



Mount Holly Chit Chat



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June 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
Saint Patrick's Mass Wallingford Sat 4 pm Sun 9:15 am Rev Justin Baker, Ph. 446-2161
Annunciation Parish Mass, Ludlow, Sat 4 pm, Sun 8 am & 11 am **Proctorsville** Sun 9:30 am, Rev Lourduraja Simeone Ph. 228-3451
Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce – Marji Graf 228-5830
Town Library: Sat 9-1 Sun 2-4 Mon 3-7 Wed 3-7 Mt. Holly Town Library, P.O. Box 93, Belmont, VT 05730 Call 259-3707
Town Office Hours: Mon. to Thurs. 8:30 am – 4:00 pm Closed Fri. & Holidays Phone & Fax 259-2391
Town Treasurer's Office Hours: Mon 8:30 am – 12:00 pm Wed 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm and by Appointment 802-259-2391
Burn Permits: Call Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward 786-3408 or 259-2211

TRANSFER SITE: Wed. 4 pm – 7 pm & Sat. 8 am – 2 pm

May 28 th	Baked Ham Supper , Benefit Colfax Lodge, Odd Fellows Hall	5:00 pm
1 st	Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library <i>Brigham Young, Mormon Leader 1801</i>	7:00 pm
	Mt. Holly School Board Meeting, Mt. Holly School	6:00 pm
	Union #39 School Board Meeting, Mt. Holly School	6:00 pm
2 nd	6 th Grade Graduation, MHS Gym <i>US Citizenship Granted to All American Indian's 1924</i>	6:00 pm
3 rd	<i>Sally Priesand, 1st Woman Rabbi In USA 1972</i>	
	<i>Astronaut Edward White 1st American To Walk In Space 1965</i>	
Sun 5 th	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station <i>1st Hot-Air Balloon Flight 1783</i>	7:00 pm
6 th	<i>D-Day Normandy 1944</i>	
8 th	Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	7:00 pm
	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont <i>US Bill of Rights by James Madison 1789</i>	7:00 pm
Sat 11 th	<i>Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass Regular Season ~ Free Fishing Day Statewide</i>	
13 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	7:00 pm
14 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont <i>US Army Founded 1775 ~ Flag Day</i>	9:00 am
	Selectmen's Meeting, Town Office <i>1st Non-Stop Transatlantic Flight 1919</i>	7:30 pm
	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	7:00 pm
	Mason's Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge #96, E. Wallingford	8:00 pm
15 th	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont	6:00 pm
17 th	<i>Bunker Hill Day 1775 ~ Pan-Am 1st Airline , Around-The-World Flights 1947</i>	
Sat 18 th	Roast Beef Supper , Benefit MHV Fire Dept, Odd Fellow Hall	5:00 pm
	<i>Sally Ride 1st US Woman in Space 1983</i>	
Sun 19 th	<i>Father's Day</i>	
20 th	Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office <i>Summer Begins ~ Summer Solstice</i>	7:00 pm
21 st	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations	7:00 pm
22 nd	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont <i>GI Bill Signed Into Law 1944</i>	7:00 pm
	<i>Pledge Of Allegiance Recognized by Congress 1942</i>	
23 rd	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	7:00 pm
Sat 25 th	<i>Korean War Began 1950</i>	
Sun 26 th	<i>Korean War Ended 1953</i>	
27 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building <i>Helen Keller 1880</i>	7:00 pm
28 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	9:00 am
	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations	7:00 pm

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Emergency Services

Mount Holly Fire Dept.	259-2700	or	911	Poison Control	(802) 658-3456
Mount Holly Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward	786-3408		259-2211	American Red Cross	802-773-9159
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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

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

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June Birthdays: 1st -Torey Surething * Mary Morgan * Walter Surething 4th -Johnathan Davis * Emily Colburn 5th -Diane Perry 6th -Jason Turco 7th -Kristin Veysey 8th -All Labozzo 9th -Barry Gagner * Mary Ann Farley * Molly Gagner 10th -Jennifer Turco * Alex & Beth Lee 11th -Amber Nye 13th -Dylan Pierro * David Crossman * Shannon Labozzo 16th -Timothy Ryan * Zak Delphia 19th -Stephanie Bussino (2000) * Walker Connor (90th) 20th -Andrea Kilroe 22nd -Roger Garrow 24th -Natalie Brown 29th -Candace Neary * Helen Graham 30th -Ted Garrow



June Anniversaries: 6th -Maurice & Ann Doucette (57th) 12th -Clinton & Carol Woolley 14th -Mike & Mary Beth Dawley 18th -Bill & Marnie Dassler (50th) 20th -Donald & Jean Gates

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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Durwood "Woody" Montgomery

Durwood "Woody" Montgomery, 79, of Belmont, died Saturday morning, May 7, 2016, at his residence following a long illness.

He was born on February 25th, 1937, in Morrisville, VT, the son of Randall and Helen (Davis) Montgomery.

Mr. Montgomery graduated from the Richford High School in 1955, the University of Vermont in 1959, where he was a member of the Delta Psi Psi fraternity and the ROTC program. He served in the U.S. Army for 2 years, stationed in Fort Hood, TX, prior to his honorable discharge as a 1st lieutenant into the U.S. Army Reserves.

Mr. Montgomery was employed by Bell of PA. in marketing from 1961-1984. Then he was transferred to Maryland and worked for Bell Atlantic, where he built the Yellow Pages Co. from scratch to 500 employees. He retired back to VT in 1990.

Served the town of Mount Holly as a lister for 12 years and was the co-chairman of the Mount Holly Senior monthly luncheons and the president of the board of directors of the Mount Holly Chit-Chat.

He was a member of Okemo Golf Club and an avid skier and participated in the instructor program at Mount Holly School as well for Killington Mountain School and was the president of Main Line Ski Club.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Sandra; daughter, Sony Mosaicant, and her husband, Roy of Kennett Square, PA; son, Randall Montgomery, and his wife, Alice, of Spring Mills, PA; Eric Montgomery and his wife, Renee, of Medina, Ohio; a brother, Don Montgomery of Westerly, R.I.; and seven grandchildren.

The memorial service for Woody was held Saturday, May 14, 2016, at the Village Baptist Church in Belmont, VT. The Rev. Glenn Davis officiated and organist was Nancy Cavanaugh. A tribute was by Randy Montgomery and Alexandra Montgomery. A eulogy was by David Chichester. Burial will be at a later date in the Hillside Cemetery in Richford, VT.

Arrangements are with the Aldous Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Village Baptist Church, C/O Glenn Davis, 67 Crowley Lane, Mount Holly, VT 05758

Suppers For Mount Holly Organizations



Settings Start 5:00 pm

At

The Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont

All You Can Eat - Served Home Style

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



May 28 th	Colfax Lodge – Baked Ham	
June 18 th	MHVFD - Roast Beef	
July 4 th	Odd Fellows - 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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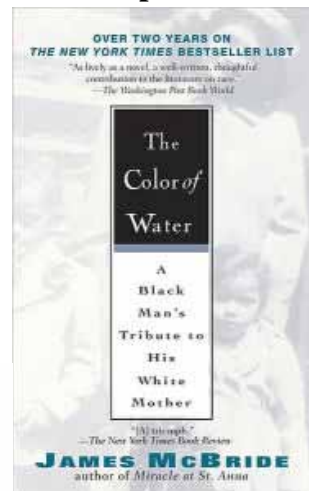
More Info Call 802-259-2460

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



Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group

The Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group will meet at 6:00 p.m. on June 8th at Susie Hamilton's, 3734 Healdville Road, Belmont. We will be discussing Color of Water by James McBride. If you have any questions or want a book, call Minga at 259-2471.



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Send resume with references to:

Craig Hutt Vater, Principal, Mount Holly Elementary School, 150 School Drive, P.O. Box 45, Mount Holly, VT 05758
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Mount Holly School

Class of 2016



Aurora Briere, Carter Gray, Tate Greineder,
Sadie Kobak, Otto Lichtensteiger, Connor Lopiccolo,
Sarah Perham and Helene Riccio

Please join us at the Mount Holly School
Gymnasium on Thursday, June 2, 2016
at 6:00 p.m. to celebrate the
achievements of our graduates.

Safe Prom Night

The Black River Area Community Coalition and Law Enforcement are teaming up with other prevention coalitions throughout Rutland and Windsor Counties to ensure that all our students have a safe, alcohol and drug free prom night. Law Enforcement will have extra patrols on duty to respond to underage drinking parties, and to provide patrol coverage on our roads.

BRACC is sponsoring it's 11th Annual After Prom Event at Okemo Mountain. Parents are asked to strongly encourage their children to attend this event. All attendees will be entered into a raffle for over a dozen prizes. The event starts at 10pm and ends at 1230am.

By working together we can ensure that all our children have a safe, alcohol and drug free prom. Paul Faenza

Mt. Holly School Board Meeting

The Mt. Holly school board met on Wednesday, May 4 at the Ludlow Elementary School Library. The board discussed a letter from Middletown Springs Elementary School board, as well as some concerns raised by the teachers regarding the new accounting software at the business office. Mr. Hutt Vater reported on the hiring process for the music teacher, as well as some restructuring ideas he has been discussing with the teachers. Mr. Adams delivered the audit of the accounts to the board and discussed the current budget.

The board then met with the boards of LES and BRHS in the band room. They discussed the bid for the stage lift, along with the Presidential Hall renovation plan. There were some student representatives who voiced some concern about their graduation gowns. Another student talked to the board about the History Day project.

The boards discussed the reports of the nurse, technology department, and the custodial department. They also discussed the hot lunch contract with Café Services. The board also approved some policies on tuition of non-resident students, library media selection and acceptable internet usage.

The next meeting will be at Mt. Holly Elementary School on June 1 at 6:00 p.m.

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10th Annual Mount Holly Garden Tour – Saturday, July 23

Enjoy diverse, high altitude gardens, including a wide range of perennials, organic vegetables, and truly creative landscaping ideas, all against the backdrop of the hills and valleys of one of Vermont's most scenic small villages.

The 10th annual Mount Holly Garden Tour will be held on Saturday, July 23, 2016 from 9:30 am - 4:00 pm. This self-guided tour features strolls through peaceful woodland gardens and beautiful vistas from upland gardens. One year we even had a 12' topiary elephant! Come see what surprises are in store this year.

Many of our gardeners have designed their creations around natural features in the landscape, including huge rock formations and ledges. In one of the gardens that is on the tour almost every year, you will see displayed among the flower beds, a dozen or so incredibly colorful quilts! The gardener in this case is not just a master gardener, but a master quilter as well. We are proud that our tour always includes gardens that are the creative endeavors of people with real dirt under their nails! Come meet them. They enjoy sharing their ideas with you and there is something for everyone and much to be learned.

If you have children in tow, we have a special "Garden Hunt" that will keep them occupied as you explore the garden.

Tickets and a map of the garden sites can be purchased the day of the tour at the Mount Holly Library & Community Center on the Green in Belmont for \$12 (children 12 and under are free). The "Garden Hunt" Guides for the children can also be picked up when you purchase your tickets. Across from the Library & Community Center, the Belmont General Store provides special "Garden Tour Lunches," which you can take and enjoy at a number of the gardens, which welcome picnickers. This fundraiser benefits the ongoing restoration of our historic Library & Community Center building. Rain or shine, come while away a summer day in our lovely town. Information at: lindaddmiller@aol.com.



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Mount Holly Bone Builders

Bone Builders is FREE for all ages and the weights for legs and hands are provided FREE. We meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. This program is a great way to improve balance and gain strength, a total body work out which is easy on the joints. Come join the fun we have working out together and meet your neighbors. For weights and more information please call Cathy Chadburn at 259-3665.

Save the Date!

The Mount Holly Community Guild bazaar will be held on August 6th this year. We will be open from 9:00 to 2:00 at the Odd Fellows Hall in Belmont. Guild members have been working hard all year making lovely hand crafted items such as quilts, crocheted items, door decorations, toys, knitted items and jewelry.

Our raffle will be drawn at the end of the bazaar. The raffle items are a queen sized quilt made by Claire Poulin, a basket made by Judy Nevin, a drawing by Pat LaBella and a watercolor painting by Cindy Hinchliff.



St. Patrick's Tag Sale/Flea Market

Saturday June 18th

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

St. Patrick's Parish Hall

Table Rentals at \$10 each

**Table rentals open to Craft Vendors,
Tag Sale Vendors, or donated
Items for the Benefit of St. Patrick's**

**All donated items must be clean and
In good working condition.**

**Items we are NOT ACCEPTING are:
Clothes, Shoes, Books, TV's, Electronics, or
Large Furniture.**

**We WILL ACCEPT smaller furniture and
may consider exceptional pieces.**

**More Info and to Reserve Tables or drop off items
Call Barb Boucher 282-9647 or 446-2216
Or Call Lena D. 446-2500**

Artfest 2016

The Mount Holly Community Historical Museum will be hosting Artfest August 5-7th this year. We will be selling the work of Mount Holly artists in the Perkins House Museum in Belmont. The artists work in a variety of media, including watercolor painting, photography, penwork, hand woven baskets, painted silk, woodcarving, shaker wooden boxes, and more.

You can meet the artists and shop on Friday night from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Additionally the museum will be open for sales Saturday 11:00 – 3:00 PM, and Sunday 12:00 to 4:00 PM. Please plan to support our hard working artists who have been so generous with the museum. The Historical Society thanks the artists for their continuing support.

BRACC Presentation To DARE Program

The Black River Area Community Coalition (BRACC) in cooperation with the Ludlow Police Department was able to present the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program to the Mount Holly Elementary School's 6th grade class for the third year. DARE teaches students how to be safe and responsible citizens, health effects of tobacco and alcohol; risks and consequences, how to report bullying and how to seek help. Paul Faenza, the Mount Holly Constable and part time Ludlow Police Officer facilitated the 10 week program. He also presents a similar program to 7th grade students at Black River Middle School.

Graduation Season is upon us, and the Black River Area Community Coalition is working with other prevention

coalitions and Law Enforcement to ensure that all our youth stay safe during this important part of their life. Of course we can't do it alone, we continue to partnership with our schools and community programs, but we need a buy in from parents.

Clearly communicate your expectations: Although you may feel you've talked many times to your child about your expectations for healthy choices and the consequences of breaking the rules, graduation season is an important time to repeat this message. Talk to your child about the dangers of drinking and driving and getting in the car with a drunk driver. Consider



role-playing a few scenarios. Research shows that parents who discuss possible scenarios and seek their teens knowledge about what to do increases the chances of their teens safe decision-making.

We wish all our graduating seniors congratulations and good luck on your future endeavors.

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Mount Holly Community Association

Many apologies for missing the May issue of the Chit Chat! Although the news is old, it's "still fit to print", so we would briefly like to re-cap and then move on to the June news. Thanks for your understanding!

The **Spring Mud Fling** held on April 2nd was, as always, an outrageous success! Talk about dance until you drop...that seemed to be the theme for the evening, as folks spun around the floor time and time again. Everyone's feet were moving to the rhythms of *the Tony Lee Thomas Band*, even if they weren't on the dance floor. There was a lot of foot tapping and stomping on the sidelines from all those who simply couldn't keep their feet still. Many thanks to Mary Alberty and Jess Alberty, who took over the coordination for this marvelous evening...you, did a great job! Let us not forget all of their volunteers, who helped set the stage to welcome spring to Mount Holly...thank you!

As many of you may know, the Mount Holly Conservation Trust applied for a matching grant from the Rotary to help finance some improvements at Star Lake (new picnic tables, benches, canoe rack, etc.). The MHCA contributed to the match and this year our traditional **Clean-up day at Star Lake** will be devoted to planting a new flower garden and helping with the construction of the new additions. We are hoping that many of you will join us along with volunteers from the Rotary, the MHCT, and the Mount Holly Garden Association to assist with the work. The "clean-up" day is *tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 18th, but that date has yet to be confirmed*. Please look for an update and more details on the Mount Holly Newsflash. Thanks so much for coming to help beautify our lake front!

Our annual **membership drive** will begin with the initial mailing in mid-June of the new membership brochures for the 2016-2017 MHCA season. Included with the membership brochure will be the *summer calendar* and the *MHCA's annual calendar of events*. Please remember that all of the wonderful events sponsored by the MHCA throughout the year would not be possible without the participation of our community through annual membership. In addition, this is a primary source of revenue for the Association and enables it to provide for the on-going maintenance of our beautiful Library & Community Center building. Last year was a record year for memberships, as well as money raised, and we hope to add to that for the coming season. Please look for the membership form in the mail and thank you so much for your support!

Planning for the **Summer Calendar** for the Mount Holly community is underway and Jess Alberty has asked that all organizations in town call or email her as soon as possible with the dates scheduled for their events for July and August. You can reach her at jmalberty@hotmail.com or 259-9130. Thanks for your prompt response!

In advance: No one is looking forward to summer more than the residents of Mount Holly! With that in mind, please don't forget to reserve your Thursdays in July and August for the **Music on the Green Series** that will begin on July 7th. Performances will begin at 7:00 pm as always. A calendar with all of the performers for the season will be out later in June. We are all looking forward to some beautiful, balmy evenings with friends and neighbors. See you there!

This year **Mount Holly Day** will be held on Sunday, July 10th from noon to 3:00 pm. This is a very special year for Star Lake, as it is the first year with the newly re-constructed dam, a much deeper swimming area, and 18 more inches of water throughout our lake! We are urging everyone to come help us celebrate this wonderful event. We are co-sponsoring Mount Holly Day with the Mount Holly Conservation Trust, whose sub-committee FOSL under the guidance of Ron Unterman and Dottie Finnerty, was responsible for the dam's construction and the survival of our beautiful lake. We hope that everyone will come celebrate with us!

The tenth annual **Mount Holly Garden Tour** is scheduled for Saturday, July 23rd. At this time, Linda Miller, the coordinator for the tour, is looking for gardeners "with dirt under their nails" to volunteer their gardens for the tour. Well groomed and pristine, or wild and rambling, all gardens are sought and variety is welcomed. If you are interested in being one of the exhibitors, please contact Linda Miller at lindamillerDD@aol.com or 259-3060.



Mount Holly Community Association Membership Drive 2016 – 2017

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

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“Friends of Star Lake” -- new leadership

After 15 years we are stepping down as co-chairs of Friends of Star Lake and look forward to other community members becoming involved in FOSL's future. We would be pleased to help a new leadership team to reorganize FOSL.

We hope you all agree that 2015 was a great year for Star Lake!

After years of fundraising, two years of engineering design, 5 permit applications and fits and starts, we finally have a new dam, a restored beach and dredged swimming area, and new boat ramp. Star Lake will not be drained, and the Lake is now back to its historical level, up 18 inches.

The final cost for the dam project was \$628,000. In addition to Patricia Nye's extraordinary \$500,000 gift (plus appreciation and interest), the Mt. Holly Conservation Trust (MHCT) received donations of almost \$100,000 from over 280 families, friends, Mt. Holly students, local businesses, and Town organizations in support of the “Save Our Lake”

fundraising campaign. A huge thank you to all of you who supported this effort.

With the dam now complete FOSL needs to look to its future which we expect will be a continuing effort to control overgrowth of Eurasian Milfoil and other nuisance plants. In our discussions with the MHCT Board of Directors we believe this is the right time for FOSL to have new leadership, and in line with MHCT's mission and the

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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.

completion of the Lake “conservation” project, the MHCT Board of Directors has decided that FOSL should become independent of the MHCT.

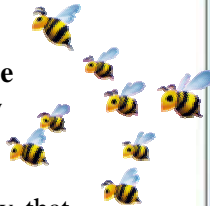
Please let us know if you'd like to be involved in the restructuring and management of FOSL.

Ron Unterman and Dottie Finnerty, Co-chairs, FOSL (a committee of the Mt. Holly Conservation Trust), Members, Board of Directors, MHCT, 802-259-2491, ron@unterman.com



Got Bees?

I'm looking for **honeybee swarms** in the Mount Holly area. If you see a cluster of honeybees in a tree, bush, or anywhere they aren't normally that



is probably a swarm of honeybees. They are not dangerous and will not bother you unless disturbed. Please call me and I'll come to remove them safely to a bee hive. Jim Corven 259-2311



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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
And Home Baked Pies**

**All You Can Eat - Home Style
Take Outs Available**



**Adults \$12.00
Children 11 Yrs. & Under \$6.00**

More Info Call 259-2460

Mount Holly Receives Two State Barn Preservation Grants

Governor Peter Shumlin announced that, out of 48 applicants, the Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation awarded preservation grants to 20 historic barns. Two grants were awarded to barns in the Town of Mount Holly: an 1830 barn located at the Asphar Farm on Belmont Road; and, an 1850 barn located at the White Silo Farm on Stanley Lane.

"These matching grants are highly competitive," said Annette Lynch, President of the Mount Holly Barn Preservation Association. Noting that Mount Holly had also received a barn preservation grant last year, Lynch added, "Our town is fortunate to have barn owners who are dedicated to preserving their barns, often pulling them back from near-collapse."

"The [20] recipients deserve recognition for their commitment to these historic resources, which not only recount Vermont's agricultural past, but strengthen the significance of our working landscapes," said Laura V. Trieschmann, Vermont State Historic Preservation Officer.

Noelle MacKay, Commissioner of Housing and Community Development for the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, added, "These buildings are an integral part of our state's brand and vital to its economic vitality."

The state-funded Barn Preservation Grant program helps individuals, municipalities, and non-profit organizations restore or rehabilitate historic barns. To qualify, buildings must be listed in, or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The maximum amount for each grant is \$15,000, with many recipients spending more than the required match.

Over the past 10 years, the Mount Holly Barn Preservation Association has gained experience with barn preservation at the town level. It assists Mount Holly barn owners with barn evaluation, grant writing and management, contracts, and loans from its revolving loan fund. Annette Lynch

2016 Barn Preservation Grants:

Asphar Farm, Belmont Road, c. 1830 barn, last agricultural building on 53-acre farm. Grant funds will support: drainage and foundation work; repair/replacement of sills; and roof replacement of unusual hay hood.

White Silo Farm, Stanley Lane, c. 1840 English Barn and 1950 silo. Investment in repairs to foundation, concrete floor, siding and windows will upgrade level of tenant farming.



Reinbow Riding Center

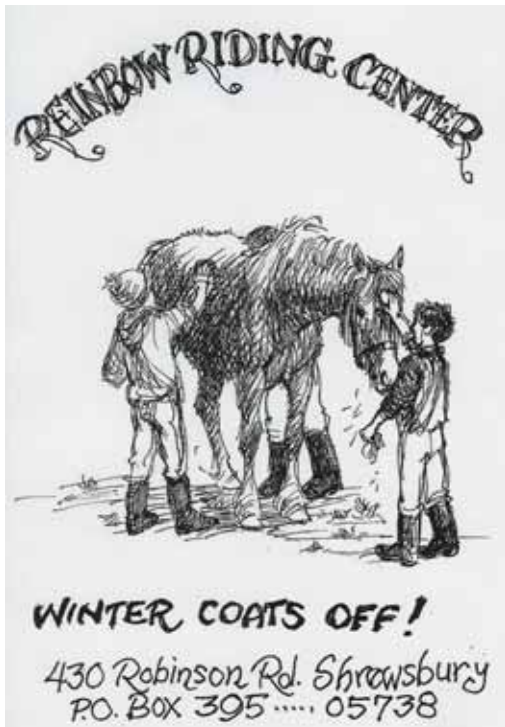
Greetings:

Lessons have started! We welcome back familiar faces and are thrilled to meet some new friends. We held an open house May 21 inviting the schools, doctors, therapists, counselors etc. in Rutland and Windsor counties to the barn to meet us in person, the horses, view the barn, ring, and sensory trail. They were most interested in demonstrations given by a few of our riders who demonstrated what a rider might do in their first lesson. Thank you to the riders and volunteers who did such a great job and helped out.

June 4th is the desensitizing clinic, open to riders bringing their own horses to work on helping to desensitize your horse and give them confidence to face the unknown. There is a \$75 fee. Proof of coggins and shots required. Please call the barn 492-2226 to let us know if you are coming so that we can save you a spot.

Save the date: July 2 is the Silent auction to be held at the Mt. Holly Community Center, 4-6:30.

Many great items have been donated. This is a great opportunity to view some beautiful local art, crafts, food and services while visiting and enjoying wine with cheese and crackers before putting in your bids. Thank you to everyone for being so generous. All the proceeds go to support Reinbow Riding Center so that we can offer more programs to our riders. Hope to see you there!



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MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY

New Librarian: The Mount Holly Library Board has hired Amanda Merk as the new librarian. In addition to being Mount Holly Librarian she will continue to serve as the Librarian at Wilder Library in Weston. Amanda has an MS in Library Science and experience working in a number of different library settings. She is very excited to meet you all and get to know the Mount Holly community. I have every confidence that you will like her and she will maintain what we all have worked so hard for and, given some time, will also make the library even better. My thanks to you all for making the library such a great place and giving me the support I needed to run our library in a most untraditional way. No words would be adequate to express my appreciation.

New Volunteers: I am pleased to add Cindy DiNino and Cheryl Gantkin to the supportive team of library volunteers. Cindy is new to the community this year and has already become a valuable member of the Community Guild. Cheryl, an avid skier and year round resident, is also on the Fletcher Farm School Board. Both enthusiastic readers, we welcome them and know they will be a great addition to the library

Green Up Day Success - Keep Mount Holly Clean and Green all year long.

My thanks to Green Up coordinator Marianne McGee and her able-bodied assistant Sadie Kobak. Sixty-six volunteers helped clean our roadways and 97 bags of trash were collected. Mackenzie Kennedy won the "Bucket of Summer Fun". My thanks to all the volunteers, to the Belmont Store for donating pizza for the volunteers and to the town crew for retrieving the bags on Monday morning.

Book Nook's Annual Instore Book Fair: The weekend of June 17th, 18th and 19th The Book Nook in Ludlow, Vermont will hold an "In Store Book Fair". When you purchase a book 20% of the sale will go to the Mt. Holly Library. You can also purchase a book for the Library from a wish list and 20% of that sale and the book will go to the library. Stop in The Book Nook and see their amazing selection of books. This is a wonderful benefit to the Library and we appreciate the Book Nook supporting libraries. Isn't it time to stock up on books for the summer? Don't forget to mention that you are supporting The Mt. Holly Library. In past years Mount Holly residents were the most generous supporters so let's see if our record will hold for another year.

Enjoy a Vermont State Park for FREE: This hugely popular program will be offered again through the Mount Holly Town Library. Thanks to Kevin Neubert at the Belmont General Store you will be able to check out the day pass which allows entrance for up to eight people in one vehicle for the day. Mount Holly residents can pick up the pass early in the morning and return it back to the store on your way home from the park. There is also a pass for Vermont Historical sites. It has worked really well the last few years and we appreciate Kevin and his associates for taking the time to administer this program. Take advantage of all the sun and fun Vermont Parks have to offer!!

Temporary Halt to Book Donations: We are all about de-cluttering...and normally the library is only too happy to accept donations of books in good condition. BUT, right now we are full to the rafters with books, and simply have no place to put more at this time. After what we hope will be a VERY successful book sale on 4th of July weekend, (mark the date, Sunday the 3rd and Monday the 4th), the library will be able to get back to helping good books find new homes, but until then, we ask for a temporary cessation of book donations. We will put the green light back on as soon as possible. Thanks for understanding.

On Your Mark, Get Set... READ! - SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The Summer Reading Program is open to Mount Holly Elementary School Children Entering grades k to 6. This year it is **June 27th through July 1st from 9:30 to Noon**. We hope you will encourage your child to participate. The program's goal is to motivate children to read books from the library or their own collection and experience some new things in a relaxed atmosphere. Please join Mrs. Kennedy and her helpers for story times, crafts, games, special events and a snack. You can go to the Mount Holly Town Library website (mounthollytownlibrary.wordpress.com) and sign up under Summer Reading Program or email mthollylibrary@gmail.com.

The Will Patton Quartet with Special Guest– Mount Holly Library – May 28th - 7:30

"Extraordinary Music"

THE MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM



**On Your Mark, Get Set...
READ!**

Continuing the reading habit during vacations helps students maintain the skills learned during the school year. Vocabulary is enriched and reading horizons broadened when children keep reading year-round. And, best of all, reading is fun!! Each year the Mt. Holly Library holds five **free** sessions that include story times, crafts, games, special events and a snack. The program is open to elementary school age children residing in Mt. Holly and their guests. The program's goal is to motivate children to read books from the library or their own home and experience some new things in a relaxed atmosphere. Each child who participates in the program receives a reading record, on which to write the books he/she reads, and prizes. We hope you will encourage your child to participate in this year's Summer Reading Program.

The program is from 9:30 - Noon the following days:

Monday, June 27th through Friday, July 1st !

If you know for sure your child will be attending (even if they can't come every day) we would like you to **register by going to the Library website mounthollytownlibrary.wordpress.com and filling out the form under Summer Reading Program**. Or You may email the library at mthollylibrary@gmail.com.

NITKA'S NOTES FROM THE STATE HOUSE

By Senator Alice Nitka, Windsor County

April 28, 2016 ~ Drums were being played on the front lawn of the State House today and a lot of music resounded through the building. Youth Action Committees were holding a demonstration, a march and a gathering regarding Climate Change. Teenagers were present from around the state, many of whom were well versed in the issues and came into the State House to speak to legislators. Sixth grade students from our area, Sharon and Cavendish were also present inside the building with their respective teachers, Janis Boulbol and Robin Bebo Long for their annual visits. The students were well prepared for their visits and had studied how bills become laws. Many take it to heart, and that is how we wound up with the Gilfeather Turnip, developed in Wardsboro, VT as a bill. Students in Wardsboro worked on it for two years or maybe more to make it the state vegetable. The students in the building were a nice relief from the tension and pressure in the building as the final days of the session move along. Bills are moving all over the place which is good if it means that your favorite bill is getting some action and not being left on the wall, which is where most will be in the end. The big bills

will not be left behind such as H-876 Transportation, H-878 Capital Construction and State Bonding, H- 872 Executive Branch Fees, H-873 Miscellaneous Tax Bill and H-875 Appropriations Bill which is the budget for the state. The Appropriations Bill is the only must pass bill before we close the session. The on-line bill tracking system works very well to show us and the public the stages of where a bill is, however it isn't able to follow a bill once it gets attached to another bill unless you know the new bill's number or name. The content of a bill may even get put into several bills if one thinks those bills might pass. That has been happening to multiple bills over the last few days. It is required that the bill being attached be germane to the one to which it is being attached. This can be challenged and the Secretary of the Senate or the Clerk of the House advises the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House who announces the decision. The full body can vote to overrule the President or Speaker by a two-thirds vote. This last piece rarely occurs. Call if you can't find a specific bill that you are following.

Visit the State House, have lunch in the cafeteria and listen to the floor debates on many of the bills. 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.

Do It For Your Health

As a kid, did you ever ask your parents why you had to eat your green beans? Their reply was usually, "Because they are good for you!" or "They'll put color in your cheeks!" (I always thought, "Who wants green cheeks?") But you ate them because Mom & Dad said so. Besides, you were being watched.

In like manner, some adults may ask, "Why should I go to church?" Well, one good reason is that God says to in the Bible. Hebrews 10:25 says, "Let us not give up meeting together." Honoring, worshipping and glorifying God and supporting the body of Christ are a few more good reasons. However,

there is one more that you probably haven't thought of: "Because it is good for you!"

That's right. A recent study shows that church goers had lower blood pressure, experienced less depression and anxiety, and had stronger immune systems than non-church goers. They even had less trouble keeping their weight down. Some research suggests that weekly attendance may add as much as two to three years to your life.

Nothing does more for your *spiritual* health than regular church attendance. It's a moment in time where you can learn and be challenged. Spiritual growth is fostered in community. It is so critical that we find a group of people to "do" life with.

There you have it! Solid reasons why you should find a church family to make your home. It will not only be good for your mental and physical well-being, you might even connect with your next best friend. Remember your best days are not behind you, they may lie ahead of you. Come take your place in our mutual journey of grace. It will be GOOD for you! *Pastor Glenn ~ Village Church Belmont*



Mount Holly 2016 Photo Contest

**Theme this year:
Wildlife of Mount Holly
(but all entries welcome!)**

**So take out your camera and capture
Mount Holly in June:**

Vibrant shades of green
Blooming peonies
Kids on bikes

Entry forms available in early July
Belmont General Store, Mount Holly Library,
Belmont and Mount Holly Post Offices,
Town Office and on-line
on the Mount Holly website

Mount Holly 2017 Calendar

Look for notices about the 2017 Calendar
It will be on sale in July!

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.



Mount Holly Town News

Minutes are "DRAFT" until approved at the next Select Board meeting June 14, 2016. NOTE: Most Select Board meetings are covered by LPC-TV. The videos can be viewed at their website, www.lpcvtv.org. Computers with internet access are available at the Town Library.

SELECT BOARD ~ MAY 10, 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 Highway, Speed Limit Signs on Lake Ninevah Road and under Other, State of Vermont Land Use permit for Okemo; Hedgehog Hill Wind Farm procedural orders (2); Employee Dental Plan for FY2017; and Town Service Officer legislation update.

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.

TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY

A PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR OUTDOOR BURNING

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Jim Seward

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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

2. Minutes:

- The minutes of the regular meeting of April 12 were sent out before the meeting for review. Upon motion made and seconded it was

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

3. Highways

- Grants update: Jeff was not present, and there were no known updates on the several grants for which the Town had applied.
- Mower: Tim Martin noted that a used mower, heavier duty model, has been located for about \$2500 (much less than new). He indicated that Jeff wanted to go look at it. The Board agreed that it should be looked at and purchased if it seems in good shape.
- Speed Limit Signs on Lake Ninevah Road – Paul Nevin requested an update on this. Ted Crawford will follow up with Jeff and Paul.

4. Report of Treasurer

- David Johnson presented an income and expense statement dated April 30, 2016 showing cash balances of \$1,513,537. Highlights: Delinquent taxes: David contacted the Tax Collector, who indicated there are 10-12 properties that have not made a payment or set up a payment plan. They will likely go to tax sale. This is more than in recent years, but not the highest number (17). Income and Expenses: State Highway Aid 4th quarter payment received, bringing total about \$885 over budget. Solid Waste label sales are running \$1900 ahead of last year at this point, but expenses will likely end up more than budgeted, mainly due to the increased recycling costs. The State Education bill will be slightly less than budgeted. Highway equipment repairs, fuel costs remain under budget. This can provide the funds for the new sand screen, which was unbudgeted. The new garage expenses are running ahead of budget; the Town is still on a learning curve for the ongoing costs of the garage.
- Don Richardson noted that Rutland Regional Planning Commission indicates there are still no known estimates for what towns will be required to do for compliance with the Better Roads (federally mandated) standards for water quality issues.

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 alternative energy projects around the county (e.g., the Ranger project in Brandon).
- Rutland Regional Transportation Advisory Council (TAC): As noted above, the Better Roads/Water Quality (unfunded) federal mandates will require the towns to make improvements to roads, although estimates are still unknown.
- There will be staff changes at RRPC with the recently announced resignation of Susan Schreiberman.
- Notice of Vacancy for Planning Commission Clerk: Ted reported that the PC has determined that they want a clerk, approximately 20 hours/ month, pay range \$10-15 depending on experience. The job will be posted in the Chit Chat and Vermont Journal.
- Notice of the annual appointments for representative and alternate to RRPC and RRTC will be posted in the Chit Chat and Newsflash. Appointments are expected to be made at the June meeting.

7. Other Business

- Hedgehog Hill Wind Farm: The town received 5 notices regarding this project: a) 04/08/16 letter from the Division for Historic

Preservation; c) 04/29/16 procedural order from PSB to Jason Day to respond to various filings by May 13, 2016; d) 05/03/16 correction to the procedural order. Ron Unterman noted that since the application was amended that the Div. of Historic Preservation had to do another review. He also noted that the realtor involved with the property says that the purchase has not gone thru, so it is likely a dead deal. (The PSB application process requires

'control' of the land, and a contract to purchase is considered valid control.)

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 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

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- Town Service Officer: Legislation passed this year has eliminated the requirement that towns appoint town service officers.
- Ted noted that the Mayor of Rutland has announced a meeting regarding the refugees expected in the fall, to which public officials in the county are invited. Ted will attend the meeting.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion made, seconded and approved, at 8:10 pm. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers Department of Public Service to the PSB recommending a public hearing; b) 04/20/16 Motion to Intervene from VT

Advisory Planning Committee Meeting April 25, 2016

Committee members present: Peter Berger, Alyson Blodgett, Don Eatmon, Tom Veysey and Ed Bove.

Community members present: Jeff Teter, Peter Smith, Rhonda Rivers, Don Richardson, Minga Dana, Ted Crawford and Bill McGrath.

Ed Bove called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. The first topic was Transportation Policy. Strength and weaknesses were discussed. There was also discussion regarding Route 103 traffic and rail system that bisect the town. A presentation was made on The Bus that passes through Mount Holly twice a day and provides services to residents on a "flagging" basis. Adequate parking for people riding The Bus was also mentioned. Enforcement of speed limits was addressed by a citizen.

The next topic was Recreation and the need to retain traditional recreational pursuits was addressed. It was pointed out that the Town of Mount Holly does not financially support any recreational activities. The Elementary Gym facility is available to residents and Mount Holly parents work with the Ludlow Recreation Department.

The next meetings will be held on May 16 and May 23 to discuss housing, natural resources and land use. The last part of the May 23 meeting will be for any other topics citizens may want to review. Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 P.M. Ted Crawford

Belmont Septic Design



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- TDI-New England Power Link: The State of Vermont PSB issued a Section 231 Certificate of Public Good (in regards to the technical, operational and regulatory experience as well as the financial stability to own and operate the project).
- Odd Fellows requests: David Johnson reported on the Odd Fellows requests for assistance with the costs of mowing the land around the OF Hall as well as covering the costs of a street light on the pole near the building. The light costs are \$19/month, with no apparent installation costs. Upon motions made and seconded, the Board
VOTED: To pay for the mowing costs of the land around the Odd Fellows Hall and for the street light at the OFH. (3-0)
- Canoe Auction: Ron Unterman reported on a suggestion from Kevin Stillwell to have the Fire Dept auction off the canoes, but there is no auction this year. Ron will follow up on another suggestion to auction them off at Mount Holly Day this summer. Ron also requested that the Board consider an ordinance or policy regarding the canoes left at the beach, to possibly include registration at the town hall, and removal by October. This would help prevent another abandoned property situation. No action was taken at this meeting.
- Dental Plan: The Town's Dental Plan benefit is up for renewal. There are no changes in the Plan's coverage or costs for FY2017. Upon motion made and seconded the Board VOTED: To keep the current plan. (3-0)

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To Support Our Disability Riding Programs

RAINBOW RIDING CENTER

Date: July 2, 2016 • Time: 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Place: The Mount Holly Community Center
Music Provided By: The Pierce's Store Jamboree

Reinbow Riding Center is a therapeutic riding center offering specialized programs for people with disabilities from age 3 to people in their 70's throughout Rutland and Windsor counties. Help us to make a difference in someone's life by attending our benefit auction!

For More Information Contact:
Mary Jane Osborne 259-2282 • Program Director, Reinbow Riding Center



Mount Holly School's Annual Talent Show

Bobcat Beach Party



WHEN: MONDAY, JUNE 6TH - THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

TIME: 9:00 - 11:00AM

WHERE: THE MOUNT HOLLY SCHOOL GYM



Come see the 'Star'fish of Mount Holly School!



Town of Mount Holly Planning Commission Clerk

The Town of Mount Holly seeks to hire a Clerk to assist the Planning Commission to carry out their duties and responsibilities. This is a part time position, up to approximately 20 hours per month, some evening hours required. Job duties for the position include: prepare and post agendas for all Planning Commission meetings as required by the Open Meeting Law; attend and take minutes at all Planning Commission meetings; post minutes as required by the Open Meeting Law; prepare and publish legal notices in the Town's paper of record and special notices/information in the Chit Chat or other publications as determined by the Planning Commission; review all Planning Commission mail/email; respond to general inquires that do not require Planning Commission attention and forward all other correspondence to the Planning Commission for their action; maintain a filing system for all correspondence, articles, documents, etc. that pertain to the Planning Commission; perform other duties as requested by the Planning Commission. Pay range is \$10-\$15 per hour, commensurate with experience. Interested parties should contact Bill McGrath, Planning Commission Chair, at [802-259-2724](tel:802-259-2724) or email at twigg16@vermontel.net. A resume may be sent to the email address, or the town office at Town of Mount Holly, PO Box 248, Mount Holly, VT 05758. Equal Opportunity Employer.

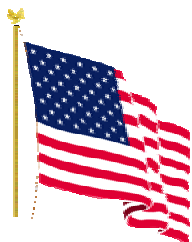
OPPORTUNITES TO GET INVOLVED ON MOUNT HOLLY'S BEHALF

Like most small town, Mount Holly depends on the generosity and willingness of its citizens to get involved with many activities and organizations that benefit the Town. There are currently a number of opportunities available. These positions are volunteer. If you are interested in any of the following, please contact the Select Board, at P.O. Box 248, Mount Holly, 05758 or email mthollysb@gmail.com or phone 259-2391. A letter of interest is requested for all of them, including from the incumbents.

RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION RUTLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE and ALTERNATE

The Select Board seeks individuals to be the town's representative and alternate to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission and its related group, the Rutland Regional Transportation Council. As the names suggest, these groups work on regional issues for the 27 municipalities in Rutland County and provide assistance to towns with planning issues. All appointments are for the fiscal year, 07/01/16 - 06/30/17.

The representative and/or alternate attends the regular monthly meetings and reports back to the Select Board. The RRPC meets in Rutland on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. The RRTC meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. More information can be found at the RRPC website, www.rutlandrpc.org.



2016

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS

2016

At the

MOUNT HOLLY TRANSFER STATION

Saturday, June 25

8 AM to NOON

The following items are typical of the household chemicals collected through the Household Hazardous Waste program. These materials may be dropped off at the scheduled event in Mount Holly or delivered to the HHW Depot at the Rutland County Solid Waste District's Gleason Road Transfer Station. The Gleason Road HHW facility is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 7:00am to 3:00pm and the first Saturday of the month 7:00am to 3:00 pm.

Kitchen/Bathroom

Aerosol Cans
Bug Sprays
Floor Care Products
Metal Polish
Furniture Polish
Oven Cleaners
Drain Cleaners
Bathroom Cleaners
Tile Cleaners
Disinfectants
Toilet Bowl Cleaners
Nail Polish Remover

Garage Workshop

Waste Oil
Antifreeze
Gasoline
Brake Fluid
Roofing Tar
Auto Body Repair Pro.
Automatic Trans. Fluid
Other Oils/Cleaners
Paint (Lead & Oil Based)
Paint Thinner
Paint Stripper
Varnish
Fluorescent Light Bulbs

Garden/Miscellaneous

Chemical Fertilizer
Fungicides
Herbicides
Rat Poison
Insecticides/Pesticides
Artists' Paints, Mediums
Dry Cleaning Solvents
Fiberglass Epoxy
Gun Cleaning Solvents
Moth Balls
Household Batteries
Photographic Chemicals
Pool Chemicals

THE ALIENS Comes to Springfield

From: **Scott Stearns** [The Book Nook]

The Springfield Community Players continue their efforts to foster the arts in the Springfield community with the first play of their 2016 season – THE ALIENS by Annie Baker. Performances will take place Friday May 27, Saturday May 28, Friday June 3, and Saturday June 4. Each night the Studio will open its doors at 7 p.m. and the performances will start 7.30 p.m.

THE ALIENS takes place in July in the small town of Shirley, Vermont. It centers on a couple of young men who hang out behind a coffee house and who befriend a young high schooler who works at the coffee house. In the haltingly awkward voices of young men trying to figure out their paths in life, they discuss girlfriends, art, the name of their would be band, as well as singing songs and celebrating the 4th of July. The play combines poetry, music, comedy and drama to explore friendship, art, love and death. The Springfield Community Players production of THE ALIENS will be directed by Scott Stearns, produced by John MacDonald and the cast consists of Wilson Church, Greg Villone, and Tuckerman Wunderle.

Wilson Church is a student at Green Mountain Union High School in Chester. He enjoys spending time outdoors as much as possible and time with friends and family. He would like to thank his beautiful mother for exposing him to the fun in theater. His other performances include "The Lion in Winter", "The Body in the Trunk," and "Gypsy". Greg Villone, a 27 year old actor/writer from Springfield, studied film production and cinema studies at Burlington College. Greg has been in many Springfield Community Players' productions and plays by other local companies. Currently, Greg works at Jeld-Wen and spends his leisure time writing scripts he hopes one day to see on screen. Tuckerman Wunderle is a junior at Green Mountain Union High School. He got his start in theater a year ago with his school's production of "The Drowsy Chaperone." He has since played John in "The Lion in Winter," Captain Hook in "Peter Pan and Wendy," and Albert Peterson in "Bye Bye Birdie."

In addition to theater, Tuck plays piano and clarinet in the school band and works in an actual, real-life Vermont coffee house. He would like to thank all of his friends and family, especially his parents and his girlfriend, for all the support they've given him this past year.

THE ALIENS was written by Pulitzer Prize winning dramatist Annie Baker, who grew up in Amherst, Massachusetts. In addition to THE ALIENS, her full-length plays include JOHN, THE FLICK, which won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, CIRCLE MIRROR TRANSFORMATION, BODY AWARENESS, and an adaptation of Chekhov's UNCLE VANYA for which she also designed the costumes. Productions of both THE ALIENS and UNCLE VANYA were performed by the Weston Playhouse.

You can call to make reservations for performance by calling the Players Studio at [802-885-4098](tel:802-885-4098) or by visiting the Players website at www.springfieldcommunityplayers.org/reserve-seat-today/. Tickets cost \$15 for general admission and \$12 for students and seniors. Curtain time for all performances is 7:30 p.m. Note that THE ALIENS includes strong language and mature themes, so it will not be suitable for all members of the community. The Players would like to thank all of our corporate sponsors, who have made it possible to produce our 2016 season.



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Ludlow Walk for Local History

SATURDAY JUNE 4TH, 2016

The Black River Academy Museum & Historical Society invite walkers of all levels to participate in a 5K Fun Walk through Ludlow, Vermont. Refreshments will be provided after the walk.

COURSE

Course starts and finishes at the Black River Academy Museum on Main Street in Ludlow. It traverses High Street, along Dug Road out of town, turning South on Route 103 and then down Pleasant Street.

LOCATION/TIME

Check-in is at the Black River Academy Museum at 10:00 AM. The walk begins at 10:30 AM.

REGISTRATION FEES

Fee includes beverages, and snacks.

Adults: \$20. Students and seniors (65 plus): \$10.



QUESTIONS?

Call the Black River Academy Museum at
(802) 228-5050 or email director@bramvt.org.

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August 9th – 12th

Habitat For Humanity of Rutland County First Annual Golf Tournament



We are pleased to announce that Habitat for Humanity of Rutland County, Vt. is hosting its First Annual Golf Tournament at the Proctor-Pittsford Country Club on May 27th.

Grand Prize for a Hole-In-One on hole # 17: 2015 Nissan Sentra 2 Year Lease, courtesy of Garvey Nissan and Bill Vien Agency. Other prizes include door prizes, prizes for closest to pin, longest drive, putting and chipping contests and much more. Most of all, it will be lots of fun and a chance to support HFH in Rutland Co.

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Play will begin at 1:00pm for teams of four playing in Captain and Team format. \$90 per person includes 18 holes of golf, Cart, Grab Bag, Dinner & many prizes.

To register visit www.rutlandhabitat.com and download the registration form. We look forward to seeing you at Proctor-Pittsford CC on May 27th! Chris Heintz



Pictured: Kayla Zsido, Club Vice President; Chris Heintz, Affiliate President; Kelly Mills, Former Club President; Mollie Johnson, Club President.

CASTLETON UNIVERSITY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CLUB MAKES LARGE DONATION

The Habitat for Humanity Club of Castleton University recently made a donation of \$750 to the Habitat for Humanity of Rutland County affiliate. With 25 active members, the club works year-round on Habitat sites both in Vermont and in other states. "We work hard to raise funds to support our work," said Mollie Johnson, Club President. "We wanted to show our support for the Rutland Habitat in a really meaningful way."

Habitat for Humanity of Rutland County is currently rehabilitating a house on 30 West St. in Fair Haven. "We hope to dedicate the house and have a family living there by the end of summer," said Chris Heintz, president of the Rutland Affiliate.

Weston's Spring Gala Scheduled for May 29

Weston Playhouse Theatre Company is excited to announce its annual spring gala, which will offer a taste of its upcoming 80th performance season. The theme, "Mamma Mia! My Big Fat Greek Gala," pays homage to the Vermont premiere of *Mamma Mia!* which plays on the Main Stage this summer. May 29 Gala guests will be treated to a sumptuous Greek-inspired dinner and live entertainment from this season's performers, plus live and silent auctions featuring fabulous trips, experiences, and flavors from near and far. After dinner, the party continues with dancing into the evening. Proceeds from the event help to support Weston's mission to produce a diverse, entertaining, and challenging season of live professional theatre and high impact events; enrich the theatergoing experience with education and outreach programs for all ages; and make significant contributions to the American theatre through training programs, play development, and retreats. "Mamma Mia! My Big Fat Greek Gala" will be held at the Equinox Hotel & Resort in Manchester, VT on Sunday, May 29th, beginning at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$175. For more information or to reserve your spot, visit westonplayhouse.org or call the box office at (802) 824-5288.



OVRCC Chamber Corner by Marji Graf, CEO

We attended a travel show in CT on 5/14 and handed out 200+ of our **new 2016/17 guidebooks** to attendees!

We had our annual meeting on Wednesday, May 18th and learned about the State's marketing initiatives, VISA spending in our Region, and about the Vermont Futures Project.

Congratulations to Tygart Mountain Sports for being chosen Chamber Member of the Year!

Our chamber has a display case for the month of July at the Guilford Welcome Center.

Upcoming programs:

- **6/2 Google workshop** with Kim Dixon at Newsbank Conference Center from 1-3pm.
- **6/8 Chamber mixer** at 103 Artisans Marketplace in Chester
- **6/11** is our Southern Vermont Home, Garden & Recreation Show in Ludlow in between Cota Oil and Mr. Darcy's. Please come out and support our local businesses!!



New Board Members were announced at Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce's Annual Meeting on Wednesday May 18th

President Cote welcomed everyone and thanked Coleman Brook Tavern for hosting our Annual Meeting luncheon. Cote spoke about the State of the Chamber and Treasurer Sirois spoke about our positive financial position, CEO Marji Graf reviewed the 2015 marketing and membership accomplishments and 2016 goals. Our new Regional Guidebooks were well received at the CT show and spoke about our 3-year partnership with Google.

Calling all Gardeners!!

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259-3060

Member of the Year was presented to Angie Ross of Tygart Mountain Sports in Ludlow.

Outgoing board members were thanked for their service: Julie Bowyer, Doug Ficken, Sheldon Ghetler, Barb LeMire, Rick Paterno and Dan Cote who will be our Past President.

We welcomed new Board members:

Joe Evans, Gail Graves, Tom Gianola, Justin Hyjek, Scott Blair and Kevin Theissen, and

continuing Katelyn Sirois, William Jenney, Kevin Marvelli and Steve Mulcahy. Returning Board members include Terry Bane, Emmett Dunbar, Marilee Spanjian, Margaret Vincent and Julie Lynn Wood. The Board agreed to allow Mr. Lamb to be a one-year term alternate without voting rights until we have an additional opening.

CEO Graf thanked her Manager of Member Services, Amy Balogh, for an outstanding job!

Three speakers were introduced:

Steven Cook who was appointed Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Tourism & Marketing 10 years ago. He is the publisher of Vermont Life Magazine. He spoke about the launch of the new VermontVacation.com over a year ago. Also about winter advertising and the departments overall marketing strategy for promoting the State as a tourism destination.

The next speaker was **Ken Jones**, Economic Research Analyst at the Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD) for the State of Vermont. Ken works with Departments and Divisions within ACCD that promote tourism, manufacturing, housing and community development activities in the State. Ken has been the primary author of Vermont's

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Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and the most recent Benchmark Study on the economic impacts of Tourism on the Vermont economy. He shared with us VISA spending in our Region.

He was followed by **Jeffrey Lewis** who is working for the Vermont Chamber Foundation on the Vermont Futures Project with a goal of invigorating the Vermont economy through research and policy innovation.

We thanked Chef Scott and Chef Jason and they spoke about Coleman Brook Tavern's Farmhouse Dinners series beginning June of 2016.

The annual meeting will be available on lpctv.org within a few weeks.

Pictured L-R Jeff Lewis, Ken Jones & Steven Cook



Wounded Veterans Walk/Run

Saturday May 28th, 2016



Sara Stryhas & The American Legion invite runners AND walkers to participate in a 5k/10k.

Proceeds to be donated to the Wounded Warrior Project (WWP) to help injured service members.

Time: Registration at 10 a.m. Race Begins at 11 a.m.
Location: Check-in @ Ludlow American Legion Parking Lot (133 Main Street, Ludlow, 05149) where race will begin.

Registration: Adults \$20/Students & Seniors (65+) \$10 Payable by cash or check made out to WWP

BRAM to Open Season with a Walk and a Talk on Sat. June 4th

This Saturday, June 4th the Black River Academy Museum will host its annual 5 K Walk for History. The walk will start and end at the museum, going down Dug Hill Road, then South on Route 103 and up to the museum at the green. Registration is \$20, students and seniors \$10 and will begin at 10AM with the walk starting at 10:30. Refreshments will be available. Please join us and bring your four-legged friend.

As a tribute to the history to the "Finns" of Andover, VT, a program/presentation of the Finnish-American photographer Kosti Ruohomaa by Deanna Bonner-Ganter, author of "Kosti Ruohomaa the Photographer Poet" will be held at 1 PM at the Museum. Ruohomaa spent part of his early childhood in Andover, VT attending the one room Peaseville school for five years. There will be a question and answer period and refreshments including coffee and pullaa will be served. Erik Johansson of Rockingham will play a variety of acoustical instruments and perhaps sing a few songs. Bonner-Ganter will be there to autograph her book. A lovely afternoon is in store for all of us!

Our exhibit "Farms, Barns and Covered Bridges" will also open on Saturday, presented by BRAM and the Amity Foundation. It showcases farms and barns that have been romantically captured by artists to preserve and honor their

place in history. Covered bridges are also featured, a reminder of our rural past, many of which

are located in VT and NH. This exhibit will be up for the season.

BRAM is located at 14 High Street in Ludlow and more information can be had by calling our director, Georgia Brehm at [802-228-5050](tel:802-228-5050) or emailing glbrehm@tds.net.

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Call for Nominations: LPCTV Board of Directors

Annual Meeting & Elections Held June 16th

Do you know someone who might be a good fit for helping non profit, independent, & local media grow and thrive? Perhaps a family member, friend, neighbor, or colleague?

LPCTV is seeking nominations for its 2016 Board of Directors elections. Anyone who is 18 or over and lives in Ludlow, Plymouth, Cavendish, or Mount Holly is eligible to serve on the Board. LPCTV is the community television station and media center for the Black River Valley & Okemo region, operating cable TV channels 8 & 10 (ch 20 & 21 in Mount Holly).

Elections will be held at LPCTV's Annual Membership and Organizational Meeting on Thursday, June 16 at 7PM. Directors hold volunteer positions on the Board, whose primary responsibility is to govern the organization and help it grow, establishing it as a vital community resource. The Board of Directors also manages finances and oversees the work of the Executive Director.

Any interested candidates or anyone wishing to nominate someone they know should contact Executive Director Patrick Cody, by email at pcody@lpctv.org or by mailing to LPCTV (37C Main St., Ludlow, VT 05149). Nominations must be received by Wednesday, June 1st. For more information, visit LPCTV online at LPCTV.org or call 228-8808.



Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence Winners Announced

The Governor's Environmental Excellence Award winners have been selected. An award ceremony today recognized the winners at ceremony at the State House Cedar Creek Room. Since 1993, Environmental Excellence awards have been given to recognize efforts and actions of Vermonters to conserve and protect natural resources, prevent pollution, and promote environmental sustainability. To date, more than 200 awards have been presented. "These projects contribute significantly to Vermont's environmental quality and encourage others to take similar actions to protect our resources," said Deb Markowitz, Secretary of the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. "They demonstrate the importance of innovation and partnerships in enhancing and sustaining Vermont's environmental quality."

Collectively, the award winners represent the best of the best, showcasing organizations who have exceeded regulatory requirements and made meaningful, measurable improvements to Vermont.

This year's recipients include Global Foundries in Essex Junction (two awards), Lyndon Furniture in Lyndon, Wall Goldfinger in Randolph, Addison County Solid Waste District, Boardman Hill Solar in West Rutland, the Stowe Farmer's Market in Stowe, the Vermont Foodbank, the Vermont Energy Education Program, the St. Johnsbury Academy, and TRY for the Environment.

Picture-Boardman Hill Solar Farm pioneered an innovative 150 kW community solar concept in West Rutland, which is in the process of being replicated in other Vermont communities.



Act 46 update

The Two Rivers Supervisory Union school merger debate expands and gains focus after the fifteen-member, seven-town Act 46 Study Committee's sixth meeting at Plymouth Town Hall (April 30) and seventh meeting at Baltimore Town Hall (May 16).

At Plymouth, the finance, property, governance, and educational advantages subcommittees reported on how merging districts might affect town tax rates, local control, and the quality of education. Perhaps the biggest surprise concerned the financial model prediction that a merger would significantly increase Andover and Chester's tax rates unless one or more of the other schools slashed their budgets, closed, or "repurposed" themselves into some yet-unknown hybrid form that is more financially resilient. Until the Plymouth meeting, the most contentious aspect of a merger had centered on governance issues such as Mount Holly's loss of local control. After the Plymouth meeting, the debate seems to have shifted to how Andover and Chester committee members could possibly support a significant tax increase without anything to show for it. At the same time, Ludlow members expressed great dismay that the Black River High School was singled out in one of the five financial models for possible closing/repurposing.

At Baltimore, the study committee hosted two State of Vermont civil servants, Legislative Counselor Donna Russo-Savage and education finance manager for the Vermont Agency of Education Brad James. Committee members and members of the public seemed unsure if we should try to impress upon the Montpelier duo our collegial manner and mastery of the law or if we should plead and complain about how the law is threatening to rip the TRSU in half. Having mulled over the reports of the Plymouth meeting, the study committee has hit something of an impasse. We tried, perhaps in vain, to make the officials understand how the west side of TRSU and the east side of TRSU have such disparate tax rates that we cannot possibly find a middle ground without huge tax increases or massive budget cuts. The chair of the finance subcommittee honed in on the problem: she announced that, for Chester's tax rate to stay about the same, a merger would have to save TRSU about \$650,000. The Montpelier officials did appear somewhat speechless at this figure because no merger in Vermont thus far has saved anything close to this amount of money. Some district mergers throughout the state have saved up to \$300,000 - \$400,000. However, TRSU, having already merged, has already realized significant savings, which makes the enormous goal of cutting an additional \$650,000 seemingly next to impossible.

I hope to see more of the public at our next meeting, time and place to be determined. Sebastian Frank, Chair TRSU Act 46 Study Committee

**ADVISORY COUNCIL'S LAST MEETING
ON MONDAY, MAY 23 AT 6 PM IN SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

Where are we in updating the Town Plan?

On January 31, 2016, the Town of Mount Holly signed a contract with the Rutland Regional Planning Council (RRPC) for the RRPC to "assist the Town in updating the municipal plan".

Mount Holly's Select Board and Planning Commission formed a four person volunteer committee – known as the Advisory Council, or Advisory Committee, or the Advisory Planning Council - to work with the RRPC.

The contract lists the tasks (Scope of Work) to be performed by the RRPC. Each of these tasks should result in a **product** which, under Vermont's Open Meeting Law, should be available to citizens. I maintain that the Advisory Council/Committee, as a committee of the Mount Holly Planning Commission (MHPC), is subject to the Open Meeting Law (a conclusion supported by the office of the Vermont Secretary of State - especially as the Advisory Council was formed to assist the MHPC perform its statutory duties).

I have organized the process of updating our Current Town Plan (CTP) according to the tasks to be performed by RRPC, as listed in the contract between the Town and the RRPC:

Contract Task # 1 4 hours

Completion date: probably February 2016.

Description of Task: RRPC to "assist the Advisory Planning Council in establishing the objectives of the Town Plan".

Product: Objectives of the Town Plan.

Notes: *Such a list would throw a light on the position of each member of the Advisory Council and how that might color their summaries of meetings.*

Contract Task # 2 10 hours

Completion date: May 23, 2016

Description of Task: RRPC to "Facilitate Public Meetings"

Product: Individual Meeting Reports

Each member of the Advisory Council wrote a summary or report of each meeting and submitted it to the Select Board, the MHPC, and to RRPC.

Notes: *The subjects of the seven public meetings: Organization of meetings; emergency services; community organizations and education; business and economic development; transportation and recreation; housing and natural resources; and on May 23 the last meeting will be on land use and then public input and questions.*

Contract Task # 3 6 hours

Completion date: ?

Description of Task: RRPC to make a "Summary of Meetings"

Product: Summary of Meetings

Compilation of Individual Meeting Reports

Notes: *Presumably this summary of the meetings includes the Individual Meeting Reports (and as stated by Mr. Crawford, a Compilation of Individual Meeting Reports sent to RRPC from either the Select Board or MHPC) and the observations and notes of each meeting taken by Mr. Bove of the RRPC.*

Contract Task # 4 5 hours

Completion date: ?

Description of Task: RRPC to "Incorporate edits into Draft Town Plan and assist with the adoption process".

Product: Draft Town Plan

Edits

Agendas and Minutes of MHPC specifying the sections of the CTP to be discussed,

public input and the resulting edits.

Notes: *This part of the process is a bit more difficult to follow as the terms "edits" and "Draft Town Plan" appear without any definition. Based on information from Mr. Ted Crawford at the Advisory Council meetings and in his article in the Flash, it appears that the process is as follows: the MHPC will, at its regular monthly meetings, use the Summary of Meetings from the RRPC to make recommendations for edits or changes to the Current Town Plan. RRPC will take the edits and incorporate them into the Current Town Plan to produce a Draft Town Plan. Presumably, the Draft Town Plan then goes to a public hearing, and after any changes made at the public hearing, goes to Select Board for adoption*

Under the terms of the contract the Town agreed to pay the RRPC the second 50% of the total fee of \$1,875 "on acceptance of the draft Plan by the Town". (Does this occur before or after the adoption of the new Town Plan by the Select Board?) Annette Lynch

Thank You Jody & John

Mt. Holly Vol. Fire Dept Auxiliary would like to Thank Jody & John Seward of Mojo Café for their generous contribution of roast pork and vegetables for the Auxiliary Supper on May 7th. Their contribution made the supper a huge success. Many Thanks.

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Thursday, 6/02/2016,	Rutland, Parker House,	10 am
Thursday, 6/02/2016,	Rutland, Bardwell House,	12:30 pm
Wednesday, 6/29/2016	Rutland, Godnick Adult Center,	12:30 pm

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The Dorset Area VNA & Hospice (DAVNAH) to sponsor the 12th annual Visions Camp from August 1st to the 5th.

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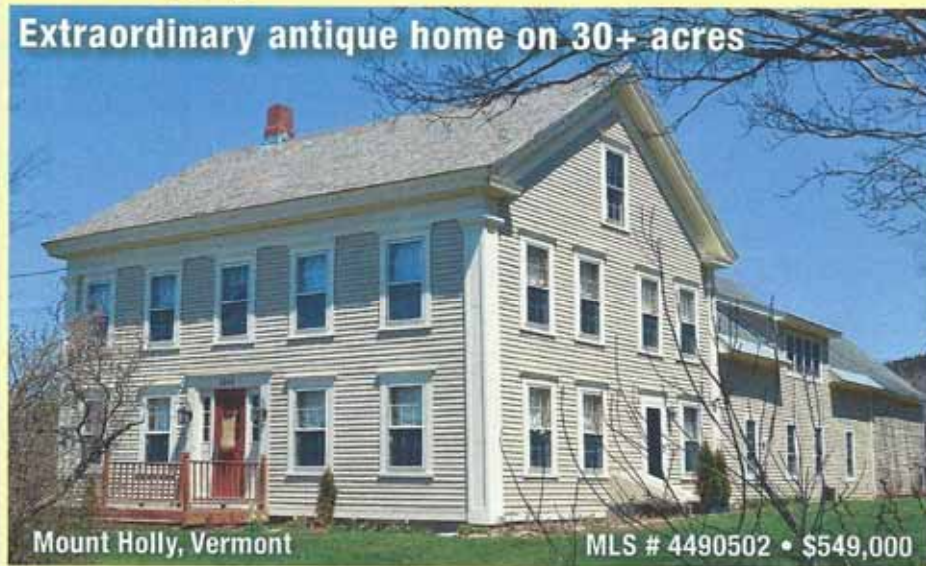
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RDS Contracting-Roofs, Decks, Remodeling, Consturction Home 259-3383
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Wright Construction – Brett Wright 259-2094

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Auto Cad Drafting – T. Brent Thompson 259-2801
Krueger Engineering- Arthur G. Krueger, P.E. 492-3653

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Devereux Earth & Snow Moving 259-2809
Norton's Property Management – Logging*Land Clearing*Snowplowing
*Brush Hogging*Mowing & Care Taking 802-353-6289 Cell 259-3108
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Farm Fresh Products

Mt. Holly Dairy Aire Farm Fresh Eggs, Milk & Beef 259-2386
Plew Farm, Pasture raised Chicken, Pork & Beef 259-2250
plewfarm@gmail.com
Smith Maple Crest Farm, Grass-Fed Beef Cuts Fresh/Frozen 492-2151
www.Smithmaplecrestfarm.com

Funeral Homes

Clifford Funeral Home 773-3010

Garage, Repair & Wrecking

Belmont Motor Works Harley-Davidson, ATVs, Small Engine 259-3178
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Joe's Garage – Small Engine Repair 259-2688
Miller's Garage – Cold River Rd. Rutland 775-6852
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Salt Ash Nursery - The Balsam Barn – Scott Crawford 259-2146

Hair Cuts

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Health Care Providers

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Marketing & Promotional Services

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Paneless Window Cleaning- Insured, Free Estimates 259-2786
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Tree Services

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Volunteer Services

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