office, 802-259-2391 or Town of Mount Holly, PO Box 248, Mount Holly, VT 05758. Equal Opportunity Employer.

TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING - February 20, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Berger, Jennifer Jones (Clerk), Bill McGrath, James Seward

VISITERS: Ed McEneaney (LPCtv)

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Bill McGrath. There were no additions or deletions to the minutes. Discussion of the Town Plan was moved to the bottom of the agenda.

- 1. APPROVE MINUTES:** Minutes from the January 16, 2017 regular meeting of the Planning Commission were approved as written with a motion from Peter Berger that was seconded by James Seward.
- 2. OLD BUSINESS:** Building Registration Forms- There was no forms for review.
- 3. NEW BUSINESS:** Correspondence - Department of Environmental Conservation - John Wasilewski applied for a Wastewater and Potable Water Supply permit for Lot 1A on Maple Hill Road. The Commission will follow-up with driveway location at a later date.
- 4. OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED:** Town Plan - The "Tasks" tables each member was assigned to review were discussed. In the Arts and Culture table the second task was removed; all tasks under the Communications heading were removed. Policy 1 in Communications was removed; Policy 2 was prefaced with "monitor," shall meet was changed to "to ensure they," and Town's regulations was changed to "State regulations" with no further language. All tasks with the exception of 1b were removed from the Recreation table. Tasks 2, 6, 7, and 8 were removed from the Transportation table; Task 1 will require more research before changes are made and language in Task 5 that dealt with a trail improvement plan was changed to "facilitate the creation of bike and pedestrian trails." Class IV roads were also added to Task 5. The Goal statement in the Recreation section was shortened to end at ... resident and visitor population." The list of traditional recreational pursuits remains with the addition of ATVs. Policies 2, 3, 5, and 6 were removed. Policy 7 was edited to include only part C.

Business for Next Agenda: At the next meeting the sections of the Town Plan assigned those who were absent will be reviewed. The Facilities and Utilities section of the Town Plan will be reviewed. Tentatively, the Transportation section of the Town Plan may be reviewed.

5. ADJOURN: James Seward made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Peter Berger. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Jones, Clerk of the Planning Commission

The LPCtv recording of this meeting is hereby made a part of the permanent minute record of this meeting.



Ahhh April!...

...the perfect month to get out
your camera and start thinking
about taking pictures for the
2017 Mount Holly Photo Contest.
mthollyphotocontest@gmail.com



LPCTV now on Vtel's "VTelevision"

Ludlow-based LPCTV, the community access television station and media center for the Okemo Valley, is pleased to announce that its two TV channels can now be found on VTel's "VTelevision".

The programming can be seen across the VTelevision network throughout the VTel service area in Southern Vermont. This includes subscribers in the Towns for which LPCTV is designated to serve: Mount Holly, Plymouth, Andover, & Reading. Examples of relevant programming for this audience include coverage of community events, "gavel-to-gavel" coverage of local government meetings, music and other performances from local artists, and programming produced for and by the local schools.

President of the LPCTV Board of Directors, Sharon Combes-Farr, said, "LPCTV has proudly served the Okemo Valley region for more than 15 years. We are pleased that more Vermonters will now have the option of viewing our programming in the comfort of their own homes."

LPCTV's local community "public access" channel can be found on channel 160 and its education / government channel is on 161. Both of these channels are in standard definition. In the near future, there will be the addition of HD channels, which means LPCTV's programming will also be viewable in high definition on VTelevision. In addition to VTel, LPCTV can still be found on Comcast channels 8 & 10 in the Towns of Ludlow, Plymouth, Cavendish, and on Comcast channels 20 & 21 in Mount Holly.

For more information about LPCTV, and for complete program listings and scheduling information, visit www.lpctv.org. Photo: Margi Graf, CEO of OCRCC and LPCTV Exec. Director

Christopher Lloyd Tours Construction of New Studio Theatre in Weston



Last week, actor Christopher Lloyd and his wife, Lisa, visited the Weston Playhouse Theatre Company to take a tour of the construction site for the new studio theatre at Walker Farm. He has performed on the Weston stage throughout the years in numerous productions, including *Death of a Salesman*. Lloyd is currently the honorary chair of Weston Playhouse Theatre Company's Capital Campaign Committee, which has raised to date \$10.5 million of its \$13.5 million goal. The company broke ground in August, and construction should be complete by late September.

The Weston Playhouse Theatre Company will perform in both the Playhouse and the new theatre in the 2018 season. The



summer season will be extended, with a fall foliage production in October and a New Works Festival in the spring. Plans include using the space to help expand the New Works program by bringing in creative teams and groups to foster play development and artistic think tanks in the form of retreats. The education programs of the Weston Playhouse Theatre Company will expand with this new space, allowing it to host events, such as Weston 101 and a Young Playwrights Festival in Weston. The new studio theatre will also serve as a new community center for concert and film series, educational lectures, receptions, local meetings, and much more.

For more information about the construction project or learn how to get involved, please visit westonplayhouse.org.

Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce Member of The Month

Marji Graf, CEO of Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce presents the March Member of the Month to Mary & Jeff Smith of Smith Maple Crest Farm in Shrewsbury.

Criteria used:

Contributes to community

Hosts and/or co-hosts mixers

Current on dues

Donations (door prizes for mixers/events)

Participates in shows.

Packages with other businesses

Participates in "Just Between Us".

Advertises/promotes & participates in guidebook and co-op advertising.

Contributes in monthly committee meetings.

Is an ambassador for the chamber and region.

Please come to their Open Sugarhouse on Saturday, March 25 from 8am-4pm. Sample Award Winning Syrup, Syrup boiling Demo (weather permitting), Sugar-on-snow and refreshments. Support the Cairo Shine's Pancake Breakfast at the Shrewsbury Meeting House from 8am-12n (across the street from the farm). 2450 Lincoln Hill Road. Pictured l-r Marji Graf and Mary Smith (Jeff was boiling of course).



OVRCC Chamber Corner

March/April, 2017 By Marji Graf, CEO

We thank Four Seasons Sotheby's for hosting our March mixer. We congratulated

Smith Maple Crest Farm for being chosen our March Members of the Month.

Our next mixer is Wednesday, April 12 at Southern Pie Company, Chester 5:30-7:30pm

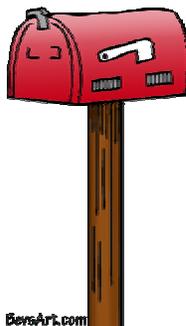
- Okemo Valley Regional Guidebook will be available May 2017-May 2018. It closes out for the year on Wednesday, March 15th. Call the chamber office asap if you want to be included in next years book!

Features of our new website:

- Our new website launched and is **the** regions event calendar and place to go to find lodging, dining, shopping and services within the Region.
- SharedMall is our newly launched e-commerce mall! You can shop and make appointments directly from our mall on our website. On our homepage click on the house on the top navigation bar.
- You can view businesses from the inside on our website through google indoor street views.
- Display Cases: We have our members products displayed at the Guilford Welcome Center and in November December will be adding Hartford South.

IT'S MAILBOX FIX-UP TIME!

Dear Postal Patron,
Hopefully Spring is around the corner and it may entail fixing your mailboxes from the Hazards of winter. We at the post offices like to have the boxes at a height of 46"-50" from the ground to the bottom of the box. If you find that your existing box is below that, we would appreciate it if you could raise it. Thank You,
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ALTERNATIVE ENERGY COMMITTEE

Please JOIN the Mount Holly, Vermont "ALTERNATIVE ENERGY Committee" February 1, 2017. The "Mount Holly Alternative Energy Committee will continue Supporting and Promoting Net Zero Homes through "Alternative Energy" Education.

Our Objective

Providing the essential Information needed to make prudent decisions about our lifestyles and their effect on our "Living Costs" including the "Planet Earth".

* Working collectively within our communities to promote the "Effective" use of "Alternative Energy Sources" while learning what the "True Costs" are

for the use of "Alternative Energy Sources"

- * Realizing the benefits of a home with a "NET-ZERO" energy cost.
- * Participating in, local "Workshops": That will address, current "Market Conditions", affecting "ALTERNATIVE ENERGY" sources and usage.

To get started Please contact LNR Associates @ 802-228-1179 and join our "Community Effort". There is no cost or obligation to you. But you will be helping Mt. Holly meet our "Alternative Energy" commitment which will be a future mandated amount.

Do so before the current "Incentives" expire and call to borrow a "Starter System" on a first come first serve bases.

April FOLA Events

Photo from "Sunset Boulevard" attached

Starting with "Sunset Boulevard" on April 1 FOLA features 1950s Classic Movies in April

April will be a very busy month for FOLA (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium) with 5 different events taking place on Saturdays at 7 PM.

On Saturday, April 1 at 7 PM in the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium, FOLA (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium) will initiate a three movie series dealing with classic films of the 1950s; the first film will be "Sunset Boulevard". On Saturday, April 8, the second film in the series will be "On the Waterfront". The series will conclude on Saturday, April 15 featuring "The Killing". All films start at 7 PM in the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium.

Rick Winston, well-known film historian, will briefly discuss the three films in this series. Mr. Winston, courtesy of the Vermont Humanities Council, will describe the highlights of the film series with specific emphasis on "Sunset Boulevard", "On the Waterfront" and "The Killing", the three films in the series.

Sunset Boulevard is a 1950 American film noir directed and co-written by Billy Wilder. It was named after the boulevard that runs through Los Angeles and Beverly Hills, California.

The film stars William Holden as Joe Gillis, an unsuccessful screenwriter, and Gloria Swanson as Norma Desmond, a faded silent film star who draws him into her fantasy world where she dreams of making a triumphant return to the screen, with Erich von Stroheim as Max Von Mayerling, her devoted servant. Nancy Olson, Fred Clark, Lloyd Gough and Jack Webb play supporting roles. Director Cecil B. DeMille and gossip columnist Hedda Hopper play themselves, and the film includes cameo appearances by leading silent film actors Buster Keaton, H. B. Warner and Anna Q. Nilsson.

While trying to escape from his creditors, Joe Gillis has a flat tire and parks his car in the driveway of a decadent mansion on Sunset Boulevard. He meets the owner and former silent-movie star Norma Desmond, who lives alone with her butler and driver Max von Mayerling. Norma proposes Joe to move to the mansion and help her in writing a screenplay for her comeback to the cinema, and the small-time writer becomes her lover and gigolo. When Joe falls in love for the young aspirant writer Betty Schaefer, Norma becomes jealous leading to a tragic conclusion of the film.

Praised by many critics when first released, Sunset Boulevard was nominated for eleven Academy Awards (including nominations in all four acting categories) and won three. Deemed "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant" by the U.S. Library of Congress in 1989, Sunset Boulevard was included in the first group of films selected for preservation in the National Film Registry. In 1998, it was ranked number twelve on the American Film Institute's list of the 100 best American films of the 20th century.

Silent Movie Festival: On April 22 at 7 PM, FOLA will present the classic Charley Chaplin silent movie, "The Kid" featuring the great background music of Jeff Rapsis.

Broadway Musical: FOLA will end the month by streaming the long running Broadway musical, "Cats" on April 29 at 7 PM.

As with all FOLA movies, the film is open to everyone and is free; donations are appreciated. Popcorn will be provided by Berkshire Bank with water offered by FOLA. For more information, call (802) 228-7239 or visit the FOLA web site at www.fola.us.



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- * Participating in, “Workshops”: That will address, current “Market Conditions”, affecting “ALTERNATIVE ENERGY” sources, and usages

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Supporting & Promoting Net Zero Homes through “Alternative Energy”

Education: By learning how to install Solar Panels at your residence it is possible to reduce that payback period to one year and 10 months.

Providing the essential Information needed to make prudent decisions about our lifestyles and their effect on our “Living Costs” including the “Planet Earth”.

Keeping in mind that no two Solar-Sites are the same it is therefore prudent to evaluate each Residential or Business site carefully before making any assumptions or financial commitments.

It is also prudent to learn how your “Energy Consumption” might change once you become the power producer!!! Here the objective may become a “NET ZERO” home with its positive environmental impact.

Working collectively within our communities to promote the “Effective” use of “Alternative Energy Sources”

Solar Panels are one of several potential sources of “Alternative Energy Production”. Wind also has good potential. Again, EDUCATION is the Key element.

We should also look carefully at siting for not only panel production but also visual impact. Here the “Solar GARDEN” can come into play.

Learning what the “True Costs” are for the use of “Alternative Energy Sources”.

There are only TWO components that are critical to Electric Energy Production The energy collector and the Inverter.

Where and how they are made are both very important.

Realizing the benefits of a home with a “NET-ZERO” energy cost.

Reducing or eliminating the “Energy Costs” associated with operating a Residence or Business makes either one more valuable. Here again the goal can be “NET ZERO”.

Participating in, “Workshops”: That will address, current “Market Conditions”, affecting “ALTERNATIVE ENERGY” sources, and usage.

The “Alternative Energy Industry” is rapidly evolving and yet it is a very, uncomplicated one.

Participating in several brief “Workshops” will prove this quickly.

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Ludlow and Mount Holly Voters to Be Asked to Approve Merger with Mill River Action by TRSU Act 46 Ludlow-Mt Holly Subcommittee

The Ludlow-Mount Holly Subcommittee of the Two Rivers Supervisory Union Act 46 Study Committee met in the Ludlow Elementary School on Thursday evening March 9, 2017. My very informal, unofficial count of those in attendance was 150. At the end of a meeting that lasted over 3 hours, the Ludlow and Mount Holly representatives on the Subcommittee voted separately to recommend to their town voters a merger with Mill River.

The purpose of the meeting was for the Subcommittee to decide which merger or action to recommend to the voters of Ludlow and the voters of Mount Holly. Four options were listed on the agenda:

1. Merger into the Regional Education District (RED) consisting of the towns of Chester, Andover, Cavendish, and Baltimore; high school is Green Mountain.
2. Merger into the new Quarry Valley Supervisory Union consisting of the town of Poultney, Proctor, and West Rutland; high school or schools not known.
3. Elementary schools continue to operate; school choice for high school students.
4. Merger with the new Rutland South Supervisory Union consisting of the towns of Clarendon, Tinmouth, Shrewsbury, and Wallingford; high school is Mill River.

With minimal guidance from the members of the Subcommittee, the members of the audience explored the four options for a period of 2 hours. Many of the people present had not attended any Act 46 meetings up to this date, and the meeting provided a town meeting-like environment in which to express opinions and to ask questions. Some of the discussion was extended due to the unexpected inclusion of the RED ((Green Mountain) merger as an option; due to the fact that the Quarry Valley merger had just been defeated by the voters on Tuesday March 7; and due to the following written information that was circulated during the meeting: [[email amlynch@vermontel.net](mailto:amlynch@vermontel.net) if you would like copies]

1. Pros and Cons of options for Mill River, School Choice, and Quarry Valley;
2. Advantages of joining Quarry Valley;
3. Comparative homestead tax rate projections to 2022 for options Green Mountain, Mill River, and School Choice;
4. High school comparison of Black River, Green Mountain, and Mill River by courses offered, test scores, college acceptance.

It appeared to be generally accepted that Mount Holly favored the option of joining Mill River, so that much of the discussion centered on the fate of Black River Union High School. There was vigorous input from the principal, teachers, students, past students, and parents who emphasized the value of the school and the advantages it offers for more individualized instruction. There were a number of people who saw the school's existence adding value to the life of the town, while others saw – reluctantly - that because of high costs and low and declining enrollment that the school was no longer viable. Generally, the Green Mountain option seemed to have little appeal - partly due to the RED's earlier position excluding Ludlow. The School Choice option was doomed by its greater costs. The Quarry Valley option was appealing, as it would keep the Black River High School open - at least for now. The Mill River option appealed to some as both Ludlow and Mount Holly were warmly welcomed by the principal, who was also enthusiastic about alternative uses of the Black River building and grounds. An informal vote was called: the Mill River option won with Quarry Valley second; few votes for the other two options.

At that point, about 8:15, a large portion of the public left and the Subcommittee prepared to make its decision(s). The Mount Holly members of the Subcommittee were joined by some of its School board members. Each of the 4 options was presented and voted on. The Mount Holly Subcommittee members decided unanimously to present the voters of Mount Holly with the recommendation that the Mount Holly School District merge with Mill River. The Ludlow members of the Subcommittee then met. As Mount Holly had decided to join Mill River, the Black River High School had thereby lost 50 Mount Holly students – reducing its enrollment to about 100 - thus virtually ending its life. This sad realization seemed to plunge the Ludlow members of the Subcommittee and the audience into a distressed confusion about what to do or what to recommend. A motion to put before the voters the dissolution of the old Union 39 (the union of the two towns to feed students to the Black River Union High School) was defeated. There was much discussion back and forth between the Subcommittee and the audience. Finally, at about 9:15 the Ludlow Subcommittee members passed a motion to present the voters of Ludlow with the recommendation that Ludlow dissolve Union 39 and merge with Mill River. The meeting ended on a somber note, and tears were shed for the proposed loss of the community's high school. Annette Lynch



Photos By
Joe Hammond of
Town Meeting at
Mount Holly
School Gym



Killington Elementary Ranked No. 1 Best Public Elementary Schools in Vermont in 2017

By Polly Lynn Mikula of The Mountain Times March 8-14, 2017

A ranking of the 2017 Best Public Schools and Districts was recently released by Niche, a website that analyzes data about schools and neighborhoods across the country. Over 80,000 public schools and 10,000 school districts were analyzed to create the nationwide rankings, according to the news release.

“For millions of families, access to great public schools is a major deciding factor in where you will choose to live,” said Luke Skurman, CEO of Niche. “Our 2017 Public Schools rankings make it easier for families to find the right schools for their children in every metro area and state across the country.”

Niche’s annual K-12 public school rankings are based on analysis of data from the U.S. Department of Education and take into account academics, culture and diversity, student-teacher ratio, quality of teachers, quality of the school district, as well as reviews from students and parents.

Academic assessment holds the most weight at 50 percent of the school’s total score. It is based on state assessment proficiency and survey responses on academics from students and parents.

The quality of the teachers and district holds the second most weight at 20 percent of the school’s total score. Teachers are evaluated based on teacher salary, teacher absenteeism, state test results, and survey responses on teachers from students and parents. The district is evaluated based on analysis of academic and student life data along reviews from students and parents. Culture and diversity make up the final 10 percent of a school’s score and is based on racial and economic diversity and survey responses.

According to this analysis, the top 10 “Best Public Elementary Schools in Vermont” were ranked as follows:

1. Killington elementary School, Killington
2. Mt. Holly School, Mount Holly
3. Orchard School, South Burlington
4. Pomfret School, South Pomfret
5. Bingham Memorial School, Cornwall
6. Weybridge Elementary School, Middlebury
7. Wardsboro Central School, Wardsboro
8. Addison Central School, Addison
9. Rick Marcotte Central School, South Burlington
10. Barnard Academy, Barnard



Some of key scores that lead to local schools receiving high scores included:

Killington Elementary earned an overall A+ rating, with an A+ in academics and teachers and a C in diversity. It was ranked No. 1 in Vermont out of 191 public schools. It scored 85 percent proficiency in reading and 75 percent proficiency in math.

Mt. Holly School earned an overall A+ rating, with an A+ in academics and teachers and a C- in diversity. It scored 85 percent proficiency in reading and 65 percent proficiency in math.

Pomfret School earned an overall A+ rating, with an A+ in academics and teachers and a C- in diversity. It scored 85 percent proficiency in reading and 75 percent proficiency in math.

Barnard Academy earned an overall A rating with an A in academics an A+ for teachers and a C- in diversity. It scored 75 percent proficiency in reading and 65 percent proficiency in math.

For more information visit niche.com/k12/rankings/public-elementary-schools/best-overall/s.vermont

Rotary District 7870 Announces the Janice H. McElroy Scholarship

The Ludlow Rotary Club is pleased to announce the initial offering of a new district-wide scholarship in memory of Janice H. McElroy. Jan served as Rotary District 7870 Governor in 2011-2012 and was instrumental in securing a Rotary International grant of \$412,000 to help southern Vermont rebuild after the devastation of Tropical Storm Irene. This scholarship is made possible due to donations from friends, colleagues and Rotary Clubs throughout District 7870 (Rotary clubs located in southern Vermont and southern New Hampshire).

Prior to her death in 2012, Jan McElroy requested that any donations received in her memory be dedicated to establishing a scholarship fund for non-traditional students. It will be awarded to a person who is 21 years of age or older and has completed high school or earned a G.E.D. There must be at least a three-year gap between graduating from high school and full-time college attendance or a record of part-time college attendance for three years after graduating from high school. The scholarship can be used for expenses at a four-year or two-year college, or for another type of accredited institution, such as a technical or vocational program. The first scholarship award will be for a minimum of \$1,000.

Applications may be obtained from David Almond at bethalmond@tds.net, Scholarship Chair of the Ludlow Rotary Club. Completed applications need to be received no later than March 31, 2017. The selected recipient will be notified in April and the award will be presented at the Rotary District 7870 conference in Nashua, NH on April 28, 2017.

The 60 Rotary Clubs of District 7870 are business and professional leaders who volunteer their expertise, compassion and power to improve communities at home and abroad in more than 200 countries. Rotary International’s overall goal is to help build goodwill, understanding and peace worldwide. For more information about the Ludlow Rotary Club, contact Jack Menzie, Membership Chair, at jjmenzie@gmail.com.



25th Annual Vermont Sports Medicine Center's 5K Run/Walk Slated for May 6th

Proceeds benefit Kids on the Move and Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports

The 25th Annual Vermont Sports Medicine Center's (VSMC) 5K Run/Walk will be held this year on Saturday, May 6. All proceeds from the event will benefit Kids on the Move and Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports. The annual event has become a staple among the "first 5Ks of the season," where all ages and abilities are welcome to walk or run for two local causes.

The 5K course starts and finishes at VSMC located at 5 Albert Cree Drive, across from Rutland Regional Medical Center. Pre-registration is suggested. The first 100 to pre-register will receive an event T-shirt. The pre-registration entry fee is \$20 for adults ages 18 and older and \$15 for kids ages 10-17. The day of registration entry fee is \$25 for adults ages 18 and older and \$20 for kids ages 10-17. Kids under 10 are \$5 and adaptive athletes participate for free.

Race day registration will be 8-9:30am. The Adaptive Athlete Run will start at 9:45am. The Kids Fun Run will begin at 10am and the 5K Run/Walk will immediately follow it. Refreshments will be available for all participants, and prizes will be awarded to first-place finishers in all runner age groups. The Grand Prize for overall male and female winner is a one year Mountain Top Inn & Resort Pinnacle Membership.

For more information or to pre-register, visit www.vermontsportsmedicinecenter.com or call 802.775.1300

About Kids on the Move: Kids on the Move is dedicated to providing physical, occupational and speech- language therapy services to children from birth to 21 years of age in the comfort of their own homes. Whether they come to us for developmental delays or genetic disorders, we believe that every child should have access to the highest quality care they need to thrive and grow. Founded in 1995, Kids on the Move is now a program of the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice (RAVNAH) and is the only pediatric rehabilitation program within a 60-mile radius of Rutland, Vermont. RAVNAH is a 501c (3) non-profit, Medicare Certified home health and hospice agency serving Rutland area residents for over 70 years. For more information visit www.vermontvisitingnurses.org

About Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports: Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports is a 501c (3) non-profit organization committed to

empowering individuals with disabilities. Since 1987, Vermont Adaptive has provided adaptive sports outings statewide in Vermont to people with disabilities. We are the largest non-profit in the state to do so, and we serve all ages and all (dis)abilities including those with physical, cognitive, emotional behavioral, and developmental disabilities. As we celebrate our 30th Anniversary, we are a national leader in the Adaptive Sports Industry and have more than 400 highly trained volunteer instructors, who donate more than 24,000 hours to our clients and statewide programs annually. These include alpine skiing, snowboarding, and other winter sports; kayaking, canoeing, stand-up paddle boarding, sailing cycling, hiking, rock climbing, tennis, and horseback riding. For more information visit www.vermontadaptive.org.

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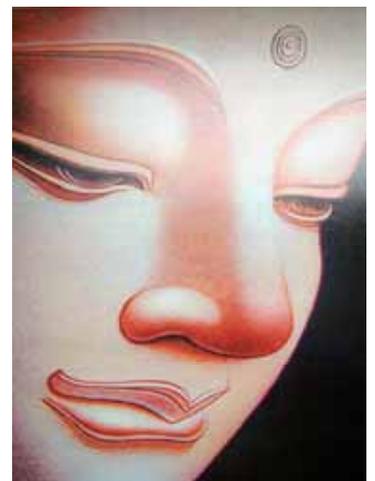
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BROC-Community Action

BROC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont would like to acknowledge and thank the voters for their support of appropriation requests this year. BROC-Community Action served over 10,000 low-income individuals who reside throughout Rutland and Bennington Counties last year.

The funding received through the town meeting process helps with fuel, electric and housing needs (and other) for those who may not qualify otherwise. These individuals and families usually need a one-time financial assist to get them through a tough time and sometimes this funding is used in conjunction with other means to put together a financial assist, especially for housing needs. "Town funding" is even used to purchase steel-toed work boots for folks who need them to get a job and can't afford them or for the purchase of appropriate work clothing to go on interviews.

BROC-Community Action expressed great appreciation to the voters in the following towns and Rutland City for their support:

Rutland County – Benson, Fair Haven, Hubbardton, Middletown Springs, Mount Holly, Mount Tabor, Pawlet, Pittsford, Poultney, Proctor, Rutland City, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, Wallingford, Wells, West Haven and West Rutland.

Bennington County – Arlington, Bennington, Dorset, Manchester, Peru, Pownal, Sandgate, Searsburg, Shaftsbury, Stamford and Woodford.

For information about the programs and services provided by BROC-Community Action, visit www.broc.org. Like them on Facebook, or follow them on Twitter (@BROCTALK). Pamela Shambo, Development Director 802-665-1721; pshambo@broc.org

BROC-Community Action celebrates selection as Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag Program beneficiary

Anti-poverty nonprofit receives great honor and fundraising opportunity

BROC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont, a nonprofit committed to ending poverty and helping low-income people move forward toward self-sufficiency, has been selected as a beneficiary of the Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag Program for the month of March.

This exciting program has been designed to support local nonprofits like BROC-Community Action. For every blue Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag with the good karma message purchased at the Rutland Hannaford, BROC-Community Action will receive a \$1 donation in order to help fulfill a piece of its mission by feeding hungry families.

"We are very excited to have been chosen for this fund raising opportunity. The proceeds will help us stock our emergency Community Food Shelf," said BROC-Community Action CEP, Tom Donahue.

BROC-Community Action has a goal of raising \$250 during March, which is equivalent to 250 bags bought in support of BROC-Community Action. The agency plans to use the projected funds to purchase food items to fill in gaps on their Community Food Shelf to be able to offer healthy meals.

Learn more about BROC-Community Action by calling 802-775-0878 or visiting www.broc.org

For more information on the Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag Program, visit www.hannaford.bags4mycause.com or www.facebook.com/hhbagprogram



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Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice Community Health Clinics – April 2017

April Blood Pressure/Foot Care Clinics

Wednesday, 04/05/2017, Wallingford, Wallingford House, 10:30am

Thursday, 04/06/2017, Rutland, Parker House, 10 am

Thursday, 04/06/2017, Rutland, Bardwell House, 12:30pm

Thursday, 04/20/2017, Rutland, Maple Village, 10am

Wednesday, 04/26/2017, Rutland, Godnick Center, 12:30pm

The cost of the foot clinic is \$10. No appointment necessary. Please call 802.770.1536 for more information.



RAVNAH also offers Cholesterol Screenings for \$30 every month: Clinics held at the Rutland Office are the 1st Wednesday of every month. Call 802.775.0568 for an appointment. Clinics held at the Dorset Office are the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Call 802.362.1200 for an appointment. Biometric readings can now be billed to Blue Cross Blue Shield. Call Cathleen at 802.770.1536 for more details!

Travel Well with RAVNAH's Travel Health Clinic: RAVNAH is the region's resource for comprehensive and safe travel health services including vaccines and individualized disease prevention plans to international travelers. For more information call Cathleen at 802.770.1536 for a personal appointment or email gohealth@ravnah.org.

Bereavement Group: RAVNAH's monthly bereavement group is held Tuesdays at 6pm at Grace Congregational Church. RAVNAH's Chaplain, Andrew Carlson, will be facilitating. The group is free and open to the public. For more, please contact Andrew at 770.1613.

VT Ostomy Group: The next VT Ostomy Support Group meeting will be held on Saturday, April 22 from 10:30am – noon at the Rutland Area VNA & Hospice, 7 Albert Cree Drive. There is no charge to attend the group. For more information please contact Kate at 802.236



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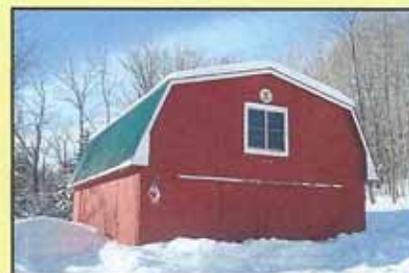
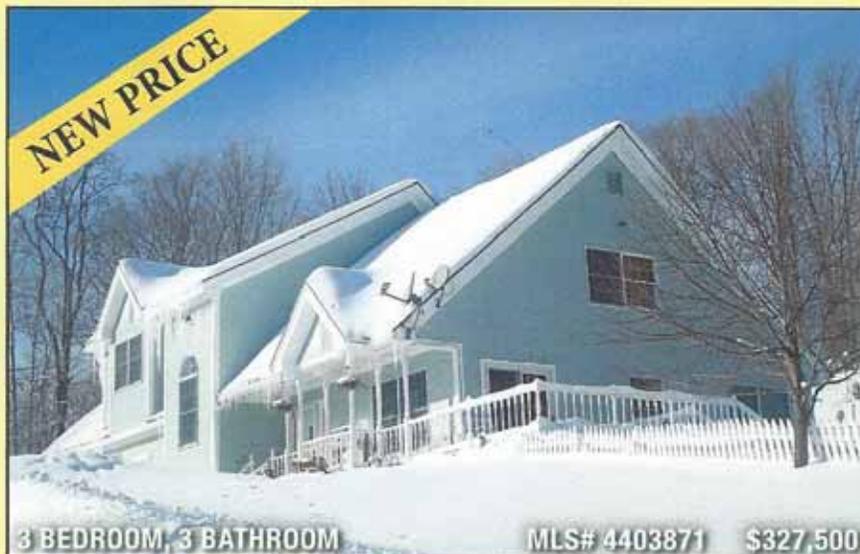


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