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Mount Holly Chit Chat

April 2021

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Mt. Holly Museum – Open Sat & Sun 2 – 4 pm www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org

Town Library: Sat 9-1 Sun 2-4 Mon 10am-6pm Tue 9am-1pm Wed 2-6, P.O. Box 93, Belmont, VT 05730 Call 259-3707

Town Office Hours: Mon. to Thurs. 8:30 am – 4:00 pm Closed Fri. & Holidays Phone & Fax 259-2391

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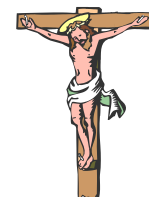
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Mar 31 st		Hare, Rabbit, Otter, Muskrat, Beaver Season Ends	
1 st	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Fire Station	All Fools' Day	7:00 pm
2 nd		World Autism Day ~ Good Friday ~ Hans Christian Anderson 1805	
Sat 3 rd		Washington Irving 1856	
Sun 4 th	Passover Ends ~ EASTER ~ Martin Luther King Jr Assassinated 1968 ~ NATO Ext 1949	Booker T. Washington 1856	
5 th		Persian Gulf War Ends 1991	7:00 pm
6 th	Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library		7:00 pm
	Mount Holly Conservation Commission	Metris System 1795	
7 th			
8 th	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station		7:00 pm
9 th		Civil War Ends 1865	
Sat 10 th		Trout & Landlocked Salmon Season Opens	
Sun 11 th		Persian Gulf War Official Cease Fire 1991 ~ Crow Season Ends	
12 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	Ramadan	7:00 pm
13 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	Thomas Jefferson 1743	9:00 am
	Mt. Holly PTSA Meeting, MH School		4:30 pm
	Select Board Meeting, Town Garage & Zoom		6:30 pm
14 th	LMHUUS Meeting,	Titanic Struck Iceberg 1912	6:00 pm
	Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	Pan-American Day 1890	7:00 pm
	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		7:30 pm
15 th	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations	Leonardo DaVinci 1452 ~ Titanic Sank 1912	7:00 pm
		America's First School for the Deaf Founded 1817	
16 th		Wilbur Wright 1867	
Sun 18 th		Midnight Ride of Paul Revere 1775	
19 th		Revolutionary War Began 1775	
21 st	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont		6:30 pm
	Mount Holly Planning Commission, Via Zoom		7:00 pm
22 nd	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	Earth Day ~ Easter Seals 1919	7:00 pm
23 rd		William Shakespeare b&d 1564-1616	
Sat 24 th		Youth Weekend Turkey Hunting Begins	
Sun 25 th		Youth Weekend Turkey Hunting Ends	
26 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	John James Audubon 1785	7:00 pm
27 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall,	Ulysses S. Grant 1822 ~ Full Pink Moon	9:00 am
	Mason Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge #96, E. Wallingford		8:00 pm
28 th	PTSA Meeting, Zoom	James Monroe 1758	6:30 pm
	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	Professional Secretaries Day	7:00 pm
29 th	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations	Holocaust Remembrance Day	7:00 pm
30 th		National Arbor Day 1872 ~ Vietnam War Ends 1975	

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Emergency Services

Mount Holly Fire Dept.	259-2700 or	911	Poison Control	(802) 658-3456
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Mount Holly Rescue Squad	775-3133 or	911	Game Warden – Tim Carey	802-773-9101
Mount Holly Constable Paul Faenza		C 802-353-8347	Health Officer - Tim Bickford	779-6429
Animal Control For Mt. Holly	C text only 353-4492	H 802-259-3976	Vermont State Police	773-9101



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April Birthdays: 1st - John Seward 3rd - Samantha Freedman 4th - Carol Pike 5th - Amanda Surething 8th - Bob Garrow * Jeff Carrara 9th - Eliza Hudak * TJ Milks 12th - Jean Palmer * Carlos Bickford * Tobi Macey 14th - Mallary Flanders * Melissa Garrow-Kent 16th - Paul Paul * Jamie Carrara 17th - Noah Koponen 18th - Robyn Lewis * Todd Bussino Sr 21st - Alexander Bussino * Melissa Perry 22nd - Kai Lewis 24th - Vincent Turco * Eric Holt Jr * Eric Holt Sr * Beverly Stearns * Randy Hawkins 25th - Jeff Keller 26th - Nicolas Turco * Samantha Norton * John Puro 27th - Mary Ellen Jacobs 28th - Danielle McMahon * Lisa Hendee 29th - Cassie Wilkins * Michael Ely * Ian D.F. Miller

April Anniversaries: 15th - Steve & Nicole Lewis (2015) 16th - Dick & Nancy Tilton 18th - Randy & Tammy Hawkins

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

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	&	11:30 am – 2:30 pm
	Sat	8:00 am – 11:00 am
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April 11, 1947 – Jackie Robinson First African-American major league baseball player, played first base for Brooklyn Dodgers.

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Gary V. Cole

Gary V. Cole, 73, of Mount Holly passed March 17, 2021, at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, New Hampshire. Born in Rutland, Vermont, on March 4, 1948, Gary was the son of Lloyd and Impi Cole. The fifth of nine children, Gary grew up on the family dairy farm, where he cultivated his lifelong love of the outdoors, building the knowledge and experience he would need to embrace a life as a tried-and-true Vermonter.

After graduating from Black River High School in 1966, Gary attended the [University of Vermont](#), where he majored in Forestry. He found his calling in maple sugaring after working under Dr. James Marvin at the Proctor Maple Research Farm. Gary's passion for sugaring evolved into a long and successful career, 49 years to be exact, where he made a living and a life as the "Maple Sugar Man" of Mount Holly, devoting his time to teaching and mentoring his neighbor and protégé, Josh Cohen, in the art of sugaring the Vermont way.

He was a man who respected, loved and invested in the land. He enjoyed a long career as a logger after buying his first [bulldozer](#) from his father in 1968 for \$500. Gary was a friend and an advocate for his neighboring landowners. He was known to leave the keys in his equipment for anyone to use; oftentimes he wouldn't even know where his truck or tractor had gone, always trusting in their safe return.

Gary had a long bucket list and never stopped exploring, learning and pushing himself to work harder, and live fuller. He loved the outdoors in every season. One of the great joys of Gary's life was traveling to Saskatchewan to hunt with Jack Dougan and his late friend, Tim Stewart. He also enjoyed annual trips to Wells, Maine, with Wendy and his good friends, Dane and Alice Tabor.

He had a passion for horticulture and gardening, developing his land to support a mushroom crop, honeybees, berry bushes, apple trees, Christmas trees and a meticulously kept vegetable garden. He raised emus, and chickens, designed his own root cellar, built perfect stone walls and even his very own bocce court.

He created his own sawmill to craft beautiful furniture, including a cradle for his first grandchild, Lily. Gary was first and foremost a family man. His most important role was as a loving father to Melissa and Katie, devoted partner to Wendy, and Grampie to Lily, Maverick and baby Cole. Holidays and family gatherings had tremendous meaning. He enjoyed Saturday suppers at his mother's house, and hosted Monday night bocce ball barbecues with Wendy throughout the summer months and played in a bocce league at the Italian American Club in Rutland.

Gary had a love for sports, he was a lifelong Red Sox fan and looked forward to games at Fenway with Wendy, Melissa and Katie each summer. He loved cruising in his '57 Ford Thunderbird convertible and riding his pristine Harleys.

He was also an avid reader, finishing an average of three [books](#) a week. Gary is survived by his loving companion of 14 years, Wendy Stewart of Cuttingsville; two daughters, Melissa Cole (Greg Ilaria) of Long Beach, New York, Katie Cole (Ben Davis) of Amesbury, Massachusetts; three grandchildren, Liliana Jaimes Davis, Maverick Vincent Davis and Cole Anna Ilaria; three brothers, John Cole, Rodney Cole and Norman Cole; three sisters, Stephanie Smith, Valerie Perrino and Carol Fahey; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was predeceased by two brothers, Victor and Warren Cole. In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes contributions to the Foley [Cancer](#) Center, 160 Allen St., Rutland, VT 05701; or the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund at <https://vtfishandwildlife.com/get-involved/donate/fish-and-wildlife-trust-fund>. Arrangements are by the Clifford Funeral Home.

NATIONAL PAN AMERICAN DAY

National Pan American Day on April 14th each year commemorates the First International Conference of American States, which concluded on April 14, 1890. The observance takes place during Pan American Week.

Inspired by the idea of a Panamerica, United States Secretary of State James G. Blane first developed the concept of an International Conference for the Western Hemisphere. It took nearly a decade, but in October of 1889, the conference began. Held in Washington, D.C., the conference covered a large variety of subjects from currency and banking to military and trade.

The International Conference also created the International Union of American Republics, the forerunner of the Organization of American States (OAS).

In 1931, President Herbert Hoover declared the first official National Pan American Day to be observed on April 14th. Before the President's proclamation, Pan American Day celebrations took place on various days throughout the year and across the country. Each one included cultural events and festivals celebrating the Western Hemisphere and the whole of the North and South American continents. Many of the events included political speakers and development organizations.

Expositions featured cultural events including art, music, and food. They also brought business leaders together. Schools organized educational experiences for students, and communities held parades to celebrate the day.

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Saturday, April 3, 09:30 am with Yizkor

Saturday, April 10, 09:30 am

Friday, April 16, 07:30 pm

Saturday, April 24, 09:30 am

Friday, April 30, 07:30 pm

TRAFFIC SAFETY CONCERNS

There is an opportunity to address some traffic concerns we have heard over the years. When I spoke about three areas that could be improved in Belmont Village at the October select board meeting, the board encouraged me to ask for input from others. Maybe some of you can suggest areas where safety could be improved.

The areas of concern that I proposed after talking with many people are: Lowering the speed limit to 25 miles per hour, making the intersection at the Belmont Store a 4 way stop, and removing the grassy triangle area at the bottom of Lake Street to widen the turn onto Belmont Road. This last change would likely cause the stop sign to be relocated and might include adding a "Stop Ahead" sign.

If you want to share ideas or make suggestions contact me at 259-2460 or ddevereux@vermontel.net, or you can contact the Select Board directly at mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com. I hope to discuss the ideas at the April meeting of our Select Board. Dennis Devereux

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The members of Colfax Lodge #21 would like to thank the community for providing our Lodge Hall in Belmont with another five-year exemption to keep our annual operating cost down. We only own the land the building is sited on so it is not a large expense to the taxpayers, but certainly is very much appreciated. The Officers and Trustees of Colfax Lodge, IOOF

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It is WM Earl's hope that all officers will be willing to keep their chairs as is for the ensuing year.

We have decided to keep the same officers as last year for the ensuing year. The Grand Master has allowed this because of the Pandemic.



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Notice; All Invited Mechanicsville Cemetery Volunteer Clean Up Schedule;

1st Tuesday of each month 2021

May 4, 6 pm

June 1, 8 am

July 6, 6 pm

Aug 3, 8 am

Sept 7, 6 pm

Oct 4, 8 am

Mt. Moriah Lodge February & March 2021, Trestleboard

No Meeting for March

Next meeting Tuesday 4/27th 8 PM

Greetings Brothers,

Happy Birthday to Brother David Seward. Hard to believe he's pushing towards 100 years old today!

The end of the year is up already and it's time to be filling the chairs for the ensuing year. Due to Covid-19 our MW Grand Master has issued a blanket dispensation to allow all lodges to keep their slate of officers for the ensuing year, if this is the vote of the Brethren. Voting may take place via Zoom using the "polling" application, by telephone with a voice vote, by email,

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*** Hall Rental in Belmont ***

The use of the Hall in Belmont is scheduled by contacting Carol at 259-2791, or at tcg2791@yahoo.com. You may also leave a message with Dennis at 259-2460, or at ddevereux@vermontel.net.

WM Earl thought we might try having a zoom meeting but do to some technical difficulties the idea was scratched for now. We are hoping the Governor will take some restrictions off concerning social meetings by next month so we can meet face to face again.

When you receive your dues notice please send your payment to Buster Seward, 4280 Sugar Hill Rd. East Wallingford, Vt. 05742.

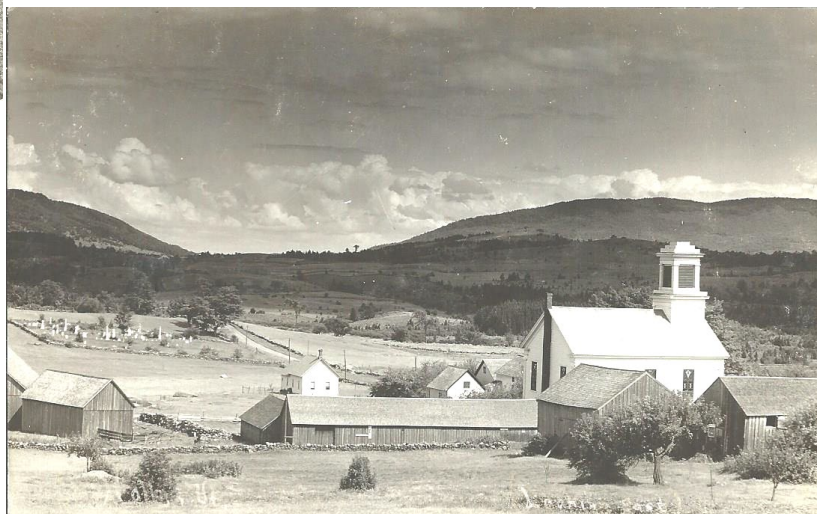
BE WELL AND BE SAFE BROTHERS! Fraternally, Earl Miller W.M. - Buster Seward Sec'y



MIKE LANE / HENRY WYMAN HOUSE

The photograph in the March issue of the Chit Chat shows the house that was located near the railroad crossing at the flashing light. It would have been taken before 1920 because Route 103 had not yet been built. The man in the picture was likely Mount Holly Civil War veteran Mike Lane who lived in the house that would have been between the railroad tracks and the new highway. One of the last people to live in the house was Henry Wyman in the 1960s. Most of the area is now used by the railroad for parking equipment and material storage.

What can you tell us about this picture below? Please send email to 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



Fall work on the new Rainbow Riding ring at Stone Wall Farm in Belmont. Just a little more to do before it's ready for riders this spring.



It's Time to Play in the Dirt

While most Vermonters are looking at seed catalogues anticipating the Snowdrops of early Spring burgeoning from beneath the melting snow, we here at Rainbow Riding are anticipating something quite different. We are gathering and planning around the central topic of dirt and when we will see it again. Of course, the horses anticipate that first blade of grass, but we look forward to the melt and the uncovering of the dirt and gravel that has been working hard to settle under the insulating layer of snow demarcating our

new arena. Our years spent at Beaver Meadow Farm allowed us to offer more to our community than we had ever hoped. Grow we did and with that the need for a larger and more versatile property became evident. Our new setting at Stone Wall Farm in Belmont generously provided by farm owners, Alex and Faith promises to provide for our growing community. The rolling pastures, ambling walls and panoramic views are inspiring and the "Farmway" that will take our students from barn to arena brings one back to how Vermonters worked with the natural borders and carved a living out of such a daunting landscape. Our sensory trail will be new and improved, encouraging our students to move beyond their comfort zones while being monitored by our vigilant instructors and volunteers. Let's see how creative Mary Jane can get this time! A pavilion and mounting ramp will be built this Spring for observers and classroom activities ringside, allowing a shady place for friends and family to watch the progress of their rider. We look forward to many years working in partnership with Alex and Faith and offering the very best in therapeutic horsemanship riding.

So now that spring, it's time to start gearing up for our new season. We will begin working at the Center in April. There is a lot to do and we're looking for assistance from Volunteers. Paperwork that must be filled out is available for both Volunteers and Participants on our website or by emailing programs@rainbowridingcenter.org. We are also looking for donations of riding boots for our riders that don't have the proper footwear. Anyone who might have some to donate please send an email.

Please watch our website: rainbowridingcenter.org, and follow us on Facebook, Twitter @RainbowRiding and Instagram @rainbow_riding_center. Everyone stay well and remember to mask up and social distance at least a horse length apart.

Mount Holly School

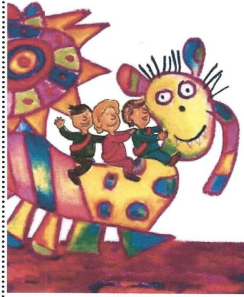
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

2:00—4:00 p.m.

By Appointment

(802) 259-2392



For children who will be 5 years old
on or before August 31, 2021

Please bring the following:

1. A birth certificate
2. All immunization records

Families are invited to sign up for a time to meet Mrs. Craver, explore our playground and check out a video of the kindergarten classroom Mrs. Craver is making to share with you.



Students currently enrolled in the MHSC preschool program will not need to register again for Kindergarten.

contact Jo Bania at jo.bania@trsu.org. If you are interested in donating to these boxes, you can also contact Jo.

MHCC Food Shelf Reminder... if you would like to access the food shelf, please contact Jo Bania at jo.bania@trsu.org and 259-3661, or Glenn and Laura Davis at gldavis6@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.

We are all hoping that spring brings good health and safety to everyone and, with the insurance of full vaccinations, more family gatherings after this long year of isolation! Mount Holly, VT 802-245-3490 mthollycommunitycares@gmail.com
mounthollycommunitycares.org

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.

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Mount Holly Community Cares Task Force

Everyone at Mount Holly Community Cares wishes all of you a Happy Easter and Happy Spring! Yes, spring is officially here, but we'll have to wait to see if the weather continues to agree with us...

Community Garden...speaking of spring, our thoughts turn to the Community Garden and planting for the coming season. Seeds have been purchased and before you know it, they will be in the ground. In last month's Chit Chat, we asked that those of you who have gardens of your own consider planting some extra seeds and then sharing those extra seedlings with the Community Garden. It would be greatly appreciated! We also asked for volunteers and are still looking for enough people to take on some of the many responsibilities in the garden. Whether you can take a slot on the weekly watering schedule, or step up for taking responsibility for keeping one or more of the beds weed free, any help would be greatly appreciated! Please contact Jo Bania at jo.bania@trsu.org if you would like to help.

Easter boxes/baskets...it is holiday time again and the MHCC food support program will be providing Easter boxes/baskets filled to the brim with all that's needed to put a complete Easter dinner on the table. We are very grateful that the Mount Holly Community Association is helping with this project and providing all of the desserts for every box. Many thanks to the Board of Directors of the MHCA for offering to do this! Also, we would like to thank Plew Farm for donating dozens of eggs to add to the boxes this year. It is greatly appreciated! Lest we forget...Jo Bania is once again coordinating this effort on behalf of Mount Holly Community Cares. Thank you so much, Jo, for all your hard work!

Farm to Food Boxes...anyone interested in receiving a Farm to Food Box (milk, cheese, fresh produce, Vermont grown/processed), you can

Mount Holly School

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

By Appointment

(802) 259-2392



For children who will be 3 years old
on or before August 31, 2021

Please bring the following:

1. A birth certificate
2. All immunization records

Families are invited to join us in our outdoor classroom
so we can meet safely in person.

You and your preschooler will see and hear all about our preschool program. We will have photos of our indoor classroom on display and we would look forward to having you explore our outdoor classroom too.

Ms. Jenna, Ms. Devin and Ms. Rae will all be on hand to answer questions and provide important information about the program.

Your Opinions Are Important To Us!

The Mount Holly Conservation Commission, formed by the Selectboard, is looking to identify the natural, recreational, and cultural resources that are important to you and others who live in or visit our community. This information will help us to provide recommendations that are beneficial to you and our town.

The survey will only take a moment and your answers are anonymous. We value your opinion. This survey can be accessed at the link below or will be available in print at the Town Office:

<https://poll.castleton.edu/mtholly>

The deadline for completing the survey is Friday, April 9, so please share your thoughts.

With appreciation,
Mount Holly Conservation Commission



FML News

Fletcher Memorial Library
APRIL - 2021

SPRING 2021

Inside FML: (*Curbside continues*)

Staff would be embarrassed if you saw our interior. Piles of produce boxes used for quarantine fills one room. They will be repurposed soon as we need to pack up the Youth books and move them to the main library. New carpeting is to be installed. Yeah and UGH – pounds of books to move! Glad the Adult collection does not need to be moved.

We have used Covid-19 closure time constructively. Maintenance projects have been completed to include; the rear hallway to the youth room repainted, wall repair & painting in the main area, and the office ceiling refurbished.

Fingers crossed that FML will be awarded a successful Preservation Trust of VT grant in the amount of 10K required to be matched by FML. This grant will enable the installation of a Knox secure key box - Fire Dept. will have access, upgrade our security system & installation of Co2 monitors, all exterior handrails refinished, replace flat roof, & more interior painting.

Thank You for Your
Continued Library Support.
Past, Present and Future!

Fletcher Memorial Library is a 501 (c)3 organization
www.fmlnews.org 802-228-8921

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

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THANK YOU!

A BIG "Thank you" to every photographer who entered photos into the competition for the 2022 Mount Holly Calendar. They are:

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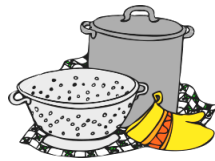
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It Can Always Get Worse

By Joseph F. Hammond

I got up before the crack of dawn.
Half asleep I put my fatigues on.
I went to the mess hall as ordered to do.
I had to pull KP the whole day through.



After 18 hours of scrubbing pots and pans
I headed back to my bunk with sleep in my plans.
I thought things couldn't get worse as I walked on back.
Just then I noticed we were under attack.

Now a lot of us feel the pandemic is a bad as it can get
But there's always a chance things could get much worse yet.
There's a new virus spreading which spreads really fast.
It's reportedly deadlier than what we've seen in the past.

It's impossible to know what lies in store.
We've dealt with a lot but we could face much more.
Wearing face masks and isolation has helped us keep above ground.
I recommend caution until more answers are found.

Get vaccinated as soon as you can
Keeping up with medical data make part of your plan.
Put off gatherings with lots of friends
Until the covid situation ends.



group. Currently, they are helping with the **Easter boxes** that are being prepared for a number of families in town. Those wonderful desserts and treats in the boxes are being provided by the Board members of the MHCA. Many thanks to each of them for continuing to provide support to the MHCC group!

Be sure to check out our **web site** for the most up to date information on what is being planned. That is where you will find our calendar, so you can confirm all that is happening with the MHCA this year. You can find us at <https://www.mhcavt.org>

Be well and stay safe everyone and we'll see you this summer at **Music on the Green** and the **Garden Tour**!



Calling all Gardeners!!

Would you like to open your garden for
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Mount Holly Community Association

The MHCA is delighted to announce that plans are under way for a couple of our summer events! The decision was made to focus on two outdoor events that take place during the summer...Music on the Green and the Garden Tour.

Our beloved **Music on the Green** series will begin this year on Thursday, July 1st and will continue every Thursday throughout July and August. A calendar with all of the musicians scheduled for this summer will be out later in the spring. Please join your neighbors and friends to share balmy evenings and wonderful music on the Green in Belmont...it will be a joy after the isolation we have experienced this past year!

Another of our beloved traditions that we will start up again is the annual **Garden Tour**, which will be held on Saturday, July 10th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Planning is well underway and we are currently soliciting the interest of Mount Holly gardeners in offering their gardens for the tour. We usually have seven/eight gardens on the tour and we look for a wide range...formal and manicured to wild and rambling. If you would like to exhibit your garden, or just volunteer to help organize in other ways, please contact Linda Miller at lindaddmiller@gmail.com who is in charge of the tour this year. Thanks so much!

The Board members of the MHCA have continued to be actively involved with the Mount Holly Community Cares

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~St. Joseph Award Recipients~

Each academic year on March 19th, the Feast of St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mount St. Joseph Academy community awards two graduating seniors as well as a member of the faculty/staff the St. Joseph Award in recognition of their exemplification of the virtues and characteristics of the patron saint of the Academy such as faithfulness, a strong work ethic, and service to the school and wider civic community.

This year the faculty and administration selected Thomas Harris (MSJ '21), and Savannah Perry (MSJ, '21) as the two senior award winners. Both of these students incorporate the characteristics of St. Joseph in their sincere expression of faith, hard work in the classroom, and their selfless dedication to helping both their fellow students as well as those in need in the wider community. In addition to the student awards, the Class of 2021 voted to award Mr. Michael Callahan the faculty/staff award for this academic year. Mr. Callahan serves as a History Teacher at MSJ, as well as the Student Government advisor and Varsity Baseball Coach. The students noted Mr. Callahan's dedication to his students in the classroom and on the athletic fields, as well as his coordination and execution of MSJ's annual Project Help the last two years.

This year's awards were presented at a special school wide Mass concelebrated by Fr. John Tokaz from St. Peter's and Fr. Steven Marchand from Christ the King, who celebrate the weekly Masses for MSJ. A recording of the Mass can be found by going to the following link: <https://youtu.be/On821kptv68>



Ah, Look At All The Lonely People

The Beatles sang it so long ago but it is, oh, so true especially today. Eleanor Rigby and Father McKenzie are only symbols of the millions among us who are experiencing severe loneliness.

Loneliness is the state of being alone and feeling sad about it. It's that feeling of sadness or even anxiety that occurs when you want company. On the other hand, it is possible to feel loneliness in a crowd, especially if you *aren't* interacting with others, like on a crowded bus or in a busy grocery store.

When I think of Good Friday, I'm caught up in the loneliness Jesus must've felt. In the Garden he prayed for the cup to be removed. It wasn't. He asked his disciples to stay awake. They didn't. In that moment of total aloneness, he was allowed by his Father to be crucified and the Son gave up his spirit. He committed.

Even before Covid, loneliness was a major problem among us. Quarantine has only made it worse. Isolation is one of the worst plagues of the human psyche. We are not created to be alone, but for *community*. But if I close my eyes I can almost hear that huge millstone-like rock rolling into place over the entrance to the tomb. I try to fathom the deep utter darkness that would've swallowed



up that corpse as the daylight was sealed out. I stand stunned in this "weeping chamber" by the brutality of the Incarnation and the grisly cost of my salvation. God put himself in a place like *this* that *I* might never have to experience a place like this. Scripture echoes in my brain. *The Lord is near to the broken hearted. He saves those crushed in spirit. And The Lord is our refuge and strength, a helper who is always near in times of trouble.* Again, I imagine witnessing history's greatest moment. Electrifying. Blood uncoagulates in veins and begins to flow, reinvigorated. Wooden fingers begin to move. Gray- pale cheeks blush. Eyes blink open. Sealed lips part and inhale sharply. Slowly

the dead Carpenter sits up, removing the head cloth, folding it and laying it aside. The spice-laden wrappings remain on the slab, a long, linen cocoon, as he stands, stretches and then passes right through the rock. Jesus didn't remain in the tomb for long. Likewise, no one is destined to remain in loneliness. There is never a place in which Jesus is not present. Never. There is never a room so dark... a lounge so sensual... an office so sophisticated... that the ever-present, relentlessly tender Friend is not there, tapping gently on the heart's door-- whispering, waiting to be invited in.

Are you one of those who've heard His voice and opened the door to His knock? Are you one of the ones who've given their pain and loneliness to Jesus and recognized His presence in their suffering, even when their earthly community could not help? *Remember* that loneliness doesn't last. Jesus defeated the grave. He overcame hell. He appeared to those who were convinced He was gone. He reminded them then, as He does today, *you are not alone.*

Here's to a joyous Resurrection Day! Join us for

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were a lot busier on the "floor" of the House and Senate Chambers, as bills that committees have been working on since we convened in January are starting to be taken up.

The last two years I put together a Town Meeting Report summarizing some the bills I was focused on that were making their way through the state house. I decided not to do that this year, mostly because of COVID and our towns not doing typical Town Meetings. But it also makes me realize that Town Meeting week is really not the best time for that kind of report, and I plan to do a post-crossover report instead this year and next year. I follow the other "big" bills that committees are working on, but do not always know about every bill that other committees are working on until they bring them to the floor.

The biggest bill every year is the bill we colloquially call "The BIG Bill", the budget. House Appropriations asks for input from the other committees on issues related to their specific policy areas, but the bulk of the work on the budget is by Approps. They have not finished their initial work to even introduce the budget to the full chamber yet. In a normal year it would be introduced next week, which it seems like they will keep pace with, although this year it seems to be even more in flux than normal. There is a big push right now to try to fund as much of the

"normal" expenses out of the new Federal COVID relief funds, because the General Fund dollars would have less strings attached to them and could be used for things like resolving the unfunded pension liability, which continues to be a top priority for everyone in the legislature.

As always, feel free to call if you have questions about this or anything else, and look for a copy of my Crossover Report in the next couple weeks.

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

State Representative, Ludlow, Mount Holly, Shrewsbury

We are right in the middle of "crossover" now. As I've written about in the past, the legislature sets these dates at about the midpoint of the session, and for a bill to "crossover" from the House to the Senate or vice-versa this session, it has to pass from the policy committee in the chamber it started in by a certain date, usually the Friday after Town Meeting week, and any bills which are referred to a money committee have to be voted out of both money committees by the following Friday. This year was no exception, with "policy crossover" on March 12th, and "money crossover" on March 19th. And so this last week things

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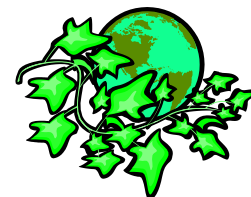
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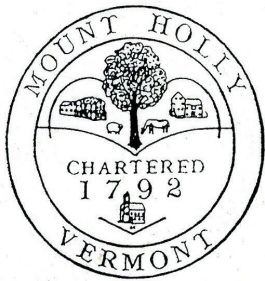
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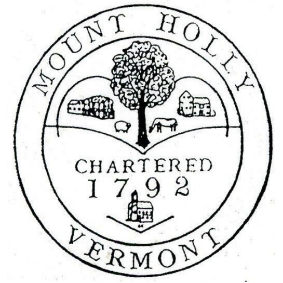
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TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY, VERMONT SELECT BOARD

RESOLUTION

IN APPRECIATION FOR DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE
BY SUSAN C. COVALLA



This Resolution is in honor of the thirty-eight years of dedicated service to the Town of Mount Holly by Susan C. Covalla.

Offered by the Town of Mount Holly Select Board:

WHEREAS, Susan began her Town Clerk career on Wednesday, March 3, 1983, the day after being elected; and
WHEREAS, Susan was elected to thirty-eight one-year terms to the position of Mount Holly Town Clerk; and
WHEREAS, Susan became the longest serving Town Clerk in the history of Mount Holly; and
WHEREAS, Susan was friendly and helpful to many that required a license or access to information; and
WHEREAS, Susan completed courses to become certified to operate elections and perform many related duties;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on behalf of the residents of Mount Holly, the Select Board hereby honors Susan C. Covalla on her remarkable career as our Town Clerk, thanks and wishes her a happy retirement; and



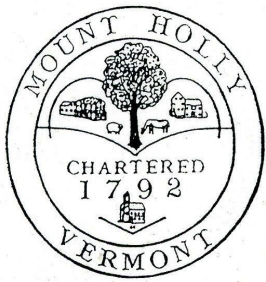
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be presented to Susan C. Covalla on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at the Mount Holly Select Board's regular meeting. The Mount Holly Select Board: Jeff Chase, Jennifer Matthews, Mark Turco



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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. Computers with internet access are available at the Town Library.

Regular Select Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Town Office. Items to be included on the Agenda are due by Noon the Wednesday before the meeting.

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

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Sullivan, Carol Woolley, Clinton Woolley

Members of the Public: Morgan Collins, Roger Garrow, Zena Gates, Steve & Barbara Hazelton, Jim Heald, Craig Hutt Vater (Mount Holly School Principal), Mount Holly School Students Jameson and Thomas, Robin Nelson, Paul Orzechowski, Rhonda Rivers, Donna Seward, Mary Surething, Ray Tarbell, Amy Turco, The Ummels, Ron Unterman

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

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

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Turco announced Sue Covalla's retirement after serving as town clerk for 38 years. He read the attached resolution and presented Ms. Covalla with a plaque.

3. **Changes and/or additions to the agenda** – Paul Orzechowski asked to add an update on the Mount Holly School/Town Garage well water system. Mr. Turco stated that all the documents were now in the hands of the attorney and under review. Jennifer Matthews noted that there was no new information to add, and that as soon as the Select Board heard from the attorney, we would contact the school.

4. **Approval of February 9th Meeting Minutes** – Jeff Chase made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved.

5. Reorganization

a. **Select Board Chair** – Mr. Chase made a motion to appoint Mr. Turco as Chair, seconded by Ms. Matthews, unanimously approved.

b. **Tree Warden** – Raymond Tarbell has decided he no longer wants to serve in the position, so the position is open. Postings about the position can be found on the bulletin boards around town and on the town website.

c. **E911 Coordinator** – Mr. Turco made a motion to appoint Carol Garrow-Woolley, seconded by Mr. Chase, unanimously approved.

d. **911 Measuring Responsibilities** – Mr. Chase made a motion to appoint the Listers to do the 911 measuring, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved.

e. **Rutland County Solid Waste District Representative & Alternate** – Ms. Matthews made a motion to appoint Clinton Woolley as the Town of Mount Holly's Representative and Jeff Chase as our Alternate, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved.

f. **Designated Employer Representative (DER)** – Ms. Matthews would like to step down from the position and asked if Mr. Chase might be interested. Mr. Turco made a motion to appoint Mr. Chase the DER with Ms. Matthews as the alternate, seconded by Ms. Matthews, unanimously approved.

g. **Newspaper of Record** – Mr. Turco made a motion to name the Vermont Journal the newspaper of record, seconded by Mr. Chase, unanimously approved.

h. **Assistant Town Clerk(s)** – Ms. Garrow-Woolley stated she would like to appoint Diana Garrow, Nancy Connor and Sue Covalla as

Assistant Town Clerks. Mr. Chase made a motion to appoint Sue Covalla, Diana Garrow and Nancy Connor Assistant Town Clerks, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved. i. **Assistant Town Treasurer** – David Johnson said he would like to designate Diana Garrow as the Assistant Town Treasurer. Mr. Turco made a motion to appoint Ms. Garrow Assistant Town Treasurer, seconded by Mr. Chase, unanimously approved.

j. **Set Day & Time of Regular Meeting** – Mr. Turco made a motion to set the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm as the day and time for regular

Select Board meetings, seconded by Mr. Chase, unanimously approved. k. **Name Two (2) Public Posting Places for Agendas** – Mr. Chase made a motion to name the Mount Holly post office and the Belmont post office as the two public places for posting of the agenda, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously passed.

l. **Signer for SB Orders & Authorization for Orders** – Ms. Matthews made a motion to name Mr. Turco as the weekly signer of the orders and to authorize Mr. Johnson to sign checks for orders, payroll, payroll taxes, postage, delinquent tax collector fees, and property tax refunds as needed and per the past policy, seconded by Mr. Chase, unanimously passed.

m. **Conflict of Interest Policy – sign** – Mr. Turco made a motion to adopt and sign the Conflict of Interest Policy, seconded by Ms. Matthews, unanimously approved.

6. **Reports a. Highways & Transfer Station Update** – Clinton Woolley stated March 28th will be the last Sunday and March 31st will be the first Wednesday the transfer station is open as we transition to Spring & Summer hours. He is working with Rutland County Solid Waste District on the recertification for the transfer station. The roads are now posted. A grant for FY22 will be applied for to pave

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Belmont Road from the village down to Frost Hill. Estimated cost of the project is \$250,000. Of that amount, the grant could cover \$175,000 with a 20% match by the Town.

i) RFQ – Healdville Road Paving – Mr. Chase has prepared a RFQ for paving parts of Healdville Road, Station Road, and Alpine and Chalet Drives. The RFQ will go to Wilk, Pike and Fuller. Mr. Chase will post it on a State of VT site, and Ms. Matthews will post it on the website. Discussion ensued about applying for a Structures grant to cover the costs associated with either the Summit Road or Sawyer Hill Road projects.

b. Treasurer – David Johnson

i) Monthly Income & Expense Report – Mr. Johnson reported the Culvert Repair Fund at \$50,721, the Bridge Repair Fund at \$55,978, and the Asset/Equipment Replacement Fund at \$46,517 are fully funded for the year; another \$20,000 has been collected in delinquent taxes; first payment for on-line land records access has been received in the amount of \$11; Solid Waste Labels

Sold are about \$1,400 more this year than last; an additional \$242 has been received for electronics recycling, so more funds have been received so far this year than for all of last year; the Officers' Salaries are all within budget; Lister and Computer Expense items will cover the \$650 new computer and MS Office 365 program needed for the Listers to work with the new State Grand List program; nothing out of line in the General Fund expenses; the County Tax bill has been received and it is \$6,500 less than what budgeted, so there will be a good savings there; the Zero Sort Disposal Expense is less than last year with the overall Solid Waste Expense running about \$3,000 over budget.

ii) Lister Computer & MS Office 365 Purchases – see above.

iii) Credit Card Resolution – Mr. Chase made a motion to approve a resolution to authorize Credit Card Services through Community Bank to issue a credit card for town use with the names of Carol Garrow-Woolley and Clinton Woolley listed and with a \$2,500 credit limit, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved.

c. Mount Holly Planning Commission Update – Jon McCann reported all minutes, agendas, and previous Town Plans are now available on-line; the Select Board correction made in 2008 to the Flood Hazard Area Regulations has now been incorporated in to the

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document and corrected versions are available on-line and at the Rutland Regional Planning Commission; the 2018 Town Plan meetings are available on-line; the various maps inaccurately showing the Village of Russellville within Mount Holly have now been corrected; town boundary corrections are in the works; a draft of the proposed Town Plan is on the website and feedback is welcome; work on the Town Plan continues with a review of previous Town Plans underway to identify important elements.

d. Mount Holly Conservation Commission Update – Phil Crane reported that Mount Holly has been selected as one of ten

towns to work with the VT Urban & Community Forestry Agency to develop a Municipal Shade Tree Preservation Plan; a Tree Warden is needed to help with this work; the drafting of a community survey continues in conjunction with Castleton University; to address issues with Star Lake, a VT Watershed grant has been submitted; an inventory of natural, cultural and recreational resources in Mount Holly is moving forward; the Commission continues to connect with residents via the iNaturalist program.

7. New Business

a. Improvements to Nature Trail Network – Mount Holly School Students Jameson and Thomas reported on a project they and other students have been working on to make a 1.5 mile bike trail around the school. They would like a crosswalk across School Street to complete the trail. They will send a map of the proposed trail to the Select Board. Principal Craig Hutt Vater commended Jameson and Thomas for their work on the project and said many kids at the school are excited about the program. Mr. Turco thanked Jameson and Thomas for their presentation. He said the Select Board will review the proposal and address it at a future Select Board meeting.

b. Annual Financial Plan – Sign – Ms. Matthews made a motion to certify and sign the Annual Financial Plan for Town Highways, seconded by Mr. Turco, passed unanimously.

c. Certificate of Compliance – Sign – Mr. Chase made a motion to certify and sign the Certification of Compliance for Town Road & Bridge Standards and Network Inventory, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved.

d. Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement & Contacts – Mr. Chase made a motion to adopt the Rutland Regional Planning Commission Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement with Mr. Woolley as the primary contact and Mr. Turco as the alternate contact, seconded by Ms. Matthews, unanimously approved. **e. Mowing Bids** – A request for bids to mow at the beach, the Church & Lake Streets triangle, Green Cemetery and Carlton Cemetery along with some raking in the spring and leaf removal in the fall will be posted soon with bids due by the April 13th Select Board meeting.

f. Set Start Date for Spring & Summer Transfer Station Hours – The last Sunday will be March 28th. The first Wednesday will be March 31st. Thereafter, the transfer station will be open Wednesdays from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm and Saturdays from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

g. Other – Dennis Devereux mentioned the speed limit in the Village and removal of the grassy triangle at Lake Street & Belmont Road as items to be considered. He also let people know of a program discussing the Mount Holly mammoth with Dartmouth Professor Nathan Kittell to air on VPR on March 10th at noon.

8. Ongoing & Old Business

April 2021 Mount Holly Chit Chat Inc.

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

13. Adjourn – Mr. Turco adjourned the meeting at 7:54 pm. Respectfully Submitted: Jennifer Matthews

Town of Mount Holly Planning Commission – Remote Electronic – Regular Meeting Minutes – January 20th, 2021

Commission Members Present: Jon McCann (Chair), Jim Seward (Vice Chair), Stephen Michel, Lisa Terreri (Secretary), Brigid Sullivan

Commission Members Absent: none

Also Present: Renee Sarmiento (Clerk), Okemo Valley TV

1. Jon called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

2. No changes to agenda.

3. Minutes: The minutes from December 16th, were approved as distributed.

4. Reports

a. Town Budget

i. Jon reported the town budget was approved by the select board and has gone to a vote on the ballot.

ii. Planning Commission brought in more than \$600 from subdivision fees, and it is estimated the same or higher amount will be brought in this year.

iii. The increased budget for the planning commission clerk will allow for a few more hours a month. Helpful to address clerical backlog.

a. Audit Firm Decision – Ms. Matthews recapped 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. After an initial review of the proposals, the Select Board decided to consider the three firms with similar bids. Ms. Matthews and Fra DeVine each called a VT municipality listed as a reference, so as to discuss their audit experience with the firm. The six municipalities contacted were all pleased with the work done by the firms. Discussion ensued about the three audit firms under consideration. Ms. Matthews made a motion to accept RHR Smith's cost proposal of \$9,000 per year for audits for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved.

b. Select Board Admin. Assistant Position – Ms. Matthews reported that the position was advertised twice more in the Vermont Journal and in the Chit Chat. She will contact a temp agency next.

c. Other – Mount Holly School/Town Garage Well Water System – Mr. Hutt Vater asked for an update. Ms. Matthews explained that all documents were with the attorney and under review. As soon as that process was complete, the Select Board will contact the school to set a date to sign the necessary papers.

9. Citizen Comments – None this evening.

10. Announcements/Other Business – Ms. Matthews again noted the need for a Tree Warden and urged anyone interested to apply for the position. Ms. Matthews also wanted to welcome Carol Garrow-Woolley as the new Town Clerk and to wish her every success in the position; we look forward to working with her.

11. Review & Sign Orders – To be signed one Select Board



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Invitation to Bid - Town of Mount Holly

Mowing of Town Lands

The Town of Mount Holly is seeking bids for mowing the following town lands.

1. Star Lake Beach Area and Ramp Area (including around Odd Fellows Hall)
2. Triangle parcel at the corner of Church St and Lake St
3. Carleton Cemetery on Route 155 (just south of intersection of Howland Farm Rd)
4. Green Cemetery on Route 103 (across from intersection of Greenstand Rd).



The mowing of Star Lake will be more frequent than the other locations. Bid must include mowing price on a per each basis by location. We are also requesting a price for spring cleanup and fall clean on a per each basis by location. All bidders must be able to provide a Certification of Insurance upon request. A location map is available online at web address below and at the town office. Please review these details prior to bidding. If you have questions, please email the Select Board at mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com or call 802-259-2454.

If interested please submit a bid sealed in a envelope (with "BID ENCLOSED: MOWING" marked on the outside) and addressed to Mount Holly Select Board, PO Box 248, 50 School St, Mount Holly, VT 05758. Bids must be received by Select Board not later than Monday, April 12, 2021 at 4pm.

Visit <http://www.mounthollyvt.org/announcements-bulletin-board/> for further bid information.

not taken this year.

a. Clerk Report:

- i. Renée reported that she mailed the Timko decision letter to Robin Timko and a copy to interested party Kevin Thomson on January 4th, 2021.

3. Correspondence

- a. Subdivision Proposals: none
- b. Building Construction Registrations: none
- c. Wastewater system and potable water supply permits: none
- d. Email/Other: none

4. Unfinished Business

- a. Review Subdivision web page/guide
- i. Review of updates to the web page including added links at the bottom of the page, a link to the Select Board fee schedule, request of PDF of plat when possible, and fees required up front after preliminary review.

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/

Please send resume to Town of Mount Holly Select Board, PO Box 248, Mount Holly, VT 05758 or email to mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com. Resumes will be accepted until position is filled. The Town of Mount Holly is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

TREE WARDEN NEEDED

The Tree Warden is Responsible for the Care & Maintenance of Shade Trees in Town Right-of-Ways.

These Responsibilities include:

- Make Determinations about Shade Tree Removals
- Establish Notice and Hearing Requirements for the Planned Cutting of Shade Trees
- Amend the Penalties for Willfully and Critically Injuring or Cutting Shade Trees
- Develop a Tree Planting and Care Program
- Work with the Mount Holly Conservation Commission and the VT Urban & Community Forestry Program to Develop a Shade Tree Preservation Plan for the Community*

Interested?

Please send a Letter of Interest stating your qualifications for the position to the Mount Holly Select Board, PO Box 248, Mount Holly 05758, or to mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com. This is a yearly, appointed position.

*for additional information on tree warden responsibilities, see: [Tree Warden Statutes | Vermont Urban and Community Forestry](#) (vtcommunityforestry.org)

- ii. Jon will print the guide and provide the Town Office with a copy of all materials.

5. New Business

a. Article for Town Report

- i. Auditors allowed deadline extension to submit the annual report until January 21st, 2021.

- ii. Members reviewed and edited the annual report.

b. Mr. Michel's thoughts on AO

- i. Clarification made that the Administrative Officer is appointed by and reports to the Select Board.

- ii. Stephen expressed concern that some functions of the position are beyond the qualifications of the current Administrative Officer, or are completed by the Town Clerk.

- iii. Brigid commented that the job description was adopted in September, and that it is not necessary for it to be revised at this point in time.

- iv. Jon recommended the revision of the Administrative Officer job description be revisited when seeking a new candidate for the Administrative officer position.

6. Public Comments: none

7. Upcoming meetings

- a. **Working meeting** - February 3rd, 7:00 pm (1st Wednesday)

8. **The meeting adjourned** at 7:41pm For the Commission, Renee Sarmiento, Planning Commission Clerk

Mount Holly Planning Commission - Remote Electronic –

Special Work Meeting Minutes - Wednesday February 3, 2021

Commission Members Present: Jon McCann (Chair), Jim Seward (Vice Chair), Lisa Terreri (Secretary), Stephen Michel, Brigid Sullivan

Commission Members Absent: none Also Present: Renee Sarmento (Clerk), Gabrielle Macklin-Bickford, Okemo Valley TV

1. Jon called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

2. No changes to agenda.

3. Town Plan Revisions

a. Discussion of Community Wildlife review of Town Plan i. Agreed with suggestions from Andy Wood to amend Overall Goals section to incorporate forestry integrity into several of the goal statements. ii. Modified Goal 7 to include “healthy, unfragmented working lands to sustainable agriculture and forestry...” iii. Modified Goal 15 to include “expanses of forestland, wetlands, streams and other features...” and “...including, but not limited to other types...” iv. Modified Goal 17 to drop the word “lowland” v. Agreed with recommendations for History section. We will consult with state archaeologists, state geologists, and town historians. vi. Agreed with recommendations for Wetlands section, including showing regulated wetlands on land use map in Town Plan. vii. Agreed more work is needed to inventory and map vernal pools viii. Agreed to go increase details in Town Plan specifying and characterizing Core Forests, Connections, and Corridors by using data available in Biofinder, Arrowwood Report, and in field studies. ix. Agreed to consider adding the recommended sections to identify and map Natural Communities, RTE and Uncommon Species, and Wildlife Habitat and use the 2008 Natural Heritage Element Inventory and Assessment for Mount Holly as a resource. x. Agreed to include more information on public benefits of habitat, the connection between climate change and habitat, and invasive species. xi. Jon McCann made suggestion of involving local schools in a project to help identify Invasive Species, Vernal Pools, and Wetlands.

xii. Agreed to carefully consider strengthening policy language, detailing more implementation strategies for each section and/or goal,

2021 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

at the

MOUNT HOLLY TRANSFER STATION

Saturday, April 17, 2021

8:00 am to 10:00 am only

The following items are typical of the household chemicals collected through the Household Hazardous Waste program. These materials may be dropped off at the scheduled event in Mount Holly or delivered to the HHW Depot at the Rutland County Solid Waste District's Gleason Road Transfer Station. The Gleason Road HHW facility is now open by appointment only.

Appointments must be made 24 hours in advance.

Kitchen/Bathroom

Aerosol Cans
Bug Sprays
Floor Care Products
Metal Polish
Furniture Polish
Oven Cleaners
Drain Cleaners
Bathroom Cleaners
Tile Cleaners
Disinfectants
Toilet Bowl Cleaners
Nail Polish Remover
Fluorescent Light Bulbs
Degreasers
Mercury Thermostats
Cooking Oil

Garage/Workshop

Waste Oil
Antifreeze
Gasoline
Brake Fluid
Roofing Tar
Auto Body Repair Pro.
Automatic Trans. Fluid
Other Oils/Cleaners
Paint (Latex, Lead & Oil Based)
Paint Thinner
Paint Stripper
Varnish & Stains
Driveway Sealer
Glues/Adhesives
Grout
Caulk Tubes

Garden/Miscellaneous

Chemical Fertilizer
Fungicides
Herbicides
Rat Poison
Insecticides/Pesticides
Artists' Paints, Mediums
Dry Cleaning Solvents
Fiberglass Epoxy
Gun Cleaning Solvents
Moth Balls
Household Batteries
Photographic Chemicals
Pool Chemicals
Rock Salt
Muriatic Acids
Propane Tanks (less than 20 lbs.)

and directly addressing criteria of Act 250 and Section 248. b. Reviewed “Arrowwood Report” as a resource for improving/amending inventories, assessments, and policy recommendations in the Town Plan. c. Process for moving forward was discussed i. Review information from State Archaeologist ii. Review information from State Geologist iii. Seek collaboration with Conservation Commission to supplement inventories iv. Compare and contrast old Mount Holly Town Plans that are now digitized 4. **Public Comments:** none 5. **Upcoming meetings a. Regular meeting** – February 17th, 7:00 pm (3rd Wednesday) **b. Working meeting** - March 3rd, 7:00 pm (1st Wednesday) 6. **Meeting adjourned** at 8:25 pm For the Commission, Lisa Terreri, Secretary

Due to the COVID-19 environment, certain changes in previous years' processes have been made to align with VBOH/CDC guidance.

In order to use this program, **residents must adhere to the following requirements:**

- All participants must remain in vehicle with a mask on until notified.
- All materials to dispose of must be organized such that it can be placed upon a table in little time. Do not use garbage bags.
- A staff member will process paperwork to include contact information. Before arriving to drop off, participants must have a completed, materials drop-off list. This materials list should be legible with each material and volume on it.
- When this is completed, participants will be asked to exit the vehicle and place materials on table, and maintain social distancing.
- Excessive materials will not be accepted and will be referred to the Gleason Road facility.
- Nothing will be returned (gas cans etc.).
- Please leave your pets at home.

RCSWD staff reserve the right to refuse service to anyone that does not follow these requirements.



WESTON PLAYHOUSE THEATRE COMPANY ANNOUNCES 85th SEASON

Susanna Gellert, Executive Artistic Director of Weston Playhouse Theatre Company, announces the 85th anniversary season of Vermont's oldest award-winning professional theatre.

Says Gellert, "Over the past many months, we've been hard at work, preparing with attention and care for the day when we can welcome you back. We have planned a season full of warmth that reminds us of the joy and inspiration of performance. The stories we'll share center on all that we have in common and on the way that theatre brings us together, helping us to overcome our differences. Ever present is love, hope, and the healing power of art."

Kicking off the season the weekend of **June 26** and recurring throughout the summer, Weston presents the **Celebration Series**: a festival that captures Weston's history and future in a series featuring Walker Farm Music concerts, performances, and other outdoor events under the tent on the grounds at Walker Farm.

Next is Lisa Peterson and Denis O'Hare's **AN ILIAD**, a gripping adaptation of Homer's classic. The eternal, enchanting power of storytelling comes to life through a solitary bard on a bare stage who throws us right into the midst of conflict where heroes and countries clash in a quest for power and glory. The Trojan War and the present day are set side by side as the excitement of an ancient tale is catapulted into an intimate, urgent, and spellbinding story for today. **Performances run July 14 – August 7.**

Weston Playhouse Theatre's Young Company is bringing a production of Stephen Flaherty and Lynn Ahrens's **SEUSSICAL™** to outdoor venues across the state of Vermont. Follow Horton the Elephant, the Cat in the Hat, and more of your favorite characters into the colorful, zany world of Dr. Seuss! An afternoon of storybook fun and "all the things you can think" for the whole family, presented by an all-star group of actor/singer/dancers from undergraduate training programs across the country. **Performances run July 22 – August 7.**

Next is **RING OF FIRE**, created by Richard Maltby, Jr., conceived by William Meade, and featuring the music of **Johnny Cash**. RING OF FIRE brings the music of Johnny Cash to life with an exhilarating story of struggle and success, recklessness and redemption, love and family. With more than two dozen classic Cash hits, including "I Walk the Line," "A Boy Named Sue," and "A Thing Called Love," a multi-talented cast of actor-musicians creates a unique portrait about an American legend. **Performances run August 11 – September 5.**

Closing out the season is Katori Hall's **THE MOUNTAINTOP**, a gripping fantasy about America's shared history that imagines the final night in the life of civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on April 3, 1968. After delivering a powerful speech to the sanitation workers of Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. King retires to his room at the Lorraine Motel. As a storm grows outside, a mysterious hotel maid brings him a cup of coffee and a conversation that prompts him to confront his past, his legacy, and the plight and future of his people. **Performances run September 29 – October 24.**

Subscriptions go on sale starting in April and single ticket sales will be available online and by calling the Weston Box Office at 802-824-5288 beginning **June 1st**. Gift cards for the Weston 2021 season can be purchased online at westonplayhouse.org. Season subscriptions (2 and 3 shows) are available for \$106.00 - \$235.32 and offer incredible savings, exclusive benefits, and personalized customer service. Child and Student tickets are available for \$25 and a limited quantity of Vermonter tickets are available for \$25 with a Vermont ID.

Weston is committed to protecting the health and safety of patrons, volunteers, staff, and artists as much as possible and is continuing to closely monitor local, state, and federal guidance to inform and implement a plan to welcome the community back to the theatre safely this summer. Recommendations to protect against COVID-19 are modified frequently, so to ensure accuracy, details about these changes will be made available to patrons at the end of May and updated throughout the summer.

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 theatre-going 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 www.westonplayhouse.org



Hyjek Speaks to Ludlow Rotary; Miller Receives Club Award

Justin Hyjek, founding partner of the Homestyle Hotel and Main + Mountain Motel, spoke to the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) at its weekly meeting recently about his interest in seeing Ludlow grow. Hyjek, now serving his third term on the Ludlow Selectboard (SB), also discussed the “amazing learning experience” that his service on that local legislative body involved.

Hyjek, having grown up in Ludlow, said he was interested in helping the town and its people recover from the impact of the Covid pandemic. His service on the SB highlighted the need for the town and local citizens to work together to overcome the problems created by the virus and develop long-term growth plans.

He noted the desire to improve the local skateboard park to modernize it and make it safer, the planned development of hiking trails on West Hill along with its new dog park, and general goals of revitalizing the downtown area as some of the areas of concern.

During the meeting, the LRC also took the opportunity to present to Bob Miller, retiring publisher of the Vermont Journal, its Vocational Service Award for all that he has done for the community through the contributions and support his weekly newspaper made to help the town and its residents.

Pictured above is Justin Hyjek as he speaks to the Ludlow Rotary Club during its recent Zoom-based meeting. Ralph Pace



Cheerful News From VTel

During Covid-19 any good news is hopefully welcome, and so here are four items I hope you will consider cheerful:

PC Magazine’s February 9, 2021 article, *The Best Work-From-Home Cities for 2021* listed 60 winning communities, based on internet speeds and prices, friendliness, and real estate. America has 19,495 cities and towns. Pawlet, VT, won 3rd best in America. Springfield, VT, won 9th best in America. Mount Holly, VT, though mentioned, was considered too near the other two. VTel has proudly served all three Vermont communities for over a century.

We bought FCC licenses for radio wave frequencies called ‘BRS’ covering Vermont 15 years ago. These frequencies are at last becoming widely used, globally, for 4G/5G. In March, 2020, we installed our first BRS radios in Rutland to serve 125 struggling families without internet, with typical speeds of 50-250 Mbps. VTel Wireless recently turned up the same BRS technology in Bolton, Jay, Londonderry, Marlboro, St. Albans, Williamstown, and Whitingham. Many of you in these and neighboring towns are seeing much faster internet at no extra cost.

VTel Wireless in 2020 proudly began VoLTE voice and data roaming over much of rural Vermont for AT&T Wireless, T-Mobile and Sprint, and today we are registering 30 million or so wireless voice and data roaming contacts monthly. If you use services from any of these great companies, in many VTel Wireless areas, you are likely among these 30 million improved monthly connections, enjoying improved rural Vermont network excellence.

Covid-19 brought massive increases in incoming calls to VTel as customers transitioned to remote work and school, and it was a challenge to maintain our usual responsiveness to our customers. In reply, we have expanded capacity to ensure that most people who call us during the day are again able to get their calls answered on a first ring, and our technical support has now been extended to 24-hours-a-day.

This Covid-19 nightmare is hopefully, gradually, winding down. We want you to know we have been working hard, during this pandemic, to keep improving our wired and wireless services, to make your lives better and safer with broadband to every Vermont home and office. **Dr. Michel Guité**, President Vermont Telephone Co., Inc. / VTel Wireless, Inc., 354 River Street, Springfield, VT 05156 E-Mail: mguite@vermontel.com

VTANG Representative Addresses Ludlow Rotary Club

In a very detailed and interesting presentation, Chief Master Sergeant Jeffrey A. Stebbins of the Vermont Air National Guard (VTANG) discussed the role of that group with the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) during its weekly zoom-based meeting.

Stebbins emphasized that the role of the VTANG represented the epitome of “the importance of citizen soldiers” in supporting both the military and civilian role of the air national guard.

In describing the recent replacement of the aged F-16 jet fighters with the new F-35 planes, he noted that VTANG “is about one year out from being totally converted to F-35 planes”. Currently all 20 F-35 planes have arrived at the Burlington International Airport facility of VTANG, making it the first base in the country to receive its full complement of the state-of-the-art aircraft.

The total number of VTANG members is just under 1,000 personnel. The bulk of this staff covers the maintenance of both the planes, airport, and structure needs.


In addition to the military obligations of the command, VTANG members have played a vital role in Covid-19 relief and assistance.

Stebbins cited the following activities in which members of VTANG have provided assistance in the pandemic:

- VTANG has devoted over a 1,000 man-hours to building a removable hospital, erecting it, dismantling it, and, when a resurgence in Covid illness occurred, rebuilding it,
- Delivering over 3 million meals to VT residents
- Testing over 12,000 people for the virus, and
- Soon becoming involved in the actual handling of Covid-19 vaccinations Contact: ralphpace@gmail.com

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL-DISTRICT MEETING
MOUNT HOLLY, VERMONT
MARCH 2, 2021

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the **OVAL** to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: 
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the **OVAL**.

FOR TOWN MODERATOR VOTE for not more than ONE One Year Term ANDREW TANGER <u>238</u> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)	FOR LISTER VOTE for not more than ONE Three Year Term CAROL GARROW-WOOLLEY <u>237</u> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)	FOR FIRST CONSTABLE VOTE for not more than ONE One Year Term PAUL FAENZA <u>236</u> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)
FOR TOWN CLERK VOTE for not more than ONE One Year Term CAROL GARROW-WOOLLEY <u>236</u> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)	FOR AUDITOR VOTE for not more than ONE Three Year Term CHRISTINE M. PRATT <u>246</u> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)	FOR DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR VOTE for not more than ONE One Year Term PETER PERRINO <u>236</u> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)
FOR TOWN TREASURER VOTE for not more than ONE One Year Term DAVID H. JOHNSON <u>246</u> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)	FOR TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS VOTE for not more than ONE One Year Term DAVID H. JOHNSON <u>247</u> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)	FOR LMHUUSD SCHOOL BOARD VOTE for not more than TWO Three Year Term PAUL ORZECZOWSKI <u>171</u> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> KELLY TARBELL <u>244</u> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> LUDLOW
FOR SELECTMAN VOTE for not more than ONE Three Year Term MARK TURCO <u>243</u> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)	FOR CEMETERY COMMISSIONER VOTE for not more than ONE Three Year Term PAUL NEVIN <u>241</u> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)	FOR LMHUUSD SCHOOL BOARD VOTE for not more than ONE Three Year Term JUDITH PULLINEN <u>216</u> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> LUDLOW

ARTICLES

ARTICLE 3. (Town Warning) Does the Town vote the following budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 to be raised by tax?

A. General Fund	\$456,890	238	YES	NO
B. Highway Fund (net)	\$367,450	248	YES	NO

ARTICLE 4. (Town Warning) Does the Town vote \$65,000 for the Asset/Equipment fund for the fiscal year 2021-2022 to be raised by tax?

238 YES
32 NO

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 5. (Town Warning) 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?

247 YES
23 NO

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

A. General Budget Fund

\$15,000

251 YES
20 NO

B. Vehicle & Equipment Replacement Fund

\$15,000

235 YES
31 NO

ARTICLE 7. (Town Warning) Does the Town vote \$12,000 for the Mount Holly Town Library, to be raised by tax?

197 YES
74 NO

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

243 YES
29 NO

ARTICLE 9. (Town Warning) Does the Town vote \$9,235 for Community and Social Services, to be raised by tax?

195 YES
71 NO

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

179 YES
88 NO

ARTICLE 11. (Town Warning) Does the Town vote to fund the Afterschool Program at the Mount Holly School in the amount of \$6,500 in FY2022, to be raised by tax?

198 YES
72 NO

ARTICLE 12. (Town Warning) Does the Town Vote \$2,500 for the Mount Holly Community Historical Museum to be raised by tax?

260 YES
68 NO

ARTICLE 13. (Town Warning) Does the Town vote to exempt Colfax 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?

207 YES
58 NO

ARTICLE 1. (School Warning) Shall the voters of Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District, approve the School Board of Directors to expend \$7,235,089, for the ensuing fiscal year?

169 YES
100 NO

ARTICLE 1. (School Warning) Shall the voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District approve the sum of two million, eight hundred eighty-five thousand, five hundred thirty-five dollars (\$2,885,535) to defray current expenses for the ensuing fiscal year and to pay outstanding orders and obligations?

170 YES
94 NO

275 Voters

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

Mount Holly Biodiversity Project Welcomes Spring!

Since mid-January when the project began, Mount Holly residents and visitors have been sending in their observations to a project that aims to build an inventory of all living things in the town of Mount Holly. It's built on the free iNaturalist software so also helps you identify almost anything you see in nature! As of March 20, there have been 1,278 observations submitted and 587 species of plants, animals, and fungi identified by 97 observers! That's 28 *new* species added in March. Already 28 volunteers have joined the project and spring has just begun. The Project is Free, open to the public, and everyone is invited to check out our progress at <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/mount-holly-biodiversity>.

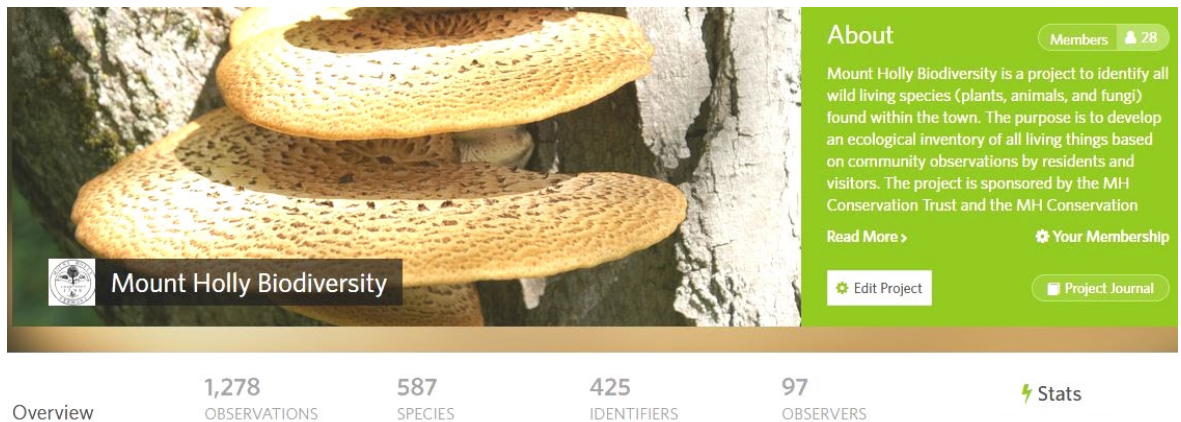
Your observations will help! Using iNaturalist on your smart phone or computer, every time you see a bird, a plant, or a wild animal in Mount Holly iNaturalist will help you identify it and then submit it to our community project. All you do is take a photo on your smart phone or digital camera, submit it to iNaturalist, and the program gives you the probable identification and gives you credit for the observation! Can you guess the most common species found in Mount Holly?

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 and to support our town project.

How can I join? Once you have the app on your smart phone you can join the **Mount Holly Biodiversity** project. When you open the app on your phone or 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 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 of Mount Holly showing where all the observations have been recorded!

This is "citizen science" at its best, we hope you will enjoy using iNaturalist to learn the names of the plants and animals you find and join us in learning more about the amazing natural biodiversity of Mount Holly. As mud season turns into spring there will be an explosion of wildflowers, birds, insects, amphibians and more for you to identify. 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.



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Thank you to the voters of Mount Holly for approving our request for funding. It is through your support that we can continue our efforts to provide drug and alcohol prevention programming to our youth, parents, and community. As a reminder Prescription Drug Take Back Day will be held on Saturday April 24th, 2021. Permanent Prescription Take Back boxes are located throughout the state of Vermont including Smiling Steve's Pharmacy in Ludlow, Ludlow Police Department, and the Rutland County Sheriff's Office. Visit <https://takebackday.dea.gov/> for additional information. If you would like more information on our coalition, please use the contact information above or visit our Facebook page [braccvt](https://www.facebook.com/braccvt).

ALL MUD MUST BE MOUNT HOLLY MUD*

**Any photo of mud submitted to the
Mount Holly Photo & Calendar
Competition must be of authentic
Mount Holly mud. Ludlow,
Wallingford and Shrewsbury mud
will not be acceptable. In fact all
Photo entries, with or
without mud, must be a
scene from Mount Holly.****



**For more information about the
Mount Holly Photo & Calendar Competition
write to: mthollyphotos@gmail.com or call
(802) 259-3947, (but not too early in the morning).**

*Disclaimer: THE MOUNT HOLLY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
takes no responsibility for any cameras splattered with mud while taking pictures for this competition.
**Ask your doctor if the Mount Holly Photo & Calendar Competition is right for you. Do
not use if allergic to taking photographs.

Senator Alison Clarkson's Legislative Update

Town Meeting week certainly was different this year. While I missed the in-person visits, delicious food and touring around Windsor District, our virtual Zoom Town Informational Meetings enabled me to stop in to ten gatherings. Without having to drive half an hour or 45 minutes between meetings, I was afforded the rare opportunity to sample more of our Windsor District municipal life. I really appreciated getting a flavor of the issues these towns are addressing and seeing municipal government successfully adapting to this form of civic engagement.

From Andover's discussion about allowing ATVs to use town roads to Reading's debate on moving from a three to a five person Selectboard, and from Woodstock's update on the renovation of the Town Hall to Hartford's illuminating candidates' forum – each town's meeting was educational and very interesting.

As a state senator, I represent about 55,000 people in 26 towns. With 977 square miles, Windsor County is physically the largest county in Vermont. The District also includes Mt Holly (Rutland Co.) and Londonderry (Windham Co.). It is often hard to get to know people and towns you don't live in and that are so far apart. So, a silver lining to this horrific Covid-19 pandemic year has been the ability to attend meetings I couldn't have otherwise, simply because of the constraints of schedules and travel time. Meetings on Zoom or other virtual platforms have meant that, in addition to town information sessions, legislators have been able to attend more chamber, supervisory unions, regional development, regional planning, selectboard, human service meetings and special forums than ever before.

And, of course, our Zoom world has also enabled more civic engagement at the state level as well. All of our Legislative Committee meetings are accessible on YouTube via a link on each Committee's webpage on our legislative website listed below. If you are interested in following a bill or an issue, explore which committee it is been assigned to and find out when it is being taken up by checking out the agendas posted for the week.

Upon returning from our Town Meeting break, the Legislature begins a fairly intense week or two of 'Cross Over'. To become law, bills need to be considered and passed by both the House and the Senate. Cross Over is that period in which all of the bills we hope to enact into law need to be voted out of our committees, and get passed by whichever body it originated in - the House or the Senate. Once passed by one body or the other, the bills 'cross over' to the other body for consideration. In a normal year, this is assumed to be roughly the half way point in the legislative session. However, with Congress poised to pass the next Covid Relief bill/American Rescue Plan, we may be in session a bit longer as we work to appropriate this vast amount of relief and economic stimulus for Vermont.

I appreciate hearing from you. I can be reached by email: aclarkson@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

2021 Frank Dressler Scholarships Open To Applicants

The Frank Dressler Scholarships are given in memory of Frank Dressler, Black River High School's "ultimate fan" for many years. In his retirement, Frank moved to Ludlow and began attending Black River's home games when he noticed the lights on at Dorsey Field. Frank was hooked on the Presidents. Soccer led to basketball, which led to baseball and softball. Home games led to away games, and to friendship and commitment. Frank loved the kids and the sports they played, and the athletes appreciated his ever present support, honoring him with signed team photos and an honorary BR #1 Fan jacket. If Frank wasn't in his seat at half field, it was for a very good reason, which he was sure to share, just so we knew. An ultimate fan and supporter, in winning seasons, as well as those that were not as successful. Rain or shine, Frank was there to support his team.

Applicants are asked to share their thoughts on what makes an "ultimate fan" and how they have been an "ultimate fan" during their high school career.

These scholarships will be awarded annually to up to two graduating high school seniors who have participated in at least two sports per year while in high school.

Applications and information for the Frank Dressler Scholarship is available by contacting: Lisa Schmidt at 228-7690 or via email at noah@tds.net or Sherri Geimer at 259-3800 or sgeimer@gmail.com.

Application deadline is May 1 and winner(s) will be announced in June.

Those wishing to make a contribution to the Frank Dressler Scholarship Fund are encouraged. Donations made out to "BRAM" may be sent to: Frank Dressler Scholarship Fund, c/o Black River Academy Museum, 14 High Street, Ludlow, VT 05149.



Shriner Hospital For Children

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



Don't Delay Your Cancer Screening *March is Colon Cancer Screening Month*

Prevention and primary care go hand in hand at Community Health and this month we are focused on one of the most common methods of prevention - screening - and particularly screening for colorectal cancer (CRC). "We want to look at the care of our patients in a proactive way instead of being reactive," said Community Health Director of Quality Tracy Upton, RN.

Many people with early-stage CRC have no symptoms, but their cancer is detected through screening and when caught in the early stages, CRC is more treatable in 90% of people. Colorectal cancer typically starts as a polyp or growth on the wall of the colon or rectum. Some of these polyps may develop into cancer. Those polyps can be treated or removed.

Regular screening can help find CRC in early stages. That's why it's important not to delay screening when your provider recommends it.

Take note of these colorectal cancer (CRC) facts:

- ❖ It's the most preventable yet least prevented form of cancer
- ❖ It's the third most common cancer among men and women
- ❖ At least 70% of people who develop CRC have no family history
- ❖ CRC on the rise in people 45-49 years old

The American Cancer Society recommends regular screening starting at age 45. But, even if you have been screened before, you'll need to be screened when your health care provider recommends.

When it comes to screening you have choices. The colonoscopy is a visual examination of the colon using a scope to look for and remove abnormal growths in the colon and rectum and is done every 10 years by a physician. Various types of stool samples are used to detect cancer in DNA and blood. These tests can be done at home, but need to be completed more frequently. Your primary care provider will recommend what type of test is best for you. All these methods are covered by most insurance.

Community Health has been recognized by the federal Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) for our how we have successfully communicated to patients that colorectal cancer screening is really effective and lifesaving. And the facts prove that taking the time to be screened can make the difference.

Talk to your primary care provider and ask about colorectal screening. "Don't put off your health care, and don't hesitate to call with a question," said Dr. Bradley Berryhill, Community Health Chief Medical Officer.

CONTACT: Jill Jesso-White jjwhite@chcr.org (802) 855-2097

Two lawn mowers for sale, a YT3000 Craftsman lawn tractor, and a Briggs & Stratton 3.5 push mower, \$500 and \$50 respectively, negotiable. Contact: connor@ohio.edu or 259-2773. Thank you.



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

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

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Spectrum Photography – John Miller 259-3060
Stone Creek Workshops Pottery www.stonecreekworkshops.com 259-2254

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Mojo Café – John & Jodi Seward mojocafevt@yahoo.com 228-6656

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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 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 228-3451
Belmont Village Baptist Church-Worship 9:30am, Coffee Hour 10:30
Pastor Glenn Davis 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 603-439-0803
Rutland Jewish Center office@rutlandjewishcenter.org
Rabbi Shemtov rabbishemtov@rutlandjewishcenter.org 773-3455
St. Patrick's, Wallingford, Mass Sun 9 am
Rev Msgr Bernard Bourgeois 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

Equipment For Hire & Snow Moving

Beardmore Excavating beardmoreexc@gmail.com 342-3507
Flander's Excavating & Firewood 259-2147
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*Care Taking 259-3167

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1966 Healdville Rd, Mt. Holly
Smith Maple Crest Farm, Grass-Fed Beef Cuts Fresh/Frozen 492-2151
www.Smithmaplecrestfarm.com

Sugar Hill Berry Farm www.sugarhillberryfarm.com 259-2155

Food Shelf

Black River Good Neighbor Services – Krey Kellington 228-3663

Funeral Homes

Clifford Funeral Home 773-3010

Garden & Landscape, Lawn Mowing

Belmont Country Gardens Quality Custom Stonework & More 259-2364
Kevin Smith, Garden Service & Lawn Mowing 259-3964
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General Contractors

Wright Construction Company info@wrightconstruction.com 259-2094

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Interior Design

Rose of Sharon Designs – Sharon Napier Design Consultant 860-214-3911

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Green Mtn. Sugar House 228-7151
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Kevin Plew – mthollynewsflash@gmail.com 259-2250

Painters

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

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Therapeutic Riding

Rienbow Riding Center Home 259-2282 Barn 492-2226

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