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MOUNT HOLLY CHIT CHAT

HAPPY NEW YEAR

January 2014

Village Baptist Church – Worship 9:30am, Pastor Glenn Davis 259-2440

E. Wallingford Baptist – SS 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am Evening 6:30 pm Phone 259-2831 www.ewbaptist.com

St. Patrick's Mass, Wallingford Sat 4 pm Sun 9:15 am Rev Justin Baker, Phone 446-2161

Annunciation Mass, Ludlow, Sat 4 pm, Sun 8 am & 11 am **Proctorsville** Sun 9:30 am, Rev. Romanus Igweonu Ph. 228-3451

Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce – Marji Graf 228-5830

Town Library: Sat 9-1 Sun 2-4 Mon 3-7 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

1 st	Ellis Island Opens 1892 ~ Emancipation Proclamation issued by Pres. Lincoln 1863 ~ Happy New Year	
Sun 5 th	Sno*Drifter Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	8:00 am
	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	7:00 pm
8 th	Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	7:00 pm
	Mt. Holly School Board Meeting, Ludlow Elementary School	7:00 pm
	Union #39 School Board Meeting, Ludlow Elementary School	7:00 pm
	Mt. Holly PTC Meeting, Mt. Holly School Library	3:00 pm
	Mount Holly Grange	7:30 pm
	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	7:00 pm
10 th	1st Meeting of United Nations General Assembly 1946	
13 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	7:00 pm
14 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	9:00 am
	Mason Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge, E. Wallingford	8:00 pm
	Selectmen's meeting, Town Office	7:30 pm
	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	7:00 pm
15 th	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont	7:00 pm
16 th	M.H. Republican Committee Meeting, Mt. Holly Town Office	7:00 pm
17 th	Benjamin Franklin 1706 ~ Operation Desert Storm Began 1991	
Sun 19 th	Robert E. Lee 1807	
20 th	Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office	Martin Luther King Jr. Day 7:30 pm
21 st	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations	7:00 pm
22 nd	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	7:00 pm
23 rd	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	7:00 pm
27 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart 1756 7:00 pm
		Vietnam War Ends 1973
28 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	9:00 am
	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations	7:00 pm

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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 – Dana Joval	259-2460 802-773-9101
Mount Holly Constable Paul Faenza	802-245-4452 802-786-4404	Health Officer - Tim Bickford	259-3664
Animal Control For Mt. Holly mhconstable@yahoo.com	802-786-4404	Vermont State Police	773-9101

Send ARTICLES to: Diana Garrow, 3379 Shunpike Rd., Mt. Holly, VT 05758 Phone 259-2314 or E-Mail to

chitchat@vermontel.net Check out Mt. Holly Web Site www.mounthollyvt.org

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January Birthdays: 4th - Jamie Ludwig 8th - Andrew Flanders * Dannielle Bussino 11th -John Ryea (1983) 14th - Kathy Wade 15th -John Wasilewski 17th - Lori Cole * Robert Keen 19th - Rick Ludwig * Benjamin Taylor * Lisa Bussino (1962) 20th - Eric Ludwig * Fredrick Ludwig IV 23rd -Thomas Osbourne * Jeff Columb 24th -Minga Dana 27th -Hannah Teter 28th -Chris Lombardi 30th -Brian Keen 31st - Jennifer Parker * Cole Tarbell * Tiffany Taylor

January Anniversaries 15th - Kyle & Nancy Perry 24th - Armand & Debby Bernagozzi

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.

Local Post Office Hours

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Post Master:

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& 2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
Sat 7:30 am – 10:30 am

Belmont 802-259-2790

Post Master: Jane Hill

Mon – Fri 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
& 1:30 pm – 4:45 pm
Sat 8:00 am – 10:45 am

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Post Master: Lynnette Devereux

Mon – Fri 7:00 am – 12:30 pm
& 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Sat 7:00 am – 10:00 pm

Cuttingsville/Shrewsbury 802-492-3585

Post Master: Barbara Perkins

Mon – Fri 8:00 am – 11:00 am
& 12:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Sat 8:00 am – 10:30 am

Ludlow 802-228-7436

Post Master: Dawn Howlett

Lobby Hours: Mon – Fri 6:30 am – 5:30 pm
Sat 6:30 am – 11:00 am
Window Hours: Mon – Fri 8:30 am – 5:00 pm
Sat 8:30 am – 10:30 am

January 6, 1942 - Pan Am Airway plane completes first around-the-world trip by a commercial aircraft (New York, NY 1942)

January 23, 1849 – Briton, Elizabeth Blackwell, 1st woman to receive MD degree in USA.

January 25, 1959 – American Airlines First Scheduled Transcontinental Flight.



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MEMBERSHIP IN CORPORATION: Open to all who live, work, or own property in Mount Holly and who make an annual donation of any amount.

The Annual Membership meeting is held on the second Monday in September in the Mount Holly Library at 7 p.m. The meeting includes the annual report and election of the Board of Directors

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**Happy 40th Birthday
Mount Holly Chit Chat**
From
Mount Holly Chit Chat
Staff

**Happy 40th Anniversary
Mount Holly Chit Chat**

From
Mount Holly Chit Chat Staff
3379 Shunpike Road
Mount Holly, VT 05758
802-259-2314

Mount Holly Chit Chat 40th Celebration

It's Coming in March ... The Big "4-0"!!!! In celebration of the Mount Holly Chit Chat's 40th Birthday, the March 2014 issue of the Chit Chat will be a commemorative, full color edition celebrating this milestone! It will include highlights from the very first issues

and from past issues spanning all 4 decades. The 40th Birthday Chit Chat will truly be a keepsake!

The Chit Chat will be selling advertising Congratulation Spots as shown here. The business card size will be \$40, the smaller size \$20 and a listing similar as the Business Roster listing for \$10. Your family, business or organization can join in the celebration by wishing the Chit Chat a Happy Birthday in the March edition.

Whatever you choose to do. The proceeds will go toward the production of this commemorative issue as well as production upgrades to the Chit Chat each and every month.

The Chit Chat has provided monthly issues since its beginning on March 10th, 1974 and is proud to be one of the oldest town publications in the State of Vermont. Come and be an important part of this 40th celebration. Reserve your Congratulation Spot now by sending your tax deductible donation along with your special tag to: Mount Holly Chit Chat 40th Celebration, 3379 Shunpike Road, Mount Holly, VT 05758. Email chitchat@vermontel.net or call 802-259-2314.

Hello MT Holly Sno*Drifters,

We are excited for another grand snowmobile season. We received 15 inches of snow Sunday, December 15th and another couple today (12/17). Our trails and gates are open and the trail crew has been working hard packing and grooming, putting in endless hours. Please ride with extreme caution because the snow is light fluffily, hopefully we will get more before Christmas. We are asking all riders to **STAY OFF Star Lake at this time**, the gates to the lake are closed until further notice. We will test the ice later this week for safety and keep you posted. Remember this is early riding conditions and the water bars are not frozen.

We are also gearing up for the New Years Eve Fireworks display. Bonfire will be lit at 7:00 PM and the fireworks will begin promptly at 9:00 PM. We are still accepting donations for the fireworks, there is a bucket at the Belmont Store or you can contact me for more information, your support is appreciated. Our President, Steve Forrest has been busy learning the ropes and designing new long sleeve T-shirts that will be on sale hopefully for Christmas vacation week. You will also notice a new banner at the Belmont Green thanking our landowners. Please be respectful and pay attention to the trail signs, we couldn't do this with out them. On another note, thanks to Carol Mattson we will have a website that should be up and running next week.

Please mark your calendars:

Club Meeting, January 5th, 8:00 AM at the Belmont Fire Station (We are hoping more riders will get involved, we could certainly use the help.) Sno Golf - January 18th (maybe canceled, we will keep you posted) Annual Poker Run, February 15th. (More information coming soon)

Think Snow and do the Snow Dance!!!! See you on the trails. Mary Alberty, Secretary, 802-259-2900





Carolyn Bickford

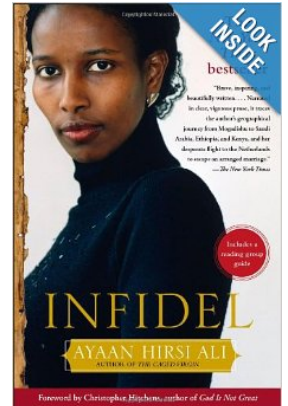
Carolyn Bickford, of Mount Holly, Vt., died Saturday, November 30, 2013, at the age of 65, from complications of Alzheimer's disease. Carolyn died peacefully with family members by her side. She was born in Worcester, Mass., March 16, 1948, to Roger and Lucy Lapointe. Carolyn was a devoted wife to husband Frank Bickford for 38 years. Her interests included cooking, gardening and crafting. She especially enjoyed being a wife and mother, and spending time with her grandchildren.

Carolyn is survived by her husband, Frank Bickford; mother Lucy Lapointe; son Corey Bickford, daughter Cheryl Lapointe; siblings David Lapointe, Marsha Sherblom, Shirley D'Ombrain and Janet Lapointe; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren living in Vermont, Massachusetts and Florida; also several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Carolyn's life was held at the Odd Fellows Hall in Belmont, Vt., Saturday, December 7. In lieu of flowers, send donations to The Mount Holly Elementary School, 150 School St., Mount Holly, VT 05758, specify the Seeds for Supper program. Arrangements are under the care of Adams Funeral Home, Ludlow.

Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group

The Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group is reading *Infidel* by Ayaan Hirsi Ali for our January 8th meeting. We will meet at Jane Hill's on the Tarbellville Road in Belmont at 7:00 p.m. Please pick up a copy of the book from Jane at the post office and join us. Call Minga Dana with any questions at 259-2471.



The Mount Holly Town Office Hours For Christmas and New Years will be:

We will be closed:

**Tuesday, Dec. 24th - day before
Wednesday, Dec. 25th - Christmas**

**Tuesday, Dec. 31st - day before
Wednesday, Jan. 1st - New Year's Day**

So we will be **open** only on the **Mondays & Thursdays** of those 2 weeks. So please plan accordingly.

Black River Valley Rod & Gun Club Thank You

On behalf of the Black River Valley Rod & Gun Club, I would like to say thank you to the following businesses and people who donated to our annual game supper raffle:

Fox Meadow Farm (Sampler Basket), Goodman's American Pie (Pizza), Grafton Village Cheese donated by Denis Deveroux, Law Office of Steven J. Howard (Poinsettia), Joan Pelkey (Herb & Spice Sampler), and Wallingford Locker (Ham)

I would also like to extend a BIG THANK YOU to Bob Brandt for donating his winnings of \$93.00 from the 50/50 raffle.

All proceeds generated from this raffle, along with Bob Brandt's 50/50 donation, will be used to help send children to Conservation Camp in the summer of 2014. Mary Nortunen, Director, Black River Valley Rod & Gun Club

Do you have a Digital Camera you are no longer using?

The Mount Holly Elementary School is seeking donations of **DIGITAL CAMERAS** in good working condition for a new after school program in photography

Students will learn about the techniques of photography and through photography will also learn how to capture and appreciate the world around them

This new program is in conjunction with the Parent Teacher Student Association and The Mount Holly Community Association. Students will also be encouraged to enter their photos in the Mount Holly Photo Contest.

Donations of memory cards will also be appreciated. Please also include your camera's battery charger. Donations of a zoom lens or a wide-angle lens would be a fabulous bonus!!

For more information or to make a donation please contact Karen Leonard at karen@karenleonardphotography.com (259-6045) or Janet Warren at janetwarren72@hotmail.com (259-2007). Many thanks in advance for your help with this special new program!

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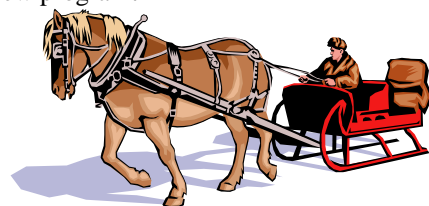
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We Wish We Had Remembered

How many times do we encounter town folks after the Christmas season that have served us all year and wish we had given them a card with a few bucks to thank them for what they do? Happens to me. Plan ahead. Look at your own situation. For me it's the guys at the recycle center, road crew, the UPS driver etc. are on my list. How about the postman and fuel driver? There are also groups like the fire dept, rescue squad, library and others. Don't forget and wish you remembered! Carol Delaney



PTSA Meeting Notes ~ November 13, 2013 - (unapproved)

Attending: Liz, Laura, Penny, Raye Lin, Craig, Karen, Raye Lin, Abby, Jamie, Sue

I. Holly Days Craft Fair Update: Sherri is moving along -- various classes are making products to sell, and boy scouts will be doing a table, as will the student council. Sherri also suggested that the student council, Mrs.

Coldwell and classes worked together to come up with a project to sell there as well -- maybe ceramic beads? Liz noted that her thought was that the classes could do that for the Spring Benefit instead -- and Penny will order the needed supplies to do it.

18 spaces have been sold. Max number available is 32, but usually about 28. Liz thought that maybe we could ask local restaurants to make food for the craft fair. Sue will ask chef at Coleman Brook Tavern to do some stuff -- Sue suggested just doing sandwiches and chips. Penny suggested kids who need community service to work the stand; Sue will set up the stand if we can get stuff donated. Sherri will talk with Sue, and Lisa Kelly.

II. Minutes: Liz made motion to approve minutes from last 2 meetings, penny seconded. Motion passed.

III. Playground: Craig and Student Council talked with Roy, who fixed several things on the playground.

There is some painting, and cleaning that needs to happen. The wisteria did get planted, and it grows pretty fast.

IV. Cider Days: Went great, and we suggested donating \$100 back to the MHCA. Penny thought very nice, and that wasn't necessary. Maybe just a thank you note. Penny needs to replace the glazes used for the project. (That plus furniture for kiln will be around \$300, which she will ask for from PTSA general fund).

V. Halloween: We discussed why our plans for Halloween didn't work out this year. Penny and Karen talked about idea of PTSA coordinating with MHCA to do a full blown celebration on Halloween itself -- party upstairs, games downstairs, haunted hayride in Belmont, trick or treating too. Penny said; get fire department involved in hayride. Or maybe the Sno*Drifters? Lots of excitement about the idea -- Karen and Penny will discuss with MHCA tonight.

VI. Winter Concert: Penny will work on the students making snowflakes. Has a plan. Abby said Mrs. Wilcox asked her to talk about PTSA about making hanging snowflakes to adorn the arch around the stage. Penny will take care of project.

VII. Student Council Report: Thinking about a Winter Holiday Fun Week the week before winter break -- a day dedicated to Chanukah, Christmas, Kwanzaa (contact Carole Devine about Kwanzaa), and one winter fun day, one could be winter treats.

Deck the Halls -- have all the classes decorate halls and their door, and have a bake sale every day. Theme -- holidays around the world. Coin drive for the children's hospital -- thinking about donating 50% of proceeds of bracelets going to CHAD. Craig has money from the bracelets. Will give to PTSA to deposit for now.

Spending Student Council money -- Lego Mindstorm. Josh is researching.

Jamie -- thinks ASP should make cards for CHAD, perhaps in make a difference club. 4th graders made wish tags and go into bracelets. Sue Wiegers has connections at CHAD and will ask what would be most useful for kids to do.

Student Council attended some school board meetings, and gave briefings on what they are doing here. Was met with enthusiasm. Other officers are thinking of doing same.

VIII. MHS Directory: Sue said she can do this at the print shop. We can hand them out at Parent--Teacher conferences around December 4.

IX. Artist in Residence: Plan is dance residency in March. Latest idea was to have Lida do 3 days, and Karen do 4 days, ending with a performance on a Thursday. Lida and Karen both seem interested in doing this. Lida (Wed--Friday), Karen (Monday Thursday). First grant for Lida is written, Craig is making changes to Lida's to draft Karen's. Stacey (works with Lida) helped a great deal. We need to wait to see if we get grants. Karen asked with minimum to max cost for us would be -- hope to be around \$1500, but not sure yet. Craig is working on Title 2 money as well.

X. Photo Contest Writing Idea: Karen raised idea of putting up some of the pictures from the Mount Holly Town Calendar Photo contest and having students writing projects designed around them, and maybe some entered into Vermont's Young Writers Project. Group liked, Craig talked with staff. Many are interested. Karen will put up pictures in early December.

XI. Treasurer's Report: Heather not here. Karen gave very general notes. Asked about Technology Fund -- Craig said money was raised over time and set aside for basic technology needs, but now have more money, so may be able to revisit those funds.

XII. Discussion of Finances: How are the accounts structured? Is it the right way? Should we hire someone? Sue suggested Maria Tomiselli. Liz suggested Cheryl Stryhas. Liz is willing to take it back and maintain it. Sue has a friend who can help name Linda who worked for GE. Karen will talk with Sue.

XIII. PTSA website -- Karen will keep working

XIV. T-shirt fundraiser: Abby had idea -- "booster" -- post t-shirt design and explain cause it's for (like kickstarter). www.booster.com Contest for kids to design t-shirt. Or, Penny's idea "Mount Holly, It's all Down Hill From Here" (has a graphic idea). Karen had already approached Morgan with same idea, and suggested Cafe Press as another option for selling the shirts. PTSA will discuss more.

Mount Holly School 1st Trimester Honor Roll

Honors

Grade 4 : Sadie Kobak, Sarah Perham

Grade 5 : Michael Kautz, Aislynn Kelley,

Sarah McHugh, Hailey Pierce

Grade 6 : Greg Eaton, Natasha Fortin,

Jae Greineder, Calvin Kelley, Josh Noble, Sara Swartz

High Honors

Grade 4 :Destiny Arnold, Connor Lopiccolo

Grade 5 :Josh Cohen, Caleb Nye

Grade 6 : Abby Crowley



MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY

Downloadable Audio Books

I recently got a call from a library patron with a family member who was not feeling well and was able to get comfort and relief by listening to books. They were wondering if they could download audio books through the library. We have offered this service for almost two years and I have mentioned it in the Chit Chat on many occasions but it made me realize that often we don't realize what is available until we personally have a need. The One Click Digital program that we subscribe to is available to our library through the state of Vermont for a yearly fee. I continue to renew our subscription in hopes that more people will take advantage of the service. There is Core List of 4,000+ titles that includes titles for adults, children and young adults all in a variety of fiction and non-fiction. Titles are always available with no holds or waiting lists. This is the email I received from the family who I received the call from "I want to thank you for helping us get the Audio books over the internet. We are very impressed with the state system and that our little library had access to it! I would have never thought our Mount Holly Library would be able to do this. So Thanks again!" It only takes one short visit to the library to sign up and get all the information so you can download audio books to your computer, MP3 player, iPod, iPad or laptop.

Free Computer Instruction – Computer Interns: How to Help Bridge the Digital Divide

In 2011 we had a very successful computer instruction program offered through VTel and I have been trying to find a way to bring this service back to the library. Karen Steever, a college student, will be coming to the Mount Holly Library every Sunday from 1 to 4 pm starting January 5th. The program is provided to us through a program started during the e-Vermont project and

Vermont State Colleges. This program has been very successful in improving digital literacy skills to Vermonters. Karen will work one-on-one with library patrons on skills that could help with job hunting, filling out forms on line, creating and using email accounts, internet search strategies, beginning Excel, Skype, or if you just have particular tasks that just frustrate you. One of the reasons I feel that folks have not taken advantage of the One Click Digital Program mentioned above is the fear that they won't know how to download the books on their devices. This is an opportunity to bring in your device and she can get you started!. If you wish to meet with Karen it is recommended that you make an appointment by contacting me by email, lherbst@vermontel.net or calling the library at 259-3707. It is best if you can give me an idea of what you would like to work on with Karen so we know how much time to allot to your question. If you have a laptop, iPad, notebook or Kindle type question you should bring your device with you to the instruction.

The Advantages of Automation!

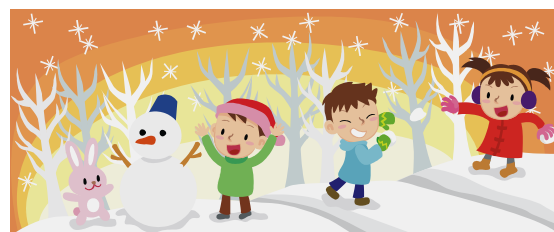
It still seems like a miracle when a patron comes in the library and asks if we have a particular book and in a few short minutes we can tell if we own it, where it is

shelved and if it is checked out. In a few months we will forget about the old days but right now it still seems pretty exciting. One of the great advantages of this system is that with a click I can email you what you have checked out and if your items are overdue. This is why it is so important for us to have your email in our system. Please fill out the Mt. Holly Library registration form so that you can take advantage of all the services that our new system provides.

Inter Library Loans or ILLs

I have been doing inter library loans for 8 years and very few patrons have taken advantage of this service. In the last few months I have processed more ILLs for patrons who have never used the service before and I am happy that people are beginning to take advantage of this program. If there is a particular book that our library doesn't own that you wish to read and it is a title that we can't afford to purchase or an older title that we no longer own we look for it in other libraries around the state. In some cases I can pick the books up or they are mailed to me. Large print books are very expensive so these I get from other libraries. Give us a call or email me with your requests and we'll see if we can find what you need.

- **Playgroup – Every Tuesday 10 am - Birth to 5 year olds**
- **Folk Club – Every Monday – 7 pm**
- **Middle East Study Group – Second Thursday of the Month – 6 pm**
- **Library Board Meeting – Third Wednesday of the month – 7 pm**



To the Editor,

I was disappointed that the impact on the future of the Mount Holly Elementary School was not discussed by the Select Board at its November 27 meeting on the proposed Town Garage. I worry that loss of one half if its land may have negative effects on the future of the School - and the Town.

Education in Vermont is about to undergo major changes in order to relieve high property taxes caused by small schools with uneconomical pupil-teacher ratios. Politicians are talking about school consolidation. The Mount Holly Elementary School, with the best academic record in the region, would be an obvious choice for a union elementary school, where the schools of Ludlow, Plymouth, Shrewsbury, and Wallingford could be consolidated. Mount Holly's enrollment could rise from its current 100, past the building's capacity of about 200, to 400.

Such an increase in enrollment would require new buildings, and additional space for parking, playgrounds, student gardens, and sports fields. The current school with its pine woods, nature trail, outdoor classroom, and two streams would be a very attractive site.

Such a school would add to the Town's reputation, attract new families, entice businesses, increase jobs, increase the

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tax base, and lower property taxes.

The question is: will the loss of half of its 13 acres (including woods) to an industrial type garage operation, prove to be sufficient to exclude Mount Holly as a site for consolidation? (Consolidation at another school site would cause Mount Holly to lose its elementary school – possibly forever.)

I don't know the answer to this question; but it seems to me to be important for the Town's residents and tax-payers to have opportunities to question, to hear from the experience of others, to engage in debate, and to have time for careful consideration.
Annette Lynch



Gravity to Reality

You've undoubtedly seen it, or at least heard the buzz about it. It seems that once in a generation a film comes along that transforms our sense of the immensity of space and yet challenges us toward a deeper spiritual awareness. A crisis brings Sandra Bullock's character to the brink physically and emotionally, but also forces her to reckon with the meaning of existence, mortality and life after death. "I mean," she says, "I'd pray for myself, but I've never prayed—nobody ever taught me how...". In a way, the answer to her prayers shows up. But I wonder about all the folks who'd likewise describe themselves as "religiously unaffiliated" on a survey. The fact is the likelihood of interest in prayer goes up when confronted with imminent death.

For an example, let's move from a Hollywood spectacle hundreds of miles high to a real life debacle 100 feet beneath the Atlantic. A recent viral video showed divers searching for bodies from the sunken tugboat, Jascon II. A hand appeared and the diver, assuming it was that of another corpse, grabbed it and the hand grabbed *his!*

Harrison Okene, the tug's Nigerian cook, had survived for 3 days by breathing an ever-dwindling supply of oxygen in an air pocket. As the temperature dropped, Okene, dressed only in his boxers, recited a psalm his wife texted to him earlier..."Oh God, by Your name, save me...The LORD sustains my life." Okene believes his rescue was the result of divine deliverance. The 11 other seamen aboard died. "I started calling on the name of God," Okene recalls, "I started reminiscing on the verses my wife had sent before I slept. I read the Bible from Psalm 54 to 92. When I later heard them (the rescuers) moving away...far away from where I was, again I *prayed*." Isn't it interesting? I have yet to see a survival story in which the person saved has said, "I just kept affirming there is no God and kept reminding myself, I am an atheist."

Whether an astronaut who's walked in space or a modern-day Jonah who's arisen from the deep, a return to Earth means perhaps a chance to reconnect with one's own fragile humanity, to be, in a way, born again. As believers we have the confidence that (as Tolkein helped C.S. Lewis understand) "myth" became historical fact in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and true rebirth is found in trusting Him as our *only* Savior. *Pastor Glenn*



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Letter to the Editor,

We are preparing for our session start in Montpelier next month facing several large issues. Beyond the projected \$72 million dollar gap in revenues to complete the current budget year, we must make serious funding adjustments to our teacher pension plans, the state benefits programs, and our schools. None of these are new concerns, just areas we have delayed taking enough action on. Big challenges without some funds from previous sources, including the use of one-time monies, will force more drastic measures. Finding more money is not an easy solution when no one wants to raise taxes.

The incoming Secretary of Education stated several weeks ago that with declining student enrollments, there are too many teachers. I have long promoted that some early retirements could provide an opportunity for some jobs, and savings when replacements are hired at a lower salary. It seems evident that new teachers will likely come into a different pension plan system. I hope everyone understands that any changes will be made in a bi-partisan way to hopefully save the future of the entire system.

There are many areas of our state benefit programs that will be under the looking glass. When I signed onto bills that address residency requirements, waiting periods, and drug testing it was to start the conversation. Our human services budget continues to be one of our fastest growing areas. Investing in training programs to prepare people for jobs, and changing how we deal with our prison population are some commonsense areas for long-term savings.

The property tax burden is something that we cannot ignore any longer. I am encouraged to hear some discussion about moving some education costs to the income tax. The voters understand how much we all value education, and that is the reason everyone has been hesitant to address the costs. But, the projected five cent increase for the second year in a row has many of us asking where do we go from here.

I have listened to many of you, and hope to hear more about your concerns throughout the winter. Please contact me at ddevereux@leg.state.vt.us or 802-259-2460 with a message.

To the residents of Mount Holly...

The Selectmen want us to build a new town garage closer to the elementary school. The huge trucks won't cause a problem. After all, the town employees are careful drivers, but I remember some years ago when the truck Jeff Teter was driving lost its brakes and he came careening down Hortonville Rd, across Route 103 and over the railroad tracks. Thankfully, no one was hurt, but accidents happen. Why then would we want to put big trucks closer to our elementary school?

The town's sand pile is already close to the school and, according to Select Board chairman Jim Heald, no child has ever been hurt, so why should we even consider moving it? On May 22, 2013 a 4th grader on a field trip to a St. Louis Park died when he was trapped under a big pile of sand. On October 31st of 2013 a 7 year old boy in Roslyn, WA who was digging a hole in a small

sand pile died when it collapsed on him. Do we have to wait for an accident to happen before removing a danger? Haven't enough people in this town lost sons and daughters to accidents? I am the parent of two fun-loving, inquisitive boys, and I know from experience that accidents happen.

I have listened to folks telling how over the years people have stepped in when the town needed something. Well, in that tradition, if the town needs a new garage and a place to build it, and since I am concerned that building a new garage near our elementary school will compromise the safety of our children, then I guess it's time for me to do more than speak. I have 5 acres that I will GIVE to the town for the purpose of building a new garage. Free is good? Maybe there is someone else who has some extra land in an even better location, but until such a person steps forward, my offer stands. If we need this garage, let's do it right. Let's not take chances with the lives of our children. Carol Ballou

POLITICAL FORUM SET FOR

JANUARY 25TH AT 2 P.M.

Mount Holly Town Office

A political forum on the issues in Montpelier will be held at the Mount Holly Town Clerk's Office on Saturday, January 25 at 2 p.m. In attendance will be our **Senator Alice Nitka from Ludlow** and **Representative Dennis Devereux**. They will discuss their understanding of bills that will likely have serious consideration, and some other important issues. The public is welcome, so please mark your calendars and plan to attend. It will be hosted by the Mount Holly Republican Party.

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SELECT BOARD ~ Special Meeting - November 21, 2013

This meeting was held by Friends of Star Lake (FOSL) to present information on the Reconstruction of the Star Lake Dam. This included the preliminary engineering report with alternative designs.

This meeting was warned as a Select Board meeting, so that more than one selectman could attend in order to gain information on the project as well as listen to public concerns and comments. There were no decisions made by the Select Board at this meeting.

Dubois & King presented their preliminary engineering report, along with two alternative designs for reconstruction of the dam, which currently is in poor condition. XXX, the presenter, reviewed the process of data gathering, both physical examination of the area as well as the mathematics of the issues. The two alternatives presented are designed for '½ Probable Maximum Flood', which translates to 14.5 inches of rain in 24 hours. In contrast, Irene was about 8 inches.

One alternative is a variation of the overflow spillway, as currently exists, with a bridge structure to the beach area. The other is a Drop Inlet structure, which would allow access via an embankment. Both are designed to increase the water depth of the lake to historical levels (18" above current level) and allow access by a 1-ton truck to the beach area. The drop inlet design is about one-half the cost of the overflow spillway, with the difference caused by the increased amount of concrete and the cost of the bridge in the spillway design.

Concerns raised included how either structure would be installed. Either design results in the loss of Star Lake for a season. There are two alternatives: one, to drain the lake (which is safer for the work crew) and two, to create a coffer dam, which adds \$20-30,000 to the cost, and would still lose the beach and boat launch areas. Construction cannot realistically be moved to early or late season, due to weather concerns: favorable conditions are June, July and August.

Concerns were also raised about the downstream outflow and culvert which goes under Belmont Road. This will need to be looked at, but the alternatives were to hold the water in the lake and prevent water from going thru the village.

The presentation began at 7:00pm and concluded at approximately 9:00pm. FOSL has posted a copy of the presentation on the Mount Holly web site. A hard copy will be available at the Town Office. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON NEW TOWN GARAGE ~ SELECT BOARD - November 30, 2013 at 10:00 am

The meeting started at 10:00 AM at the Town Garage. After viewing the garage interior, the group moved up to the proposed site. (Note: The entire meeting, including the walkabout, was videoed by LPCTV.) The remainder of the meeting took place at the school gym.

Jim Heald opened the meeting at 10:35 am. Raymond Tarbell and Tim Martin were present. Approximately 45 people were present at the meeting. Jim welcomed everyone and requested that speakers identify themselves and speak up or use the microphone.

Jeff Teter, Road Foreman, presented several pictures of the interior of the current garage for the benefit of those who did not attend the walkabout earlier. He noted that the vehicles are very tightly packed in order to get everything in the garage, making it difficult and somewhat dangerous to move around between the vehicles. The loader cannot be stored in the garage due to lack of space. He also presented pictures of the proposed new garage site.

Jim Heald gave some history. He noted that the sand pile used to be located where the Rescue Squad building is now. When the Rescue Squad needed to construct a building in 1981/82, the sand pile was relocated to the current site. He also noted that we have three long-standing employees: Jeff started in 1985, Les in 1997 and Clinton in 2004.

At this point, there was a 10-15 minute pause in the proceedings. Copies of the proposed layout of the new garage and elevation drawings were laid out for people to review. The meeting reconvened at 10:54 am.

Jim Heald noted that this is a proposed plan, subject to voter approval in March. This will be the proposal, unless we hear something today that makes sense to make a change to it. Jim opened the floor for comments or questions, reminding people to be civil and speak up or use the microphone.

Phil Crane: What is the status of the contract for this? There were two responses to the RFP, both local contractors (Wright Construction and Josselyn Brothers). Both contractors provided a lot of input during the process. Jerry Hansen reviewed both bids and recommended Josselyn Brothers. Mr. Hansen further clarified that Josselyn is the contractor of choice, although there is no actual contract at the moment. Josselyn is prepared to hold the price thru March, but not forever. He welcomed new ideas toward the project.

Brenda Kelly: Where are the exhaust points for oils/gas, etc. Has the cost for this been included? Dave Josselyn said that the HazMat area is not currently on the plan, but that it will be included and that the cost for it is included in the bid. The civil plan, as drawn by Ralph Michaels, includes the waste oil separator.

Annette Lynch: Four questions:

Mount Holly Animal Control Officer

The Mount Holly Animal Control Officer is Constable Paul Faenza. He can be contacted 24hours/day at pager 786-4404, or leave a message on his cell at 245-4452.

The ACO handles calls concerning domesticated animals, and farm animals, to include animals running at large, animal cruelty, aggressive dogs, dog bites, etc. For more information or any questions concerning the Mount Holly Dog Ordinance, please contact Constable Faenza at mhconstable@yahoo.com.

1) When does the life of the insurance run out on the current garage? VLCT, our insurance carrier, has said that the town would continue to pay the property and boiler coverage on the old building, as well as on a new building. The current building premiums cover a Guaranteed Replacement Value of about \$481,000; if the old building remains empty longer than 60 days, it decreases to Actual Cash Value.

2) What are the plans for the old building? She has heard that it will be pulled down, that some other town facility would use it or something else? Jim noted that the town is getting out of it for a reason, due to inadequate size and other issues. A decision will be made after the new building is started. The town could sell it, if we can, or it could be pulled down. In either case, the cement pad would remain. The site is not big enough to use as the replacement site. The increased (and speedy) traffic on the Belmont Road does create some safety issues moving equipment around the building.

3) Where are we with the lease with the school? Dave Venter (School Board Chair) said the school board had signed a letter of intent several months ago to provide a lease to the town for the 5.5 acres, with a vote of approval of the project by the town. The letter of intent mentioned a \$50,000 payment. That will probably be less after a review of appraisals, which is expected to be discussed at the next school board meeting, December 4. He also mentioned that there will also be a line item on the ballot for that payment, separate from the garage, to satisfy Title 16 requirements.

(There wasn't a fourth question identified; it may have been incorporated into one of the above?)

Jim Heald read a letter from Roland Marx, which had been sent to the Select Board before the meeting, as he was unable to attend. Mr. Marx felt the garage was currently in the 'perfect location', and asked about housing equipment elsewhere and building a new garage on the current site, rather than taking school land that could be useful in a future school consolidation. In response Jim noted that location might have been perfect 40 years ago, but is not now. (See notes above regarding the inadequate size and safety issues.) He also noted that the recycling building is also too small, has no land around it and is an out of the way location.

Phil Crane: What will be the impact on taxes given the current plan? David Johnson noted that the 1st full year would be the highest tax rate, and it would decline each year as principle was paid down. While the town could decide to pay interest only in the first year, but overall it makes sense to start reducing the principal in the first year to reduce the total interest. Interest only in the first year would result in a tax rate increase of .0068, or \$10.20 on \$150,000 of assessed value. Paying principal and interest in the first year would result in an increase of .0184 on the tax rate, or about \$27.60 on \$100,000 of assessed value. He clarified this was based on a bond amount of \$600,000, using an interest rate of 3%. The current interest rate is about 2%, and the bond amount is slightly higher than currently expected, allowing for some uncertainty until the March vote.

Brenda Kelley: What about security for the building and the salt pile, especially regarding the children? What potential (environmental?) issues may be looming with years of salt pile use there? The salt pile is inside a structure, and is not mixed with sand until necessary, so there are no looming issues. The project does envision a fence all around. There is currently a gate on the entryway to the site. In addition, the schools keep track of where the kids are when outside. Peter Smith cited an incident at Indiana Dunes State Park, where a child got buried in a sand dune. He stated there needed to be a significant perimeter fence between the school and the garage site.

David Hoeh: He appreciated the effort for the meeting, but stated it should have occurred 5 years ago. He still has concerns about limited alternative site analysis for the facility and little history or documentation of evaluating other sites. He feels the town needs to consider needs of other facilities in town and to consider the entire capital investment process, including the life of town structures and replacements costs and strategies. Jeff Teter noted that 25 years ago, Warren Cole (former Selectman) started looking at and evaluating other alternative sites, but that it always came back to the area of the salt shed and its central location. Peter Collins clarified that the school and the salt shed have coexisted since 81/82. He said the traffic going to the proposed site and the school is going to be the same; the only difference will be a building there. Jim said the Board is willing to listen, but have yet to hear of a better site.

Minga Dana: Have the appraisals of the property been done yet? Jim Heald said he heard they came in at \$15,000, \$30,000 and \$48,000.

Annette: The Board has made the case that we need a new garage for quality of work environment for our workers, for space for the town vehicles and for safety, but she asked the Board to consider the impacts and opportunities of this decision. Regarding the future of the school, the state is moving to consolidation and with its high ranking, Mount Holly would be a great organization for a regional consolidated elementary school. Would we lose that opportunity if there were a town garage located next to the school? What about the opportunity of a municipal building, housing the garage, the town office, fire and rescue all in one, that looks more like a town office building? She also noted that when 6th graders were asked to plan a municipal center, they wanted to improve the looks of the town buildings and valued the nature trail and 2 streams on the school property. She asked the Board to respect the wishes of the children and to take more time to think about these issues and a plan for this area. Jim said at this point, the proposal will go forward to a town vote as is. Jerry Hansen noted that one building for everything is very cost prohibitive. He also felt that looking at the topography of the town, there is no place to have one building that would hold everything.

Ron Unterman clarified that Annette asked if we are giving up the ability to be the regional center. He felt an entire second school could be built on the property. It is an issue, but he said he plans to vote for the project. Peter Smith noted the logical way to expand the school is in back, over the athletic fields which are not fully owned by the school. Dave Venter restated the Dept. of Education's response to the Planning Commission's question in its decision to approve the subdivision. The DOE noted that if needed, the school could expand upward, and that the 8.8 remaining acres would be more than enough to allow expansion should that need arise and is more than most schools have.

Dick Tilton thanked everyone for the work done so far.

Pat Teter said she thinks no one is ignoring issues. Everything has been talked about for a long time, and there are no new issues. She urged the Board to go forward with the plan. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

SELECT BOARD ~ Special Meeting - November 30, 2013

This meeting was held following the Public Informational Meeting on the proposed new garage. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss issues with the 2001 truck.

Jim Heald called the meeting to order at 12:08 pm. Ray Tarbell and Tim Martin were present. Also in attendance were David Johnson, Les Deyette, Jim Seward, Clinton Woolley and Rhonda Rivers.

1. Highways – 2001 Truck

The 2001 International truck has broken down and the town is looking at a major motor repair (estimated at \$7000) or replacing the truck. The motor repair would get us through the winter, and a new truck could be speced out this spring. The Board discussed towing the truck to Reedes (\$400) or risk driving it to Earles. Jeff felt Reedes might be the better choice, as they are an International dealer, and the repairs might be done a little faster and have some warranty. Upon motion made and seconded, with no further discussion, it was

VOTED: To tow the truck to Reedes to perform the motor repair.

Tim Martin suggested that other items (such as the clutch and injectors) be checked and replaced, depending on what was found. Jeff asked for a dollar limit he was authorized to approve without coming back to the Board. Upon motion made and seconded, with no further discussion, it was

VOTED: To approve up to \$10,000 of repairs (including the motor job) at Jeff's discretion.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:12 pm. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

SELECT BOARD ~ December 10, 2013 - Jim Heald called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Raymond Tarbell and Tim Martin were present.

Jim welcomed everyone and requested that speakers identify themselves and keep remarks civil and short.

1. The minutes of the regular meeting of November 12, 2013 and the special meetings of November 21 and November 30, 2013 and the garage informational meeting of November 30, 2013 were reviewed. A correction was made to the November 12 minutes. Under the treasurer's report, the third sentence should read: "Solid Waste revenues are on target and disposal expenses are a little high, but overall in line." Upon motions made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To approve the minutes of November 12, November 21 and November 30, and the informational meeting minutes of November 30.

2. Highways

- Road and Bridge Standards. – The Board reviewed the State Standards of January 23, 2013. (Adoption means the town receives additional state funding on certain grants.) Upon motion made and seconded, with no further discussion, it was

VOTED: To adopt the January 23, 2013 State Road and Bridge Standards.

- Grader warranty. Jeff presented information on an extended grader warranty, with the possibility of payment delayed until after June 30. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To purchase a warranty extension from 60 to 84 months, at a cost of \$5,250, to be paid after June 30.

- New Garage: David contacted the bond attorney to review timelines for bonding requirements. The Resolution and Declaration of Intent (allows project expenses up to 60 days prior to the declaration to be covered in the bond amount) can be voted at the regular January meeting and will meet the bond timeline requirements. The attorney will draw up the necessary paperwork, which needs the date of the required informational meeting. The Board agreed it will be on March 03, the night before the vote. What is the bond amount? The wording of the bond vote must read "not to exceed \$(bond amount)". The amount currently anticipated is \$600,000, which includes the School Board's Letter of Intent amount of \$50,000. Is this one payment, or could it be spread out? If one payment, could be in the bond amount, otherwise it would come from the general fund.

3. Treasurer's Report

- David Johnson presented an income and expense statement dated November 30, 2013 showing cash balances of \$2,956,789. Property taxes outstanding are \$209,488, which includes two prior year tax sales and a returned check. Current Use payment from the state is \$10,000 more than budgeted. Casella's bill has not arrived, so SW disposal expenses are for 4 months, not 5. Several questions were asked during the report. How much is owed on town equipment (where's the liability listed). The grader is a lease, so there is only the annual payment; total lease payments remaining are about \$200,000. What about the fire engines? The fire department is separate, and funded on a separate line item on the ballot. Current use payment differences? Depends on a state formula, which includes the number of people in current use, the town tax rate and the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA), based on the prior year data.
- Budget Work Session: The Board set the date of January 09, 6:30 pm for the work session. This allows review/changes at the January regular meeting, as well as the final warning meeting on January 23rd.

4. Planning Commission – part 1

- Local Hazard Mitigation Plan – Barbara Pulling, RRPC

Ms. Pulling explained that the local plan must be updated and approved every 5 years. Mount Holly's was done in 2009 and is now expired. Previously the local plans were an annex to the Regional Plan. Now FEMA wants each municipality to have its own plan. She is here asking the Select Board to approve a motion of support for the process, as well as

recommending volunteers to help with the plan. Funding for this effort is provided by a grant that has already been approved. Typical participants include the Road Foreman, Fire Chief, Town Clerk, and planning/zoning; she has already contacted the Emergency Management Coordinator. Other citizen and business owner participation is encouraged. The timeline is for a couple of meetings to update data and maps (probably in January). The plan then goes to the State for approval, public review process and FEMA approval. It then comes back to the Select Board for final approval. Asked if the town was required to have a plan, Ms. Pulling said it is required for FEMA funding and provides better ERAF (State funding) rates, therefore advantageous to have a plan. The Board tabled naming the list of participants until January meeting. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To approve the following statement: - The Select Board supports the process of reviewing and updating its Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, which will be accomplished with the support of Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) staff and with the engagement of the public.

5. Health Insurance

The billing portion of Vermont Health Connect (VHC) will not be operational for small business plans until sometime next year. The State has mandated that all current insurance plans be continued for three months, with enrollment on VHC by April 1, 2014. BCBS will allow direct enrollment in a VHC plan thru them, starting February 1, and possibly by January 1 because of the HRA funding. (The VHC plans will save the town money.) The Board agreed to pursue the direct enrollment option.

6. Transfer Station:

- Electronics Recycling: RCSWD plans to continue with Good Point Recycling and will take care of any filings required with the State online system. RCSWD will continue to pick up the electronics and consolidate them at the Rutland MRF. The town does not need to do anything and will continue to accept electronics.
- RCSWD Budget: A public meeting on the 2014 Budget will be held December 18, 2013. Details at the Town Office for anyone wishing to attend.

7. Planning Commission – part 2

- The Board took up the tabled vacancy on the Planning Commission. Both candidates (Anna McGee and William McGrath) were present and introduced themselves. Upon motion made and seconded it was

VOTED: To appoint William McGrath to the Planning Commission.

Jim Heald noted this was a difficult decision for the Board and encouraged Anna to be open to further participation with the town.

- The Town was notified that it did not receive a Municipal Planning Grant to support the update of the Town Plan.
- Administrative Officer: Tim Martin stated that the Planning Commission had met with and voted to recommend Nichol Griffin for the position of Administrative Officer. Upon motion made and seconded it was

VOTED: To appoint Nichol Griffin as Administrative Officer for the Town.

8. Star Lake Dam Reconstruction Plan

Ron Unterman, representing Mount Holly Conservation Trust (MHCT) and Friends of Star Lake (FOSL), presented a summary of the Dubois and King report and presentation, which was held November 21. Both the full report and the presentation slides are on the Mount Holly website. (Note: A copy of the presentation slide handout is available at the Town Office. The LPCTV video of the Nov. 21 meeting is on their website.) There are two design options: first, an overflow spillway with a bridge (similar to current) and second, a drop inlet, which allows an embankment instead of a bridge. MHCT and FOSL would like to do a lot of dredging in the beach area and bring the lake up to historic levels. Adding the cost of dredging (\$140,000) brings the cost of the two options to \$790,000 and \$490,000 respectively. MHCT has chosen the drop inlet design; FOSL has the funds to accomplish that option. The Town, as the owner of the dam, will need to sign any project paperwork. The Fire Chief expressed concern about the two hydrants, which must meet certain optimum gallons to meet State requirements, and will need to be addressed in the final design. There were several questions related to the culvert at the end of the outlet, which goes under Belmont Road. State Engineering and ANR believe the culvert is sufficient, up to 5 ½ or 6" of rain. Ray Tarbell noted that members of the community are concerned about the structure. While it may be sufficient, it is deteriorating and will need to be replaced sooner rather than later, and will be very expensive to replace.

9. Select Board Expansion

At various times and meetings in the past, it has been proposed to expand the Select Board from the current 3 to 5 members.

At this meeting, upon motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To put a proposal on the March 2014 ballot to expand the Select Board from the current three (3) members to five (5) members.

10. Other Business

- Diana Garrow presented the appropriation request for the Chit Chat. This year, the request has been increased \$500, to a total of \$2,500. She requested that the request be a separate line item on the ballot, rather than in the large appropriation request.
- Tarbelville Cemetery: A large branch of one of the two big pine trees has fallen and caused some damage to several tombstones (Dennis Devereux will repair the damage) and the town has received a bid of \$2,800 to remove the trees. There was a possibility of getting the required crane by Friday, but the Board felt that the custodian of the Goodell lot should be contacted (the trees are in that lot) for participation in the cost of removal before approving the hiring of the crane. The Board agreed that the trees need to come down.

- The After School Program appropriation request was received, with an increase of \$500 to \$6,500. It was noted that about half of the other appropriation requests have been received.
- The Town received information that Aquatic Nuisance Control grants are available, with applications due 02/05/14 via the online system. Ninevah Foundation and FOSL have been notified.
- Rutland County 2014-2015 Budget public meetings will be on 12/19 and 01/23. Information available at the Town Office.
- Mount Holly Newsflash has requested a copy of the Select Board minutes be sent to them when available. The minutes would need to be in pdf format, as Randy cannot access Word documents, which would be a non-standard format. It must be ascertained if both formats would need to be archived.
- Ray Tarbell noted that the small portion of Class 4 road added off Healdville Road (to Ron Unterman's property) needs a name.

The Board reviewed and signed the November orders for payment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

Minutes from Planning Commission Regular Meeting 12_16_13 Draft Minutes

Members Present: Jim Seward, Michael Valente, Tim Martin, Clinton Woolley, Nicole Griffin

Public Present: David Hoe, Theresa Cole, David Tilly

MENU C: Tim Martin-Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

OLD BUSINESS:

*Correction for prior meeting minutes has been change for the name Jim heald to Jim Seward.

*Theresa Cole made inquiry to board regarding possible subdivision, for property on Roger Hill Rd. Tim Martin planning commission chair stated that results from prior perk tests should be submitted to the board. Then the board will review the possible sub divisions.

*Planning Commission Chairman Tim Martin stated there was an error made with original plat presented by Ralph Michaels warn for Notice of Public hearing regarding sub division of property owned by Carl and Constance Beresin. Special Meeting of the Planning commission was sent on 1-6-14 at 7pm.

New Business:

* Welcomed new member Bill McGrath to the Planning Commission.

*Welcomed new administrative officer Nicole Griffin.

*David Tilly requested documentation to bring to his attorney to confirm boundary line adjustment on his property. It is the planning commission position (with the Town of Mt. Holly not having any boundary line adjustment regulations) that if the state approves it as such the Town of Mt. Holly Planning Commission will have no recourse regarding changes to state approved boundary line adjustment for Mr. Tilly's property.

*Richard Moore building registration/ permit regarding 24 x 24 house construction on 5.97 acres.

*Town highway access permits regarding Gregory Klzmock property off of Hen Farm road.

*Camille Boucher property regarding waste water/ potable water supply permit. Septic design drawings provided by Rapanotti Septic Design.

*Tim Martin Planning Commission Chair stated town of Mt. Holly did not receive grant requested to use to pay Rutland Regional Planning Commission to assist with completing Mt. Holly town plan. Tim Martin chair stated the Planning Commission needs to begin working in earnest regarding completion of the current Town Plan.

* David Hoe stated possible flood management committee may need to add information to the current town plan.

*Mike Valente made a motion to adjourn at 8:08pm. All planning Commission members voted Aye. Meeting Adjourned.

- roverb Respectfully Submitted By Nicole Griffin



Email Virus Warning

With the holidays coming up, I can see where this could be a problem. The newest virus circulating is the *UPS/Fed Ex/USPS Delivery Failure*.

You receive an e-mail from UPS, Fed Ex, or USPS along with a packet number. It will say that they were unable to deliver a package sent to you on such-and-such a date. It then asks you to *print out the invoice copy attached*.

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Ribbon Cutting - The Next Chapter – Ludlow Vermont

Marji Graf, CEO of Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce welcomes back Daryl & Herb Wisch to Ludlow. Daryl and Herb were the original founders of Chapter XIV and are now back as **The Next Chapter**. Please visit Susan and Daryl in this new venture at 138 Main Street in Ludlow. They specialize in unique women's clothing up to size 3x and accessories. They also have an extensive selection of children's educational games, puzzles and toys from newborn to age 14.

Pictured: Herb, Susan, Daryl of The Next Chapter and Marji Graf, CEO Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce



BRGNS Thanks Okemo and Skiers for a Successful Food Drive

On Saturday, December 7, 2013 the skiers at Okemo Mountain Resort brought food to the slopes to help fill the shelves at Black River Good Neighbor Services in Ludlow. The clients, volunteers and employees of BRGNS want to extend a hearty thanks to those skiers, and also to the Okemo employees and Mountain Ambassadors who so generously helped collect the food.

For many years Okemo has opened their season with the Cares and Shares Food Drive. Skiers donate items of non-perishable food, or a toy, or an item of clothing, and they get a deeply discounted ticket for a day of skiing. The Mountain Ambassadors greet skiers before they get to the ticket windows and collect the items in return for the discounted lift ticket. Cold as it was to stand there for some four plus hours, the Ambassadors came through and their efforts are hugely appreciated. This year BRGNS received over sixty boxes of food along with a dozen boxes of toys and clothing, all of which will be put to good use this holiday season.

Okemo Mountain Resort and Black River Good Neighbors have partnered for many years to help those in need here in the Black River valley. This food drive is just one manifestation of that cooperative effort. For more information about BRGNS, or to volunteer, please call 802-228-3663.

VERMONT SUPREME COURT RULES FOR LOCAL CHARITIES

The Vermont Supreme Court affirmed a 2012 Windsor jury's verdict allowing Phyllis Agan's trust gifts totaling \$1,550,000 to be disbursed mostly to local charities including: United Church of Ludlow, Black River Good Neighbor Services, Black River Academy Museum, Ludlow Garden Club, Masons, Rotary, American Legion Auxiliary, Annunciation Church, Gill Home, and Black River High School scholarships.

For over sixty years Bill and Phyllis Agan lived in Ludlow where both were active in many community activities. After Bill died, Phyllis placed her assets into a trust, the beneficiaries of which were her immediate relatives. She amended the trust many times to add and delete beneficiaries, and in 2005 she added some thirteen beneficiaries or increased amounts to beneficiaries already named, most of whom were charities in Ludlow. Phyllis' estate had a value of over \$5 million when she died in May 2008. Besides the charities, all remaining assets were left to immediate family members.

Her sister, niece and nephew, who were to inherit most of the balance of the estate, sued the charities to nullify the trust amendments. After an eight-day trial held in February 2012, a jury awarded the full bequests to the charities. The family appealed to the Vermont Supreme Court, which has now upheld the jury.

Ribbon Cutting For Vermont Property & Development

Marji Graf, CEO of Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce helps Vermont Property & Development staff cut the ribbon on their new addition.





Ribbon Cutting & Open House For LPC-TV

Marji Graf, CEO Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce helps to cut the ribbon to LPC-TV new facility in Ludlow. Besides welcoming them into their new studio, she participated in a holiday greeting during their open house.

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Ribbon Cutting

For Harry's Café New Location Picture right >

They are now at 68 Route 100 North in Ludlow. Open for dinner 7 days/week from 5 pm – 10 pm. Call 802-228-2996. They will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Night.

Tina's Fun Stuff to Wear, 47 Depot Street, Ludlow

Picture Below



December 2013 Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce By Marji Graf, CEO

The Chamber would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy & Healthy New Year!

Our region has been busy with holiday celebrations and Holiday Shop Tour scavenger hunts.

Ribbon cuttings were done for Tina's Fun Stuff to Wear and The Next Chapter. We welcomed Harry's Café to their new location, and celebrated open houses for VT Properties & Development and LPCTV.

We held our Annual Meeting/Holiday Party at The Inn at Weston December 11 with 60 people in attendance. Our speaker was Seth Goodall, the New England Administrator of the SBA (Small Business Administration out of Boston).

We welcomed the following members to the 2014 Chamber Board:

Sheldon Ghetler, William Jenney, Doug Ficken, Laura Williams, Barbara LeMire, Mary Knight, Brian Halligan and Julie Bowyer to a 2 year term, along with returning directors: Jim Szabo, Dan Cote, Layne Herschel, Donald Dill, Ed Matulionis, Julie Wood and Mark Verespy.

Liz Crowley, Bill Dakin, Terry DiNapoli and Lisa Scully were presented plaques to thank them for their terms of service.

Greg Hart of Blue Sky Trading was presented a certificate for being named December Member of the Month.

We set 2014 Marketing goals:

1. Add downloadable motorcycle routes to website.
2. Add PDF menus to dining section of our website.
3. Partnership with CGI to add economic development video content to our website as well as on www.relocate.org
4. Update our strategic marketing plan.
5. Continue to create packages on our website.
6. Continue scavenger hunts for July's HOG event.
7. Expand our 2nd Annual So. VT Home & Garden Show (April 5 & 6).
8. Continue Legislative trip to Montpelier Wednesday, January 22 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel.
9. Continue inside front cover co-op in the Vermont Vacation Guide (summer & winter)
10. Continue our Yankee Magazine co-op in May.
11. Add responsive design work on website for mobile devices.
12. Produce a 138 page Okemo Valley Regional Guidebook from May 2014-May 2015.

We also set 2014 Membership goals:

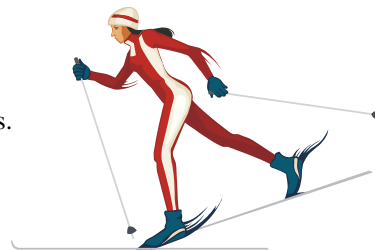
1. Increase membership to 425 members.

2. Continue to add ribbon cuttings to Facebook.
3. Continue quarterly new member orientations.
4. Continue to offer free educational programs as well as online learning modules through our Global Classroom Education Center.
5. Continue "Just Between Us" monthly M2M specials.
6. Continue free quarterly community outreach breakfasts.
7. Create and engage our Ambassador Program.
8. Continue to provide resources to help member businesses.
9. Continue Travel with the Chamber program.
 - 8 spots left for Scenic Ireland leaving 4/15/14
 - 9 spots left for Tuscany leaving 10/20/14
 - 10 spots left for China leaving 3/2015 (date tbd)

OUR MISSION: The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit, member-driven organization. It is the voice of its members and the business communities in the Towns of Andover, Cavendish, Chester, Ludlow, Mount Holly, Plymouth and Weston. It provides advocacy, support and unified regional marketing to promote and enhance our regional businesses and four-season economy.



Marji Graf & Seth Goodall



Greg Hart & Marji Graf



FOLA Raffles Off Its Huge Movie Collection

Fola (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium) has decided that, after two years, it has a fantastic movie collection that someone should enjoy.

As a result, it is raffling off the entire set of 24 classic movies as a unit. As will be noted from the titles, this set cover every type of good movie ever made. It includes the fantastic journey of "The Life of Pi", the great musical, "West Side Story", the humorous satire of "Chicago", and the classic drama of "Casablanca".

The proceeds of this raffle will go to the new FOLA project - 'Reseating the Auditorium'. This project is aimed at replacing the existing seats in the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium, most dating back to 1923 when the building opened, with more comfortable seating.

Raffle tickets are just \$5 a piece or 3 for \$10. Raffle tickets may be purchased at the FOLA web site, www.fola.us. Raffle ticket(s) number(s) will be emailed to bidders within a day of purchased.

The Winner will be notified by January 1, 2014. There is a shipping charge of \$12 for mailing the winner the movie collection (of course, if you can pick it up in Ludlow, there's no charge!). Ralph Pace for FOLA

FOLA will be showing the film, "The Bourne Legacy", on Saturday, January 4 at 7 PM at the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium. It's a great thriller as Jason Bourne continues to rediscover his life. It's free (donations appreciated) and the popcorn is courtesy of Berkshire Bank. For more information, www.fola.com or call 802-228-7239.

Movie	DVD	Blu Ray	
Life of Pi	X	X	
Steamboat Bill, Jr,		X	Buster Keaton silent
War Horse	X	X	
Company		X	Smash Broadway Musical
West Side Story	X	X	
Argo		X	
Gus and Dolls	X		
The Verdict	X		Collector's Edition
Les Miserables	X	X	
Rear Window	X		
The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel		X	
The Artist		X	
Chicago		X	
Wings		X	Silent - 1st Academy Award Winner
Dances with Wolves		X	
On the Waterfront	X		
Shane	X		
Casablanca		X	
Lawrence of Arabia	X		
The Maltese Falcon		X	
The Manchurian Candidate	X		
Skyfall	X	X	007's Newest
Beasts of the Southern Wild	X	X	
Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy	X		



If you have ever listened to the weekly Moth Radio Hour on National Public Radio, then you are familiar with the magic of live storytelling. If not, you will have the opportunity to experience it firsthand in Proctorsville on Sunday January 12. Eight great locals with a flair for the spoken word will provide a winter's afternoon of stories performed live without script---true tales that will touch your heart, make you laugh out loud and give you food for thought. True Tales will be a

fundraiser for the Cavendish Community Fund, which provides grants to support special local projects in history, education and the arts. The program will begin at 4:00 p.m. with \$10.00 admission. What better way to spend an afternoon in the heart of winter? For further information call 226-7497.

Winter Grief Support Group Offered

Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice (RAVNAH) will be conducting a six session support group and educational program for those who have lost a loved one. This support group is free and open to the public. Participants will have the opportunity to share their experiences of loss, as well as gain an understanding of the process of grief and its impact on life emotionally, socially, physically, and spiritually. The group will meet from noon to 1:30 p.m. on January 16 and 30, February 13 and 27, and March 13 and 27, 2014 at RAVNAH, 7 Albert Cree Drive, Rutland. To register, please call Ann LaRocque, at 802-770-1516. www.ravnah.org

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Wednesday	1/08/14	Wallingford Wallingford House	10:30 am
Wednesday	1/15/14	Rutland Linden Terrace	11:00 am
Thursday	1/16/14	Rutland Maple Village	10:00 am
Monday	1/20/14	Rutland The Meadows- SCU	10:30 am
Wednesday	1/29/14	Rutland Godnick Center	12:30 pm
Wednesday	1/30/14	North Clarendon Community Center	12:30 pm



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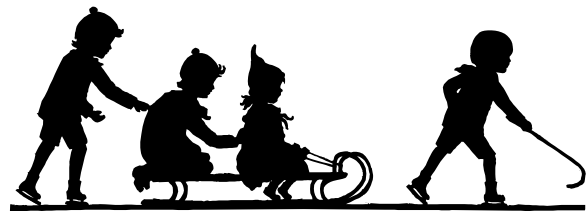
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