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and moved to Florida.

#### Gary A. Williams

Gary A. Williams, 67, of Port Richey, FL and formerly from Mount Holly passed away on Nov. 21, 2019. He was born in Springfield, VT, on Aug. 23, 1952, to Mary and Albert Williams. He was preceded in death by his father, Albert.

Gary built his home in Mount Holly and was a member of the Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department which he rose to the rank of Captain.

He built his sugar house of which he enjoyed many springs tapping trees and making Maple Syrup.

After Gary retired from General Electric of Rutland he sold his Mount Holly home

He is survived by his loving wife, Marion; mother, Mary; daughter, Tiffany; sisters Teri Williams (Frank Davidson) and Sherry Williams; brother, Berry Williams (Gerry); and grandchildren Kole and Kayden. Services will be held on Dec. 7, 2019, at 2 p.m. at Andover Community Church, 928 Weston-Andover Road, Andover, VT 05143. The family has requested no flowers.

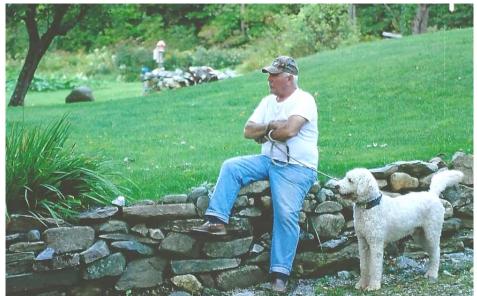
#### A Thank You and A Reflection

#### By Pat LaBella

As many of you know I lost my husband suddenly on October 23, 2019 from a Heart attack. My family and I were overwhelmed by the Love, Support and Generosity that we received from the Mount Holly community. To say Thank You just doesn't seem enough. What lucky individuals we all are to be able to live in such a wonderful place. My dear friend, Maggie Blane, always said "This isn't a community, it is an extended family". How very right she is. We lived for many years in New York, but Vermont is where we enjoyed loving most. We had the good fortune to become part of a group affectionately known as The Dirty Dozen. We then became known as the Dirty Dozen plus 2. Our group consisted of Dave and Lisa DelMaestro, Maria Hermann, Liz Justice, Carol and Dave Venter and finally Frank and I.

Our travels with the Venter were rewarding and fun filled adventures. What special memories were made on those trips.

Frank was a nature lover. He loved the beauty and opportunities it had to offer. He was a hunter and fisherman. He enjoyed preparing his vegetable gardens and helping me get our flower garden ready for its Spring showing. He made sure ou bird feeders were never empty so there would be enough seed for whoever flew by. He was always excited by the appearance of the Humming Birds who would approach him and buzz around his head when he sat on our deck.



the Memories he left behind will be treasured forever.

I would like to extend a special Thank You to Erik Fortin, our friend and neighbor who took this beautiful photograph of Frank and his Loving, Loyal and Constant Companion. Boomer.

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day & New Year's Mass Schedule & Services

> St. Datrick's in Wallingford 4:00 pm Christmas Eve 9:00 am Christmas Day 5:00 pm New Year's Eve &

Christ The King in Rutland 6:00 pm ~ Midnight pm Christmas Eve 7:30 am ~10:30 am Christmas Day 7:30 am & 10:30 am New Year's Day

& Jmmaculate Heart of Mary in Rutland 4:00 pm & 8:00 pm Christmas Eve 8:00 am Christmas Day 4:00 pm New Year's Eve

& Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Ludlow 5:00 pm Christmas Eve 9:00 am Christmas Day 4:30 pm New Year's Eve 9:00 am New Year's Day & Holy Name of Mary in Proctorsville 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Only & Belmont Village Baptist Church

7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service With Blacklight Chalk Drawing

During the Fall and Winter he would binge on Football games and never missed one played by the New England Patriots.

He leaves behind his 4 children and their spouses, 10 Grandchildren and 1 Great Granddaughter. He will be truly missed, but

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#### FREE ICE FISHING DAY FESTIVAL



day when anyone, resident or nonresident, may go fishing in Vermont without a fishing license.

Not Sure How? - No Problem! Come to our FREE Ice Fishing Festival! Vermont Fish & Wildlife staff will be there to help everyone, young and old, learn how to enjoy this unique and popular type of fishing.

Where: Lake Elmore, Elmore State Park, Elmore VT

When: Saturday, January 25, 2020 - 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Event Schedule: 11:00 am - Registration Opens - 11:00 3:00 pm Fun Family Activities am to This year, Fish & Wildlife staff and Let's Go Fishing volunteers will help new ice anglers learn the basics of winter ice fishing with stations including: Ice Fishing Gear Explained - Hole Drilling Demos - Tip-up Techniques - Using a Rod and Jig -





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Ice Safety - Fish Identification and Regulations Explained - Knottying Know-how and tackle craft

Plus enjoy a fish fry and cocoa (bring your own mug if you can)! Bring your own ice fishing equipment or you can borrow ours. Be sure to dress warmly (in layers is the best) and wear winter boots. Yaktraxs or ice cleats are also a great idea for traction.

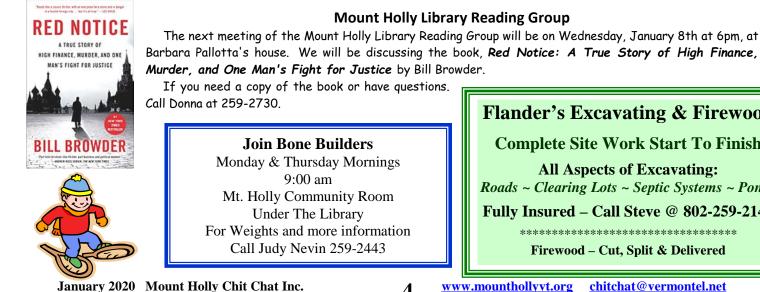
Pre-register now to avoid long lines at registration and get in the "fast pass" lane for ice fishing! For more information, contact Corey Hart (Corey.Hart@vermont.gov) by email or call 802-505-5562.

#### **Mount Holly School News**

Kindergarten students will be going outside as often as possible

on Fridays. We will be starting our Weather Unit in January which lends itself nicely to exploring the sky, snow, temperature and anything else weather related. We will also be building structures to tie back to our Force/Energy Unit we just wrapped up. You can also find us exploring the nature classroom to look for signs of animals, birds and things in nature that may be affected by weather and winter conditions and journaling about our findings. We are very excited! Mrs. Craver

Preschool students will continue with our normal routine, which will include sledding and possibly some snow fort building!



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#### Hello Mount Holly Residents,

Ski season is here and our children will soon be braving the slopes. As we know, quality ski mittens and ski gloves are a bit pricey and frankly difficult for some students to keep track of. Mount Holly School is looking for donations of winter clothing, particularly ski gloves and mittens that are waterproof and warm to keep at school to be used on ski days. If you happen to have gloves/mittens or outerwear that you no longer use that you would like to donate, there are boxes located at the Belmont Store, Mount Holly Library and the Mount Holly School.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jo

Bania, School to Home Liaison, at (802) 259-3661 - home, 259-2392 or e-mail at jo.bania@trsu.org Thank you in advance, and thanks to those who have already donated!



All are welcome...be sure to join us around the Bon Fire! Happy New Year!!!!!!!!

#### Mount Holly Community Association

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It may have been cold outside, but there was a distinctively warm glow inside the library for **Christmas in Mount Holly**! Nearly 50 children gathered for the traditional reading of *The Night Before Christmas* with Barbara Palotta followed by a rousing round of Carols led by Kevin Hollebeek. Everyone was in full voice, especially during the last song...*Santa Claus is Coming to Town*. In fact, the children belted it out so loudly that suddenly a thunderous **Ho! Ho! Ho!** was heard in the library stairwell and "what to their wondering eyes did appear", but Father Christmas himself!!! This year there was a special surprise, as Mrs. Claus left the North Pole to accompany Santa to Mount Holly! The children were thrilled to be able to sit with him and receive their first gift of Christmas and to let him know what they especially wanted this holiday season. Many thanks to everyone who made this memorable afternoon possible for the children of all ages from Mount Holly!

The MHCA would like to extend many, many thanks to **Scott Crawford at the Balsam Barn** for donating the Christmas tree that graces the library stage. Scott has been doing this for many, many years and we are indebted to him for his generosity. Thank you, Scott!

We are all looking forward to *New Year's Eve at Star Lake*. The past few years have been witness to unbelievable fireworks displays

provided by the Mount Holly Snow Flyers and they have promised no less of a show to usher in 2020! The MHCA will once again have complimentary hot cocoa on hand for your drinking pleasure. Don't miss this wonderful way to welcome in the New Year and don't let the cold discourage you...there is a huge bonfire on the edge of the lake to keep everyone toasty warm. The festivities begin at 8:00 pm. See you there!!

New Year's Eve at Star Lake is the last MHCA event of the year until the regularly scheduled MHCA events resume in the spring. We would like to remind everyone that all of these events are made possible primarily through the **membership of the association**. If you have not joined the MHCA for the 2019 – 2020 year, please do so as soon as possible...we need your support! Membership forms can be obtained at the library, the general store, or by contacting Kathy Stone, our Membership Chair (259-2254).

Don't forget to pick up your **Mount Holly calendar for 2020!** They are running low, so take the opportunity to pick one up at the Library, the General Store, or the town office. This is a great fund raiser for the MHCA...half of the proceeds for the calendar go directly to support the activities we sponsor each year.

Now that the well project has been completed, the **Community Room** in the Library & Community Center building is once again **available to rent**!! It is a wonderful venue for showers, birthday parties, anniversary parties, you name it. The Community Room is a beautiful space that has been the scene of many successful gatherings. If you are interested in renting the room, please contact Jennifer Burrows at jenniferburrows@msn.com.

Important Reminder...there will be no MHCA meetings in the months of January and February 2020. Since there are no

events during these months, we will be conducting our other business via email. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March  $3^{rd}$ .

Happy New Year to everyone from the Board of Directors of the Mount Holly Community Association!

Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad Would like to wish our Community A Safe, Healthy, And Happy New Year!!





Mechanicsville Village. After purchasing the property in 1926, the Priest added the front porch and tore down some of the buildings in the back.

In 1869 Leander Derby lived in the house and operated a tannery. From the 1880s until the early 1900s Dr. Thomas Cootey lived in the house with his office located in the front. The records indicate that he sold the house to the Knowles family, and when Charles Buck purchased it the deed mentioned it was known as the doctor's house.

The house on the right side along with the barn building in the center were owned by Ralph and Mariam (Crowley) Armstrong. The house, dating from the 1840s, was operated as a general store in 1869 by Calvin Tarbell. Eli and Lovica (Betsy Cole) Johnson next owned the property and after the Civil War Veteran died in 1880, his wife continued to live there until her death in 1908. Mr. Hill settled the estate of Mrs. Johnson and the property was purchased by Will and Lilla Armstrong. Will was a long-time teamster and likely hauled logs to the

#### December Chit Chat Photo – Priest & Armstrong Buildings

The photograph in the December Chit Chat issue dates from the late 1930s from the newer car on the left side. The building on the left is the garage of Orrin and Ruth Priest. He owned some construction equipment that was hired out to build roads. Orrin and his wife also owned a large farm on the south end of Maple Hill Road, and another at the intersection with the Weston Road. Between the car in the center and the barn you can see the glass bulbs at the top of the gas pumps.

The additional photo, taken around 1900, shows the house and their garage on Main Street in what would have been



Chase Toy Factory, furniture makers, and wooden handle turners in the area. The Armstrong's had purchased several other properties that were added to the farm. The farm went to her son Ralph and his wife Mariam who operated the farm until shortly before his death in 1959. The farm buildings were leased out for several years. Their family kept it until selling the property in the 1980s, and by the late 1990s Dave Classen, a building contractor, removed all the barn buildings and completely renovated the house and built a new garage and sold it to Dave and Penny Hartmann in 1998.



What can you tell us about this picture? Please send email to <u>chitchat@vermontel.net</u> and let us know what you know or write to Mt. Holly Chit Chat, 3379 Shunpike Rd., Mt. Holly, VT 05758. Next month we will have another photo to share with you and then share what we know about this picture. To see all these pictures plus more visit the Mount Holly Historical Museum open Sat & Sun 2 – 4 pm also visit our web site www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org

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#### Mount Moriah Lodge #96 December 2019, Trestleboard Next meeting Tuesday 1/07<sup>th</sup> 8PM

Brothers,

This is the month we decide if we need to change our dues for the ensuing year, so let's hear your opinions on the matter.

*RWDD Cass Wright is planning on this meeting as his official visit, so let's come out and support him.* 

WM Earl said he had a short educational program planned.

A Masonic funeral was held for Brother Bill Smith on Saturday, November 30, with Dave Seward, Al Ridlon Sr and WM Earl Miller officiating.

Please keep your dues monies coming in and, if you disagree with the amounts you are said to owe... let the secretary know by contacting him at 802-259-9400, by email at: sseward@vermontel.net. or mail it to: 4280

### Mount Holly Community Association Membership Drive 2019 - 2020

Please join to support...Music on the Green-Mount Holly Day-Garden Tour-Square Dance-Cabaret-Photo Contest-Cider Days-Roast Beef Supper-Christmas in Mount Holly-New Year's Eve at Star Lake-Spring Mud Fling

And the maintenance of our historic Community Center Building Please join today!!

(Brochures will be mailed in June and will also be available in the library, the General Store, and the post offices.)

Sugar Hill Rd., East Wallingford, Vt. 05742 Fraternally, Earl Miller, WM, Buster Seward Sec'y

There will be a Candle Light Christmas Eve Service featuring Christmas Hymns and a Wonderful Black Light Service at 7PM The Village Baptist Church in Belmont.



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#### T'was the Week Before Christmas or How Reinbow Riding Center Saved Christmas

T'was the week before Christmas and I was on a visit to the North Pole to drop off last minute lists from girls and boys. I'd been there once before and had seen the flurry of activity as everyone was preparing for Christmas Eve. As you know, this is the busiest time of year at the North Pole, but this year something was different. The usual bustle of activity in the Reindeer barn was missing and everything was strangely quiet. Where was everyone?

When I was here the last time all of Santa's Reindeer were excitedly getting ready to fly. After all, this was their

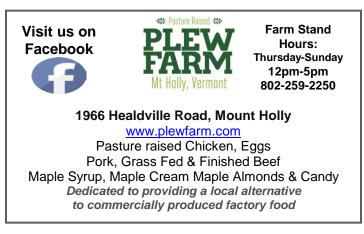


big show. They would practice taking off and lifting Santa's sleigh into the winter sky and then landing so softly that Santa would hardly notice. Soft landings also kept all the gifts and toys in Santa's bag neatly wrapped and in one piece. Each day they practiced because it wasn't easy landing and taking off from all those rooftops, especially the small ones.

So what was going on? And why weren't the North Pole Elves polishing the sleigh and Reindeer harness so it was just as shiny and bright as a twinkling star? And where were all the Reindeer? Not a one could be found in the barn.

I remembered there was a little mouse that lived under the stairs so I asked him where everyone was and why the Reindeer weren't getting ready to fly. The North Pole is a magical place where everyone can talk. This is what he told me.

Rudolph had gone visiting a few weeks ago and come home with a cold. But it wasn't a cold, it was Reindeer flu and he had shared it with all the other Reindeer. They were all in the infirmary and it looked like they wouldn't be able to fly on Christmas Eve. OH NO!!



The little mouse said Santa was frantically trying to find somebody else to fly his sleigh. He couldn't let all the world's children down this year. It had never happened before and he wasn't about to let it happen this year but he was running out of options.

He had asked the Musk Ox that live in the North and they gave it a try but their horns were so big and heavy and their hair so thick they could barely get off the ground. He asked the Caribou that live in Alaska's National Wildlife Refuge right next to the North Pole to help, but they couldn't quite figure out how to land without crashing. Santa thought it was probably because their horns were so big they couldn't keep their balance in the air. So that didn't work either. He even tried his big old red car but nothing was going to fly.

And before you ask, I'll tell you Santa's secret. Reindeer are endowed with the ability to fly, especially Santa's Reindeer, and

especially on Christmas. However, just in case a situation like this was to arise, Santa also has a trick in his toy bag—Magic Snow Powder. Sprinkle a little of it on those Ox and Caribou and they can fly; or so he thought. But it looked like it wasn't quite enough. Santa couldn't believe it. It was supposed to work. He'd never actually tried it before, but it was supposed to work. Now what? Well, the little mouse had an idea and he whispered it to me. He knew about Reinbow Riding Center and our wonderful horses. "Horses. Let's try horses," he said. They run, fly when they jump and land gently with their riders. Let's try horses," he said.

So we asked Santa if he wanted to give it a try. We harnessed the horses to his sleigh, he pulled out that Magic Snow Dust and sprinkled it on, then jumped into his sleigh and

yelled,

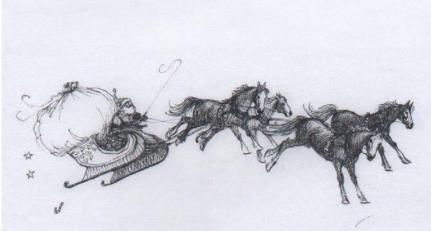
"Away! Away!"

And away they went. Up, up into the winter sky doing loops and landings, and more loops and landings until those horses came back down to earth blowing and snorting white mist from their nostrils. And you know, even though it's hard to tell when a horse is smiling, I could tell each and every one was wearing a big grin. Santa was so excited he fell off his sleigh. Once he had righted himself, he reminded everyone that with Christmas Eve just a few days away it was time to get back to work in the toy shop so all would be ready when it was time to fly.

So now you know how Reinbow Riding Center's horses saved Christmas. Happy Holidays to All!!

"Up, up and away," Santa yelled, and away that sleigh flew with Cutie and Ulti leading the team and Fonda and Jet right behind.

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### Mount Holly Conservation Trust

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### Okemo Wildlife Corridor Conservation Project

The Mount Holly Conservation Trust, the Vermont Land Trust, and the State of Vermont are protecting forever a 346-acre property on Route 155 that connects the southern part of the Green Mountain National Forest with Okemo State Forest. This will guarantee that animals, increasingly on the move due to climate change, will have the uninterrupted habitat they need – a safe "corridor"

exceeding 100 miles- for traveling to find food, mates, and territory.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed so generously already!!

Of an \$813,000 project, we need to finish raising the last few thousand dollars. We are getting so close!! We need your help to meet this goal.

### Please make your donation today.

Donate online: Visit vlt.org/donate and select 'Okemo Wildlife Corridor' from the drop-down menu.

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For more information, contact Brigid Sullivan 259-2274, Jon McCann 802-829-9060 or any MHCT Board Member.



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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 Okemo Valley TV. The videos can be viewed at their website, <u>www.okemovalley.tv</u> Computers with internet access are available at the Town Library.

## Mount Holly Select Board Meeting ~ December 10, 2019 - Minutes

Present: Select Board: Mark Turco (chair), Ron Tarbell, Jennifer Matthews

**Town Officials:** Susan Covalla, Carol Garrow-Woolley, Russ Garrow, David Johnson, Jon McCann, Clinton Woolley

Members of the Public: Tracy Lazell, Mary Jane Osborne, Jeb Porter & Gwynn

Zakov from VLCT

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1. Call to Order by Chair Mark Turco at 6:00 pm.

2. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

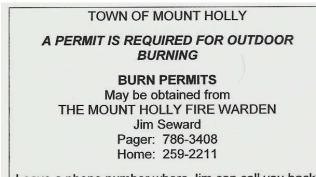
3. Changes and/or additions to the agenda – Jennifer Matthews asked to add the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and a dog attack complaint from Mary

Jane Osborne to New Business; it was agreed to do so.

4. Retail Pot – Status of Current Bills & Possible Impacts on Mount Holly – Presentation by Gwynn Zakov, VLCT Municipal Policy Advocate – Ms. Zakov introduced herself as an advocate for local government in her work for the VT League of Cities & Towns with the VT Legislature. She briefly summarized the bills creating a retail cannabis system which are currently before the Legislature, noting these bills will most probably be taken up early in the upcoming session. She spoke of three concerns: 1) regulations for towns with no zoning around setbacks from schools, placement of retail establishments in communities, and necessary public safety services; 2) the ability for voters in communities to opt in or opt out of marijuana establishments in town; and 3) tax revenue generated by a local cannabis tax for those communities which host retail establishments.

Jennifer Matthews asked her to further explain the opt in and opt out concept. Ms. Zakov explained that the Senate bill allows for communities to opt out of all marijuana components, be it retail, manufacture, growth, processing. The House bill, on the other hand, requires communities to opt in to retail, but offers towns no say in the manufacture, growth, processing, etc. She noted that all the other states, with the exception of Maine, which have legalized marijuana sales, have given towns the right to opt out.

Ms. Matthews asked about the status of the local cannabis tax. Ms. Zakov explained that VLCT advocated for a 5% local option tax on retail sales with 70% of the tax staying in the town hosting the retail establishment and 30% being distributed to non-hosting towns. She noted that the current House bill proposes a 1% share of the State retail tax to go to the hosting towns. The Senate bill proposes a 2% local option tax to stay with the hosting towns.



Leave a phone number where Jim can call you back. Do not burn until you have spoken to him. SAFETY FIRST ALWAYS

Ms. Matthews asked about when this legislation would take effect.

Ms. Zakov explained the need to create a new Cannabis Control Commission and the need for a rule-making process around licensure, operations of retail establishments, grow facilities, etc., thinking it would be a 12-18 month roll-out.

Ms. Matthews asked if the Legislature was keeping in mind the costs that will fall on towns around law enforcement to address thefts from grow operations and stores, illegal grow operations, public consumption, driving under the influence. Ms. Zakov said there was also some talk of event permits for public events where public consumption would be allowed. She also discussed saliva testing for THC and the fact no standard has yet been determined for impairment.

Ms. Matthews asked if the hopes were the black market would cease to exist with legalization. Ms. Zakov said no, but the existence of the black market was the rationale to keep taxes lower and to have retail establishments geographically disbursed for easier access to legal marijuana. She noted the intent to provide consumers with a safer product with legalization.

Ms. Zakov also pointed out that were 1000 licenses for hemp producers currently. A number of those may move into marijuana production. With no zoning in place, towns may not be able to stop the growth and production of marijuana in their communities. Also, cannabis may be classified under agriculture. If this is the case, given there is no local control over farms, there would be no local control over marijuana grow operations.

Ms. Matthews asked about potential sellers of retail marijuana. Ms. Zakov responded that priority would be given first to the five medical dispensaries in the State, then probably to hemp and CBD sellers.

Jon McCann asked if the opt out version of the legislation took effect would that mean opting out of all components of retail marijuana. Ms. Zakov replied that with the Senate version, towns could cherry pick which parts they wanted to opt out of, be it retail establishments, grow operations, etc. With the House version, towns could only opt out of retail. Mr. McCann asked if towns

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#### **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 <u>pfaenza47@yahoo.com</u>

did not want retail establishments, could they still have small farms. Ms. Zakov replied in the affirmative if the Senate version of the legislation becomes law.

Ms. Matthews asked what actions towns could take at this point to say yea or nay to components of retail marijuana. Ms. Zakov replied that the ordinances Clarendon and Newport have passed hold little to no weight. The Legislature wants the decisions around retail marijuana

to come from the voters, not Select Boards or city councils or Boards of Aldermen. She recommended fine-tuning VLCT's resolution asking the legislature to give towns some local control in the retail marijuana legislation.

Jeb Porter stated he was an advocate and looking to invest in marijuana operations. He knew there were farmers in town who would like to grow cannabis. He wondered where the Select Board stood at present. Ms. Matthews replied that they had not yet taken a stand, and that the Select Board was just beginning to gather information and discuss the legislation and its impact on Mount Holly. Ron Tarbell stated he had not yet taken a position. Mark Turco stated the same, saying he wanted more time to research the issue and investigate what other States have done.

Ms. Matthews asked about receiving input from the community as a whole. Mr. Turco suggested putting it on the ballot. Mr. Tarbell suggested a non-binding vote. Mary Jane Osborne suggested a survey in the *Chit Chat*.

David Johnson asked what the draft resolution addressed. Ms. Zakov replied that it asked that towns be given some local control over retail marijuana regarding the ability to say yea or nay to retail establishments, grow operations and the like, have the ability to license such operations, be able to share in a local cannabis tax, and be given time once the legislation passes to discuss and

implement local regulations and policies regarding retail marijuana. Jon McCann asked about what reasons there might be to prohibit cultivation. Ms. Zakov noted concerns about odors, thefts from outdoor grow operations, and security in general.

The Select Board thanked Ms. Zakov for her informative presentation.

5. Approval of November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Minutes – Ron Tarbell made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mark Turco, unanimously approved.

6. Reports

#### a. Highways & Transfer Station – Clinton Woolley

i) Update – Mr. Woolley reported that FEMA now has all documentation for the April flooding event.

ii) **Food Scraps** –Mr. Woolley reported that he had attended the monthly Solid Waste District meeting and that there would now be a charge for the disposal of food scraps; the charge will be 40-cents per gallon. Mark Turco asked how much the Town was currently collecting. Mr. Woolley responded that it is about 400 lbs. every three weeks. Jennifer Matthews asked if there were any other options for the disposal of food waste like local farms. Mr. Woolley said he had mentioned this to a local farmer who might be interested in placing containers at the Transfer Station for collection of food scraps for his pigs. Other farmers might also be interested. Mr. Turco thought this a good option.

#### b. Treasurer – David Johnson

i) Monthly Income & Expense Report – Mr. Johnson noted the following items: there were a few more delinquent tax payers this year than last year but quite a few did pay in November; the interest income is \$4,800 over what was budgeted to be received; Solid Waste label sales continue strong; the workers comp and insurance bills have been received and are within the budgeted amounts; with strong solid waste label sales, the Town is now going through an order of labels in two years rather than three, so will need to budget accordingly; payment to Statewide Education Fund made; the new truck has been paid for at a cost of \$163,707; to date, equipment and vehicle repair costs are low.

ii) Set Budget Work Session & Warning Dates – Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm will be the date for the budget work session. The next Select Board meeting will be on Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> and at that meeting, the date to approve and sign the warning will be set.

Mr. Johnson also noted the mapping contractor was progressing with his work on the new maps. He also said that the new CLA and COD numbers should be available at the next Select Board meeting.

c. **Rutland Regional Planning Commission Report** – Jon McCann reported to the RRPC on the two motions made by the Select Board in support of the proposed AT&T cell tower project in town and the 345-acre land acquisition.

***************************************	d. Rutland Region
Mount Holly Town Office Will be CLOSED or CLOSING early the following dates:	TransportationCouncilReport-ClintonWoolleystatedtherewasnothingto
Close Early Tuesday, December 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2019, 8:30am – 12:00 pm For Christmas Eve Closed Wednesday, December 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2018 For Christmas	report. 7. <b>Old Business</b> – There was none.
Close Early Tuesday, December 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2019, 8:30 am – 12:00 pm For New Year's Eve Closed Wednesday, January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2020, For New Year's Day Closed Monday, January 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2020, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day	8. <b>New Business</b> a. <b>Osborne Dog Complaint</b> – Mary Jane Osborne presented the Select Board with a letter detailing an attack by her
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### 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. neighbor's dog on her dog. The neighbor's dog came on to her property while she and her dog were doing farm chores. The dog attacked her dog, causing puncture wounds to the neck and abdomen. The owners were present but unable to get control of their

## Mount Holly Town Office Needs Regular Cleaning

(Public areas & restroom only, every other week)

### Interested?

Please send your sealed bid by January 14th @ Noon to the Mount Holly Select Board (drop off @ the town office, or mail to PO Box 248, Mount Holly 05758) Questions, call the town office @ 259-2391. dog, no recall. Ms. Osborne explained that her dog is 11 years old and all of 45 pounds, while the neighbor's dog is a Husky in its prime. Ms. Osborne considers her dog, her livestock, her grandchildren, and other neighbors to be vulnerable to attack by the Husky, especially so as the dog has attacked and bitten another individual.

Ms. Osborne has spoken with the owner, Jessie Alberty, about her dog. Ms. Alberty stated she plans to purchase an electric fence to help contain the dog; Ms. Osborne questions the effectiveness of this particular product. Tracy Lazell witnessed the attack and spoke with Animal Control Officer Paul Faenza. She stated Mr. Faenza was not very receptive, not very helpful, and that he said there was nothing he could do. She stated that he said he had spoken with Ms. Alberty and she said she would keep the dog on a leash from now on. Ms. Osborne stated that after her initial conversation with Mr. Faenza,

she called him again to find out if Ms. Alberty's dog had had its rabies shot. Mr. Faenza said he did not know, and after some initial reluctance, said he would call Ms. Alberty to find out and let Ms. Osborne know.

He never called Ms. Osborne back with that information. Ms. Osborne asked if the Town of Mount Holly has an Animal Control Officer policy. Jennifer Matthews stated she would be writing policies over the winter and could add this to the list. She asked Ms. Osborne to pass along any policies or protocols she had found that might be helpful in the drafting of Mount Holly's. Mark Turco stated that the Select Board would meet with Mr. Faenza to discuss the incident and his handling of it, and what his protocol is when contacted by residents with dog attack complaints. Annette Lynch stated there used to be regular reports from the Animal Control Officer, which no longer happen. She also asked if the contract Mount Holly used to have with the Sherriff's Department might spell out standards for handling animal complaints. Ms. Osborne also asked that the Animal Control Officer be made aware

of the need to handle all animal complaints, not just those about dogs.

b. Mount Holly Planning Commission Appointment – One Vacancy to November 2020 – Three Letters of Interest were submitted for the position, which will be discussed in Executive Session.

c. **Retail Pot Discussion – Any Follow-Up** – No additional discussion needed.

d. **Town Office Cleaning** – Jennifer Matthews asked if it was possible to have the public areas and the restroom of the town office cleaned on a regular basis. It was agreed that this would be a good idea, and Ms. Matthews will post notices for bids.

e. Local Hazard Mitigation Plan – Mark Turco announced that the Rutland Regional Planning Commission

### Mount Holly's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Needs to be Updated!

### **Interested in Helping?**

3-4 evening meetings of about 2 hours each will be needed

If interested, or questions, email Select Board Chair Mark Turco at mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com

has some State funding available to update Mount Holly's plan which is expiring. He asked for volunteers to work on updating the plan. This will necessitate four to five meetings of a couple hours each in the evening. He, Clinton Woolley and Russ Garrow will be part of this team. Jennifer Matthews will post notices for additional volunteers.

#### 9. Announcements/Other Business

a. Rutland County 2020-21 Budget Public Hearing on December 12<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 noon – Notices have been posted for those interested in attending.

b. **Tree Cutting in Cemeteries** – David Johnson asked about quotes for doing some tree cutting in town cemeteries. Jennifer Matthews responded that Dennis Devereux only had one quote at present and that he hoped to have a couple more by the budget work session in January as there is no money currently in the budget for tree cutting.

10. Review & Sign Orders – Reviewed and signed.

11. **Executive Session: Title 1 V.S.A. S 313(a)(3)** – At 7:37 pm, Ron Tarbell made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss the Planning Commission appointment and to discuss personnel matters, seconded by Jennifer Matthews, passed unanimously. After exiting Executive Session at 8:20 pm, Jennifer Matthews made a motion to appoint Gabrielle Macklin-Bickford to the Planning Commission for a term ending in November 2020, seconded by Ron Tarbell, unanimously approved. Respectfully submitted: Jennifer Matthews

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#### Planning Commission Meeting Minutes - November 18, 2019

**Present:** Peter Berger, Nicole Lewis, Jim Seward, Clinton Woolley, Ryan Smith, OkemoTV Peter called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

The minutes from October 21, 2019 were reviewed and accepted by motion, second and vote (4-0).



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Ryan Smith subdivision discussed. Follow-up regarding revisions will be discussed at the December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Planning

Commission.

Building Construction Registrations:

Prescott – Maple Hill Road, garage and breezeway: approved

Scully - Johnson Lane, garage: approved

McDevitt – Summit Ext., 2 car garage with 2<sup>nd</sup> floor apartment: approved

Blodgett - Belmont Road, repair of breezeway: approved

Helberg - Hortonville Road, new roof system for main house and 2 garages: approved

Correspondence: Ninevah Foundation re: proposed Rose subdivision. Proposal will be revisited at the December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Planning Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM by motion, second and vote (4-0). Respectfully Submitted, Nicole Lewis, Planning Commission Secretary

#### **Mount Holly Town Auditors Request**

Mount Holly Town Auditors are requesting of all organizations who **submit articles and or budgets for the Mount Holly Town Report** to have your articles typed single spaced and mailed or dropped off or e-mailed to: <u>mthollyauditors@gmail.com</u> to the Town Office no later than **January 6**, 2020. All articles mail to the Town Office at the following address: **Mount Holly Town Office**, Attn: Auditors, P.O. Box 248, Mt. Holly, VT 05758

If you have any pictures of your organization or the Town of MT. Holly that have occurred in town this past year and wish to have them included in the Town Report, please send them to us for our consideration. We can scan the photo and return it to you. For more information, call the town office and leave a message for one of the Auditors. Thank You, The Mount Holly Town Auditors

#### Planning Commission Meeting Minutes ~ December 16, 2019

**Present:** Peter Berger, Nicole Lewis, Jim Seward, Clinton Woolley, Gabrielle Macklin-Bickford, Kelly Beerman, OkemoTV Peter called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Kelly Beerman spoke to the Ninevah Foundation's proposed Rose subdivision. This qualifies as a minor subdivision. As the deed will indicate that there is to be no development on the parcel, a survey is all that is required. Public Hearing will be on January 20, 2020 at 6:30pm.

The minutes from November 18, 2019 were reviewed and accepted by motion, second and vote (5-0).

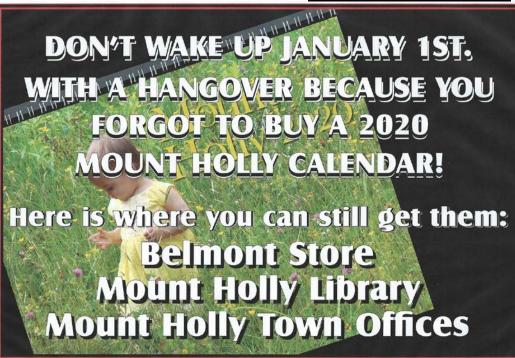
**Discussion re:** reorganization. Nicole will look into the possibility of offering the Planning Commission clerk (paid) position to a Black River High School student. Responsibilities to include attending monthly Planning Commission meetings and taking meeting minutes, filing/maintaining document files at the Town Office, etc. Election of officers will be postponed at this time. **Correspondence:** Christopher Blanchard re: Tilly subdivision and action by Select Board.

#### **Building Construction Registrations:**

Duarte/Flores – Dana Lane, back deck/mudroom/shed: approved Heald – Belmont Road, roof extension: approved Batchelder – Bowlsville Road South, garage: approved

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM by motion, second and vote (5-0). Respectfully Submitted, Nicole Lewis, Planning Commission Secretary









#### Vermont's Own Trad-Roots Power Trio Pete's Posse Wallingford Town Hall Concert Series Wednesday, January 8, 2020

#### 75 School St, Wallingford at 7:00 p.m.

Vermont's own trad-roots power trio! Composed of acclaimed musician Pete Sutherland, his talented protégé Oliver Scanlon and the uber-dynamic Tristan Henderson, Pete's Posse never fails to surprise and excite! Twin fiddles in tight, wild harmony over high-powered guitar and pounding foot percussion with mandolin, clawhammer banjo, jaw harp, rocking keyboards, and soaring vocal harmonies adding color to the Posse's sonic landscape.

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Since 2014 the Posse has racked up over 150,000 miles of touring, released 5 albums, and played numerous festivals including Shetland Folk Festival, Festival Memoire et Racine, New Bedford Folk Festival, and more!

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Suggested donations of \$10 to \$15 per person at the door. For more information, visit www.petesposse.com or call the Wallingford Town Administrator at (802)446-2872.

#### **Toys for Tots - 2019**

There is no greater joy than a child receiving a Christmas gift on Christmas Day and again this year Benson's Chevrolet at 25 Pond Street in Ludlow, VT will be a drop-off location for Toys for Tot. Our goal this year is to fill a pick-up truck with toys galore!

We will be collecting toys for children in need in our area until December 23, 2019. Donated items can be toys, books, bikes, games



and craft projects to name just a few! The toys collected are gifted to those in need during the holidays. We sincerely appreciate your contribution. We are open Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Lampert at 802-228-4000. We hope that you can help make a child smile this Christmas Day by donating a toy for a good cause. There is still a few days left.

#### Hello,

This summer/fall just absolutely flew by for me. Hope everyone was able to enjoy and properly prepare for the coming snow. I am sorry my updates in the Chitchat have been intermittent through the fall but there is not all that much to report until we go back to Montpelier in January. A question that has come up often and I do want to remind people that the legislature in Vermont is only part-time. I admit I was not fully aware of the schedule until living it myself, but the legislature is only in session from early January through (roughly) the end of May. So since June I have been back at my regular jobs, doing way too much work on my house, and Maintenance at the Castle Hill Resort in Proctorsville. I do my best to be available and have continued my coffee hours on Monday mornings throughout our three towns because it works with my current work schedule and I enjoy the conversations I have at each location, as varying as they may be.

As we now approach the start of the next half of the session in January, there seem to be an ever-increasing number of meetings and forums where groups and organizations host regional legislators to explain the issues they would like to see addressed in the upcoming session. I will remind you that I am currently on the House Human Services Committee so I am especially interested in groups with relation to Childcare and Elder-care.

This past session my committee worked on a number of bills that I am proud of but the biggest bill we worked on was centered on Childcare and as much as we accomplished I remain hopeful there is more we will be able to do on this issue in the upcoming session. In my opinion the regulations you must abide to be a registered Childcare home in Vermont are cumbersome and unreasonable. And they are forcing providers to forgo registering with the state which is contributing to our lack of access to care. This remains a top issue for me going into the next half of session.

As always if there are issues you would like to discuss please reach out anytime or stop by a coffee hour:

Monday December 23, 7-10am at Belmont General Store Monday December 30, 6-9am at Sweet Surrender Monday January 6, 730-10am at Pierce's

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#### Impending Ash Tree Crisis Discussed At Ludlow Rotary Club Meeting

At its recent luncheon meeting, the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) listened to Barbara Schlutz, Forest Health Program Manager for the Vermont Department of Forest, Parks, and Recreation, discussed the looming crisis created by the emerald ash borer (EAB) as it impacted the ash trees of Vermont, specifically, and the better part of the nation, in general.

Schlutz emphasized the need for every community not yet infected by the EAB to prepare for its onset throughout the state. She noted that the EAB was first detected in the Barre area in 2018. Since that date it has spread to nine more regions of the state, the latest being detected in Londonderry.

In her presentation, she described the initial spread of the EAB in the Detroit, Michigan area in 2002. Since that date it has spread to 35 states plus 5 Canadian provinces. The principal means of its spread has been by firewood since the EAB, itself, is unable to travel great distances.

In response to questions by LRC members, she indicated that the bulk of the effort to deal with this crisis would fall on individual towns. In



this context, private property owners will be faced with the need to decide how to deal with the problem on their property and bear the cost of it. Individual towns would be responsible for ash trees on publicly-owned



property as well as publicly-managed right-of-ways (ROW).

Rotarian Ralph Pace indicated that a local group had been organized to help both towns and private property-owners in dealing with the EAB. The group, the Regional EAB Resource Committee, will initially concentrate on conducting an inventory of ash trees in town-owned properties and ROWs.

Pictured above are Ralph Pace and Barbara Schlutz following her presentation.

#### **January Hospice Volunteer Training**

#### Specially trained volunteers have tremendous impact on lives of patients, caregivers and families

The Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of the Southwest Region is providing training for those interested in becoming hospice volunteers. Training will be held on Saturday, January 11th from 8am – 4pm, in Bennington. Training is free and open to the public.

Pre-registration is required for the training. Once training is complete, assignments and schedules are tailored to the volunteer's geographic and time commitment preferences. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old and need to pass a background check. No previous hospice and health care experience is required.

Hospice volunteers provide comfort and support to patients facing terminal illness, as well as respite and support to their families. Volunteer training covers the basic principles of hospice, understanding the special needs of patients and their families, effective communication, patient care, pain and symptom management, spiritual caregiving, and understanding grief and loss. Hospice volunteers are trained in listening skills, family dynamics and in using appropriate words to comfort patients and their loved ones at the end of life.

"Whether someone is interested in providing direct or indirect support, hospice volunteers are an integral part of the hospice team," said Mary Pleasant, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator. "Hospice volunteering allows exceptional caring individuals to use their gifts and skills to help provide patients, caregivers, and families with the most peaceful and comfortable end-of-life experience possible...and there are benefits to our volunteers. Not only do our volunteers tell us they have a deeper understanding of death and dying, but they also gain an enriched sense of other cultures and beliefs and have an enhanced sense of fulfillment to the community."

For more information or to enroll call Mary Pleasant at 802.442.0540 or email at <u>mary.pleasant@vnahsr.org</u>.



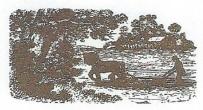
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# The Fleeting Seasons of This Life

"To everything, turn, turn, turn, there is a season... and a time to every purpose under heaven." ---Pete Seeger (popularized by The Byrds, originally by Solomon)

LIFE CAN BE REPETITIVE. Days, months, and years can take on a sameness that borders on boredom. Like the little boy who said to his dad over breakfast, "Daddy, I'm tired of life." Father was alarmed at the jaded remark until his son continued. "Yeah, tomorrow I think I'll have Cocoa Puffs." Life is so daily. The cycle of life will swing around but once for us, so we're made acutely aware of its seasons.

SPRING IS THE TIME of youth and freshness. We study for the future, and learn our trade or profession. These are days of unlimited energy and health that just won't quit. It's wonderful to become a Christian in the spring of life, to learn about the Lord, and to study and memorize scripture.



Some of us can remember when we danced until two in the morning. We worked from sun up until sundown. I recall pulling "all nighters" to finish term papers for college. I can't do that anymore. Those were good days.

If you're in the spring of life, plant extensively and well, grounding your new life deep in Jesus. "A sluggard does not plow in season: so at harvest time he looks but finds nothing. (Proverbs 20:4) Spring is also a time for pruning. Like one who tends on orchard, the Lord prunes our lives. He cuts off every branch that does not bear fruit, and prunes those that do, so they can be even more fruitful.



IN SUMMER we gradually begin to grow up, to mature. Most of our planting ought to be completed and it's time for cultivating. We can work more efficiently now. We've gained skill. We stand back, to size up the situation and evaluate before jumping into a problem. We still have the strength and enthusiasm of youth, but we move with a more even pace with the toughness of maturity. Our energy seems limited: our health seems to be softening. The first cut is the deepest and it doesn't seem to heal as quickly now. World issues don't seem as pressing and solutions not so clear. But we have wisdom- a gift received from God and learned through the experiences of youth. Trouble doesn't hurt as much. We know our Creator is with us redeeming us out of our troubles. We enjoy our life .. If you're in the summer of life, don't slow down. Fill in the gaps because once autumn approaches, there is little time for new growth before frost.



AUTUMN IS our favorite, maybe because we were married in it or perhaps because we *are* in it now. Autumn is the time of harvest- of souls, of mentors, of leaders. Life can become beautiful. Peace is easier. Our harvest depends on what we've already planted and cultivated. It's too late for most planting. Only a very few crops grow well in the autumn and winter. Autumn is not all hard work. Weeds don't grow as fast. The good habits of walking with the Lord in the quiet time, in Bible study and memorization can be carried out with relative ease. We tire more easily in the autumn of life, but wisdom and experience can make up for flagging stamina. Few mistakes should be made now because often our resilience is gone. If you're in autumn, work hard and gather all the crops God has for you. Observe your elders and live at peace in Him as they do.



WINTER IS, for many a time of fear and dread That's often true for those who've turned aside and can no longer say: the Lord is my Shepherd-- those who've lost the promise of the Lord's goodness and mercy following them all the days of their lives. But there's no escaping winter. Like the thieves on the crosses, facing a bleak and early winter, one chose eternal life. For the life lived for Christ, winter is a blessed time, a time of hope and resurrection.We gradually lose the strength and beauty that is temporary so we'll be sure to concentrate on the strength and beauty that is forever.

Are you in life's *springtime*? Trust God's timing to fulfill dreams and visions. In life's *summer*? Face daily challenges head on. In your *autumn*? Pace yourself. If you're feeling *winter's* chill, draw close to the Eternal One. His presence can make *every* season one of strength and beauty. *Pastor Glenn* 

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### **Community Health Clinics – January 2020**

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Wednesday, 1/01/2020,	Wallingford, Wallingford House,
Thursday, 01/02/2020,	Rutland, Parker House,
Wednesday, 01/08/2020,	Rutland, Templewood Court,
Wednesday, 01/15/2020,	Rutland, Sheldon Towers,
Wednesday, 01/15/2020,	Rutland, Linden Terrace,
Thursday, 01/16/2020,	Rutland, Maple Village,
Wednesday, 01/29/2020,	Rutland, Godnick Adult Center,
Thursday, 01/30/2020,	N. Clarendon, N. Clarendon Community Center,

The cost of the foot clinic is \$10. Please contact 802.775.0568 to find a clinic near you. No appointment necessary.

Cholesterol Screening: Wednesday, 01/08/2020, Rutland, Rutland office of VNAHSR, 8:30am

#### The cost is \$30. Call 802.775.0568 for more information.

Bereavement Support Meetings: Rutland – Every Tuesday at 6pm at Grace Congregational Church. The Reverend Andrew Carlson, office chaplain for the Rutland VNAHSR office, will facilitate. Call 802.770.1613 for more information.

#### Bereavement support meetings are free and open to the public.

Ostomy Support Meeting: The Vermont Ostomy support meeting will be held Saturday, January 18th from 10:30am noon at the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region, 7 Albert Cree Drive, Rutland, park down in the lower parking lot. For more information contact Kate Lawrence, MSN, RN, CWOCN, ET/WOC NURSE at 802.770.1682 or email kate.lawrence@vnahsr.org.

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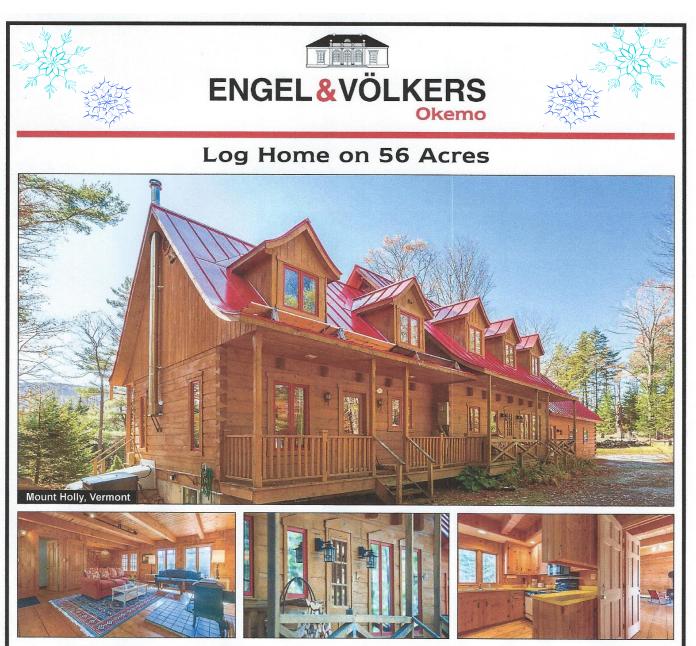
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