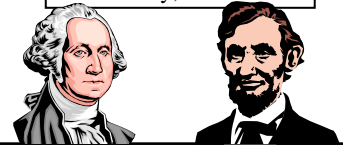


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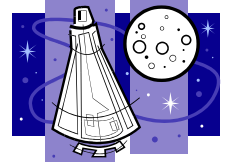
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Village Baptist Church – Worship 9:30am, Pastor Glenn Davis 259-2440 vbch@weebly.com
E. Wallingford Baptist – SS 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am Evening 6:30 pm Phone 259-2831 www.ewbaptist.com
First Baptist Church, Wallingford – Worship 10 am, Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm, Pastor Dave Bentley 802-446-2020
Lighthouse Independent Baptist Church – SS 11 am & 3 pm Until May, 11 am & 6 pm 253 S. Main St, Rutland 802-779-0300
St. Patrick's Mass, Wallingford Sat 4 pm Sun 10 am Rev Msgr Bernard Bourgeois, Phone 446-2161
Annunciation Mass, Ludlow, Sat 4:30 pm, Sun 8 am & 11 am **Proctorsville** Sun 9:30 am, Rev Thomas Mosher Ph. 228-3451
Mt. Holly Community Asso – Contact Penny Coldwell at 259-2760
Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce – Marji Graf 228-5830
Town Library: Sat 9-1 Sun 2-4 Mon 11:30 -7 Wed 3-7 Mt. Holly Town Library, P.O. Box 93, Belmont, VT 05730 Call 259-3707
Town Office Hours: Mon. to Thurs. 8:30 am – 4:00 pm Closed Fri. & Holidays Phone & Fax 259-2391
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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	Mt. Holly PTSA Meeting	Freedom Day- Pres. Lincoln Approves 13th Amendment	3:15 pm
	Mt. Holly School Board Meeting	Freedom Day - Abolishing Slavery 1865	6:00 pm
	Union #39 School Board Meeting		6:00 pm
2 nd		Groundhog Day	
Sun 5 th	Snow Flyer Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	America's 1st Weather Observers John Jeffries 1744	8:30 am
7 th	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station		7:00 pm
	Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library		7:00 pm
	Mason Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge #96, E. Wallingford		8:00 pm
8 th	Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	Boy Scouts Founded 1910	7:00 pm
	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		7:00 pm
Sat 11 th		Thomas Alva Edison Founder of General Electric Co. 1847	
Sun 12 th		Abraham Lincoln 1809	
13 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building		7:00 pm
		Boston Latin School 1st Public School in USA 1635	
14 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	Valentine's Day	9:00 am
	Selectmen's Meeting, Town Office	League of Women Voters Formed 1920	7:30 pm
	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station		7:00 pm
15 th	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont	Susan B. Anthony 1820	6:00 pm
20 th	Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office	Presidents' Day	7:00 pm
		John Glenn 1st American to Orbit Earth on Friendship 7 in 1962	
21 st	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations		7:00 pm
22 nd	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	George Washington 1732	7:00 pm
23 rd	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	Battle of Iwo Jima 1945	7:00 pm
Sun 26 th		Levi Strauss 1829	
27 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building		7:00 pm
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 – Tim Carey	802-773-9101
Mount Holly Constable Paul Faenza		C 802-353-8347	Health Officer - Tim Bickford	259-3664
Animal Control For Mt. Holly		C 802-353-8347	Vermont State Police	773-9101

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February Anniversaries: 17th -Lisa & Todd Bussino (1990) 23rd -Raymond & Clarise Dana 68 Yr (1949) 27th -John & Carol Delaney 52 Yr (1965) 28th -Andy & Teresa Bolalek

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

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Phillip Joseph Nexon

Phillip Joseph Nexon, formerly of Mount Holly, died Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2016. Born March 18, 1928, in Boston, Phil is survived by his wife, Linda; his children Jill Berman, Cindy Nexon (Peter Filsinger), Alan Nexon, Major Mark Nexon, USAF (Michelle), and Kate Nexon; and four grandchildren.

He was a graduate of the University of Chicago and Harvard Law School where he was an editor of the Law Review.

After service as a LTJG USN from 1951 to 1953, he practiced law at the Boston firm of Goulston and Storrs for more than 50 years. He was a trustee for many years and chairman of the board from 1986 to 1988 at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston.

He moved to Mount Holly in 1991 with Linda, Mark and Kate, and joined the Vermont Law School faculty as an adjunct professor of law. In 1995, he was elected to the Union 39 Board of School Directors.

An avid private pilot, for seven years he owned and operated Rutland Aviation, providing general aviation support and services at the Rutland State Airport. In 2001, he was appointed by Gov. Howard Dean to the District 1 Environmental Commission.

In 2010, Phil and Linda relocated to Guilford, Connecticut, where he enjoyed life close to the beautiful Connecticut coastline. Phil lived a full life, always with kindness, generosity and absolute love of family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mount Holly Community Historical Museum. Services will be private.



Maurice Peter Hawkins

Maurice Peter Hawkins, 74, died Dec. 31, 2016, at Rutland Regional Medical Center.

He was born Dec. 24, 1942, in Rutland, the son of Maurice and Dorothy (Garrow) Hawkins.

He was a self-employed truck driver for most of his life.

Mr. Hawkins was a member of Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department for 45 years.

Survivors include two children Lawrence Hawkins, of Clarendon, and Nancy Svahn, of Rutland; two siblings, Dexter Hawkins, of New Jersey, and Betty Hurd, of East Wallingford; and three grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his wife, Audreylin Hawkins, in 2013.

The funeral service will be held at a later date at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements are by Clifford Funeral Home in Rutland.



Mark E. Stock

Mark E. Stocker, 64, of Mount Holly, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2017, while at work.

He was born Aug. 17, 1952, in Springfield, the son of Arthur and Edna (Carlisle) Stocker.

He grew up in Cavendish and graduated from Black River High School in 1970.

He married Kendra (Upton) Stocker in 1972.

During high school, he worked for van Schaik Brothers. Over his lifetime, he was a heavy equipment operator, logger, sawyer and small engine mechanic, owning and operating Lakeside Power Center. For the past 20 years, he worked for Markowski Excavating.

Mark loved being in his woods at camp in Mendon, cutting firewood and hunting. He also loved spending time in Colorado, elk hunting and fly fishing with flies

he tied himself.

Mark is survived by his wife of 44 years, Kendra; son, Eric, and his wife, Christy, of Mount Holly, and granddaughter, Audrey; his son, Thomas and wife, Lyndsie, and grandson, Mason, of Auberry, California; his sister, Kathy Vachon, and husband, Robert, of Walpole, Massachusetts; niece, Kerri Ann Baccari, her husband and children; nephew, David Vachon; and several cousins; an aunt and uncle, Clarissa Coleman and Leonard Carlisle. His parents predeceased him.

Relatives and friends are invited for a time of visitation on Tuesday, Jan. 10, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Adams Funeral Home, 12 Meadow St., Ludlow. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 11, at the Tyson Church, Tyson. Graveside committal services in the Cavendish Cemetery will follow at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Black River Rod & Gun Club, c/o Ruth Cenate, P.O. Box 821, Springfield, VT 05156; reference: in memory of Mark Stocker. Arrangements are by Adams Funeral Home, Ludlow.

Join Bone Builders

Monday, Wednesday & Friday Mornings

9:00 am

At Mt. Holly Community Center

For Weights and more information

Call Cathy Chadburn 259-3665

Those of you who have weights and are unable to attend Bone Builders any more for what ever reason, please be sure to return the weights so others may use them. Call Cathy at 259-3665 to make arrangements.

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

Mount Holly Snow Flyers Announce Trails Closed

Due to last week's rain & warm temps all of Mount Holly's snowmobile trails are closed. You can keep up to date on trail conditions on the website or on Facebook. We'll keep everyone posted once conditions improve. Like us on Facebook - Mount Holly Snow Flyers mounthollysnowflyers@gmail.com www.mounthollysnowflyers.org Mount Holly Snow Flyers

Mt. Moriah Trestleboard

Happy New Year Next Meeting: Tuesday 02/07th, at 8:00PM

Word has been received that Brother Jack Pikkarainen passed away back in June. Jack was the Tyler for the Sap Bucket Degree for the first several years before moving to Colorado, due to health reasons.

Just a reminder to all of you, we moved our end-of-year up to March, so the secretary will be sending out your dues notices before the end of the month.

Computer problems have halted progress to this point, but should be fixed before the end of the month. The secretary apologizes for the delay.

To all the brothers who have migrated to Florida for the winter, we hope you have to wear some long-johns at least once before the winter is over. Not really, but it would make us feel better.

Many thanks to those who have sent in their 2016- 2017 dues recently. If you have questions about your dues, the Secretary can be reached at: 802-259-9400 or by email at: sseward@vermontel.net Fraternally, Bob Blaisdell, WM ~ Buster Seward Sec'y



Mount Holly Town Library Presents ... The Beaver Nature's Superb Engineer

Saturday, January 28 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM 26 Maple Hill Road, Belmont, VT

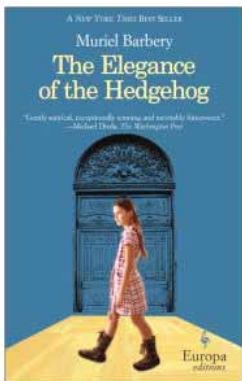
This family friendly presentation is for children as well as adults. We will look at the historical significance of the beaver in North America. Their unique adaptations allow them to survive year-round in a habitat of their own making. The ecosystem that is created supports a diversity of wildlife while also playing a major role in flood control and environmental rejuvenation. **Presented by KURT J. VALENTA**, Founder & President of Exordium Inc. a nature and outdoor education organization providing outdoor learning experiences for the young and young-at-heart. Questions? Email mthollylibrary@gmail.com

This program is generously co-sponsored by the Mount Holly Conservation Trust. Amanda S. Merk, MSLIS, Library Director

Mt. Holly School Board Meeting

The Mt. Holly school board met on Wednesday, January 4 at Black River High School. The board approved the minutes from the last meeting. They also approved a budget to present to the voters as well as the warning for the annual meeting. They also discussed Act 46 and the Presidential Hall renovations.

The next meeting will be at Black River High School on February 1, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at Ludlow Elementary School.



Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group

The Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group will meet at 6:00 on February 8, 2017 at Barbara Pallotta's on the Tiffany Road. We will be discussing The Elegance of the Hedgehog by Muriel Barbery. If you need further info or would like a copy please call Minga at 259-2471. Have a Happy Valentine's Day.

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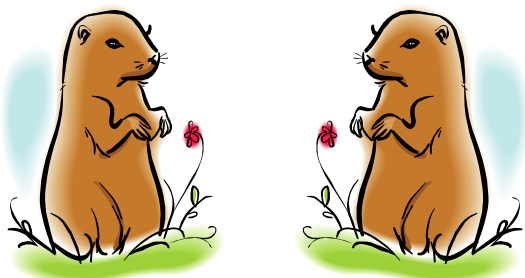
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Black River Area Community Coalition Meeting Mount Holly Community Association

New Year's Eve at Star Lake, sponsored by the Mount Holly Snow Flyers and the Mount Holly Community Association was an evening to remember and a wonderful one to share with the Mount Holly community! We've estimated that as many as 300 people showed up to share the good cheer welcoming in a New Year. Many thanks to the MH Snow Flyers for all their work throughout the year raising money for the fireworks and then putting on that great display on New Year's Eve. The finale was positively amazing...certainly worthy of Macy's 4th of July show! We cannot say enough about the beautiful decorations at the lake...lights provided by Robin Nelson and Mike Smelser, and the gorgeous trees provided by Scott Crawford. We daresay the gorgeous lights and trees even rivaled the fireworks display! Robin and Mike were also responsible for coordinating the mulled wine and hot cocoa, which kept everyone warmed up and in good spirits while they waited for the fireworks to begin. The donation jar was overflowing and nearly \$400 was contributed to help make the evening the most successful ever. This is a treasured evening in the Mount Holly calendar, as the community gathers together to celebrate the end of an old year and the beginning of the new. Thanks to everyone who helped make the evening a success!

New Year's Eve at Star Lake was the **last MHCA event of the year** until the regularly scheduled MHCA events resume in the spring, but we hope that the entire community will make use of the beautifully renovated Community Room on the lower level of the Library & Community Center Building. Currently, it is used on a weekly basis by the Play Group, the Yoga group, the Mount Holly Folk Group, Bone Builders, and the Mount Holly Artists Group. It has also been rented on a number of occasions recently for anniversaries, showers, and other events. It has become the "go-to" place for *children's birthday parties*, as the space lends itself so well to a large group of children. If you are interested in using the room, please contact Carol DeVine (259-2562) or the librarian, Amanda Merck (259-3707) to check on the schedule.

This will be our last call for **membership in the MHCA** for the 2016 – 2017 year. Reminder letters were recently sent out to a number of people who were members last year, but had not signed up for this year as yet. The MHCA is *your* community association and it needs your support to carry on its work sponsoring events for the entire town and to maintain the beautiful, historic building that houses the library and community room. Membership forms are available in the general store and the library. *Please join us in making this a record breaking year for membership in the MHCA...thank you for your support!!*

Mount Holly Community Association Membership Drive 2016 – 2017

Please join to support...Music on the Green-Mount
Holly Day-
Garden Tour-Square Dance-Cabaret-Photo Contest-
Cider Days-
Roast Beef Supper-Halloween Party-Christmas in
Mount Holly-
New Year's Eve at Star Lake-Spring Mud Fling
And the maintenance of our historic Community
Center Building
Please join today!!

(Brochures available in the library, the General
Store, and the post office.)

Act 46 Study Committee Update

Reversing its December decision to pursue "Option 2," the TRSU Act 46 Study Committee moved to allow the towns of Chester, Andover, Baltimore and Cavendish to study forming a Regional Education District (a RED) without Mount Holly and Ludlow. Option 2 had originally envisioned Mount Holly going to Mill River so now all eyes are on Ludlow. If Ludlow can reform or close Black River, they are presumably welcome to join the RED.

The fate of Mount Holly students is no more uncertain now than before. Our immediate future hinges, as always, on Ludlow. How they will react to their new outsider-status is an open question and so the next few years might include a steady increase in both of our town's property taxes. Again, the extent and duration of this tax penalty depends in large part on the actions and attitude of Ludlow. In the long run, the State Board of Education and the Agency of Education have the clear authority and legal mandate to place schools within whatever larger school districts best suits them. It is my belief that Mount Holly will eventually be placed with Mill River and Ludlow will be placed with Green Mountain, though I have no special insight into how or when things will actually shake out.

The legal and contractual webs that bind together our towns, schools, unified schools, and school districts are clotted with arcane histories and baffling theoretical complexities. Some of these complexities are legally untested by the courts and loopholes abound. Although I am not a lawyer, I am in the process of exploring creative methods to secure the future viability of the Mount Holly School and to ensure that graduates from the Mount Holly School have immediate access to the area's best possible educational opportunities. I could use some help thinking through these problems, so if you have some time, energy, or insights to volunteer, feel free to send me an email at sebnoah@gmail.com or call me at 259-3121. Sebastian Frank



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Raffle Tickets on Sale at the Library Drawing on February 24th

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Lap Quilt - by Pearl Holm Johnston

Framed Color Photograph – by Alec McCallum

Framed Watercolor Painting – by Pat LaBella

Tickets cost \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

All proceeds benefit the library.

It's not too late to donate to the library's Annual Appeal. We are raising money to help with the library operating budget. Your donations make a difference! Help pay for new books, films and audio-books for children and adults, programs such as the Beaver program, technology and eBooks and a lot more! Send your tax deductible donation today

To MHTL, PO Box 93, Belmont, VT 05730

New Books at the Mount Holly Town Library: Each month we add new books – many are NYT bestsellers. Come in to find your new favorite read! Here are a few of our most recent additions to the collection:

My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry, by Fredrik Backman (the author of *A Man Called Ove*)

Turbo Twenty-Three, by Janet Evanovitch (A Stephanie Plum Novel)

Tom Clancy: True Faith and Allegiance, by Mark Greaney (A Jack Ryan Novel)

Here's To Us by Elin Hildebrand

The Chemist by Stephanie Meyer (author of NYT bestseller *The Host*)

Homegoing, by Yaa Gyasi

Faithful, by Alice Hoffman (author of NYT bestseller *The Marriage of Opposites*)



February 13 - Volunteer Open House - All are invited to an open house at the library to learn more about volunteer opportunities. If you are interested in helping patrons check out books, taking care of the front desk, helping with other special library projects or book sales please feel free to stop in on Monday, February 13 from 11:30AM - 3:00PM to speak to Amanda Merk, the librarian. If you are already volunteering at the library and want to get hands-on refresher training on the library online system or any aspect of library volunteer work you can stop in at this time too. Valentines Day refreshments will be provided!

Ladies Night at the Library! February 24th

Calling all the ladies of Mount Holly ... Save the date for a "Ladies Night at the Library" on February 24th. Time and more details to be announced.



Black River Area Community Coalition (BRACC)

The Black River Area Community Coalition (BRACC) welcomes Anna McGee Hanson to our staff. Anna lives in Belmont with her husband Erik and their son Johnathan. She graduated from Castleton University and received her Master's in Business Administration and Graduate Certificate in Non Profit Leadership from Southern New Hampshire University. She is an EMT with the Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad. Anna can be contacted at the coalition office or by email

at anna.hanson30@gmail.com



Drug Awareness Presentation

The Black River Area Community Coalition with support from the Ludlow Rotary will be sponsoring a Drug Awareness Presentation and Discussion led by Ludlow Police Department Sergeant Rick King on Tuesday January 31st, at the Ludlow Community Center, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm and childcare will be available.

Community members have expressed concern over reports of recent drug fueled burglaries, overdoses, and the use of heroin in our area. Sgt. King who is a certified Drug Recognition Expert will present information on current drug trends, including Heroin, Marijuana Concentrates & Edibles, Prescription Drugs, Fentanyl and more. He will also provide recognizable signs of drug use and paraphernalia associated with these drugs.

Literature and information on additional resources will be available. Please make every effort to attend this informative presentation and discussion. One of the best ways we can combat the rising use of drugs in our community is to first become educated on the signs and symptoms of their use; and how they are administered.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) has begun its fourth year in Mount Holly School's 6th grade class thanks to the support and cooperation of the Ludlow Police Department. Launched in 1983, D.A.R.E. is a comprehensive K-12 education program taught in thousands of schools in America and 52 other countries. D.A.R.E. curricula address drugs, violence, bullying, internet safety and other high risk circumstances that today are too often part of students' lives.

BRACC is a community led coalition serving the towns of Mount Holly, Ludlow and Plymouth. We seek to expand opportunities that provide high expectations, clear boundaries and strengthen bonds between youth and adults. We encourage and educate adults about the importance of being good role models.

For more information please call Paul Faenza or Anna McGee Hanson at 228-7878, or visit our Facebook@BRACCVT.

Act 46: Our Community, Our Students

Submitted by Black River High School

The state has mandated that all Vermont Schools meet the requirements of the Act 46 Legislation. The goal of the Vermont Act 46 Legislation is to 'increase learning opportunities for all ages of students while reducing costs in a school district.' In the current Two Rivers Supervisory Union, plans are being developed to achieve this with the least amount of tax increase while embracing diverse educational opportunities for all students.

On January 18, 2017 the Act 46 Study Committee voted to form a "RED" (Regional Education District) with Chester, Cavendish, Andover and Baltimore. The "RED" model groups these southern schools and Ludlow schools and Mount Holly under the current supervisory union for one year. Two subcommittees, one for the RED and one for Ludlow and Mount Holly, have been formed to determine next steps.

In light of the pending Act 46 proposals please consider:

- What defines a community?
- What draws people to a community?
- What happens when the local school closes?
- What will the ripple effects be?



The "Option C" model, once considered by the Act 46 Study Committee, fit into a vision of one board and one budget. This would have decreased cost by increasing the student-to-teacher ratio and would have given students considerably more educational opportunities. "Option C" outlined one regional high school with two campuses and allowed students vast choice at either or both the Chester and Ludlow locations. Coursework would be designed around students' needs and schedules. An extended flexible school day would allow students to include internships and work options at either end of their day and the ability to access opportunities at both campuses to fit their schedule. Most importantly, this option would maintain the integrity of our communities. However, it is in direct contradiction to the "RED" that the Act 46 committee is proposing to the state.

In 2013, the RWSU and WWSU voluntarily became one of the pilot supervisory unions to merge, forming our current TRSU. The schools began intense cooperative work that continues today. The staff in these schools have worked together for countless hours to improve the education of our students, your children. It pains us to think all of this will be thrown away if our schools part ways.

You still have a vote in this matter. You can educate yourself by attending the Act 46 study committee and subcommittee meetings. Please check the trsuvt.org website for Act 46 meeting information. You will be asked to vote in April. Take action - support our students and communities.

In the meantime, we will continue to provide your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews the best education and support that we can for as long as we can. Thank you for your support!



Mount Holly Snow Flyers

Hello Snowmobilers,

Winter started out strong and many of us were able to enjoy some early riding. Currently, things are not looking great out there, but with two months left of winter, we are still optimistic.

The club would like to recognize the Mount Holly Fire Dept and the Rescue Squad for their excellent work responding to a recent accident on the trail. It was an incredibly technical rescue and both agencies did a great job! It is great to know there are volunteers like this in our community!

These past couple weeks the club has been busy working out some of the early season bugs in the grooming equipment. We should be ready to roll out in full force once we get more snow. With the warm temperatures and lack of snow, the club has also been out on the trails doing maintenance. All the trails need now is some more snow!

Finally, remember when we get more snow to open the trails again, there is logging on Salt Ash, so please use extra caution. Please follow our Facebook for trail updates.

Please note: The time of our monthly meetings is now 8:00 a.m. to allow time for more riding! It is the first Sunday of every month at The Belmont Fire Station.

Hope to see you on the trails soon! -The Mount Holly Snow-Flyers



BINGO



Black River High School Senior Class of 2017

Will be holding BINGO ON February 10, 2017

At Black River High School Gym
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Black River High School – 802-228-4721

Act 46 Update

For all of you who have had more important things to do than sit through interminable Act 46 Study Committee meetings, I'll try to bring you up to date as I see it. Several months ago, the Committee and the consultant acknowledged that sending Mount Holly students all the way to Green Mountain Union High School in Chester was just not an option. Certainly the sloppy weather last Wednesday night, January 18, was a good example of just one problem and why this is not an option. Normal travel time is estimated at over an hour on a bus under the best of conditions. The Committee offered several options which omitted Mount Holly students with the expectation that Mount Holly would be joining with the Mill River district which would apparently have a negligible effect on Chester taxes. Absorbing Ludlow would increase their taxes. That didn't sit well, but at the same time, they don't want to shoulder the blame for possibly causing Black River High School to close.

Under the original 2C proposal, which did not include Mount Holly, there would be one high school with 2 separate campuses—one in Chester and one in Ludlow. Since the Act reportedly does not allow for 2 high schools in one new merged district, Green Mountain Union High School would essentially remain a conventional high school and Ludlow would have a specialty program perhaps including some sort of recreational/hospitality program run in conjunction with the Okemo Mountain School. This proposal was not originally a problem for Mount Holly because the merged district would not include our town under the expectation that our students would be going elsewhere. Bear in mind that this original proposal was in conformance with the Study Committee's Vision Statement which states in part that

"A proposal must"

1. **Increase opportunities for students. There must be measurable benefits for students.**
2. Achieve equity for all students through increased quality...
3. **Decrease overall cost per student.** Provide for efficiencies.
4. Maintain integrity of elementary schools...
5. **Assure that transportation times are acceptable and reasonable.**
6. **Be so attractive to families that they want to move to the district** (Emphasis added)

Now, it appears that Number 3 has replaced number 1 as the most important. A week ago, the Committee asked the business manager to present a proposal which would estimate cost per pupil district wide if Mount Holly remained in the merged district. According to his figures, which were questioned, the cost per pupil would drop some. That was enough to change the mind of various committee members. In spite of the committee and the consultant all agreeing weeks ago, that the distance to Chester for Mount Holly students was too great, the committee decided, since BRHS would remain open, though in a very different configuration, that Mount Holly should stay in the district. Bear in mind that any students wanting a conventional high school experience would have to travel to Chester each day not Ludlow.

Finally, since it was pointed out that sending our students to Chester was not an option, the Committee switched direction again and formed a sub committee to explore formation of what Act 46 calls a Rural Educational District (RED) involving only the towns of Chester, Andover, Cavendish and, they hope, Baltimore. Mount Holly and Ludlow are left to go their own way. This presents several problems for Mount Holly.

I'll preface this by saying that I am not a strong proponent of standardized testing but that is really the only measure we have at this time to assess the quality of our schools. Using the current Agency of Education 2016 **Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium, or SBAC test** results for 5th grade, Mount Holly ranks 2nd and 4th in English Language and Mathematics for Rutland County well above the State average. The same is true if you compare Mount Holly Elementary School with Windsor County elementary schools. These were the only results released for MHES. When you look at where our students have to go next, Black River High School, you discover that BRHS ranks second from the bottom on 11th grade English for Windsor County, well below the statewide average. In 11th grade math, BRHS ranks last in Windsor County. Eleventh grade was the only high school grade tested. Our students deserve better than that.

Furthermore, it is costing us money. We need more elementary school students to help reduce our cost per student, and we have gained a few recently, but according to testimony a couple of weeks ago, at least one family selected Mount Holly based on the quality of our school for their children but is now looking to move to another town rather than send their children to Black River High School. How many would come to Mount Holly if there was an alternative to Black River High School?

The second major problem is that in order to dissolve Union 39 so that Mount Holly students can go elsewhere, probably Mill River Union High School, there has to be a positive vote of both towns to dissolve Union 39. BRHS is already very expensive and would only become more expensive for Ludlow if Mount Holly pulls out likely causing Ludlow to want to block the separation by voting to maintain Union 39.

At this point, things are very much up in the air, but there may be a very important vote in the near future concerning what is best for Mount Holly students and tax payers.

Peter Smith

WINTER PHOTOS!!

Mount Holly Photo Contest

February is always a great month to take a winter photo!
The daylight is longer and the temperatures are warmer
so it isn't quite so hard to take off your gloves
to capture the perfect winter scene

So keep your eyes open and your camera (or your phone!)
by your side and look for a winter scene
that just might win a prize
AND make it into the 2019 Mount Holly Calendar!

Please note: Photos for the 2018 Calendar
will be announced in the March Chit Chat

NITKA'S NOTES FROM THE STATE HOUSE

By Senator Alice Nitka

January 12, 2017 There are many changes at the State House this year for the start of the biennium from new Representatives, Senators, Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker of the House and President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Lots of new looks from beards, (maybe a holdover from hunting season), to new hair colors, grey from brown or the reverse. It was hard to recognize a few people. Committee assignments have been announced and I was glad to find myself on Appropriations and Judiciary, two committees on which I served previously. Senator Bill Doyle of the Town Meeting Day Doyle Poll did not return this session and we honored him this week with a Resolution and accolades for his 48 years of service in the Legislature. Many stories were told and there are a lot to be told. One of my unusual remembrances about Bill took place while we were both serving on the Senate Education Committee. He was teaching and still does teach an evening class at Johnson State College and while coming home to Montpelier the night before the Ed Committee was to travel to three public hearings around the state; his driver hit a moose on a strip of road locally known as "Moose Alley". Fortunately they were OK, except for a damaged car and Senator Doyle breaking a tooth and having a lot of cuts on his face from the broken glass. No one thought he would go on the road to the hearings but true to form, he was at the State House the next morning before anyone else and ready to go on the road. Needless to say persons attending the hearings were much more interested in learning about Senator Doyle's adventure than they were in talking about education matters. Senator Doyle, at age ninety still plans to do his Doyle Poll that you can fill out on Town Meeting Day in March.

The front lawn of the State House now sports an ice skating rink and if we get some consistently cold weather I think it will be a success. A private group had the idea more than one year ago and raised money for the rink. At 45 degrees today it was mostly water as it doesn't have refrigeration.

New bills, introduced by members are showing up every day and in the Senate there are about twenty-five so far. Some of these are: S-3 Mental health and a duty to warn; S-6 Firearms, background checks; S-8 Ethics commission, General Assembly; S-15 School district consolidation; S-18 Students, freedom of expression; S-20 Free hunting and fishing, seventy to sixty five; S-21 Solar generation study; S-22 Increased criminal penalties re. fentanyl and S-23 Judicial procedures, delinquency, youthful offenders. There will probably be about 300 bills in the Senate and 1,000 in the House by the end of the two year session. Most will not pass.

January 19, 2017

Many state agencies and entities are at the State House these days presenting their wide array of information to relevant committees in the House and Senate. Today the House Energy and Technology Committee which also has the responsibility for utilities hosted several telecom companies who provided information to the members. Some present were Fairpoint, Telephone Data Systems (TDS), VTel, Comcast and EC Fiber. They are serving rural communities in an ever changing environment of communication.

The Vermont Veterans' Home Board and their director gave testimony in the Senate Appropriations Committee re their need for an increase in their budget, one million of it largely due a reclassification of their nurses' jobs and resultant salary increases. The Vet's Home employees 120 nurses and has 54 slots per day that they have to fill. The nurses are state employees and will receive the increased pay along with other state employed nurses around the state. At this time the Vet's Home is caring for 120 patients and could care for ten additional patients. Our state Health Department also needs a budget increase as they also employ a high number of nurses. Their budget increase request however is much greater in other areas such as for opiate treatment.

The Vermont State College System which includes Johnson, Lyndon, Castleton, Vermont Tech and the Community College of VT conferred 2,043 degrees in 2016. Other news from the "system" is that they are working toward the unification of Johnson and Lyndon as Northern Vermont University and located on the two current campuses.

There are many costs involved in doing this and some of the expenses will be in the state budget and spread over five years. The state colleges are adding new programs to meet our workforce needs such as CCV's Certified Production Technician program and Vermont Tech's software development and engineering programs spanning entry level certificates all the way through a master's degree. There are some very good opportunities for students at these schools.

This week Congressman Peter Welch visited The State House and although there were lots of questions, a lot of information won't be known until the new administration and appointees take their places. Vermont relies heavily on federal funds from the Military to Education to support our VT budget. Governor Phil Scott will present his Budget Address on the 24th and the Legislature will work from there on the budget he presents.

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



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Something to Write Home About
(Legislative Report from Senator Dick McCormack)

National Popular Vote

I've received many communications from folks indignant that the presidential candidate who got the most votes was not elected President by the Electoral College. These folks recognize that a constitutional amendment abolishing the Electoral College is unlikely, and so focus their concerns on defending Vermont's existing National Popular Vote law. I'm not aware of any effort to repeal this law, but I'll oppose any such effort should that develop.

Each state that adopts National Popular Vote commits itself legally to direct its presidential electors to vote according to the national popular vote, to vote for the candidate who wins the most votes nationally. The commitment goes into effect only if and when enough states pass National Popular Vote to make a majority in the Electoral College.

Opponents of this law see it as an end run around the Constitution. I disagree. The whole idea of the Electoral College is to empower the states. The states already have authority to determine how their electors are to be chosen and how they are to vote. Some states divide their electoral votes proportionally while most have a winner takes all policy. There is nothing in the Constitution that prohibits the states from directing its electors to support the national popular vote. I think the question really is whether we choose to continue the intentionally undemocratic presidential election process originally developed by the Founders.

In fairness to the Founders, things were different in 1787. Although they wanted the benefits of "a more perfect union", they were leery of the Union's threat to state authority. Madison's country was Virginia, not the US. Adams' country was Massachusetts. They thought state governments were closer to home, more controllable, and so less of a threat to liberty. Small states feared that the larger populations of big states would dominate the national popular vote and so dominate the small states. Electors in the Electoral College are allocated to favor small states. (Not that that served small Vermont very well in 2016.)

In 1787 democracy itself was still a controversial idea. The Electoral College is one of several intentionally anti-democratic constitutional provisions intended to protect against mob rule and the ascendancy of a demagogue. BUT....

Two hundred thirty years later I think the Electoral College is an anachronism. We are less fearful of democracy. In fact, we are offended that the Electoral College thwarts and frustrates the will of the People. The states remain the basic polity, but since the Civil War we define ourselves as one nation indivisible. The President is the national leader. The presidential election is a national election.

Worse, the Electoral College is a failure. Rather than protect us from mob rule and the "danger of democracy", it is the Electoral



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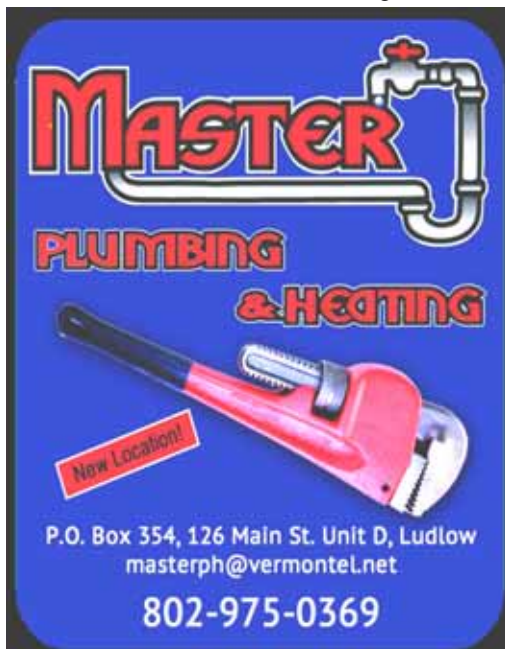
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College itself that has given us a demagogue. We the American People as a whole voted more wisely than we the people counted state by state, and more wisely than the electors who were supposed to protect us from ourselves.

It's no betrayal of the Founders to change their work. They wrote the Constitution as amendable, understanding that things would change. As Jefferson said, "the world belongs to the living." Dick McCormack rmccormack@leg.state.vt 802 793 6417

Dear Editor and Citizens of Mount Holly,

My name is Ron Tarbell and I'm a born and raised Mount Holly resident seeking to serve my community as a member of the Select Board. My roots in this town date back six generations and I'm lucky to have raised my own family here. I've been dedicated to serving the public in a variety of different capacities, as well as an employee for the Town of Ludlow Highway Department for the past 26 years and Highway Foreman for the past 12 years. As Highway Foreman I have gained extensive experience in planning, executing and monitoring many municipal projects. I believe that my leadership experience can benefit Mount Holly and I plan to work tirelessly to best serve the people of this town. Your vote would be greatly appreciated. Thank you, Ron Tarbell.





Mount Holly Town News

Minutes are "DRAFT" until approved at the next Select Board meeting February 14, 2017. NOTE: Most Select Board meetings are covered by LPC-TV. The videos can be viewed at their website, www.lpctv.org. Computers with internet access are available at the Town Library.

SELECT BOARD BUDGET WORK SESSION ~ January 2, 2016

Ted Crawford, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Ted Crawford and Raymond Tarbell were present; Tim Martin was absent. Also present were Susan Covalla, Rhonda Rivers, Jeff Teter and Paul Faenza.

1. The Board reviewed a line item worksheet prepared by David Johnson showing the FY15-16 budget and actuals and the FY16-17 budget, and developed a proposed budget for FY17-18.

Most items are pretty straightforward and standard from year to year. Under General Fund expenses, there were increases to employee benefit expenses (primarily insurance), town office expenses (external repairs and painting), Star Lake expenses (state annual dam fee) and planning commission expenses (related to required new town plan expenses such as printing and notification).

Mount Holly Animal Control Officer

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

asset/equipment fund amount and noted that the increase still does not meet the total requirements of the fund. The Board considered that one truck will need to be replaced this year (the 2005 truck is beyond its 10 year life, but the 2007 truck has required more repairs recently). In addition, Jeff noted that some equipment the town has rented in the past is no longer available and is not readily obtained from other vendors. The Board will need to consider lease/purchase options and determine the best option for the town (tractor/backhoe/loader) both this year and over the next few years. Also, road materials and outside services (hauling) were increased.

2. Social Service requests were reviewed.

3. After reviewing all expenses, the Board agreed to add \$25,000 of fund balance carryover to the revenues. The resulting budget would be an increase of about 3.54%. The budget will be reviewed again at the Regular meeting on January 10.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

SELECT BOARD ~ JANUARY 10, 2017 ~ 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 two additions: under Other, Public Notice of Discharge Permit Renewal and the Health Reimbursement Account plan amendment. Tim Martin also requested an Executive Session to review an employee matter.

2. Minutes:

- * The minutes of the regular meeting of December 13, 2016 and the special meeting of January 02, 2017 (budget work session) were sent out before the meeting for review. Upon motion made and seconded it was

VOTED: To approve both the December 13 and January 02 minutes. (3-0)

Mount Holly Listers Hours

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

Waste label sales thru 01/03 total \$11,386 (over 50% of the budgeted amount). SW expenses are thru November, as the Casella bill for December has not yet been received. Under Highway expenses, about \$8700 remains in winter road materials; Jeff reported using a lot of salt this year.

- * VT Division of Property Valuation and Review. David noted that the State set the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA – compares the town's grand list value to the State's estimate of fair market value) at 111.75% (versus 114.92% last year). The Coefficient of Dispersion (COD – a measure of the uniformity of appraisal for all properties in town) is 16.14 (versus 17.60 % last year). Neither of these values will require a town-wide reappraisal this year.

- * External Audit: The auditor has promised a draft at the end of this week. The deadline for Town Report publication is the end of January.

5. Proposed FY18 Budget

February 2017 Mount Holly Chit Chat Inc.

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.

Under Solid Waste expenses, hauling and disposal expenses continue to rise each year although the tonnage handled can be variable. The additional requirements under State law may also create expenses.

Under Highway expenses, Ted stated that he met with David and Jeff individually to review the Capital Assets of Mount Holly and circulated a summary report of those meetings. Capital assets are land, equipment, vehicles and infrastructure with an initial life of one year or greater and an individual cost of \$5,000 or greater. The Selectboard increased the

Town Report Changes

It's Town Report time once again. The selectboard has asked that we cut the cost and size of the report so the Social Services Reports and the Community and Regional Reports will no longer be in the Town Report. We will however, have a few copies of the individual reports at the town office for anyone that wishes to read them. Thanks, Chris, Marcy, Carol

3. Highways: The Board reviewed and signed the annual Certificate of Highway mileage for the State. There are no changes in the town highway mileage. (Class 2 10.61 miles, Class 3 47.53 miles, State Highway 15.438 miles, for a total of 73.578 miles. In addition there are 11.78 miles of Class 4 roads.)

4. Report of Treasurer

- * David Johnson presented an income and expense statement dated December 31, 2016 showing cash balances of \$2,742,240. Highlights: The tax collector reported about \$94,000 in delinquent taxes has been collected, about 40% of the total amount. No significant revenues were received this month. Solid

- * The Board reviewed the FY18 budget, as drafted at the January 02 work session. David reviewed a few items where the budget could be reduced a few thousand dollars, but overall the Board felt the increases (as noted in the January 02 minutes) were reasonable, and that the many of the budget items were kept to a minimum with not a lot of extra in them. In considering the capital assets fund, the Board noted that the Town has two trucks coming due. The increased funding amount of \$55,000 would bring us closer to meeting those needs, but the asset fund will likely be depleted. The total increase is \$35,280 (3.5%), resulting in an increase in the tax rate of \$0.014. Upon motion made and seconded it was VOTED: To approve the FY18 budget as presented. (3-0)
- * Date to sign the Warning. Sue Covalla noted that the last day for petitions to be submitted is January 19, and suggested signing the Warning the following week. The Board set the date as Tuesday, January 24 at 6:00pm. This will be warned as a Special Meeting.

6. Transfer Station: It was noted that the Transfer Station closed early on Monday January 02, as all containers, including the spares, were completely full. The Town will ensure that the containers are pulled between the holidays to prevent this in the future.

7. Planning Commission

- * Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC): No meeting in December.
- * Rutland Regional Transportation Advisory Council (TAC): No meeting in December.

8. Other Business

- * Aquatic Nuisance Control Grants: The Board reviewed and signed the pages for this year's grant application for Lake Ninevah. It was noted that no application is being made for Star Lake, as no one has stepped up to take that on.
- * The date of the February Selectboard meeting will remain on Tuesday, February 14. All three members noted there would be no problem meeting on Valentine's Day.
- * The Town received a copy of the Public Notice of Discharge Permit (renewal) for Crowley Cheese.
- * HRA Plan Amendment: The Board had previously raised the amounts for the HRA (Health Reimbursement Account), which required an amendment to the plan documents. The Board reviewed the documents and upon motion made and seconded it was VOTED: To approve the Resolutions regarding the HRA

plan as read at the meeting. (3-0) (The Resolutions will be attached to these minutes.)

9. Executive Session

- * Upon motion made and seconded, it was VOTED: To enter Executive Session to review an employee matter (Title 1 VSA S 313(a)(3)) at 8:04 pm. (3-0)
- * Upon motion made and seconded, it was VOTED: To return from Executive Session at 8:07 pm. (3-0)
- * There were no decisions made resulting from the Executive Session.

10. The Board reviewed and signed the December orders for payment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion made, seconded and approved, at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

**The Mount Holly Town Office
will be Closed in February:**

**Monday February 13th for
Lincoln's Birthday**

**Monday February 20th for
Washington's Birthday**



TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING - December 19, 2016

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Clinton Woolley, Mike Valente

VISITORS: Ed McEaney (LPCtv), Don Richardson

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Bill McGrath. The Energy section of the Town Plan was added to the Town Plan discussion, and Education was moved to the next meeting for discussion.

1. APPROVE MINUTES - Jim Seward made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 21, 2016 meeting as written. Peter Berger seconded the motion.

2. NEW BUSINESS: Building Construction Registration Forms - James McGough submitted a Building Construction Registration Form to the Planning Commission for construction of a 10'x16' replacement shed at 1668 Hortonville Road. Bill McGrath signed the form.

Larry and Julie Pitts submitted a Building Construction Registration Form to the Planning Commission for construction of a 20'x24' camp at 2083 Hortonville Road. Bill McGrath signed the form.

Correspondence

Annette Lynch: Annette Lynch submitted a letter to the Planning Commission requesting more detailed minutes.

Timothy Snyder: Timothy Snyder replied that he was waiting for approval from the state on his septic design before he submitted a Building Construction Registration Form to the Town of Mount Holly. He states he will submit the form at the appropriate time.

Department of Environmental Conservation – State of VT: Timothy Snyder applied for a Wastewater System and Potable Water Supply permit for the construction of two new homes on Loop Road.

John Wasilewski submitted an application to the Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division for the construction a new home on Maple Road.

Mount Holly Town Highway Access Permit Form: Silivo and Kathleen Valente submitted a Town Highway Access Permit Form for access from Old Turnpike Road to an existing landing at 3400 Old Turnpike Road.

3. OLD BUSINESS: Town Plan

The Energy section of the Town Plan was discussed. Bill McGrath read notes from the Public Hearing sessions on this topic.

Peter Berger recently attended a seminar on this subject held by the Rutland Regional Planning Commission. There was discussion about due consideration versus substantial deference and the overall effect each would have on the Town of Mount Holly with the Public Service Board.

Don Richardson also attended the seminar and tried to join the discussion, however his input was not related to an item developed by the RRPC and Bill McGrath did not allow him to speak on this matter.

The "Goal" statement of the Town Plan was amended to include the discouragement of any large-scale commercial development in the town. All instances of "shall" were changed to "should." Language regarding clustering of buildings was removed; language encouraging the Select Board to facilitate various energy efficient processes was added.

4. BUSINESS FOR NEXT AGENDA: The Education section of the Town Plan will be discussed at the next meeting.

5. ADJOURN: Jim Seward made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Peter Berger. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY PLANNING COMMISSION ~ REGULAR MEETING - January 16, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Berger, Jennifer Jones (Clerk), Bill McGrath, James Seward, Mike Valente, Clinton Woolley

VISITORS: Ed McEneaney (LPctv)

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

1. APPROVE MINUTES: Minutes from the December 19, 2016 regular meeting of the Planning Commission were reviewed. Peter Berger made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Jim Seward seconded the motion.

2. NEW BUSINESS: Building Registration Forms - None for review.

Correspondence

Letter from Annette Lynch: Bill McGrath read a letter from Annette Lynch requesting a copy of the draft of the Planning Commission's revision of the Mount Holly Town Plan, as well as any additions made to the above document.

Response to Annette Lynch: Bill McGrath read the Planning Commission's response to Annette Lynch, in which it was stated that the document she was requesting did not exist.

Vermont Agency of Natural Resources

Crowley Cheese, LLC submitted a draft indirect discharge permit renewal.

Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

Bradford Herbert submitted a wastewater system and potable water supply permit for 3014 Government Road, Mount Holly.

3. OLD BUSINESS : Town Plan

Bill McGrath read the Education section from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission's report on the Advisory Council meetings.

The Education section of the Town Plan was reviewed and edited. The second statement under the "Goals" heading was removed. Under "Policies," language in the second statement was changed from "shall incorporate" to "should address" and "as appropriate" was added to the end of the sentence. Policies three, four, five, and six were removed as was the table describing tasks, responsibilities, and priority.

SHREWSBURY SINGERS

presents

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sharing songs we love to sing,
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**Sunday, February 5, 3:00 pm
Shrewsbury Meeting House**



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The Shrewsbury Singers gather weekly to sing in harmony. This group is diverse in age and experience and comes together through a love of singing. All are welcome to join.

Information: Licia Gambino Hamilton @ 802-492-3792

Members were assigned sections to read in the 2008 Town Plan in order to determine if any of the tasks, responsibilities, and priority tables were needed or if they could be combined in the Policies section. The assignments are as follows: Peter Berger – Recreation, Communications, Arts and Culture; Bill McGrath – Economic Development and Energy; James Seward – Transportation; Mike Valente – Housing; Clinton Woolley – Agriculture and Forestry, Public Safety, and Solid Waste.

4. BUSINESS FOR NEXT AGENDA: The Facilities and Utilities section of the Town Plan will be reviewed at the next meeting.

5. ADJOURN: Clinton Woolley made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mike Valente. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Jones, Clerk of the Planning Commission

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

Ludlow Rotary Club Celebrates 90th Birthday

At its first luncheon meeting in January this year, the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) celebrated its 90th birthday. It was in January of 1927 that the club was founded. Members of the club are pictured above just before they "dig into" a cake honoring this historic achievement. LRC President Tesha Buss noted that "in 90 years, we've been able to do a lot to help individuals and groups in the Ludlow area as well as numerous national and international projects such as polio eradication and support for those suffering from natural disasters". She noted that recent projects of the LRC have benefited the Cavendish Recreation Department, the Star Lake facility in Mt Holly, and FOLA (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium) in Ludlow. Tesha added, "While we concentrate on helping others in

so many different ways, we have never forgotten how to have some fun as well". She said that additional plans are being developed by the LRC to continue the celebration of 90 years of "Service above Self", Rotary's motto during the year. LRC meets for lunch on most Tuesdays at 12:15 pm at DJ's Restaurant. The LRC is small and is always looking to welcome new members. If you would like to attend a meeting and learn how you may 'Serve Humanity' while enjoying the fellowship of others, please contact any Rotarian or drop a note to Ludlow Rotary, PO Box 216, Ludlow Vermont. - See more at: <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/2939/>.



The Winds Of Change

In contrast to the profanity laced diatribe of the Material Girl (at a march in D.C.) about "thinking long and hard about blowing up the White House", a mother gathering takes place in our nation's capital every year at this time to affirm that life is precious. Roughly a million Americans peacefully gather to pray and to prick the conscience of a nation that has allowed 57 million babies to be tragically lost over the last 44 years. The March for Life is the largest and longest-standing human rights march in our nation's history. The winds of change are blowing.

A panel of the U.S. House, just after the New Year, issued a final report recommending that

Congress defund Planned Parenthood. The report suggests that the organization be ineligible to receive our federal tax dollars and that instead those funds should be redirected to support the thousands of better low-cost healthcare options for women and families. This report points out the numerous problems of a scandal-plagued organization with a long history of abusive and potentially fraudulent billing practices. You

undoubtedly recall the authenticated undercover videos that revealed the seedy underside of this bloated organization caught *red-handed* trafficking aborted babies' body parts. The videos also brought to light Planned Parenthood's repeated failures to report the sexual abuse of girls. It seems high time that Congress should put a stop to taxpayer subsidies of an abortion business that has enjoyed nearly a billion dollars in profits over the last decade while sucking taxpayers dry of more than four billion dollars.

Many folks aren't aware that Planned Parenthood takes the lives of over 320,000 innocent children every year through abortion. If you do the math that amounts to one child violently killed at Planned Parenthood every 97 seconds. Those are pretty sobering statistics.

Another fact that many supporters of the organization don't realize is that women don't rely on Planned Parenthood for major services that they need. They perform less than 1% of the nation's pap tests, less than 2% of the nation's breast exams and 0% of the nation's mammograms.

Doesn't it only seem fair that the grants Planned Parenthood has monopolized be awarded to healthcare providers that provide comprehensive preventative health care for their patients and do not perform abortion (but may suggest adoptions.)?

One more thing that the panel recommended was that Congress take action to protect women and infants from the unscrupulous harvesting of fetal tissue and unborn baby body parts. Let's say goodbye to a business which opposes all laws restricting abortion, even those restricting abortion after birth.

I'm pretty sure that even Madonna's mom would agree that one right which is fundamental is the right to live past conception. As God puts it (Jeremiah 1:5), "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; before you were born, I sanctified you." Pastor Glenn Davis, The Village Church

Vermont Telephone Company, Inc. and VTel Wireless, Inc. Award \$15,000 and ten Apple iPad Air 2's in Holiday Drawing

Vermont Telephone Company, Inc., and sister company VTel Wireless, Inc. are pleased to announce the winners of \$15,000 in cash awards, and ten Apple iPad Air 2's for its "Holiday Thank You" Promotion.

To promote the contest, Vermont Telephone mailed postcards to households in its service territory, and VTel Wireless mailed postcards to households across Vermont. Winners were randomly selected from respondents who received the postcards. The Vermont Telephone prizes included a \$5,000 grand prize, and fifty runner-up prizes of \$100. VTel Wireless offered another \$5,000 grand prize, as well as ten Apple iPad 2's connected to its 4G LTE network.

The winner of Vermont Telephone's \$5,000 grand prize was Stephanie Sumner of Springfield. As an existing customer, she said, "I love VTel because I am a local blogger who recently became a customer, and your internet is reliable and fast, thus helping me optimize my income and success as a full-time blogger. My old internet provider was very unreliable." The fifty winners of the \$100 prize were: Charles, Jim, John, Nicholas, Nina, and Rodney of Chester; Alice of Cuttingsville; Ed and Lyle of Grafton; Andi, Judith, and Thomas of Hartland; Melissa and Robert of Killington; Zohara of Middletown Springs; Joan, Krey, Mark, and Stacy of Mount Holly; Jesse, Mary, and Tom of Pawlet; Brien of Proctorsville; Ned of Saxtons River; James of Shrewsbury; Pam and Paul of North Springfield; Amanda, Catherine, Charles, John, Karen, Krista, Linda, Lisa, Loretta, Mark, Ross, Sharon, and Tina of Springfield; Jeanne and Tyler of Tinmouth; Albert, Donald, Jane, Jeffrey, Kathy, Lawrence, and Peg of Wallingford; and Patty of Weathersfield.

The winner of VTel Wireless' \$5,000 grand prize was Monica Tolman of Orange, who signed up for new service. The ten winners of the iPad Air 2 prize were: Apryl of Eden, Uwe of Lowell, Allison of Marshfield, Kim of Montpelier, Bev of Newark, Monica of Pittsford, Charles and Dean of St. Albans, Clifton of Vergennes, and Adam of Wardsboro.

Jessica Bray, Graphic Design and Digital Media Specialist at Vermont Telephone, expressed that "It has been an honor to coordinate this promotion that brought so much holiday cheer to dozens of families across Vermont. When we saw the responses that were pouring in as part of the contest entries, we could see that this service has really been changing peoples' lives, and interest is clearly spreading rapidly across the state." "I hear many good things about VTel, and would happily consider it for my internet service," said Scott of West Brookfield. Joyce from Greensboro Bend explained, "I just love my VTel Wireless service! I recently switched from DSL to your wireless modem, and love that there is no contract, and the people who answer the phones are so pleasant and very helpful . . . I have recommended VTel to my friends, so hopefully they will switch over like I did as I know that they will be extremely happy with your service." Additionally, respondent Elizabeth of Springfield testified that "VTel provides my family with the fastest internet connection in the area. As a single mother of 3 children, I need this internet so that I may continue working towards my PhD."

"We also heard from our longtime customers, who reaffirmed their commitment to their local, family-owned telephone company," Jessica Bray added. Douglas of Hartland testified that "As a VTel customer for 20 years, I have been amazed that a small, privately owned company could always be at the cutting edge of communications technology such as fiber optic cable, and even before that, high speed access." Madeline of Pawlet also professed, "You've been our provider for 33 years now. And I don't see any reason to change. Thanks."

Headquartered in Springfield, Vermont, VTel is a small family-owned communications company serving 14 rural Vermont communities, delivering GigE over fiber to every home in its service area, and offering 4G LTE wireless services statewide. The company also operates a state-of-the-art 1,400 mile optical fiber network to New York, Montreal, and Boston, delivering 100 Gig data paths to several of the largest universities in the northeast. VTel prides itself on world-class communications services, while answering customer phone calls with a friendly voice on the first ring.

VTel's network has been serving rural Vermont since 1890, and provided the phone line that enabled Calvin Coolidge to be sworn in as United States President, at Plymouth Notch, Vermont, on August 3, 1923. VTel's executives, highlighting their 'customer is always right' tradition, add that President Coolidge's father asked that the phone line be removed the day after Calvin Coolidge's inauguration, and the company complied. VTel was the first telephone company in Vermont to offer Internet services, in 1994-1995, and is today pioneering GigE Internet to homes, as well as super-fast 4G LTE wireless Internet statewide. For more information, visit www.vermontel.com and www.vtelwireless.com

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Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce For February, 2017

By CEO Marji Graf

The Okemo Valley **IS** the Vermont Thing to Do in Vermont in Expedia's list for: The Best Thing to do in Every State (in 2017!)

We thank Mangiano Ristorante for hosting our January mixer. We congratulated CTM Media for being our January Member of the Month. Our next mixer is February 8 at Benson's Chevrolet from 5:30-7:30pm.

View our health and wellness program this month on lpctv.org to learn about the fitness classes that are available throughout the Okemo Valley.

Projects being worked on:

- **Website.** Our new website should be launched by February 1st...stay tuned!
- **Guidebook.** We're working on next years Regional Guidebook. It will be available May 2017-May 2018. We're adding Cuttingsville/Shrewsbury and Weathersfield to our Regional Town pages.
- We have a large Display case at the Guilford Welcome Center for the months of February, March and December.
- SharedMall is our e-commerce mall where members can sell their products at no cost. If you would like to sell your products on our Mall, please call Marji at the Chamber.
- We are at the **NY Times Travel Show** on January 27-29 representing our State and our Region.
- January 10 was another meeting regarding the **Ludlow Walker bridge** that will be coming down June 1st for 35 days. Let Paul Faenza (Big Eyes Bakery) know if you would like to be on this committee.

Upcoming Chamber events:

- July 8 & 9 is our **Buy Local Festival**. Looking for local vendors and craft people.
- August 25 from 5-8pm is a **Cruise In at Bensons Chevrolet**. Award for Best Chevy. Music, food provided by Goodman's American Pie. All are welcomed.
- August 26 & 27 is the **Okemo Valley Antique & Classic Car/Truck Show - Fletcher Farm School** for the Arts & Crafts. Looking for vendors.
- September 12 is our **Golf Tournament** at OVGC

Marji Graf, CEO of Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce is pleased to present the January Member of the Month award to Julie Bowyer of CTM Media Group.

Criteria used:

1. Contributes to community
2. Hosts and/or co-hosts mixers
3. Current on dues
4. Donations (door prizes for mixers/events)
5. Participates in shows.
6. Packages with other businesses
7. Participates in "Just Between Us".
8. Advertises/promotes & participates in guidebook and co-op advertising.
9. Contributes in monthly committee meetings.
10. Is an ambassador for the chamber and region.

Marji also thanked Julie to chairing our annual golf tournament.

About CTM Media: For the past 30 years, CTM Media Group has specialized in getting your marketing message into the hands of tourists and visitors in every step of the decision-making process. As one of North America's largest distributors of visitor information, our out-of-home network encompasses 18,000 information displays. CTM offers digital and print distribution as well as publishing, print and design services. For additional information Contact jhbwyer@ctmmmedia.com or www.ctmmmediagroup.com



Dear Editor,

I would like to thank the editor of the Chit Chat for publishing the poem entitled "Your First Christmas Card" in the December issue. It's one of the best Christmas poems I've ever read! I doubt very much that most people were offended by the poem. In fact, I believe most people found it to be a breath of fresh air in this age of "Bashing Christianity!" I congratulate the author for not being intimidated by the P.C. Police, and speaking the truth about Christmas. I believe that leftist liberals, like Marcy Tanger, would love to remove all traces of our Christian traditions and beliefs in this country. I was appalled that Ms. Tanger stated in her letter that So Many Christians seemed to forget that we are called to feed the hungry and do other charitable deeds. Does she live on another planet? Christian Charities, Missionaries, Churches, Clergy and good living Christians are by far the most generous people in the world. They probably have more of a positive impact on enriching people's lives than any other organizations. I wonder if Ms. Tanger would be as offended if the refugees coming to Rutland started chanting "Praise be to Allah" and wishing everyone a "Merry Ramadan!" Merry Christmas, Virginia Ward

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Our Objective

- * Supporting & Promoting Net Zero Homes through “Alternative Energy” Education
- * Providing the essential Information needed to make prudent decisions about our lifestyles and their effect on our “Living Costs” including the “Planet Earth”.
- * Working collectively within our communities to promote the “Effective” use of “Alternative Energy Sources”
- * Learning what the “True Costs” are for the use of “Alternative Energy Sources”.
- * Realizing the benefits of a home with a “NET-ZERO” energy cost.
- * Participating in, “Workshops”: That will address, current “Market Conditions”, affecting “ALTERNATIVE ENERGY” sources, and usages

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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You may also reach us through COUNTRY HOME MANAGEMENT @ 802-228-7086 (Msg. line)

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

Our Objective

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

- * Working collectively within our communities to promote the “Effective” use of “Alternative Energy Sources” while learning what the “True Costs” are for the use of “Alternative Energy Sources”
- * Realizing the benefits of a home with a “NET-ZERO” energy cost.
- * Participating in, local “Workshops”: That will address, current “Market Conditions”, affecting “ALTERNATIVE ENERGY” sources and usage.

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February Blood Pressure/Foot Care Clinics

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Thursday, 02/02/2017,	Rutland, Parker House,	10 am
Thursday, 02/02/2017,	Rutland, Bardwell House,	12:30 pm
Thursday, 02/16/2017,	Rutland, Maple Village,	10 am
Wednesday, 02/22/2017,	Rutland, Godnick Center,	12:30 pm

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

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Clinics held at the Dorset Office are the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Call 802.362.1200 for an appointment.

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Bereavement Group: RAVNAH's monthly bereavement group is held Tuesdays at 6pm at Grace Congregational Church. RAVNAH's Chaplain, Andrew Carlson, will be facilitating. The group is free and open to the public. For more, please contact Andrew at 770-1613.

VT Ostomy Group: The next VT Ostomy Support Group meeting will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2017 from 10:30 am – noon at the Rutland Area VNA & Hospice, 7 Albert Cree Drive. There is no charge to attend the group. For more information please contact Kate at 802-236-0500.



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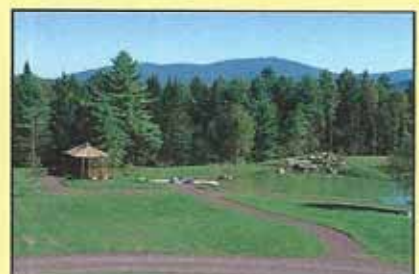
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