



Mount Holly Chit Chat

42/03

May 2016

Village Baptist Church – Worship 9:30am, Pastor Glenn Davis 259-2440 vbch@weebly.com
E. Wallingford Baptist – SS 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am Evening 6:30 pm Phone 259-2831 www.ewbaptist.com
First Baptist Church, Wallingford – Worship 10 am, Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm, Pastor Dave Bentley 802-446-2020
Lighthouse Independent Baptist Church-SS 11 am & 3 pm Until May, 11 am & 6 pm 253 S. Main St, Rutland 802-779-0300
St. Patrick's Mass, Wallingford Sat 4 pm Sun 9:15 am Rev Justin Baker, Phone 446-2161
Annunciation Mass, Ludlow, Sat 4 pm, Sun 8 am & 11 am **Proctorsville** Sun 9:30 am, Rev. Lourduraja Simeone Ph. 228-3451
Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce – Marji Graf 228-5830
Town Library: Sat 9-1 Sun 2-4 Mon 3-7 Wed 3-7 Mt. Holly Town Library, P.O. Box 93, Belmont, VT 05730 Call 259-3707
Town Office Hours: Mon. to Thurs. 8:30 am – 4:00 pm Closed Fri. & Holidays Phone & Fax 259-2391
Town Treasurer's Office Hours: Mon 8:30 am – 12:00 pm Wed 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm and by Appointment 802-259-2391
Burn Permits: Call Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward 786-3408 or 259-2211

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

Sun	1 st	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	Turkey Season Opens~Loyalty Day~May Day	7:00 pm
	2 nd		Captain John Smith landed at Jamestown 1607	
	4 th	Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library	National Teacher Day	7:00 pm
		Mt. Holly School Board Meeting		6:00 pm
		Union #39 School Board Meeting		6:00 pm
	5 th		Cinco de Mayo ~ National Day of Prayer	
	6 th		National Nurses Day	
Sat	7 th		Robert Browning 1812	
Sun	8 th	Pres Harry S. Truman 1884 ~ V-E Day WWII 1945 ~ World Red Cross Day~ Mother's Day		
	9 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	Transcontinental Railroad Complete 1869	7:00 pm
	10 th	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
	11 th	Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station		7:00 pm
		Mt. Holly PTC Meeting, Mt. Holly School Library		3:00 pm
		ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		7:00 pm
	12 th		Florence Nightingale 1820	
Sat	14 th		Lewis & Clark's Expedition 1804	
	16 th	Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office	EMS Week, 16th -20th	7:00 pm
		Advisory Planning Council Meeting, MHS Cafeteria, Housing & Natural Resources		6:00 pm
	17 th	Fire Dept. Work Night, Fire Stations	New York Stock Exchange Est. 1792	7:00 pm
		Mason Meetings, Mt. Moriah Lodge, E. Wallingford		8:00 pm
	18 th		Mount St. Helen's Erupted 1980	
	19 th	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont		6:00 pm
Sat	21 st		Armed Forces Day	
Sun	22 nd		National Maritime Day ~ United Spinal Asso founded 1946	
	23 rd	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building		7:00 pm
		Advisory Planning Council Meeting, MHS Cafeteria, Land Use Policies		6:00 pm
	24 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		9:00 am
		Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station		7:00 pm
	25 th	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		7:00 pm
	27 th		Wild Bill Hickok born 1837	
Sat	28 th		Sierra Club Founded 1892	
Sun	29 th		Pres. John F. Kennedy 1917	
	30 th		Traditional Memorial Day Observed	
	31 st	Fire Dept. Work Night, Fire Stations	Turkey Season Closes	7:00 pm

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Emergency Services

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



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May Birthdays: 2nd -Dawn Howlett * 3rd -Karl Parsells III * Lois Miller 5th -Melenie Lambert * Debby Bernagozzi * Olivia Turco 10th -Amy Taylor 11th -Carol Venter 12th -Michele Chadburn * Seneca Landry 16th -Heather Garrow * Chad Getchell 17th -Hilary SwezeyHurst 19th -Allison Bussino (2013) 20th -Patrick Chadburn 23rd -Raymond Dana (90 2014) 24th -Greg Herbst * Christopher Jacobs * Jordan Devereux 25th -Marji Graf 26th -Karen Blodgett * Brigid Sullivan * Austin Turco * Amy Turco 30th -Jeffery Columb II * Linda Guerrero 31st -Tom Veysey * Beth Hart



May Anniversaries: 3rd -Donna & Rick Lee 16th -Jack & Kathleen Koponen 17th -Bill & Mary Ellen Jacobs 18th -Dennis & Fern Melvin * Brigid Sullivan & David Hoeh * Jeff & Lucy Columb (1985) 28th -Steve & Maria Howard 30th -Douglas & Lynnette Devereux 31st -Sarah & Zak Delphia

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

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& 2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
Sat 8:00 am – 10:45 am

East Wallingford 802-259-2829

Mon – Fri 7:00 am – 9:00 am
& 2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
Sat 7:00 am – 10:00 am

Cuttingsville/Shrewsbury 802-492-3585

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& 11:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Sat 8:00 am – 11:00 am

Lobby Hours Mon – Fri 7:30 am – 5:00 pm
Sat 7:30 am – 11:00 am

Ludlow 802-228-7436

Post Master: Dawn Howlett

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

Window Hours Mon – Fri 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

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Leo A. Scarzello



Leo A. Scarzello, 87, a home owner in Mount Holly since 1969 died December 16, 2015 peacefully at his home in Amherst, NH with his wife Helen & his two sons Steven & Peter at his bedside. Leo had complications with Parkinson's disease and prostate cancer; he was on hospice at home for a year prior to his death.

Leo was a graduate of St. Francis Xavier and Valley Forge Military Academy and served in the US Navy as a fighter pilot. For most of his life he worked as a Manufacturers Representative in the custom molded plastics industry and 3 of his sons Thomas, Steven & Peter followed in his footsteps.

Leo enjoyed traveling the world with his wife Helen of 64 years, entertaining with family and friends, fireworks, gardening, skiing & bee keeping among other hobbies and activities. He had a special bond with Luis Houle, a local native from Mount Holly.

Leo is survived by his loving wife Helen (Yuodaitis) Scarzello of 64 years, and three of his five sons, Richard Scarzello and his wife Barbara Scarzello of North Fayston Vermont, Steven Scarzello of Haverhill, Massachusetts & Peter Scarzello of Amherst NH. He had two grandsons and two great grand daughters. He is predeceased by two of his five sons James Scarzello & Thomas Scarzello.

Leo will be dearly missed by his family, friends and business associates.

Carol Seward



Carol Seward, 87, of East Wallingford, passed away peacefully at her home on Thursday, April 14, 2016.

Born in Ludlow, VT, on December 18, 1928, to Elizabeth Harder and Robert Carter, she was raised in Mount Holly at the Dana Davenport farm and attended grade school in Tarbellville before leaving home at the age of 14 to attend Rutland High School.

Carol graduated from Rutland High School in 1946 and completed the RN Program at Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital in 1950.

She married Stanley (Bill) A. Seward in Belmont on Valentine's Day in 1951 during Bill's weekend leave from the United States Army.

Member of Waverly Chapter #10, Eastern Star, Lakeside Rebekahs, Mount Holly Rescue Squad, East Wallingford Baptist Church and East Wallingford Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.

Enjoyed a long career in the orthopedic unit at Rutland Regional Medical Center (RRMC) and provided private nursing services until retiring from RRMC in 1994.

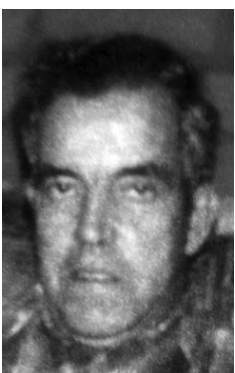
She is survived by four children, Stanley (Buster) D. Seward of East Wallingford, Rebecca S. Wirehouse of Poughkeepsie, NY, David B. Seward of East Wallingford and Ginger S. Bendig of Granby, CT; six grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by husband Bill Seward (2014) and sister Arlene Doty of Wallingford (2016).

Carol was known for her love of music, quilting, working with her flowers and antiques. She will always be admired for her dedication to family and her selfless passion for helping others.

Open reception from 1-3 p.m. at East Wallingford Baptist Church on Monday, April 18 with funeral services to follow. Burial will be at a later date in Maple Grove Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to East Wallingford Baptist Church.

Donald L. McKirryher



Donald L. McKirryher, 87, of East Wallingford, died unexpected Thursday evening, April 8, 2016, upon arrival at the Rutland Regional Medical Center.

He was born on March 21, 1929, in Rutland, the son of Leland and Sadie (Barker) McKirryher. Mr. McKirryher grew up in Rutland and was employed by the Eddy Ice Plant, West Rutland Marble Quarry, and for many years by the General Electric Company prior to his retirement in 1991.

He enjoyed bluegrass music, hunting and fishing, and was an avid reader.

Survivors include a son, Greg McKirryher, and his wife, Gretchen, of Belmont; 6 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren, a sister, Corrine Hollman; a brother, Leland "Buddy" McKirryher; several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his former wife, Florence E. Flike, in December; his father; his mother, Sadie Smeil; stepfather, Dominic Smeil; and 3 sisters Frances Smidt, Shirley Bishop and Phyllis Parker. Private burial will be in the East Clarendon Cemetery.

Arrangements are by the Aldous Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to a [charity of one's choice](#).



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MOUNT HOLLY SCHOOL REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Mount Holly School is accepting bids for mowing the Mount Holly School grounds and playing fields for the 2016 season. The contract includes a one-time brush hogging around the perimeter of the grounds in late August.

If you are interested, please submit a bid for the entire season, including the brush hogging, along with a Certificate of Insurance.

Bids should indicate 'Mowing Bid' on the envelope and be submitted by **4 pm on Thursday, May 12, 2016** to:

Craig HuttVater
Mount Holly School
150 School Street

Mount Holly School Happenings

The 6th grade performance of "Secret Agents in Disguise" will be held on **Friday, APRIL 29th at 2:15 p.m.** (This was incorrectly reported in the MHS Notes portion of the Weekly News)

- Please plan to join us on Friday, May 29th @ 2:15 p.m. for the 6th grade performance of "Secret Agents in Disguise".

- The Mount Holly School Sole Sisters : **Girls on the Run** will be hosting a **Community Supper on Friday, May 6th** at the **Mount Holly School gym from 5:00—6:00 p.m.** Bring your own fork and plate and we will provide the rest. There is no charge for this event. Enjoy delicious homemade dishes made by the Girls on the Run family for you

May 4th – Parent Teacher Student Assoc Meeting 3:15 pm MHS

May 7th – Little League Opening Day

May 10th – Kindergarten Registration 3:00 pm

Rutland South Supervisory Union

64 Grange Hall Road, North Clarendon, Vermont 05759

Tel: 802-775-3264 www.rssu.org Fax: 802-775-8063

Parents/Guardians of RSSU and Mt. Holly Elementary Students:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you about the Rutland South Supervisory Union and Two Rivers Supervisory Union Elementary Transfer Program.

High school students in Rutland County have had a school choice program available to them for a number of years. Over the last ten years, a similar program has been available to the elementary school children in Rutland South Supervisory Union. The Clarendon, Shrewsbury and Wallingford School Boards have allowed a limited number of students in grades kindergarten through six to participate in the program. The agreement then expanded to include elementary students attending Mount Holly School and Tinmouth Elementary School.

The program allows a few students to transfer from one elementary school into one of the five participating elementary schools. Once enrolled, the student is able to attend the receiving school through the end of grade 6.

Transportation is not usually provided.

If you are interested in having your child take part in the program, please request a short application from the Rutland South Superintendent's Office in North Clarendon (802-775-3264). Complete the application and return it to the RSSU office at the above address by **May 15, 2016**. (Contact Mount Holly School or call above numbers for application) If more than the allowable number of students apply and there are limited openings, a lottery system will be utilized to determine the students who may transfer.

If you wish more detailed information, the entire program description and agreement is available at the RSSU office.

Regards, Dave Younce, Superintendent, Rutland South Supervisory Union

Congratulations to Aiyana Fortin for placing **FIRST** at the VT History Day competition for documentary. Aiyana and her doc will be (once again) making the trip to DC for Nationals this year! We will keep everyone posted as to when it will be televised. Great Job Alyana.



All funds raised will go directly to **Mount Holly School Student Council**.

Purchase a Mount Holly T-Shirt or Sweatshirt!

The Mount Holly Student Council is selling T-shirt and Sweatshirts to raise money and boost school spirit!

Visit www.booster.com/mount-holly to place your order online. T-shirts are \$20 and Sweatshirts are \$30

You can have apparel items shipped in bulk to the school for new fee or you can have them shipped directly to your home.

Shipping starts at \$4.99.

Highway Safety is Top Priority For All Concerned

By Michael B. Guild

Summer season is here and the horses are out. This means that motorists and others enjoying the scenic beauty must be extra careful to avoid an accident. Highway safety is the responsibility of everyone involved. Both the motorist and rider have to be very cautious. The following sections are excerpts from the Vermont State Laws that pertain to horses and motor vehicles.

TITLE 23 SECTION 1127 – “Whenever upon a public highway and approaching a vehicle drawn by a horse or other draft animal or approaching a horse or other animal upon which a person is riding, the operator of a motor vehicle shall operate the vehicle in such a manner as to exercise every reasonable precaution to prevent the frightening of such horse or animal and to insure the safety and protection of the person riding or driving.”

Title 23 Section 1014 – “A person riding an animal or driving any animal drawn vehicle upon a road is granted all of the right and is subject to all the duties applicable to the driver of a motor vehicle by this chapter except those provisions of this chapter which, by their very nature can have no application.”

The Vermont Driver's Manual directs motorists to exercise “every reasonable precaution” to avoid frightening a horse being ridden or driven and to insure the safety and protection of the horse and rider. To help both riders and motorists understand what's meant by “reasonable precaution”, the Vermont Horse Council offers these simple guidelines.

Highway Precautions FOR RIDERS:

1. Always ride on the right side of the highway, preferably on the shoulder and be alert.
2. Always rid in single file when riding in a group.
3. To communicate to motorists that danger exists and they should approach with caution, wave the extended left hand with the palm face down.

FOR MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATORS:

1. When meeting or passing horses on the highway relinquish the right lane to the horse in case an emergency should occur.
2. When approaching a BRIDGE or TUNNEL into which a horse has entered, STOP and permit the horse to complete its crossing.
3. Never be the cause of any loud, sharp noises, such as blowing the horn or applying air brakes. Acceleration in the lower gears can be sufficient to startle an animal. Motorcyclists should be extra cautious.
4. **Slow to at least 25 miles per hour or less**, both when meeting or passing a horse, and if necessary come to a complete stop as a means to avoid injuries.

Bicycles and joggers present a different kind of danger; they are quiet and just appear. Horses do not have vision directly to

their rear; as such they have a major blind spot. A horse is a prey animal and their reflexive reaction is “Fight or Flight” when startled. Cyclist and joggers should speak in a normal tone of voice and ask the rider if it is safe to pass. This serves two purposes; it lets the horse know there is a human behind it and allows the rider time to prepare for what the horse may do.

I spend a lot of time riding in many different places. My horse is used to the hustle and bustle of the highway, but there are times when something will bother him. We could have ridden by it many times, but it may look a little different. During these times his reaction may place in a dangerous situation. Events like this happen less than 1% of the time. No horse is predictable. Everyone needs to be aware and prevent needless injuries.



Suppers For Mount Holly Organizations



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May 7 th	MHVF Auxiliary – Roast Pork	
May 28 th	Colfax Lodge – Baked Ham	
June 18 th	MHVFD - Roast Beef	
July 4 th	Colfax Lodge - Chicken BBQ	11:30 am
	Town Parade also that day Step off at 11:00 am	
July 23 rd	Mt. Moriah Masons - Baked Ham	
Aug 13 th	Colfax Lodge - Roast Pork	
Sept 3 rd	Historical Museum - Baked Ham	
Sept 24 th	MHV Rescue Squad – Roast Pork	
Oct 8 th	MHCA - Roast Beef	
Oct 29 th	Gill Home, IOOF – Baked Ham	



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You Are Cordially Invited

My name is Kathleen Thompson. I grew up in Mt. Holly and am a current graduate student of Castleton University and am also a member of the VT ARNG of Rutland. I am holding a vocal recital on Thursday, May 5th at 3:00pm at the Castleton Federated Church in Castleton as a benefit for the Disabled American Veterans Fund and also the Open Door Mission of Rutland, who help house and feed many homeless veterans. I have included a copy of my invitation that provides more information. I hope to attract a large audience to raise money for a great cause! And even if people can't attend they are welcome to donate and can reach me by my personal

email: Kathleen.a.thompson15@gmail.com. Admissions are \$2, but donations are welcomed!

International Voluntary Service for Peace

Founded in 1982 in Belmont, VFP (Volunteers For Peace) is a non-profit organization offering over 3000 international voluntary service projects around the world. You may have come in contact with some of our volunteers when we hosted over 20 projects in Mt. Holly over the last 34 years. In 2010, we moved our office to Burlington. Projects for 2016 have been posted online at: www.vfp.org. If you know of anyone who might be interested in an affordable international voluntary service project, please direct them to our website. Thanks. Peter Coldwell, founder and VFP board member.

May Happening Dates

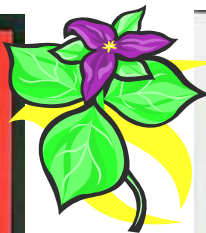
- May 1, 1931 ~ The Empire State Building Opened
- May 10, 1775 ~ Ethan Allen and Green Mountain Boys captured the British held fortress at Fort Ticonderoga, New York.
- May 20, 1927 ~ First solo transatlantic flight by Charles Lindbergh.
- May 20, 1932 ~ First solo transatlantic flight by a woman Amelia Earheart.
- May 21, 1881 ~ The American Red Cross founded by Clara Barton.
- May 25, 1889 ~ Igor Sikorsky, Russian-American inventor of the first successful helicopter was born.
- May 26, 1965 ~ Voting Rights Bill of 1965 the USA eliminated local laws and practices that prevented minorities from voting.
- May 28, 1888 ~ Jim Thorpe, Native American Olympic gold medallist, baseball and football player, born.



On April 8th, Clyde (Buddy) Howland Jr. and Eileen (Jackson) Howland celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. Yes, Bud is the youngest of the Howland clan that grew up on top of the hill which was always known as Howland Hill but has now been renamed to Maple Hill Rd.

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To the Editor:

For those who missed the Act 46 school consolidation piece in the Rutland Herald on April 7 titled "Orwell Should Vote 'No'" by former Vermont Commissioner of Agriculture, Paul Stone, let me present some of his arguments concerning Orwell because the situation is quite similar to the educational situation Mount Holly would face if the Act 46 Preferred Merger for our Two Rivers Supervisory Union is adopted by the Study Committee rather than the Alternative Proposal in Act 46.

Under the so called Preferred Proposal (preferred by whom, Montpelier bureaucrats?)

1. Mount Holly will have only 2 members on the new 15 member board governing Mount Holly School. Orwell would have 2 out of 18. Paul Stone wrote, "Thus the wishes of Orwell parents may be squashed by board members from other towns. The direction of our school will be in the hands of others." to quote Mr. Stone. The same is true for Mount Holly.
2. Like Orwell, Mount Holly currently has the final decision "on hiring teachers and support staff, selecting and determining how much the principal is paid, school policies, building maintenance... and much more." (Stone, April 7)
3. "This [the Preferred Merger Proposal] consolidation gives the new board complete and absolute authority over all details of operating the new school system. Citizens are left out. We will not have a school board to seek out the best interests of Orwell,"

(read Mount Holly).

4. "The new board will have the power to move school attendance boundary lines and school configuration, to move teachers, staff and principals to other school, further removing local input and control." (Stone, April 7) Ultimately, the new board could conceivably close Mount Holly Elementary School and even Black River High School thus forcing Mount Holly students to ride the bus all the way to Chester and Green Mountain Union High School.

5. "We will not have an annual Orwell [Mount Holly] town school meeting in which to voice our thoughts or vote on the Orwell [Mount Holly] school budget because there won't be any Orwell Village School [Mount Holly Elementary School] budget."

The Mount Holly School does an excellent job of educating our students, and we have already merged. In Mount Holly, our supervisory union, Rutland Windsor Supervisory Union, merged with the Windsor Southwest Supervisory Union in 2012. In addition, the resulting new Two Rivers Supervisory Union has already undertaken most of the goals, if not all, of the those recommended by Act 46 except giving up control over our individual schools. Under the Act 46 Alternative Proposal, TRSU could continue as it has for the last 4 years with each town maintaining control through its own school board of its local school.

However, in order to discourage small towns from adopting the Alternative Proposal, the Legislature decided to penalize the towns. They lose any Small School Grants they may have been receiving. For Mount Holly this means about \$86,000 or approximately 5% out of a budget totaling \$1,697,194. Two other

TRSU towns would lose somewhat less. Is it worth giving up total control of our school for that? As I have said previously, and Mr. Stone said for Orwell, these new boards have the power to completely close schools in their district regardless of the wishes of the towns in that district. Do we want to risk having our school closed in the future, say 5 years or 10 years from now, for 5% of our school budget? I hope not, but if the super board votes to do that, Mount Holly Elementary School would close whether the town wants it closed or not.

Members of the Legislature from the TRSU area have been apprised of the unique situation TRSU is in having merged in 2012 under what is now the Act 46 Alternative Proposal, and the Legislators have been asked to preserve the Small School Grants for TRSU towns but to date no action has been taken by them.

It seems to me that it is time for our Legislators to step up and support our towns and our excellent small schools and the TRSU merger of 2012. Sincerely, Peter B. Smith

Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group

The Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group will meet at 6:00 p.m. on May 11th at Fern Melvin's on the Tiffany Road, Belmont. We will be discussing *Here on Earth* by Alice Hoffman. If you have any Questions or want a book, call Minga at 259-2471



Mount Holly Elementary School

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION & SCREENING

Tuesday, May 10, 2016
3:15—4:15 p.m.
By Appointment
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MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY

Mount Holly Librarian Position

We recently publicized the opening for the librarian position and have gotten a few applications but none from here in Mount Holly. It was the trustees' and my hope that someone local would apply for the position. After speaking to a few people, I have gotten the sense that people are hesitant to apply because they feel they may not be qualified or that the position requires so much work. I took this position 11 years ago with absolutely no library experience. **The only real requirement for this job is the belief that Mount Holly deserves to have its own library and the willingness to learn how to do the tasks involved.** In the last 11 years we have set up all the systems and procedures so the next person to be librarian will have it much easier than I did. I am willing to train the next person in all that I do. As in any job it will take some time to learn all the parts and pieces but certainly if I could do it so can someone else with an interest. I think that others may find many ways to improve what we do and certainly find more efficient and better organized ways to do the job. Don't let the job description scare you and I would most welcome a meeting with anyone who may be interested so that I can explain better what the position entails. I might also suggest that this position could be shared between two people. It would be easy to split responsibilities and give each person more flexibility. Call me if you would like to meet, 259-2823 I look forward to hearing from local people. Lynne

The Will Patton Ensemble Comes to Mount Holly



May 28th at 7:30 join us for an exciting and energetic evening of "Gypsy Jazz". Will Patton, David Gusakov, Clyde Stats and Dono Schabner are string instrument pros that will take you on an unforgettable musical ride! Drawing from jazz, Brazilian choro, swing, folk and down home fiddle tunes the effect is a powerful and rich musical experience. The Will Patton Ensemble has been wowing audiences for 16 years with their seamless blending of musical genres. These are musicians that have been playing their whole lives and playing all over the world and with some of the best. An afternoon workshop in mandolin, guitar and string bass is being offered from 4 to 6 pm for \$50. You can register for the workshop by calling 259-2523. Admission to the evening concert is \$15 (\$10 for seniors). Don't miss an opportunity to enjoy extraordinary music

performed by world class talent.

Green Up Day - Saturday, May 7th

Get ready for spring and summer by helping to clean up Mount Holly's beautiful roadsides. Come to the library between 9 am and 1 pm to register and pick up bags for trash collecting. Mount Holly Elementary School children are encouraged to help parents and sign up to win a "basket of summer fun". Green Up participants are eligible for a coupon for a free slice of pizza provided by the Belmont General Store. Remember if you pick up

bags on Saturday you have until Sunday evening to actually complete your road assignment. Town trucks will be picking up all bags first thing Monday morning. Keep Mount Holly Clean and Green!

Mystery Book Club

Cavendish Fletcher Community Library, Fletcher Memorial Library and the Mount Holly Town Library have joined forces with the Book Nook to create a Mystery Book Club. Each library and the Book Nook have chosen a book and we will invite folks from our surrounding towns to join us in reading each book and coming to the book discussion. The four books will be spread over the year starting with Cavendish Fletcher Community Library title "And Then There Was None" by Agatha Christie. Books will become available for the first book in July and the discussion date will be announced sometime in September. Mount Holly has chosen "In the Woods" by Tana French you can start reading in late summer and we will have a discussion in November. Fletcher Memorial has chosen "Sidney Chambers and the Shadow of Death" by James Runcie. You can start reading in January and a date for discussion will be in March. The Book Nook has chosen "I will have Vengeance" by Maurizio de Giovanni. You can start reading next April and the discussion will be June 21, 2017 at 6pm. We think this will be a fun way to read and discuss some mystery literature and get folks from all over the area meeting other reading enthusiasts!



**Green Up Day May 7th
At the Mt. Holly Library
9 am to 1 pm
Pick Up a Trash Bag
Select a Road Assignment**

VERMONT FILM PREMIERE *Enough to Live On:* The Arts of the WPA



Sunday, May 1, 2016

Mount Holly School
150 School Street, Mount Holly, Vermont

4:00PM Screening

Free and open to the public

Introduced by the filmmaker Michael Maglaras

Don't forget to join us for this amazing event!

"Enough to Live On: The Arts of the WPA" Vermont Premier Movie

Screening with Moviemaker Talk

Sunday, May 1 at 4 pm, at the Mount Holly School!



"Do It Again!"

"God may be the only child left in the universe, and all the rest of us have lost our city for joy and wonder, because of sin." -- G. K. Chesterton

"Again! Do it again!" Those familiar words come from a wonder-filled child asking for yet another high push on the swings. I'm privileged to work with elementary aged children. Not yet a grandmother, I have to get my fill of child-like wonder from the kids who shout for another push with more joy and enthusiasm than the time before.

I once heard a dynamic speaker ask this thought provoking question:

"Let me ask you, how did God create daisies? Did He just say, 'Daisies, be!'" or after He created the first little daisy, did something childlike inside the heart of God yell, "Do it again!"? So God created daisy number two. And once again something in the heart of God said, "Do it again!" ...And each time God clapped His hands in delight and shouted, "Do it again! Do it again!" And fifty billion trillion daisies later the great God of the universe is still jumping up and down, applauding and exclaiming, "Do it again!"

This spring I've been reminded of that creative spirit of wonder. It truly is the BEST time of the year. Nothing breathes new life into my soul like watching the Green Mountain State wake up one more time.

My husband and I took a hike up Salt Ash Mountain on a brisk Saturday in March. It was breathtaking! I rescued a sprouting maple tree drowning in a spring puddle and brought it home to plant. The marvel of life as the tiny coil burst from a hard protective shell was simply amazing.

Spring is full of magic and wonder if we open our eyes to see and hear God out-doing Himself all over with another," DO IT AGAIN!" By Laura Davis

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The Silent auction is July 2nd at the Mt. Holly Community Center from 4pm-6:30 pm. Music provided by the Pierce's Store Jamboree. We have received some amazing donations of items and services already. This is going to be incredible! Mark your calendars!

If you have any questions please call me at 259-2282. Mary Jane Osborne Program Director Rainbow Riding Center

Rainbow Riding Center

Greetings!

I just came back from the Region 1 Conference held in Saunderstown, Rhode Island April 16th and 17th for all the New England Path Certified Riding Centers and Instructors. In order to keep our Certification, we are required to document a minimum of 20 continuing education hours each year with 6 hours of disability education. It is a good opportunity to meet with other instructors to exchange ideas and information.

Lessons start the beginning of May. Volunteer training is May 7th 10-12 held at the barn on Robinson Rd. Please consider volunteering. You don't have to know a lot about horses, you're not out there alone, sometimes we need 2 or 3 people with each rider. It is so worthwhile seeing what a difference you can make in someone's life and it's fun! There are many other ways to be involved some ideas are office work, gardening, help create new ideas for the sensory trail, and so much more.

The desensitizing clinic will be held June 4th from 10 am to 4 pm. Cost is \$75/horse. Proof of



Roast Pork Supper

Saturday May 7th, 2016



Starting at 5:00 pm

Benefit the MHVFD Auxiliary

Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont

Roast Pork Supper

**Mashed Potato w/ Gravy Vegetables, Rolls
And Home Baked Pies**

All You Can Eat - Home Style

Adults \$12.00

Children 11 And Under \$6.00

More Info Call 259-2460



MESSAGE FROM MONTPELIER

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

The Legislature is in the final weeks of our session with one of the most controversial issues in front of us. The Senate version of the marijuana bill, S.241, is still being considered in the Vermont House. First the Judiciary Committee turned it into a study, then the Ways and Means Committee changed the bill to allow some home-grown, with

a tax to raise the revenue to educate, treat, and enforce its expanded use. The bill is at present assigned to the Appropriations Committee for a review of the startup costs associated with legalization. It seems that they could reject both House versions and recommend their own bill.

S.241 as passed by the Senate allows recreational use with total regulation. Many users are insisting they should be able to grow their own for personal use, but regulation would be impossible. The Legislature knows that revenue will be needed to set up systems to create a marketplace and to enforce the rules. It is not known if there is enough support to approve the Senate-passed version by the full House. I understand that at least half of you think we should legalize. Right now there is not a test to immediately measure how much of the chemical THC is in a person's system as we do with alcohol when someone is stopped for driving under the influence. The Transportation Committee recently proposed a saliva test that could detect substances that cause impaired driving, but it lacks history of use by law enforcement. This proposal would lower the DUI alcohol threshold to .05 percent when combined with marijuana. There is

proof that impaired driving has substantially increased in Colorado since legalization.

I have supported the expansion of medical use and understand the reality of increased use among adults. It is important to listen to the four groups that would be affected the most by legalization and are in large part strongly opposed. I am referring to educators, substance abuse counselors, health care providers, and law enforcement officers. The Commissioner of Public Safety stated that he would need at least 30 more State troopers to enforce against the increase in drugged driving and illegal border activity. Our municipalities are largely opposed because of the impact on the local police departments. We have heard that there would likely be some labor issues with an increase in workers' compensation rates due to injuries. I am also concerned about our children's exposure to marijuana smoke and the inevitable movement toward eatables.

Often I hear a reference to how much revenue could be raised by legalization. We are reminded that money could not be the main reason, and that nearly all the generated revenue would be used to regulate and enforce, and to educate young people and treat drug problems. The movement of people to Colorado has also increased their rates of unemployment and homelessness.

Please contact me about this issue, and others that are important to you, at 802-259-2460, or at ddevereux@leg.state.vt.us.

Baked Ham Supper



Saturday May 28, 2016

Starting at 5:00 pm

**Benefit the Colfax Lodge I.O.O.F.
Odd Fellows**

Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont

Baked Ham Supper

**Baked Potato, Vegetables, Rolls
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NITKA'S NOTES FROM THE STATE HOUSE

By Senator Alice Nitka, Windsor County

How many times does a magazine get passed along? For Vermont Life it is two and one half times which in the magazine world, I'm told is pretty good rate. The magazine started in 1946 at the suggestion of the Vermont Development Commission as a tool to promote tourism in the state. Today we call that kind of promotion economic development and the magazine is still doing its part despite sales of the print version being reduced dramatically. Although circulation has fluctuated over its 70 years of publishing Vermont Life has greater readership than many of our state's news sources including the Rutland Herald, the Burlington Free Press, Seven Days and VT Digger. Through a lot of effort at the magazine to stay viable and do the job for which it was intended, they have stopped a twenty year downward trend and have had an eleven per cent increase in subscriptions. They also have reduced the average age of their readers by thirteen years and are now at fifty-five years old. The magazine also has an on line version which has been well received. Vermont Life is mostly self-funded and has an annual operating budget of approximately \$2 million dollars. This year they reduced their budget by \$136,400 due to the retirement incentive offered by the state. If you see the new covers these days you won't recognize them as they have changed substantially from the old ones you come across in your attic. I'm sure I still have some of those old ones, probably too many.

While many of the photos in Vermont Life and other magazines are of beautiful mountain scenes, many residents today have different opinions of what they want to see on their ridgelines and in their neighborhoods. This was very evident today on the Senate floor as the Natural Resources and Energy Committee presented S-230, An Act Relating to Improving the Sighting of Energy Projects. There were seven amendments on the calendar and numerous others that were introduced on the floor, some of which were accepted while others were rejected. This process went on for over six hours with the draftsman putting the requested amendments into legal language and then explaining them to the senators who were bombarding him with questions before the wording ever got to the floor. The bill passed in the end and will now move to the House to be put through its paces there. It's an important bill for the state and judging from the calls coming into the State House today, many persons are following the action on this issue.

This week the Judiciary Committee found its self in the unusual position of learning a few things about logging. While we regularly deal with crimes, courts and criminals, trees and shrubs aren't usually on our agenda. At first glance, House Bill 854, looked like it didn't belong in our committee and our chairman said as much rather forcefully since we had enough of our own bills already. We all felt it would be better addressed in the Natural Resources Committee. They incidentally have at least four other "forestry" bills that have passed the House as has this one. It did however belong to us as it puts in place prison time and large fines for certain violations related to "Timber Trespass" which is what the bill addresses as well as related matters. A major issue in the bill is the unlawful cutting of timber, felling, destroying, damaging, carrying it away, etc. and doing this knowingly or recklessly. A surprise in the bill is the definition of timber as "trees, saplings, bushes, seedlings, shrubs, and sprouts from which trees may grow, of every size, nature, kind and description". There are values for trees in our statutes already but they are increased in this proposal, some by remarkable amounts. For example, a tree more than 10 inches and not more than 14 inches in stump diameter or DBH increased in value from not more than \$150 to an even \$500. DBH, (a new acronym for all of us on the committee) means Diameter Breast Height, the diameter of a standing tree at four and one-half feet from the ground. Another value in the bill that raised eyebrows was a bush or shrub valued at \$50. One could understand an ornamental on someone's lawn but not for a shrub in the deep woods. We are sorting all of this out and hearing testimony from foresters, the Commissioner of the Forests and Parks Division, who is a forester and land owner, loggers from around the state, the State Police, a representative from the Victim's Restitution Unit, the Director of the VT Traditions Coalition and the VT Forest Products Association, the VT Woodlands Association, Tree Farmers, and The Nature Conservancy. It is recognized that mistakes happen with regard to property lines and harvest units which are areas within the property boundaries sometimes even when marked. An experienced logger who has done more than 500 jobs and is a large landowner himself with over 4000 acres testified that he on two occasions in his lengthy career went over the lines by mistake. He settled with the landowners and paid out \$8000 in one instance and \$20,000 in the other. His appearance was a contrast to the many "suits" who appear before our committee with his rugged hands and outfit. We welcomed his testimony. We are redrafting a lot of this bill so more to come.

Miscellaneous information: Tonight they are testing energy efficient lights that will illuminate the front of the State House from the roofs of nearby buildings. They will replace lights installed in 1965 and eliminate the costs of repairing the old lights as well as saving energy and money. The work should be done by the end of the summer.

Come visit your State House, have lunch in the cafeteria and listen to testimony on various matters. Contact me at home at 802-228-8432 or anitka@leg.state.vt.us I am able to read all of your e-mails and appreciate you sending them, however the volume received makes it impossible to respond to all of them.



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Mount Holly Town News

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

SELECT BOARD ~ APRIL 12, 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.

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.

1. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: There were several additions to the Agenda. Under Planning Commission, a resignation letter, and under Other, an alarm system at Fire/Rescue and a request from the Odd Fellows.

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2. Minutes:

- The minutes of the regular meeting of March 08 were sent out before the meeting for review. Ted asked that the following sentence be added as part of the Hazard Mitigation discussion:

"Ted noted that the work of the Hazard Mitigation Committee was complete and thanked all of the committee members for their contributions to this project."

Upon motion made and seconded it was

VOTED: To approve the March 08 minutes as amended. (3-0)

3. Highways

- Grants update: Jeff provided some additional photos for the Better Roads grants, as requested. At this point we wait to hear if we receive any grant
- Mower: Jeff presented several options on replacing the 2006 Woods mower, which needs about \$2500 in repairs to try and get another season out of it. Options ranged from \$5000 for a rental

(limited time frame) to purchasing new, which would allow work to be done over the entire season. Purchase options range from \$9400 to \$11000 for a PTS driven mower to \$15640 to \$18540 for a flail mower. Jeff also noted that the town could look at purchasing a tractor with a backhoe attachment as well, which could run to \$50,000 or more. The Board deferred a decision until next meeting, to get more information. Don Patch suggested looking at a lease-to-buy option rather than outright purchase.

- GMP Pole locations along Russellville Road: The Board reviewed a request from GMP to install poles and wires within the town highway right of way along Russellville Road. This is part of a pole relocation project that has been under discussion for about two years. Upon motion made and seconded it was

VOTED: To approve the GMP request to install poles and wires in the town highway right of way along Russellville Road as proposed. (3-0)

4. Report of Treasurer

- David Johnson presented an income and expense statement dated March 31, 2016 showing cash balances of \$1,796,733. Highlights: Delinquent taxes: An updated report just after April 1 shows delinquent taxes down to \$85,500. New bills have been sent requesting the setup of payment plans or the tax sale process will begin. A prior year's delinquencies have been clear up, either by payment or tax sale. Income and Expenses: Solid Waste label sales are running \$900 ahead of last year and meet the budgeted amount, while expenses are more than budgeted, mainly due to the increased recycling costs. The recently completed workers comp audit showed the premium was based on VLCT's (too low) estimate rather than the town's estimates, and will likely result in additional premium expense. Highway equipment repairs remain under budget; winter labor and materials are slightly under budget. New sand screen expenses, including a metal cutting saw, were not in the budget, but overall the finances are in good shape.

5. Transfer Station - Nothing to report this month.

6. Planning Commission

- Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC): Don Richardson reported that the RRPC continues to work on the review of completed town plans. He also noted that there continues to be submissions for review of several large (150kW and larger) solar projects around the county. Also, the energy legislation that passed the Senate has gone to the House, which will likely make changes and send it back to the Senate.
- Rutland Regional Transportation Advisory Council (TAC): TAC continues to monitor the State's infrastructure priorities, which so far keep Route 140 and Route 155 as 1 and 2 respectively but no actual work is likely until 2017. Mount Holly also has a bridge on the State project list (#17, over the Mill River), but that priority is 39th out of 46. David (Hoeh) and Don also keep prominent the issue of increasing tractor trailer traffic on Route 103, which affects Mount Holly (demonstrated by the recent accident near Mac's Store in East Wallingford).
- Resignation: The Town received a letter of resignation from the Administrative Officer, Nicole Griffin. March 31 is her last day.

Mount Holly Animal Control Officer

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

- Notice of Vacancy for Planning Commission Clerk: Ted reported that the PC requested that the town seek candidates for a Planning Commission Clerk. Tim Martin noted that may not be correct, and the Board postponed this item pending clarification after the next PC meeting, scheduled for April 18.
- LEOP Update: The Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) has been updated with new names and contact information, such as the new fire chief. Otherwise, the plan is the same. Upon motion made and seconded it was

VOTED: To approve the LEOP as updated. (3-0)

Ted will clarify where the LEOP needs to be signed, and then forward it on as required.

7. Other Business

- Hedgehog Hill Wind Farm: The town had received 5 notices regarding this project: a) 03/23/16 notice of Motion to Intervene by Ruth Dickey and Pam Myers; b) 03/28/16 Comments and a Request for Hearing by Ron Unterman (thru attorney); c) 03/28/16 Motion to Intervene by Greg Durgin; d) 03/29/16 Comments and Request for Hearing by Ruth Dickey and Pam Myers; e) 04/04/16 notice of Motion to Intervene and Comments by Carol and Griffin Ballou.
- US Census Bureau: The town received the 2016 Governments Units Survey. Rhonda will complete online before the April 29 deadline.
- Countryside Lock and Alarm sent the town a letter regarding new legislation on required fire alarm systems for all EMS buildings. This will be forwarded to Fire and Rescue.
- Odd Fellows requests: The Odd Fellows is requesting that the town provided assistance with the cost of mowing. The bid went up \$50-100 (the dam reconstruction has created larger area to be mowed?). Also, the group would like assistance with the installation of a motion light (\$500 estimate). David Johnson was asked to get clarification from C. Devereux and Odd Fellows regarding the mowing, and also the light.
- Village Center Designation Renewal for Belmont: David Hoeh noted that the designation has been reaffirmed, which is valid for 5 years (to 2021). He provided a new map that RRPC had prepared for the town.

8. The Board reviewed and signed the March orders for payment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion made, seconded and approved, at 8:07 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.

MOUNT HOLLY PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING---AGENDA - 3-21-16 PROPOSED MINUTES

Planning Commission members present: Tim Martin-Vice-Chairman, Mike Valente-Secretary, Clinton Woolley, Jim Seward.

Public in attendance: Carol Woolley, Gary Norton, Lori Norton, Attorney Jeff White, Corey Bickford, Ann Rose and Doug Rose.

6:45 p.m. Vice Chair Tim Martin opened the meeting to order

OLD BUSINESS: Approval of minutes from 2-21-16; all members stated they have read and reviewed the minutes and have no further changes. All members consented to review of the minutes and no statement of changes made necessary.

Clinton Woolley made a motion to approve the minutes as read; Jim Seward seconded the motion. Tim Martin called for a vote; the vote was unanimous and no members abstained.

NEW BUSINESS: Corey Bickford & Paul Grenadier-On Point Survey to represent the Frank Bickford subdivision. Paul Grenadier stated that he would request an extension of the pending application based on the time-frame necessary to continue the subdivision (no construction included) via the state of Vermont and complete the subdivision once the state has complete its findings.

Mike Valente made a motion to extend the Frank Bickford subdivision application by 45 days. Clinton Woolley seconded the motion. Tim Martin called for a vote; the vote was unanimous and no members abstained.

Correspondence: Letter from Public Service board regarding Starwind Turbines-LLC. Reviewed information regarding Star winds and confirmed the Planning Commission has now received its copies; as opposed to the prior meetings and documentation had not been received by the Planning Commission.

Town Plan update: No update has been received from the Advisory Planning Council currently working on the town plan.

Clinton Woolley made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mike Valente seconded the motion. Tim Martin called for a vote; the vote was unanimous and no members abstained.

Tim Martin adjourned the meeting as of 7:05 p.m.

Mount Holly Planning Commission Advisory Council - Meeting #4 - Topic: Energy April 11, 2016

Present: Ted Crawford, Sue Crawford, Marcy Tanger, Andy Tanger, Jeff Teter, Pat Teter, Peter Smith, Minga Dana, Candace Neary, Annette Lynch, Robin DeCormier, Don Richardson, Philippe Crane, Katharine Crane, JoAnn

Mount Holly 2016 Photo Contest

Yea – spring is here!

It must be time to take
your May photos
for the
Mount Holly
2016 Photo Contest!!

We have a THEME this year:
Wildlife of Mount Holly

(but all entries will be accepted)

Entry forms will be available
on July 1

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

The Mount Holly Photo Contest and Calendar are sponsored by the Mount Holly Community Association. All proceeds help fund activities in our community.

Crowley, Carol Ballou, Ruth Dickey, Greg Durgin, Pamela Myers, Kathy Leber, Abe Leber, Rhonda Rivers.

Council: Ed Bove, Alyson Blodgett, Don Eatmon, Peter Berger, Tom Veysey.

Meeting began at 6:05 PM. Ed Bove started the meeting, introduced the committee, and reviewed the purpose of the Town Plan, with its focus on Land Use and Economic Development.

Discussion began on the issue of clarity in the Town Plan. Is there clarity or vision when it comes to renewable energy types, locations, size, and effect on those living in close proximity? To gain maximum input before the PSB, towns must have plans that are clear and concise defining where development may or may not take place. It is important to identify areas for development (energy or otherwise) and protected areas where no development can take place.

Does size or usage determine whether energy development is commercial? Discussion followed comparing community solar projects, residential solar panels, and commercial solar arrays.

The consensus was that the Town should not ban all commercial energy development. Commercial energy projects should be limited to appropriate locations in the Town. The majority present agreed that energy generated in our Town should benefit Vermont. The new Town Plan should be drafted with sufficient clarity and specificity to ensure that the PSB gives Mount Holly as much deference as possible in sitting future energy development in our Town.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM

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 May 16 and Monday May 23. The meeting on May 16 will address Housing and Natural Resources policies. This meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m.

On Monday May 23 we will be discussing Land Use policies, again starting at 6:00. Following this discussion the Advisory Planning Council will open up the floor to any and all citizen questions and comments regarding the Town Plan. If you missed a meeting or feel something needs to be addressed in more detail than it was previously, we encourage you to bring it at this time.

Mechanicsville Cemetery Report

In response to the *Chit Chat* notice requesting bids for mowing for the 2016 season, the Board was pleased to receive one bid from Chris Devereux of D's Property Management, Belmont. The bid commits to mowing, trimming, and leaf removal for the 2016 season. The Board has accepted the bid.

A segment of the wall facing Maple Hill Road recently collapsed as the hillside began to thaw. This will be repaired as soon as the conditions allow for the work.



Annual Wallingford Bike Safety Day: Rides Again On Saturday, May 14th, 2016

On Saturday, May 14th, from 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM, The Wallingford Community Bike Safety Day, will host its **18th Annual** event, at the Wallingford Elementary School. This fun, interactive and collaboratively sponsored event always has something for all ages; from free helmet fitting to an obstacle course, and from bike safety inspections to 911 rescue vehicle / law enforcement interactions, Etc. In addition, (as a tradition), there are always terrific prize give-a-ways, face painting, refreshments and much more; because of the generous support of sponsors & volunteers.

As a piece of history, the "Bike Safety Day" was started in the late 90's, by Wallingford's Brad Kelley. Over the years he enlisted the aid of Rotary, many local businesses, and volunteers to fund, facilitate and diversify this project. To date, major sponsors are the Wallingford Rotary & the GE Volunteers, rallied by Rodney Ward. The event is modeled from a program initiated by the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute and New England Medical Center, Boston, MA.

For more information, to make a donation, or to get involved as a volunteer, contact Rotarian Co-Chair, Adrian Eisler (802.446.7011) and / or GE Co-Chair Rodney Ward at (802.446.3672).



The Mount Holly School Girls on the Run Community Supper

When: Friday, May 6th at 5:00 – 6:00pm

Where: Mount Holly School Gymnasium

Why: Enjoy delicious homemade dishes made by the Girls on the Run family for YOU and learn more about this wonderful program!

Bring your own fork and plate, we will provide the rest!

THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS EVENT!

The Mount Holly Sole Sisters: Girls on the Run is a life-changing, experiential Learning program for girls in grades 3-6. The program combines training for a 3.1 Mile run/Walk event with self-esteem enhancing, uplifting workouts. The goals of the program are to encourage positive emotional, social, mental, spiritual and physical development.



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Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce

By Marji Graf, CEO

- We have announced our new mobile app for Scenic Route 100 Byway called **GyPSy Guide**. Download it for \$4.99 and you will have your personalized tour guide from Wilmington to Stowe. You'll learn about history, places to see along the way and even some folklore. Please share this with our visitors!
- Our annual regional guidebooks will be distributed before Memorial Day.
- Congratulations to Java Babas in Ludlow for being chosen April Member of the Month.

You're Invited:

- **May 18 to our Annual Meeting** from 12n-2pm, at Coleman Brook Tavern, Ludlow \$25 pp luncheon. You won't want to miss this!

ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS:

Ken Jones is the Economic Research Analyst at the Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD) for the State of Vermont. While he has only been in the position for three years, it is a continuation of his career in using information to promote public policy decision-making. Prior to ACCD, Ken was the Policy Analyst at the Department of Taxes and prior to that, he ran a nonprofit organization for fifteen years that supported state government agency management and policy making. Ken received university degrees in Chemistry, Biochemistry and Public Policy.

In his current job, Ken works with Departments and Divisions within ACCD that promote tourism, manufacturing, housing, and community development activities in the State of Vermont. Ken has been the primary author of Vermont's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and the most recent Benchmark Study on the economic impacts of Tourism on the Vermont economy. In addition to his work for the State, Ken is a past Chair of the Montpelier Planning Commission and currently serves on the Montpelier School Board and the Montpelier Energy Advisory Committee which oversees the expansion of the wood fired heat plant in Montpelier to become the region's first municipally operated district heat utility. Ken lives in Montpelier with his wife and three children, although two of them have fled from the nest and the third is chomping at the bit to follow them.

Steven Cook is a resident of Montpelier and was appointed Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Tourism & Marketing in September 2006. Since then Cook was also assigned as Publisher of the State of Vermont's official magazine, *Vermont Life* for a three-year term. Cook has served the State of Vermont for over 10 years. Cook has also worked in Vermont's ski industry holding sales and promotional positions for both Smugglers' Notch and Jay Peak ski resorts. Cook is a graduate of Champlain College with a degree in Business Administration, and Johnson State College with a Bachelor's degree in Hospitality and Tourism Management. Cook currently serves on a number of boards and councils, including the Johnson State College Business and Economics advisory council, the Vermont Travel and Recreation Council, and the Montpelier Downtown Council.

Jeffrey Lewis retired in 2013 after 8 years as executive director of BDCC, the regional development corporation in Windham County. For the last year he has been, with his partner Jennifer Stromsten, working for the Vermont Chamber Foundation on the **Vermont Futures Project** with a goal of invigorating the Vermont economy through research and policy innovation. Prior to retiring to Vermont 13 years ago he was, in reverse order, Chief Customer Officer of Monster.com, senior consultant with Patricia Seybold Group in Boston, technology manager and strategist at Phoenix Life Insurance, and a practicing parish minister. From all those emerged a passionate interest in economic development as a community undertaking requiring a wide variety of skills from research to diplomacy, including real estate management, finance, politics, and survival.

May 11	Mixer at Village at Cedar Hill in Windsor 5:30-7:30pm
May 13	VT Futures Project, Newsbank, Chester 8-10am
May 18	Annual Meeting -Coleman Brook Tavern 12n-2pm
June 11	Home Garden & Recreation Show, 31 Route 103 South, Ludlow
June 18	Weston's Anniversary Celebration
July 28-30	Iron Adventure Run, Jackson Gore Inn, Ludlow
August 26	Cruise In, Bensons Chevrolet, Ludlow 5-8pm
August 27 & 28	Antique & Classic Car/Motorcycle Show, Fletcher Farm School 1
September 21	Chamber Golf Tournament

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PUBLIC FORUM ON VERMONT'S ECONOMIC FUTURE ON MAY 13TH IN CHESTER

Springfield Regional Development Corporation, the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Vermont Futures Project are sponsoring a public discussion about the Vermont economy on Friday, May 13th, from 8 – 10 am at the Newsbank Conference Center on Main Street in Chester. The event is for businesses and residents of Southern Windsor County.

The state's economy is one of our most crucial and the least understood systems. The Vermont Futures Project was founded to conduct research and provide knowledge about the Vermont economy aimed at enhancing and sustaining a robust and growing economy. The Futures Project believes that Vermonters need a shared vision about the economy we want—one that is as strong as the vision we share for our environment.

To help build this vision, the Vermont Futures Project is holding a series of discussions around the state. The Chester event will build off the economic indicators in the Vermont Futures Project website, focusing in three broad areas: economic performance, workforce, and quality of place. The unique Vermont challenge is balancing the commitment to environmental responsibility, fairness to residents, and growth of opportunity.

The Vermont Futures Project, created by the Vermont Chamber Foundation, has already published a website of economic indicators at www.vtfuturesproject.org based on research funded by the Foundation and performed by the UMass Center for Economic Development. The indicators provide a profile of the economy, which the Foundation is committed to update annually for at least the next ten years.

The Foundation believes that achieving a shared vision, developing strategies, and accomplishing change in our economic future will take a decade or more—as the challenges facing the state in workforce, demographics, productivity, industrial mix, and infrastructure will take time to address. The indicators and vision are the first two portions of a three-phase project. The third area concerns economic development learning, strategy and policy development, and continual attention to the shared economy of Vermont.

This event is sponsored by Springfield Regional Development Corporation, the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce and will be facilitated by Jeffrey Lewis, of the Vermont Future Project. While attendance is free, for planning purposes, please RSVP at the SRDC office by calling 802-885-3061 or emailing bobf@springfielddevelopment.org

If you miss this event, the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce will be sharing this information at their Annual Meeting on May 18th from 12n-2pm at Coleman Brook Tavern at the Jackson Gore Inn.

WESTON ANNOUNCES ANNUAL LONDON THEATRE TOUR FOR NOVEMBER

Registration deadline June 15!

The Weston Playhouse Theatre Company has announced plans for its annual London Theatre Tour, visiting the capital of the English-speaking theatre world from November 8 to 17, 2016. Weston Producing Artistic Director Steve Stettler and London Tour Director Giles Ramsay who have designed the company's 14 previous tours will again be leading the group. Tour participants will spend 9 nights at The Montague on the Gardens, a 4-star boutique hotel in a row of restored Georgian townhouses adjacent to the British Museum in Bloomsbury, a quiet neighborhood of parks and cafes. The package includes 6 plays, a concert, special meals, and a series of lectures and discussions.

Billed as "a tour for people who don't do tours," the hallmarks of Weston's trip are the stimulating discussions that occur, both planned and impromptu, and plenty of free time to take advantage of all that London has to offer. "When we began these tours we had no idea they would be so popular," comments Stettler. "The group itself is always fun and stimulating, and many participants return year after year. November is a perfect time to visit London, as the weather is temperate, and we can enjoy the shows opening in anticipation of the holidays while avoiding the crowds to come. You don't have to be a theatre expert to attend – our discussions are open and informative, and we love sharing opinions on everything."

The group of approximately 25 will enjoy London's latest hits and most acclaimed new productions, including Harold Pinter's *No Man's Land*, starring Sir Ian McKellan and Sir Patrick Stewart, and John Osborne's *The Entertainer*, with Kenneth Branagh, John Hurt, and Greta Scacchi. Tour participants also meet with actors and other artists involved in the productions, as well as top journalists and London critics. Each participant receives scripts and welcome packets with recommendations of additional plays, concerts, and exhibitions.

The trip package includes luxury accommodations, many meals, all performances, discussions and visits, ground transportation in London, and a tax-deductible contribution to Weston Playhouse Theatre Company. A group flight is recommended and will be met by the tour leaders. Registration forms and a draft itinerary are available on the company's website at westonplayhouse.org/shows-and-events/london-tour or by contacting Charma Bonanno at (802) 824-8167 x 108 and cbonanno@westonplayhouse.org. Interested tour members are urged to return a registration form as soon as possible in order to receive preferred seating for all performances. The official registration deadline is June 15. Questions about the tour can be addressed to Steve Stettler at sstettler@westonplayhouse.org.

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Weston Theatre Capital Campaign Receives Support from Hunter Trust and Loewe Foundation

The Weston Playhouse Theatre Company announces that it has received major support for its capital campaign from the Hunter Charitable Trust of Boston and the Loewe Foundation of New York. The Campaign for the Weston Theatre, which currently stands at \$8.5 million, will build a flexible second stage on the five-acre Walker Farm in Weston to complement the award-winning company's programming at the historic Weston Playhouse.



The James H. and Irene M. Hunter Charitable Trust has awarded a \$500,000 challenge grant to the theatre company, agreeing to match new capital gifts of \$25,000 or more. One of Southern Vermont's major charitable givers, the Hunter Trust has supported such area projects as the Manchester Community Library, Hunter Park at Riley Rink, Long Trail School, Northshire Day School, and Burr and Burton Academy.

"The proposed Center for the Arts at Walker Farm is a facility which will provide a venue for both arts and community organizations," commented Susie Hunter. "The facility will allow Weston to expand its education, outreach, and artistic programs year-round. It is the type of gathering and creative center the Hunter family has always supported; a combination of cultural,

educational, and community enhancement that will benefit everyone in the surrounding areas.

The Frederick Loewe Foundation has committed \$150,000 to Weston's \$1.5 million Fund for the American Theatre, created to help cover the increased operating costs of an expanded campus and to provide seed money for new and ongoing programs. The gift will establish the Frederick Loewe Fund for Musical Theatre to support reduced orchestrations of new and classic musicals produced on the company's stages.

The New York-based foundation, founded by composer Frederick Loewe (*My Fair Lady*, *Camelot*, *Brigadoon*), supports the American musical theatre while preserving the legacy of Loewe and his music. "We have been delighted to fund Weston's work with new musicals for many years," remarks Loewe Foundation President Emily Altman. "The company's commitment to developing fresh and affordable orchestrations for smaller houses answers a growing need, and we are excited to support it."

"The Hunter challenge gives us the momentum to reach our ambitious goal," said Weston's Producing Artistic Director Steve Stettler, "and the Loewe Foundation gift signals that the New York-based industry and funding community see the value of our future plans. We're hugely grateful to these funders for their vision and generosity."

Further information about The Campaign for the Weston Theatre and the company's 80th anniversary season can be found at www.westonplayhouse.org.

LPCTV's 5th Annual Kentucky Derby Gala

Saturday, May 7 at Willie Dunn's Grille at Okemo Valley Golf Course

LPCTV is holding its fifth "Kentucky Derby Gala – A Night at the Races" fundraising event on



Photo: LPCTV Board member and event MC George Thomson conducts activities during the 2015 event at Okemo Valley Golf Course.

Saturday, May 7th at Willie Dunn's Grill at the Okemo Valley Golf Course in Ludlow from 5:00pm to 8:30pm. The event has become the primary annual fundraiser for the local community access television station.

The event will feature food and entertainment which is included in the per person ticket price of \$30. Entertainment will include several locally sponsored "horse races" with charity betting, a viewing of the Kentucky Derby live on television, a silent auction, and other activities.

This event is made possible by the Okemo Mountain Resort, which is hosting the event and providing the dinner, as well as the "Circle of Roses" race sponsors. This year's sponsors include Stemwinder / Wine & Cheese Depot, George B. Tucker, Inc., The Book Nook, Vermont Properties & Development, and Jim & Anita Alic. A limited number of additional "Circle of Roses" sponsorships are still available.

Local businesses and individuals are invited to consider race horse "sponsorships".

For \$50 per horse, each sponsor names

their own horse, which is printed in the event program. From now until April 15th, LPCTV is offering a 10% discount package of one horse sponsorship and two tickets to the event for \$100. One winner from each race will receive a prize donated by local merchants.

Please contact Patrick Cody at LPCTV by calling 228-8808 or emailing pcody@lpctv.org to make prize donations, to sponsor horses, and to purchase advance tickets for the Kentucky Derby Gala. Tickets will also be available for purchase at LPCTV, The Book Nook, and the Wine & Cheese Depot. **37C Main St., Ludlow, VT 05149** (802) 228-8808 www.lpctv.org

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The Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force is pleased to announce the 18th year of funding (pending Vermont Legislative approval) to enable towns to improve fire suppression capabilities. The goals of the program are to:

Save lives, by reducing response time and improving both public and firefighter safety.

Enable fire fighters to have quicker, easier, and safer year round drafting capability.

Reduce risks to property and natural resources, both public and private.

Lower insurance premiums, both public and private.

GRANT INFO:

The **maximum** grant award is **\$4,000** per project/system - 25% local match is required.

The installation of *new* dry hydrants & other types of rural water supplies is still the priority of the program, but eligible projects *also include* repair/upgrade, replacement, and relocation

of existing rural water supplies, whether previously grant funded or not.

We have application **deadlines of April 1st, June 1st, and August 1st, 2016**. Please submit your application(s) by the appropriate deadline and it will be processed in the order it was received.

We no longer mail unsolicited application packets to Fire Departments and Towns. Please visit www.vacd.org/rfp and download the application packet or contact Troy Dare, Program Manager, at [802-828-4582](tel:802-828-4582) dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com to have an application packet mailed to you.

Vermont Towns & Fire Departments are eligible for grant funding. If approved for funding, after sites have been assessed, designed, and estimated, **two signed agreements will be required:**

1. Landowner authorization if the project is to be constructed on privately-owned land. Please see the example included in this packet. An editable version is available online at www.vacd.org/rfp.

2. A grant agreement between the Town or FD and VACD that outlines the project implementation plan, final award amount, and grant payments.

Project completion will involve submitting:

Total project expense documentation including local match and copies of invoices & receipts.

Project photos before, **during**, and after completion.

News article or other public announcement summarizing the project.

Final inspection that includes: a maintenance log started with results

from the first back-flush and test of the system, proper guard posts, signage, painting of any exposed PVC pipe, and any other site specific requirements such as water source capacity and access.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? Please Contact: Troy Dare, Rural Fire Protection Program Manager 802-828-4582 dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com

Star Lake Hydrants

The Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department received a grant from the Vermont Rural Fire protection Task Force to replace the 2 Dry Hydrants at Star Lake.

These hydrants are a very important part of fire protection for the village and surrounding homes. Without this grant we would not be able to continue to install these hydrants and upgrade our fire protection abilities.

Thank You to the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force and the donated time to accomplish this project. Robert Beardmore Jr., Assistant Chief, Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department

The pictures on this page are of the Star Lake Hydrants curtsy of MHVFD.



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Cookies \$4/dozen; Pies \$15 Each Organic Seeds; Bake Sales!

Aiyana Fortin, junior at Black River, applied for and was accepted into the Bioengineering and Nanotechnology module of Project SMART at the University of New Hampshire. This month long pre-college program will provide an in-depth experience and conversation about genetic manipulation, in vitro fertilization, stem cell research, biotechnology in agriculture, medicine, and the environment, biological warfare, nanotechnology and templates, STM-scanning tunneling microscope, and "nano-fear."

To raise the tuition of \$3,200 for this program, Aiyana will be doing multiple bake sale fundraisers. She will be taking orders for a cookie sale, at \$4/dozen, from April 25 to 29, and she'll deliver these on May 3 and 4. She is baking chocolate chip, snickerdoodles, sugar cookies, oatmeal raisin, and peanut butter.

She will also be taking orders for pies, at \$15 each, from April 25 to May 20. They will be available to be picked up in front of Shaw's from 8:30am to 1pm on May 28. She will accept orders for blueberry, apple, swedish apple (gluten free available), strawberry rhubarb, peach, pear, pumpkin, egg custard, and vinegar.

She will also be taking orders for High Mowing organic seeds, which come in 25 tasty varieties and in boxed gift sets. Contact Aiyana Fortin to order or for more information.

Call Aiyana Fortin to support her in this endeavor at 259-3800, email aiyana.fortin@trsu.org, or contact her in-person.

There will be two bake sales: one in front of Brewfest Beverage & Co. on May 14 from 10am to 2pm, and one in front of Shaw's on May 28 from 8:30am to 1pm.



BRACC MAY 2016 UPDATE

Sticker Shock

It is Prom and Graduation time again. That means that students will again place the bright orange stickers on large quantity beer packages in May, cautioning adults against buying alcohol for minors. As we approach prom and graduation seasons, we are reminding everyone that these are high risk times for underage alcohol use, often leading to unwanted and negative consequences. **Sticker Shock** is a visible reminder to those buying alcohol to keep it out of the hands of minors. Adults, help keep youth, their friends and peers, safe. Don't buy alcohol for them!



Prescription Drug Take Back

You may return unused, unwanted or expired prescription drugs to the permanent take back boxes in the lobbies of the Ludlow Police Department or Rutland County Sheriff's office any day. Or, take them to **Prescription Drug Take Back Day on April 30** from 10 AM until 2 PM. The permanent boxes are open 7 days a week, no questions asked. Reduce the chances that others may abuse or accidentally take your unused or unwanted medicines. The collections are anonymous; you empty your pills or capsules into the locked box. Please, no creams, gels, needles or liquid items in the box.

VERMONT LAWS RELATING TO PROVIDING ALCOHOL TO A MINOR

- Even if you are on your own property, you can be imprisoned 2 years or fined \$2,000 or both if you sell or furnish alcohol to a minor.
- You can be changed and fined separately for every minor you provide to.
- If you provide a place for underage drinking or host a drinking party, you may also be held accountable.
- Your insurance company has the right to raise your homeowner's premiums if you are charged with hosting.
- If a minor consumes alcohol at a party that you host and then breaks a law, you may be charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor.
- You may be held responsible if there is property damage, fighting, sexual assault, or any other injury due to your hosting or providing.
- If someone dies as a result of your hosting or providing, you may be prosecuted for involuntary manslaughter.
- If you provide alcohol or a place to drink for minors, and one of them causes death or serious bodily injury while operating a motor vehicle, the law states that you "shall be imprisoned up to five years or fined not more than \$10,000 or both."

In other words, the act of furnishing, selling, or enabling can easily become an expensive felony.

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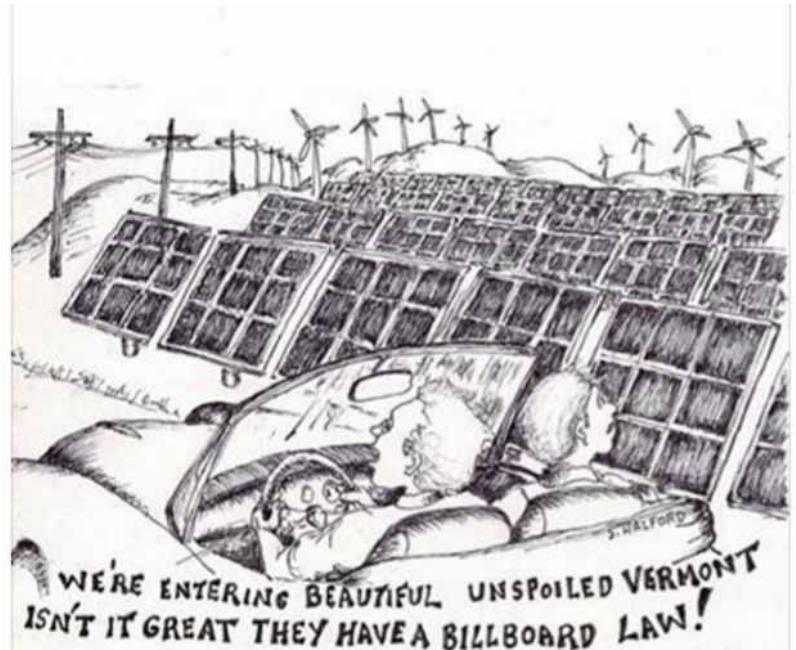
Our next meeting is **Tuesday, April 26 at 5:00 p.m.** at the **Black River High School** in Ludlow. Everyone is welcome so please join us. If you are interested in more information please send an email to bracc7878@yahoo.com or call 228-7878. Either Brigid Sullivan or Paul Faenza can help you. Get involved to help raise healthy youth!!

Another Viewpoint About A Commercial Wind Farm In Mt. Holly.

How do we balance our society's need for green energy with its visual impact on our beautiful Green Mountains? How can these facilities be sited so that "we" don't have to pay a "price" for clean technology? And frankly, who is "we"? The acronym NIMBY (not in my back yard) when used in reference to me, my wife and our Hedgehog Hill and Belmont Rd. neighbors makes it sound like a selfish motive on our part. But as in the cartoon below, and in the commentary at www.vce.org, isn't our "back yard" all of Vermont and don't we all have a stake in finding the right balance.

Ron Unterman

Cartoon from Vermonters for a Clean Environment



<https://vermontersforacleanenvironment.wordpress.com/page/2/>

WHAT NEEDS TO CHANGE IN THE TOWN PLAN TO GIVE US A VOICE IN SITING COMMERCIAL SOLAR AND WIND PROJECTS?

The current 2008 town plan is on the Mount Holly Website <http://www.mounthollyvt.org/town-services/town-plan/>. Part A is a description of the Town. Part B is the actual Plan. It covers 27 pages. Those items that refer to the Town's position about development occur in various sections of Part B and are referred to by Chapter and Policy number below. *(The challenge facing the Advisory Council is to strengthen the current plan by making sure that what townspeople want is clear and specific, while at the same time watching what the Legislature finally decides. See video of the April 11 meeting of the Advisory Council on alternative energy projects: LPCTV <http://lpctv.cablecast.tv/Cablecast/public-site/index.html#/show/4452?channel=2>, and notes from the meeting on Mount Holly Flash, April 12.)*

IX, 4 and 5 Mount Holly encourages the development and use of renewable energy sources (wind, water, solar) but such development should not have a negative impact on the environment or character of the community. (See *character* described below.)

III, 3 All development will be in conformance with the Mount Holly Town Plan.

III, Task 4 The Town will participate in state regulatory proceedings to ensure that development is in conformance with the Town Plan.

III, Goal Development should meet the needs of the community.

V, Goal Development should be well-planned and orderly.

V, 1 Development should be compatible with Mount Holly's identity as a traditional New England rural Town. Specifically the Town's vision of rural development is home businesses, expansion of existing businesses, and small scale commercial and industrial activity.

V, Goal Development should not change the character of the Town.

III, 5 The *character* of the Town is defined as moderate to low density residential development, farming and forestry, limited commercial enterprises such as outdoor recreation, home occupations and cottage industries.

VI, Goal Development should not change the town's historic working landscape.

III Goal, 4 and 5 Development should retain significant undisturbed land.

VI, 2f Development should retain open fields and significant undeveloped land (Task 4d: Rts. 103, 155) **II, Goal, 2c, 3, 4 and 5;**

VI 2b Development should be compatible with the goal of preserving the town's natural resources and wildlife*, environmental quality, water quality, and prevent runoff and erosion.

II, Goal and 1 Development should be compatible with the goal of preserving the town's scenic landscapes, scenic resources, should preserve scenic views, scenic roads, (Map

http://www.mounthollyvt.org/planning_commission_docs/TownPlan07/FINAL_Feb/E_2_MapIIB1.pdf.)

II, Goal, Task 2 Development should avoid adverse impact on historic features and resources, including hamlets.

(* Natural resources: The Arrowwood study of the town's Environment and Natural Resources (grant funded by the Mount Holly Planning Commission) and mentioned in the 2008 town plan is available on the Mount Holly Town Website

<http://www.mounthollyvt.org/town-services/natural-history-inventory-of-mount-holly/>. It contains maps of specific natural resources and wildlife habitats that the town may wish to protect from negative impacts of development.) Annette Lynch

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We are also continuing our collaboration with Efficiency Vermont, NeighborWorks, Prudent Living, LaValley Building Supply, Green Mountain Power, and other organizations who care about our community. If you did not leave the Mount Holly Community open meeting on September 16, 2015 with your questions answered, [call us](#). We will try to help!

If there is sufficient interest, starting on Monday nights in April members of OUR community will again host a DISCUSSION GROUP about “Alternative Energy” in OUR community. We will be presenting hard facts backed up by factual data about Solar & Wind generation in 2016.

Please come join us in this educational endeavor to help OUR community understand OUR options going forward.. The location will be selected based on your response by phone or E-Mail by Friday April 29th, 2016.

Essay: The Coming of Green

By Daniel A. Neary Jr.

Between the whites of the melting snows and the whites of blooming apple blossoms, the green comes to Vermont. Usually in early May, it rolls northward and upward saturating the fields, bushes, and trees with verdure. Naturalist Way Teale says spring green creeps northward at the average rate of about 15 miles a day and climbs mountains at about a hundred feet a day.

It is an annual event of unsurpassed visual beauty in Vermont (a state which many believe owes half of its name to the color green). In the springtime, the color green takes on many shades. At first, the shoots of grass penetrate the matted browns in the fields. In the woods, wild plants and weeds push through the wrinkled leaves pressed together by the weight of the thick snow. Ferns yo-yo upward. Patches of skunk cabbage unwind slowly, showing large, corrugated leaves, even before the buds appear on the trees.

For a short period in the early spring, the green changes from a yellow, lighter shade to a bluer, darker color. Face into the sunlight in the morning or evening, and the spots of the leaves from the poplar trees will shimmer and glow in a delicate effulgence. At about the same time the strands of leaves of the willows will pick up color before the leaves appear on other trees. Patches of poplars and willows will stand out as swatches of light green on an otherwise leafless hillside, long before it is drenched in foliage. Buds of the maples, first tinted red and yellow will coruscate. Look across a green meadow in the afternoon, and it will make you envy the grass-eating animals of the world...luxuriant, yellow-green blades of grass are everywhere.

Grey planes of mountainsides are now a hodge-podge of colors of the lighter greens of the meadows, next to the still darker blue-green of the stands of spruce. It is all quite a contrast from the white, dark green and grey of winter and the flat browns of early spring.

In some years, when there is a sunny spell coincident with the arrival of the green, a phenomenon of incredible beauty takes place. It is impossible to photograph because the total effect occurs over several days. Only the elements comprising this natural impressionistic sight can be pictured. The rest takes a little imagination and the ability to sustain visual experience over a couple of days.

With the sun at your back, face a ridge of mountains. Imagine the mountains are rocks on the seacoast. Look at them: cold and grey, like rocks on the shore. When the wind blows, think of it as water rushing, filling the valley: the wind becomes the water turning the branches, making them sparkle in the light. This sense of filling and crashing of water onto rocks also occurs when the green arrives. Foliage pours northward and upward over the craggy, worn forms. A wave of green takes not seconds but days to roll, crest, splash, and tumble.

The mountain ridge fills with the green of spring like a wave of differing shades, patterns, swirls, and froth of dotted green – first the buds bursting in the valleys on the southern side, and then the gentler greens of the leaf sprigs in the foothills – buds at the higher elevation – now in aggregate looking almost white – in any event – lighter than the greens below. Think of the wave, the sea water rolling forward, taking on colors of the rocks and sky. At the top is the foam and then the spray. Droplets form a mist against the grey rocks. Finally, a halo of mist and spray sparkles in the light.

That's the way green looks on the sides of the mountains in Vermont in the spring – the movement, the rolling – a time lapse sequence of spring – ocean style. Spring greens go higher up the mountains each day. Green climbs the mountain – all that it takes to get the name Vermont.

Candy Neary (Dan and I and family started coming to Mount Holly in 1945. Dan has lived in Vermont since the early 1960s. The essay above was published recently in The Bridge, Montpelier's community paper, <http://www.montpelierbridge.com/2016/04/essay-the-coming-of-green/>.)





Shriner Hospital For Children

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Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice

Community Health Clinics – May 2016

May Blood Pressure/Foot Care Clinics

The cost of the foot clinic is \$10.

Wednesday, 05/04/2016,	Wallingford, Wallingford House,	10:30 am
Thursday, 05/05/2016,	Rutland, Parker House,	10 am.
Wednesday, 05/11/2016,	Rutland, Templewood Court,	10 am
Wednesday, 05/18/2016,	Rutland, Sheldon Towers,	9 am
Wednesday, 05/18/2016,	Rutland, Linden Terrace,	11 am
Thursday, 05/19/2016,	Rutland, Maple Village,	10 am
Wednesday, 05/25/2016,	Rutland, Godnick Adult Center,	12:30 pm
Thursday, 05/26/2016,	North Clarendon, North Clarendon Community Center,	12:30 pm



Please call 802.770.1536 for more information.

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

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