



# Mount Holly Chit Chat



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March 2016

**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)

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**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

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**Transfer Site: Sat. 8 am – 2 pm & Sun. 9 am – 12 pm**

**Feb 28<sup>th</sup>** Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station, Will For Cover Feb & Mar meeting 7:00 pm

**Feb 29<sup>th</sup>** **Annual Mount Holly Town & School District Meeting**, Mt. Holly School Gym 7:00 pm

**Mar 1<sup>st</sup>** **VOTE !!! Town, School, Union #39 & Primary**, Mt. Holly Town Office from 10:00 am – 7:00 pm

*Peace Corps Founded 1961*

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

Mt. Holly School Board Meeting, Mt. Holly School Gym 6:00 pm

Union #39 School Board Meeting, Mt. Holly School Gym 6:00 pm

Mt. Holly PTSA Meeting, Mt. Holly School Library 3:15 pm

3<sup>rd</sup> **Alexander Graham Bell 1847 ~ "Star Spangled Banner" made US National Anthem 1931**

Sat 5<sup>th</sup> **44<sup>th</sup> Annual Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race Begins in Anchorage, Alaska**

Sun 6<sup>th</sup> MH Snow Flyers Meeting, Belmont Fire Station 8:30 am

*Michelangelo di Lodovico Buonarroti Simoni 1475*

8<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

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

ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont 7:00 pm

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> *Girl Scouts Founded 1912*

Sun 13<sup>th</sup> **Rabbit & Hare Season Ends ~ Daylight Savings Begins (Spring Ahead 1 Hour)**

14<sup>th</sup> Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building *Albert Einstein 1879* 7:00 pm

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

16<sup>th</sup> Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont 6:00 pm

17<sup>th</sup> *St. Patrick's Day*

Sun 20<sup>th</sup> *Vernal Equinox ~ Spring Begins*

21<sup>st</sup> Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office 7:00 pm

22<sup>nd</sup> Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont *Civil Rights March 1965* 9:00 am

Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station 7:00 pm

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

23<sup>rd</sup> ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont *National Diabetes Alert Day* 7:00 pm

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> *Easter*

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

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

31<sup>st</sup> **Muskkrat, Beaver Season Ends ~ US Labor Organizer Cesar Estrada Chavez 1927**

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Mount Holly Fire Warden – Jim Seward	786-3408	259-2211	American Red Cross	802-773-9159
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**March Birthdays:** 1<sup>st</sup> -Jessica Duarte \* Kimberly Chadburn. 2<sup>nd</sup> -Doris Nelson \* Donald Reiser \* Nicole Reiser. 3<sup>rd</sup> -Alexander Melville \* Violet Colm. 4<sup>th</sup> -Gary Cole. 5<sup>th</sup> -Morgan Coldwell \* James Johnson \* Alexa McCallum. 6<sup>th</sup> -Zoe Davis. 7<sup>th</sup> -Elijah Teter. 8<sup>th</sup> -Mike Dawley Sr. \* Harold Chadburn. 9<sup>th</sup> -Hanna Colm. 12<sup>th</sup> -Julie Parsells. 13<sup>th</sup> -Debbie Woods \* Elizabeth Manuel 1995. 14<sup>th</sup> -Shawn Wortman. 15<sup>th</sup> -Cassandra Parsells \* Karen Ham. \* Frank Gerdin. 19<sup>th</sup> -Patric Melvin \* Andrew Garrow \* Eureka Johnson. 20<sup>th</sup> -Bill Jacobs. 21<sup>st</sup> -Jeremiah Johnson. 22<sup>nd</sup> -John Taylor \* Rachel Manuel (1971). 23<sup>rd</sup> -Megan Carrara. 25<sup>th</sup> -Nicole Griffin \* Lucy Columb. 28<sup>th</sup> -Bessie Centini. 29<sup>th</sup> -Nancy Columb. 30<sup>th</sup> -April Melvin \* Mary Nortunen.



**March Anniversaries:** 3<sup>rd</sup> -Jerome & Natalie Brown 52<sup>nd</sup> (1963) 26<sup>th</sup> -Raymond & Linda Tarbell.

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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## 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Iditarod Sled Dog Race

Pictured: Musher Chuck Schaeffer and his team charge down Anchorage's 4th Avenue during the ceremonial start of the Iditarod sled dog race in Anchorage, Alaska in 2015. The March 5 ceremonial start of the competition will be staged as usual in Anchorage, and the official start will be held the following day in Willow, about 80 kilometres north of Anchorage. (Loren Holmes/Alaska Dispatch News/The Associated Press)



The March 5 ceremonial start of the competition will be staged as usual in Anchorage, and the official start will be held the following day in Willow, about 80 kilometres north of Anchorage, Stan Hooley, chief executive officer, announced after an executive session of the board of directors in Anchorage.

"We're sure that we're going to be able to stage the restart out of Willow, as anticipated," Hooley told reporters.

**Yukon Quest 2016: Brent Sass arrives 1st at Dawson City** - A lack of snow in the Anchorage area last year forced organizers to move the official start of the race 360

kilometres farther north over the Alaska Range to Fairbanks. That had been considered again this year because of low snow totals from Anchorage to Willow.

Hooley said the snowpack on the Iditarod route after Willow looks dramatically better than it has been for a long time.

"The good part of it is, there's a lot more snow in the Alaska Range than we've had in many years," he said. That includes Farewell Bend, a dangerous area of the race that is notoriously barren.

"From Willow on, it's a much better year than most years," Hooley said.

**Snow concerns in Anchorage** - This year, 86 mushers have signed up for the nearly 1,600 kilometre race to Nome, which usually takes about nine days.

Hooley had been concerned about whether there would be enough snow to stage the fan-friendly ceremonial start in Anchorage, where little snow has fallen this year and what remains has turned to hardened ice.

In the ceremonial start, each musher transports an auction winner over an 18 kilometre route of city streets and trails. The Iditarod auction program is an important part of fundraising for the race and its start in Alaska's largest city is also the highest profile portion of the Iditarod. It's carried live on statewide television.

The street department in Anchorage has been stockpiling fallen snow to accommodate the sleds. In addition, the Nordic Ski Association will provide a piece of equipment that will essentially pulverize the hardened snow and ice on streets, turning it back into usable snow.

Still, Hooley is doing what he can — including snow dances — to conjure a little more snowfall in the next three weeks. "We've been dancing a lot, and we'll continue that," he joked.

## Hello Everyone,

Let me introduce myself, my name is Mary Alberty and I was appointed to fill a position for the Mount Holly school board a few months ago and decided to run for the three year term. I have been a Mount Holly resident for over 35 years and raised my three children, plus two adolescent foster kids in our community. Family is of the up most importance to me and I cherish those special moments with my entire family, I'm also a proud grandmother of four.

Education has always been high on my priority list and I consider myself a lifelong learner. While I was raising my children I graduated from the College of St. Joseph's with a Bachelors in Education, then later in life I pursued my Master's Degree through the University of Vermont in Education and Leadership. My friends would describe me to be a kind, outgoing, down to earth person, with an easy going temperament filled with compassion for life.

Throughout my life, I have always worked in the field of education and humanity in one aspect or the other. Over the last decade and a half, I have worked in the foster care system and supported birth and foster families. I then became the Youth Development Coordinator for Rutland County, supporting youth who were in the system or aged out into their twenty's. Currently I am a social worker conducting investigations in the field of child protection out of the Springfield DCF office.

I feel that I am a good candidate for the position on the school board, not only will I advocate for the children in the school, but for the citizens of Mount Holly. We are facing many challenges in the twentieth century, with school enrollments down and property taxes on the rise. We also have the challenge of Act 46 where Vermont's education governance wants to centralize one school board for the Two Rivers Supervisory Union. Even though we have many unanswered questions regarding Act 46, do we truly want a unified school board taking control of our school? We should be proud; we have one of the top academic elementary schools in the state! Our teachers, school board members and residents not only take pride in our school's education, but invest their time and energies in promoting healthy and happy families, while living in a very unique supportive community.

I have a lot to learn if I am elected as new member of the school board and will face many challenges, but most importantly I will listen, learn and become educated in this new endeavor. I will not only be dedicated and committed to the school boards mission, but to the children and citizens of Mount Holly. Thanks for your support, Sincerely, Mary Alberty





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## Mt. Holly School Board Meeting

The Mt. Holly school board met on Wednesday, February 3, along with the boards from Ludlow Elementary School, Black River High School, Cavendish Town Elementary School, Chester Andover Elementary School and Green Mountain Union High School. The group met in the LES band room. The boards ratified the teacher's contract through 2017 and rolled over the support staff contract through 2016. They also approved policies related to fiscal management and general financial accountability and prevention of harassment, hazing and bullying. The group also discussed the superintendent search process. Both high school boards and two of the four elementary boards approved continuing the limited school transfer program.

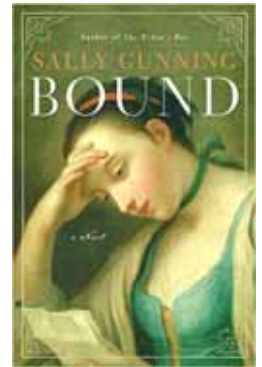
The board then met individually and approved a leave of absence for a teacher to be able to be a half time math coach at the SU level. The board discussed the upcoming annual meeting and the presentation they will give to the voters. Mr. Hutt Vater reported on some organizations that the school will be partnering with to increase opportunities for Mt. Holly families and children.

The next meeting will be the annual meeting on February 29, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mt. Holly gym. The BRHS board will be holding its informational meeting in Mt. Holly on February 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Mt. Holly gym. The

reorganizational meeting will be held on March 2, 2016 in the Mt. Holly gym.

### Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group

The Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group will meet at 6:00 on March 9<sup>th</sup>, at Mary Anderle's, address 2475 East Clarendon Road, North Clarendon. We will be discussing *Bound* by Sally Gunning. Come out of hibernation and join us for a lively evening. If you have any questions, call Minga at 259-2471 or Mary at 772-7550.





Mount Holly Elementary School

## PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Wednesday, April 27, 2016  
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.  
By Appointment

(802) 259-2392

For children who will be 3 years old on or before August 31, 2016

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### Vermont Humanities Program – A Terrible Beauty

**Sunday, March 20 at 4 pm** Vince Feeney, author, historian and educator will make a return visit to the Library. Mr. Feeney, an authority on Irish history spoke about the Irish in Vermont to a packed house in 2013. We are pleased to have him back to talk about one of the most pivotal events in Irish history, the Easter Rebellion. Mr. Feeney is a knowledgeable and inspiring speaker that holds his audience. This timely program sandwiched between St. Patrick's Day and Easter is the perfect excuse to break the cabin fever blues. Free and open to the public, we hope you'll join us!



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**Aiyana Fortin and Bailey Matteson – Two Talented Eleventh Graders** ~ I have had the distinct privilege of getting to know these lovely talented girls. They were kind enough to agree to produce a video for the library. There is a saying "*If you want something done, ask a busy person*". Excellent students with many interests, jobs and outside activities, Aiyana & Bailey were still able to give time to filming and producing a video about the importance of the Library to this community. We will be sending the link out to the community very shortly. The Library Trustees and I give our thanks and appreciation for their service and belief in the Library.

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Visits the Library** ~ The Mount Holly 5<sup>th</sup> grade is currently studying the Colonial Period in America. Library volunteer Beth Latino came up with some wonderful curriculum ideas, including games, quill penmanship, monetary math problems, an exercise comparing life 250 years ago with today and ending with a rap that helps students remember the 13 original colonies. The library treated kids to a pizza lunch and everyone tried Indian pudding for dessert. Thanks to Ms. Vellia, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher for allowing the class to come. The kids had a great time and learned what life was really like 250 years ago. Many thanks to Beth for all the planning. The library of today is a multi-use destination and an extension of the classroom.

**Welcome New Board Member** ~ The Library Board of Trustees and Librarian are pleased to have Linda McGrath joining the Board. Linda is a long time resident of Mount Holly and best known for her lovely gardens. She is a recently retired x-ray technician and has been a loyal patron of the Library. Linda has already been volunteering desk duty and she is a welcome addition to the team.

### Suppers For Mount Holly Organizations



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June 18 <sup>th</sup>	MHVFD - Roast Beef	
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Colfax Lodge - Chicken BBQ	11:30 am
	Town Parade also that day Step off at 11:00 am	
July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mt. Moriah Masons - Baked Ham	
Aug 13 <sup>th</sup>	Colfax Lodge - Roast Pork	
Sept. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Historical Museum - Baked Ham	
Sept. 24 <sup>th</sup>	MHV Rescue Squad – Roast Pork	
Oct 8 <sup>th</sup>	MHCA - Roast Beef	
Oct 29 <sup>th</sup>	Gill Home, IOOF – Baked Ham	



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**Ladies Night at the Library** ~ The Library Board and I were thrilled to host a party in the beautiful Library setting. A big thank you to the 45 or so Mount Holly women who came to "Ladies Night". It was a refreshing break from the winter doldrums and what a fabulous talented and gracious gathering of women. Numerous new acquaintances were made and some neighbors met for the first time. Thanks to those who brought food it was an amazing selection and delicious. Just another function of your Library – the "living room of the community"!

**All Kinds of Library Volunteering** ~ Many years ago the library was able to obtain some nice old fashioned oak children's tables and chairs when the Springfield Library was replacing furniture. One set is a key space for the Play Group craft time but the top had come apart from the legs and although still usable it was a bit of a hazard for the children. Thanks to Craig Tomkinson and his toolbox and carpentry skills the toddlers are safe again! Thanks so much Craig for your thoughtfulness and time.

## Mechanicsville Cemetery

### Request For Bids

The Mechanicsville Cemetery is accepting bids for mowing of its grounds for the 2016 season. The contract includes trimming around markers, trees and walls to maintain the historic quality of the cemetery landscape. First mowing to be completed before Memorial Day weekend. If you are interested, please submit a bid for the entire season, along with a Certificate of Insurance. If there are questions please contact David C. Hoeh, 259-2274 or [DCHOEH@AOL.COM](mailto:DCHOEH@AOL.COM)

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## MOUNT HOLLY NEW NEIGHBORS

It has come to our attention that Mt. Holly has quite a few new part and full time residents. The MHCA would like to initiate a "Mt. Holly New Neighbor" team to visit new residents and help to acquaint them with our town and all it has to offer. We are planning to make personal contact with each new resident/family and present a basket that would contain brochures, samples and information about Mt. Holly and its activities.



Organizations could include brochures, membership information and schedules of events. Business owners might consider including business cards/website information, as well as product samples or coupons or discount offers.

We hope that by acquainting new Mt. Holly residents with businesses, organizations and local activities, it might encourage them to become active members of our community.

If you or your organization would like to be included in this new program, please contact Kathy Leber: [kleber@vermontel.net](mailto:kleber@vermontel.net) to discuss how you would like to participate.

If you have contact information for a new Mt. Holly resident, you can email Lisa Kelley: [lisa@kelleyrealestate.com](mailto:lisa@kelleyrealestate.com)

We would like to begin this program by late March. We look forward to your involvement and a chance to get acquainted with our new Mt. Holly neighbors!

Kathy Leber  
Lisa Kelley  
MHCA Board members



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SUPPORT WITH THE PURCHASE!

SHOWN IN THE PHOTO ARE: COLE  
TARBELL, VICKI SEWARD, KRISTIN  
VEYSEY, DENISE YOUNG, CATHERINE  
COTE-VERVILLE, AND GLEN WOODS.

## MHVRS Honor's Vicki Seward With Years of Service Award

Vicki Seward receives a plaque from President Kristin Veysey honoring 25 years of service recently at Mt. Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad's Annual Christmas Party – Thank You Vicki for your Selfless Dedication to serving the Community!





## Mount Holly 2017 Calendar

Congratulations to the photographers whose photos will be in the 2017 Mount Holly Calendar. You can see their photos here in the Chit Chat and soon on the Mount Holly website in color.

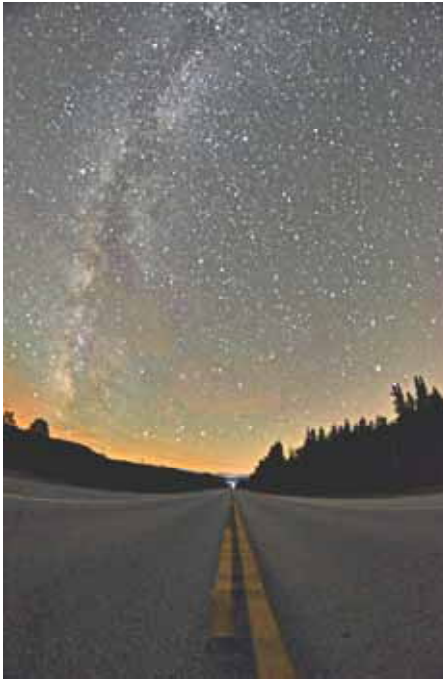
It's never too early to start taking photos for the 2016 Photo Contest. We've had such a mild winter that there are lots of opportunities to be taking November and April photos now. We love having vertical photos too but remember only two usually get in the calendar each year - there are sometimes exceptions, but horizontal photos do have a better chance of getting in the calendar.

**Again, congratulations to the 2017 Mount Holly calendar photographers.**

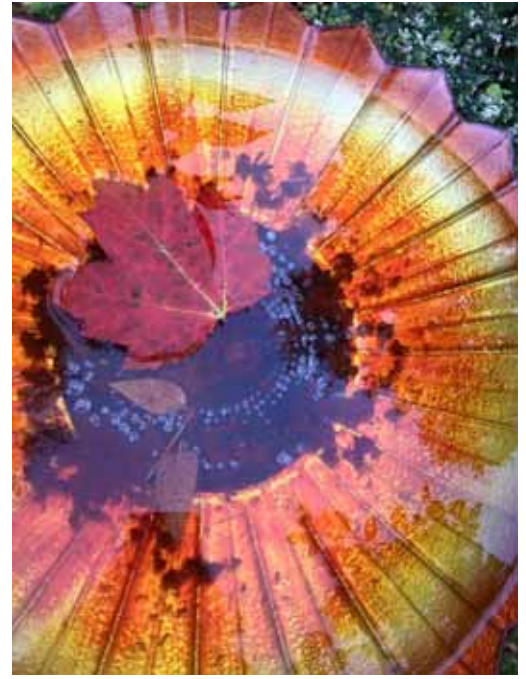
## Mount Holly 2017 Calendar



**Left- Front Cover** ~ After the Storm  
Dorothy Stanley



**Center- Pic - Page 1** ~ Night on the Flats  
Jacob Mailhiot (Grand Prize Winner)



**Right- Page 2** ~ Leaf Bath  
Mary Faenza (Student Winner)



**Above Left - January** ~ Snow Load Broke Branch  
Matthias Weiter (Adult First Prize)



**Above Right - February** ~ The Red Canoe  
Susan Presson

**Right - March** ~ Sugar Shack  
Craig Tomkinson







**April** ~ Pine Grove - Linda Weltner



**May** ~ Iridescent - Karen Berger



**June** ~ Spring Bouquet - Susan Covalla



**July** ~ An Old Patriot - Mary Leonard



**August** ~ Ladies Bike in Red - Gabrielle Malkow



**September** ~ Reflection - Janine Nilsen

**Left**  
**October** ~ Cider Time - Karen Leonard



**Right**  
**November** ~ November Stillness - Teresa Bolalek



**December** ~ Riding Ring - Tracey Urbani



**Back Cover** ~ Star Lake is my Mirror - Olivia Crolle (Student Winner)

## Mount Holly Community Association

The **Mount Holly Artists' Group Annual Art Show** will take place on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Each member of the artists' group will display work, which they have done during their weekly meetings in the Community Room, as well as work that they have done at home. Please join us for refreshments and an early evening sharing the talents of our friends and neighbors. We would be remiss if we did not thank Madeleine Fay, who first organized the group some four/five years ago on behalf of the MHCA. It is still going strong and continues to meet every Saturday from 10:00 – 12:00 noon in the Community Room. The group welcomes everyone no matter your level of skill...beginner, or expert. Hope to see you at the show on March 4<sup>th</sup> and possibly at one of the Saturday morning meetings as well!

**Save-the-Date!!!** On Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, the MHCA will be holding the annual **Spring Mud Fling** in the Odd Fellows Hall. This year we will be featuring 2 groups...the *Mount Holly Folk Club* will be there at 8:00 pm to warm up the crowd and *The Tony Lee Thomas Band* will take the stage from 9:00 pm – 12:00 to rock the night away! Tickets are \$10 in advance (at the Belmont General Store or the Mount Holly Library), or \$12 at the door. It's BYOB...see you there!

**Up-coming:** we know that it's hard to imagine that spring and summer are on the way, but they are indeed coming...we promise! The MHCA's thoughts are already on one of our favorite summer events...the 10<sup>th</sup> annual **Garden Tour** to be held on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Linda Miller (259-3060) the tour coordinator is putting out an appeal for people to offer their gardens this year. (See the box announcement for details.) Please consider being on the tour. It's great fun meeting all of the people who come to visit and it's great motivation to get your garden looking just the way you want it!

The **Community Room** continues to be a favorite venue for small parties and was rented quite a bit this winter. It was definitely the go-to place for birthday parties for the younger set (pre-K, K, and early elementary). If you are looking for a lovely room in which to have a party for up to 50 people, please contact Carol DeVine (259-2562), or Lynne Herbst, our librarian (259-3703). . If you are a non-profit organization, the room is free. Otherwise, there is a minimal charge...\$15/hour for MHCA members and \$25/hour for non-members.

### Calling all Gardeners!!

Would you like to open your garden for  
the Mount Holly Community Association Garden Tour  
on Saturday, July 23, 2016?

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

All gardens are welcome...  
Humble or grand, groomed or rambling.

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

If you are interested, please contact  
Linda Miller  
[LindaDDMiller@aol.com](mailto:LindaDDMiller@aol.com)  
259-3060

### Please vote yes on Article 10 to continue supporting BRACC.

We appreciate the past support of the Voters of the Town of Mount Holly. We are again requesting \$3,000 to reduce youth drug, alcohol and tobacco use. Those dollars are used to support many programs including teaching DARE to all 6<sup>th</sup> graders and a refresher to all 7<sup>th</sup> graders. The D.A.R.E. Mission is "Teaching students good decision-making skills to help them lead safe and healthy lives".

Our confidential group, Wits End meets at 6:00 every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in the Community Room at Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow. This group provides an opportunity to share experiences among attendees who have a loved one or friend addicted to drugs. It is free and open to all led by a licensed drug and alcohol counselor.

On **March 29** come to the Ludlow Community Center for a presentation by Steve Waldo on the latest trends in alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and prescription drug use among teens. Free dinner will be served at 5:30 and the presentation will start at 6:00. Get a head start on April's Alcohol Awareness Month.

Prescription Drug Take Back is available every day for drugs that are expired or unneeded. The Ludlow Police Department and the Rutland County Sheriff's Office maintain permanent drug collection boxes. Take unwanted drugs to either spot anonymously any day. Don't let your medicine cabinet be the accidental source of your child or grandchild's misuse of pills.

We encourage smokers to Quit smoking. For help in quitting permanently go to the 802 Quits website, 802quits.org. Remember, it is illegal in Vermont to smoke in a car if there is a child under the age of 8 present. Also, vaping has not been proven to be an effective smoking cessation device. Unfortunately, many youth who have never used tobacco are trying e-cigarettes, a cause for concern about their long term health.

Join us at our next BRACC meeting at **Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow at 6:00 on Tues. March 15.** If you are interested in more information, please send an email to [bracc7878@yahoo.com](mailto:bracc7878@yahoo.com) or call 228-7878. Remember, please **vote yes on Article 10 when you are voting on March 1.** Thank you.





## To Editor,

I found a benefit to town's people under Act 46, at least for those towns that hold their Town Meeting at night. They all get to go home earlier and get a longer night's sleep.

Act 46 representation on the new governing boards will likely be proportional based on school population and the new board takes over management of all the schools in a supervisory union. According to an Act 46 information sheet from the organization, Vermonters for Schools and Community "Community members will have less access to their elected representatives, TOWN MEETING DAY DISCUSSION AND FLOOR VOTES WILL BE ELIMINATED (emphasis added) and small schools will have minority representation on regional boards". In other words, we will all get to go home early from Town Meeting because half of the Town Meeting will no longer exist. Is that an advantage? For those of us who hold our meetings in the evening, perhaps. We get a longer night's sleep, but think what we give up. We give up control of our local school. We give up our most democratic of institutions, a major part of our Town Meeting.

As a further example of how egregious Act 46 is, three years ago two supervisory unions elected to merge. They were the Rutland-Windsor Supervisory Union and the Windsor-Southwest Supervisory Union. Out of that merger came the Two Rivers Supervisory Union and there were apparently some economic savings as a result. Now the Legislature, in its "infinite wisdom", has passed Act 46 requiring other towns and supervisory unions to merge while holding the club of raising their taxes and taking over control of their schools if they don't. That includes the towns in the Two Rivers SU. As it turned out, the Two Rivers merger followed the format now described in Act 46 as the Alternative Structure (Section 5 (c) supervisory union with member districts) not the Preferred Alternative. Each town in the Two Rivers SU maintains its own school board to govern its own local elementary school and there is a supervisory union board structure to oversee the operation of the schools shared in the district. If the Two Rivers towns want to continue as they successfully have for the last 3 years, this is permitted under the Alternative Proposal. However the Legislature decided that towns electing the Alternative Proposal will need to appeal to the State Board of Education for a waiver and in addition will lose their Small School Grants which for TRSU means about \$185,000 thus raising taxes on the member towns. NICE. Follow the alternative that we gave you in the Act, but if you do, we're going to clobber you with a tax increase. Act 46 was supposed to produce mergers and save on taxes. It turns out that if towns/supervisory unions merged before the Legislature mandated it, and want to continue functioning in that form rather than give up local control of their elementary schools, the legislature used an economic club to force compliance with this terrible legislation.

It is time for small towns and possibly all towns in Vermont to come together and tell the Legislature that we're not going to give up our schools or our democratic rights. Peter B. Smith 2016 February 22



Hello Snowmobilers,

It's been a tough year for all winter sports enthusiasts. The Snow-Flyers have been pretty bummed out that we cannot get out and ride our trails. Many folks had to go north to find the snow to combat a severe case of cabin fever. I met several club members on the trails near Pittsburg, NH for the reciprocal weekend in late January.

Even with the mild winter, you can still show that you are a proud snowmobiler with a new long sleeve t-shirt (men's and women's) sweatshirt, or hooded sweatshirt. They are available for purchase at The Belmont General Store or on our website: [www.mounthollysnowflyers.org](http://www.mounthollysnowflyers.org)

Get yours today! Limited quantities available!

***Our next meeting is Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am at the Belmont Fire Station. We hope to see you there.***

With one month left of winter, think snow! -Mike McAtee, Secretary 298-0035

## Mt. Holly Snow-Flyers



## NITKA'S NOTES FROM THE STATE HOUSE

By Senator Alice Nitka, Windsor County

This week at the State House there were many food and farm related activities as well as testimony and I'm not thinking of edible marijuana about which there was also discussion. Incidentally, edibles are not legalized in Senate bill 241, the marijuana bill that is still being worked on in the Senate. The Farm to School Grant Program awards were given out this week to schools from around the state. This program was started in 2007 following the work of Rozo Mc Laughlin and some other House of Representatives members to get more local food products as well as farm education into cafeterias and classrooms. The grant program today encourages schools to serve food that is as fresh and nutritious as possible, maximize the use of locally grown foods, increase school meal participation and educate students about healthy eating habits. The grants are worth applying for as the amounts this year ranged from \$1250 to \$12,000 dollars. Smiling students, cafeteria staff and volunteers marched to the podium to pick up one of the "big" checks. On display around our own cafeteria, where the event was held, were reports and displays of student projects by the winners from last year.

The following evening the UVM Extension Service hosted an event in the cafeteria celebrating 25 years of coming to the State House to report on the work they do in mostly rural areas. Their work is wide ranging from helping citizens with water quality issues to 4-H. They regularly work with our dairy farmers whose cows by the way are producing 63% of the milk produced in New England. Many farms have diversified in order to help pay the bills and this has brought them to a new issue. Senate bill, 231 speaks to the issue of Agritourism and Immunity from Liability. Some examples of agritourism activities are farm tours, Christmas tree farms, corn mazes, wagon rides, all the pickings: berry, apple, pumpkin, etc., overnight stays and the like. The farmers want to be exempt from civil liability if harm comes to a participant engaged in one of these activities. It would not apply to gross negligence, recklessness or intentional misconduct on the part of the agritourism provider. Several persons testified about this bill, including Mike Isham, a farmer in Williston (surprised many that a farm still exists there) who has 50 to 60 school groups visit each year. Beth Kennett of the Liberty Hill Dairy Farm in Rochester, testified about her business of hosting guests since 1984 on her farm. Guests come for night or an extended stay and can milk cows, cuddle newborn calves, collect eggs, fish, sit on the porch and knit as well as eat home cooked meals with her family. She also offers a baking class. Sounds good, maybe I'll go there. The bill is not without opposition by those who feel a law like this would be too broad and could prevent a person with a meritorious claim from suing. More testimony will be taken in the next few weeks.

Another food item, the GMO labeling law which is wending its way through the court system following a suit filed by the Grocery Manufacturers and others against the VT law was argued in the 2nd Circuit Court in New York City in October and a decision is expected any day now. It is that time of year when the "Military" comes to the State House to present their budget. The mission of this department is to command and support the National Guard as mandated by the state and U.S. constitutions. An additional responsibility under state law is to provide support to Vermont veterans. Major General Steven Cray, the Adjutant General for the State of Vermont, Capt. Jason Deans, his Aide de Camp, (I love that title) and other staff were present. The total budget for the department is \$29 million of which \$4.1 million comes from your state tax dollars. Overall the budget is up \$6.5 million from last year generally due to salaries, benefits, worker's comp and new positions.

There are 4000 Guard members, 3000 in the Army Guard and 1000 in the Air Guard. Except for 1000 members all the rest are considered part-time. Last year 300 Air Guard members served in Japan and Korea. Presently there are no groups in large numbers deployed overseas. To qualify to be a member one must have a minimum of a high school diploma or GED, pass aptitude and physical tests including a drug screen and a criminal record check. Unfortunately many applicants aren't able to pass the drug test or are disqualified because of criminal records. Norwich University is one of the biggest feeders of new successful recruits to the programs. The General mentioned that Newport has the strongest Junior ROTC program in the state. Another piece of information mentioned is that VT is proud to have the first woman Combat Engineer. The facilities maintained by the guard are the 20 armories around the state, the Army Aviation Support Facility, the Ethan Allen Air Force Base, the Ethan Allen Firing Range, Camp Johnson and others. The members also provide heavy rescue services for the city of Winooski and first response for the Northeast area for the city of South Burlington. There are 65 civilian employees hired by the Guard being paid with 5% state funds and 95% federal funds. There is a lot going on at different facilities and recently 700 Marines trained at the Jericho firing range.

Robert Burke who runs the Veterans' Affairs Office with his staff reported that they have had about 1000 cases open over a period of 14 months. Many Viet Nam vets are coming forward now to receive services. There are about 52,000 veterans in VT. The office maintains over 160,000 military records used to verify eligibility for state and federal benefits.

The construction at the enlarged and enhanced VT Veterans' Cemetery at Randolph is making remarkable progress and may be ready for a Memorial Day opening on a mini scale. The new road is done and I believe the buildings are also. There was a grant for \$5.7 million for the project, which will allow it to be open year round as well as provide additional lot space and a Visitors Center. The project fell under Act 250 for review and in order to get their permit they were required to pay \$21,000 for prime agricultural soil mitigation.

Consider visiting your State House, listening to testimony, doing a self-tour and having lunch in the cafeteria. Contact me at home at 802-228-8432 or [anitka@leg.state.vt.us](mailto: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.





**MESSAGE FROM MONTPELIER**  
**Legislative Report from Rep. Dennis Devereux**  
**For Ludlow, Mount Holly, and Shrewsbury**

The journey bills take to become laws is seldom straight. This has been the case for the Education Governance, Act 46, and the Earned Sick Leave (H.187) bills. When the Governance Bill left the House last spring it contained spending thresholds with penalties, and carrots to push school districts into merging. It is interesting that when we have all summer and fall to discuss the impact, and learn more about the unintended consequences there is always room for improvement. Placing spending caps on our school boards that try to create a budget where they are limited by our actions is not helpful. But it has moved discussions about areas where a merger with incentives makes sense, and has also helped limit increases in spending for many districts. I have wondered why incentives are necessary if it makes sense. The real issue is the declining enrollments caused by the loss of families.

There have been missed opportunities to lower the cost of education. During our debate about healthcare, we heard it was important to move large groups into the new Vermont Health Connect Program to lower the cost to those people already enrolled. An example given was that the movement of all school employees would take their healthcare cost off the property tax. This is something that would have helped every school district in the state.

The Education Committee has received many ideas, and I hope some can be placed into a miscellaneous committee bill. I am a sponsor of a

**TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY**  
**DOG LICENSE REMINDER**

This is just a reminder to any dog owners that you will need to register your dog(s) by April 1, 2016 at the Mount Holly Town Office. Your rabies certificate must be current. The fees for licensing are as follows:

<u>Dog or wolf hybrid neutered</u> (male or female)	=	\$ 11.00
<u>Dog or wolf hybrid unneutered</u>	=	\$15.00

The Mount Holly Town Office is open 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Monday – Thursday. The phone number is 259-2391 if you have any questions.

Susan C. Covalla, Mount Holly Town Clerk

**DOG & CAT RABIES CLINIC**

<u>Date:</u>	Saturday, March 19, 2016
<u>Time:</u>	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
<u>Place:</u>	Mount Holly Town Office
<u>Cost:</u>	\$12.00 per rabies shot
<u>Vet:</u>	Dr. Lisa Hickman

Please have your dog on a leash, and cat in a crate. The Mt. Holly Town Clerk will be present to register you dog with the town.

**Family Pancake Breakfast**  
**with REAL VT Maple Syrup**



**Saturday - April 2, 2016**  
**8:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**Shrewsbury Meeting House**  
**88 Lottery Rd - Shrewsbury VT**

**Adults \$8 ~ Children \$5**

**Benefit: Cairo Shrine Ctr - call 802-747-3400**  
**or email: [admin@cairoshriners.org](mailto:admin@cairoshriners.org)**  
**[www.cairoshriners.org](http://www.cairoshriners.org)**

**Follow-up with a stop at**  
**Smith Maple Crest Farms'**  
**Sugarhouse**

bipartisan bill to increase the ratio of students to teachers. We now have the lowest ratio in the country, and about the highest per pupil cost.

The Earned Sick Leave bill has been voted out with agreement with the Senate version.

Many of us supported an exemption for businesses with less than five employees. No one is against allowing employees to earn sick leave, but it places a huge burden on small businesses. The main difference between the final version was that the full effect of the bill would be delayed for two years. There are many mandates already on businesses, and we heard from some that this might be the last straw. There was even an attempt to first study the impact on small businesses. So here we were voting on a bill that no one knew how it would impact our small businesses.

Please contact me at [ddevereux@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:ddevereux@leg.state.vt.us) or 802-259-2460 about the bills that concern you.

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## Mount Holly Town News

Minutes are "DRAFT" until approved at the next Select Board meeting March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016. NOTE: Most Select Board meetings are covered by LPC-TV. The videos can be viewed at their website, [www.lpctv.org](http://www.lpctv.org). Computers with internet access are available at the Town Library.

**SELECT BOARD ~ FEBRUARY 09, 2016 ~** 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 several additions to the Agenda. Under Highways, Andy and Mary Haskell wished to discuss traffic concerns. Under Transfer Station, Electronic Recycling. Under Other, Wildlife Depredation Permit and Notice that the Army Corps of Engineers issued a permit for the New England Clean Power Link.

**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.**

2. Minutes:

- The minutes of the regular meeting of January 12 were sent out before the meeting for review. Upon motions made and seconded it was VOTED: To approve the January 12 minutes. (3-0)

3. Highways

- Mary and Andy Haskell first wanted to thank the Fire Dept. for their quick response recently when an impaired driver drove off the road and into their house. They went on to note that traffic on the road has gotten really crazy with 3 people going off the road in the last few weeks. This is not an issue of road conditions; rather many people are driving way too fast and ignoring the stop and slow signs that are posted. They asked the Selectboard to consider what other measures might be taken, asking about four-way stop signs, reduced speed limits,

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**A PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR OUTDOOR BURNING**  
**BURN PERMITS**  
May be obtained from  
**THE MOUNT HOLLY FIRE WARDEN**  
Jim Seward  
Pager: 786-3408  
Home: 259-2211  
**Leave a phone number where Jim can call you back.**  
**Do not burn until you have spoken to him.**  
**SAFETY FIRST ALWAYS**

permanent closure of Little Lane. The Board noted that they could not take formal action on any of the suggestions, as this had not been on the warned agenda, but could take it up again later. Jeff Teter offered to look at the property and perhaps place several rocks between the trees to offer additional protection to the house.

- The annual Highway Mileage Certificate was returned, signed by the State.
- The annual Highway and Bridge Weight Restrictions were renewed online last week, before the required 02/10/16 deadline. This affects Cole Rd and Station Rd bridges, as in the past.
- Culvert Inventory update sheets for 2012 thru 2015 have been submitted to RRPC to bring the town into compliance for the greatest amount of ERAF (emergency), FEMA and highway grant funding.
- FY17 Town Highway Class 1 Paving and Structures Grants: Jeff would like to apply for a \$55,000 grant to repair the other two culverts on Tarbellville Road. He will meet with ANR next week to see if they will sign off on a repair similar to what was done on Fowler Brook Rd after Irene. Otherwise new concrete culverts would likely run in the \$200,000 range for each one. Jeff also presented a plan to a Paving Grant for \$82,000 for Tarbellville Road from Rte 155 to Lake

### 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).

### REMINDER

**Make Sure To FILE HS-122**  
**The Homestead Declaration**  
**With your Tax Returns**

4. Report of Treasurer

- David Johnson presented an income and expense statement dated January 31, 2016 showing cash balances of \$2,073,289. Highlights: Delinquent taxes: no January report from the tax collector, but this is usually a slow time for collections. The Town purchased the CD holding the Rescue Squad's ambulance funds. This saved a penalty for early withdrawal, and the Town will collect the interest until the ambulance is delivered. Solid Waste label sales running a little above

- Better Roads grant programs – Ted Crawford proposed that the town look at the Category A grants, for a road and culvert inventory and capital budget plan (\$8000). The Board agreed and Rhonda will research the grant application process further.
- Traffic Ordinance Amendment re Lake Ninevah Road – The required legal notice of the amendment was published in the Rutland Herald on 01/23/16. Unless a petition to disallow is filed, the amendment will take effect on March 12, 2016.



budget, but Casella's January bill has not been received yet. Winter road materials (salt) expenses are in good shape so far. Loader expense includes \$6800 for tires, less than the \$10,000 budgeted for them. David also noted that the town had received the \$172,800 for the Tarbellville culvert grant.

- External Audit – We are still waiting for the auditor's report, which needs to come by tomorrow night for the Town Report book deadline.
- New annual dam fee. The State has dropped the municipality exemption for this fee. The Town will need to pay the fee of \$1000 for Star Lake dam by May 1, 2016. Ron Unterman confirmed it is a high hazard dam, due to the downstream consequences. This was not budgeted for this year (or next), but will be in the future.
- Computer Breach: Ted Crawford explained that there had been a security breach on the Treasurer's computer. He noted that all files that contain sensitive data were password protected. Both VLCT (our insurance carrier) and the Attorney General's office were contacted.

5. Transfer Station –

- The Town received the final version of the State Standard Plan and the Opt Out Plan for electronic recycling. RCSWD has also sent some articles which indicate that with the continued decline in prices received for recyclables, charges could start to be incurred for these items. Jeff noted that the collector no longer provides the pallets.

### Mount Holly Planning Commission

#### Advisory Council Meeting

The Mount holly Planning Commission and Advisory Council will meet with the Public Safety Officers **Monday February 22, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the Mount Holly Town Office.** The Education meeting was cancelled and is rescheduled for Monday March 07, 2016 at 7:15pm.

6. Planning Commission

- Rutland Regional Planning Commission: Don Richardson reported that 2/3 of the meeting was on siting of alternative energy. RRPC went thru the process they developed for their review off large commercial projects (there are 5-6 in Rutland County under review now), which may prove useful to towns developing guidelines.
- Rutland Regional Transportation Advisory

Council: David Hoeh reported that the meeting covered incentives available for municipalities and workplaces for electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. He also noted that the VTrans now has Route 140 (6.195 miles) and Route 155 (8.9 miles) as priorities #1 and #2 on their list, although we don't know what year that means it will be done. The VTrans rep at the meeting also noted he was aware that the large rockslide on Rte 140 is showing signs of movement after a recent rainstorm.

- Village Center Designation Renewal for Belmont: The renewal application is due April 3, 2016. David presented a draft to the Board for their review, which he is also taking to RRPC for their review and to get the required maps. David asked the Board to get any comments back to him within two weeks. The Board has to authorize the application, likely at the March meeting.
- Community and Economic Development Group: - Don Richardson noted that there is a group forming to reach out to anyone in the community interested in economic development in the town. Ted Crawford noted that both economic and community development in Mount Holly was a major topic for the new Town Plan committee and stated that the establishment of such another committee at this particular time would be in conflict with the efforts of the Town Plan and counter productive. Both Ray Tarbell and Tim Martin agreed. Don noted that the group sees a need to discuss economic development for the town, not just the town plan.

7. Other Business

- The Town received a copy of the amended application for a Certificate of Public Good (CPG) for the Hedgehog Hill Wind project. Ron Unterman said the he and other neighbors are very concerned about a commercial property in a residential area and will be commenting to the PSB within the 30 days required timeframe. He asked the Selectboard to comment to the PSB as well regarding the efforts made to get town input on siting and the resulting moratorium. Ted agreed to create an outline and forward to the other Selectmen for review.
- Abandoned Property Notice (the canoes from Star Lake Beach) was published on 01/30/16 (first of three weeks).

Owners have 90 days (until April 26, 2016) to claim their canoe, after which time the town can proceed with selling them.

- Selectboard Clerk Job Description was not available for review and was postponed to the next meeting.

8. The Board reviewed and signed the January orders for payment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion made, seconded and approved, at 8:23 pm. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

### 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.

### BONE BUILDERS

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## Advisory Planning Council

The Advisory Planning Council which was appointed by the Planning Commission to draft a new Town Plan for Mount Holly will be meeting on Monday March 7<sup>th</sup> and Monday March 21<sup>st</sup>. The meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup> will address two topics: Community Organizations starting at 6:00 and Education beginning at 7:15. At 6:00 we encourage all citizens involved in our many civic organizations to attend and share their goals, concerns, etc with the committee. Then at 7:15 we look forward to meeting with teachers/administrators, School Board members and parents of all children pre-k through 12<sup>th</sup> grade to discuss the future of education for our community.

On Monday March 21<sup>st</sup> we will be inviting all citizens who own/operate a business in our community to share their thoughts with us. This meeting will begin at 6:00.

These meetings will be held at the Mount Holly School. Citizen participation will guarantee that the Town Plan will incorporate the visions and concerns of our community. Please attend.

Sincerely, Bill McGrath - Chair Planning Commission, Ted Crawford - Chair Select Board



### Mount Holly Planning Commission ~ Regular Meeting Minutes - February 15, 2016

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

Randy Hawkins Public Hearing 6:00 pm Public Present: Keith Hawkins, Randy Hawkins and Doug Rose

The Planning Commission received the milar and copy of the State Septic permit. Doug Rose presented information on the parcel being sub divided. The total parcel is 171 acres with 2.2 acres being sub divided. The planning commission went through the milar with the sub division checklist. It was noted that septic perk test locations and topographical maps were not on the milar. Tim martin motioned to approve subdivision pending a new milar with these items added to final milar. Michael Valente seconded. All carried aye. Bill McGrath motioned to adjourn public hearing, Tim Martin seconded. All carried aye. Meeting Adjourned 6:35pm

### Regular Meeting: 7:00 pm

Public Present: David Hoeh, Francis Devine, Ralph Michael, Ron Unterman, Don Richardson, Jeff White, Rhonda Rivers, Mark Courcelle, Kevin Plew and LCPTV

Tim Martin motioned to approve minutes from January meeting, Michael Valente seconded. All carried aye. Mark Courcelle represented Daniel Adams on his sub division proposal of a 2 lot sub division. Lot 1 being 1.01 acres and lot 2 being 11.53 acres on Old Turnpike road. Bill inquired if the state had been notified of the overlay of the septic to the abutting owners. Mark noted not to his knowledge they had been notified. Planning Commission looked over preliminary milar and the **Public Hearing for Daniel Adams Subdivision will be Monday March 21, 2016 at 6:30 pm at The Mount Holly Town Office.**

Jeff white represented Donald Munro on the 2 lot subdivision located on Route 155. Parcel one being 36.5 acres and parcel 2 being 9.43 acres. Planning Commission reviewed the preliminary milar and concluded it needed a bigger signature block. **Public Hearing for Donald Munro Sub division will be Monday March 21, 2016 at 6:45 pm at the Mount Holly Town Office.**

Ralph Michael represented Kevin and Patti Plew on the Bartow sub division located on healdville road. He questioned if a sub division was actually needed since the Mount Holly sub division regulations section D part B; If the minor sub division is for sole purpose of Forestry, agriculture, open space or gift, a survey of new boundaries is all that is required. The Planning Commission reviewed that plat and information that was presented. Tim Martin agreed this is a boundary line adjustment, Bill McGrath recommended they do a sub division to make sure they are covered. Kevin plew expressed that if all that was required is a boundary adjustment the buyers would be more pleased. Tim Martin motioned to change Bartow sub division to a boundary line adjustment, Michael Valente seconded. All carried aye.

Ron Unterman spoke to the Planning Commission about Jason Day of Starwind Turbines application. The planning Commission only received the denied application for the Public service Board. Ron noted that there was another application submitted on 1/23/16 which the Planning Commission did not receive. Ron's attorney sent a letter addressing the issue. Once the Planning Commission receives application they will have 30 days to respond.

The Planning Commission and the Advisory committee will hold 8 meetings in the following months on key sections of the Town Plan. The first meeting will be February 22, 2016 with the Public Safety group. Meeting notices will advertise location of meeting. Ed Bove executive Director RRPC will be heading these meetings. There are 12 sections to the Town Plan, 8 sections with the assistance of RRPC and the advisory council. The 4 sections left the Planning Commission will address.

Meeting was open for public comment, Rhonda Rivers inquired about when and where the agendas were posted. The Planning Commission post agendas to the Town Office Board, Belmont Post Office and Mount Holly Post Office in accordance with the open meeting law.

Tim Martin motioned to adjourn meeting, Michael Valente seconded. All carried aye. Meeting adjourned 7:35 pm. Respectfully Submitted By Nicole Griffin

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## A SEVEN STORY AFTERNOON

Do you like to sit back and listen to a good story? Then come to the True Tales live storytelling event in Proctorsville on **Sunday February 28**. Seven local yarn spinners will stand before the audience and tell unscripted tales that include the story of an unexpected chance to sing in a Paris nightclub, teaching prisoners behind bars and one Hungarian's immigrant experience. The event, modeled on the wildly popular National Public Radio program called Moth Radio Hour, marks the third time that locals bitten by the storytelling bug perform in Proctorsville's Gethsemane Church. The program is a fundraiser for the church with a tiny congregation that does tremendous outreach. The line-up of brave souls stepping up to the mike on February 28 come from Cavendish, Ludlow, Reading, Weathersfield, Athens, Wallingford and Williamsville, a true cross-section of small Vermont towns. True Tales starts at 4:00 p.m. and admission is \$10.00 at the door of Gethsemane Church on Depot Street, next door to Crows Bakery Cafe. The lights will be turned low to let the magic of storytelling illuminate the afternoon.



## The Eulogy Jesus Gave For Himself

**WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE DIE?** Is death when we go to sleep? Or is death when we finally wake up? These are some of the questions on the minds of the sorrowing when I stand at the head of a casket in the middle of a cemetery to give God's words. I often share the eulogy Jesus gave for himself. In the flickering torchlight of the Upper Room

the disciples didn't know it was his farewell address. Nobody did, but it was. He knew he'd just seen his final sunset. He knew death was coming like a freight train with the morning. So he spoke about death. Here's how he began.

*"Don't let this throw you. You trust God, don't you? Trust me. There is plenty of room for you in my Father's home. If it weren't so, would I have told you that I'm on my way to get a room ready for you? And if I'm on my way to prepare a place for you, I'll come back and get you so you can live where I live. And you already know the road I'm taking."* (John 14 The Message)

What kind of statement is that? Trust me with your death. When tomb time comes, don't be troubled trust me! I recall times when my four children were young and we'd return home late from a long trip. I'd carry my daughter right upstairs and put her in bed. Why? I knew she needed rest and that rest was better up there than down here.

Doesn't God do the same? Doesn't He, knowing more than we, carry us to the place of rest He created? For God, death is no tragedy. In His economy, the termination of the body is the beginning of life.

Can you imagine if Careth's brothers objected to my decision to carry her upstairs? "Don't take her. We'll miss her. Please keep her here so we will all be together."

How would I answer? "Oh, but she'll rest so much better in the room I have prepared for her. Besides, you'll be coming up yourselves soon."

By calling us home, God is doing what any father would do. He's providing a better place to rest. A place he has "prepared for us..."

My now grown daughter spent two years in Burkina Faso (Peace Corps) and had the opportunity to have several dresses tailor-made for her by a talented native African tailor. She loves them because they fit her form perfectly. This world is illfitting but heaven will be tailor-made.

Jesus healed hundreds and fed thousands but as far as we know, only raised three: the daughter of Jairus, the boy near Nain, and Lazarus. Why so few? Could it be because He knew He'd be doing them no favors? Could it be that once someone is *there*, the last place they want to return to is *here*?

As Easter approaches ponder these words from Isaiah 57:12 *"The good men perish: the godly die before their time and no one seems to care or wonder why. No one seems to realize that God is taking them away from the evil days ahead. For the godly who die shall rest in peace"* (TLB).

Now, there's a thought. Could death be God's grace? Why does an eight year old die of cancer? Why a young mother taken from her children? As awful as the grave may be, could it be God's protection from the future?

"Trust in God," Jesus urges, "and trust in me. You aren't home yet. If my resurrection blew the doors off of death, then yours is guaranteed." **HAPPY RESURRECTION DAY** Pastor Glenn

(P.S. Get into the spirit of the resurrection and go see the new movie "Risen"!)



## Leap of Kindness Day!

The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce is promoting "Leap of Kindness Day" slated for February 29, 2016.

On Monday, February 29, 2016 we all have one additional day in this [#LeapYear](#). The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce would like to encourage everyone to use this "extra" day by doing something kind for someone else. The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber is inviting everyone in the Okemo Valley community to celebrate February 29, 2016 as Leap of Kindness Day. The OVRCC would like to acknowledge its peers at The Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce who developed this creative idea and shared the logo with our chamber. We are delighted to partner with them on this wonderful initiative. We are 4th in the nation and the first Chamber in Vermont to commit to the program and we hope that others will follow suit.

A list of suggested ideas can be found on the chamber's website. Suggestions include numerous small gestures ranging from volunteer opportunities, making donations to charity, being generous to those in the service industry and more.

### Here are a few suggestions on how you might celebrate #LeapofKindnessDay, Monday, February 29, 2016

Collect and deliver items that will be sent to US Soldier's stationed overseas by Operation Adopt A Soldier. [Click here for items that can be collected](#) and for a list of the locations to bring items that will then be sent to our Troops by this non-profit organization.

Local nursing homes have hundreds of residents who would LOVE to receive flowers and/or new socks on #LeapofKindnessDay. The professional staffs who care for these residents also deserve a special thanks for the work they do. Below is contact information for your company to setup a donation and delivery of flowers or new socks for residents and/or trays of cookies for the professional staff on February 29th. By the way, warm socks are the best -- ankle length white socks are best for foot care as well as a non-binding cotton material.

#### Senior Services:

Gill Odd Fellow Home, 802-228-4571 – They'd love BINGO prizes or volunteer your time.

Meals-on-wheels, (802) 228-7421 – Volunteer to deliver meals or time in the kitchen.

Springfield Area Adult Day Service, 802-885-9881, [springfieldhospital.org](http://springfieldhospital.org)

The Village at Cedar Hill, 802-674-6609



- There are 2 local food pantries located in the Okemo Valley. By February 29, many local pantries will be in desperate need of food. To celebrate #LeapofKindnessDay, your organization can collect and deliver food to a local food pantry on February 29, 2016. Local food pantries are: Black River Good Neighbors, Ludlow and Chester Andover Family Services, Chester.
- Tip BIG on February 29th to celebrate #LeapofKindnessDay. When you get your daily cup of coffee, or you dine out for lunch or dinner, or you patronize any local business where tips are accepted, we invite you to TIP BIG as a way of doing something kind for those who serve you on this special day.
- Send a note of gratitude to your child's teacher on Monday, February 29th. If you really want to celebrate #LeapofKindnessDay, enclose a gift card to their favorite local store or restaurant or a store that carries supplies for their classrooms or books they can share with their students.
- Before February 29th, employers could host a staff meeting to solicit ideas to do something together as a team at the start of the day, at lunch, or after work. Your team might want to invite someone to come in to teach them a new skill or to facilitate a fun group activity -- something you've always talked about doing but never found the time to do. Use this extra day to offer Yoga in the workplace, to try Sushi together, to explore relaxation strategies like meditation, or to go bowling together. Doing something together as a staff that you've always wanted to try counts as an act of kindness on this day.
- #LeapofKindnessDay offers everyone a great opportunity to thank our first responders -- Police, Fire and EMS. Contact your local police, fire or EMS department to see if they'd accept a small token of thanks from your organization for keeping us safe and being there to help whenever they are called.
- We are so very fortunate in the Okemo Valley to have access to an outstanding health care system. What makes our health care system special is the professional and caring support provided by those who work in our local hospitals. If you've ever had an experience in one of our local hospitals or health care facilities, we invite you to consider doing something nice for those who work there and/or their patients as suggested below to celebrate #LeapofKindnessDay.
- This extra day is an ideal day to thank those with whom you work. Consider #LeapofKindnessDay your extra day to write a thank you note to a co-worker or to bring someone in your organization a cup of coffee or to take them out to lunch. If you do this, invite them to "pay it forward" and you might see your workplace at its best on this extra day.
- Here's a way you can celebrate #LeapofKindnessDay on Monday, February 29th from your home or office. Make an online donation to a charity or nonprofit of your choice. Below are a few local options we might suggest:  
Billings Farm & Museum, 5302 River Rd., Woodstock, VT – (802) 457-2355 – [info@billingsfarm.org](mailto:info@billingsfarm.org) <http://www.billingsfarm.org>  
Black River Academy Museum, 14 High Street, Ludlow, VT – (802) 228-5050 – <http://bramvt.org>  
Black River Action Team, Springfield, VT – (802) 738-0456 – [blackrivercleanup@yahoo.com](mailto:blackrivercleanup@yahoo.com) – <http://BlackRiverActionTeam.org>  
Black River Good Neighbor Services, Inc. 34B Main St, Ludlow, VT – (802) 228-3663 – [brgns@tds.net](mailto:brgns@tds.net) – <http://www.brgn.org>  
Chaffee Art Center, Rutland, VT – (802) 775-0356 – [margaretcreed.barrows@gmail.com](mailto:margaretcreed.barrows@gmail.com) – <http://www.chaffeeartcenter.org>  
Chester Andover Family Center, Inc., 908 VT Route 103 S, Chester, VT – (802) 875-3236 – <http://www.chester-andoverfamilycenter.org>  
Chester Community Alliance, Chester, VT – [stevendavis50@gmail.com](mailto:stevendavis50@gmail.com)  
Chester Rotary, Chester, VT – <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/2919>  
Farm & Wilderness Foundation, Plymouth, VT – (802) 422-3761 – <http://farmandwilderness.org/>  
Fletcher Farm Foundation, Inc., 611 Route 103 South, Ludlow, VT – (802) 362-4274 – [lemire@vermontel.net](mailto:lemire@vermontel.net) – <http://www.fletcherfarmfoundation.org>  
Fletcher Farm School for the Arts & Crafts, 611 Route 103 South, Ludlow, VT – (802) 228-8770 – [info@fletcherfarm.org](mailto:info@fletcherfarm.org) – <http://www.fletcherfarm.org>  
Fletcher Memorial Library, 88 Main Street, Ludlow, VT – (802) 228-8921 – [fmlibrary@comcast.net](mailto:fmlibrary@comcast.net) – <http://www.fmlnews.org/>  
Friends of Ludlow Auditorium (FOLA), 1 Whispering Pines, Ludlow, VT – (802) 228-7239 – [info@fola.us](mailto:info@fola.us) – <http://fola.us>



Gallery at the Vault, 68 Main Street, Springfield, VT – (802) 885-7111 – [galleryvault@VTel.net](mailto:galleryvault@VTel.net) – <http://www.galleryvault.org>  
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 Grafton Promotional Association, Grafton, VT – (802) 843-2465 – <http://www.graftonVT.org/>  
 Housing Trust of Rutland County, 13 Center St., 2nd F, Rutland, VT – (802) 775-3139 – [kkellington@housingrutland.org](mailto:kkellington@housingrutland.org) – <http://housingrutland.org/>  
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 Mount Holly Community Historical Museum, Belmont, VT – (802) 259-2460 – [mountholymuseum@gmail.com](mailto:mountholymuseum@gmail.com) – <http://www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org/>  
 OVAL – OKEMO VALLEY AREA LADIES, LUDLOW, VT – [JJKNORMAN@TDS.NET](mailto:JJKNORMAN@TDS.NET)  
 Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaug Trail, Springfield, VT – (802) 885-2174 – [Spfldhumane@VTel.net](mailto:Spfldhumane@VTel.net) – <http://www.spfldhumane.org/>  
 Town & Village of Ludlow, 37 Depot St, Ludlow, VT – (802) 228-2841 – [tmanager@tds.net](mailto:tmanager@tds.net) – <http://www.ludlow.vt.us>  
 Town of Chester, 556 Elm Street, Chester, VT – (802) 875-2173 – <http://www.chester.govoffice.com>  
 Vermont Association of Snow Travelers, 26 VAST Lane, Barre, VT – (802) 229-0005 – [info@vtvast.org](mailto:info@vtvast.org) – <http://www.vtvast.org>  
 Vermont Gay Tourism Association, Route 100, Waterbury, VT – (802) 244-6828 – [info@VTgaytourism.com](mailto:info@VTgaytourism.com) – <http://www.VTgaytourism.com>  
 Vermont Outdoor Guide Association (VOGA), Old Hollow Road, North Ferrisburgh, VT – (802) 425-6211 – [info@voga.org](mailto:info@voga.org) – <http://www.voga.org/>  
 VT Association of Business, Industry & Rehabilitation, 100 Mineral St., Ste 308, Springfield, VT – (802) 885-8952 – [ktthomas@vabir.org](mailto:ktthomas@vabir.org) – <http://www.vabir.org/>  
 Weston Historical Society & Museum, Route 100 South, Weston, VT – (802) 824-5294 – [RBrandt840@aol.com](mailto:RBrandt840@aol.com) – <http://www.westonvt.com>  
 Weston Playhouse Theatre Co., 703 Main St., Weston, VT – (802) 824-5288 – <http://www.westonplayhouse.org>  
 Whiting Library 117 Main Street, Chester, VT – (802) 875-2277 – [whitinglibrary@yahoo.com](mailto:whitinglibrary@yahoo.com) – <http://whitinglibrary.wordpress.com/>  
 Windham & Windsor Housing Trust, 90 Main Street, Springfield, VT – (802) 246-2113 – [jspiro@w-wht.org](mailto:jspiro@w-wht.org) – <http://www.w-wht.org>  
 Windham Center Mental Health Services, 1 Hospital Court, Bellows Falls, VT – (802) 463-1346 – <http://www.springfieldmed.org>

## Please Help — Protect the View from Star Lake and Belmont Road

Jason Day of Star Wind Turbines in East Dorset, VT has applied to the Public Service Board to put 3 commercial wind turbines along the ridge of Hedgehog Hill, easily visible from Belmont Rd., Star Lake, and from the dozens of homes across Star Lake.

In his application he states, “The area where the turbines are located would not be considered any more scenic or natural than all of Vermont.” Really? This opinion from an outside, for-profit enterprise differs from what Mount Holly residents have expressed in their Town Plan!

Jason Day’s application ignores our public lake and beach by proclaiming, “There do not appear to be any public parks.” He also states that his wind towers “visual impact would not be more adverse than a telephone pole...” ignoring the fact that telephone poles aren’t usually 103 feet tall with blades 72 feet long for a total height of 139 feet!

Jason Day has also ignored the town’s express desire for a 2 year moratorium on such projects.

If you wish to object to a commercial wind farm being sited within the middle of a Mt. Holly residential area, please contact Carol Ballou (259-2333 or [wmsgal@gmail.com](mailto:wmsgal@gmail.com)) or Ron Unterman (259-2491 or [ron@unterman.com](mailto:ron@unterman.com)).

Please note that resident opposition to projects like these is an important consideration for the Public Service Board. Let’s work together to stop this project.

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**Read With Oreo** ~ Thursday March 17, 2016 - 3:00-4:00 ~ School age students are invited to come to the library and read a story with Oreo the Reading Dog.

**Welcome Spring PJ Story Time** ~ Monday March 21, 2016 - 5:30-6:15 ~ Let's spend the evening welcoming the arrival of Spring with a special night of stories and fun. Milk and cookies will follow.

**Books and Cooks** ~ Grades 2 & Up Limit 6 ~ Thursday March 24, 2016 - Dyed Easter Eggs Let's try out a few different methods for dyeing eggs and see which one works the best!

**First Ever Fletcher Memorial Library Peeps Diorama Contest** ~ Do you love those ooey gooeey brightly colored marshmallow holiday treats known as Peeps? Do you think you could make a diorama depicting your favorite book using only Peeps as characters? If so, you must enter our first ever Peeps Diorama Contest! Prizes will be awarded in 3 categories: \*Up to grade 5 \* Grades 6-12 \*Family- two or more members of any age ~ Full directions and entry forms can be picked up at the library beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>. Drop off Dates- March 8<sup>th</sup>-April 1<sup>st</sup> ~ Judging by Public Voting- April 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> ~ Winners will be announced on Friday April 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Crafty Tuesdays Grades K-6** - 3:00-4:00pm ~

1<sup>st</sup>- Rainbow Paperweights- Let's make some colorful paperweights using tissue paper, magazine pictures and glue.

8<sup>th</sup>-March Madness-Mini Basketball Hoops- March is college basketball month, and in celebration we will make mini sized hoops perfect for a game of one on one with a friend.

15<sup>th</sup>-St. Patrick Day Leaping Leprechaun- This week we'll be making our own movable leprechaun just in time for the holiday!

22<sup>nd</sup>- Hatching Chicks- Easter is less than a week away so join us as we make some adorable hatching chicks.

29<sup>th</sup>- Spring Lambs- March 20<sup>th</sup> signals the first day of Spring and with the arrival of the new season comes many baby farm animals, including lambs. Crafters will use materials such as cotton balls, clothes pins and paper cups to make some adorable spring babies.

**Family Movie Night** ~ Monday March 28, 2015 - 5:00-7:00pm ~ Blue Sky Studios ©"Peanuts" (G) ~ Refreshments will be served.

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## March Chamber Corner

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

Glad we all weathered the month of February together. Thanks to all the businesses and people who participated in Leap Of Kindness Day, February 29<sup>th</sup>. It warmed my heart to hear about companies helping one another and the good deeds being done! Let's carry it forward all year long!!

The Chamber is busy producing our next 2016/2017 Annual Regional Guidebook. We distribute them throughout our Region, to 5 Vermont State Welcome Centers, and at the NY Times Travel Show, CT Daytrip & Destination Show, the Big E in MA and insert them in all the bags for the Iron Adventure Run, VT Challenge and wedding bags.

We're continuously updating our website with new text and photos. If

you have any photos you'd like to share from your Town, please forward them to us.



We have a new affiliate partnership with Google's Street View Indoors. We will be adding 360 degree images inside of businesses and will include the participating companies in our new virtual Business and Area Guide.

We welcomed two new businesses to the Chamber:

Twigs & Thistle Thrift Boutique in Chester and Northern Naturals & Gardens, LLC in Mount Holly. The Southern Pie Company also opened their new location in Chester.

We had a great mixer at Four Seasons Sotheby's International Realty on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Members played 'lets make a deal' which is like business speed dating. This is great for companies in the service industry. Members enjoy getting to know about each others' businesses and are able give referrals to one another. Our next mixer is on March 9<sup>th</sup> at Green Mountain at Fox Run Women's Center for Binge & Emotional Eating, 70 Main, Ludlow.

### Save the dates:

April 13 & 14	Vermont Tourism Summit, Killington <a href="http://www.vttourismsummit.org">www.vttourismsummit.org</a>
April 19	Google workshop with Kim Dixon
May tbd	Lunch & Learn
June 18	Home Garden & Recreation Show, 31 Route 103 South, Ludlow
July 28-30	Iron Adventure Run, Jackson Gore Inn, Ludlow
August 26	Cruise In, Bensons Chevrolet
August 27 & 28	Antique & Classic Car/Motorcycle Show, Fletcher Farm
September 21	Chamber Golf Tournament

### "The 39 Steps" Kicks Off Month-long Tribute To Alfred Hitchcock

"The 39 Steps" will be FOLA's (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium) next movie in the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium on Saturday, March 5 at 7 PM.

The 39 Steps is a 1935 British thriller film directed by Alfred Hitchcock, starring Robert Donat and Madeleine Carroll. Based on the 1915 adventure novel The Thirty-Nine Steps by John Buchan, the film is about a man in London who tries to help a counter-espionage agent prevent an organization of spies called The 39 Steps from stealing top secret information. When the agent is killed and he stands accused of the murder, he goes on the run with an attractive woman to save himself and stop the spy ring.

Several of the particularly Hitchcockian-features in the film include his use of the "icy, blonde female" as a leading character and his own participation in the film.

The film was the first Hitchcock film based upon the idea of an "innocent man on the run," such as Saboteur and North by Northwest. Scholars of his films regard this film as one of his best variations upon this particular theme. In 1999 it came in 4th in a BFI poll of British films and in 2004 Total Film named it the 21st greatest British film of all time.

This will be the first of four major Hitchcock films shown by FOLA this month to demonstrate the character and growth of the great director's talent. It will feature a brief introduction to Hitchcock by film expert Rick Winston who will discuss the evolution of Hitchcock's craft, his favorite themes, his relationship with his collaborators, and his wry sense of humor no matter how grisly the subject matter. Mr. Winston is coming to Ludlow for this event courtesy of the Vermont Humanities Council.

Following this film, FOLA will be featuring three other great Hitchcock movies: March 12, 'Rebecca'; March 19, 'Vertigo'; and March 26, 'The Birds'.

As with all FOLA movies, the event is free; donations are appreciated. Popcorn will be supplied by the Berkshire Bank; FOLA will offer water. For more information call (802) 228-7239 or visit FOLA's web site, [www.fola.us](http://www.fola.us).



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## OFFICIAL ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT

### MEETING BALLOT - MARCH 1, 2016

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, mark a cross (X) in the square at the right of that persons name. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name on the blank line in the appropriate block and mark a cross (X) in the square at the right.

<p>For Town &amp; School Moderator for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>ANDREW TANGER..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In... <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>For Town Grand Juror for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>PAUL FAENZA ..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In... <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>For Town &amp; School District Clerk for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>SUSAN C. COVALLA ..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In... <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>For Trustee of Public Funds for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>DAVID H. JOHNSON ..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In... <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>For Town &amp; School District Treasurer for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>DAVID H. JOHNSON ..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In... <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>For Cemetery Commissioner for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>DENNIS DEVEREUX ..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In... <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>For Selectman for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>TIM MARTIN ..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>For School Director for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>MARY ALBERTY ..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>For Lister for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>CHRISTINE PRATT ..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>For School Director for 1 year Vote for not more than <u>TWO</u></p> <p>HANNAH ANDERSON ..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>SEBASTIAN FRANK..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In... <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>For Auditor for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>MARCY TANGER ..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In.. <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>For Union 39 School Director for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In... <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>For First Constable for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>PAUL FAENZA ..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>Article I</b> (School Warning) Shall the voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District approve the sum of <u>\$2,777,827</u>, to defray current expenses for the ensuing fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and to pay outstanding orders and obligations? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>For Delinquent Tax Collector for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>PETER PERRINO ..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>Article III</b> (School Warning) Shall the voters of the Mount Holly Town School District appropriate <u>\$1,697,194</u>, necessary for the support of its school for the year beginning July 1, 2016? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>For Town Agent for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>KRISTOPHER A. COVALLA ..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>Article IV</b> (School Warning) Shall the voters of the Mount Holly School District authorize its Town School District Officers to place all unencumbered funds into a Reserve Fund for the purpose of defraying unanticipated operational expenses? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>





<b>Article 3</b> (Town Warning) Does the Town vote the following budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 to be raised by tax?	
A. General Fund	\$445,320.
YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
B. Highway Fund (net)	\$325,600.
YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Article 4</b> (Town Warning) Does the Town vote \$77,000 to be raised by tax for the fiscal year 2016-2017, for future capital expenditures?	
YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Article 5</b> (Town Warning) Does the Town vote to the Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. an operating budget of \$49,700 for the 2016-2017 fiscal year, and lease purchase payment of \$36,900, for a total of \$86,600 to be raised by tax?	
YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Article 6</b> (Town Warning) Does the Town vote to the Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc. for the 2016-2017 fiscal year budget, to be raised by tax?	
A. General Budget Fund	\$15,000.
YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
B. Vehicle & Equipment Replacement Fund	\$15,000.
YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Article 7</b> (Town Warning) Does the Town vote \$12,000 for the Mount Holly Town Library, to be raised by tax? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Article 8</b> (Town Warning) Does the Town vote \$2,500. for the Mount Holly Chit Chat, to be raised by tax? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Article 9</b> (Town Warning) Does the Town vote \$8,835 for Community and Social Services, to be raised by tax? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Article 10</b> (Town Warning) Does the Town vote \$3,000 for Black River Area Community Coalition (BRACC) to be raised by tax? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Article 11</b> (Town Warning) Does the Town vote to fund the afterschool program at the Mount Holly School in the amount of \$6,500, in FY2017, to be raised by tax? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>



<b>OFFICIAL BALLOT</b> <b>UNION #39 SCHOOL DISTRICT</b> <b>MARCH 1, 2016</b>	
<b>INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS</b> A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: <input type="radio"/>	
<b>ARTICLE</b>	
<b>ARTICLE 1:</b>  Shall the Union School District #39 approve the school board to expend \$3,890,988.00 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that the proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,715.88 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 0.41% higher than spending for the current year.	
	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>

## Hospice Volunteers needed ...

Rutland Area Visiting Nurse and Hospice (RAVNAH) will be holding its Spring Hospice volunteer training course at the RAVNAH offices on Albert Cree Drive, across from Rutland Regional Medical Center starting in mid-March. We are recruiting people of all ages and backgrounds for this important work with patients and their caregivers. Most of the visiting will be in patients' homes, although some patients reside in assisted living or nursing facilities.

***The FREE classes start on Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> and will be held over eight sessions through four weeks, meeting Thursdays from 4:30 pm until 7:30 pm and Saturday mornings from 9 AM until Noon.***

There are currently 40 – 50 active volunteers who provide services throughout Rutland County and in the Manchester area. The training sessions will explore in depth the subjects of personal death awareness, planning and preparation for critical health care changes and dying, physical aspects of disease and dying, spiritual and emotional support to patients and families, cultural awareness, privacy and confidentiality when serving as a volunteer and unique ways to assist patients with life limiting illness and disabling conditions.

For those wishing to enroll in the free Hospice Volunteer Training Course or seeking more information about volunteer opportunities with Hospice, you may contact Hospice Volunteer Coordinator John Campbell at 770-1683 or by email at [jcampbell@ravnah.org](mailto:jcampbell@ravnah.org)

## BRGNS Looking for Volunteers

Black River Good Neighbor Services' Thrift Store is looking for volunteers to help take out the trash – literally. If you have a pick up truck or SUV, or don't mind filling the back of your car with trash, and you can spare two hours once a month, BRGNS can use your help.

The store has a long history of volunteers helping to haul trash and recycling to the Ludlow transfer station each week, but people move away, or sell their pick-up, or get a new job, and the trash and recycling still piles up. "We used to just dispose of trash", said Audrey Bridge, Executive Director," but now we mostly generate recycling. Whatever it's called, we still have to move it." So if you can spare the time and want to help, please call Audrey at 228-3663, or stop by the thrift store at 37B Main Street in Ludlow. Like death and taxes, trash is always certain to be there.



**BLACK RIVER GOOD NEIGHBOR SERVICES, INC.**  
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## VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region Demonstrates Excellence in the First Ever Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) Home Health Patient Experience of Care Star Ratings



On January 28, 2016, VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region which includes (Rutland Area VNA & Hospice, Bennington Area VNA & Hospice and Dorset Area VNA & Hospice) received a 4 star rating on a 5 star scale in the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services first patient experience of care star ratings, landing in the top 26% of home health agencies in the country to receive that score or better. The Survey star ratings measures and evaluates patients' experiences with home health agencies and will allow consumers to compare and choose among home health agencies. VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region is also the first and only agency in VT to achieve a 4.5 star rating for Quality of Patient Care which is in the top 8% nationally. This rating is higher than the national and state averages, which are 3.0 and 3.5 respectively.

"I'm proud of our dedicated staff who are willing to go above and beyond for their patients. Delivering this level of home health and hospice requires compassion and we look forward to continuing to improve the quality home health care and hospice services we provide," said Ron Cioffi, CEO of VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region.

This marks the first time that patients and their families can go one step further and compare information on patients' experiences of home health care agencies through HHCAHPS Survey star ratings. Individuals will be able to view the following five HHCAHPS Survey star ratings for each home health agency listed on the website:

- 1) Care of Patients
- 2) Communication Between Providers and Patients
- 3) Specific Care Issues
- 4) Overall rating of Care Provided by the Home Health Agency
- 5) Survey Summary star rating



For more information on this announcement or if you are looking for a home healthcare agency to compare, please visit: <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/mediareleasedatabase/fact-sheets/2016-fact-sheets-items/2016-01-28.html>

For more information about VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region, please visit <https://www.vermontvisitingnurses.org>





## Shriner Hospital For Children

Shriner Hospital for Children provides specialty care to children up to age 21 with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate, regardless of the family's ability to pay. All care and services are delivered in a family-centered environment.

To learn more about our services, or to refer a patient, visit [www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org](http://www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org) to locate a hospital near you. Or call 800-237-5055 in the U.S. or 800-361-7256 Canada – Past Potentate Bob Ferguson, Cairo Shriners, Rutland



## Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice Community Health Clinics – March 2016



### March Blood Pressure/Foot Care Clinics

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

Wednesday, 03/02/2016,	Wallingford, Wallingford House,	10:30 am
Thursday, 03/03/2016,	Rutland, Parker House,	10 am
Monday, 03/09/2016,	Rutland, Templewood Court,	10 am
Wednesday, 03/16/2016,	Rutland, Sheldon Towers,	9 am
Wednesday, 03/16/2016,	Rutland, Linden Terrace,	11 am
Thursday, 03/17/2016,	Rutland, Maple Village,	10 am
Wednesday, 03/30/2016,	Rutland, Godnick Center,	12:30 pm
Thursday, 03/31/2016,	N Clarendon, N Clarendon Community Center,	12:30 am

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

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

Clinics held at the Rutland Office are the 1st Wednesday - call 802.775.0568 for an appointment.

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

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

**Vermont Ostomy Group** ~ A support group for individuals with bowel and bladder ostomies and continent diversions will meet at the Rutland Area VNA & Hospice on Saturday, March 12th from 10:30 am until noon. For more information contact Kate Lawrence, MSN RN CWOCN at 802-770-1682.



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**Mount Holly Chit Chat Inc.**, 3379 Shunpike Rd., Mount Holly, VT 05758

The Mount Holly Chit Chat, a membership organization, has been incorporated as a non-profit organization in the State of Vermont, dedicated to providing all members of the Mount Holly community with information on Town events and issues. Membership is open to anyone who lives in, works in, or owns property in Mount Holly and who has made an annual membership donation. Membership donations help bring the Chit Chat to you every month.

**Check here if you DO NOT wish to receive the Chit Chat** \_\_\_\_

Donation amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Tax Deductible** We have Federal tax exempt status.

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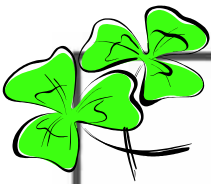


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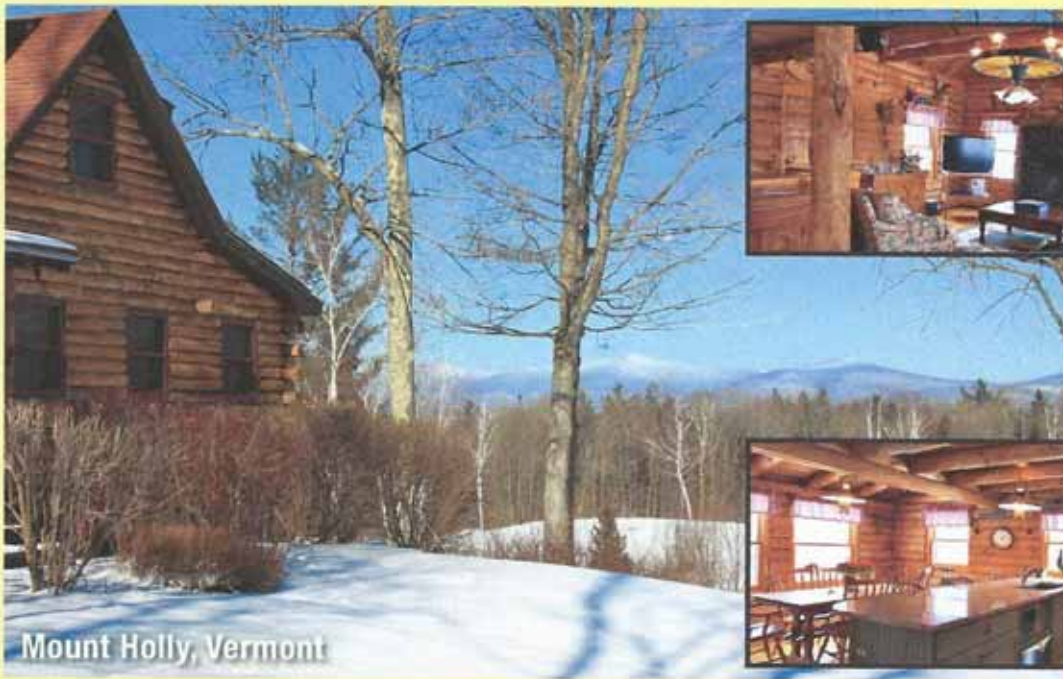
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[rdscon@live.com](mailto:rdscon@live.com) Cell 353-7802  
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## Funeral Homes

Clifford Funeral Home 773-3010

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Sleds, Welding & Metal Fab [gdurgin67@gmail.com](mailto:gdurgin67@gmail.com)  
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Country Home Management, Richardson/Rivers 259-3662 228-7086  
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Liccardi & Crawford PC – Susan Crawford 775-3368

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Frank Ellison H 228-4011 - Cell 802-345-3766  
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Carl Mitchell H 259-2107 - Cell 384-3202  
Lisa Kelley H 259-3112 - Cell 345-6581

## Septic System Design

Belmont Septic Design - Kevin Hollebeek C 802-733-2561

[Kevin@belmontseptic.com](mailto:Kevin@belmontseptic.com)

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Black River Good Neighbor Service 228-3663

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