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Mount Holly Chit Chat

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Mt. Holly Community Asso – Contact Linda Miller at 802-345-1740

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

Town Library: In-Person with Mask Sat 9-1 Mon 9-1 Tue 1-5 Wed 2-4, P.O. Box 93, Belmont, VT 05730 Call 259-3707

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

Town Treasurer's Office Hours: Mon 8:30 am -12:00 pm Wed 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm and by Appointment 802-259-2391

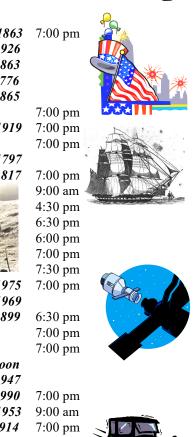
**Town Lister's Hours:** Tues 10:00 am – 2:00 pm or by appointment 802-259-2391

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Burn Permits: Call Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward 786-3408 or 259-2211

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

# lv Calendar:



	<u>July Calendar:</u>	
$1^{st}$	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Fire Station Battle of Gettysburg, PA Began 1863	7:00 pm
$2^{nd}$	US Civil Rights Act of 1964 ~ US Army Air Corps Est. 1926	-
$3^{\rm rd}$	Battle of Gettysburg, PA Ended 1863	(
$4^{th}$	Calvin Coolidge b. 1872 ~ US Independence Day 1776	
$5^{th}$	Salvation Army Founded in London 1865	
$6^{th}$	Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library	7:00 pm
	Mount Holly Conservation Commission 1st Airship Crossing The Atlantic 1919	7:00 pm
$8^{th}$	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	7:00 pm
$10^{\rm th}$	The US Frigate "United States" was Launched 1797	
$12^{th}$	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building Henry David Thoreau 1817	7:00 pm
$13^{th}$	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	9:00 am 🖣
	Mt. Holly PTSA Meeting, MH School	4:30 pm
	Select Board Meeting, Town Garage & Zoom	6:30 pm
$14^{\rm th}$	LMHUUS Meeting,	6:00 pm
	Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	7:00 pm
	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	7:30 pm
$15^{th}$	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations Apollo 18/Soyuz 19 US/USSR Linkup 1975	7:00 pm
$20^{th}$	1 <sup>st</sup> Manned Moon Landing Apollo 11, 1969	
$21^{st}$	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont <i>Ernest Hemingway 1899</i>	6:30 pm
	Mount Holly Planning Commission, Via Zoom	7:00 pm
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	7:00 pm
24 <sup>th</sup>	Full Buck Moon	
$25^{th}$	C.I.A. Created 1947	
$26^{th}$	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building American with Disabilities Act 1990	7:00 pm
$27^{th}$	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont Korean War Ends 1953	9:00 am
28 <sup>th</sup>	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont World War I Began 1914	7:00 pm
$29^{th}$	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations	7:00 pm
$30^{th}$	Henry Ford 1863	1

**Emergency Services** 

Mount Holly Fire Dept.	259-2700 or	911	Poison Control	(802) 658-3456
Mount Holly Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward	d 786-3408	259-2211	American Red Cross	802-773-9159
Mount Holly Rescue Squad	775-3133 or	911	Game Warden – Tim Carey	802-773-9101
Mount Holly Constable Paul Faenza		C 802-353-8347	Health Officer - Tim Bickford	779-6429
Animal Control For Mt. Holly C text	only 353-4492	Н 802-259-3976	Vermont State Police	773-9101

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

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July Birthdays: 1st-Jacilyn Turco 2nd-Diana Garrow \* Maurice Turco 3rd-Joshua Griffin 4th-Jane Harrington 6th-Morgan Collins \* Stella Beauchain \* Jackson David Mailhiot 7th-Hilary Perrino \* Debby Marro 8th-Mark Turco Jr \* Rhyan Devereux 9th -Tanya Norton Davis 10th-Joan Garrow \* Corbin Chadburn 11th-Josh Manuel 1997 12th Robert (Bob) Cram \* Megan O'Toole 14th-Renee Audy Hesse \* Vincent Guerrera 15th- Hailey Gates 16th -Kyle Alberty 17th-Brandon Birdsall \* Parker Turco 20th -Christopher Brown \* David Guerrera 21st-Sean Covalla \* Larry Manuel 1970 22nd -David Crystal 23rd-Ethan Devereux 24th-Charles Stanley \* Angelo Centini \* Mike Pearson 27th-Ginger Palmer \* Andrew Zlotnick 28th -Caleb Palmer 29th -Jamie Turco Fitzgerald \* Cathy Chadburn 31st - Lance Bussino (1990)

July Anniversaries: 2<sup>nd</sup>-Howard & Karen Hill 3<sup>rd</sup>-Angelo & Bessie Centini 67<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup>-Vernon & Stella Beauchain \* Dennis & Sally Bussino 25<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup>-Bob & Cheryl Kapitan 6<sup>th</sup>- Ed & Sylvia Smith 58<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup>-Amanda & Sebastian Frank 14<sup>th</sup>-Wayne & Lizzie Emmons 59<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup>-Joseph & Betsy Keimig 19<sup>th</sup>-John & Theresa Cole 21<sup>st</sup>-Gary & Carol Pike 22<sup>nd</sup>-Mark & Amy Turco 24<sup>th</sup>-Beth & Kenny Hart 28<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> – Al & Shannon Labozzo 30<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup>- Maurice & Lori Turco

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 <a href="mailto:chitchat@vermontel.net">chitchat@vermontel.net</a> or call me at 802-259-2314.

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Mount Holly		802-259-2796	
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•	Sat	7:30 am – 10:30 am	
Belmont		802-259-2790	
Window	Mon – Fri	7:30 am – 9:30 am	
	&	2:45 pm – 4:45 pm	
	Sat	7:30 am – 10:30 am 🞽	
Lobby Hours	Mon – Fri	7:30 am – 4:45 pm	
East Wallingfor	·d	802-259-2829	
Window	Mon – Fri	$7:00 \text{ am} - 11:00 \text{ am}^*$	
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Lobby Hours	Mon – Fri	7:00 am – 4:45 pm	
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Window Hours	Mon – Fri	7:30 am – 10:30 am	
	&	11:30 am –2:30 pm	
	Sat	8:00  am - 11:00  am	
Lobby Hours	Mon – Fri	7:30  am - 5:00  pm	
	Sat	7:30 am – 11:00 am	
Ludlow		802-228-7436	
Post Master: Da	wn Howlett		
Lobby Hours:	Mon – Fri	6:30 am – 5:30 pm	
	Sat	6:30 am – 11:00 am	
Window Hours:	Mon – Fri	8:30 am – 5:00 pm	

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**MEMBERSHIP IN CORPORATION:** Open to all who live, work, or own property in Mount Holly and who make an annual donation of any amount.

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# Marjorie C. Harlow

Marjorie C. Harlow of Ludlow, recently of Mount Holly, died peacefully April 30, 2020, at Rutland Regional Medical Center, surrounded by her loving family. A cemetery committal service was held on Saturday, June 12, 2021, at 1 p.m. in Pleasant View Cemetery located at 37 North Depot St., Ludlow, Vermont.

# Lawrence A. Plumb

Lawrence Albert Plumb, 73, of Mount Holly passed away May 14, 2021, at his home. He was born in Springfield, Vermont, Oct. 19, 1947, the son of William and Barbara (Giddings) Plumb. He was a

graduate of Black River High School class of 1965 and a graduate of X-ray technical school in Connecticut. Lawrence was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War. On Aug. 4, 1973, he was married to Pamela (Woodell) Plumb.

Mr. Plumb was employed with General Electric Co. for many years, retiring in 2011. He is survived by his wife, Pamela Plumb of Mount Holly; a daughter, Kyla O'Brien of Upper Black Eddy, Pennsylvania; a grandson, Colin O'Brien; a granddaughter by love, Zoey Burke; and two nephews, Craig Plumb and wife Angela and their children, Alana and Spencer, and William Plumb and wife Tawnya and their children, Eli and Parker. He was predeceased by a sister, Patricia Plumb. Graveside services with military honors will be held Saturday, June 12, 2021, at 1 p.m. in Proctorsville Cemetery in Proctorsville. Arrangements are under the direction of Clifford Funeral Home. Contributions may be made to Norris Cotton Cancer Center at Dartmouth Medical Center.



### James P. Woods

James Paul Woods, 67, died Wednesday, May 19, 2021, in Danby while fishing. He was born on July 25, 1953, in Rutland, the son of Lester F. and Vera (Robbins) Woods. He was raised in Mount Holly and a graduate of Black River High School class of 1971.

He enlisted into the U.S. Marine Corps in 1977, serving until his honorable discharge in 1981. Mr. Woods was employed at several area businesses, including Speedi Lube, and for over 10 years at Formula Ford as an auto detailer. He

was a member of the West Rutland American Legion and ATV Club. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and mowing his lawn.

Survivors include two sons, Eric and Derek; longtime companion, Joy; several siblings; a granddaughter; nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to West Rutland American Legion, 871 Pleasant St., West Rutland, VT 05777.



Jimmy Chamberlin.

# Margaret M. Woolley December 07, 1938 - June 03, 2021

Margaret Mae Woolley, aka Peggy and Nana, 82 of Woodstock VT passed away, June 3, 2021 at Genesis Nursing Care Facility in Lebanon, NH with her family by her side.

She was born to the late Evelyn & Ed Chamberlain in December, 1938. She married the late John Everett Woolley, Jr. in May, 1956 where they lived together in Woodstock, VT for approximately 50 years. Peggy is survived by her 3 children, Rosemarie Atwood (Harry) of Bradford, VT, Vanessa Ramsden (Robert) of Hyde Park, VT and her son

Clinton Woolley (Carol) of Mount Holly, VT. Peggy had twelve (12) grandchildren; Dale Woolley, Francis Baptiste, Larry Edward, John Edward, Willie Baptiste, Timothy Garrow, Weston Atwood, Alan Anocibar, Carrie Ann Francis, James Anocibar, Hayley Atwood and Charles J. Woolley, respective spouses and twelve

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(12) great grandchildren. Her siblings, Betty & Bill Baron, Jessie Smith, Kathy McGrail, Duane & Fran Chamberlain and Martha & David Rogers. Margaret was predeceased by her loving husband John E. Woolley, Jr. of almost 51 years in 2007. Two children Anita & John Woolley, her parents and siblings, George Lambert, Rachel Lewis, Evelyn Stanley, Bill Chamberlain and Paul Chamberlain and

What do you say about an excellent mother who not only cared for her family but multitudes of children for many local families, all of whom referred to Peggy as Nana or Mom. Peggy loved knitting prayer shawls, scarfs and hats for the local warming tree, adult coloring, and baking. There was never a child who didn't reap the rewards of mom's homemade fudge for the holidays or a cookie jar filled with cookies. Most of all Peggy enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

# \*\*\* Hall Rental in Belmont \*\*\*

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

# **Bone Builders**

Monday & Thursday
9:00 am
Odd Fellows Hall
For Weights and more information
Call Judy Nevin 259-2443

# Rutland Jewish Center Service Notices

# office@rutlandjewishcenter.org

July 2 -- Friday night 7:30 pm

July 10-- Saturday morning 9:30 am

July 16-- Friday night 7:30 pm

July 23 – Friday night (at Lake Bomoseen) 5:00 pm

July 31 – Saturday morning 9:30 am

Aug. 6 -- Friday night 7:30 pm

Aug. 14 -- Saturday morning 9:30 am

Aug. 20 -- Friday night 7:30 pm

Aug. 28 -- Saturday morning 9:30 am

Notice: All Invited
Mechanicsville Cemetery
Monthly Volunteer Clean Up Schedule

1st Tuesday of each month 2021

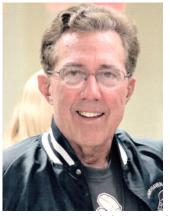
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# Kent G. Smith

Kent Gilbert Smith, 80, of Rutland, a lawyer, cheesemaker and coach, died on Monday, June 7, 2021, at Our House in Rutland, from Alzheimer's disease and associated issues. The second of three children, Mr. Smith was born on March 5, 1941, in New York City, to Randolph Belmont Smith and Grace (Gilbert) Smith. He attended The Little Red School House and Elisabeth Irwin High School in Greenwich Village, where his father served as director from 1943 to 1968, and from which he graduated in 1959.

Mr. Smith had a close lifetime association with LREI, serving on the school's board of trustees from 1969 to 2020. The descendant of generations of Vermonters, including one of the first families to settle in Mount Holly in 1792, he spent his childhood summers in Belmont with immediate and extended family.

Mr. Smith attended Haverford College, where he lettered in basketball and baseball and was captain of the baseball team, graduating with a B.A. in political science in 1963. During his time at Haverford, he proposed and worked to establish a system, still in existence, by which students could self-schedule their final exams underthe college's honor code.

He attended New York University School of Law, graduating with an LL.B. degree in 1966. In the ensuing years, Mr. Smith worked as a lawyer in New York for the Reader's Digest Association, the New York City Parks Department, and Time Inc. After leaving Time in the early-1980s, he became increasingly involved in the operations of the Crowley Cheese Factory, in Healdville, Vermont, which his parents had purchased in 1967, and over which he took full responsibility following the death of his father in 1987.

In his retirement in the 2000s, he moved to Rutland, where he coached cross-country and track for several area schools, including Rutland High School, Rutland Town School and Fair Haven Union High School. A lifelong athlete, Mr. Smith was an avid runner who completed over 30 marathons, including multiple New York City and Boston marathons, as well as many others, including one above the Arctic Circle, as well as the 192-mile Hood to Coast relay race in Oregon. He also competed as a tennis player throughout his adulthood, playing well into the last decade of his life.

Mr. Smith was married to Paula L. Pace from 1965 to 1982. He is survived by his son, Justin P. Smith of Bronxville, New York; his daughter, Ashley W. Smith of Silver Spring, Maryland; his brother, Peter B. Smith of Belmont, Vermont, and his sister, Lucinda S. Hughey-Wiley of Brooklyn, New York; as well as by Justin's wife, Lisa L. Guillory, their sons, Ashton and Caspar Smith; Ashley's partner, Danielle Desfosses, and Ashley's sons, Hanno and Emmetten Levine. A memorial service will be planned for later this summer in Belmont.

July 6, 1777 ~ During The Revolutionary War the British Captured Ft. Ticonderoga.

July 8, 1776 ~ Colonel Joh Nixon gave the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia, PA.

July 9, 1776 ~ The Declaration of Independence was read aloud to General George Washington's troops in New York

July 12, 100 B.C. ~ Roman Emperor Julius Caesar born.

July 14, 1881 ~ William H. Bonney "Billy The Kid" shot by Sheriff Pat Garrett.

July 15, 1881 ~ William H. Bonney "Billy The Kid" died age 21.

# **Suppers For Mount Holly Organizations**



Settings Start 5:00 pm At



The Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont All You Can Eat - Served Home Style Adults \$12 - Children 11 and Under \$6

July 4<sup>th</sup> Odd Fellows - Chicken BBQ 12:30 pm Town Parade also that day Step off at 12:00 pm

July 24<sup>th</sup> Mt. Moriah Masons - Baked Ham

Aug 14<sup>th</sup> Colfax Lodge - Roast Pork

Sept 4<sup>th</sup> Historical Museum - Baked Ham Sept 18<sup>th</sup> MHV Rescue Squad - Roast Ham

Oct 9th MHCA - Roast Beef

Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> Gill Home, IOOF – Baked Ham

Take Outs Available With All Dinners More Info Call 802-259-2460





If possible, please scan photos and email to <u>pfaenza47@yahoo.com</u>. If you cannot scan them, please contact Paul Faenza at 259-4100 to make other arrangements. Thank you for your assistance.

July 15, 1606 ~ Rembrandt Van Rijn born.

July 22, 1893 ~ Katharine Bates wrote America The Beautiful.

July 27, 1940 ~ Bugs Bunny Cartoon Debut.

# We Need your Help

This year will mark the 76th Anniversary of the Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department. We are in the process of putting together a collection of photographs and articles about the Fire Department. We are especially in need of photographs from



1946 -1996. We are looking for photos of members, fire equipment, fire scenes, social events, parades, etc.

# Flanders Excavating & Firewood

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# Mount Holly's Independence Day Parade And Chicken Barbeque

Mt. Holly's Independence Day Parade on Sunday July 4<sup>th</sup>, in Belmont with parade line up at the corner of Dodge Road and Healdville Road starting at 11:30 am for parade participants and parade step off at 12:00 pm. Join us at the Parade Viewing Stand and at 12:00 pm for the Chicken Barbeque with all the fixings eat in or takeout. This event is sponsored by Colfax Lodge. Come and join us for good food and entertainment.

# **Got Bees?**

Warmer spring weather can cause honeybee colonies to form swarms and go looking for a new home. If you see a mass of honeybees hanging in the open from a tree or bush, your house, or any place else this may be a swarm. They are



not aggressive and should not be disturbed or harmed. Call me as soon as you see them and I will come by to collect them from your property, no charge. Call Jim at 802 259-2311, Fenn Farmstead & Gardens.



# **Bone Builders**

Here is a picture that I took after a Bone Builders workout at the Odd Fellows Hall in Belmont. In order to participate one must have had both covid shots and when they come in the door everyone's temperature is checked. Workouts are at 9:00 on Mondays and Thursdays. By Joe Hammond

# **Car Seat Safety Station:**

Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad is now equipped to perform car seat checks to provide education



# Mechanicsville Cemetery Maple Hill Road, Belmont VT



Mechanicsville Cemetery Assoc. P.O. Box 25 Belmont, VT 05730

# Notice; All Invited Mechanicsville Cemetery Volunteer Clean Up Schedule;

1st Tuesday of each month 2021 July 6, 6 pm Aug 3, 8 am Sept 7, 6 pm Oct 4, 8 am





not only of Vermont Laws, but also the *good, better, and best* procedures for car seats. We have the resources from the Department of Health in Vermont and a certified technician for car seat installation. Our plan is to have a drive thru car seat check the weekend of August 14 and 15, 2021 between the hours of 10am to 2pm, at the Mt. Holly Rescue Squad building. This is an informational session for parents and caregivers who travel with children between the ages of 0 to 13 years old.

# Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department Update

Our Annual Meeting was held in May this year, and the department recognized several members. Jim Heald and Gerald Wright were made Lifetime Members, and Jim also received his 15-year pin. Other service awards were given to Dan Cavoto & Steve Howlett for 20 years, Paul Faenza & Keith Hawkins for 15 years, Brian Buffum and Cash Woods for 10 years, Mark Turco for 5 years. Brian Buffum was re-elected Chief.



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The community is reminded to ensure that driveways are clear of all brush and low-lying branches that might impede our trucks from accessing your property. Now is a good time to have your chimneys cleaned and inspected. Please call the Fire Warden Jim Seward for all outdoor burns.

The department is always looking for new volunteers. We meet every Thursday at 7pm, and our next monthly business meeting will be held on Thursday July 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, Belmont Station.

We are celebrating our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in October, and are still seeking any photographs of fire personnel, apparatus, or fire scenes from the years 1946 to 1996. Please send any photos or materials to: <a href="mailto:mhvfd1946@gmail.com">mhvfd1946@gmail.com</a> Pictured L-R Cash Woods, Jim Heald, Brian Buffum, Paul Faenza, Dan Cavoto

# Mount Saint Joseph Academy is pleased to announce the following Honors: Valedictorian

Rachel Erin Gregory is the class of 2021 Valedictorian.

Rachel is the daughter of Ingrid and Glenn Gregory of Rutland. She attended Christ the King School prior to her enrollment at MSJ.

While in attendance, Rachel maintained High Academic Honors throughout her career, and was actively involved in a variety of clubs and activities, including the Josephite Chapter of the National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society; she was elected student body Secretary in her senior year. In addition, Rachel earned Varsity letters and was a team Captain in Cheer and

Softball, and represented MSJ as an Academy Host/Student Ambassador.

Rachel will be attending Boston College in the fall pursuing a degree in Nursing.

## **Have You Heard The News!!!!**

Mount St. Joseph Academy is now a school choice option for students who reside in a "sending town" "Sending towns" are towns in the local area that do not have a high school associated with their town. They can provide funding to send their students to approved

independent schools such as MSJ.

More great news..... Mount St. Joseph Academy now offers Early College and Dual Enrollment options for students

If you would like to learn more about these exciting opportunities contact the school at 775-0151 or plan on joining us Wednesday, July 14th at 5:30 for Mount St Joseph Academy's "School Choice Information and Open House Night". Tours of the Academy and refreshments will be provided. Strength, Tradition, Opportunity. Mount St. Joseph Academy





# Mt. Moriah Lodge #96 Mason Trestleboard Next meeting Tuesday 7-20 8PM - Masons Fund raising dinner 7-24 5PM

Greetings Brothers,

Our fraternity has a new Grand Master, Brother James B. Stevens, who will preside over the fraternity for the next two years. Stanley "Buster" Seward has been installed as your District Deputy for the next two years as well. We look forward to having a good year working for and with you.

Our Most Worshipful Grand Master has given permission to resume meetings without masks.

The Mason's annual supper is slated for the 24th of July this year. We will be looking for a lot of pies.

When you receive your dues notice, please send your payment to Buster Seward, 4280 Sugar Hill Rd. East Wallingford, Vt. 05742. Fraternally, Earl Miller W.M. - Buster Seward Sec'y

# We All Bleed The Same

Are you left? Are you right? Pointing fingers; taking sides When are we going to realize? We all bleed the same We're more beautiful when we come together, We all bleed the same, So tell me why, tell me why we're divided?

Mandisa, a well-known, black gospel artist, often heard on the radio, grabbed



The Belmont Store

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All proceeds from calendar sales help support the many activities of the Mount Holly Community Association.



me again recently with her lyrics. (Check her on Youtube "Bleed The Same".) Why indeed? Pew research says that political polarization is more intense now than at any other point in modern history. No surprise, huh. But get this: they say nearly 80% of Americans now have "just a few" or no friends at all across the aisle. The animosity goes both ways. So, let me ask you; have you gotten rid of all your friends and relatives that hold different opinions from yours. I can hear you saying, "Well, yeah. I unfriend them!" Okay, but who said social media was the best way to inform your opinion by understanding people who hold an opposing view? Politics are really just a tiny part of who we are. And, we tend to view others as holding more extreme views than they really do. You don't need a survey to tell you that the nation's political divide is causing social splintering and is taking a toll on friendships. Even decades long friendships have been caving under the pressure that gives a whole new meaning to "social distancing."

Lincoln warned us that "a house divided against itself cannot stand." I

don't want to witness our nation's demise.

I just happen to believe that it's essential to have friends who are different from me. How can you think new things unless you are encountering differences of opinion? What do we do in these crazy times? Well, let me humbly suggest: keep talking, just maybe not about politics... more conversation is needed, if the nation is going to heal its blistering divide. How about we take it off social media? Talk in person. Text like, "Can we find a time to talk about this? I'm interested in hearing more." How about a little more listening to understand (not prepping for our retort), a little less trying to convince, and a lot more intellectual humility. It would do us all a world of good. Let's put up some posters: WANTED: civil discourse!

I've been praying lately for another leader like Martin Luther King Jr. who'd remind us that hateful rhetoric never, ever, ever changes a heart. Mandisa wrote her song in response to a week of shootings and she said, "We are never going to find healing for our land by yelling and screaming at one another. The only way that we can do that is by coming together, by realizing that we may look different on the outside, but we all bleed the same on the inside. Let's celebrate our differences, but let's realize that the one thing that unites us and brings us together is the blood of Jesus." Glenn Davis

March with the Loon Rangers in the Mount Holly July 4th Parade!



Any and all are invited to help us celebrate the loons of Lake Ninevah

> For more info email mauri.small@gmail.com

> > photo by Jerry Carney

# Fletcher Memorial Library Update:

This picture was taken June 18th. Hopefully when you receive your copy of the Chit Chat the Youth Library will be open to the public. The staff and dedicated craftsmen have worked very hard to brighten this area. Completed projects include new carpeting, the end book cases refurbished & painted with a splash of bright color then a bit of rearranging was completed. We are so excited to share the "new" look! The picture is only an early nsneak peak.



Staff is anxious to re-open and show off this lovely, historic library in its entirety. Main library rojects include spot paint restoration of walls and ceiling areas, electrical work on the stack lighting, the flat roof has a new covering, alarm system upgrades and soon all railings to be refurbished.

The Main library will open as soon as the correct carpet arrives

line, place holds or call us and will happily assist. Curbside service for the adult and youth library will continue after we open for as long as patrons find it useful. Staff is available

and is installed. My best guess is by mid-July. Until then, continue to search our catalog on-

Monday - Friday 10AM to 5PM to assit you.

It is with great appreciation to the teens at Mountain Side House that the youth collection of @ 3000 items were boxed and taken to the basement for storage. These great teens got them downstairs and brought them back up! I cannot speak highly enough of the fantastic partnership we are grateful to have with the house and Windsor County Youth Services.

A Win-Win for us all!

Our Sumer Reading Program has begun. Please call Sacha at 228-8921 for information – Join Passes are available for loan to many wonderful sites. Click "Pass" taba on our website for further information.

The library staff and trustees greatly appreciate our patrons and communities

support and cannot

welcome you back! Until then please check our web page for updates, downloads, research, passes available to loan and the Youth page for information. www.fmlnews.org 802-228-8921 Ralph Pace

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# **MOUNT HOLLY CALENDAR CONTEST ENTRY FORMS**

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**Town Offices** and Mount Holly Library. They are also available on line. Send requests to:

mhphotos@gmail.com



of the Green.

VT. In case of rain, concert will be held in

the Mount Holly Community Center. Our Thanks to the Village Baptist Church for use

# Mount Holly Community Association Membership Drive 2021 - 2022

Please join to support...Music on the Green-Mount Holly Day-Garden Tour-Cabaret-Photo Contest-Cider Days-Roast Beef Supper-Christmas in Mount Holly-New Year's Eve at Star Lake-Spring Mud Fling

And the maintenance of our historic Community Center Building Please join today!!

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

# **Mount Holly Community Association**

No one is looking forward to summer more than the residents of Mount Holly! With that in mind, please don't forget to reserve your Thursdays in July and August for the **Music on the Green Series** that will begin on July 1<sup>st</sup> and run through Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Performances will begin at 7:00 pm as always. A calendar with all of the performers for the season is included in a box announcement in this Chit Chat. We are all looking forward to some beautiful, balmy evenings with friends and neighbors. See you there!

Coming soon...don't miss the **Fourth of July Parade** to be held this year on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>! Be sure to look for the MHCA float coming into town at the Belmont crossroads at 12:00 noon. (N.B. This is

a later start than usual, as it is a Sunday morning and church services will be in progress earlier.) After the parade, the Odd Fellows will be hosting their annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July chicken barbecue at the Odd Fellows Hall on the lake, so your lunch is taken care of! Reserve the date and we'll see you in the Belmont crossroads on the 4<sup>th</sup>!

This year the 14<sup>th</sup> annual **Garden Tour** will be on Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am – 4:00 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to explore the varied high altitude gardens in our lovely town and pick up some gardening tips along the way. There are eight mountain gardens for meandering and soaking in the sights, sounds, and smells brought to you by our local gardeners, who have been digging and weeding since the last frost. Admission is \$15 for adults (children 12 and under are free) and tickets can be purchased at the Library & Community Center building in the Belmont crossroads. A few of the gardens welcome picnickers, so be sure to pick up a "Garden Tour Lunch" at the Belmont General Store, also in the Belmont crossroads.

We'll be celebrating **Mount Holly Day** at Star Lake this year on Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, from noon to 3:00 pm. This was one event that was sorely missed last year during the pandemic, as it is the one day each year that is solely devoted to celebrating our wonderful community. As always, a barbecue picnic will be provided by the MHCA, fabulous sides and salads provided by all of you (!), a plethora of old fashioned children's games, as well as swimming in the lake. Be sure to reserve that Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup> from noon to 3:00 pm and join in with your friends and neighbors for a celebration of our great town!

**Membership brochures** for the 2021 – 2022 year have been mailed and may already be in your hands. Please remember that the major source of revenue for the Mount Holly Community Association is membership! Without it we would not be able to provide you with all of the outstanding events we sponsor each year, nor would we be able to maintain the lovely historic building at the crossroads in Belmont that is our Library & Community Center. Please help us maintain our strong membership numbers by returning your membership form as soon as you receive it...thanks so much!

Summer Calendar and Annual Calendar of Events: The calendar of summer events will again be included with the membership brochures as it was last year, so *be sure to save it when you receive it!* Also included is the calendar of events that are sponsored by the MHCA for the *entire* year. Both of these calendars will also appear on the MHCA website (<a href="https://www.mhcavt.org">https://www.mhcavt.org</a>) and hard copies will be left in the General Store, the post offices, and the library. Thanks for looking out for them in the membership brochure!

In advance: please join us for the MHCA Annual Meeting, which will be on Tuesday evening, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Refreshments will be available at 6:30 pm followed by a brief meeting at 7:00 pm. Election of new Board members will take place at this meeting. Please join

us on August 3rd to socialize with friends and celebrate the many contributions of the MHCA to our community! (N.B. our monthly meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:00 pm. We will be live and in person in the library beginning with the July meeting...yay!)

**New Board Member**: currently the MHCA Board of Directors is seeking to fill 2 vacancies which will come up on the Board in August at the Annual Meeting. Anyone who has an interest in making a significant contribution to our wonderful community, as well as having a great time doing it, please send an email to <a href="mailto:mhcavt@gmail.com">mhcavt@gmail.com</a>.

**Reminder:** the **deadline for vendor applications** for Cider Days is August 31, 2021. Applications are available on line by contacting Lisa Kelley at <a href="mailto:mhcavt@gmail.com">mhcavt@gmail.com</a>. Please get your applications to Lisa ASAP, as the event fills quickly.

14<sup>th</sup> Annual Mount Holly Garden Tour
We've been as busy as bees!
Come tour the high altitude gardens
Of real people with dirt under their nails
Saturday, July 17th
9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Tickets\* sold at the
Library & Community Center Building
Belmont Crossroads
Mount Holly

\*Adults \$12/Kids 12 & under are free!



### Talk about Star Lake

I would like to learn more about Mount Holly residents' views and hopes regarding Star Lake. This small lake has been photographed and enjoyed by generations of local people and visitors.

Following the Fourth of July parade, I will station myself, together with a sign saying "Talk about Star Lake" near the beach area on the lake shore. I hope many of you will stop by to chat and to express interest in the future of this community feature. Ideas concerning weed abatement and water quality will be most welcome. If you wish, please contact me by phone. Phil Leonard, (802) 259-2694



Ryan McGregor works on his balance while riding his horse, Chip

# Back in the Saddle Again

After a year off, Reinbow Riding Center's spring season took off like a rocket! We've had a very busy spring season. In May we began with organizing and getting our new location at Stone Wall Farm in Belmont up and running and before we knew it four area schools—Rutland City, Mt. Holly, Shrewsbury Mt. School and Ludlow--were knocking on the barn door with multiple school groups just itching to get in the saddle. Since May 17<sup>th</sup> we've given 79 lessons, and continue to work on our riding trails, pasture fencing and landscaping (planting day lilies). With summer in full swing, we still have several school groups continuing through the end of June, as well as a number of other riders starting the summer session. It seems like everyone is making up for lost time after last year.

We'd like to thank the Rotary Club of Rutland and the Rutland South Rotary Club for their assistance with trail clearing, day lily planting, and pasture fencing on June 19<sup>th</sup>. And thank you to everyone who donated and dropped off those day lily plants. We still have a lot of side hill to plant so anyone with lilies to spare, we'd be happy to take them off your hands. Just give us a call or drop them by Stone Wall Farm. You can leave them on the hillside beneath the riding ring where we are planting them.

For more information visit our website: reinbowridingcenter.org, and follow us on Facebook, Twitter

@ReinbowRiding and Instagram @reinbow\_riding\_center. Contact us at: <a href="mailto:programs@reinbowridingcenter.org">programs@reinbowridingcenter.org</a> or call 802-236-2483.

# **Companion Planting & Succession Plans**

Garden planting and transplanting is now in full swing and everything we want to grow can be planted out from now on. It's even not too late for planting of favorites like tomato & pepper plants, squashes, potatoes, onion sets, or greens. But one question remains, which plants make good garden companions and which do not? Plants affect their neighbors and the soil so we should try to place compatible or non-competitive plants near each other when possible. A similar principle applies when deciding which plant follows recently removed ones (that's called plant succession). We don't want to re-plant the same plant or one that needs the same soil nutrients in the same place over and over; that would risk depleting the soil and depriving the subsequent plants of nutrients that it needs to be healthy. Also, our second topic is succession planting - a great way to get more out of limited garden space and have your garden favorites available all summer and into the fall.

Bush beans planted every 2 weeks provide a good extension of harvests too. Too much zucchini is a common problem, but if you plant one hill now and another in early July that will spread the harvest out so it can be enjoyed over time. The same works for herbs such as dill and cilantro that tend to mature early before we can use them in pickles and salsas. There's some very good information and specific planting recommendation online here.

My final suggestion is to grow a fall crop of broccoli and cauliflower because the cooler weather produces vigorous tender plants. Since most garden centers don't appreciate this secret, you probably will have to start your own seedlings. I've found that July 1 is the date to plant those seeds to be ready for transplanting in early August.

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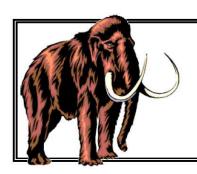
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# MOUNT HOLLY COMMUNITY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Summer 2021

Our mission is to enlighten our community with an understanding of our past to promote an objective vision of the future.

Home of the Vermont State Terrestrial Fossil

# Visit the Museum This Summer

The Museum will open starting July 3<sup>rd</sup> and every weekend from 2-4 pm throughout July and August. Special hours, 11am to 2pm, on July 4<sup>th</sup> due to parade at Noon. Come view the mammoth tusk and other exhibits of historical interest in both the Perkins House and the Blacksmith Shop which are located in the Village of Belmont.

# Mount Holly Mammoth Update

While the land and swampy areas were being prepared for the railroad in the summer of 1848, the crew discovered fossilized bones of a Woolly Mammoth.

Some of the fossilized bones were housed at various places such as Dartmouth College (rib donated), the Perkins Museum of Geology at the University of Vermont, and the museum of comparative Zoology at Harvard University. At the Mount Holly Historical Museum, you can see one of the original tusks and casts of a molar, a rib, and several foot bones.

Last year, Radiocarbon dating research performed by Dr Nathaniel Kitchel and Dr Jeremy DeSilva from Dartmouth College, on one of the ribs provided amazing and historical results proving that the age of the Mount Holly mammoth was actually 11,000 +/- years ago which are among the youngest dated Mammoths from New England. This timeline potentially overlaps the timeline of the first humans after the ice age and questions the possibility of human association with the mammoth.

Lithic tools and debitage left by Paleoindians were discovered at the Jackson Gore site, in Ludlow, which were indicative that there was a route used by the Paleoindians during the Pleistocene era. This is a few miles from the Mammoth site in Mount Holly.

This past winter, some of the board of directors from the Mount Holly museum joined Drs Nathaniel Kitchel and Jesse Casana from Dartmouth to observe a GPR (Ground penetrating radar) survey in the area where the Mount Holly mammoth was discovered. The goal is to find more of the buried mammoth or evidence left by Paleoindians which could provide more information about the ecological environment in which the mammoth lived as well as evidence of human activity in the area and possibly human coexistence or involvement in the death of the mammoth. We look forward to finding out the GPR survey results at the Annual Meeting on August 3rd.

# **Mark Your Calendars**

Visit Our Facebook page and website: <a href="https://www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org">www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org</a> for details!

# **Annual Membership Meeting and Potluck Dinner**

Mammoth Update Presentation by Dr. Nathaniel Kitchel

The Annual Membership Meeting and Potluck Dinner will be Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. at The Odd Fellows Hall starting at 6 pm with the Potluck Dinner followed by a brief Membership Meeting. At 7 pm the public is invited to hear Dr Nathaniel Kitchel's Presentation about the Mount Holly Mammoth. He will give us an update on his research about the Mount Holly mammoth. For those who are not familiar with the existence of the mammoths in Mount Holly, come listen and learn how these mammoths came to be here 12,000 to 13,000 years ago when the ice sheet was melting. While the land was being cleared for the railroad in the summer of 1848, the crew discovered fossilized bones of a Woolly Mammoth which later was named the Vermont State Terrestrial Fossil.

# **BAKED HAM DINNER**

Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup>
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# Mount Holly Biodiversity Project Updates

More species found: As of mid-June the Biodiversity Project volunteers have made 1,978 total observations in town, 444 new ones since May! There are now 120 volunteer observers, including 40 project members who have identified 735 species (103 new species since May!) in Mount Holly. That breaks down into the following:

361 plants (54 new ones since May – 66 non-native/introduced species) 171 insects (30 new species since May – 9 non-native/introduced species)

78 birds (4 new species since May) 65 fungi (11 new species since May)

17 mammals

16 arachnids (spiders, etc.)

8 amphibians

5 reptiles

It's important to note that observers have identified at least 54 species of nonnative plants and 30 species of introduced insects. Many non-native species are common including most agricultural and garden plants but a few are an important ecological and economic threats to our forests and agriculture. Harmful invasives displace or threaten native plants (ash, beech & maple trees) and provide little benefit (food, cover, etc.) to native wildlife. As we see in Star Lake, invasive aquatic plants and algae can devastate the ecosystem of wetlands and lakes. Additionally we've seen the spread of poisonous plants including Poison Parsnip and Giant Hogweed (easily confused with the native Cow Parsnip). We need to continue to identify and monitor harmful invasives so effective controls can be applied in their management. If we know where they are we can take effective

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measures to protect our native ecosystems. The other side of invasive species are the threatened species, some of which are threatened by those same non-native species just mentioned. Project participants have now identified 20 (2 more than in May) threatened species in town. These are mostly birds and plants that need extra protection to prevent their continued decline and loss.

More Volunteer Observers needed. We hope you will consider joining in this exciting and important effort. If you enjoy nature outdoors you can join the Biodiversity Project and become a Community Scientist! You don't have to be a scientist to be a Community Scientist! If you live in or visit Mount Holly then you can help us learn about the natural biodiversity in our town. As a volunteer, your observations submitted online will make a real contribution and it's a great way to learn the names of the plants and animals that you

Your observations will help! Using iNaturalist on your smart phone or computer, every time you see a bird, a plant, a mushroom or any wild species in Mount Holly iNaturalist will help you identify it and then submit your observations to our community project. All you do is take a photo (or record a bird song) on your smart phone or digital camera, submit it to iNaturalist, and the program gives you the probable identification and credit for the observation! You can even identify birds by their songs using the BirdNET app (available in the Play Store or Apple App Store) on your smartphone!

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How can I join? Once you have the app on your smart phone or computer 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. If you have questions or need some assistance call Jim at 802-259-2311.

# 2021 SHREWSBURY MEETINGHOUSE PUBLIC EVENTS MAY - OCT.

Fri. June 25	5 pm	RICK REDINGTON & THE LUV concert	Rain Date: Sun. 6/27
Sat. July 10	5 pm	ELECTROSTATIC CATS concert	Rain Date: Sun. 7/11
Sat. July 24	5 pm	ESSENTIAL JAZZ concert	Rain Date: Sun. 7/25
Sun. August 8	5 pm	CARLOS OCASIO & CHUMP CHANGE concert	Rain Date: TBA
Sat. August 14	TBA	SHREWSBURY LIBRARY'S HAYSTACK DINNER AND S	TREET DANCE
Sat. August 21	5 pm	HERMIT HOLLOW STRING BAND concert	Rain Date: Sun. 8/22
Sat. September 4	4 pm	STEVE SPENSLEY AND FRIENDS concert	Rain Date: Sun. 9/5
Sat. September 11	TBA	SHREWSBURY DAYS PARADE AND FESTIVITIES	Rain Date 9/12
Sat. September 18	4 pm	VA-ET-VIENT concert	Rain Date: S

Sat. October 2 TBA FIRE DEPT.'S HAM SUPPER THE NEIGHBORS concert Sat. October 9 3 pm Rain Date: Sun. 10/10

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# Senator Alison Clarkson's Legislative Update

The Vermont Legislature adjourned Friday afternoon May 21<sup>st</sup>. We all agree – it was an historic Session. It was the first legislative Session to be conducted completely remotely during an international pandemic. And, we also agree that, despite our productivity, we all long to be back in the Statehouse doing the people's business in person.

We learned many lessons. We learned that with the innovations of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we could legislate remotely. Surprisingly, our 18<sup>th</sup> century constitution and Chamber rules enabled us to respond nimbly to our current needs. We learned that high speed internet and

childcare were essential for our economy and legislature alike, and that telemedicine worked surprisingly well. We learned how fragile economic security was for many Vermonters. We learned how human we really are – that we all need human contact, miss facial expressions and hunger for hugs.

We also learned that public access to our legislative work was expanded with these technological innovations. Through YouTube and Zoom, many more Vermonters were able to watch the legislative process and follow issues they care about, without having to drive hours to the Statehouse. In our virtual Committee Rooms everyone could fit. We are reminded that government, at its best, is an effective way of taking care of each other - in a time of lost jobs, lost business and lost life. We are reminded that Vermonters are resilient and rise to the occasion – and that we work together productively to make progress for our beloved state and its people.

I am proud of what the Legislature accomplished in this 2021 Session. We responded to the ongoing needs of Vermonters with a wide range of help, from feeding Vermont families and increasing support for those suffering from mental health challenges and substance abuse disorders to economic recovery grants for businesses and essential support for the Vermont State College System. Our Vermont values have driven our policy work this year – our values of equity, safety and wellbeing, social justice and economic

security are reflected in almost every line of our \$7.35 B FY22 budget. This year's 188 page budget was unusually complex. It blended many funding sources, each with different guidelines and criteria – general fund, transportation and education funds, one time state surplus and federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money. Its use of \$599 M of ARPA money launches four years of transformational investments. An illustration of this is the \$190 M we are investing in Housing Initiatives. Previously, the most I recall us ever spending was in 2017, when we created a housing bond of \$35 M.

In this FY22 budget we are able to fund extraordinary investments: Broadband Connectivity (\$150 M), Child Care (12.7 M), Climate Change Mitigation (\$54.5 M), Economic Development, Workforce Development and Communities (\$158.7 M), Clean Water Work (\$120



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M), Vermont State College System (\$50 M), Justice System (\$15 M), updating State IT Technologies (\$66 M), and Brownfield clean up (\$25 M). These are sums we'd only dream of in years past. We have 3 more budget years to invest the additional \$430 M. These federal dollars are enabling us to significantly invest in our future – ensuring that Vermont will build back better together.

I appreciate hearing from you. I can be reached by email: <a href="mailto:aclarkson@leg.state.vt.us">aclarkson@leg.state.vt.us</a> or by phone at 457-4627. You can link to Legislative Committee meetings, get more information on the Vermont Legislature, and read the bills which have been proposed and passed, by visiting the legislative website: <a href="legislature.vermont.gov">legislature.vermont.gov</a>



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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.

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.

Regular Select Board meetings are

# **Mount Holly Select Board Meeting June 8, 2021 Minutes** In-Person with Zoom Meeting: 898 6126 5487

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

Town Officials: Jim Corven, Phil Crane, Dennis Devereux, Carol Garrow-Woolley, Diana

Garrow, David Johnson, Annette Lynch, Jon McCann, Stephen Michel, Renee Sarmento, James Seward, Clinton Woolley Members of the Public: Paul Barton, Zena Gates, Bob Herbst, Craig Hutt Vater (Mount Holly School Principal), Alice Perry, Christine Pratt, Donna

Seward, Amy Turco

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- **1. Call to Order** by Mark Turco at 6:30 pm.
- 2. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Changes and/or additions to the agenda Jennifer Matthews asked to add a Letter of Interest for the Tree Warden position and a request to hold yoga classes at Star Lake to the agenda. It was agreed to add the

latter to 'New Business - Other' and the former to 'Ongoing & Old Business - Other.' Jeff Chase asked to move Agenda Item #6.a. up in the agenda. It was agreed to do so. TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY

- 4. Approval of May 11th, 2021 Meeting Minutes Mr. Chase made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved.
- 6.a. Mount Holly School Biking & Hiking Trail All Select Board members expressed support for the trail revision and the project as a whole. Ms. Matthews noted she had spoken with both the Town's insurance agent and attorney about the trail. In order to protect the Town from any liability, both the attorney and the insurance agent asked that the Town be named as an additional insured on the school district's liability insurance policy, as far as the trail is concerned. Mr. Chase made a motion to approve the trail with that one condition, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved. Craig Hutt Vater thanked the Select Board for their support for the project.

### A PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR OUTDOOR BURNING

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# 5. Reports

- a. Highways & Transfer Station Update Clinton Woolley reported that the town did not receive a paving grant for the coming fiscal year but did receive a structures grant for Summit Road. It is time to order winter sand. Mr. Chase will develop a bid request. Mr. Woolley also reported that Casella is now picking up food scraps. He will ask them for a price for providing this service to the town.
- b. Treasurer David Johnson
- i) Monthly Income & Expense Report Mr. Johnson reported he had met with the Delinquent Tax Collector and there are now only four-and-an-half accounts outstanding, one of which is a foreclosure; Railroad Taxes were received in the amount of \$385, which is less than the past couple of years; the State Reappraisal Funds in the amount of \$10,421 were received; the Solid Waste Labels Sold amount of \$28,804 is now over budget with \$1,970 received this past month for labels; the leaf blower grant funds have been received in the amount of \$4,239; the Solid Waste Hauling & Disposal Expense for \$1,532 of C&D Disposal is high as two loads instead of the usual one went out in May; a \$326,245 payment was made to the Statewide Education Fund; ten grader blades were purchased at a cost of

# **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 mounthollyvt.org/announcements-bulletinboard/appointments-openings/

Please send resume to Town of Mount Holly Select Board, PO 248, Mount Holly, VT 05758 or email mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com

Resumes will be accepted until position is filled.

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- \$1,650 under Vehicle/Equip Repair & Maintenance; and, the town office needs a new air conditioner which will cost between \$279-\$379 with funds available in the budget to cover the
- ii) Independent Audit Update Mr. Johnson reported the auditors have been on-site twice, and they are due back next week. They have made good progress with a draft of the 2019 audit expected by month's end. Mr. Johnson found the auditors easy to work with and all is going well.
- iii) Waive Late Filed Homestead Declaration Penalty Mr. Johnson explained the Select Board must decide annually whether or not to waive the late filing penalty fee for those residents who file their Homestead Declaration form late. Mr. Chase made a motion to waive the penalty fee for late Homestead Declaration filers, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved.
- iv) Delinquent Tax Report/Tax Sales Mr. Johnson reported that only four-and-an-half accounts were outstanding: only one is possibly going to tax sale; one is making partial payments; and one may need some extra work by the tax attorney. All the big outstanding accounts were paid last month.

**c.** Listers Update – David Johnson reported that annual grievances were held May 21st and 22nd . There were six property owners who grieved: after review of the property value with two property owners, the owners were okay; one grievance was denied; and the Listers lowered the value on the other three properties. No appeals have been filed. The Grand List grew by 1% this past year.

d. Mount Holly Planning Commission Update - Jon McCann reported the

Planning Commission has two subdivisions in process. The Commission has also revised the application forms so as to gather more of the needed information and to improve the process.

e. Mount Holly Conservation Commission Update – Phil Crane reported on the need for a tree warden to continue with the Shade Tree Preservation Plan. After consultation with others, he has submitted his Letter of Interest for the position. If appointed, the Conservation Commission can continue to move forward with the shade tree preservation plan program. An immediate concern to the town, as far as trees are concerned, is the imminent arrival of the Emerald Ash Borer; an ash tree inventory needs to be completed. The Commission is also focused on Star Lake and what can be done to preserve it. Looking to the immediate future, the Health Officer will test the lake every other week for E.coli and the like in an effort to be sure any summer swimmers will be safe. Commission members continue to work on updating the town's natural resources inventory, and they are awaiting the final report on the town-wide survey from

# **Mount Holly Listers Hours**

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

Castleton University. Commission member Jim Corven continues to recruit residents for the iNaturalist biodiversity project, a project which is proving to be of great interest to many.

f. Traffic Safety Concerns Study Committee Report – Dennis Devereux read the Report of the Traffic Safety Committee (see attached). Mr. Turco thanked Mr. Devereux and the committee for their time and efforts in putting the report and suggestions together. Amy Turco asked about the flashing lights and blinding, bright light on Old Turnpike Road. Mr. Turco said they would have to determine if the light was in the town right-of-way, and if it is, a request will be made for its removal. Annette Lynch asked if the suggestions by the

committee were supported by data and/or accident reports. Mr. Devereux replied they were only the committee's observations in the hopes of starting the conversation. Bob Herbst stated that signage was okay but enforcement was also needed by perhaps hiring either the sheriff or the VT State Police to occasionally patrol and enforce the speed limit. Discussion ensued. The Select Board decided to hold a Special Meeting devoted to this topic on Tuesday, June 29th at 6:30 pm. g. Rutland Regional Planning Commission Update – Jon McCann reported that Devon Neary gave a presentation on all the transportation-related initiatives at the Rutland Region Transportation Council. He also noted that the RRPC staff is busy answering questions about the coming ARPA funding.

h. Rutland Region Transportation Council Update – Clinton Woolley was not able to attend the RRTC meeting due to personal issues going on, so there was no update.

- i. Rutland County Solid Waste District Update Clinton Woolley was not able to attend the RCSWD meeting due to personal issues going on, so there was no update.
- 6. Ongoing & Old Business
- a. Mount Holly School Hiking & Biking Trail see above.
- **b. Junk Ordinance Enforcement** All three Select Board members had looked at the properties currently in violation of the ordinance and found that all the property owners had taken steps to clean up the accumulating junk, debris, trash, and/or junk cars. Mr. Turco noted that others in town were now aware of the ordinance, and he stressed the importance of keeping yards clean for a healthy environment for the home and for the aesthetics of the town. Discussion ensued about follow-up letters: one will thank an owner for the complete clean-up of

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his property; the other letters will encourage the owners to keep working on property clean-up with a re-evaluation of each property by the Select Board at the July 13th meeting.

- c. Select Board Admin. Assistant Position Ms. Matthews stated she had spoken with another temp agency, but they do not have offices or candidates in the area. She also noted that two individuals had expressed interest in the position. The ad for the position will continue to run.
- **d. ARPA Funds Ms. Matthews** explained that there was not much new information. She said she had received an email from Rutland Regional Planning Commission just before the meeting about the county funding, which was originally to also go to the municipalities in VT as there are no county governments per se. The US Treasury decided that Vermont does have units of county government in judicial and law enforcement, so where the county funding ends up is still in flux. The first-half of the municipal funds, however, will be available sometime this month. Ms. Matthews noted the steps that could be taken now in preparation for drawing down that funding, including the need to name an authorized representative and a contact person. Ms. Matthews made a motion for Mark Turco to serve as the Town of Mount Holly's authorized representative, seconded by Mr. Chase, unanimously approved. Mr. Turco made a motion to name Jennifer Matthews as the contact person, seconded by Mr. Chase, unanimously approved. A Special Meeting will be held in July to discuss possible projects.

# **CLOSED**

Mount Holly Town Office July 5<sup>th</sup> In Observance Of Independence Day

- **e. Other Tree Warden Letter of Interest Phil Crane** submitted a Letter of Interest for appointment as Tree Warden. Ms. Matthews thanked him for being willing to take on the position and its responsibilities, and she made a motion to appoint Phil Crane Mount Holly's Tree Warden, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved. Mr. Turco thanked and congratulated Mr. Crane on his appointment.
- 7. New Business

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## a. Appointments

- i) FY'22 Road Foreman Mr. Turco made a motion to appoint Clinton Woolley FY'22 Road Foreman, seconded by Ms. Matthews, unanimously approved.
- **ii)** FY'22 Rutland Regional Planning Commission Representative & Alternate Ms. Matthews made a motion to appoint Jon McCann our FY'22 RRPC Representative, seconded by Mr. Chase, unanimously approved. The Alternate position remains open and will be advertised.
- iii) FY'22 Rutland Region Transportation Council Representative & Alternate Mr. Turco made a motion to appoint Clinton Woolley our FY'22 RRTC Representative, seconded by Ms. Matthews, unanimously approved. Ms. Matthews made a motion to appoint Jeff Chase our FY'22 RRTC Alternate, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved.
- **b.** COVID-19 Restrictions Ms. Matthews noted the Governor had said earlier in the day that Vermont was just 3,139 vaccines shy of 80% of Vermonters being vaccinated. At that point, all COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted and the Executive Order will be rescinded. Currently, municipal boards are to operate under Universal Guidance, of which there are five major tenets: the main one being the need to wear a mask, keep six-feet of distance and avoid crowded places if you are unvaccinated. The Select Board decided to lift the COVID-19 restrictions at the town office and the transfer station, except for those who are unvaccinated; they will need to continue to wear a mask and practice social distancing.
- **c. Future Select Board Meetings** If the Governor lifts all restrictions, the Select Board will meet in the town office in July with the Zoom component continuing to be available.
- **d. Other Star Lake Yoga Classes** The Select Board agreed to the request to hold a yoga class once a week at Star Lake once a Certificate of Insurance is received from the individual leading the class.
- **8.** Citizen Comments Paul Barton would like to donate American flags with mounting brackets for every classroom at the Mount Holly School, so

the students know that we are all one country, one nation, one people caring for each other. Mr. Barton is making the donation in memory of an Air Force Master Sargent who spent her life serving the flag. Mr. Turco will check with the School Board on the donation. He also thanked Mr. Barton for his donation of the flags at the town office.

- 9. Announcements/Other Business -
- a. Reminder: Town Office Closed for Independence Day Holiday, Monday, July 5th
- **b.** Other Ms. Matthews encouraged residents to enjoy all the summertime activities taking place in town with the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions. Ms. Matthews also expressed her appreciation to Mary Nortunen and Kevin Stillwell for their time and efforts in keeping the Swap Shed neat and tidy and full of only treasures no junk!
- **10. Review & Sign Orders** To be signed one Select Board member at a time at the town office.
- 11. Executive Session: Title 1 V.S.A. S 313(a)(3) personnel Mr. Turco made the motion to enter Executive Session at 8:15 pm, seconded by Ms. Matthews, unanimously approved. Mr. Turco made a motion to

exit Executive Session at 8:50 pm, seconded by Ms. Matthews, unanimously approved. No actions taken.



**12. Adjourn** – Mr. Turco adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm. Respectfully Submitted: Jennifer Matthews

# **Traffic Safety Concerns Discussion**

 @ Special Select Board Meeting Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm
 @ Town Office & via Zoom

Please refer to the Report of the Traffic Safety Committee (available in the Chit Chat and online: Traffic-Safety-Report-2.pdf (mounthollyvt.org)) for their recommendations to the Select Board.

Your thoughts?
Join us for this constructive discussion on traffic safety in Mount Holly!

# REPORT OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The committee first met to review the list of roads and then visited the areas of concern. There is agreement that speed and a lack of signage are major issues that need to be addressed. We understand that enforcement may be a problem and realize that there are cost with placing signs and if additional hours are required to patrol our roads.

\*The road list provided was missing Paradise Lane, Sharon Lane, and Dana Lane. There are other lanes listed that may or may not be town roads.

# Starting with the most critical our recommendations are:

Lowering the speed limit from 35 mph to 25 mph in Belmont Village. This would include adding 4 "Historic District Ahead" signs. There is agreement that speeding in

the village is the priority, and one suggestion was to add temporary speed bumps. One committee member has heard from some families with young children about their safety concerns.

- 2. Lowering the speed limit on all paved town roads to 40 mph, and unpaved town roads to 35 mph.
- 3. Posting the entrance to Mount Holly Heights at 35 mph.
- 4. Making the intersection of Shunpike Road and Ninevah Road either a 3-way stop or adding signs that warn of a side road ahead.
- 5. Placing a hidden side road warning sign on Healdville Road so drivers know that Branch Brook Road is ahead on the right. And adding a mirror here may improve visibility.
- 6. Moving the stop sign at Flanders corner to be nearer to the access to Healdville Road and adding another stop sign at this grassy triangle when heading toward Belmont.
- 7. Adding a hidden side roads sign on Belmont Road to warn drivers that Nichols Road and Teer Road are ahead.
- 8. Restoring a stop sign where Gates Road connects with Belmont Road.
- 9. Replacing the yield sign with a stop sign where Straight Road merges onto Maple Hill Road.
- 10. Possibly removing the grassy triangle at the bottom of Lake Street to widen the access onto Belmont Road. \*There is not total agreement on doing this.

### **State Highway concerns:**

- 1. The lack of visibility looking east toward Ludlow when accessing Route 103 at the flashing yellow light. If the highway is lowered it would be easier to see further. Possibly lowering the speed limit approaching this intersection that already has a flashing warning light.
- 2. No sign on Route 155 south of Howland Farm Road warning of this hidden side road ahead.
- . The removal of the Scampsville Road sign on Route 155. This is used as a snowmobile trail and is certainly no longer a town-maintained road.

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# PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCY

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For more information, check the Town of Mount Holly website <a href="http://www.mounthollyvt.org/town-services/planning-commission/">http://www.mounthollyvt.org/town-services/planning-commission/</a>

Term runs until November 2023.

Town of Mount Holly Planning Commission

Remote Electronic – Regular Meeting Minutes Wednesday May 19, 2021 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Dennis Devereux, Bob Herbst, Alice Perry, John

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

**Absent:** Brigid Sullivan Also Present: Renee Sarmento (Clerk), Jeb Porter, Ryan Harter

- 1. Jon McCann called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm
- 2. No changes to agenda.
- 3. Approval of minutes
- **a.** The minutes from April 21st, 2021, were approved as distributed.
- 4. Reports & Announcements
- **a.** Clerk report iNaturalist meeting review (Vermont Wetland Mapping project) iNaturalist website: https://www.inaturalist.org/home.
- Link to fill out form to receive updates:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=O5O

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**b. Bolalek subdivision update:** Bolaleks responded and had questions about the Decision. Jon will review their email response further, and it will be discussed further at the next Planning Commission meeting.

### 5. Correspondence

- a. Subdivision proposals Porter Sketch plan review
- 1. Jeb Porter described the subdivision: Currently has 11 acres of land on Bowlsville Rd South, and would like to chop approximately 1 1/2 acres of land off of that lot with a house on it that was built years ago. There is a designated back up septic on the land, and have passed all the state's septic rules for subdivision. Hoping to sell the house and subdivided land, but keep the remaining land (parcel B). Two driveways. Originally planned on this five years ago.
- 2. Jon stated the version of the plat he has is similar to Jeb's plat (difference is Jeb's plat does not have the stamp). The plat that Jon has is the most up to date. Current plat is not sufficient as a final plat. Missing the stamp that the planning commission would need to sign with signature box. Determination made by the

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Planning Commission that this is a minor subdivision. Review of minor subdivision checklist, and what is still needed (identify on parcel b where mobile home Is located, signature PO Box 248 Mount Holly, VT 05758 planningcomm@mounthollyvt.org box, perc test Information) need the paper final plat (2 copies) and eventually a mylar version that owner would record. Planning Commission will need this before a public hearing Is scheduled. Jeb stated he hopes to get this to the PC by the weekend or next week. Jon will inform members if a special meeting Is needed to schedule the hearing. Jeb will email PDF and drop off paper copies of the Plat at the town office.

# **b.** Building Construction Registrations

- Donald & Lisa Patch (previous owner), Ronald and Andrew Cercena (current owner), no 911 number, yet new construction (new house)
- accepted
- Ryan Murray, 835 Healdville Road (corner of Branch Brook and Healdville), new construction (New 3-bedroom manufactured home) accepted

- David Smith, 00 Patch hill road (no 911 address yet), new construction (house) - accepted
- Zena & Robert Gates, 456 Gates Road South, new construction (new deck, set of stairs, and new porch) - accepted
- c. Wastewater system and potable water supply permits: none
- d. Email / Other Bolalek email (previously discussed under reports/announcements) 6. Unfinished business a. Update on cooperation with Museum (Stephen)
- Stephen reported Dennis gave him a book about Crown Point Rd that he will drop off at the office for PC members to review. Museum is more than happy to provide information to the Planning Commission.
- Dennis is willing to take a field trip with Planning Commission members to Crown Point Road. Dennis organizes a few tours in the summer. PC will follow up on joining one of the tours.
- Museum hours: 2-4pm Saturday and Sunday Museum hours beginning around the 4th of July.

### 7. New business

- a. ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Grant
- · Town will be getting significant amount of money from grant for infrastructure work. Jon believes PC may be pulled into town discussions. State still figuring out rules around spending the money. More information will be provided at next month's meeting.

# b. Updating the Subdivision Application Form

• Current form is bare bones, and missing a lot of necessary Information for that is needed for the subdivision. Jon created a new subdivision form so that the applicant provides the necessary Information. Jon shared the new draft with the PC members. No objections were made to using the new form. Jon would like to add date of any previous subdivision and the map book and number from PO Box 248 Mount Holly, VT 05758

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# Summer is Here!

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http://www.mounthollyvt.org/townordinances-policies/ Avoid the Ordinance! Keep Your Yard Junk Free!

Thanks for your part in keeping Mount Holly looking fine!

planningcomm@mounthollyvt.org that subdivision. Accepted by unanimous consent. Will record in minutes, add to website, and provide to Town Clerk.

- c. FEMA Risk Maps Discovery Meeting
- FEMA risk maps are related to the FIRM maps who needs flood Insurance and what our flood hazard areas are. FEMA Is doing a five year process to update based on lidar elevation data will be much more accurate. Input is being requested from the town by June 14th.
- 8. Public comments:
- a. Ryan Harter Stated his question had been answered about building construction taking place on Summit Road.
- 9. Upcoming meetings
- a. Special working meeting June 2nd, 2021 (7pm)
- **b. Regular meeting** June 16th, 2021 (7pm)
- 10. The meeting adjourned at 8:08pm For the Commission, Renee Sarmento, Planning Commission Clerk

# Rutland Regional Planning Commission Alternate Needed

A resident is needed to represent our town at the monthly Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) meetings when our RRPC Representative is unavailable.

The ideal candidate will have an interest in local and regional planning and a willingness to participate in Regional Board meetings with Mount Holly's best interests in mind. This individual must also be willing to work closely with our RRPC Rep.

The most important qualification is a desire to serve our town. Whether a pro or a newbie to planning, your desire to serve and to represent Mount Holly, while learning along the way, are what counts. (The helpful staff at RRPC and a variety of free trainings and workshops will also be available to help you out.)

Our RRPC Representative & Alternate are our voices in regional planning decision-making. Our Rep & Alternate are also our link to new initiatives, opportunities and resources that might be of benefit to the town.

The ideal candidate will be available to attend at least one meeting a month. The Regional Board meets at 7:00 pm on the third Tuesday of each month (except for the months of July, August, and December) at the Opera House in Rutland. The Mount Holly Select Board meets at 6:30 pm on the second Tuesday of each month at the town office; a report on the Regional Board meeting, and any pertinent information for the town, will be on the agenda.

Interested individuals should send a letter of interest with their qualifications to the Mount Holly Select Board, either by mail to PO Box 248, Mount Holly 05758, or by email to mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com to be received by noon on Monday, June 8th. The Select Board plans to appoint the RRPC Alternate at its next meeting on June 9, 2020.

# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION at the MOUNT HOLLY TRANSFER STATION

# **Saturday, July 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 Garage/Workshop Aerosol Cans Waste Oil **Bug Sprays** Antifreeze Floor Care Products Gasoline Metal Polish Brake Fluid Furniture Polish Roofing Tar Oven Cleaners Auto Body Repair Pro. Automatic Trans. Fluid **Drain Cleaners** Bathroom Cleaners Other Oils/Cleaners Tile Cleaners Paint (Latex, Lead & Oil Based) Disinfectants Paint Thinner Toilet Bowl Cleaners Paint Stripper Varnish & Stains Nail Polish Remover Fluorescent Light Bulbs Driveway Sealer Glues/Adhesives Degreasers Mercury Thermostats Grout Cooking Oil 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.)

# **Gathering Spots Project Funds** Arts Education

Okemo Valley, VT: As a result of the sponsorships from the recent Gathering Spots Project, which created designer artistic picnic tables for the Village of Ludlow Vermont, funds were made available to establish a new local arts education program.

for the Arts & Crafts was recently presented with a check for \$1600 benefit **Expeditionary School** at Black River students in furthering their arts education with plans to create a new arts program.

The Fletcher School

The following chamber members are thanked for their artistic picnic table sponsorships which helped to make this new local arts program possible: Four Seasons Sotheby's



International Realty - Okemo, Engel & Völkers - Okemo, Ludlow Rotary Club, Main + Mountain Bar & Motel, Pettigrew Inn, Tygart Mountain Sports and William Raveis Vermont Properties.

The Gathering Spot Project committee members were also thanked for their support of the project: Susan Balch - Fletcher Farm School for the Arts & Crafts, Nick Miele - Ludlow Park & Rec., Scott Murphy - Ludlow Town Manager, Carol Lighthall - Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, and Kendra Rickerby -Expeditionary School at Black River.

The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit, member-

driven association and the voice of 300+ businesses and the communities of 12 Towns in South Central Vermont along the Scenic Route 100 Byway surrounded by Okemo, Ascutney & Magic Mountains. OVRCC provides advocacy, support, and unified regional marketing to promote and enhance businesses in the region as well as the four-season economy.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce www.yourplaceinvermont.com 802-228-5830

Carol Lighthall (center) of the Okemo Valley Chamber presents Susan Balch (left) of the Fletcher Farm School for the Arts & Crafts a check for \$1600 to benefit the students of the Expeditionary School at Black River in Ludlow accepted by the Head of School Kendra Rickerby (right).



# WESTON PLAYHOUSE ANNOUNCES WALKER FARM MUSIC: SUMMER EDITION

Weston Playhouse Theatre Company presents an 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Series kicking off with Walker Farm Music: Summer Edition. Join nationally recognized musicians on June 26, July 3, and July 4 at 7:00 pm under the Tent at Walker Farm. Music Curator Jed Hughes has joined forces with Weston to put together a series of eclectic, exciting events. These shows are "Pay What You Will" events, letting you determine the price option that makes the most sense to you while supporting live performance in Weston and creating opportunities for others to attend.

This concert series is sponsored by Four Seasons Sotheby's International Realty | The Vermont Sales Group.

First in the series, **Kat Wright** returns to Weston on **June 26** after her incredible 2020 sold out Walker Farm Music winter series performance. Kat, whose voice is both sultry and dynamic, delicate yet powerful; gritty but highly emotive and nuanced, has been described as "a young Bonnie Raitt



meets Amy Winehouse." Add to that voice enough stage presence to tame lions, and the combination of feline femininity proves immediately enchanting. There's soul flowing in and out of her rock 'n' roll with a serpentine seduction. Some of soul music's sweet, grand dames belt, shout, seethe, and succumb, while Wright sings gently like a heartache's apology. It's funky in spots and beautiful all over. And it hurts a little... like it should.



Coming to Weston on **July 3** is **Upstate** - at times, known for a large ensemble of eclectic instruments and musicians, while at others for featuring dazzling three-part vocal harmonies. They've weaved genres and grooves from across time and across the map, and captured audiences in large concert halls and intimate living rooms. They've been invited to share stages with heroes like The Wood Brothers and Lake Street Dive, while putting in their ten thousand hours as local dive bar staples. Upstate has always been a band that writes honest songs and 2021 is shaping up to be their most truthful year yet. Audiences can count on what the group has always been known for: musicianship, harmony, and a "leave-it-all-upthere" show. They can also expect something that's both new, and years in the making - a band that's coming into focus.

Closing out the series is **The Suitcase Junket** on **July 4.** Matt Lorenz's vision, manifest in The Suitcase Junket,

developed in the tension between the grand and the solitary. Grand in its imagery, sound, and staging. Solitary in its thrift and self-reliance. What instruments he requires, Lorenz builds from scratch and salvage. What parts five players would perform, he performs alone. The spectacle of his one-man set bears constant comparison to legends of showmanship, brilliance, madness, and invention. Solitary on stage and on the road, Lorenz's mind is crowded with characters, narratives, voices, imagery, sounds as wide and varied as mountain throat singers and roadhouse juke boxes, plus newsreels of the planet's destruction and salvage.

Tickets on sale May 24 for subscribers and June 1 for the general public. Pay-what-you-will ticket options include \$45, \$35, and \$25 tickets; reserve yours at westonplayhouse.org.

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 westonplayhouse.org.





# Engel & Völkers Okemo Honored By International Network of Peers

Okemo Valley Real Estate Group Continues Upward Trajectory

Engel & Völkers Okemo is elated to share that its Ludlow-based team of advisors were recently honored as among the top producers in the company's global network of 800+ luxury real estate brokerages.

Recognized for their commitment to hard work and excellence at Engel & Völkers Okemo are principal broker Gail Beardmore, broker/advisor Geralyn Donohue, and advisor Rachael Hyjek.

The team — which operates from a small Vermont village of less than 2,000 primary residents — managed \$16.5 million in real estate transactions last year. Since January, their listings have gone under contract 55% faster than the local average and for \$71,300

more than the area's median sale price. To meet this rise in demand, the brokerage is undergoing an expansion and will double its staff of advisors by the fall.

# USDA Launces New Grant Program to Encourage Innovative Approach to Rural Development Rural Innovation Stronger Economy (RISE) program geared toward regional economic development

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Rural Business-Cooperative Service Administrator Karama Neal today unveiled a new grant program to help rural communities create good-paying jobs and support new business opportunities in high growth fields.

Rural Innovation Stronger Economy (RISE) is intended to help rural communities identify and maximize local assets and connect to networks and industry clusters within their region. The new grant encourages a regional, innovation-driven approach to economic

Learn more about the program https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-innovation-stronger-economy-grants, and read today's press release https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2021/06/15/usda-launches-grant-program-help-expand-regional-economies-and. For questions, please contact USDA Rural Development Business Programs Director Cheryl Ducharme at (802) 828-6083 or Cheryl.Ducharme@usda.gov.

# Dear Friends and Partners of the Vermont Council on Rural Development

After 21 years at the helm of the Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD), Paul Costello is stepping down from his role as Executive Director. Over these years Paul has engaged communities throughout the state to help them set priorities and connect to resources, led a dozen policy council efforts to advance local opportunities, developed a score of statewide summits to build unity and common purpose to answer key rural needs, and worked in myriad ways to bring people together for the common good of their communities and for Vermont.

Costello shared the following reflections: "In so many ways this is the best job in Vermont. At VCRD we have a window into communities like no other. Our role of listening, learning, and helping to move ideas toward action in communities and in policy circles is endlessly interesting and rewarding. I want to thank all the incredible people I've been able to work with in this role, from board members to state, federal, and non-profit leaders, experts in all aspects of rural issues, and especially the local leaders who do the hard

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work of lifting up their communities and building progress. Working with you all has been the greatest honor."

During Costello's tenure, VCRD has led initiatives to advance broadband and the digital economy, boost Vermont's working landscape enterprises, promote in-state energy development and the climate-solutions economy, and other issues of rural import, but is best known as a neutral facilitator that helps communities line up for action and drive priority projects forward.

Julie Moore, Chair of the VCRD Board, said the search for a successor is already under way. "Paul Costello is a Vermont treasure. Our state has benefited beyond measure from his wise counsel to everyone from governors to select board members to community leaders. We look forward to celebrating all of his accomplishments. The VCRD Board is committed to finding a new executive director who will continue the Council's long tradition of focusing on our communities to build an even brighter future for our state. A national search has begun to do just that."

Costello will step down on September 30<sup>th</sup>. The Board of VCRD has engaged Eos Transition Partners to manage the search for its next leader. Sincerely, VCRD's Executive Committee and Paul Costello, Executive Direct



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# Statement On The Enactment Of H.225

Today Vermonters who are struggling with Opioid Use Disorder were given a long awaited additional tool for survival. As of now there are no longer criminal penalties for possession of up to 224 milligrams of buprenorphine, the lifesaving medication for people with Opioid Use Disorder.

Today Vermont made history as the first in the nation to enact a bill of this nature and through legislative process. As Senator Sears said, "This is an example of the legislative process working". This is a major win for harm reduction in Vermont and an example to the rest of the country on how we center science, data and lived experience experts in drug policy. It is long past time to extract the criminal justice system from this disease. The drug war is over and the drugs won! This is not the last thing that we need to do to heal this crisis, but it is the exact course correction that we need right now.

For those struggling with Substance Use Disorder and families of those, please choose buprenorphine over heroin if you can. If you can't, please don't use alone, use sterile syringes and test supply with fentanyl test strips. Above all else, please know that you are loved. You are some of the most incredible people I know and I want you here and in this fight with us!

From the moment that I stood on the courthouse steps in Burlington in 2018 during my then campaign for governor, presenting this as part of my plan, to now, I have done it in honor of my nephew Kaya Siegel, and all others that we have lost. Today we can honor those we have lost by giving those who are still with us another tool for survival!

Thank you to those champions who fought when no one was looking, State's Attorney Sarah George, Representative Selene Colburn, State's Attorney Dennis Wygmans, Tom Dalton, Scott Pavek, Julea Larsen and Jess Kirby. Together we were a small but mighty force of nature. Also a huge shout out to the leadership in the House and Senate, especially Pro Tem Balint and Speaker Krowinski and Chairs Pugh, Grad, Sears and Lyons and every legislator that made this happen.

Today the Governor made a statement along with his signature of this bill. While I am grateful that he signed this legislation, I am concerned that some of the information disseminated in this statement is inaccurate according to the peer reviewed and published research that is readily available. I also remain concerned that we are not appropriately addressing the gaps in the Hub and Spoke model. One of the most important factors considered with the passage of this bill was the very real gap in treatment that exists in Vermont. In order to address this, we have to acknowledge this massive problem. In the coming days I will further address these concerns and welcome working with the Governor to fill gaps in treatment in Vermont.

Today I want to celebrate and thank the Governor and legislature for removing one more barrier to survival for people struggling with substance use disorder. And encourage those struggling, to choose buprenorphine over heroin. There will be no criminal penalties. To all the families for whom it came too late, I see you, I am you. Please know that I am committed to this fight until there is not one more. **Brenda Siegel 410 227 3173 or brenda@brendaforvermont.com** 



# **Cavendish Announces 2021 Summer Concert Series**

Now that outdoor gatherings are permitted, the Town of Cavendish will present the annual summer music series on Wednesday evenings starting July 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, on the Svec Memorial Green in Proctorsville.

Things are different now and we must behave differently. We encourage wearing masks and physical distancing. The Green is large and the bands will be loud enough to be heard throughout, so please spread out and maintain distancing. Of course, for those who are fully vaccinated there are fewer restrictions.

The lineup begins on July 7th with a band that will fix what ails you, The Break Maids. While this is their first time at the Cavendish concerts, the Break Maids are celebrating 10 years of riotous glam-stomp music that spans genres and breaks hearts at 70 paces.

On July 14th, performing traditional Cajun music from the heart of southwest Louisiana, Yankee Chank returns to the Green. Yankee Chank has been performing both Cajun and Zydeco music around Vermont and beyond since 1996.

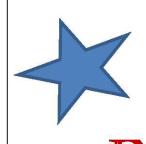
On July 21st the Silverbacks, a 5-piece blues and classic rock band from Brandon will play for the first time at the Proctorsville venue. They play "Rockin' Blues and Bluesy Rock" tastefully rocking, but not heavy. The July 28th concert sees the return of Rick Davis and Friends, who wowed the Proctorsville Green last summer. Rick and his friends have been a staple of the Vermont music scene for many years.

On August 4th the music genre shifts to perennial local favorite Gypsy Reel who play high energy, stirring music rooted in the Celtic tradition but garnered worldwide. The series finishes on August 11th with the return of the Gully Boys, a professional rock/jam band from the Green Mountains, presenting an amalgamation of style, sound, and personality that makes them unique, but with a comfortable familiarity.

The Cavendish Community and Conservation Association will again coordinate the series. All concerts are free and open to the public, so grab your lawn chair, a picnic and a cold drink, and join your friends and neighbors to enjoy plenty of rollicking good music from the gazebo. Murdock's Restaurant, Singleton's Market, and Outer Limits Brewery each serve takeout food, so please support your local businesses.

The summer concert series has a long history in Proctorsville and many area residents reserve Wednesday evenings to listen to the live music. As always, the concerts will be held unless severe weather threatens. In case of rain, alternative plans will be announced on the Cavendish Community and Conservation Association Facebook page.

For more information email <u>CavendishCommunityConservation@gmail.com</u>



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Anyone is welcome to stop by and take a look at what we have to offer. Our shop will be open this weekend, June 19-20, as part of the Vermont Art Council's Open Studio Weekend. Many of our instructors will be demonstrating the skill they teach in the classes held here.

Also, we have an Arts and Crafts Festival coming up on July 3. We will have nearly 40 crafters, food vendors, music and more!



Finally, we can always use volunteers. Now that most of the Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted, our campus is reopening and we could use help to keep it running. Give us a call and learn about the benefits of volunteering with our School. Fletcher Farm School For The Arts And Crafts, 611 Route 103 S., Ludlow, VT 05149 802-228-8770



# **Ludlow Rotary Club Features "Let's Grow Kids" Speakers**

Aly Richards, CEO of Let's Grow Kids, and Emily Blistein, Business Strategy Director of the organization, were featured speakers at a recent Ludlow Rotary Club meeting. They both discussed the purpose and objectives of the "Let's Grow Kids" project, headquartered in Burlington.

"Let's Grow Kids" is a project whose aim is to create "a road to high-quality child care for all Vermont families by the year 2025. As noted by Aly, the organization has an unusual objective in addition to its prime purpose. "We want to go out of business in 2025", exclaimed Aly, noting that they wished to succeed in creating high-quality child care by that year.

In describing the current conditions of child care services in the state, she noted these key elements that needed to be addressed:

- · 3 out of every 5 Vermont children do not have access to good child care
- · 30% of a family's income is spent on child care
- Child care personnel only receive an average of \$13 an hour

Aly indicated that over 30,000 Vermonters have already joined them in supporting the group's objectives.

One major part of the program's purpose was realized this year when the state

legislature passed H.171, a bill that allocated \$12.7 million to address four major child care issues: family child care support, child care worker salaries, infrastructure improvement, and an analysis of existing child care programs in the state.

Emily Blistein spoke of the need for business and corporate support to underwrite the programs operated by "Let's Grow Kids". Information on how businesses may participate in this effort may be secured by contacting her at <a href="mailto:emily@letsgrowkids.org">emily@letsgrowkids.org</a>. More information is available at the group's web site, <a href="https://letsgrowkids.org">https://letsgrowkids.org</a>.



# "For My Country" By George Cooper

I ought to love my country,
The land in which I live:
Yes, I am very sure my heart
Its truest love should give.

For if I love my country,
I'll try to be a man
My country may be proud of:
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# **Kathleen Taft Named Associate Director**

The United Way of Rutland County (UWRC), the largest non-governmental fundraiser for local services in the community, announced that the search team has appointed Kathleen Taft as Associate Director. She joins Ashley Bride, who assumed the UWRC Executive Director role in March 2021.

The Board of Directors partners with the community and the Executive Director to form a search team. UWRC began the search process in late February and did a full review of the scope of responsibilities.

Bride stated "Kathleen is an excellent addition to UWRC, her experience and skillset will allow her to be a great source of support to the community agencies we partner with."

Taft, a native Coloradan and graduate of Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana, recently relocated to Vermont from Hot Sulphur Springs, Colorado. She has experience in data management and analysis as a federal consultant, and program management and policy development with a Local Public Health Agency. As the person responsible for building a brand new environmental health program in an expansive, rural county, she was awarded a competitive Association of Food and Drug

Officials grant to assess and develop program standards and long term goals. Active as a volunteer from a young age, throughout her life you could often find her helping with Chamber of Commerce fundraisers, working with disabled children through adaptive skiing and horseback riding, serving at soup kitchens, or participating in various community organizations. Taft's work will be closely involved with supporting UWRC community partners and grant-funded agencies.

"I am excited to pivot from direct service to an impressive organization like the United Way that enables broader impact across the Healthcare, Financial Stability, and Education sectors."

"As a new Vermont transplant, I look forward to continuing to learn about the many wonderful organizations in Rutland County doing important work in the community. I'm here to hear about anything we can do to support them in our role as funders. Ultimately we are here to support and honor their work, and highlight their extraordinary efforts."

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