



# Mt. Holly Gout Gout

**Village Baptist Church** – Worship 9:30am, Pastor Glenn Davis 259-2440 [vbch@weebly.com](mailto:vbch@weebly.com)  
**E. Wallingford Baptist** – SS 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am Evening 6:30 pm Phone 259-2831 [www.ewbaptist.com](http://www.ewbaptist.com)  
**First Baptist Church, Wallingford** – Worship 10 am, Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm, Pastor Dave Bentley 802-446-2020  
**Lighthouse Independent Baptist Church**- SS 11 am & 3 pm Until May, 11 am & 6 pm, 253 S. Main St., Rutland 802-779-0300  
**Saint Patrick's** Mass Wallingford Sat 4 pm Sun 9:15 am Rev Justin Baker, Ph. 446-2161  
**Annunciation Parish** Mass, Ludlow, Sat 4 pm, Sun 8 am & 11 am **Proctorsville** Sun 9:30 am, Rev. Lourduraja Simeone 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: Wed 4 pm-7 pm & Sat 8 am-2 pm FALL/WINTER HOURS start October 10<sup>th</sup> Sat 8 am-2 pm Sun 9am-Noon**

Sept 26<sup>th</sup> **Roast Pork Supper**, Benefit MHVFD Auxiliary, Odd Fellows Hall 5:00 pm

Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> **Archery Deer, Moose & Turkey Season Begins**

Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Fire Station 7:00 pm

7<sup>th</sup> Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library 7:00 pm

Mt. Holly School Board Meeting, at Black River High School 7:00 pm

Union #39 School Board Meeting, at BRHS 7:00 pm

MH PTSA, Meeting MH School 3:15 pm

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> **Roast Beef Supper**, Benefit MHCA, Odd Fellows Hall 5:00 pm

12<sup>th</sup> Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building 7:00 pm

13<sup>th</sup> Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont 9:00 am

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Office 7:30 pm

Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station 7:00 pm

14<sup>th</sup> Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station 7:00 pm

ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont 7:30 pm

**US Air Force Capt Chuck Yeager Shatters The Sound Barrier in a Top-Secret Bell X-1 Rocket Plane 1947**

**National Bosses Day ~ Oscar Wild 1854**

Sat 17<sup>th</sup> **Moose Season Begins**

19<sup>th</sup> Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office **Revolutionary War Ended 1781** 7:00 pm

20<sup>th</sup> Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations 7:00 pm

21<sup>st</sup> Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont **Dizzy Gillespie 1917** 6:00 pm

22<sup>nd</sup> **Moose Season Ends**

23<sup>rd</sup> **Archery Turkey Season Ends**

Sat 24<sup>th</sup> **Baked Ham Supper**, Benefit Gill Home IOOF, Odd Fellows Hall 5:00 pm

**Shotgun Turkey Season Begins ~ United Nations Day Founded 1945**

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> **World National Youth Day ~ Pablo Picasso 1881 ~ Operation Urgent Fury 1983**

**Archery Deer Season Ends**

26<sup>th</sup> Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building 7:00 pm

27<sup>th</sup> Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont **Navy Day** 9:00 am

Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station 7:00 pm

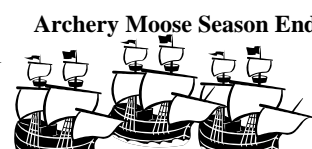
Mason Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge, E. Wallingford 8:00 pm

28<sup>th</sup> ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont **Statue of Liberty Dedicated 1886** 7:00 pm

**John Keats 1795**

Sat 31<sup>st</sup> **National UNICEF Day ~ Happy Halloween**

Nov 1<sup>st</sup> **Shotgun Turkey Season Ends**



**Columbus Day ~ Leif Erikson Day**

**US Navy Est. 1775**



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Mount Holly Fire Dept.	259-2700	or	911	Poison Control	(802) 658-3456
Mount Holly Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward	786-3408		259-2211	American Red Cross	802-773-9159
Mount Holly Rescue Squad	775-3133	or	911	Game Warden – Tim Carey	802-773-9101
Mount Holly Constable Paul Faenza	C 802-353-8347	P	802-786-4404	Health Officer - Tim Bickford	259-3664
Animal Control For Mt. Holly	C 802-353-8347	P	802-786-4404	Vermont State Police	773-9101

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**October Birthdays:** 1<sup>st</sup> –Darica Pierce 4<sup>th</sup>–Matt Lillard 8<sup>th</sup> - Lindsay Durgin 9<sup>th</sup> -Brian Buffum \* David Hendee 11<sup>th</sup> –Jodi LaPenna-Seward 12<sup>th</sup> -Ryan Smith 13<sup>th</sup> –Shari Lewis 15<sup>th</sup> –April Ely 17<sup>th</sup> -Billy Devereux 21<sup>st</sup> -Heather Pond \* Kenneth Taylor 22<sup>nd</sup> -Danielle Lillard 23<sup>rd</sup> -Jessica McMahon 24<sup>th</sup> –Dennis Bussino (1966) 25<sup>th</sup> -Andrew Taylor 26<sup>th</sup> -Nathan Turco 27<sup>th</sup> -Joe Parker \* Jessica Anthony \* Connie Niles \* Alicia Hendee 28<sup>th</sup> – Steve Lewis 29<sup>th</sup> -Susan Marshall



**October Anniversaries:** 1<sup>st</sup> -Jim & Millicent Johnson (38 yrs) 9<sup>th</sup> -Ron & Karen Blodgett \* Ron & Kelly Tarbell 10<sup>th</sup> –Tom & Kristin Veysey \* Gary & Lori Norton \* Wesley & Lisa Hupp 18<sup>th</sup> -John & Amy Taylor 25<sup>th</sup> -Roger & Diana Garrow (41 yrs) 31<sup>st</sup> –Jodi & John Seward \* Brigid & Paul Faenza (23 Yrs)

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](mailto:chitchat@vermontel.net) or call me at 802-259-2314.

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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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## Laurel E. Crowley



Laurel E. Crowley, 90, died Aug. 19, 2015, at Havenwood in Concord, N.H., after a brief illness. She was born March 28, 1925, in Belmont, Vt., the daughter of Everett and Cilva Devereux. She was a Rutland High School graduate and became a registered nurse through the Cadet Nurse Corps. She married Alfred S. Crowley on Oct. 3, 1949. He predeceased her in 2002. She worked as a nurse at Rutland Hospital and at the Gill Home in Ludlow, Vt.

Mrs. Crowley was an active member of the Belmont Community Church, where she taught Sunday school for many years. She volunteered for the American Cancer Society. She was active in service to her community wherever she lived.

She enjoyed playing cards, water aerobics and walking. Jigsaw puzzles were a hobby that she enjoyed until the day she died.

The Crowley's spent much time after retirement at their second home in Bradenton, Fla. In 2006, Mrs. Crowley moved back to NH to be close to her daughters.

Survivors include a son, Rage Crowley; daughters, Jean Spruce and Cilva Tanguay; three grandchildren, three great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Alfred Crowley, and by grandson Allen Crowley brothers Allen Devereux and Everett Devereux Jr.

There will be no calling hours. A family service will be held at a later date.

## Jeannette Ann Conderino



Jeannette Ann Conderino, 74, of Belmont, Vt., passed away after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer, on August 20, 2015.

She was married to her beloved husband of 35 years, Philip Conderino, and was the daughter of Paul and Helen (Wieliczka) Cardalico.

Jeannette was born in Hartford, Conn., and was raised in West Hartford where she graduated Conard High School, class of 1959.

She was employed at Cigna in Group Renewal Underwriting as a secretary and fondly remembers being chosen to operate a large LGP thirty machine in the early-1960s. Her next 14 years were spent at home lovingly raising her four children.

She later worked at area businesses including Paul's TV & Sons, ServiceMaster and Southeast Paving as an office manager. She came out of retirement to work part time at Congregational Church in Newington, a post she retired from to help care for her new twin granddaughters, Sarah and Grace.

Jeannette and Phil left the area upon Phil's retirement and maintained homes in Vt. and N.C. In all cases, Jeannette was an active parishioner in the Catholic churches they attended, Holy Spirit in Newington, in which she taught religious education to first and seventh graders, St. Mary's in Mount Holly, St. Mary's, Corpus Christi, Church of the Annunciation in Vt. and Our Lady Star of the Sea in S.C.

They were members of Okemo Valley Golf Club in Ludlow, Vt., and Jeannette loved her time with her golfing friends and thanks them for their support and was so touched when upon her illness, they named their team after her. She loved to sing and dance, fondly remembering a solo dance to the song, Mame. She enjoyed photography and was proud of her pictures that won in local calendar contests in Mount Holly, Vt. She was also proud of a poem she wrote which was included in the "Sound of Poetry" located in the National Library of Poetry.

Jeannette loved meeting new friends and enjoyed her time in Vt. and N.C. always helping her friends when in need.

Jeannette's family always came first and she was a huge part of all our lives. She will be forever loved and missed dearly. She was a woman of incredible faith and we find comfort in knowing she is now with our Lord.

Jeannette is survived by two daughters, Donna (Mike) Downes, Jeanie (Kevin) Smith, and two sons, Wayne (Tammy) Brookbanks and Paul Brookbanks; three stepdaughters, Kim (Jesse) Branche, Lisa (Bruce) Chapman and Lori Conderino; 10 grandchildren, Brittney, Wayne and Courtney Brookbanks, Paula Niklasson, Sarah and Grace Downes, Skylar, Sierra and Sophia Smith, and Blake Chapman; and a great-granddaughter, Jeannette Clair Allen.

Jeannette is also survived by two brothers, Richard and Leonard Cardalico. She also leaves her rescue dog, Frankie, rescued at 9 years old, now 17. She also leaves many nieces and nephews, especially Little McGoo and many great-nieces and -nephews.

Jeannette was predeceased by her parents; her first husband, George Brookbanks; her brother, Ronald Cardalico; stepmother Helen Leonard Cardalico; and sister-in-law Gail Cardalico.

There was a calling hour on Tuesday, August 25, 2015, at the Rose Hill Funeral Home, 580 Elm St., Rocky Hill, Conn., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in Corpus Christi Church in Wethersfield. Burial was in Rose Hill Memorial Park, Rocky Hill.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in her name to the Foley Cancer Center, Rutland Regional Medical Center, 160 Allen St., Rutland, VT 05701.





## Michael A. Colburn

Michael Andrew Colburn, 69, of Mount Holly, died Sept. 19, 2015, at his home surrounded by family. He was born Feb. 13, 1946, in Rutland, the son of Harry A. and Cecile (Houle) Colburn. A longtime resident of Mount Holly, he was a U.S. Marine veteran and served during the [Vietnam War](#).

Mr. Colburn was a self-employed contractor and owned and operated M. A. Colburn Enterprises.

Survivors include a daughter, Emily Freedman of Brookline, Mass.; two sisters Patricia Slade of South Londonderry and Rosemarie Faloney of Hershey, Pa.; a half-sister, Elizabeth Helberg of Mount Holly; and his long-time companion, Linda Griffin.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015, in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Wallingford, with the Rev. Justin Baker, pastor of Christ The King Church, officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Rutland Area Visiting Nurse and Hospice, 7 Albert Cree Drive, P.O. Box 787, Rutland, VT 05702-0787; or the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 215 Main St., White River Junction, VT 05009.

Arrangements are under the direction of Tossing Funeral Home.

## Mount Holly School Notes

\*Thank you to students & parents for adapting to our new morning routine. The café is staffed every morning from 7:45—8:00 a.m.

\*Students are not required to arrive at 7:45 but anyone who arrives after 8:00 will need to stop in the office for a tardy slip.

\*We encourage you to let your child out at the drop off area as we are striving to develop our students ability to become more independent. We really appreciate all you continue to do to foster excellence at Mount Holly School!

\*It is our goal to have every family complete the Free & Reduced lunch paperwork this year. This can be a tremendous help to the school and helps us qualify for funding for important programs. Last year almost 100% of families complete the forms and our Title 1 Reading funding increased by \$ 33,000. We are hoping everyone will complete the forms this year.

\* ACT 1 training is required by law for all volunteers. If you are planning to participate in the ski program, chaperone field trips or volunteer in any way in the school, you must attend this mandatory ACT 1 training on Tuesday, September 29th @ 6:00 p.m. in the school library. You will only need to complete this training once for elementary school. We encourage everyone to attend.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

**ACT 1 Training:** September 29th @ 6 pm (@ Mount Holly School)

**OPEN HOUSE:** October 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00 pm

**Parent Conferences:** November 3<sup>rd</sup> (This will be a half day of school for students 12:00 dismissal)

**Holiday Concert:** December 10th

## Local Post Office Hours

<b>Mount Holly</b>	<b>802-259-2796</b>
Mon – Fri	8:00 am – 10:00 am
&	2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
Sat	7:30 am – 10:30 am
<b>Belmont</b>	<b>802-259-2790</b>
Mon – Fri	7:30 am – 9:30 am
&	2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
Sat	8:00 am – 10:45 am
<b>East Wallingford</b>	<b>802-259-2829</b>
Mon – Fri	7:00 am – 9:00 am
&	2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
Sat	7:00 am – 10:00 am
<b>Cuttingsville/Shrewsbury</b>	<b>802-492-3585</b>
Window Hours	Mon – Fri
	7:30 am – 10:30 am
&	11:30 am – 2:30 pm
Sat	8:00 am – 11:00 am
Lobby Hours	Mon – Fri
	7:30 am – 5:00 pm
Sat	7:30 am – 11:00 am
<b>Ludlow</b>	<b>802-228-7436</b>
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

## Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group

The Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group will meet at 6:00 on October 14<sup>th</sup> at the Sorensen's on the Tiffany Road. We will be discussing *A Year in Provence* by Peter Mayle. Call Minga at 259-2471 for further info or to obtain a copy of the book.



## Mt. Holly School Board Meeting

The Mt. Holly school board met on Wednesday, September 2 at the Mt. Holly Elementary School gymnasium. The board discussed the upcoming TRSU meeting and board retreat at which board members will discuss Act 46 and budget concerns with regard to educational programming. Mr. Hutt Vater reported on the school opening and on current enrollment—99 students with 2 more planned to begin next week. He also reported on the SBAC results for the school, noting that Mt. Holly scored approximately 30% better than the state average.

The next regular meeting will be held on October 7 at Black River High School.

## Garden Club French Soirée

Final social event for the season! Tuesday 10/13 6-9pm. Elizabeth Latino will give a presentation of her trip to Provence including photos of French Landscape. We will also give an overview of Giverny. If you have any pictures of French gardens or gardening ideas to share with the group it would be delightful! Wear a beret or any attire that suits you or the theme. We will make French onion soup, Bishop's wine and a dessert compote. BYOB and something to share for an appetizer, salad or desert. Hope to see you! Georgianna & Steve Sorensen, 321Tiffany Rd, 259 3030

## Mount Holly PTSA

I cannot believe it is already time to start thinking about the upcoming Holiday Season. This year the MHS PTSA will be hosting a craft fair on Friday the 11th of December for a kids shopping day. There will be no Saturday event. Vendors will be asked to provide gifts between \$1 and \$5 for the students to purchase as Holiday gifts for their families. There will be a \$10 fee for each vendor space.

The students at Mount Holly enjoy this opportunity so very much, and past vendors have had such wonderful time watching and helping the kids bring home something special for someone special. The Craft Fair is also meant to help teach the children the importance of supporting a local economy. Please call or write Morgan at 259-2755 or [morganskiathitis@gmail.com](mailto:morganskiathitis@gmail.com) with any questions or for an application. - Morgan Skiathitis MHS PTSA

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## Black River Valley Rod & Gun Club

The members of the Black River Valley Rod & Gun Club would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for their donations in support of a fundraiser that will send four local children to conservation camp in 2016:

Jim Bates (Rod & Reel)

Lisai's Chester Market

Blue Sky Trading Post

MoJo's Café

Chaos Casbah

Ken Palmero (Harley Davidson Stool)

Clark's IGA

Riverside Veterinary

Grill

Gloria's Pantry

Grafton Village Cheese by Dennis Devereux

Harry's Café

Steve's Country Store

J.R.(Lady Bug)

The Hanger Café

LaValley's Building Supply

Big Eyes Bakery

Ludlow Village Pizza

Café At Delight

Napa Auto Parts

Chrisandra's

Ponderosa

DJ's Restaurant

Sam's Steakhouse Restaurant

Southern Vermont Hydroponics-Mt Holly

Squeels on Wheels

Johnny Boys Pancake House

The Sweet Surrender Bakery

Tacos Tacos

Benson's Chevrolet

Loretta's Good Food Deli

Book Nook

Peter Manship (Silver Smith)

Chop House Restaurant

Joan Pelky (Herbs)

Cook's Cupboard

The Rustic Rooster Bar &

Green Mountain Sugar House

Spaulding's Garage

The Hatchery

Subway

The Killarney

Qu's Whistle Stop

Also, a big thank you to those people and businesses who helped us make this year's annual field day a huge success:

Jim Bates (Grabowski's Farm-corn) \* George F. Butts-Artificial Insects \* Cota & Cota \* Bob Cram-Lets Go Fishing Program (sponsored by Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department) \* Bob Currier (Golf Carts) \* Java Baba's \* Kevin Laden-Fly Fishing Demonstration \* Steve Laskevich-Archery \* John Specker and his daughter, Ida Mae – Fiddlers \* John Murphy & Jeff Strong (Master Barbequers) \* Michael Sylvester – Ruger Firearms \* Bruce Temple (Marking handicap distance for trap shooters) \* And anyone we may have missed who contributed to this year's event.

## Suppers For Mount Holly Organizations



Settings Start 5:00 pm

At

The Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont

All You Can Eat - Served Home Style

Adults \$12 - Children 11 and Under \$6

Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> MHVFD Auxiliary – Roast Pork

October 10<sup>th</sup> MHCA - Roast Beef

October 24<sup>th</sup> Gill Home, IOOF – Baked Ham

Take Outs Available With All Dinners

More Info Call 802-259-2460



**NOTE: Lake Street will be ONE WAY For All Suppers For Emergency Vehicle Access and ease of traffic flow. Thanks**

## MT. MORIAH LODGE #96 FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS



OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup>

10:00 – 1:00

At Our Hall Just West Of The  
Railroad Tracks Route 140  
In East Wallingford

The Public Is Invited to Stop By  
Have A Free Coffee And Donut

Take A Tour Of Our Building  
Have Your Questions Answered

## **SURPRISING SOLAR FACT: ONLY SOME VERMONT SOLAR IS CLEAN & GREEN**

How's that? All solar is green. That's obvious, isn't it? Well, is a solar project that sells RECs green?

RECs are renewable energy credits. They represent the environmental attributes of the net metered electricity produced by a solar facility. RECs can be sold separately from the electricity output and for a ton of money.

The catch is when you sell RECs, you sell the rights to make any green or renewable energy claims. So a solar project that sells RECs no longer can claim to be green or clean or even solar.

Many if not most large scale solar projects in VT sell RECs out of state, and only the new owner of RECs can claim its energy as renewable. Nevertheless, these developers, after pocketing big money profits, still make clean and green energy claims, and their output is still counted toward VT's renewable energy goals.

That's double counting -- and is unethical if not fraudulent.

There are currently proposals to build more solar across VT, including some giant projects many times larger than any array operating in the state. If these projects sell RECs, they are goldmines for the developers at the expense of the state.

Fortunately, solar energy can be produced at great benefit to the local community and without selling RECs. There is an operating model called Boardman Hill Solar Farm that is being promoted by Vermont Natural Resources Council and Vermont Law School and is currently being replicated in other communities in VT.

This model is member owned, financed and managed and retires the RECs without selling them, so it is truly green. Yet it has lower costs than residential or off-site arrays, and is the only community scale solar project in the U.S. with a structure that the IRS has found eligible for the federal 30% tax credit.

Let's do clean and green and renewable energy in Vermont and let's be sure to do it for the benefit of the residents as a whole. Roland Marx

## **Solar and Wind Power: alternativeenergy sources**

**Interested in Solar and Wind Energy as a possible alternative energy source???**

### **Mount Holly 2015 Photo Contest**

**DEADLINE:  
Thursday, September 24!**

There's no time like now to get your photos in!!

**Entry forms are available**

at the Belmont Store, Mount Holly Post Office,  
Mount Holly Community Center/Library,  
and the Town Office.

Also available on-line at the Mount Holly web site at  
[www.mounthollyvt.org](http://www.mounthollyvt.org)

Photos due Thursday, September 24, 2015  
at the Mount Holly Town Office

### **OPENING RECEPTION**

Friday, October 2, 2015  
7:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact  
Janet Warren at 259-2007

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## Mt. Holly Sno\*Drifters

Hello Snowmobilers,

As fall settles in we need to start thinking about the upcoming snowmobile season. Our first meeting of the season will be Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM, upstairs at the Belmont Fire Station. All regular meetings will be on the first Sunday of the month at 8:30 AM at the fire station. We are hoping new people will join us and get involved this year, we will provide breakfast pizza from the Belmont General Store for the first meeting. Anyone wanting coffee will have to bring your own. The agenda for this meeting will include trail and bridge work, events, grooming, and officer elections.

Cider Days on Columbus Day weekend is around the corner and we hope you can support this endeavor by making a basket to be raffled off at the end of the event. Remember one hundred percent of the profits benefit the New Year's Eve Fire Work Display on Star Lake in Belmont.

Please feel free to call 259-2900 or email me if you have any questions or need additional information, especially about Cider Days!

Hope to see you all soon and enjoy the tidbits on the Vermont Snowmobile Laws.

Mary Alberty, Secretary



### DO YOU KNOW VERMONT SNOWMOBILE LAWS?

- Liability Insurance is mandatory: All individuals operating a snowmobile, in Vermont on the statewide snowmobile trails system, shall have a liability insurance policy or bond in the amounts of at least \$25,000 for one person and \$50,000 for two or more persons killed or injured and \$10,000 for damages to property in any one accident. In lieu thereof, evidence of self-insurance in the amount of \$115,000 must be filed with the commissioner. You must carry proof of insurance and show it upon demand.
- Speed considerations: Under Vermont Law, Title 23, Chapter 29, you must operate your snowmobile at a speed that is reasonable and prudent, taking into consideration current conditions, trail traffic and other hazards present on the trail.
- The maximum speed limit on state lands is 35 M.P.H. The use of radar on snowmobile trails is becoming a standard practice. With the use of hand held radar guns, the enforcement of speed limits that are imposed on all state lands, has increased dramatically. Snowmobiles are subject to posted speed limits on public roads open to snowmobile traffic.
- Vermont has a tough "Snowmobiling While Intoxicated" law. This law covers both drugs and alcohol. While you will be charged with SWI on the VAST trail system, intoxicated snowmobilers operating on a public highway will be charged with DWI. As a result of this violation, you will be assessed points and your driver's license will be suspended.

- A frozen lake maximum speed limit: A frozen lake is considered a public highway and the maximum speed limit is 50 m.p.h.

- Accident Reporting: If you are involved in an accident, resulting in personal injury, death or property damage in excess of \$500, it is your duty to stop and report it to local authorities. You must give your name, address, registration number and the name of the owner of the snowmobile to the party whose person or property is injured. You must also file an accident report with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles within 72 hours.

- Equipment Requirements: Your snowmobiles must be equipped with: headlight; red rear light; windshield free from jagged or sharp edges; a fully functional brake in good condition; efficient muffler and such other equipment and devices as may be required to meet the noise level specifications of not more than 73 decibels on the A scale at 50 feet in a normal operating environment. Colored lens covers on headlights are illegal. Windshields are mandatory or the operator must wear eye glasses, goggles or a protective face shield.

- Helmets: Helmets are mandatory for all riders on the VAST trail system.

- Replacement Exhaust Systems: It is against Vermont law to sell a replacement exhaust system that exceeds the manufacturer's original equipment specifications. Violation of this law will result in a fine of \$300 for the snowmobile operator and a \$300 fine for the person selling the illegal exhaust system. No by-pass of a muffler system is allowed.

## Mount Holly 2015 Photo Contest

### OPENING RECEPTION

Friday, October 2, 2015  
7:00 p.m.

Community Center/Library  
Lower Level

Come enjoy wine and refreshments and enjoy  
the first viewing of this year's photos.

You will also be the first to vote on your  
favorite photos for the 2017 Calendar.  
Voting only through October 25, 2015

For more information, please contact  
Janet Warren at 259-2007

The Mount Holly Photo Contest and Calendar are  
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## MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY

### Matthias Weiter – Continuing the Series of Talks on the Middle East

**On Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm** Mr. Weiter will present "New dynamics in the Middle East - how peace initiatives might supersede regional feuds." The library has been hosting Mr. Weiter's popular talks since 2006. His intent is to broaden our understanding of the area and not to promote a particular point of view. Matthias Weiter, PhD., is a part time resident of Mount Holly and has been working and traveling in the Middle East for 40 years. Professor Weiter teaches Development Studies at Humbolt University in Berlin, Germany. He is also a member of the advisory team for the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN-ESCWA) to develop a post-crisis scenario for Syria. He has just returned from Beirut and he will share his impressions of the current situation in the Middle East. He will talk about the ruling forces and clarify the conflicting interests. As in the past Mr. Weiter will be happy to answer questions from the audience.

### The Process of Filmmaking Is It Magic or Passion?

#### Stephanie Castillo Talks About Her 27 Year Career and Shares a Preview of Her Latest Project.

**Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm**, meet and talk with Stephanie Castillo who has been quietly editing her 10<sup>th</sup> documentary, a jazz film about the late jazz great Thomas Chapin, right here in Mount Holly. She will talk about the film- making process and present a sneak preview of her latest project. I have gotten to know Stephanie over the last month and I am delighted that she is willing to share her fascinating career and give us a window into film production. Stephanie J. Castillo is a former newspaper journalist and an EMMY Award-winning independent filmmaker. She has been developing television documentaries since 1989, four of them for PBS. Filmmaking is her passion. Her Hawaii-based production company, 'Olena Productions has been her vehicle for expressing her film ideas since 1988. She holds a journalism degree and an Executive MBA (2000) from the University of Hawaii and was a 1999 Fellow with the American Association of University Women. Filmmaking doesn't happen overnight. She has been working on her present project for 4 years. Right before coming to Mount Holly she spent 5 months in Europe where she filmed interviews and recently she released a small portion of the film at the Connecticut jazz festival to a rousing reception of some 500 attendees. In September the library screened her film "Strange Land: My Mother's War Bride Story" to an enthusiastic audience. Join us for this rare opportunity.

### Welcome New Volunteer Katie Lincoln

Katie Lincoln is a senior at Black River High School and would like to complete some community service hours at the library. Katie is a bright, capable young woman with a wonderful sense of humor. She will help us with our fledgling website and work on refining our automation. Thanks Katie for your interest in the library. Please stop in and welcome her!

### Last Book Sale of the Year

Stock up for winter reading. Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> – 10 am to 4 pm both days (rain or shine), the Mt. Holly Town Library will have our last book sale of the year. Not only will the sale book shed be open but additional tables will be set up for the overflow under the tent and in the library. The donations have been pouring in over the summer. Don't miss this amazing collection of books in all genres. Please help us decrease our inventory before winter and don't forget to pick up a beautiful Mt. Holly Library Book Bag!!

### Check out the Mount Holly Library website:

<https://mounthollytownlibrary.wordpress.com/>



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## **MOUNT HOLLY IS FOR THE BIRDS**

Visit the Mount Holly Historical Museum this season to see the beautiful bird art in the Perkins House Museum. We have bird houses made by a local craftsman and painted by local artists. We also have bird photos and other bird related art. All of these creative items will be part of a silent auction which will go on all summer. The auction will end on the Sunday of Cider Days in October. Funds raised in the auction will be used for the maintenance and operation of the museum.

Visit for more info at our website  
[http://mounthollyvtmuseum.org/upcoming\\_events.htm](http://mounthollyvtmuseum.org/upcoming_events.htm) or LIKE the museum  
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## **Join us for the 4th annual Vermont Tree Stewards Conference**

Saturday October 10th, 8:30am-4pm ~ Holley Hall in downtown Bristol (1 South Street) Registration: **\$12**  
 Conference focus: ***Healthy Trees, Healthy Communities***

We know that trees benefit communities; research studies, anecdotes, and our own experiences guide us in understanding the environmental, economic, aesthetic, and social benefits of trees. As the field of urban and community forestry grows, so do the ways that we are able to understand the vast suite of values provided by canopy cover, and the necessary resources, knowledge, and collaborations needed to grow healthy, long-lived trees in our most populated areas. At this year's Vermont Tree Stewards Conference, our diverse suite of speakers will explore the intersection between stewarding healthy trees and fostering vibrant communities. For the full conference agenda, speaker profiles, and registration information visit our [Vermont Tree Stewards Conference webpage](http://VermontTreeStewardsConference.org). Questions: Email [elise.schadler@uvm.edu](mailto:elise.schadler@uvm.edu)

*The Vermont Tree Stewards Conference is hosted by the Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Program, a collaborative program of the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, & Recreation and UVM Extension. To request a disability-related accommodation to participate in this program, please contact Elise Schadler at [802-656-2657](tel:802-656-2657) or [800-571-0668](tel:800-571-0668) by October 2nd so we may assist you.*



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## Mount Holly Community Association

**Cabaret...**ah what a special evening it was! Alexa Fila, jazz vocalist, and Joe Solomon, bassist, once again wove their magic for those gathered in the Library on September 6<sup>th</sup>. It's a wonderful way to bring summer to a close and this particular performance was truly special. We cannot thank Alexa and Joe enough for sharing their talent with us each year for the benefit of the MHCA! Many thanks also to all those folks who provided the scrumptious desserts, those who helped serve, and those who assisted in the set-up and clean-up of the library. Our special thank you to Madeleine Fay, who once again coordinated the event for the benefit of the MHCA and the entire community!

This year's **Photo Preview** of the photos submitted for the 2016 Photo Contest will be held on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Community Room of the Library & Community Center building in the Belmont crossroads. All of the photos entered for the contest for the 2017 calendar will be on display. Wine and light refreshments will be served. Please join us for this sneak preview, as well as the opportunity to vote for your favorite photos and socialize with friends and neighbors on a lovely fall evening.

The fall festival that we have all been waiting for is almost upon us! This year we are proud to say that **Cider Days** is one of the **Top Ten Fall Events** in the state of Vermont! We are already getting calls and emails from folks, who have seen the publicity that the Vermont Chamber of Commerce put out on our yearly festival, so we can expect hundreds of people to visit our little town come Columbus Day weekend, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>! The centerpiece of the festival is, of course, our 100+ year old press, which utilizes the rack and cloth method of pressing cider. You can get cider "cold" off the press and also enjoy hot or cold cider by the cup, accompanied by a slice of fresh apple pie with ice cream or Crowley cheese. In addition, there will be 35+ vendors on the Green bringing you a variety of crafts and other special food products. Cider Days will be open on Saturday from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm and on Sunday from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm. (Please note that Maple Hill Rd. will be closed just above the library parking lot, so vehicles will not be able to get into the crossroads via Maple Hill. From Rte. 155 one can come up Tarbelville Rd. and from Rte. 103 one can come up Belmont Rd.)

Another favorite activity of Cider Days is **voting** for your favorite photographs for the **2017 Mount Holly Calendar**, which will be taking place both Saturday and Sunday in the Community Room in the Library & Community Center. (Voting will also be going on during regular Library hours the week prior to Columbus Day weekend.) The 2016 calendars will be available for purchase in the library and on the Green.

The **roast beef supper**, which tops off the day on Saturday, has seatings at 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm. It's an all you can eat supper with roast beef and all the trimmings and a grand selection of homemade pies for dessert. The cost is only \$12 for adults and \$5 for children under 12.

We hope that you all will join us for this award winning festival...there is no better way to spend a beautiful autumn day than immersing yourself in some truly **old fashioned traditions** at Mount Holly's Cider Days!

For the Halloween party this year (Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>), there is going to be a double treat...a children's party beginning at 4:00 pm and ending at 6:00 pm that is going to be a **family affair** and **children of all ages** are welcome! Then at 8:00 pm there will be a **Midsummer Night's Scream** for adults only. The children's party will include a potluck supper (please bring your favorite recipe to share!) followed by trick or treating and a hayride. The adult party, beginning at 8:00 pm, will be BYOB and

music for dancing with your favorite ghouls will be provided. Please don't miss these very special treats of the season. Mount Holly is renowned for its creative costuming, so put your thinking caps on and surprise us all!

**Membership Reminder:** for those of you who have not yet taken the opportunity to join the Mount Holly Community Association (MHCA), a reminder will be going out in the mail shortly. Membership is our largest source of revenue and it is essential to continue all of the activities sponsored by the MHCA throughout the year, not to mention supporting the on-going maintenance of our beautiful Library & Community Center building. Please respond promptly when you receive your reminder, or pick up a membership form right now in the Library, or the Belmont store. The Community Association deserves your support...thanks so much!

**Donor Lists Hung:** the donor lists for both the *Campaign for this Historic Building* (covering the renovation of the Community Room) and the *I Need a New Coat Campaign* (painting the exterior of the Community Center building) have been beautifully framed and hung in the foyer of the Community Room. If you were not at the annual meeting in August when the lists were hung, please stop by and be impressed by the *extraordinary* number of people and businesses in our community, not to mention foundations, who contributed to these campaigns to upgrade and improve our beautiful, historic building. Thank you one and all for your support!

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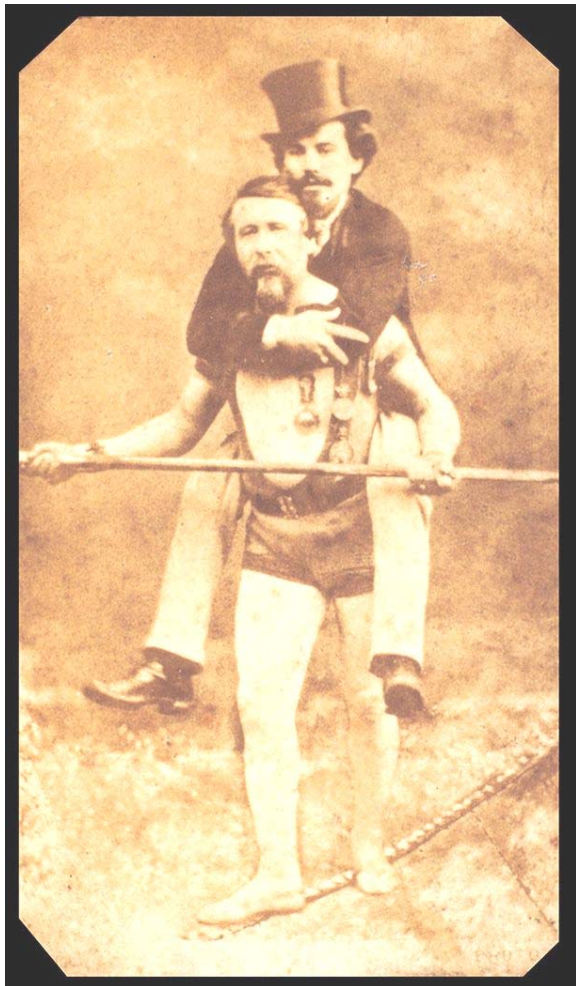
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In 1857 a tightrope walker named Blondin stretched a two-inch steel cable across the gorge of the Niagara Falls, attracting a huge crowd. He said to the onlookers, "How many of you believe that I can carry the weight of a man on my shoulders across this gorge?" The crowd shouted and cheered, "We believe. We believe. Blondin! Blondin!"

Sure enough, Blondin picked up a sack of sand weighing about 180 lbs. and carried it across the falls and back.

The crowd went wild as he stepped back on the cliff edge. Blondin quieted the crowd and said, "How many of you believe that I can actually carry a person on my back across the gorge and return safely?" Again the crowd indicated that they thought he could. "We believe. We believe. Blondin! Blondin!" Then Blondin called out, "OK! Which one of you will climb on my shoulders and let me carry you across the falls?"

Suddenly there was silence.

Everyone wanted to see Blondin carry a person across the gorge and many said they believed he could. But nobody wanted to put his life, literally, on the line in Blondin's hands.

Finally, one man raised his hand and stepped forward and agreed to get on the tightrope walker's back. Come to find out it was Blondin's manager who probably could see a good thing going down the tubes fast if no one volunteered. Blondin's manager had known the tightrope walker personally for many years. "You must not trust your own feelings, but mine", Blondin told the manager as they prepared for the crossing. "You will feel like turning or leaning when we don't need to turn or lean. And if you trust your feelings, we'll both fall. You must become part of me."

That is what faith in Jesus is: knowing Him personally and entrusting your eternal life into His hands. "Without faith it is impossible to please Him; for he who comes to God must *believe* that He exists and that He is a rewarder of those who search for Him" (Hebrews 11:6)

Is God calling you to trust Him to carry you over some dangerous impasses in your Christian pilgrimage? What do you need to trust Him for-- your next job, a fragile marriage, a bad habit, a recent diagnosis? What is it? Take a step of faith this week that demonstrates you have put your faith on the line. *Pastor Glenn Davis, The Village Church, Belmont 9:30 AM*



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## Mount Holly Town News

Minutes are "DRAFT" until approved at the next Select Board meeting October 13, 2015. NOTE: Most Select Board meetings are covered by LPC-TV. The videos can be viewed at their website, [www.lpcvtv.org](http://www.lpcvtv.org). Computers with internet access are available at the Town Library.

**SELECT BOARD ~ SEPTEMBER 08, 2015** - The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Ted Crawford, chair. Ray Tarbell and Tim Martin were present. All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: There were no additions to the Agenda:
2. Minutes:

- The minutes of the regular meeting of August 11 were sent out before the meeting for review. Upon motions made and seconded it was VOTED: To approve the August 11 minutes. (3-0)
3. Highways
  - Fuel and Propane bids – The Board discussed the current suppliers of diesel, fuel oil and propane, which was prompted by a letter from another supplier requesting to be included in a bid process. The Board agreed that there would be no bid process this year, as all were satisfied with current status.
  - Winter Sand - Jeff noted that all winter sand is in, just over 3000 tons.
4. Report of Treasurer
  - David Johnson was unable to presents copies of the finances, as the copier, which is his printer, died this afternoon. He did present some highlights. The town has collected \$3,380,000 in property taxes, which is 77.4% of the total. The discount amount is \$135,000 versus the \$132,000 which was budgeted. Solid Waste label sales were \$3,873 thru 08/24, versus \$4,400 last year. Casella's bill for August has not arrived, but tonnage seems to be lower as well thru July. The highway paving is done and came in as budgeted; \$1,200 has been charged to the town office for the paving of the handicapped parking area. (Some of the concerns were corrected during the paving process, but we have not been revisited to determine if we are now compliant.) David noted that we are only in month 2 of the fiscal year, so there is not a lot to report.

### Regular Select Board Meetings

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

## NOTICE MOUNT HOLLY TAXPAYERS

2015 Real Estate Property Taxes are due  
**Monday November 2, 2015**

After November 2, 2015 an 8% Penalty and  
1% per month Interest will be added.

Partial Payments are allowed.

Payments must be received at the Town Office or  
be postmarked Nov. 2, 2015 (or earlier) to be  
considered timely paid.

VOTED: To authorize the Treasurer to complete the online grant agreements. (3-0)

- Health Insurance rates: BCBS has notified the town of the 2016 insurance rates, which will be approximately 5.2% higher than last year. If the rate increases remain at this level, the town will likely avoid the 'Cadillac' premium penalty, scheduled to start in 2018. Even with the increases over the last two years, the town is still below the FY2013 cost of insurance.
5. Star Lake Dam Reconstruction Project – Ron Unterman
  - Work is under way and so far is proceeding ahead of schedule. The coffer dam is expected to be pulled before the Oct 1 date.
  - All permits were received.
  - Canoes: VLCT provided guidance for selling the canoes as abandoned property. The process includes notices in the Rutland Herald for 3 weeks, and going before a judge with the accounting of proceeds and costs. Ron will work with Rhonda to determine if these costs will make it feasible to go thru the process, as some of the 9 canoes are in bad shape and not worth much.
  - The monument plaque honoring Patricia Nye has been ordered.
  - The Fire Dept. has applied for grants to apply to the costs of the new dry hydrants.
  - Interesting stuff is being uncovered during the excavating, including a 200 lb. metal door which is going to the Historical Society, hand-hewn logs, horse-tie stanchion and gears.
  - New Annual Dam Registration Fees: Last year, the legislature approved new dam registration fees, to be due May 16, 2016. The fees range for \$200 for a low hazard dam to \$1000 for a high hazard dam. Only Star Lake dam was listed in the letter; Rhonda will confirm status of Lake Ninevah dam.

### TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY

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## MOUNT HOLLY TRANSFER STATION

**FALL/WINTER HOURS  
EFFECTIVE  
OCTOBER 10, 2015**

**SATURDAYS, 8 am to 2 pm  
SUNDAYS, 9am to Noon**

**Last Wednesday is October 07  
First Sunday is October 11**

**REMINDER: STICKERS ONLY, NO CASH**

Newsflash. All interested parties, including incumbents, must provide a letter of interest.

- RRPC/RRTC – No report, as there were no meetings this month.
- Solar and Wind informational meeting – There will be an informational meeting open to the town to discuss solar and wind siting guidelines. Ed Bove, from RRPC, and Karen Horn, from VLCT, will make presentations. The meeting time was planned to be after a Selectboard meeting and before the Planning Commission meeting to allow for any necessary actions to be taken. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00pm at the school gym. Notices will be mailed to all postal patrons, as well as posted in the usual places around town.
- Community Solar Array on Route 103. Last year, the legislature voted to allow municipalities more opportunity to weigh in on these large arrays. The Town received notice of an array planned along Route 103 and has 30 days (by 09/17/15) to request party status. The request is to be specific to the town plan requirements, but Mount Holly has none at this time. Dennis Devereux stated that even without zoning, a town can still seek party status. Ted recommended, and the Board agreed, to request party status. A letter will be drafted next week.
- VT Wastewater System newsletter – The State agency responsible for the potable and wastewater system management is now putting out periodic newsletters to help municipalities understand their responsibilities under the recent legislative changes. The current (and first) newsletter contained reminders that septic systems, whether new or replacement, have permit requirements that property owners must get. Certain repairs to systems do not need permits, but it is recommended to contact the state to have that confirmed before starting work.

### 8. Cell Phone and Internet Access

- No confirmed start date for the planned tower on Roger Hill, it is still moving forward.
- The Repeal of the 2001 Telecommunications Ordinance will take effect on September 12, 2015. There was no petition for a vote to disallow the action.

### 9. Other Business – None

- Cemetery Maintenance Issues – Dennis Devereux requested that the town look at tree issues in several cemeteries. The Carlton Cemetery is the greatest concern, with 5 large maples that have died or are in need of removal. The adjacent property owner is concerned the trees may fall on a planned garage.

The Tree Warden (Ray Tarbell) will look at the trees for further action.

- DriveElectric VT – The organization's website provides a list and map of all electric vehicle charging stations in the state.

### 10. The Board reviewed and signed the August orders for payment.

### 11. Executive Session

- Upon motion made and seconded, the Board VOTED to enter Executive Session at 8:16pm, to review two personnel issues.

- Upon motion made and seconded, the Board VOTED to return to the Regular meeting at 8:30pm.

- During Executive Session, the Board agreed that the Town will reimburse or directly pay, as allowed, for health insurance for a Medicare-eligible employee, to include Part B, Part D and Supplemental plans. On the second issue, the Board agreed that a personal time issue for an employee will be credited to the prior fiscal year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion made, seconded and approved, at 8:31 pm. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

### 6. Transfer Station –

- Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection this Saturday, 09/12, at the transfer station from 8am to noon. (HHW can also be taken to the RCSWD facility on Gleason Road in Rutland during normal operating hours. There is no charge for Mount Holly residents.)
- The metal pile needs to be pulled before winter sets in. Unfortunately prices are down now, so there won't be as much revenue as in the past.
- Fall/Winter hours – The Board decided that the last Wednesday will be October 7<sup>th</sup> and the first Sunday will be October 11<sup>th</sup>. Notices will be posted.
- The Rutland County Solid Waste District (RCSWD) Audit for the last fiscal year was received.

### 7. Planning Commission

- Two terms expire in November. Vacancies will be posted in October and November Chit Chat and on

### 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 **802-353-8347**.

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](mailto:mhconstable@yahoo.com).

### Mount Holly Listers Hours

The Listers are at the Mount Holly Town Office most Tuesdays 9:00am-12:00 pm or by appointment. Please call 802-259-2391 for any questions.



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**Mount Holly Select Board and Planning Commission  
Special Meeting Minutes - September 16, 2015 Meeting** came  
to Order at 7:00 pm,

Ted Crawford announced this is an informational meeting on Solar and wind. Ted Crawford and Bill McGrath introduced Karen Horn from Vermont League Cities and Town and Ed Bove from Rutland Regional Planning Commission. Karen gave a statement from there member's point of view, that there is not a balance today between public good and energy production. The land conservation measures in municipal plans and recommendations of municipal planning commissions and select boards are given "due consideration". Also under the new H.40 energy bill that the State goal is to be 90 % green by 2050. There is a debate in legislature that what is appropriate for permitting energy facts from the Public Service Board. They also do not have any regulations in effect right now for the rapid growth in solar farms in municipalities. A 150kw solar farm must be 150 feet from state highways and 50 feet from abutting neighbors. A 15-150kw must be 40 feet from state highways and 25 feet from abutting neighbors. For municipalities to have regulations they need to adopt a zoning by law or standalone by law for wind, solar and hydro areas.

Ed Bove from RRPC was the next speaker and the RRPC has 27 towns in there district, Mount Holly being one of them. He asks the residents what comes to mind when you think wind and solar? 35-45% raised their hands that it is ugly. Ed also noted that there regional plan for energy gives citizens some voice on solar and wind in their towns.

Paul Barton spoke up and said that KWs was not registering on how many panels that are being put up.

The RRPC transportation representative for Mount Holly Don Richardson spoke and noted that 4 panels is 1,000 kW of energy. Ed Bove noted that there are 14 commercial solar farms in Vermont, and the one located on Route 103 and 7 was a 4.4kw solar farm. He also noted that there are 28 solar farms right now ready to be put up and ½ of them would be in Rutland County. There have been 150 solar projects accepted since January. It was noted that each solar company is different but Green Mountain Power has to accept power from all facilities. The question was asked how this benefits the town. It does not; it benefits the state which cannot reach its goal with small solar farms and only 21% sunlight during winter.

Another issue was raised as to the solar farm being put up in Mount Holly and would it benefit town residents? All the power goes to the grid and then is divided by the electric company. The neighbor across from this project on route 103 was concerned about the buffer not being any effect since the property has an up- hill. There whole view will be of this solar farm.

It was noted that property owners are leasing land at a significant rate due to increase in solar field demands. The Federal tax credit for solar is 30% and expires next year and goes down to 10%. The Vermont State tax credit expires in the next 6 months and there is a rush to get these projects in. You will see a high number of projects this year and likely to come way down in the following year.

Another concern was if there was any data or information on the health effects of these solar farms. Ed Bove answered; there is no new data to answer these questions.

Dennis Devereux pointed out that there is a lot of people from out of state buying up our prime agricultural land to get state tax credits in their states.

Paul Barton said that we are selling our land to outsiders and getting no input on what is being done, also that we live in a tourist state and he came here to see the views of the 4 seasons, not these solar farms.

Ted Crawford asked a couple of question to see what the public view was. The general consensus from residents is they are OK with residential alternative energy, but not commercial. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm

**Mount Holly Planning Commission ~ September 21, 2015 - Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Public Present:** Julie Goraj, Paul Grenidier, Don Richardson, Dennis Deveruex, David Hoeh, Wayne Jones, Judith Briylea, Ted Crawford



**Members Present:** Bill McGrath, Jim Seward, Michael Valente, Tim Martin and Nicole Griffin

Meeting Called to order at 7:00 pm

**Old Business:** Minutes from August meeting approved.

**New Business:** Paul Greineder spoke for the Bickford Family subdivision. They are still waiting on an executor for the estate and will be at the next meeting.

**TDI New England** – Planning Commission received the wet land application they requested from the State.

**Sun Common** – There will be a 780 solar panel project on route 103 in Mount Holly on David Johnson's property. Some Town officials will be attending the Public Service Board meeting on this project. Property owners from across the street shared their concerns about the land being completely forested and the wildlife that lives there. Also that they will have a restricted view of just solar panels from their front door, Sun Common has agreed to put up a 5-6 foot buffer zone in the front to help close off the view. They also requested a public hearing to the Public Service board on multiple concerns they have.

**Solar in Municipalities Discussion-** the Planning Commission will write a moratorium to the Select Board in regards to the solar, wind and hydro Electric projects. They agreed to write moratorium in Executive Session later in the meeting.

Approved BCR's were Jeff Teter, Jaska Hill, Phillip Dunwoody, Sara McMillian, Ronald Unterman, Lori and Gary Norton and Dennis and Fern Melvin. Also Daniel and Estelle Adams were approved with the Planning Commission contacting Groundwater protection division on Septic concerns.

**Waste Water Permits:** Cynthia Dinino to construct a new 3 bedroom dwelling on Sharon Lane.

**Other:** grant Application process will be finished for September Due date.

Executive session 7:33pm to 7:47pm

David Hoeh of the transportation committee gave their draft version of the town plan revision for the planning commission to revise. Adjournment 8:00 pm

## **MOUNT HOLLY PLANNING COMMISSION**

The terms of two members of the Planning Commission end in November 2015. Terms are for three years.

Appointments to the terms ending in November 2018 will be made at the November Select Board meeting. Interested individuals (including incumbents) should contact the Select Board, at P.O. Box 248, Mount Holly, 05758 or email [mthollysb@gmail.com](mailto:mthollysb@gmail.com) or phone 259-2391 by November 9, 2015. A letter of interest is requested.

The planning commission meets on the third Monday of the month at 7:30 pm.

## **TOWN REPORT POSTCARD NOTICE**

You will be receiving a postcard in the mail asking you if you wish to have the town reports mailed to your house as they have been in the past. If you wish to continue having the town report mailed to you in February as it has been in previous years, please mail or bring the postcard to the town office.

We are trying this new method in order to save the town money because it is possible that many people do not want to receive the town report and the cost continues to go up every year. Since each book costs over \$5, this new method will insure that those who want to receive the book will continue to receive it, but it will also save the town money since others may not want it.

As always, there will be town reports available at the town office for pick up before the town meeting.

Thank you so much for your cooperation in this matter. Chris Pratt, Marcy Tanger and Carol Garrow-Wooley



BLACK RIVER GOOD NEIGHBOR SERVICES, INC.

### **Dear Editor,**

We are all experiencing higher disposal costs at transfer stations because of state law changes. Black River Good Neighbor Services is not immune. To generate funds necessary to fulfill our mission of providing food and assistance, we need to receive donated goods to

sell in our thrift and furniture stores. During summer, yard sales increase. Often, once the sale is done, sellers bring the stuff that could not be sold to BRGNS and leave it in the donation box or on the ground outside our door. We understand that this is done with the best of intentions, but if the item did not sell in a yard sale, we are not likely to sell it in our store either.

Please realize that the unintended consequence of donations that we cannot sell is less money available for us to buy food because we now have to pay new fees when we dispose of unsalable goods. Unfortunately, this is our new reality. As a result we must limit the quality of goods we accept so that we do not diminish mission fulfillment by paying excessive disposal costs.

The best way for you to help us is to be extra careful in what you donate. This is particularly true of furniture and mattresses. Leaving a couch outside for even one night in heavy dew will ruin it. If it smells, is torn or is badly stained it becomes a burden to us rather than a blessing. The transfer station considers mattresses and furniture to be construction/demolition waste, assessed by the pound. A wet item becomes an expensive liability.

As a result of the increased disposal fees, the BRGNS Board of Directors has charged our employees and volunteers with being more careful in accepting donations. They have a good understanding of what will and will not sell in our stores. Please be understanding if we refuse a donation. We are grateful that you thought of us, and that you care enough to help. Going forward as in the past, we are guided by our mission of providing help to those in need. We don't want that mission unnecessarily diminished. Sincerely, Peter J. LaBelle, President, Black River Good Neighbor Services, Inc.

### ***Chair Caning at the Black River Academy Museum***

On Saturday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> BRAM will offer a chair caning workshop exploring splint weaving and/or rush seats. Please be sure your chair is in good condition and has holes for the cane. The workshop will not be doing pressed cane. If you are unsure of what type of chair you have, contact the museum at [802-228-5050](tel:802-228-5050). The fee is \$60 per person which includes all supplies; however we do ask that you bring a lunch. To register or for further information call the museum or email [glbrehm@tds.net](mailto:glbrehm@tds.net). Registrations must be placed by September 26<sup>th</sup>.



### **New Channel Coordinators Announced at PEGTV**

PEGTV, Rutland County's public access television station, is pleased to announce that Christopher McCormack, our education channel 20 coordinator for the last 15 years, will be moving to public channel 15.

McCormack is a Rutland native and obtained his communications degree from Castleton University. He spent the early part of his career in radio and was hired as the program coordinator for PEGTV channel 20 in the fall of 1999.

"I'm excited to assume the role of Program Coordinator for Public Access Channel PEGTV 15. Having previously worked as the education coordinator, the transition should be seamless. I have the benefit of knowing all the current producers on the public access channel and feel right at home. My goal is to continue to build on the channel's successes and I look forward to working with current and new producers" says Chris McCormack.

PEGTV would like to welcome back Bryn Williams to the staff as the new education channel 20 coordinator. Williams was raised in Poultney, VT and is a 2005 Stafford Video Media graduate. She received her college diploma in Communications from Castleton University in 2010 and her passion for community relations led her to public access television. Williams was the previous channel 21 coordinator before relocating a year ago.

"I am pleased to have Chris McCormack fill my position as Channel 15's Program Coordinator. His years of experience as Channel 20's Coordinator and his vast knowledge of our viewing area will compliment the Public Channel perfectly" Says Executive Director Tom Leypoldt. "Having Bryn relocate back to Vermont at this time was a stroke of luck for us. Her experience with public access and her friendly manner are a great fit for channel 20."

PEGTV is comprised of Comcast Channels 15, 20 and 21 and VTel channels 163, 164, and 165 and is available throughout Rutland County to all cable subscribers. Streaming programming and video on demand services are also available online at [www.pegtv.com](http://www.pegtv.com). Picture: Bryn Williams returns to PEGTV as the new channel 20 coordinator as former coordinator Chris McCormack transitions over as the new coordinator for channel 15.



### **PEGTV Wins Five New England Media Awards**

Rutland Region Community Television (PEGTV) is a multiple winner in the 2015 Alliance for Community Media-New England (ACM-NEW) video contest.

PEGTV's Access program is the recipient of five awards that are listed below by place finished, category, and segment title.

- 1st place – Diversity Empowerment - "USABA/VT Adaptive"
- 2nd place – Community Impact - "Cyber You App Takedown"
- 2nd place – School/Educational Program - "Stuff-a-bus/Northwest Primary"
- 2nd place – General Talk Show - "ACCESS"
- 3rd place – Documentary - "Neshobe Island"

The 30-minute news magazine is produced and hosted by Amanda Wheeler. It airs on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. on PEGTV channel 15 and is celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup> year on the air bringing you positive news and events that are happening around Rutland County.

ACM-NE is part of the National Alliance For Community Media. They work with the state chapters of the ACM in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York and Vermont. The awards will be presented at the ACM Northeast Region's Trade Show and Conference in Hartford, CT on Thursday, November 19.

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Wheeler and field producer Amber Dumas shoot their introductions for the show that airs on PEGTV channel 15 every Thursday at 7:30 p.m.



## Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce

October Chamber Corner By Marji Graf, CEO [www.YourPlaceInVermont.com](http://www.YourPlaceInVermont.com)



- We had a great mixer at Stone Hearth Inn & Tavern in Chester. 19 companies participated in our popular "Let's Make A Deal," our business speed-dating mixer. Members worked together to create packages with one another that we can market at the Big E and NY Times Travel Show. Service companies had the opportunity to share their business with potential new customers. Thanks to Sheldon, Francy & staff for being so welcoming and hosting us.
- Our next mixer is October 14th at Crowley Cheese in Mount Holly.
- Congratulations to Gail Graves-Beardmore of Engel & Volker for being chosen Chamber member of the month!! Criteria used:

Contributes to community  
 Hosts and/or co-hosts mixers  
 Current on dues  
 Donations (door prizes for mixers/events)  
 Participates in shows.  
 Packages with other businesses  
 Participates in "Just Between Us".  
 Advertises/promotes & participates in guidebook and co-op advertising.

Contributes in monthly committee meetings.  
 Is an ambassador for the chamber and the Region.



- Thanks to everyone who volunteered and participated in our regions Antique & Classic Car Show. We were just shy of 200 cars; not bad for a second year show. Comments we heard from everyone was "this was the friendliest event they ever attended." Everyone had a great time.

### Summer 2016:

- **The Iron Adventure Run** is coming back

(motorcycles)....the last weekend in **July, 2016**

- **The VT Challenge** is coming back **August 11-14, 2016** (bicycle event)

2015 hosted 295 riders, including the volunteers who rode; Median age 54, Youngest rider - 24; Oldest - 82. 27% female. 22 states & Canada - Ottawa, Toronto, Montreal & Quebec. (Plus they raised \$10,000 for their benefactors: In our region it was Black River Good Neighbors)

- Okemo Valley Antique & Classic Car Show will be August 27 & 28, 2016.

- We'll have a busy summer in our Region. Let's roll out the red carpet for all these new guests! They will come back long after the event is over and stay in our hotels, dine in our restaurants and shop at our stores.
- 21 businesses attended our South-Central Vermont Legislative luncheon. 5 of our Region's legislators were in attendance representing various committees. Betsy Bishop from the VT Chamber presented the Impact list with \$52+ million of new taxes, fees & mandates that were passed in 2015 and what's upcoming in 2016. We are already facing a \$48+ million projected loss for FY 2017. At the luncheon legislators heard from small and large businesses about struggles they've encountered.
- Vermont Rail System and Mr. Darcy's sponsored another great FREE train ride for Chamber members from Chester to Ludlow and back on Thursday September 17th. 117 members and their families were treated to food, music, door prizes and a fun social evening. A big Thank You to Lisais Chester Market for sponsoring the music by Jamie Ward!
- Thank you to our Golf Committee: Julie Bowyer, Amy Balogh, Brian Halligan, Mark Verespy, Mary-Rita Batesole and Scott Blair. We couldn't offer a day out to play for our members without you!
- Thank you to our Energy Committee: Tesha Buss, Terry Bane and Vicki Thornton for hosting our very first Lunch & Learn at The Chophouse on 9/30 which was open to the public.
- Our guidebooks are flying off the shelves at the Welcome Centers. We've already gone through 3,000 more this year than this time last year!!

Stay tuned...we will be rolling out our new website shortly. We have moved from Green Mountain Marketing & Advertising to Webfluency, who is working with Everwondr to create the next level of professional websites for our region! Members will be able to add their events (like they do now), but it will automatically go Statewide!!

We have also contracted with Hawthorne Creative to create our new annual regional guidebook for 2016/17! More to come...



### **Orson Welles in a "Touch of Evil", FOLA's Next Ludlow Movie, Oct. 3**

The next FOLA film, a "Touch of Evil", will appear on Saturday, October 3 at 7 PM at the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium, featuring an all-star cast in the last, and probably greatest, of Hollywood's film noir era.

Touch of Evil is a 1958 American film noir crime thriller film, written, directed by, and co-starring Orson Welles. The screenplay was loosely based on the novel Badge of Evil by Whit Masterson. Along with Welles, the cast includes Charlton Heston, Janet Leigh, Joseph Calleia, Akim Tamiroff, and Marlene Dietrich. Also appearing in lesser roles are Joseph Cotton, Dennis Weaver, and Zsa Zsa Gabor.

Touch of Evil is one of the last examples of film noir in the genre's classic era (from the early 1940s until the late 1950s). Since its release, the film's reputation has grown in stature, and it is now widely regarded as one of Welles's best films. In 1993, Touch of Evil was selected for preservation in the United States National Film Registry by the Library of Congress as being "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant". The film was placed #64 on American Film Institute's "100 Years, 100 Thrills" list.

Basically, a "Touch of Evil" is a story about a Mexican narcotics investigator confronting a lying, crooked police captain and the subsequent action that takes place as a consequence.

A number of leading actors, anxious to work with Welles, agreed to participate in the film, some, like Joseph Cotton, not even being included in the film's credits. According to Charlton Heston, Welles was originally only to act in the film. But, as events later proved, he also directed and wrote the film's script.

Janet Leigh recalled how Welles asked for input from the actors in the cast:

*It started with rehearsals. We rehearsed two weeks prior to shooting, which was unusual. We rewrote most of the dialogue, all of us, which was also unusual, and Mr. Welles always wanted our input. It was a collective effort, and there was such a surge of participation, of creativity, of energy. You could feel the pulse growing as we rehearsed. You felt you were inventing something as you went along. Mr. Welles wanted to seize every moment. He didn't want one bland moment. He made you feel you were involved in a wonderful event that was happening before your eyes.*

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



### **NO SOLAR OR WIND PROJECTS IN MOUNT HOLLY Planning Commission Makes Decision**

At its regular meeting on Monday, September 21, the Mount Holly Planning Commission unexpectedly went into executive session to consider a proposal by *SunCommon* for a community net-metering solar array on Route 103 near Bowlsville Road. The Commission emerged with a policy against the development of community solar and wind projects in Mount Holly.

This action by the Planning Commission appears to be in response to a rapidly unfolding story: *SunCommon* applied to the Vermont Public Service Board (PSB) for permission to build the solar array. The Town was notified and the Select Board, at its regular meeting on September 8, made three decisions: 1. To seek "party status", in order to have input into the PSB hearings. 2. To hold a special public meeting on the current law regarding the siting of solar and wind energy projects in towns. 3. To hear the opinions of town residents on such projects.

On September 16 about 100 residents attended the special public meeting (announced on the Mount Holly Flash). The meeting was generally informational with citizen input.

However, the Planning Commission on September 21 avoided any public input on the *SunCommon* proposal, but then - in executive session (against the provisions of the Open Meeting Law) - it went a step further to announce a policy limiting solar and wind energy development. It will make this recommendation to the Select Board and has the legal basis to make the recommendation to the PSB.

It appears that the future of clean energy development in Mount Holly – with both positive and negative implications for our economy, energy costs, development, environment, and general beauty – may be in the hands of the Select Board. As one member of the Select Board is a voting member of the Planning Commission and another is an ex-officio member, the resulting decision may be pre-determined.

To my mind, the Select Board needs strong citizen input at its next meeting on October 13 to counteract - or confirm - the recommendations it will receive from the Planning Commission.

Following that the Planning Commission needs to revise – with vigorous public and professional input – the Energy chapter of the Town Plan, hold public hearings, and submit the result to the Select Board for adoption. A Town Plan that clearly states the position and policies of its citizens is a powerful tool through which the Town can be heard and can influence decisions by the PSB.

Annette Lynch

See [www.mounthollyvt.org](http://www.mounthollyvt.org) for 2008/2013 Mount Holly Town Plan; google "VSA Title 24, Chapter 117" for Vermont Statutes governing town plans and "VSA Title 30, Chapter 248" for alternative energy project; see [lptv.org](http://lptv.org) for video of Select Board and Planning Commission meetings.

## VT SMP Expands in Southern Vermont in the fight against Medicare fraud.

The Community of Vermont Elders (COVE), a statewide nonprofit senior advocacy organization based in Montpelier, is pleased to announce that its Vermont Senior Medicare Patrol program (VTSMP) has expanded its efforts in the Southern half of the state during 2015. The VTSMP program focuses on empowering seniors to fight Medicare fraud, error, abuse and waste. We do this through educational presentations and humorous skits put on by our Savvy Seniors performers. We offer Medicare Bingo, Medicare Jeopardy, and new in 2015, the Medicare Minute and Fraud Fighter program. These are fun ways to engage your residents, clients, or visitors to your Senior Center or meal, in conversations about Medicare, coverage, benefits and scams.

Medicare fraud costs approximately \$90 Billion per year. The VTSMP program conducts presentations statewide that focus on specific types of fraud and consumer protection issues. The VTSMP program can also help connect Medicare beneficiaries with services that help maintain their independence. COVE works hard to enhance senior independence through advocating for low-income subsidies for such things as home heating and prescription drug coverage, as well as transportation and kinship rights. VTSMP's ongoing partnership with the regional Area Agencies on Aging's State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) helps to further ensure that seniors can locate necessary services when they are needed. Through this partnership we can provide education on all aspects of Medicare and the prevention of fraud.

Remember that Open Enrollment begins on October 15 and runs through December 7. If you have questions or concerns about your Part D coverage, now is the time to find the answers. Still confused about Medicare parts A, B, D or Supplement 'Medigap' plans? Want information on how to protect yourself from direct sales scams? Want to learn how to protect your personal identification information? Questions about billing errors? Questions about benefits and services? Denied a service and want to file an appeal? Not happy with your coverage? These are all questions you can have answered at any one of our presentations that can be found throughout your county. Get updates on your Medicare and learn how to protect yourself from Medicare fraud, error, abuse and waste. Join us!

### Rutland County –

Godnick Senior Center – The 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the Month at 12:15 – Medicare Minute

Castleton Senior Center – The 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month at 12:00 – Medicare Minute

Poultney Senior Center – The 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month at 12:00 – Medicare Minute

November 10, 2015 from 1 to 3pm at the Poultney Young at Heart Senior Center – New to Medicare/Open Enrollment

Counseling – SMP will co-present with SHIP.

We will be visiting Rutland Interage Day Center again this fall for a Medicare Minute summary and update.

We also need Volunteers. We are seeking volunteers age 50+ to help us fight Medicare Fraud. Positions are available for presentations, office work, outreach and promotion. Opportunities for training are available. Mileage is reimbursed. For more information about becoming a volunteer or hosting a VTSMP presentation in the Southern Vermont area, please contact Kelly McElheny, Southern Vermont Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator, at 802-440-1528 or [Kelly@vermontelders.org](mailto:Kelly@vermontelders.org). Become a member of COVE at [www.vermontelders.org](http://www.vermontelders.org)!

## RAVNAH Offers Hospice Volunteer Training

Rutland Area VNA & Hospice (RAVNAH) will offer a free eight-week hospice volunteer training course for individuals who wish to become hospice and palliative care volunteers in the Rutland County, Dorset and Rupert areas.

There will be eight sessions beginning on October 15, 2015 that will meet on Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings, and will run through November 7, 2015. Topics include Death and Dying, Family Dynamics, Spirituality and Bereavement, Privacy and Confidentiality, Care and Comfort Measures, Communication Skills and Boundary Issues. Materials will be provided and there is no charge for the training.

Consider the difference you can make in the lives of patients, their families and other caregivers by becoming part of the RAVNAH Hospice support team. It is hoped that most participants will be able to give 2 to 10 hours of volunteer support per month to Hospice patients and their families upon completion of the course.

The training sessions will be held at RAVNAH, 7 Albert Cree Drive in Rutland. To enroll in the training or to find out more information, call John Campbell, RAVNAH Hospice Volunteer Coordinator at 770-1683 or email [jcampbell@ravnah.org](mailto:jcampbell@ravnah.org).

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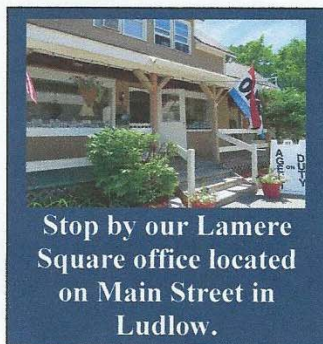
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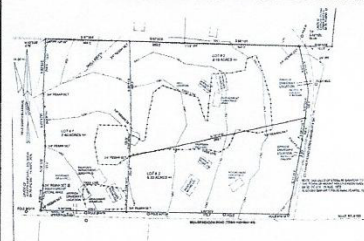
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## Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice

### Community Health Clinics – October Blood Pressure/Foot Care Clinics

The cost of the foot clinic is \$10. For more information please call 775-0568.

Tuesday, 10/01/2015,	Rutland, Parker House	10:00 am
Tuesday, 10/01/2015,	Rutland, Bardwell House	12:30 pm
Wednesday, 10/07/2015,	Wallingford, Wallingford House	10:30 am
Wednesday, 10/28/2015,	Rutland, Godnick Adult Center	12:30 pm

**Please call 802.770.1536 if you have any questions.**

**RAVNAH also offers Cholesterol Screenings for \$30 every month:**

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Clinics held at the Dorset Office are the 3rd Wednesday - call 802.362.1200 for an appointment.

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