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**TRANSFER SITE: Sat. 8 am – 2 pm & Sun. 9 am – 12 pm**

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Town Meeting, MH Town GARAGE</b>	<i>Peace Corps Founded 1961</i>	7:00 pm
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>VOTE Australian Ballot</b> MH Town Office	Polls Open 10:00 am – 7:00 pm	
	Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library	<i>Texas Independence Day</i>	7:00 pm
	Mount Holly Conservation Commission		7:00 pm
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Alexander Graham Bell 1847 ~ "Star Spangled Banner" Became National Anthem 1931</i>		
4 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Fire Station		7:00 pm
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Michelangelo di Lodovico Buonarroti Simoni 1475 ~ Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, Anchorage Alaska</i>		
8 <sup>th</sup>	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	<i>International Women's Day</i>	7:00 pm
9 <sup>th</sup>	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		9:00 am
	Mt. Holly PTSA Meeting, MH School		4:30 pm
	Select Board Meeting, Town Garage & Zoom		6:30 pm
10 <sup>th</sup>	LMHUUS Meeting,		6:00 pm
	Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station		7:00 pm
	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		7:00 pm
11 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station		7:00 pm
12 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Girl Scouts Founded 1912</i>	
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Albert Einstein 1879 ~ Pi Day Founded 1988 ~ Daylight Savings Begins ~ Spring Ahead</i>	<i>St. Patrick's Day 1631</i>	6:30 pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont		7:00 pm
	Mount Holly Planning Commission, Via Zoom		7:00 pm
18 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations		7:00 pm
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>		<i>First Day of Spring</i>	
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>		<i>World Down Syndrome Day</i>	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	<i>Civil Rights March 1965</i>	7:00 pm
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	<i>National Diabetes Alert Day</i>	9:00 am
24 <sup>th</sup>	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		7:00 pm
25 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	<i>Seward's Day Alaska ~ Purim Begins</i>	7:00 pm
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Passover Begins</i>	
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Full Worm Moon</i>	
29 <sup>th</sup>		<i>National Vietnam War Veterans Day</i>	
31 <sup>st</sup>	Mt. Holly PTSA Meeting Via Zoom	<i>Cesar Estrada Chavez US Labor Organizer 1927</i>	6:30 pm



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Mount Holly Constable Paul Faenza		C 802-353-8347	Health Officer - Tim Bickford	779-6429
Animal Control For Mt. Holly	C text only 353-4492	H 802-259-3976	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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**March Birthdays:** 1<sup>st</sup>-Jessica Duarte 2<sup>nd</sup>-Doris Nelson \* Donald Reiser \* Nicole Reiser. 3<sup>rd</sup>-Alexander Melville \* Violet Colm. 4<sup>th</sup>-Gary Cole \* Deborah DeTore 5<sup>th</sup>-Morgan Coldwell \* James Johnson \* Alexa McCallum. 6<sup>th</sup>-Zoe Davis. 7<sup>th</sup>-Elijah Teter. 8<sup>th</sup>-Mike Dawley Sr. 9<sup>th</sup>-Hanna Colm. 10<sup>th</sup>-Dennis Devereux. 12<sup>th</sup> -Julie Parsells. 13<sup>th</sup>-Debbie Woods \* Elizabeth Manuel 1995. 14<sup>th</sup>-Shawn Wortman. 15<sup>th</sup>-Cassandra Parsels \* Karen Ham. \* Frank Gerdin. 19<sup>th</sup>-Patrick Melvin \* Andrew Garrow \* Eureka Johnson. 20<sup>th</sup>-Bill Jacobs. 21<sup>st</sup>-Jeremiah Johnson. 22<sup>nd</sup>-John Taylor \* Rachel Manuel (1971). 23<sup>rd</sup>-Megan Carrara. 25<sup>th</sup>-Nicole Griffin \* Lucy Columb. 28<sup>th</sup>-Bessie Centini. 29<sup>th</sup>-Nancy Columb. 30<sup>th</sup> -April Melvin \* Mary Nortunen \* Brian Roberts



**March Anniversaries:** 26<sup>th</sup>-Raymond & Linda Tarbell.

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

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<b>Belmont</b>		<b>802-259-2790</b>
Window	Mon – Fri	7:30 am – 9:30 am
	&	2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
	Sat	8:00 am – 10:45 am
Lobby Hours:	Mon – Fri	7:30 am – 4:45 pm
<b>East Wallingford</b>		<b>802-259-2829</b>
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		2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
	Sat	8:00 am – 10:45 am
Lobby Hours:	Mon – Fri	7:00 am – 4:45 pm
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	&	11:30 am – 2:30 pm
	Sat	8:00 am – 11:00 am
Lobby Hours	Mon – Fri	7:30 am – 5:00 pm
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### Patricia Willard Morton

Patricia Willard Morton, 89, died Feb. 2, 2021. She was born June 2, 1931, in Rutland, the daughter of Clifford and Roberta (Thayer) Willard.

She attended Wallingford High School. Mrs. Morton enjoyed being a Herbalife distributor for 37 years. She also worked as a town clerk in Mount Holly, bookkeeper for Hubbard's Trucking and East Wallingford Baptist Church, and she retired as a postal clerk in East Wallingford. She was a member of East Wallingford Baptist Church and Ballard Hobart American Legion Auxiliary Unit #36 in Ludlow also served on the board of Maple Grove Cemetery in East Wallingford.

She enjoyed sewing, gardening, quilting, painting and vacationing in Maine.

Survivors include four children, Marcia Agostin of Argyle, New York, Robert Morton, Judy Rabtoy Steeves, Ruth Dana, all of Ludlow; nine grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild. Mrs. Morton was predeceased by her husband, Robert R. Morton; a son, David Morton; a sister; and a great-granddaughter.

There will be no services at this time. The private graveside service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Ludlow Ambulance Services, P.O. Box 359, Ludlow, VT 05149. Arrangements are by Clifford Funeral Home.

### Business Pledge Campaign For Expeditionary School At Black River

The Expeditionary School at Black River (formerly the Black River Independent School) is excited to announce the kick-off of its Business Pledge Campaign for the 2021-2022 school year. This year's pledge campaign is titled, "Pathways to Possibilities" ....*Support ESBR Year 2.*

"Pathways to Possibilities" embodies the vision and mission of the school; working collaboratively with business leaders, community organizations and educators, students will graduate with a profound appreciation for the world they live in, how they can positively impact their communities and an informed understanding of 21<sup>st</sup> century career opportunities.

Kendra Rickerby, Head of School, shared this observation; "When we collaborate with an instructor from Vermont Institute of Natural Sciences, we go for a hike. Watching students unplug, take out their clipboard, and write with a pencil about the natural light coming through the trees, and then hearing them discuss their concerns regarding pollution, is a reminder of why these connections with real-world issues will always be at the core of what we do."

The Expeditionary School at Black River (ESBR) plans to expand enrollment from 16 to 30 students next year. The school intends to raise funds to cover all its costs of operation through a combination of grants, community pledges, donations, fundraising events and tuition.

To kick off the campaign, our first pledge comes from local real estate agency, Mary W. Davis Realtors. They have pledged \$5,500 and become our first "Groundbreaker" contributor.

Pat Pullinen, Chairman of the Board of ESBR further added, "We know that building a quality 21st century educational experience that prepares area students for their future is a journey. We are excited to continue on our journey into a second year and beyond. We are grateful to Mary W. Davis for their support and hopeful many other area businesses will participate in the campaign."

The goal of the Business Pledge Campaign is to raise \$150,000 which will provide full scholarships for 10 students based on merit/need. ESBR is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and all donations are tax deductible. Please visit [www.blackriveris.org/fund2021](http://www.blackriveris.org/fund2021) to make your pledge!

### Expeditionary School at Black River Receives EpicPromise Grant

The Expeditionary School at Black River (ESBR) announced last week that they are the recipient of a \$4K from EpicPromise, a Vail Resorts foundation. The funds will go to support extra programming and appropriate outdoor gear for the students. This funding reflects Vail's Covid relief efforts by encouraging outdoor activities. Outdoor Education is a pillar of the school with an emphasis on personal growth and physical wellbeing. By participating in an outdoor curriculum that is woven into their classes, students are learning to collaborate in small group settings, empathize, problem-solve, and develop confidence in themselves and others. ESBR looks forward to continued partnership with Vail and EpicPromise in the future.

The Expeditionary School at Black River also began a partnership with the Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS). Students engaged in their first outdoor experience with VINS last week with a lesson on animal tracking while snowshoeing. The program will run through June and is to include additional outdoor experiences as well as access to a Virtual Classroom with online resources and materials.

If you would like to learn more about the school or get involved, please contact Pat Pullinen, Chair of the Board at [patrick@blackriveris.org](mailto:patrick@blackriveris.org) or Kendra Rickerby, Interim Head of School at [kendra@blackriveris.org](mailto:kendra@blackriveris.org). Please visit our website [www.blackriveris.org](http://www.blackriveris.org). Donations can be made on the website or by mailing a check to P.O. Box 485, Ludlow, VT 05149.

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## Dog Licenses

It's that time a year again. Dog Licenses will be due by April 1st.

There are many good reasons to get our dogs licensed with the town.

1) \$6.00 out of the fee goes to VSNIP a very valuable service for lower income people to have their pet spayed or neutered at a low cost which is very important so we don't have puppies and kittens born that may not be wanted and end up abused, killed or left on their own to fend for themselves.

2) If your dog gets loose and I get a call, he or she can be identified so much sooner and can be returned without possibly ending up at the Rutland County Humane society where there are fees to get them back.

3) It is a VT law to have them licensed and vaccinated for rabies, which is needed to get the license.

4) It's the responsible thing to do.  
Thank you!, Laura Swartz Mount Holly Animal Control

# HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



## WELCOME SPRING 2021:

### What Happens on the March 20th Equinox?

The Sun crosses the celestial equator going south to north. It's called the "celestial equator" because it's an imaginary line in the sky above the Earth's equator. If you were standing on the equator, the Sun would pass directly overhead on its way north.

Equinoxes are the only two times a year that the Sun rises due east and sets due west for all of us on Earth!

While the Sun passes overhead, the tilt of the Earth is zero relative to the Sun, which means that Earth's axis neither points toward nor away from the Sun. (Note, however, that the Earth never orbits upright, but is always tilted on its axis by about 23.5 degrees.)



## Important Dates:

### April 1st - Gotcha!

A day of practical JOKES!

### May 31st - Memorial Day Closed May 29-31

Originally known as **Decoration Day**, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. The Unofficial 1st day of summer.



### June 14th - Flag Day

**Flag Day** celebrated on June 14, commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the **Second Continental Congress**.

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MOUNT HOLLY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

which brings you the calendar each year.

Whatever your reason for purchasing a 2021 calendar,

**THANK YOU!**



And, if you still haven't PURCHASED one and want to, there might be some available at the Belmont Store, or call 259-3947.





### HORTON STORE PHOTO

The photograph in the February issue shows the front of the store operated by the Horton family. It was located at the intersection of the Hortonville and Turnpike Roads and is identified as #3 in the area photograph in this same issue. The store was operated by three generations of the family, with Lindie Horton Russell being the last one. Mrs. Russell was also the postmistress for about 40 years and ran the central office of the Telephone Company in the same building. The post office moved in 1940 to where it is now near the railroad tracks. The telephone office moved shortly after that until in 1945 when it went into the home of Clifford and Rita Pratt across from Frost Hill Road where Mrs. Pratt was the operator. The old store was sold to Harry Colburn in 1946 who used it for a tenement house. After being vacate for several years it was taken down in the 1990s.

What can you tell us about this picture below? Please send email to [chitchat@vermontel.net](mailto:chitchat@vermontel.net) and let us know what you know or write to Mt. Holly Chit Chat, 3379 Shunpike Rd., Mt. Holly, VT 05758. Next month we will have another photo to share with you and then share what we know about this picture. To see all these pictures plus more visit the Mount Holly Historical Museum open Sat & Sun 2 - 4 pm also visit our web site [www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org](http://www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org)







## VOTE YES ON ARTICLE 10

The Black River Area Community Coalition (BRACC) respectfully requests \$3000.00 from the Town of Mount Holly for FY 2022 to support continued operation including quality programming and positive reinforcement for youth in the community in drug and alcohol-free environments. The mission of BRACC is to take a proactive approach to preventing youth substance use and violence by promoting a healthy involved community, supporting all youth in safe environments. The community is encouraged to get involved in promoting healthy living to benefit all youth and provide them with the tools to become responsible community members.

This has been a unique year for the coalition due to COVID 19 and the closing of the Black River High School. We realized back in April that it would be necessary for us to start working outside the box. Our monthly coalition meetings are now carried online, we utilize Okemo Valley TV, social media, print advertising and other methods to spread the prevention message throughout our community. We continue to

## VOTE YES ON ARTICLE 10

### Please support The Black River Area Community Coalition (BRACC)



Thank you for your continued support.

support our students who are now attending several different schools including Green Mountain High School, Mill River, and the new Black River Independent School. We also support our Elementary School students and faculty. During the summer months we again participated in the Two River's Supervisory Union's Go Wild Summer Camp, teaching campers about fishing, outdoor activities, and empowerment. While we have had to cancel in person events for the time being, we continue to improve our current programs through additional training, and collaboration with other Vermont Coalitions.

Underage Drinking, Abuse of Prescription Drugs, and Use of Marijuana by youth aged 12 – 25 years are still our priorities. As we enter our 18<sup>th</sup> year we continue to support and promote activities and programming that address these issues.

- We promote National Prescription Drug Take Back Days twice a year and using permanent drug return boxes in pharmacies and police departments.
- We offer presentations for teens, teachers/staff, and parents to reduce current trends in underage drinking, tobacco and drug abuse and recovery resources. (Currently provided via Zoom)
- Our collaboration with Turning Point in Springfield provides education and support services in the recovery sector, and have one of our staff currently training as a Recovery Coach
- Collaborate with the Vermont Department of Health and Ludlow Health Center
- Recognize Responsible Retailers as part of our effort to reduce alcohol and tobacco sales to minors.
- Work to reduce tobacco & electronic cigarette use in collaboration with the school substance abuse prevention staff.
- Participated in county wide educational efforts to reduce drug and alcohol abuse and wrote grants, including obtaining funding for our School Based Substance Abuse Counselor to increase coverage from two to four days for the 2020-2021 school year.

We ask that you please vote yes on Article 10 and continue to support our mission over the coming year.

For more information, please contact Paul Faenza, Executive Director ([paul.faenza@braccvt.org](mailto:paul.faenza@braccvt.org)) or Brooke Willard, Program Coordinator ([brooke.willard@braccvt.org](mailto:brooke.willard@braccvt.org)). Our website [www.braccvt.org](http://www.braccvt.org) or follow us on Facebook.



## Mount Holly Community Association

Sadly, as you might have expected, the annual **Spring Mud Fling** will *not* be held this spring. This is the second year in a row that we have had to cancel this much loved event and we hope it will be the last! We are still in the process of discussing what events we might be able to safely sponsor this summer and will let you know as soon as we have formulated a plan. It has been a very difficult year and we hope to be able to bring back some of the annual traditions that have brought us all together in the past. Fingers crossed we will see many of you this summer!



would probably associate with food, as he has been behind the grill on Mount Holly Day and has been the head chef at the MHCA's roast beef supper for the past several years. We can't thank them enough for their service to the MHCA and to the entire community!

We wanted you to know that the **MHCA Board** is **meeting** via Zoom and you are welcome to join us. The next meeting is on Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, moved from the usual first Tuesday of the month (March 2<sup>nd</sup>), because that is the evening of Town Meeting. All subsequent meetings will be on the first Tuesday. If you would like to attend on March 9<sup>th</sup>, or attend future meetings, simply email us at [mhcavt@gmail.com](mailto:mhcavt@gmail.com) and we will send you the Zoom link to the meeting.

The last reminder for the membership drive just recently went out. These letters were sent to a number of people who were members last year, but had not signed up for the 2020 - 2021 year as yet. As you all know, our fund raising efforts were curtailed due to the pandemic this past year, so it is *especially* important that we have your membership support this year. The MHCA is *your* community association and it needs your support to carry on its work sponsoring events for the entire town and to maintain the beautiful, historic building that houses the library and community room. Membership forms are available in the general store and the library. *Please join us in making this a record*

## Mount Holly Community Association

### Membership Drive

2020 ~ 2021

Although we regret the cancellation of  
Our summer & fall events, we trust you will continue your support  
Needed now more than ever for  
the maintenance of our historic Community Center Building  
Please join today!!

(Brochures are available in the General Store, and the post offices.)

## Rutland Jewish Center Service Notices

Friday, March 5, 7:30 pm

Saturday, March 13, 09:30 am

Friday, March 19, 07:30 pm

Saturday, March 27, 09:30 am

Saturday, March 27 Erev Passover time TBA

The MHCA Board of Directors is very pleased to announce that they have **another new Board member**...Gwen Gautsch! Gwen has volunteered for the MHCA over the many years she was coming to Mount Holly part time and now that she has moved here permanently, she is anxious to become more involved and we are delighted to have her. Welcome, Gwen!

These new Board members are replacing two invaluable people who have served on the Board for years...too many to count at this point! **Morgan Skiathitis and Mike Smelser** have worked tirelessly on behalf of the MHCA. Most of you would probably recognize Morgan as the lead coordinator for the Halloween parties for children and adults, as well as the coordinator for all of the vendors for Cider Days. Mike you

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greatly appreciated!!*



## Mount Holly Snow Flyers

Winter has been good to the Snow Flyers to date. We've had good snow & cold weather. The base has been building up, allowing the Groomers to do their magic & lay down some smooth trails for all to enjoy. The Free Weekend saw A Lot of traffic on our trails & a few close calls. We cannot emphasize enough - SLOW DOWN & STAY IN CONTROL. We know for a fact there was a close call with a snow plow - which would not ended good if the plow driver had not been paying close attention. Stop Signs, Curve Signs, Bridge Signs, & all Caution Signs are there for a purpose - to protect you & keep everyone as safe as possible. Speed is one problem - as well as those driving on the edge & close to being out of control. Stay to the Right & Slow Down - our trails are full of curves, trees, & road crossings - all of which can have a bad outcome for your wellbeing if you are not paying attention! The other problem every club seems to be having this year - are people consistently riding Off Trail - Stay On The Trails - landowners do not appreciate Off Trail riding or Speeding on their property. Disrespecting landowner's wishes lead to trail closures & as a club - we do not need to constantly come up with re-routes caused by some ones disrespect of landowner property. The extended forecast looks to be good for the next couple weeks - so get out and enjoy the trails & STAY SAFE, live to ride another day.



## Mount Holly Community Cares Task Force

Mount Holly, VT 802-245-3490 [mthollycommunitycares@gmail.com](mailto:mthollycommunitycares@gmail.com) [mounthollycommunitycares.org](http://mounthollycommunitycares.org)

The Mount Holly Community Cares Task Force has continued its efforts to provide assistance to any of our neighbors in need of help.

**Mount Holly Community Garden...**there is still snow on the ground, but seeds are being ordered as we speak and Jo Bania, the driver behind the garden, will be looking for volunteers to help with the garden this spring and throughout the summer. You could volunteer for just one day to help with the planting, or volunteer for an on-going job like watering the garden once a week. There are many tasks to be done and we could certainly use your assistance! If you have any interest in helping out, please contact Jo at [jo.bania@trsu.org](mailto:jo.bania@trsu.org). We would also like to ask each of you who have gardens of your own to plant a bit extra, so you could donate your extra seedlings to the Community Garden. This is a big help, *especially* if you have the capacity to get seeds started really early. Thanks so much everyone!

**MHCC Food Shelf...**thanks to the generosity of this community the food shelf housed in the Belmont Village Baptist Church continues to be an important resource in our town for people in need of food assistance. Don't forget...if you would like to access the food shelf, please contact Jo Bania at [jo.bania@trsu.org](mailto:jo.bania@trsu.org) and 259-3661, or Glenn and Laura Davis at [gladavis6@juno.com](mailto:gladavis6@juno.com). If you know of someone who may be reluctant to make use of the food shelf, please let Jo know and she would be happy to reach out to them.

**Donations...**we would also like to thank all those who have recently made financial contributions to the food support program here in Mount Holly, especially the *Wallingford Community Thrift Shop*, a charitable, non-profit organization, which raises money to support community projects in the area. We truly appreciate them thinking of the MHCC when they recently distributed funds.

**MHCC Checking Account...**we would like to announce that the MHCC has recently opened a checking account. If anyone would like to make a donation to the Community Cares group, you can make a check out to Mount Holly Community Cares and send it to Mount Holly Community Cares c/o Carol DeVine (Treasurer) at PO Box 45 Belmont, VT 05730. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

Winter is still with us and the snows continue to fall, so if you need some help with anything, or if you know of anyone in Mount Holly who is in need of assistance in any way, please let us know, or tell them to contact us at the email address above. We are here to help make life a bit easier in these difficult times.

*Mount Holly Community Cares*

*A coordinated and cross organizational task force dedicated to addressing the immediate and ongoing needs of the Mt Holly community during the COVID-19 pandemic.*

*Call 211 if in need of assistance and you have not been able find it...food fuel mental health education.*





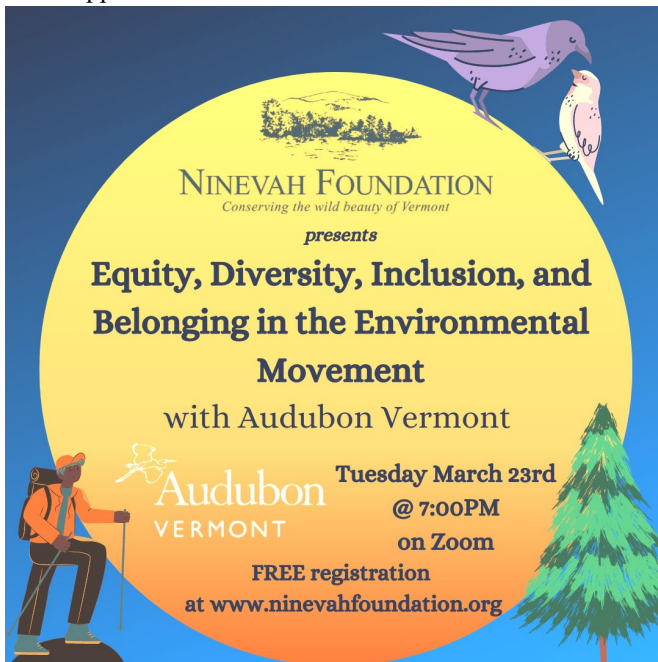
## Counting Down the Days

Reinbow Riding Center would like to thank Carris Reels in Rutland for their recent donation that will fund our program for children of military families. A program that is more relevant today since our Vermont National Guard is once again being deployed. Without this assistance it would be difficult for us to fund the program. *Thank you Carris Reels.*

It may only be February, and we're all still shivering in the cold weather, but RRC is already making plans for opening this spring at our new location--Stonewall Farm in Belmont. There is a lot to do to get ready. Work at the farm will begin in April as we organize for the start of the program in May and we're putting out a call for volunteers to help in any way they can. April work will consist of readying the new facility for the program. Once May arrives the kids will be coming!! Yay!! Volunteer opportunities abound. You can work with kids and horses and



*Just can't wait for green leaves, green grass and the kids to come back!!!*



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## An Ode to America

**Why are Americans so united?** They would not resemble one another even if you painted them all one color! They speak all the languages of the world and form an astonishing mixture of civilizations and religious beliefs.

Still the American tragedy turned three hundred million people into a hand put on the heart.

Nobody rushed to accuse the White House, the army, and the secret services that they are only a bunch of losers. Nobody rushed to empty their accounts. Nobody rushed out onto the streets to gape about. The

Americans volunteered to donate blood and to give a helping hand,

After the first moments of panic, they raised that flag over the smoking ruins, putting on T-shirts, caps and ties in the colors of the national flag. They placed flags on buildings and cars as if in every place and on every car a government official or the president was passing.

On every occasion, they started singing their traditional song, "God Bless America"! I watched the live broadcast and rerun after rerun for hours, listening to the story of the guy who went down one hundred floors with a woman in a wheelchair without knowing who she was, or of the Californian hockey player, who gave his life fighting with the terrorists and prevented the plane from hitting a target that could have killed other hundreds or thousands of people.

How on earth were they able to respond united as one human being? Imperceptible, with every word and musical note, the memory of some turned into a modern myth of tragic heroes, And with every phone call, millions & millions of dollars were put in a collection aimed at rewarding not a man or a family, but a *spirit*, which no money can buy.

What on earth can unite the Americans in such a way? Their land? Their galloping history? Their economic power? Money? I tried for hours to find an answer, humming songs and murmuring phrases with the risk of sounding commonplace.

I thought things over, but I reached this conclusion- ONLY FREEDOM can work such miracles.

*This is the kind of unity we need right now... if we'd only remember how God has blessed us.* The article above was published by Cornel Nistorescu on September 24th, 2002 in the Romanian newspaper, Evenimentul zilei ("The Daily Event" or "News of the Day"). Ponder *that*. Pastor Glenn







## TIME TO RETIRE

There comes a time in your life when you just know it is time to retire, and I have come to that time. I want to see what all retired people are talking about and if it is as great as they say! Spending more time with my grandchildren, going out to eat and travel, and finish the many projects I seem to never have time to do!

In 1983 Selectman Warren Cole came and asked if I would run for the Town Clerk position in the upcoming Town Election. He said because my husband and I owned the Belmont Store at the time, he figured I must know how to do book work. I don't know if I had ever been in the Town Office, let alone knew what a Town Clerk actually did. But he convinced me to put my name on the ballot. At the time there were three of us running for the position, and honestly thought I would never win. But the next day after the election I was now the Town Clerk! Carroll Tarbell was retiring and I asked if he would show me what to do if I paid him the month's salary and thank

goodness he agreed! Back then you only got paid once a month after the Selectmen's meeting. Carroll was writing his book on the history of Mount Holly so I could pick his brain and ask questions when he came in to do research. He also told me they had changed the Town Clerk position to a one year term so if someone didn't do a good job they could always vote them out the next year. Luckily no one ever ran against me after the first year, so I guess I was doing an okay job. The office was only open 9:30 am - 2 pm, 4 days a week which was good since 3 of my 4 children were in school most of the year and only the youngest needed child care.

As the years went by the office became busier and with more responsibility my hours were increased to 8:30 am - 4:00 pm. When I started many things were hand written, and now most is done on the computer.

One thing that made it possible for me to even consider retiring was to find someone that was interested and also had a good understanding of what the Town Clerk does. Carol Garrow-Woolley has been a Lister and an Auditor for the Town for several years and is already familiar with where things are located, and also is good with a computer. She was raised in Mount Holly and is knowledgeable about the town business, so it made my decision easier. I plan to help her and will be around to answer any questions.

I have always felt extremely lucky and honored to have been the Town Clerk of Mount Holly. I honestly couldn't think of any other better way to have spent my last 38 years!! I want to thank all the assistants that have worked for me and kept the office together whenever I was out. I love the town, the people and the life I have had so far, and look forward to what is next to come! Thank you all for many wonderful years, Susan C. Covalla, Mount Holly Town Clerk



Picture above left taken March 14, 1983 L-R Fred Speth, Town Treasurer, Susan Covalla newly elected Town Clerk and Carroll Tarbell, former Town Clerk. Picture below right taken February 17, 2021 L-R front row Diana Garrow, Asst. Town Clerk & Asst. Town Treasurer, Susan Covalla, Town Clerk, second row L-R David Johnson, Town Treasurer, Carol Garrow-Woolley, Town Lister & Town Auditor, Mary Surething, Town Lister

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## PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR DISABLE VETERANS AND THEIR SURVIVORS

The following are eligible for the exemption: Veterans receiving Disability Compensation at a rating of 50% or higher; Veterans receiving Non-Service Connected Pension (also called improved Pension); Veterans collecting permanent military retirement pay for medical military retirement; and Surviving spouses of veterans who had received the exemption (surviving spouses may also be eligible for Dependency and indemnity Compensation or Death Pension).

The exemption is \$40,000 in Mount Holly. The exemption reduces the appraised value of the home prior to the assessment of taxes. The exemption only applies to homes that are owned by the veteran or survivor and is the primary residence.

To receive the exemption, the veteran must provide proof of eligibility to the Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs every year before May 1<sup>st</sup>. Veterans who are determined to be totally and permanently disabled only have to provide proof of eligibility the first year they use the benefit for a home (if they move to a new home in a different town, they will have to provide proof of eligibility again). They also must provide proof of eligibility by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Proof of eligibility is provided to the Town by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Our recommendation is to call the VA at 1-800-827-1000 no later than April 1<sup>st</sup> to request the documentation. The proof of eligibility may also be obtained through ebenefits.



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## State Representative Report for Ludlow, Mount Holly, Shrewsbury

Somehow things seem to be moving so much faster and slower all at the same time. The House and the Senate have already passed three bills. The first granted authority to municipalities and Select Boards to hold their town meeting on a different day later in the year or by Australian ballot. The second extended deadlines for provisions the legislature wrote last March for worker's compensation in response to the pandemic until the end of the state of emergency. Last spring we had written a lot of our bills assuming we would be on the other side of the pandemic by now so many of those provisions were set to expire.

The most recent bill passed was the Budget Adjustment Act. I've written about this in the past but basically the BAA is something we always pass this time of year to adjust and "shore-up" the current fiscal year's budget. The state's fiscal year runs July 1-June 30, so we are roughly halfway through and some Departments/programs inevitably use more or less money than they were originally budgeted. The BAA is how we fix projections and make sure Departments/programs have the funding they need, but no more than they need. Last year we did not actually finish the budget until October, so all things considered, the BAA was fairly "normal" this year and did not need as much work.

Obviously one of the bigger issues this session will be the teachers and state employees' pension system. I hesitate to bring it up here because I don't really have any more information yet. It is something we are working on and are trying to find a solution everyone can accept. I will say I do not support the plan proposed by Treasurer Pearce and fear that even just it being proposed, on top of the current stress and pressures with COVID, may lead many people to retire early. I have multiple active and retired teachers and state employees in my family, so this issue is very personal to me and I know the fear and uncertainty you are feeling because we're feeling it too.

In my committee we've been splitting most of our time these last couple weeks on recommendations for proposals in the Governor's budget and specific wording on a program to grant out \$10M to businesses around VT that were ineligible for the federal relief grants and loans that have been offered up to now. It's a big change from the work I did last session in Human Services, but I am learning more every day. And I know how important this committee is going to be in how Vermont recovers from the pandemic.

As always, please feel free to reach out if you want to talk about anything I mentioned here or anything I didn't. Calling is best, I get too many emails to respond to all of them.

Stay safe and stay strong, Logan Nicoll, State Representative, Ludlow, Mount Holly, Shrewsbury 802-345-8430



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## Dear Editor,

My name is Carol Garrow-Woolley and I am running for Mount Holly Town Clerk. I was raised on a dairy farm in town. I attended Mount Holly grade school, Black River High School, and have worked in the Mount Holly area all of my life. Most recently, I have been working at the Mount Holly Post Office.

I have served the Town in many capacities with about 8 years as Secretary and 13 years as Treasurer for Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue. I am presently President of the Mount Holly Vol. Fire Department Auxiliary for which I have served for 27 years. The Auxiliary works closely with the Fire Department when needed during structure fires and fund raising events. I also work with Colfax Lodge scheduling events at the Odd Fellows Hall.

Town positions I serve on give me a good background on the workings of the Town Office. I have been in the position of Town Lister for 11 years, where there is a need to know where documents are kept, how to research background information on various properties, and the information on the town maps. Some of the Listers responsibilities have involved working with the Town Clerk. So, serving as a Lister has given me a valuable view of the Town Clerk duties. For years I have also served as a Town Auditor, preparing the Town Report that provides information for our residents before town meeting.

Finally, I have made myself available at the Town Office for various election meetings, and helping out with whatever needs to be done. This has given me some insights on how elections need to be run.

I enjoy working with people and helping the town's people with information, and the services they need. Serving on various committees has given me a working knowledge of many of the Town Clerk's responsibilities.

I have a long legacy of providing the Town with excellent service, and the hands on training I receive, will help me serve our towns people more efficiently. Respectfully Submitted, Carol Garrow-Woolley

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## Mount Holly CIDER DAYS 2021 ?

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**...that we'll think about it. So there may be a Cider Days this year, or there may not be.\***

**But there will be a photo/calendar competition again so... it's a beautiful winter, take pictures!\*\***

\*It's in the hands of the pandemic gods if we're able to hold Cider Days in 2021. Keep your fingers crossed.

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## Mount Holly Biodiversity Project Going Strong!

Since January 17 Mount Holly residents and visitors have been contributing their observations to a new project that aims to compile a comprehensive inventory of all living things found in the town of Mount Holly. As of Feb. 22, there have been 1,216 observations submitted and 559 species of plants, animals, and fungi identified by 96 observers! Already 22 volunteers have joined to project and spring is just around the corner. Recent observations include Bobcats, Barred Owls, and Bald Eagles. Can you guess the most common plants found in Mount Holly? The Project is Free and open to the public and everyone is invited to check out our progress at <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/mount-holly-biodiversity>.

**Your observations will help!** Every time you see a bird, plant, or wild animal in Mount Holly iNaturalist can help you identify it and then submit it to our community project. iNatural is a Free app that works on your smart phone and computer. All you have to do is take a photo on your smart phone or digital camera, submit it to iNaturalist, and the program gives you the probable identification!

**Ready to give it a try?** Download the Free app to your smart phone from the Google Play Store or Apple App Store. Once downloaded, navigate to Help in the drop-down menu and follow the illustrated instructions for Getting Started or watch the video tutorial. Your smart phone is now your easiest tool to learn the names of the plants & animals that you find.

**How can I join?** Once you have the app on your smart phone then you can join the **Mount Holly Biodiversity** project on your smart phone or computer. When you go to our project webpage on your computer (<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/mount-holly-biodiversity>) click on "Join Project" just above the green "About" square of text describing the project. Once you have joined the project your observations will automatically be submitted to our town's ecological inventory plus you will receive occasional news and updates about the project. The project webpage also shows you the list of who has the most species, how many species have been found, lists the most frequently seen species (can you guess what it is?), and provides an interactive map showing where all the observations have been recorded!

This is "citizen science" at its best, we hope you will enjoy using iNaturalist yourself to learn the names of those trees, birds, wildflowers, you see and join us in knowing more about the amazing natural biodiversity of Mount Holly. This is a great outdoor family activity and a wonderful way to teach children about nature. The project is sponsored by the Mount Holly Conservation Trust and the Mount Holly Conservation Commission. If you would like some assistance getting started or have questions, call Jim at 802-259-2311.

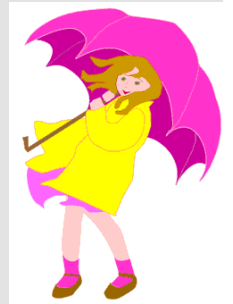


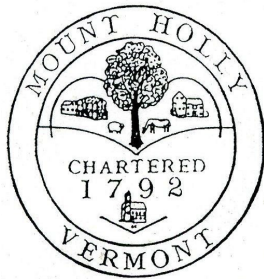
### A Laughing Chorus

By Anonymous

Oh, such a commotion under the ground When March called, "Ho, there! ho!"  
Such spreading of rootlets far and wide, Such whispering to and fro;  
And, "Are you ready?" the Snowdrop asked, "'Tis time to start, you know."  
"Almost, my dear," the Scilla replied; "I'll follow as soon as you go."  
Then, "Ha! ha! ha!" a chorus came Of laughter soft and low,  
From the millions of flowers under the ground, Yes—millions—beginning to grow.

O, the pretty brave things! through the coldest days, Imprisoned in walls of brown,  
They never lost heart though the blast shrieked loud, And the sleet and the hail came down,  
But patiently each wrought her beautiful dress, Or fashioned her beautiful crown;  
And now they are coming to brighten the world, Still shadowed by Winter's frown;  
And well may they cheerily laugh, "Ha! ha!" In a chorus soft and low,  
The millions of flowers hid under the ground Yes—millions—beginning to grow.





## Mount Holly Town News

The following Minutes of the Select Board and the Planning Commission are "DRAFT" until approved at their next meeting. NOTE: Most Select Board and Planning Commission meetings are covered by Okemo Valley TV. The videos can be viewed at their website, [www.okemovalley.tv](http://www.okemovalley.tv) Computers with internet access are available at the Town Library.

### Town of Mount Holly Special Select Board Meeting February 2, 2021 Minutes

**Present:** Select Board: Jeff Chase, Jennifer Matthews, Mark Turco

**Town Officials:** David Johnson

**Public:** None in Attendance

1. **Call to Order** by Mark Turco at 4:00 p.m.

2. **Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the Agenda** – Jennifer Matthews asked to add an audit Request for Proposal (RFP) question and a town attorney question to the agenda. It was agreed to do so.

3. **Approve & Sign Star Lake Grant Support Letter** – Select Board members reviewed the grant. Ms. Matthews made a motion to approve and sign the grant support letter, seconded by Jeff Chase, unanimously approved.

4. **Approve & Sign Shade Tree Preservation Plan Application Support Letter** – Select Board members reviewed the application. Mr. Chase made a motion to approve and sign the application support letter, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved. Agenda Additions – Select Board members reviewed an email regarding the audit RFP. Town Treasurer David Johnson will call the audit firm to discuss the issues raised. Given the lack of response to calls to the town attorney, the Select Board decided to look into other municipal attorneys in the area. Ms. Matthews will contact the Mount Holly School concerning the contractual agreement detailing their responsibilities in regards to the town garage well water system.

**To Contact Mt. Holly Town Road Crew, call the Town Garage at 259-3179**

5. **Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.

**Respectfully Submitted:** Jennifer Matthews **Minutes Approved:** 2.9.2021

### Mount Holly Select Board Meeting February 9, 2021 Minutes In-Person with Zoom Meeting: 898 6126 5487

**Present: Select Board:** Jeff Chase, Jennifer Matthews, Mark Turco

**Town Officials:** Sue Covalla, Francis DeVine, Russ Garrow, David Johnson, Annette Lynch, Jon McCann, Stephen Michel, Renee Sarmiento, Carol Woolley, Clinton Woolley

**Members of the Public:** Zena Gates, Steve & Barbara Hazelton, Jim Heald, Paul Orzechowski, Christine Pratt, Amy Turco, Ron Unterman, and Donna

1. **Call to Order** by Mark Turco at 6:30 pm.

2. All recited the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

3. **Changes and/or additions to the agenda** – Jennifer Matthews asked to add the Grand List Certificate of No Appeals or Suits Pending and the Geese Depredation Permit to the agenda. It was agreed to add both under New Business – Other. Paul Orzechowski asked to add an update on the Mount Holly School/Town Garage well water system. It was agreed to do so under Ongoing & Old Business – Other.

4. **Approval of January 12th, 2021 Minutes and January 5th, January 19th & February 2nd Special Select Board Meeting Minutes** – Jeff Chase made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved.

5. **Reports**

a. **Highways & Transfer Station Update** – Clinton Woolley reported the Town of Mount Holly has been awarded \$20,340 in Grants-in-Aid funds with a Town match of about \$5,000. These funds should cover the ditching. Mr. Woolley also reported that the insurance for repairs to the truck has now been settled. He said three barrels of food scraps are driven up to Rutland about every two weeks.

b. **Treasurer – David Johnson**

i) **Monthly Income & Expense Report** – Mr. Johnson reported the Property Taxes Receivable figure of \$139,399 was lower than usual for this time of year; the third quarterly payment of \$30,200 for the State Aid for Roads has been received; the \$15,217 figure for Misc Grant Proceeds is for a Better Back Roads Grant that was just received, although the work was done in 2019; the Officers' Salaries are all under budget; the Solid Waste Expenses are holding steady at 20 more tons than last year, an amount which was disposed of over the summer, with \$4,000 more in expenses due to this and the food waste disposal; over half the funds for Winter Road Labor have not been spent even with all the overtime due to small snowstorms; and, the Misc Grant Disb. of \$5,299 is for the leaf blower, for which the grant funds have not yet been received.

ii) **LMHUUSD Revised Payment Schedule** – Mr. Johnson reported this is the first year for high school students to be tuitioned out with bills for tuition due in November and March. The new schedule reflects the

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### Mount Holly Animal Control Officer

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revised remittance schedule.

**c. Mount Holly Planning Commission Update** – Jon McCann reported the updated subdivision guide is now on the website with paper copies available in the town office. All the town plans back to 1974 are also available online. Feedback from the State's Community Wildlife program was reviewed at the last meeting.

**d. Mount Holly Conservation Commission Update** – Fra DeVine reported that the Conservation Commission has submitted a VT Watershed grant application for \$4,000 to address issues with Star Lake. Working with the Mount Holly Conservation Trust, the Commission has also submitted an application to the State to receive free technical assistance to draft a Municipal Shade Tree Preservation Plan. Mr. DeVine thanked the Select Board for the letters of support on both projects. He also reported on the on-going work to update the inventory of Mount Holly's natural resources, and on the iNaturalist bio-diversity project, in which participants can download an app, photograph an animal, and the app will aggregate the data for the town. To date, 550 species have been reported by 93 observers in town. The Commission hopes to work with the school on this project, and all information gathered will help update the natural resources inventory.

### Mount Holly Listers Hours

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

Select Board also agreed to sign the necessary grant documents once in hand. **c. Highway Mileage Certification – Review & Sign** – Mr. Chase made a motion to approve and sign the Certificate of Mileage, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved.

**d. Town Highway Retreatment Plan Draft** – Mr. Chase working with Mr. Woolley put together a 12- year Retreatment Plan for both Class 2 & Class 3 roads prioritizing pavement replacement based on prior paving, current need, and funding available. Using \$55,000 available from taxes, \$21,000 in this year's budget, and \$31,000 from State funds, the end of Healdville Road and Station Road as well as Chalet and Alpine Drives are scheduled for work this year. Mr. Chase and Mr. Woolley will put together a RFP for this work. Mr. Woolley stated the FY22 Town Highway Structures and Town Highway Class 2 Roadway grant program information has been released. The plan is to apply for a grant for work on Belmont Road. Mr. Turco and Ms. Matthews thanked Mr. Chase and Mr. Woolley for their work on the retreatment plan.

**e. Other – Grand List Certificate of No Appeal or Suit Pending** – Mr. Johnson stated this was just a formality from the Listers for the Select Board to sign.

**Geese Depredation Permit** – Ron Unterman explained this was the 10th year of working with the town to decrease goose poop on the beach at Star Lake by killing a few geese. Ms. Matthews made a motion to approve and sign the Migratory Bird Depredation permit, seconded by Mr. Chase, unanimously approved.

### 7. Ongoing & Old Business

**a. Audit RFPs – Open & Review** – Ms. Matthews reported that six RFP packets were mailed out: five to firms in VT, and one to a firm in Maine which performs audits for a number of municipalities here in VT. Three of the VT firms and the ME firm submitted proposals. The Select Board did an initial review of the proposals. Three firms had similar bids, and one firm's bid was double that of the others. The Select Board decided to only consider the three firms with similar bids. Ms. Matthews will draft a list of questions to ask when talking with the municipal references provided by the firms.

**b. Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update – Review & Adopt** – Ms. Matthews made a motion to adopt the 2021 Mount Holly VT Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved. Ms. Matthews and Mr. Turco thanked Mr. Chase, Mr. Woolley, Jon McCann, and Russ Garrow for their work on the plan.

**c. Class 4 Highway Policy** – Mr. Chase drafted a policy based on VLCT's model policy. One issue that remains is the need for a Highway Access Policy, which with the 2019 adoption of the Road & Bridge Standards, we no longer have. Mr. Chase will work on a draft for highway access, again using the VLCT model policy. Ms. Matthews noted the recommendation by both VLCT and VTTrans to have both policies reviewed by the town attorney.

**d. Lowery Property – VT Route 103** – Mr. Turco reported that Health Officer Tim Bickford visited the property and found: water is hooked up to the trailer; gray water is being collected in buckets under the trailer and disposed of properly; bathroom black water is being collected in bagged buckets and being disposed of accordingly; trailer is to be moved into its permanent position in the spring.

**e. Select Board Admin. Assistant Position** – Ms. Matthews reported that she had learned of a couple of prospects for the position, but unfortunately neither panned out. It was decided to re-advertise the position in the Vermont Journal and to contact a temp agency.

**f. EV Charging Station** – Don Richardson was not in attendance. Ms. Matthews reported that he was still gathering information.

## MOUNT HOLLY DOG OWNERS

ALL DOGS MUST BE REGISTERED BY APRIL 1, 2021

NEUTERED DOGS- \$11.00

UNNEUTERED DOGS - \$15.00

MUST HAVE CURRENT RABIES CERTIFICATE TO REGISTER

**Remember To File Your Homestead  
Declaration AND Property Tax  
Adjustment Claim for 2020  
Form HS-122**

**Annual Town Meeting  
Mt. Holly School Gym  
Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 pm**

**VOTE By Ballot  
Mount Holly Town Office  
Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Polls Open 10 am – 7 pm**

person. Mr. Turco responded that was determined by the State. Mr. Unterman asked if all items would be on the ballot. Response was all except for accepting the town report.

**9. Announcements/Other Business**

**a. Reminder: Town Office Closed on February 15<sup>th</sup>**

**b. Reminder: Town Meeting on Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00 pm at Town Garage & via Zoom**

**c. Reminder: VOTE on Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm at Town Office**

**d. Other** – There were no other announcements.

**10. Review & Sign Orders** – To be signed one Select Board member at a time at the town office.

**11. Executive Session: Title 1 V.S.A. S 313(a)(3) – personnel** – Not needed this evening.

**12. Adjourn** – Mr. Turco adjourned the meeting at 7:22 pm. Respectfully Submitted: Jennifer Matthews

**Fletcher Farm School Announcements**

Thanks to the support we have received from so many of you who donated this fall and winter, the Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts is moving forward with plans to open this summer. We anticipate improvement in the ongoing pandemic as more people are vaccinated, and the school will feature three new outdoor learning spaces on our campus. Regardless, we will be strictly following the Vermont Department of Health guidelines in an effort to keep everyone safe. We are still keeping Winter office hours. The office is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. You can call us any time and leave a voice mail, and the next person in the office will return your call.

This year's summer term will run from Monday, June 14 through Tuesday, August 31. We will have a full schedule of adult and children's classes. We are planning to have many of our classes listed on our website ([www.fletcherfarm.org](http://www.fletcherfarm.org)) by April 15, and anticipate adding classes for some time after that. Our popular Young Artist classes will be back this summer, and a limited number of scholarships will be available for local youth.

This summer will also see the return of our two Arts and Crafts Festivals, on July 3 and August 21. If you are interested in participating in or volunteering for one or both of our Festivals, please contact Sue Carey by email at [SueSmyserCarey@hotmail.com](mailto:SueSmyserCarey@hotmail.com). We will also be opening our Gift and Craft Shop from June 14 – August 31 where our members and instructors place their work for sale. If you are interested in selling your work in the shop or working on our Gift and Craft Shop Committee, please send an email to [info@fletcherfarm.org](mailto:info@fletcherfarm.org). We are always interested in welcoming new members to our Gift and Craft Shop Committee.

The Society of Vermont Artists and Craftsmen, Inc., the organization that governs the School is also looking for new Board Members. There are several posts available, including Secretary, Gift and Craft Shop Committee Director, and Publicity Director. Volunteers are also welcome on all of our Committees. For more information on our Board positions, please visit our website (<https://www.fletcherfarm.org/about-us/board-of-directors/>).

If you are looking for a summer job, we will be hiring one or more Cleaners (part-time, roughly 10 hours per week) and a Campus Director. Please contact our office at (802) 228-8770 for more information.

**g. Other – Mount Holly School/Town Garage Well Water System** – On behalf of the LMHUUSD, Board Chair Paul Orzechowski thanked the town for the hook-up to the town garage well. He asked if there was an update on the Town's review of the contractual agreement and easement. Ms. Matthews explained that the Select Board had just received these documents in the past few days and they still need to be reviewed.

**8. Concerned Citizens Comments** – Jim Heald asked if town meeting would be the same. Mr. Turco responded that it would be held at the town garage and via Zoom. Sue Covalla announced the ballots are now in; call for an absentee ballot or stop in the town office. Zena Gates asked about the numbers permitted to attend town meeting in

**Select Board Administrative Assistant Needed**

Part time position assisting the Town of Mount Holly Select Board with day-to-day operations to include: reviewing and responding to mail, email, phone calls; reviewing and preparing invoices and staff time sheets for payment; preparing and posting meeting agendas and minutes; posting notices; researching issues and grant opportunities; maintaining files and documents. Flexible weekdays and hours, 10-15 hours per week. Proficiency with computers and Microsoft Word, Excel and email required. Compensation dependent upon experience. Additional information at: [mounthollyvt.org/announcements-bulletin-board/appointments-openings/](http://mounthollyvt.org/announcements-bulletin-board/appointments-openings/)

Please send resume to Town of Mount Holly Select Board, PO Box 248, Mount Holly, VT 05758 or email to [mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com](mailto:mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com)

Resumes will be accepted until position is filled.

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## WESTON PLAYHOUSE THEATRE COMPANY ANNOUNCES FOUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Weston Playhouse Theatre Company is pleased to announce the addition of four new members to its Board of Trustees. Weston's Board now consists of eighteen committed, active members with strong ties to Weston and the Southern Vermont region.

"We are thrilled to welcome these four exceptional new members to our Board of Trustees," said Board Chair **Michael Neff**. "Michelle Lowes, Elizabeth Paxson, Michael Plaut, and Rene Welles each bring tremendous talent and insight to the organization. We welcome them to the Board and look forward to the contribution each will bring as we advance Weston's mission in the coming years."

**Elizabeth Paxson** (Dorset, VT), former Director of Retail for Etro, GianFranco Ferre, and Valentino, joined the Board in March 2020. Paxson has a long history of volunteer engagement focused on education and the arts in the US, England, and Nicaragua. "I knew that the Weston Theatre was a very special place the moment I saw the smile on our high school daughter's face after her first day at the summer TheatreLab workshop. There is something truly amazing about the people who choose theatre as their life's work. I love being around that passion and commitment, and enjoy contributing to their efforts in any way that I can," she says.

**Catherine (Rene) Welles** (South Londonderry, VT & Beverly, MA), who joined in May 2020, has a background in event planning for a variety of organizations and is the co-owner of American Rhino - a purpose-driven fashion business that supports Kenyan land and wildlife conservation and local communities. She has held various Board positions at Miss Porter's School, the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, the Cricket Island Foundation, Myopia Hunt Club, and the Singing Beach Club. She has also Chaired several galas, auctions, and associations and actively feeds her love of theatre by attending shows in New York, at Weston, and at the A.R.T. in Cambridge, MA.

**Michelle A. Lowes** (Manchester, VT & New York, NY) joined in December 2020 and is an investigative dermatologist specializing in *hidradenitis suppurativa* (HS). She has served as a researcher, physician, professor, and board member for a number of organizations in the field, as well as on numerous advisory and review boards. Says Lowes, "My children have enjoyed the shows at the Weston Playhouse Theatre since they were in pre-school. There was always such a great sense of excitement and anticipation every summer. I'm looking forward to helping a new generation enjoy this amazing theatre in Vermont."

Also in December, **Michael Plaut** (Weston, VT & Paris, France), a consulting and interim strategic business leader for early-stage companies in the US and France, joined the Board. Plaut brings a history of volunteerism with non-profits focused on cross-cultural and multilingual communication, passionately seeking opportunities in "furthering the work of an organization that boldly bridges cultures and seeks to unify, educate and entertain."

The Weston Playhouse Theatre Company builds on and enhances the unique assets of its Vermont village campus 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. It is a non-profit organization supported in part by funds from the National Endowment for the Arts and an ever-growing family of individuals and organizations who believe in the impact the performing arts make on its community. Learn more at [westonplayhouse.org](http://westonplayhouse.org) Media Contact: Jenna Jordan, Marketing & Communications Associate | 802-824-8167 x112 | [jjordan@westonplayhouse.org](mailto:jjordan@westonplayhouse.org)

### ***South Windsor County Forester Discusses EAB Crisis in Area***

A recent Zoom meeting of the Regional EAB (emerald ash borer) Resource Committee (REREC) featured a comprehensive presentation by Hannah Dallas, the Southern Windsor County Forester.

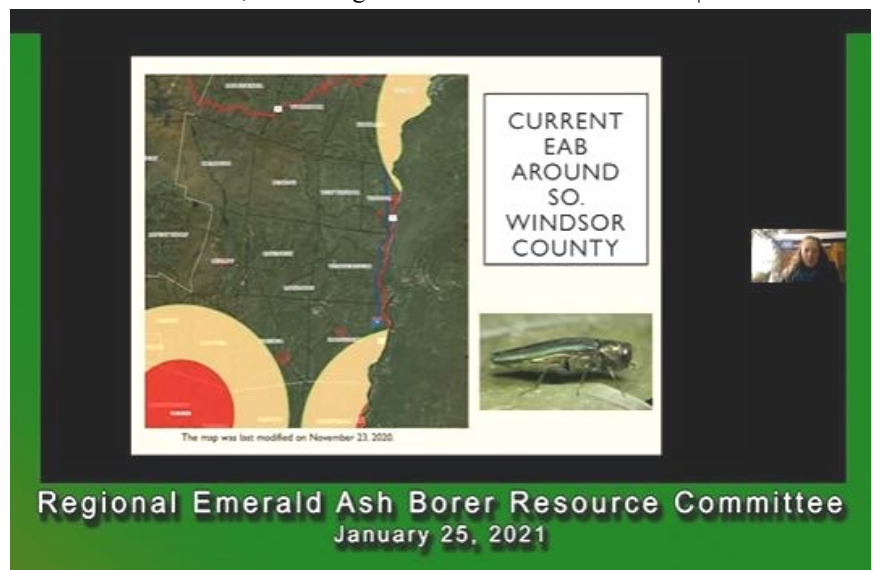
Her discussion centered on the current status of EAB in the area and steps public and private land-owners can take to deal with the crisis.

Dallas stressed the need for local governments to understand the nature of the crisis and the need to inventory public lands and right-of-ways. She emphasized the need for planning at the local level since the burden of dealing with the EAB infestation will lie with local governments for public properties.

She also emphasized the need for private property owners with ash trees to anticipate the need to examine their trees for traces of EAB. Dallas noted that she was prepared to offer assistance to them in determining what course of action they should take in dealing with any EAB infestation on their properties.

The entire presentation has been recorded by Okemo Valley TV and may be seen on its web site at <http://okemovalley.tv/regional-emerald-ash-borer-resource-cmte>. REREC chairman, Ralph Pace, indicated he would also be available to help land-owners at 802-228-7239.

Pictured above is a slide from the EAB presentation showing the approach of EAB into the Southern Windsor County area.



## COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE



Vermonters age 75 and up are eligible to receive a vaccine.

## Getting the COVID-19 Vaccine

### MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH:

**THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT** <https://vermont.force.com/events/s/selfregistration>

**KINNEY DRUGS** <https://kinneydrugs.com/pharmacy/covid-19/vaccination-scheduling/vt/>

**WALGREENS** <https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19>

**People age 75 and older can make appointments now.**

**Starting Tuesday, February 16, people 70 years and older can make appointments.**

There are enough appointments for everyone who is eligible. Appointments are required. Clinics cannot accept walk-ins.

### To make an appointment online with the Health Department:

1. **Create an account** ([link is external](#)) (anyone can do this anytime!) You may already have an account if you were tested for COVID-19 at a Health Department site.

2. **Make an appointment** ([link is external](#)) when your age group is eligible to get the vaccine.

**Can't make an appointment online or need help with an online appointment? Contact our call center at 855-722-7878.**

To speak with someone in a language other than English, call this number, and then press 1.

We can help with appointments with the Health Department or Kinney Drugs.

**Call Center Hours:** Monday - Friday, 8:15 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**Information You Need to Make an Appointment** [Watch a Video on How to Make an Appointment Online](#)

[Read answers to common questions](#), like what to expect at your appointment, getting an interpreter or what to do if you can't get to a vaccination site. Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



## Engel & Völkers Okemo Agent Rachael Hyjek

### Elected as Treasurer of Crown Point Board of Realtors

[Engel & Völkers Okemo](#) is proud to share that agent Rachael Hyjek was elected as treasurer of the Crown Point Board of Realtors for the 2021 term.

An affiliate of the National Association of Realtors (NAR), the Crown Point Board of Realtors (CPBR) supports more than 70 realtors throughout the region, including in Ludlow, Chester, Grafton, Weston, Mount Holly, and Shrewsbury. Regional executive boards are elected to model and uphold the national standards that underpin all members' accreditation by the NAR. Board members also act as a conduit to key industry news and networks, steer issue advocacy, and lead philanthropic outreach on their members' behalf. Past community initiatives in Vermont include regular food drives and fundraisers for local families who have been displaced. Additionally, through its Sammy Pierce Memorial Scholarship, the CPBR annually awards two students with \$1,000 each, for their volunteer efforts.

"What I love most about real estate is fostering and deepening connections to our community," says Hyjek. "The Crown Point Board of Realtors regularly demonstrates its investment in the longstanding vitality of southern Vermont, and I am honored to support their efforts."

A native of Mount Holly, Hyjek built an early career in print media at Condé Nast in New York City, after she earned her Bachelor's degree in Advertising, Marketing, and Communications from Fashion Institute of Technology. She maintained a regular presence in Vermont and managed seasonal renters at her childhood home in Belmont until she returned to the area full time and joined the Engel & Völkers Okemo team in 2019.

"We are thrilled to have fresh and ambitious talent, like Rachael, who seek out opportunities to engage and shape our industry," says principal broker at Engel & Völkers Okemo Gail Beardmore. "Rachael has been an outstanding addition to the Engel & Völkers Okemo team, and carries with her an energy and enthusiasm that breathe life into new ideas."

Founded in 2008 by Beardmore, Engel & Völkers Okemo brokered more than \$16 million dollars in home sales in the Okemo Valley region, last year. Both Beardmore and Associate Broker Geralyn Donohue have previously served in leadership positions on the Crown Point Board of Realtors.



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## USDA Rural Development Invests \$1.2M in Transformational Community Hub

### Parent Child Center of Rutland County to expand space and services for rural families, affordable daycare

The Biden Administration recently announced that the [United States Department of Agriculture \(USDA\)](#) has provided \$1.2 million to the Parent Child Center of Rutland County (PCC). Grant and loan funding will be used to renovate and modernize PCC's Chaplin Campus into a community facility that includes a food pantry, affordable daycare programs and services for families disrupted by economic stress and substance abuse.

Acting USDA RD State Director of Vermont & New Hampshire, Cheryl Ducharme, was pleased to make the recent announcement. "Since 1984, the Parent Child Center of Rutland County has provided crucial services and rewarding educational experiences for area children and their families," she said. "This funding will enable the PCC to provide additional services, create more space for families and staff, develop new programs and widen access to their food pantry. We are proud to support this project, as its positive impacts on the Rutland community will be felt for generations to come." In recognition of the COVID-19 pandemic's harmful effects on community non-profit organizations, USDA allocated \$367,600 to the project through a Community Facilities Disaster grant. An \$833,900 loan from USDA's Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program, and a \$299,999 block grant from the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development, complete the funding package.

The PCC's Chaplin Campus 2Gen Whole Family Education Center will be a multidimensional, therapeutic community hub, providing a recovery-friendly social environment and resources to help reinvigorate and transform the social fabric in Rutland County. The center will house expanded childcare, parenting and recovery support, career-pathways programming, special-needs playgroups, a greenhouse and gardens, meeting space, and a commercial kitchen for community meals and social events.

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas. This assistance supports housing, infrastructure improvements, business development, high-speed internet access, and community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care. For more information, visit [www.rd.usda.gov](http://www.rd.usda.gov). If you'd like to subscribe to USDA Rural Development updates, visit our GovDelivery subscriber page.

### Timber Inn Motel Receives 2021 Hotel Award

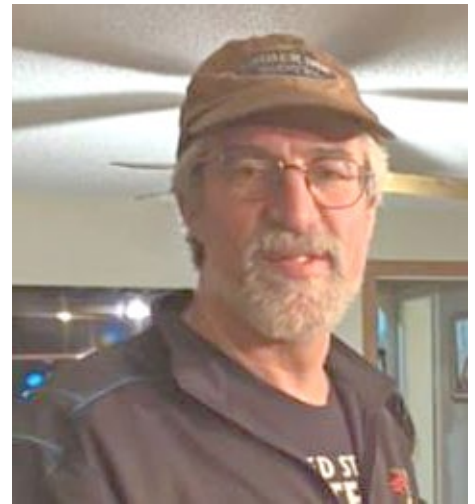
The Timber Inn Motel in Ludlow has received the "Loved by Guests" award for 2021 from [hotels.com](#) in recognition of the "superb" reviews from its recent guests.

The Timber Inn is owned and operated by Glenn Heitsmith pictured left.

In making the award, [hotels.com](#) cited the "Loved by Guests" award as "an annual program to recognize partners who deliver exceptional service to our customers. This award is based solely on guests reviews, a true testament to your high standards and knowing how to keep your guests happy".

Based on 95 recent reviews of guests, the reviews indicated the highest level of the award by [hotels.com](#).

In addition to his duties as inn-keeper, Glenn has been a member of the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) since 1996. He is a past-President of the LRC and a long-time leader of the famous chili-cook-off sponsored by the club. Glenn is married to Donna and is the father of 2 sons and a daughter. His father was also a member of the LRC for many years. The Timber Inn Motel to the right.



### The Pandemic - By Joe Hammond

In Belmont Vermont we had a saying  
Among folks who work with little playing.  
What happens in Belmont stays there  
But that because there's nothing to share.

That was before the pandemic struck  
Now we're even more out of luck.  
Now once a week I get up and go  
To the dump where I might see someone that I know.

Mother Nature has also been less than kind this year.  
We have had mountains of snow and more is coming I fear.  
I guess I should be thankful because shoveling snow is exercise  
The massive snow could be a blessing in disguise.

With the pandemic raging we tend to stay at home  
We might catch Covid if we ramble and roam.  
We have wonderful grandchildren who are growing up fast.  
We will have lots to catch up on when the pandemic is past.

The good news is that we have a wood stove and a generator  
And there's lot of food in the refrigerator.  
If it's brutal cold and the power goes out  
We will survive without a doubt.

There are things that make the pandemic easier to bare.  
We have telephones, TV and two computers we can share.  
Facebook helps us keep in touch with our friends  
And we can all get together when the pandemic ends.







## ***Ludlow Rotary Club Celebrates 94<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

On January 13, 2021, the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) welcomed its 94<sup>th</sup> year as a member of Rotary International (RI). When it was initially incorporated as a member club of RI in January of 1927, there was some doubt among residents as to its durability. According to one history of the club, "There were doubters in the town who said 'No such club will last but a few months in this town'."

As events and a stubborn determination have proven, the club has remained fully active and will probably be celebrating its centennial in 2027.

Much of the reason for this dynamic growth of the club is tied to its motto: Service above Self. This has been the driving force behind the club's efforts to provide local and regional assistance to area groups and schools along with the development of national and international projects. Some of the latter included work in eliminating polio, helping nations

develop clean water projects, supporting a child adoption program in Africa, and assisting countries suffering from floods.

Locally, the LRC has supported education with scholarships and literacy projects, helping local government and charitable programs, involvement with the RI Youth Exchange program, and supporting programs for seniors.

The initial club founded in 1927 had 25 members. Charter members in that founding group included: Frank Agan, Jay Archibald, Jay Brown, Mitchell Carey, John Dorsey, Daniel Edwards, Leon Farr, Allen Fletcher, William Forkell, Louis Hope, James Gill, Leon Gay, Olin Gay, Isaac Goldberg, Lowell Hammond, William Lamere, George Levey, Carl Lawrence, William Phelen, Merrill Proctor, and Herbert Walker. Olin Gay was the first President of the club.

A sample of the future LRC Presidents included: Henry Vail (1935), Dr. Everett Holmes (1939), Wendell Spaulding (1944), Daniel Kesman (1953), Norm Schmidt (1957), Frank Bixby (1960), Donald Ellison (1967), Paul Pullinen (1970), Earl Washburn (1977), Martin Nitka (1985), Ed Matulionis (1988), Barbara LeMire (1991), Glenn Heitsmith (2001), and Tesha Buss (2017).

One of the major events during LRC's history was in the late 1980's when women were allowed to join RI. Barbara LeMire was the female member inducted into the Ludlow club.

In 2002, the LRC celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a banquet at The Gables at Okemo. President at this occasion was Glenn Heitsmith who was passing the gavel to incoming President Jack Dortch at this event.

Kevin Barnes is the current LRC President. A recent club photo includes the late Robert Kirkbride who was active in the club for over 60 years and was the leading force in the annual Penny Sale which raised funds for scholarship for area seniors graduating from high school.

Pictured above are current members of the Ludlow Rotary Club in this photo taken in January of 2020. They are, from left to right: Seated- Mark Huntley, Robert W. Kirkbride; 1<sup>st</sup> row standing, Sharon Bixby, Alphonsus Harris, Mary Crowley, Ralph Pace, Tunjung (YE Student), Barb LeMire, Jill Tofferi, Kevin Barnes, Glenn Heitsmith, David Ladd; 2<sup>nd</sup> row, Jim Rumrill, Kim Lampert, David Almond, Scott Murphy, Thomas Harris, Art Randolph, Tim Faulkner. By Ralph Pace



## **Ludlow Rotary Club**

**June 2002**

Members front left to right: Frank Ellison, Jay Girouard, Bill Lannon, Glenn Heitsmith, Mary Crowley,  
Second Row: Bob Kirkbride, Barb LeMire, Dick Harrison, Buster Seward, Jack Collins, Keith Arlund,  
Third Row: Tim Faulkner, Jim Rumrill, Sharon Bixby, Jill Tofferi, Bill Cheney, Darrah Moore,  
Fourth Row: Janice Graham, Tom Harris, Don Eatmon, Mark Huntley  
Fifth Row: Steve Birge, Theresa Southworth, Crystal Stokarski, Bruce Verdrager, Kim Lampert  
Sixth Row: Peter Girouard, Vinnie DiNapoli, Heather Radonis, Dr. Chip Beehler, Sebastian Riera.  
Missing: Brenda Clark, Bob Clark, Howard Clay, Ulla Cook, Justin Davis, Jack Dortch, Nick Gulli,  
Dick Hazen, Larry Kelley, Father Laliberte, Evelyn Lockwood, Suzanne Meaney, Milf Moore, Marty Nitka,  
Father Paulin, Bob Tofferi, Joe Tully, Jim VanHoof, Brett Wright.



## Deer in Your Woods

Wednesday, March 3, 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Join VT Coverts over lunch as we host VT Fish and Wildlife Biologist Nick Fortin to discuss Vermont's deer herd. Nick is the project leader for both the deer and moose projects. He will address where the deer population stands, concerns about over browsing and habitat improvements. Register in advance for this meeting here <<https://vermont.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=58398f7a782118e355bf99377&id=96189abc2c&e=86117e2320>>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

## Senator Alison Clarkson's Legislative Update 21 February 2021

Our Town Meetings will be unusual this year. Yet another example of Vermont's ability to respond flexibly to the continuing challenges the Covid-19 pandemic presents. Some towns are holding Informational Meetings in advance of the vote by Australian Ballot on Tuesday March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Some are holding off until May in hopes of gathering in person once again. Having attended Woodstock's Informational Meeting by Zoom, I was impressed by how well it went. It was the first of two such meetings and almost 60 people attended. It was good to 'see' so many as the Town reviewed everything from its Vision, its planned Capital Improvements to its Budget and all the Articles on the Ballot. In this unusual year, I look forward to attending many more town informational meetings than normal – an opportunity enabled by our Zoom life.

This virtual gathering year reminds me of how much we've learned during this pandemic - and, how many of these 'lessons learned' we may incorporate into our lives and statutes as we go forward into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Remote access to the Governor's Press Conferences has been wonderful for small newspapers and news outlets, and, it's made it easier for witnesses to testify in our Legislative Committee meetings – as they can participate from almost anywhere in Vermont. And, more people are attending Selectboard and other municipal meetings than ever before.

It has also laid bare major needs in Vermont. Our remote life, forced upon us by Covid, has been a clarion call for Vermont to invest in major social and technological infrastructure needs we've known about for years. Upgrading our State's technology infrastructure (30 year old mainframes overwhelmed by the volume of need and incapable of adapting to change), enabling high speed internet connection to every Vermont business and home, expanding affordable, accessible childcare for our families, expanding and improving our mental health system, expanding our Tele-health opportunities, building more affordable housing and eliminating homelessness, digitizing land records, and building our civic engagement by enabling access – these are just a few of the needs articulated by this Covid pandemic.

The Senate Government Operations Committee has just passed out an Elections bill which would change our laws to reflect some of these 'lessons learned'. We had record voter turnout in our 2020 General Election due in large measure to our Vote by Mail initiative. All registered voters in Vermont were mailed a ballot (over 500,000) and had the ability to return it by mail, in a drop box, or in person. As a result, voter turn-out rose from 63% in 2016 and 57% in 2018 to 73% in 2020. Three quarters of the ballots voted were by mail/absentee.

The process went very smoothly, with high integrity, despite concerns to the contrary. This bill celebrates the success of this effort by making permanent the mailing out of ballots to all active registered voters for general elections. The bill, S.15, has a lot of detail needed to allow this to happen in an efficient way - ability to cure certain defective ballots, more flexibility for towns around polling places, allowing town clerks the ability to process ballots early, asking for suggestions for best practices for translation services and more.

Another SGO bill, S.87, is also from Covid-19's 'lessons learned'. It would automatically allow certain changes to government functions in the event of a declared emergency without the legislature having to scramble once an emergency is declared. All of the solutions in it are ones that had been passed during the 2020 Session and were created in response to the Covid crisis.

I appreciate hearing from you. I can be reached by email: [alarkson@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:alarkson@leg.state.vt.us) or by phone at 457-4627. To watch Legislative Committee's in action, and to get more information on the Vermont Legislature, the bills which are being debated now, and those which have been proposed and passed, visit the legislative website: [legislature.vermont.gov](http://legislature.vermont.gov)



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**Dear Editor:**

**Re: Town Treasurer**

I deeply regret and apologize to David Johnson that my letters regarding the Treasurer's role have been viewed by some as an attack on David's personal and professional integrity.

It just seems reasonable to me – a self-confessed public information nut - that copies of the monthly financial report, presented by David to the Select Board, could be made available to the public on the Town website, where other Town information is posted.

As some believe that I have questioned David's honesty, let me put any doubts to rest with the following: when the first professional audit was done in Mount Holly, it involved reviewing many years of David's financial records – much of it handwritten. All was in order!

A professionally performed annual audit and monthly financial reports give the residents of Mount Holly the means to hold their Town Government accountable. Information is the lifeblood of democracy! Annette Lynch

**Dear Editor:**

**Re: Audit Practices in Neighboring Towns**

In the February 2021, issue of the Chit Chat, Diana Garrow, Assistant Town Treasurer, documented the auditing practices in some of our neighboring towns.

Three towns still have their legally required annual audits done by three of the town's residents. Mount Holly's Select Board abandoned that approach some years ago when, like Ludow and Plymouth, it turned to the audit services of a qualified professional. (The three Mount Holly Auditors lost this auditing function; but they retained their role in producing the Town Annual Report – in which the Annual Audit Report must appear.)

I would like to thank the Chit Chat Board and its Editor for providing - in the Chit Chat - a forum where information regarding Town matters can be presented and discussed. Annette Lynch

**Dear Editor:**

**RE: Open Meeting Law**

Christine Pratt's letter to the Chit Chat (January, 2021) regarding my observations of the Select Board meeting on October 13, 2020 is welcome, and it clarifies a number of points about the concerns of those who spoke at the meeting.

However, I would like to respond to her version of my involvement in the issue of the Town garage. I and a number of other Town residents believed that the Select Board was in violation of the requirements of the Vermont Open Meeting Law, when it reached its decision regarding the very-much-needed Town garage. We believed that this was a serious matter. Vermont Open Meeting Law provides only one way for citizens to seek redress: an appeal to the Vermont Superior Court.

As going to court is a serious matter requiring legal representation, I and other members of the group pooled our resources and sought a legal opinion from one of the state's top-flight law firms.

Based on the written evidence, the lawyer concluded that the Select Board had violated the Open Meeting Law. In the hope of avoiding court action and promoting some dialog, I took our findings to the Select Board. The Select Board deliberated and eventually proposed a number of public meetings - to which we agreed.

I learned a number of things from this experience. The most important was: once a detailed plan is presented to the public, questions or suggestions or alternative proposals will be viewed as unhelpful and even obstructive. If decisions by local government are to benefit from maximum public input, then they must be made – as prescribed by the Open Meeting Law – throughout the whole planning and decision-making process. Annette Lynch

**Dear Editor:**

**Re: Giraffes in Mount Holly**

I thank Christine Pratt for her letter to the editor (Chit Chat January, 2021), which I hope will stimulate further discussion of this important subject.

In a previous letter to the Chit Chat, I told the story of an outsider who wanted to bring a commercial 1,000+ animal wildlife park/zoo to Mount Holly. The focus of the story was how local residents fought the plan in Act 250 hearings and eventually before the Vermont Supreme Court. In those hearings, the Town Plan was important in establishing that the residents of Mount Holly wanted to remain a quiet, unpolluted, scenic town, and that the proposed wildlife park was not compatible with those wishes.

This episode from the Town's past does not involve the issue of zoning – not even zoning by the back door. This Town has made it clear that it will not tolerate zoning. In the mid-1970's and early 2000's, this Town voted down zoning regulations that had been prepared by the Planning Commission and approved by the Select Board.

The Wildlife Park case was not a zoning matter. It was an Act 250 matter stimulated by the size of the development and its commercial nature. In the hearings before the Environmental Board and the Court, the Mount Holly Town Plan was treated as the voice of the people regarding the future that they wanted for their Town.

Going forward, most plans for development that stimulate the Act 250 process in Mount Holly – because of the size of the plan or its commercial nature – will be made by outsider developers. The giraffe case shows the importance of the Town Plan. In order that the voice of Mount Holly's residents is heard, the Select Board has requested that the Planning Commission strengthen the 2018 Town Plan to withstand vigorous legal arguments in Act 250 proceedings. Annette Lynch



# WARNING

## LUDLOW-MOUNT HOLLY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Voting By Australian Ballot

LUDLOW TOWN HALL and MOUNT HOLLY TOWN OFFICE

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

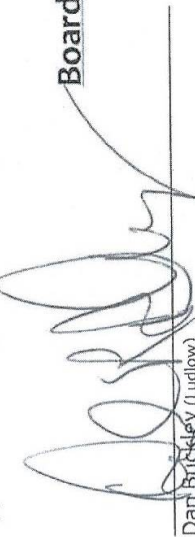
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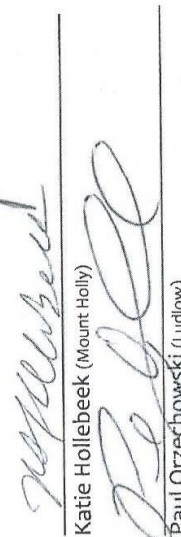
The legal voters of Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District, consisting of the towns of Ludlow Town and Mount Holly, are hereby warned to meet at the respective polling places on Tuesday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March for the purpose of voting by Australian ballot. The business to be transacted to include:

**Article I:** Shall the voters of Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District approve the School Board of Directors to expend \$7,235,089.00 which is the amount the school board of directors has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that the proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$18,788.39 per equalized pupil.

Approved at a Duly Warned Meeting on January 13, 2021.

### Board of Directors:

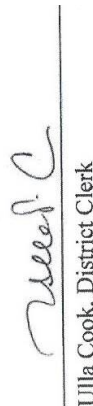
  
Dan Buckley (Ludlow)

  
Katie Hollebeek (Mount Holly)

  
Paul Orzechowski (Ludlow)

  
Kelly Tarbell (Mount Holly)

Received, filed and recorded this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021

  
Ulla Cook, District Clerk

## RIVER VALLEY TECHNICAL CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Vote on the proposed RVTC 2021-2022 budget:

Tuesday, March 2, 2021  
(by Australian ballot)

Same Time and Place as Voting  
for High School (District) Budget

An informational meeting  
regarding the proposed budget will  
be held Thursday, February 25,  
2021, at 7:00 PM via Zoom  
(For meeting link email [tbixby@rvtc.org](mailto:tbixby@rvtc.org) or call  
802-885-8300)

RVTC's Annual District Meeting  
will be held Wednesday, May 5,  
2021 at 6:00 PM  
Howard Dean Education Center

### What budget amount is being proposed?

Our budget is composed of three areas: The Local budget, which funds the general operating expenses for the Center and is the only portion of the budget raised by taxes; the grants budget, which includes the Perkins Grant as well as other grants; and the Adult Education budget, which is funded through fees and grants. Voters must approve a budget composed of all three areas.

Proposed 2021-22 Budget	
Local Budget	\$2,661,813
Grants	\$ 160,000
Adult Education	\$ 63,722
TOTAL BUDGET	\$2,885,535



WARNING  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 1, 2021 AND MARCH 2, 2021

The legal voters of the Town of Mount Holly, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Mount Holly Town Garage at 7:00 p.m. in the evening, Monday, March 1, 2021 to act on the following articles, viz: 2 & 14

On Tuesday, March 2, 2021 to vote by Australian ballot at the Mount Holly Town Office, polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to vote on the following articles, viz: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13.  
Articles may be discussed Monday evening.

Article 1: To elect all Town Officers as the law directs. (Australian ballot)

Article 2: To act on the Town Officer's Report.

Article 3: Does the Town vote the following budget for fiscal year 2021-2022, to be raised by tax?

A. General Fund (net) \$ 456,890.  
B. Highway Fund (net) 367,450.  
Total A & B (Australian ballot) \$ 824,340.

Article 4: Does the Town vote \$65,000. for the Asset/Equipment Fund for fiscal year 2021-2022, to be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)

Article 5: Does the Town vote to the Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. an operating budget of \$53,500. for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, and Vehicle Replacement Fund of \$45,000. for a total of \$98,500. to be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)

Article 6: Does the Town vote to the Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc. for the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget, to be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)

A. General Budget Fund \$15,000.  
B. Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Fund \$15,000.  
Total A & B (Australian ballot) \$30,000.

Article 7: Does the Town vote \$12,000. for the Mount Holly Town Library, to be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)

Article 8: Does the Town vote \$2,000. for the Mount Holly Chit Chat, to be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)

Article 9: Does the Town vote the following for Community and Social Services totaling \$9,235., to be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)

A. American Red Cross	\$ 500.
B. Mount Holly Barn Preservation Assoc.	100.
C. BROCC Community Action in Southwestern Vermont	550.
D. Rutland Mental Health Services	1,302.
E. VNA & Hospice of Southwest Region	1,313.
F. RSVP & The Volunteer Center	100.
G. Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging	400.
H. Regional Ambulance Service, Inc.	620.
I. Vermont Adult Learning	500.
J. Black River Good Neighbor Services, Inc.	1,000.
K. Vermont Assoc. for the Blind & Visually Impaired	150.
L. Housing Trust of Rutland County	500.
M. Marble Valley Regional Transit District	300.
N. Vermont Center for Independent Living	100.
O. Green Up Vermont	150.
P. Child First Advocacy Center	400.
Q. NeighborWorks	500.
R. Okemo Valley TV	750.

WARNING  
LUDLOW-MOUNT HOLLY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

Mount Holly School

Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 6:00pm

The legal voters of Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District, consisting of the towns of Ludlow Town and Mount Holly, are hereby warned to meet in Mount Holly School, in the Town of Mount Holly, Vermont, on May 12, 2021 to transact at that time business not involving voting by Australian ballot or voting required by law to be by ballot. The business to be transacted at this meeting includes the following:

Article 1: To elect a Moderator for a one year term beginning July 1, 2021.

Article 2: To elect a Clerk for a one year term beginning July 1, 2021.

Article 3: To elect a Treasurer for a one year term beginning July 1, 2021.

Article 4: Shall the voters of the Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District approve the annual honorarium for each of its School Board Directors at \$1000.00 per board member?

Article 5: Shall the voters of the Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District approve the annual honorarium for its School District Clerk at \$125.00?

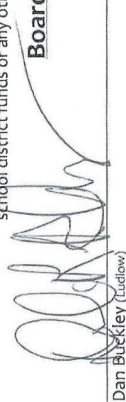
Article 6: Shall the voters of the Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District approve the annual honorarium for the Treasurer at \$200.00?

Article 7: Shall the voters of the Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District authorize its Board of School Directors to borrow money, pending receipt of payments from member districts as provided in Title 16, Chapter 11, § 711, by issuance of notes of money orders, payable not later than one year from date, for the purpose of paying its expenses?

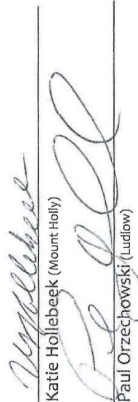
Article 8: To hear and act on the reports of the Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District Directors for the year ending June 30, 2021.

Article 9: To transact any other business deemed proper when met, not involving the expenditure of school district funds or any other business acted upon in the preceding articles.

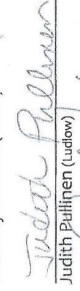
Board of Directors:

  
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Sebastian Frank (Mount Holly)

  
Katie Hollabeek (Mount Holly)

Courtney McGuire (Ludlow)

  
Judith Pullinen (Ludlow)

Kelly Tarbell (Mount Holly)

David Venter (Mount Holly)

Received, filed and recorded this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April, 2021

Ulla Cook, District Clerk



Article 10: Does the Town vote \$3,000. for Black River Area Community Coalition (BRACC) to be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)

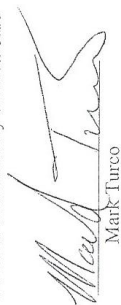
Article 11: Does the Town vote to fund the afterschool program at the Mount Holly School in the amount of \$6,500 in the FY2022, (to maintain state grant funding in the amount of \$23,890), be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)

Article 12: Does the Town vote \$2500. for the Mount Holly Community Historical Museum to be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)

Article 13: Does the Town vote to exempt Collax Lodge #21 Independent Order of Odd Fellows from Town tax and be responsible for the School portion of taxes to be paid to the State of Vermont for a period of 5 years? (Australian ballot)

Article 14: To transact all other necessary and proper business.

Dated at Mount Holly, Vermont this 19th day of January AD, 2021.  
Town of Mount Holly Select Board

  
Mark Turco

  
Jennifer Matthews

  
Jeff Chase

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"We are the first line of defense at Community Dental," said Dr. Bullock where we encourage everyone to think of dental care as they do primary care, including regular checkups, preventative care and a place to go where familiar health care providers look after your whole family.

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Watch Community Dental's [Dental Health Tips](#) where Dr. Bullock and Dr. Rivard will take you through simple actions that will produce results:

- brush nightly with a fluoride toothpaste
- avoid putting a child to bed with a bottle or juice
- give children only water after brushing
- stop the bottle at the age of one
- don't share spoons or other ways that

cavity causing bacteria can be spread from parent to child

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For more information about [Community Dental](#), [Community Dental Shorewell](#), [Community Dental Rutland](#), and all of Community Health's [primary care services](#), check our [website www.chcr.org](#)

Dr. Rachel Rivard is a graduate of the University Of Colorado School Of Dental Medicine.

She joined

Community Dental in the summer of 2017. Along with her professional interest in pediatric dentistry, Dr. Rivard has been honored with dental and public health awards including the Dr. Solomon Averbach Humanitarian Award, the American Association of Public Health Dentistry Community Dentistry and Dental Public Health Award, and the American Academy of Implant Dentistry Award. Dr. Rivard is currently a member of the Northeast Delta Dental Board of Trustees.

Dr. Jeremy Bullock is a 2005 graduate of Case Western Reserve School of Dental Medicine in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Bullock operated dental practices in Utah, Colorado and Texas before joining Community Dental in 2019.

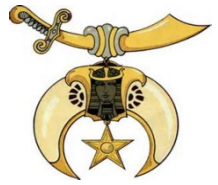




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We are now half way through our first quarter in 2021 and the market is not slowing down. There is still a huge demand for homes and many sellers are seeing multiple offers. How does our Mount Holly market look?? Currently there are only 5 active homes available in Mount Holly and two are above 2 million dollar asking price.

There were 29 Homes Sales in 2019 with average sale price of \$209,158 and 5 Land Sales with average sale price of \$28,700.

Comparably, in 2020 we saw 37 home sales with average sale price of \$351,480 and 9 Land Sales with average sale price of \$55,666.

If you are considering selling I would love to connect with you.

This information is based on data retrieved from the MLS on 2/18/2021. If you are working with or listed with a Vermont Real Estate Broker, please disregard this notice. It is not our intention to solicit the offerings of other real estate brokerages.

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Spectrum Photography – John Miller 259-3060  
Stone Creek Workshops Pottery [www.stonecreekworkshops.com](http://www.stonecreekworkshops.com) 259-2254

## Catering - Restaurants - Stores

Harry's Café, Trip & Deb Pearce III [www.Harryscafe.com](http://www.Harryscafe.com) 259-2555  
Mojo Café – John & Jodi Seward [mojocafevt@yahoo.com](mailto:mojocafevt@yahoo.com) 228-6656

## Building & Repairs – General Work

AW Carpentry-Remodeling\*Building\*Portable Sawmilling 259-3699  
Cutting Edge Carpentry And Paint Works – Curt Marechaux Cell 236-5559  
Jenkins Builders – General Contractor [brandon@jenkinsbuild.com](mailto:brandon@jenkinsbuild.com) 952-9722  
Summit Home Services LLC- Todd Durgin H: 259-3000 C: 236-7075  
Electrical & Home Maintenance  
Ted Stryhas Builder 228-7327

## Church Listings

Annunciation, Ludlow, Mass Sat 4:30 pm, Sun 8 am & 10 am  
Rev Thomas Mosher [abvmludlow@comcast.net](mailto:abvmludlow@comcast.net) 228-3451  
Belmont Village Baptist Church-Worship 9:30am, Coffee Hour 10:30  
Pastor Glenn Davis [vbch.weebly.com](http://vbch.weebly.com) 259-2440  
E. Wallingford Baptist – PS 9:15-10:00 am SS 10 am, Worship 11 am  
Pastor Kevin Miner 259-2831  
First Baptist Church, Wallingford, SS 11am Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm  
Pastor Dave Bentley 446-2020  
Lighthouse Independent Baptist Church, Rutland SS 11am & 3pm  
Until May 11am & 6pm 779-0300  
Ludlow Baptist Church, 9:30 am SS, 10:30 am Music Fellowship,  
11 am WS, 6:30 pm Evening PS, Wed 6:30 pm PM & BS  
Pastor Jerry Scheumann [jfscheumann@gmail.com](mailto:jfscheumann@gmail.com) 603-439-0803  
Rutland Jewish Center [office@rutlandjewishcenter.org](mailto:office@rutlandjewishcenter.org)  
Rabbi Shemtov [rabbishemtov@rutlandjewishcenter.org](mailto:rabbishemtov@rutlandjewishcenter.org) 773-3455  
St. Patrick's, Wallingford, Mass Sun 9 am  
Rev Msgr Bernard Bourgeois [christthekingprsh@gmail.com](mailto:christthekingprsh@gmail.com) 446-2161  
Wilderness Friends Meeting (Quaker) Sundays 10 am  
Shrewsbury Library, Cuttingsville 259-2803

## Engineering

Krueger Engineering- Arthur G. Krueger, P.E. 492-3653

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Flander's Excavating & Firewood 259-2147  
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Plew Farm (meat, eggs, maple) [www.plewfarm.com](http://www.plewfarm.com) 802-259-2250  
1966 Healdville Rd, Mt. Holly  
Smith Maple Crest Farm, Grass-Fed Beef Cuts Fresh/Frozen 492-2151  
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Sugar Hill Berry Farm [www.sugarhillberryfarm.com](http://www.sugarhillberryfarm.com) 259-2155

## Food Shelf

Black River Good Neighbor Services – Krey Kellington 228-3663

## Funeral Homes

Clifford Funeral Home 773-3010

## Garage, Repair & Wrecking

Belmont Motor Works LLC - Harley-Davidson, Small Engine 259-3178  
Snowmobile, ATV, Aluminum Welding & Metal Fabrication

## Garden & Landscape, Lawn Mowing

Belmont Country Gardens Quality Custom Stonework & More 259-2364  
Kevin Smith, Garden Service & Lawn Mowing 259-3964  
Salt Ash Nursery - The Balsam Barn – Scott Crawford 259-2146

## General Contractors

Wright Construction Company [info@wrightconstruction.com](mailto:info@wrightconstruction.com) 259-2094

## Health Care Providers

Dr. Joseph P. Donohue – Chiropractic Care, Thrive Center 446-2499  
Massage Therapy/Bodywork, Thrive Center of Green Mtns 446-2499  
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## Home Management Services

Belmont Country Gardens Property Management 259-2364  
Mowing & Plowing Jon Lienhard  
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## Interior Design

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## Mount Holly Email

Kevin Plew – [mthollynewsflash@gmail.com](mailto:mthollynewsflash@gmail.com) 259-2250

## Painters

MRS Unlimited Visions LLC Interior/Exterior Painting –Melissa 259-3989

## Plumbing & Heating

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## Real Estate Sales

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