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# Mount Holly Chit Chat

August 2021

**Church Listings, back page "Who's Got It Locally?"**

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

**Mt. Holly Museum** – Open Sat & Sun 2 - 4 pm [www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org](http://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

**Town Garage:** 259-3179

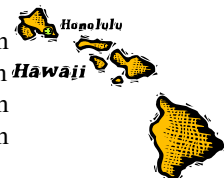
**Burn Permits:** Call Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward 786-3408 or 259-2211

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

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1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Francis Scott Key b. 1779 ~ Joseph Priestly Discovers Oxygen 1774</i>	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library	7:00 pm
	Mount Holly Conservation Commission	<i>Christopher Columbus Set Sail 1492</i> 7:00 pm
4 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Louis Armstrong 1901 ~ US Coast Guard Est. 1790</i>
5 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	7:00 pm
6 <sup>th</sup>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Atomic Bomb Dropped on Hiroshima 1945 ~ Alfred Lord Tennyson 1809</i>	
7 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Purple Heart Medal Est 1782 ~ Mata Hari (Margaret Gertrude Zelle) 1876</i>	
	<i>US Satellite Explorer VI transmits 1<sup>st</sup> pictures of earth from space 1959</i>	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	7:00 pm
10 <sup>th</sup>	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	9:00 am
	Mt. Holly PTSA Meeting, MH School	4:30 pm
	Select Board Meeting, Town Garage & Zoom	6:30 pm
11 <sup>th</sup>	LMHUUS Meeting,	6:00 pm
	Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	7:00 pm
	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	7:00 pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	7:00 pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Berlin Wall Built 1961 ~ Annie Oakley b. 1860 ~ Alfred Hitchcock b. 1899</i>	
14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>VJ Day Japan Surrendered Ending WWII 1945 ~ Social Security Act Est. 1935</i>	
15 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Panama Canal Opened 1914 ~ Woodstock Began 1969 ~ Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte b. 1769</i>	
16 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Battle of Bennington, VT 1777 ~ Great Klondike Gold rush 1896</i>	
17 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. Work Night, Fire Stations	7:00 pm
18 <sup>th</sup>	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont	6:30 pm
	Mount Holly Planning Commission, Via Zoom	7:00 pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	7:00 pm
20 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Orville Wright Aviation Pioneer 1871</i>	
21 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Crow Season Fri, Sat, Sun, &amp; Mon Only ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Telegram Sent Around The world in 16.5 minutes 1911</i>	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Hawaii Becomes 50<sup>th</sup> State 1959</i>	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Full Sturgeon Moon</i>	
24 <sup>th</sup>	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	7:00 pm
25 <sup>th</sup>	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	9:00 am
26 <sup>th</sup>	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	7:00 pm
27 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. Work Night, Fire Stations	7:00 pm
28 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Women's Suffrage 1920</i>	
29 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Mother Teresa (Anjeze Gonxhe Bojaxhiu) b. 1910</i>	
30 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Oliver Wendell Holmes 1809</i>	
31 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Princess Diana died 1997 ~ Thomas Edison Secures Patent for Kinetograph 1897</i>	



## Emergency Services

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

Send **ARTICLES** to: **Diana Garrow**, 3379 Shunpike Rd., Mt. Holly, VT 05758 **Phone** 259-2314 or **E-Mail** to [chitchat@vermontel.net](mailto:chitchat@vermontel.net) "The views and opinions expressed in the enclosed articles are solely those of their authors and are not necessarily those of the Chit Chat, its staff, or its board of directors. The authors are solely responsible for the content of their articles."

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**August Birthdays:** 1<sup>st</sup> -Jonathan Turco \* Joan McCallum 2<sup>nd</sup> - Fern Adams \* David Johnson \* Linda D. Miller 3<sup>rd</sup> -Steve Howard \* April Norton Rumrill 5<sup>th</sup> -Michael Mattison 6<sup>th</sup> -Kai Stanley 8<sup>th</sup> -Kelsey Stewart-Hawkins 11<sup>th</sup> - Mary Beth Dawley \* Katie Ann Labozzo 12<sup>th</sup> -Armand Bernagozzi 13<sup>th</sup> -Teresa Bolalek 15<sup>th</sup> -Lauren Ely 16<sup>th</sup> -Amber Taylor 17<sup>th</sup> -Eric Gates 18<sup>th</sup> - Maria Howard 19<sup>th</sup> -Paul Deegan \* John W.F. Miller 21<sup>st</sup> -Judy Nevin \* Amy Spaulding 22<sup>nd</sup> -Thomas Adams 27<sup>th</sup> -Lynnette Audy \* Jeffrey Bussino Sr (1963) 30<sup>th</sup> -Matthew Ely 31<sup>st</sup> -Russell Garrow \* Michael Huck

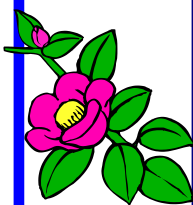


**August Anniversaries:** 1<sup>st</sup> -Shari & Al Lewis 9<sup>th</sup> -Jim & Donna Seward \* Chuck & Jean Palmer 12<sup>th</sup> -Ted & Sue Crawford \* Barbara & Steve Hazelton 15<sup>th</sup> -Alec & Joan McCallum \* Pat & Debby Marro 20<sup>th</sup> -Donald & Lisa Patch \* Lars & Tina Anderson \* Keith & Kelsey Hawkins (2016) 21<sup>st</sup> - Russ & Joan Garrow 25<sup>th</sup> -Diane & Paul Deegan

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

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<b>Mount Holly</b>		<b>802-259-2796</b>
Window	Mon – Fri	8:00 am – 10:00 am
	&	2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
Lobby Hours:	Mon – Fri	8:00 am – 4:45 pm
	Sat	7:30 am – 10:30 am
<b>Belmont</b>		<b>802-259-2790</b>
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
<b>East Wallingford</b>		<b>802-259-2829</b>
Window	Mon – Fri	7:00 am – 11:00 am
	Sat	7:00 am – 10:00 am
Lobby Hours	Mon – Fri	7:00 am – 4:45 pm
<b>Cuttingsville/Shrewsbury</b>		<b>802-492-3585</b>
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
<b>Ludlow</b>		<b>802-228-7436</b>
Post Master:	Dawn Howlett	
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	Sat	6:30 am – 11:00 am
Window Hours:	Mon – Fri	8:30 am – 5:00 pm
	Sat	8:30 am – 10:30 am



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## Jeannette Conderino

### Sweetie,

Six years has passed and we all miss you so very much! Not a day goes by that we don't think of you and remember all the good times we had. But, the Lord has a bigger job for you to do and you are now our angel looking over all of us. You will always be close to our hearts and we will all continue to pray for you every day! We love you so much...to the moon and back and we miss our shining star! XOXO Love you, Your loving husband Phil and children.

## Richard H. Dawley



Richard H. Dawley, 95½, of Mount Holly, Vermont, passed away peacefully with his family by his side in the Gill Odd Fellows Home, Ludlow, Vermont, on July 7, 2021.

Richard was born on Dec. 2, 1925, the son of Harry G. and Flora A. (Williams) Dawley.

Richard attended the Mount Holly graded

school, and Stevens High School. He was a veteran of WWII, having fought in the Battle of the Bulge.

On May 3, 1947, he married Marjorie Ruth Gokey, of Claremont, New Hampshire, who predeceased him in 1991. He remarried a good friend and neighbor, Justine Hill, in February 1993. Sadly, Justine passed in 2003.

Richard was born on the Dawley homestead, being the seventh generation of dairy farmers. He was a man who could take apart and rebuild anything with a motor. Many neighbors depended on Richard to repair/weld their farm machinery with parts he always seemed to have "up the barn." He helped many a stranded motorist who were stuck in any season. If you needed help, Richard was the one to call. Richard was involved in his community by serving five years on the Planning Commission from 1971-1976, driving snowplow and school bus, and fence viewer. He was a member of the Northeast Agriculture Association, national, state and Mount Holly Granges. He was a longtime member and past president of the Packer Cemetery Association, Masons and the VFW.

Richard is survived by his children, Mike Sr. and MaryBeth Dawley, of Mount Holly; Tim and Wendy Dawley, of Putnam, Connecticut; Sue Dawley LeBlanc, of Mount Holly. His grandchildren are Mike Jr., of Maryland; Melinda (Mike) Pearson, of Mount Holly; Tina (Justin) Bearce, of Bradford; and Keith (Amanda) Richardson, of New Hampshire; Jason (Raena) Dawley, of Texas; Jessica (Andy) Reed, of Connecticut; Angela Lawrence and Patrick Chadburn, of Rutland. His great-grandchildren are Shane and Cecelia Pearson, Jacob (Berenice) Dawley, Blake and Kierstin Dawley, Dylan, Samuel and Jack Bearce, Oscar and Ella Richardson, Noelia and Anthony Reed, Camryn, Taylor and Ryan Dawley, Corbin, Marlee and Brayton Chadburn. His stepchildren are Diane and Joe Surething, of Granville, New York; David Hill, of Mount Holly; Kathy (David) Wilder, of Iowa; Howard (Karen) Hill, of Mount Holly. Step-grandchildren are Josh Surething, Jared (Johanna) Surething, Alison and Braden Wilder; and step great-grandchildren are Etta, Oliver and Harry Surething.

Richard Dawley's family is sincerely grateful for the caring staff at the Gill Odd Fellows Home especially through these COVID months. Special thanks to all of his friends and family who visited. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Association; or Gill Odd Fellows Home, 8 Gill Terrace, Ludlow, VT.

A graveside service will be held on Aug. 28, 2021, at 1 p.m. followed by a reception at the Odd Fellows Hall in Belmont.

## Notice: All Invited

### Mechanicsville Cemetery Monthly Volunteer Clean Up Schedule

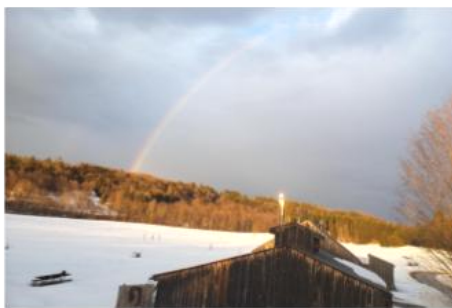
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month 2021

Aug 3, 8 am

Sept 7, 6 pm

Oct 4, 8 am

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Please join us for

## A Celebration of Life for Gary Cole

Saturday, August 14th at 3:00 pm

Mapleside Sugar House

2 Emu Lane, East Wallingford



We are throwing a party the way he would want it to be. All of his friends and family to come together for food, music, fun, share some memories and of course bocce! There will be a tent in case of rain. Food will be potluck, if you are interested in bringing a dish please do. BYOB.

## Rutland Jewish Center Service Notices

[office@rutlandjewishcenter.org](mailto:office@rutlandjewishcenter.org)

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

## Donald B. Richardson

The memorial service for Donald B. Richardson, 81, of Mount Holly, VT who died May 9, 2021 will be held Saturday, August 7, 2021 at 3:30 PM in Grace Congregational United Church of Christ, 8 Court St., Rutland, VT.

The Rev. Dr. Alberta Wallace, intentional interim, will officiate. Arrangements are by Tossing Funeral Home.





## IN MEMORIAM John Fiske

John Fiske, 81, passed away on July 12, 2021, following complications from heart surgery.

Born on September 12, 1939, in Bristol, England, John was raised in the Cotswolds, where he acquired his lifelong love of seventeenth-century English oak furniture. He received a BA (Honors) and MA in English Literature from Cambridge University, where he studied under the renowned critic Raymond Williams, whose influence guided John's writing and thinking throughout his life. While there, he acted in the Cambridge Footlights alongside several of the founding members of Monty Python, revealing the dry wit and humor for which he was so well known.

During his first career as a cultural theorist and critic, John held a number of academic appointments in the United Kingdom, Australia, and the United States including Principal Lecturer at Sheffield Polytechnic, where he designed the first undergraduate degree in Communication in the United Kingdom; Principal Lecturer in Communication at the Polytechnic of Wales, where he supervised the first Ph.D. candidate in Communication in the United Kingdom; Principal Lecturer in the School of Communication and Cultural Studies at Curtin University in Perth, Australia; and finally Professor of Communication Arts at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, from which he retired in 1990.

In addition to hundreds of articles and book chapters, John was the author or coauthor of nine books including *Reading Television* (with John Hartley), which was one of the first scholarly works to apply semiotics to media texts; *Introduction to Communication Studies*; *Television Culture*; *Reading the Popular*; *Understanding Popular Culture*; *Power Plays*, *Power Works*, and *Media Matters: Everyday Culture and Political Change*, a book that is viewed by many as having predicted the procession of media events that forced reckoning with the shift from America as a white majority to a minority-majority nation. His books have been translated into over 20 languages and have sold millions of copies. The founding editor of what is now the journal *Cultural Studies*, John lectured widely throughout the world. He was awarded an honorary doctoral degree by the University of Antwerp in 2008. His commitment to teaching and to his graduate students was perhaps his greatest contribution and gave him enormous pleasure and satisfaction.

Following his retirement from academia in 2000, he moved with his wife Lisa Freeman to a farmhouse in Vermont and embarked on his second career as an antiques author, editor, and dealer trading as Fiske & Freeman: Fine and Early Antiques and specializing in seventeenth-century English oak furniture. He became editor-in-chief of the *New England Antiques Journal* in 2004, and when the publisher decided to cease publication in December 2018, launched the online *Digital Antiques Journal*. Known for both his personal reflections (Yours Sincerely) and his deep insights into the meaning of antiques and the future of the antiques business (In My Opinion), he published several more books on seventeenth-century furniture including *Living with Early Oak* and *When Oak Was New*. His passion for the "humble history" that antiques offer had deep roots in his academic training and commitment to understanding the culture of everyday life.

In 2008, he and Lisa moved to Ipswich, Massachusetts, where his love of antiques expanded to embrace historical preservation in the coastal New England town that claims more first period houses than any other in the United States. This led him to chair the Ipswich Historical Commission, persuade the town to adopt its first Architectural Preservation District, and embark on the restoration of the collection in the National Historic Landmark John Whipple House.

John is survived by his wife of 32 years, Lisa Freeman of Ipswich and Manhattan; his daughter Dr. Lucy Fiske of Sydney, Australia; and his cousin, Eric Saumarez of Guernsey. He was predeceased by his son Matthew. Contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to the John Fiske Memorial Fund of the Ipswich Museum, Ipswich, MA ([www.ipswichmuseum.org](http://www.ipswichmuseum.org)). A celebration of John's life will be held at a later date.

### Access Bone Builders Online

Monday & Thursday Mornings

9:00 am

Lake Ninevah

For Weights and more information

Call Judy Nevin 259-2443

## Mt. Moriah Lodge #96 Mason Trestleboard

**Next Mtg Tuesday 8-17 8PM - Annual Supper Saturday 7-24 5PM**

Greetings Brothers,

We have a special guest, Deputy Grand Master Paul Mosher, coming to this meeting to present a couple of membership pins. It would be nice to have all the chairs full for this occasion. It's not every day we get to honor some long standing members for 50 and 60 years.

It's that time of the year again for our annual ham supper that's just around the corner. As usual we need pies, pies, pies! Kitchen help is needed to help set up in the morning and at night. Please help out as much as you can, even if it's only for a short time. We will have plenty of takeout containers available for those who don't feel comfortable sitting at the dining room tables.

A petition has been submitted for a potential candidate in the near future. That is good news; it's been a while since we've had a candidate. Fraternally, Earl Miller W.M. - Buster Seward Sec'y



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## Black River Area Community Coalition Update

Summer has been busy for us here at BRACC. First, we welcomed our new Program Coordinator Mary Faenza, a recent graduate of St. Michael's College. Mary has been busy training to teach Project Alert, a school based, substance abuse prevention program for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. We have also been busy at the Two River Supervisory Union Go Wild Summer Camp teaching fishing to campers of all ages.

We need you to help us brainstorm for the future. BRACC has been around for 18 years and has become a vital part of our community. We would like to invite you to attend a picnic where we will discuss our great past and how we should envision our future. It doesn't matter if you have been part of our organization in the past or are a part of our coalition now, we want to hear from you. Please email [mary.faenza@braccvt.org](mailto:mary.faenza@braccvt.org) to be placed on the invitation list. We encourage our youth to attend. We need to find a way forward to continue to sustain our great efforts. Thank you for all your support.

## Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department Update

Save the Date: We will be celebrating our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with an Open House at our Belmont Station on Cider Days Weekend. This will be your opportunity to visit the station, see our trucks and equipment and learn about the history of the fire department in Mount Holly. Bring the kids. Another exciting event will be the return of the Haunted Hayride, stay tuned for dates & times. At our last business meeting the membership voted to eliminate the bi-annual auction from our list of fundraisers. The department would like to say thank you to all the residents, 2nd homeowners and businesses who donated items over the years. We also want to encourage anyone looking to donate good saleable furniture or appliances to contact the Ludlow Fire Department for their upcoming auction on Labor Day Weekend. The Ludlow Fire Department is a vital member of our mutual aid network and we appreciate all their assistance. If you are interested in serving your community as a member of our volunteer fire department, please send an email to [mhvf1946@gmail.com](mailto:mhvf1946@gmail.com). We meet every Thursday evening at 7pm. Thank you for all your support.

## 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 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 9 <sup>th</sup>	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**



# MUSIC ON THE GREEN

**FREE CONCERT EVERY THURSDAY 7 PM**

**BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE MOUNT HOLLY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**JULY 1 - WOODSCHUCKS REDUX**

**JULY 8 - TIM CAIRA**

**JULY 15 - THE PLUMB BOBS**

**JULY 22 - JEB & FRIENDS**

**AUG 29 - JAMIE WARD - MR. PIANOMAN**

**AUG 5 - BUNTY STATION - OHIO BAND**

**AUG 12 - THE LARK SPURS**

**AUG 19 - CASEY SOLOMON**

**AUG 26 - MOUNT HOLLY FOLK CLUB**

## ON THE BELMONT GREEN

Concerts are held on the Green in Belmont, VT. In case of rain, concert will be held in the Mount Holly Community Center. Our Thanks to the Village Baptist Church for use of the Green.

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

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

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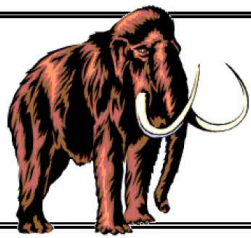
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## MOUNT HOLLY COMMUNITY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

### *Summer 2021 Programs and Events*

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 is open every weekend from 2-4 pm throughout July and August. Come view the mammoth tusk and other exhibits of historical interest in both the Perkins House and the Blacksmith Shop which are in the Village of Belmont.

### Mark Your Calendars

Visit Our Facebook page and website:  
[www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org](http://www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org) for details!

### Annual Membership Meeting and Potluck Dinner Join Us

### Become a Museum Member

### 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 about 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 prepared 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.

### Belmont Village Tours

Led by

Dennis Devereux, Museum  
Historian

**Saturday, July 24th and  
Saturday, August 14th  
2 pm.**

Meet at the Perkins House  
Museum Collection Tour in case of rain!

### History of The Grange in Mount Holly

Presented by

Sue Dawley Leblanc

**Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM  
Perkins House**

Sue will give a talk about the history of the Grange. As a long-time member Sue will talk about its founding and memories of her family's involvement over the years in the state and local Granges.

### BAKED HAM DINNER to Benefit the Museum Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup>

**First seating at 5:00 pm  
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## One World, One Week, One Festival

The library is delighted to see more and more of the community stopping by and picking up reading materials and DVDs. We look forward to serving everyone. Please remember our hours are: Monday 9-1 ~ Tuesday 1-5 ~ Wednesday 2-4 ~ Thursday Closed ~ Friday Closed ~ Saturday 9-1 ~ Sunday Closed

The Mount Holly Town Library is pleased and proud to announce that we are bringing the MANHATTAN SHORT FILM FESTIVAL to your library. MANHATTAN SHORT is a juried competition for independent film makers from all over the world. From over 2500 entries each year, the films are reduced to 10 finalists for the festival. Each film is 12-15 minutes in length and we will be showing all 10 films at each showing. Audience members will be given the opportunity to vote for best film and best actor, with the winners announced online on October 4. Please join us for what we hope will become an annual event at the library.

### "It's the Public that Creates Stars"

MANHATTAN SHORT began in 1998, when founder Nicholas Mason gathered an audience of 200 people and showed 16 short films on a screen mounted to the side of a truck on Mulberry Street, Little Italy, New York City. A year later the Festival moved uptown to Union Square Park NYC, where audiences grew to love the annual event. From these humble beginnings, MANHATTAN SHORT has now transformed into a worldwide phenomenon. Celebrating its 24th birthday in 2021, MANHATTAN SHORT is the only film festival on the planet to unfold simultaneously, in more than 500 cinemas on six continents, bringing over 100,000 film-lovers in all corners of the globe together for one week, via the next generation of filmmakers. [Click here to read how it all began.](#)

Showings at the Library will take place as follows: September 23 7 pm

September 25 2 pm and 7 pm

September 27 7 pm

September 30 7 pm

October 3 2 pm and 7 pm

Joe Galbraith, MLS, Library Director, Mount Holly Town Library, 26 Maple Hill Road, Belmont, VT 05730 802.259.3707

## RIDE RIGHT!

### BICYCLE RULES OF THE ROAD

1. Ride on the right with the flow of traffic.
2. Ride single file.
3. Stop at stop signs and traffic lights.
4. Signal by hand for turns.
5. Give the right of way to pedestrians.
6. Give a clear warning (bell, horn, or voice) when needed for safety.
7. Carry no passengers (except on approved baby seat).
8. Check your brakes often.
9. Equip your bike with front and rear reflectors, pedal reflectors and reflective material on both sides.
10. Do not adjust handlebars above your shoulders or alter the front fork of bike.
11. Do not ride on express or limited access highways.
12. You may ride on the sidewalk outside of the business districts unless the city or town prohibits it.
13. Equip bike with white light in front, red light on rear.



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### Prevent Head Injuries

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# MUSIC ON THE GREEN

## Correction

Jamie Ward  
Mr. Pianoman  
will perform on  
the Belmont  
Green  
Thursday,  
July 29





# **SCREENED TOP SOIL**

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over the maintenance of the gardens at Star Lake, which were installed by community members about 7 years ago. It is a lovely community space that will benefit from their green thumbs. Thank you so much for stepping up to care for these wonderful gardens!

**Music on the Green...**is well underway and, although the weather has not been that cooperative, we have had great musicians entertaining us. Join us every Thursday evening through August; when it rains we move inside to the library or community room. Please note that some of the August musicians may adjust their start time to 6:30pm - stay tuned through the newsflash, Facebook, and the MHCA website ([mhcavt.org](http://mhcavt.org)) for announcements of schedule changes.

**MHCA Annual Meeting...** please join us for our annual meeting on Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 pm and the annual meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. The annual meeting is always a time to celebrate all of the wonderful things that the MHCA does each year, as well as to attend to the important business of electing new members to the MHCA Board. This year, two of the current Board members are standing down...Penny Coldwell and Beth Latino. Please join us to thank them for the years of devoted service they have given to the MHCA!

**Seeking New Board Members...**currently the MHCA Board of Directors is looking to fill the 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 [mhcavt@gmail.com](mailto:mhcavt@gmail.com).

**Cider Days Vendors...**vendor applications for Cider Days are now available and are due by August 31st. Application can be obtained by emailing Lisa at: [Lisa.kelleyvt@gmail.com](mailto:Lisa.kelleyvt@gmail.com)

**MHCA Membership...**"We do it all for you", with that being said our membership drive has begun! Please help support the MHCA in maintaining our library, community center, and all of the events we organize for our community. As you can imagine,

there is always maintenance that needs to happen, sometimes those expenses are bigger than others. Your membership makes the difference...thank you all for your support!

**In advance:**

**Cabaret...**Alexa Fila and Joe Solomon will once again be delivering their smooth jazz sound at this year's **Cabaret!** Be sure to join us on Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm in the library for music and scrumptious desserts. There is no cover charge, but there is a small fee for the desserts and beverages. Hope to see many of you there!



## **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**

**Garden Tour...**we would like to extend our gratitude to all those who participated in the garden tour in every way! We had eight mountain gardens on display on Saturday, July 17th under gray and sometimes rainy skies. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped make this event a success. From the gardeners who toiled in a lot of rainy weather this spring to get their gardens in shape, to our tour ticket sellers, as well as those who worked behind the scenes to make the Garden Tour possible, we cannot tell you how much we appreciate all of your work...thank you!

**Star Lake Gardens...**speaking of gardens, we'd like to give a shout out to the Master Gardeners of Mount Holly who have agreed to take

***Please join us...***

***Mount Holly Community Association  
Annual Meeting***

***The Mount Holly Library &  
Community Center***

***Tuesday, August 3, 2021***

***Refreshments at 6:30 pm followed by  
the Annual Meeting at 7:00 pm  
Please join us for a short meeting  
with refreshments before and after!***

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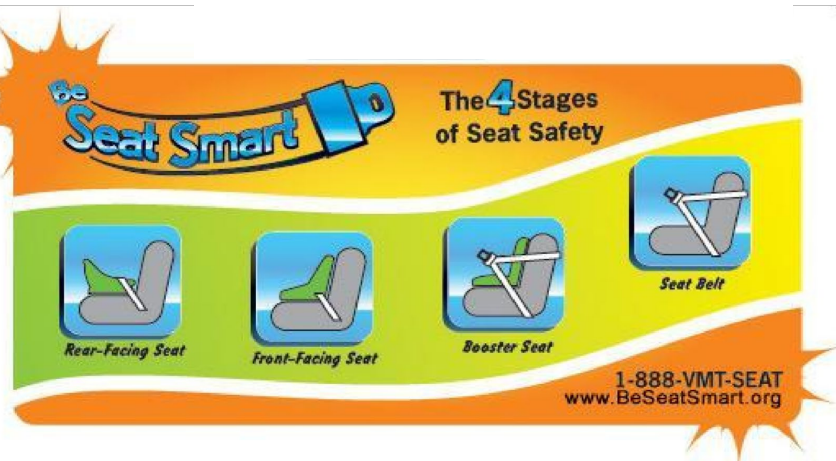
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**MHVFDA**

If you would like to purchase raffle tickets you can send the money to the Mount Holly Vol. Fire Dept. Auxiliary at the address below or you can stop by the Mount Holly Town Office. MHVFDA, c/o Christine Pratt, 826 Belmont Rd., Belmont, VT 05730



**Car Seat Safety Station:**

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

**Mechanicsville Cemetery**  
Maple Hill Road, Belmont VT



*Mechanicsville Cemetery Assoc.*  
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**Notice;**  
**All Invited**  
**Mechanicsville Cemetery**  
**Volunteer Clean Up Schedule;**

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month 2021  
Aug 3, 8 am - Sept 7, 6 pm - Oct 4, 8 am

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## CIDER DAYS IS COMING!

October 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>

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of the MHCA for an application

Application requests can be emailed to

[Lisa.kelleyvt@gmail.com](mailto:Lisa.kelleyvt@gmail.com)

Application and payment deadline is August  
31<sup>st</sup>

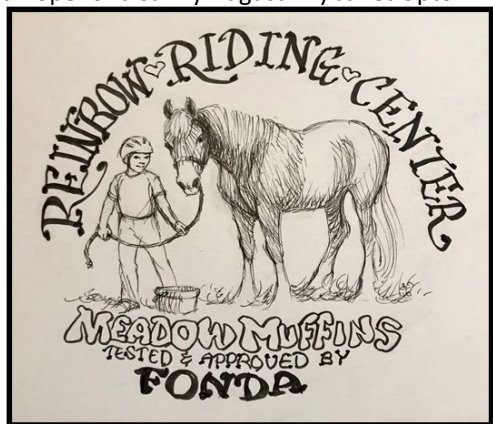
The preferred method is email but if you need to call to  
request an application call 259-3112

apples, honey, molasses, even watermelon—with the rind. To that end, our friend Tracy Lazell is doing a fundraiser for Rainbow Riding by making and baking some totally natural, tasty treats for our horses. They are called Rainbow Riding Center Meadow Muffins, and yes they actually look like those muffins left behind by horses when they have good things to eat—but these muffins smell a whole lot better.

Tracy and friends will be combining apples, carrots, oats and molasses to make this tasty treat that will then be bagged and labeled and available for purchase. You can buy the Muffins for your favorite four-hooved friend, or buy them to donate to the horses at Rainbow Riding. Bags of ten are \$5.00 each.

September is the kick off date, but we're taking orders now. You can place an order by emailing: Janet Upton at [janupton@comcast.net](mailto:janupton@comcast.net). Once we start baking we'll notify you when and where you can pick up your orders or make your Rainbow Riding Center Meadow Muffin donation.

Please watch our website: [rainbowridingcenter.org](http://rainbowridingcenter.org), and follow us on Facebook, Twitter @RainbowRiding and Instagram @rainbow\_riding\_center. Contact us at [programs@rainbowridingcenter.org](mailto:programs@rainbowridingcenter.org). Everyone stay well and hope for a sunny August. By Janet Upton



### We're Having Fun at Rainbow Riding Center

Programs are going swimmingly at Rainbow Riding Center, despite the rainy weather. In between the raindrops, horses and riders have been spending a lot of time in the new ring. Our new handicap accessibility ramp is finally completed and we're now working on pasture fencing and laying out a trail system. As part of their horsemanship lesson, at the conclusion of a lesson, riders must brush off their horses and give them a big thank you for their service. That big thank you includes a bucket with a big mouthful of horse treats. And each horse waits expectantly for those treats once the saddle is off.

Horse treats come in all sizes and shapes and include all manner of what horses consider good things to eat. Especially things like carrots,

## Horses On The Road

IT'S THE LAW Title 23§1127  
That horses have the right-of-way  
On all roads.

Horse owners and riders are asking that you slow down.  
Give the horse some extra room, and proceed with caution.

#### There are many things that frighten a horse:

- The sounds of different road conditions.
- Water puddles or if it's raining.
- Maybe you hit a big pothole with your vehicle.
- Stones on a dirt road – the sound of them hitting your vehicle, or when they fly out from the tires.
- Maybe you are pulling a trailer and the items in it are making loud noises.

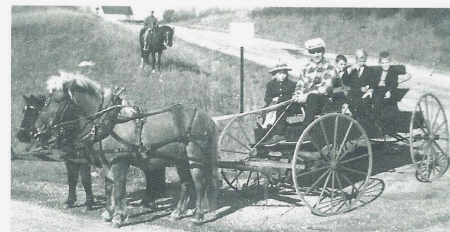
Things like these can cause even the best-trained horse to become afraid and make unexpected movements – SOMETIMES JUMP INTO THE ROADWAY!

WE SHARE THE SAME ROADS. SO PLEASE PASS THE WORD ON.  
SLOW DOWN AND GIVE A HORSE AND RIDER  
SOME EXTRA ROOM FOR SAFETY.

THANK YOU

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## Lift Up Thine Eyes

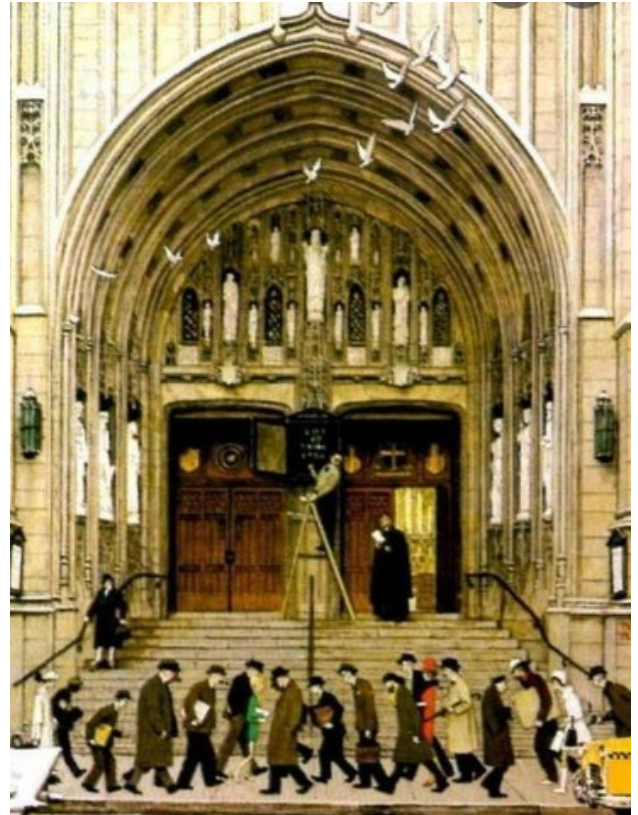
From China comes a newly coined phrase: *di tou zu* (dee taw jow) which translates as the “bowed-head tribe”. So what is a tribe of people with lowered heads? Smartphone addicts, of course. When Steve Jobs held up the first iPhone at a conference in 2007 he showed off its appealing touch screen interface and a revolution was born. Smartphones allow us to hold the entire world in our palm. However, mostly we watch cat videos and play Candy Crush. Today 95% of American’s own a cell phone and 77% have a Smartphone. Why have we been so quick to buy a \$500 phone? Well, we could come up with several reasons, but mostly it’s because cell phones were *designed* to lure us in with their shiny screens and millions of aps. As of 2020 there are 5 billion Smartphone users worldwide. Think of it. We’ve effectively created that many “new homes” or “techno snail shells”. Rather than carry “home” on our back like a snail, we carry it in our pockets. At any moment we are liable to retreat into our “home” where we live, laugh, love, cry and work in the reflective glare of this little screen. It *is* our virtual home.

The cell phone, without doubt, is an amazing, enriching and empowering device. However, what worries me (and others) is that we all seem to be spending an increasing amount of time looking down. It’s like the guy who worked in the subway who was asked for directions to a certain street above. His reply was, “Don’t ask me nuthin’ about up there, all *I* know is *down here*.” Spending too much time on a Smartphone is *like* that. Time is a very finite commodity. We can’t make any more of it. The hours spent in our virtual snail shell are at the expense of interactions in our real homes in the real world. It’s true that 1/3 of us use our cell phones while we’re dining with friends and family. 50% of us wander the streets, crossing intersections, looking down at our phones, (not to mention driving!) 1/3 of us awaken and reach for our phones within the 1st 5 minutes and check it an average of 150 times a day. One in ten said, in a survey, that they responded to their phone whilst having *sex*. Like Pavlov’s dogs, every time we check our phones we’re hoping to get rewarded- a notification, a tag, a “like”. Tech developers exploit our need for social approval. Commands invite other comments spread across this network that makes it appear as though tons of people “care” what you’re having for dinner.

Anxiety separation is now being applied to cell phones. Why not try voluntary rehab on yourself. Build in stops to prevent that bottomless *doom-scrolling*. Make some hard and fast rules that you stick to. “I will never use my phone at the table” or “I will not sleep with my phone”. Put it far, far away and turn off your notifications. I *dare* you. Find out how addicted you really are and then *deal* with it. Take back the power and *you* control it, not vice versa.

Face it. If you take a phone sabbatical you might just find that life becomes more colorful, more interesting, richer. You’ll have better conversations. More laughter. You’ll find yourself *really* connecting with the people who are with you. We need more interruptions for giving attention to the people we care about and less *techno*-inter-ruptions in our lives. If you’ll “lift up your eyes unto the hills” you might just begin again to appreciate the beauty of this gorgeous state we live in. You actually might hear the voice of your Creator in the quiet...”Be still and know that I am God”.

Be more aware of the psychology of cell phone design that keeps us from engaging in the here and now. Be present. Cell phones



can show us the world, but only in words and pixels. Look up from that tiny, glowing screen and experience the people and the planet around you. Make a positive choice to *keep* looking up because *He's* always looking down. *Pastor Glenn Davis*

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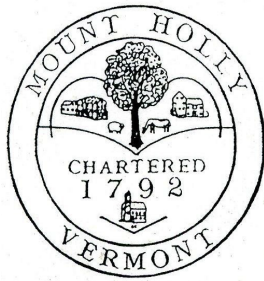
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## Mount Holly Town News

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](http://www.okemovalley.tv) Computers with internet access are available at the Town Library.

### Town of Mount Holly Special Select Board Meeting June 17, 2021 Minutes

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

Matthews

**Town Officials:** Brigid Faenza, Carol Garrow-Woolley, David Johnson, Jim Seward, Clinton Woolley

**Public:** None in Attendance

1. **Call to Order** by Mark Turco at 4:35 p.m.

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

2. **Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the Agenda** – Jennifer Matthews asked to add a question from the auditors. It was agreed to do so following agenda item #5.

3. **Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid Program Letter of Intent – Approve & Sign** – Jeff Chase made a motion to approve and sign the Letter of Intent to Participate in the Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid Program for projects to be completed by September 30, 2022, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved.

4. **Casella Food Scrap Collection Costs** – Clinton Woolley spoke with Casella about pick-up of the food waste collected at the transfer station. They will pick up all three totes twice a month at a cost of \$165 per month. Ms. Matthews inquired about a composting operation at the transfer station, which had been previously discussed. Mr. Turco noted the costs and time involved with such an operation, e.g., monitoring and turning the pile, keeping animals away, etc. Mr. Chase stated the road crew's efforts were better spent on road issues. Mr. Turco made a motion to use Casella for the food scrap pick-up at a cost of \$165 per month, seconded by Ms. Matthews, unanimously approved.

5. **Fixed Assets Listing – Approve & Sign** – The fixed asset listing prepared by the auditors was reviewed. David Johnson pointed out one piece of equipment was listed incorrectly. The item was tabled.

5a. **FY19 & FY20 Audit Question** – Mr. Turco stated he was not aware of any fraud or non-compliance.

6. **Mount Holly School/Town Garage Well Water System Memorandum of Agreement Amendment & State Permits – Approve & Sign** – Ms. Matthews made a motion to approve and sign the Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement and the necessary State Permits for the Mount Holly School/Town garage well water system, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously passed.

7. **Planning Commission Member's Resignation** – Ms. Matthews made a motion to accept Lisa Terrier's resignation from the Planning Commission with regrets but also with appreciation for her time and work while on the Planning Commission, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved.

8. **ARPA Funds Update** – After attending a webinar yesterday, Ms. Matthews gave a brief update on the ARPA funds. A total of \$130,232 in municipal funds will come to the town. The funds need to be obligated by December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026. The county fund distribution question is still undecided.

9. **SB Admin Assistant Position** – Select Board members discussed the position with an interested individual.

10. **Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm. Respectfully Submitted: Jennifer Matthews - Minutes Approved: 7.13.2021

### MOUNT HOLLY SPECIAL SELECT BOARD MEETING JUNE 29, 2021 MINUTES

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

**Town Officials:** Dennis Devereux, David Johnson, Carol Garrow-Woolley, Clinton Woolley, Stephen Michel, James Seward, James Heald, Robert Herbst, Paul Faenza,

**Zoom:** Renee Sarmiento, Phil Crane and unknown participant

**Members of the Public:** Zena Gates, Christine Pratt, Amy Turco, John Seward, Paul Frazier, Sarah Ladden, Mary-Elizabeth Ladden (9), and Molly Ladden (6), Alice Perry

1. **Call to Order:** By Mark Turco at 6:30 p.m.

2. **All recited Pledge of Allegiance (not on the Agenda)**

3. Mark opened the meeting welcoming all to a special board meeting regarding the speed and traffic within the Town of Mount Holly. Mark also thanked the undersigned for accepting the position as the Select Board Administrative Assistant. This was added to the Agenda. Motion was made by Jennifer to accept the undersigned as the Select Board Administrative Assistant; seconded by Mark. All were in favor and indicated “Aye”.

4. **Changes and/or additions to the agenda:** None made

5. **ARPA Funds Request:** Jennifer said this has to be done by the 15th of July. Mark read, “I move that the Town of Mount Holly

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

#### TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY

#### **A PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR OUTDOOR BURNING**

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Jim Seward

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## **CLOSED**

**Mount Holly Town Office  
Monday August 16th In Observance  
Of Battle of Bennington Day**



accept its allocation of Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funding (CLFRF) from the US Treasury, along with the Award Terms & Conditions and Assurances of Compliance with the Civil Rights Requirements that are requirements of accepting these funds”, Mark made a motion to accept the funds and was given paperwork to sign. Jennifer seconded. All were in favor and indicated “Aye”. Jennifer had Mark sign as “Authorized Representative”.

6. **Fixed Assets Listing:** Jennifer said they had spoken about this last time and there was an error on it and it’s been revised. It was for the Audit for Fiscal Year ‘20. Jennifer verified this with David (Johnson). Jennifer motioned to accept the Fixed Assets Listing; seconded by Jeff Chase. This was signed by Mark. All were in favor and indicated “Aye”.

### 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.

7. **Traffic Safety Concerns Committee:** Mark discussed the Traffic Safety Committee’s concerns deferred to Dennis for up-date. Dennis provided an overview indicating he and three others from the Village had gone around Town and up-dated the list. He wants to see a lot of these things put in place. They had focused on two areas: Additional signage and speed limits. Dennis explained more signage, warnings and the State Highway roadway. Mark opened the discussion and permitted Dennis to read the results:

- Dennis reads #1-Lowering Speed Limit in Belmont Village. Lowering the speed limit in Village is a priority. Would like the Village speed limit lowered from 35 to 25 miles an hour; and installing 4 “Historic District” signs; installing speed bumps; prioritizing slowing people down. Jim Heald spoke stating a year or so ago, when Covid started, they (State Police) didn’t want to enforce speed limits, but would come if they were needed for major, major problems like serious accidents. Lately, when the Governor opened the State, they were around like fleas; not so much now. You could have a sign every 20 feet, but they have to be enforced or money is wasted. Thanks people for looking into this. Jim has lived on Belmont Road since 1966 and believes this is the absolute worst year he’s ever seen! Cars pass by his house doing 60-65; recommends hiring the Sheriff and spending some money. Jim knows a lot have perished since he’s been here and it’s all speed-related. This will keep happening if we don’t have enforcement.
- John Seward said he and his wife, Jody, walk the road and have a fear of death! All the new transplants drive like they’re still in Connecticut. They should be more courteous towards their fellow community members and not wanting to kill somebody, their animals or their child. Believes they stopped signage about 20 years ago. John explained it’s unclear if it’s 50 or 35. There’s random Police presence. Mentions Bridgewater—no one speeds there!! It all comes down to moving here or living here all your life; going for walks, having dogs off-leash. It would be nice to have that here again. Signage is good, enforcement is absolutely necessary.
- Dennis says the elephant in the room is who will enforce it and what’s going to happen. Hiring the Rutland County Sheriff or State Police, recommends 10-20 hours a month, people get stopped, or people seeing other people get stopped. Grant money for signage, unsure about enforcement.
- John discusses Gates Road and the corner of Healdville. Mentions tree trimming to ensure visibility on blind corners and signage.
- Dennis suggests speed bumps in Belmont Village, but hasn’t found them in places other than parking lots. He has had trouble finding them in any other towns.
- Alice Perry introduces herself. She volunteered to be part of this group. Discusses children and people doing 50 past signs saying “Slow-Children”. Callous disregard towards neighbors. Believes something awful will happen unless we do something. Signage is great as well as enforcement. Talks about Bridgewater and Chester. Some people have offered to pay for their own speed bump.
- Paul Faenza spoke about the Ordinance of 1988, which only affects three parts of roads in Town. If there is not a sign “Speed limit 35” on these three roads; it’s 50. Discusses different roads in Town. Should we amend the Ordinance? Discusses a sign posted by State Police on Belmont Road and the sign was found thrown in the woods. Paul said he asked State Police to come monitor the roads here because they were speeding past the school. Paul received phone calls from people asking why they (State Police) were here and they shouldn’t be stopping people because they don’t have enough money to pay for tickets. Enforcement is huge. Paul believes if you get the Sheriff in here and they enforce the speed limit, it would be fine. Paul states he doesn’t like the speed bump idea because they can’t be seen at night.
- John asks if there would be revenue for Town if the State Police and Sheriff were here. If it’s a State Highway, it goes to the State. Paul and Dennis explain how it works. \$160,000 a year. John said it would pay the State Police to be here; the fines offset the cost of having them here.
- Jennifer explains the Select Board has received numerous emails on this issue, the majority being about speeding in Belmont Village and Belmont. Jennifer asked about the 5 year ordinance with speed limits. If they have an ordinance and if they reduce the speed limit,

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check the costs for the Sheriff.

- Amy asks who's doing this? The Select Board or the Committee. Mark said the Select Board will look into it.
- Mark stated they have reached out to the Sheriff about an hourly rate.
- Amy asks Paul if they need to be contracted. Paul explained the Troopers are out and will come out and enforce local ordinances.
- Mark said he will reach out and have them enforce it. Human life is important.
- Bovie states we need an ordinance in case someone takes it to court.
- Mark replied, it's coming. The ordinance is coming.
- John asks how do you know what the speed limit is. Paul explains it is 35 mph to a point and then back to 50 on top of the hill. Discussion is held on this.
- Steve Michel explains where the signs are by Gates Road. He was asked, can you see the signs because of the limbs of the trees. Steve explained where they are.
- John asked about speed limit signs and painting it across the road. You see it when you approach it. Mark agrees. Mark says you see it in a lot of villages.
- Paul Frazier said he is on Healdville Road and has noticed a difference in the last 3 years, especially since last year. Fed Ex and UPS speed too. Everything said here has been on his mind. He explains speeding and how 35 becomes 40 and how you can take advantage. Discusses an accident that occurred from speeding on 103. Believes speed was involved in that.
- Jennifer added on Healdville Road, coming out of Branch Brook, people are flying by that point and get on right by pulling out in front of them.
- Dennis and Mark pulled the discussion in to keep it on point.
- Sarah Ladden said she's across from Bob, has a 9 year old, a 6 year old and a 2 year old. Believes signs antagonize people, told of a recent experience which occurred recently. Sarah's daughter, Mary Elizabeth (9 years old), added the cars drive by pretty fast and she gets scared. Explains their porch is close to the road and is scared they'll get hit. Cars don't pay attention to the signs. Mary Elizabeth received a round of applause.
- Alice Perry said there's a committee. The roads Belmont Road, Church Street and Maple Hill Road a "Historic Village". Post signs. Appeal to civic pride to do 20-25 mph maybe.
- Dennis specified roads, Shunpike and Nineveh. Should have signs for a 3-way or warn of a side road, especially where it goes to dirt, which is bad for bikers. There's a blind side road which should be posted. Mentions a local couple and how carefully they have to drive to manage these roads.

it has to be enforceable. Mark states every road needs it and should be on that ordinance to be enforceable. A discussion is held with Jennifer and Dennis.

- Bob Herbst states the possibility of having an ordinance that all roads in the Town of Mount Holly are 35 unless posted. Then post "25" in the village. Recently he saw a sign on the side of the road in Newport, NH, stating "Drive Like Your Children Live Here". People drive 60 mph on Belmont Road, when he waves for them to slow down, they accelerate. It's careless disregard for neighbors. Think about everyone's safety and everyone's liability in Belmont. John asks Paul which roads are on the ordinance and Paul states: Belmont Road, Healdville Road on either side of each.
- Dennis discussed paved roads vs. unpaved roads. Could be covered under ordinance. Discusses Mount Holly Heights, they want 25-30 mph there. All Town paved roads 40 mph and unpaved, 35 mph.
- Mark discussed dirt roads were 35—named them—there's room for improvement.
- Amy Turco said people drive 50-60 mph near the sugar house. It's not okay.
- Jim Heald asked what are we going to do about doing an Ordinance?
- Mark answered we have to draft an ordinance and we have to set speed limits. Also

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- Dennis discusses Item 5—Warning Signs: Should be a mirror for Branch Brook Road, but doesn't believe they last. Sign for "Hidden Side Road" so people have a little heads up but for signage, a cost is involved.
- John added maybe we should have something like Fire Station warning lights for Branch Brook Road.
- Dennis mentions Carol Ballou telling him about Flanders Corner, from Hedgehog Hill Road, where there's a grassy triangle, the Stop sign should be closer to the road; one should be moved and one added.
- Dennis discussed Item 7—Belmont Road, Nichols and Teer Road. In 1960, there was an accident where a woman who was a

passenger in a car was T-boned and she became an invalid for the rest of her life. Explained how he approaches Nichols Road now; Teer Road isn't as bad.

- Dennis discussed Item 9—Replacing the Yield Sign on Straight Road and Maple Hill Road, Should be a Stop. Bob agreed Nichols Road/Teer Road should be posted as “Dangerous Intersection”.
- Dennis said they could do a lot. Possibly removing the grassy triangle. In 1940, the triangle was removed and there were mixed feelings on both sides, houses on both sides. On Lake Street, if two cars are meeting, one would have to come to a complete stop. Alice added there are people adamantly opposed to removing the grassy triangle. Three out of 4 committee members like the knoll.
- Christine Pratt said she was at Jordon's house visiting. People went by her fast and didn't stop. Bob agreed with her.
- Dennis — discussion held of Belmont Road to Lake Street. Four-way stop for Belmont Store. Cars block the view.
- John asks for suggestions regarding the parking in front of the Belmont Store. Dennis tells of Ray Tarbell, about 6 years ago when they were discussing the parking there and if there were cars parked blocking the view. Ray said the cars would have to slow down for the driver's to get a better view. He was right!
- Jim discusses Belmont Store parking. John joins in regarding the lines for parking and how big cars are now. Bovie adds “you should try it with a plow”.. Jim Seward said they really hear about it when traffic has to be rerouted that way after an accident on 103.
- Dennis discusses other places such as the State Highway. Zena said she has had several close calls on Gates Road. Dennis asked if a sign would help. Jim said if they're going 35, that's okay.
- Amy Turco said Old Turnpike Road, Camille DeShard's. Mike Blaise has flashing lights on both sides of the road and between the headlights and those lights, they blinded her. It's not safe. It's in the Town in the Right-of-Way and there's 2x4 or 2x8 pieces of wood. If they get hit, they will splinter. Dennis explained this is a crosswalk and it senses when a car is approaching and starts flashing. Bob asked the legality of this. Mark states they will measure it tomorrow. If it's in the Town's Right-of-way, they will send a letter. Dennis and Mark discuss this and how it's constructed. There's more to come on this and it will be looked into, said Mark.
- Dennis added on the State Highway, 103 at the yellow light, you can't see down the road. He has data on the accidents here. He asked 10 years ago to lower it a little bit. The yellow is just a flashing light, trailer trucks are doing 60 mph. Recommends lowering the road a little bit. There's federal money. Have been a lot of close calls.
- Dennis: On 155 coming from Weston, Howland Farm Road. Jeff Chase is very familiar with it. Should be a warning sign “hidden side road” on the right and another for coming out of Straight Road. Write V-trans about these.
- Dennis: A Town Road, “Scampsville Road” is all grass, the bridge that was there fell in, not Town maintained. Mark added, it's a snowmobile road, class 4 road. It's still listed as a Town Road. Dennis wants the Scampsville Road sign for the Museum. There was a school there and boys were hanging around and the teacher came out and hollered at them, saying “You scamps! Get out of here!” There was more discussion.
- Jim Heald thanks the Committee. There's a round of applause. Steve Michel said if they change the rules, maybe they would be able

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to use some of the grant money from infrastructure. Mark asked if there was any other discussion. Steve Michel asked future meetings to be put out on the Newsflash since by the time he saw the warning for the last special meeting, it was too late. Mark said he would make that happen. Mark thanked everyone, especially the Committee, including all people involved. Great stuff. It will do something for all the roads in the Town of Mount Holly and they'd have a little enforceability if anyone takes it to court. Mark states they're still within the meeting and asks for a motion for Executive Session, Title1 V.S.A. S313(a)(3)-personnel. Jennifer seconds. All agree and say “Aye”. Thank everyone for coming. The Select Board entered into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. and was out

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of Executive Session by 8:37, no action taken. Meeting adjourned with Mark making a motion, seconded by Jeff, at 8:37 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Brigid Faenza - Approval Date: 7.13.2021

### **Town of Mount Holly Special Select Board Meeting July 1, 2021 Minutes**

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

**Town Officials:** Clinton Woolley

**Public:** None in Attendance

1. **Call to Order** by Mark Turco at 3:50 p.m.

2. **Executive Session: Title 1 V.S.A. S 313(a)(3) – personnel** – Mr. Turco made the motion to enter Executive Session at 3:52 pm, seconded by Jeff Chase, unanimously approved. Mr. Chase made a

motion to exit Executive Session at 4:32 pm, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved. No actions taken.

3. **Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 4:32 pm. Respectfully Submitted: Jennifer Matthews - Minutes Approved: 7.13.2021

### **MOUNT HOLLY SELECT BOARD MEETING JULY 13, 2021 MINUTES**

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

**Town Officials:** David Johnson, Carol Garrow-Woolley, Clinton Woolley, James Seward, James Heald, Denise Young, Jon McCann, Diana Garrow, and Renee Sarmento

**Members of the Public:** Zena Gates, Christine Pratt, Amy Turco, Andrew Seward, Diana Garrow

**Zoom:** Francis DeVine, Donna Seward, Annette Lynch, Gray

**Call to Order:** By Mark Turco at 6:30 p.m.

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Board members discussed adding to the meeting's Agenda. David Johnson said he gave me an addition for this meeting regarding the certificate of no appeals pending. The sheet was found and added to the agenda. It's added to the Lister's Update. Also, the Fixed Assets and Independent Audit update also added under David's. Mark asked for anything else.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Mark discussed approval of the Meeting Minutes of June 8th, and the Special Select Board Meeting Minutes of June 17th and the 29th. Jeff adds the July 1st and Mark agrees, the July 1st as well. Jeff makes a motion to accept the meeting minutes for June 17th, June 29th and July 1st, seconded by Mark. Mark also seconded for the June 8th, 17th, 29th and July 1st meeting. All agreed by saying "Aye".

**Reports: (A). Highways & Transfer Station Update:** Clinton states he took care of the road markings bill, so they're sticking with what they quoted us. Discussion was held between Clinton and the Board on this and possibly renting a tractor since they're getting behind on mowing due to the rain. Mark advised Clinton to find out how much a rental would be and to give a firm number. Clinton said he would let him know but wanted to have their thoughts on it.

**Winter Sand Bids:** Jeff opened the bids and said the first was Wallingford Crushed Stone, \$825 a ton, we'd pick up from their quarry.

Second one is Hunter Excavating and they're \$750 a ton, and their delivered price is \$1150 a ton. Last one is Pike Industries, \$750 a ton, they're not offering delivery. Discussion held on this between the Board members and Clinton. Clinton would prefer to stay with Pike and keep doing it the way they're doing it. Mark said, the same price per ton. Mark asks for a motion. Jeff makes a motion to approve Pike Industries as the supplier for sand for the 2021/2022 winter season. Jennifer seconds. All agree by saying, "Aye".

**Transfer Station:** Clinton said they finally were certified from July 1, 2021, to June 30, of 2031. Mark said "Very good." Clinton also said Casella is picking up the food scraps now and it's going smoothly. Mark said it's good because it saves the Town because we don't have to transport. Clinton said they have it in their new certification they can compost up to 42 yards. It's something we can do later on down the road if we choose to. Mark said this is very good. Mark asks if there are any questions. None.

**Highway Structures Grant:** Mark asks for a motion. Jeff makes a motion to approve the Town Highway Structures grant for Summit Road for its culvert installation. Seconded by Mark. All in favor and indicated "Aye". Mark said they have to sign that.

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Jennifer said it goes back to Brian Sanderson, who has already signed it. Jeff said it would be a project for next year, a Spring project at the earliest. Jeff discusses the details of this with Clinton and the Board. Jeff said to put it on the agenda just to discuss the RFP for design. Mark asks if there's anything else for Clinton. None.

**Treasurer - David Johnson:** Mark introduced David Johnson to give the monthly income and expense report. David said we have just completed our fiscal year. David explains the first page is the balance sheet and two State Farm Bank accounts have been closed and consolidated into other existing accounts. There was a new account opened for the second Fire Department Vehicle fund. There's a CD that we had which was for that but he wasn't able to add the new money to it, so he had to open a new account. The Asset Equipment Fund is \$64,616.00 is all in one place now.

**Taxes Receivable:** We still have three and a half properties that are outstanding although it's under \$10,000. David said he doesn't have a current report from the delinquent tax collected, but there might be one tax sale and one paid but the check bounced. Further down the line, account 129-Miscellaneous accounts receivable, that's up. At this time of year, we have billed the Fire Department, Rescue Squad and school for their diesel purchases. So that's why that's up.

**Accounts Payable,** on top of page two: These are bills for things that happened in June. The Line painting of \$3200 will be added to that, and he anticipates a bill for the mowing of Star Lake and the cemetery. David thinks all the others have come in.

**Accrued Payroll Expenses,** which we only see once in a while, will be all gone next month. Those are wages and taxes associated with it for the three days in the last week of June that didn't get paid until the first payroll in July.

**Profit and Loss:** the first page, the first item in Fee Incomes, the Forestry Receipts, typically received the last week of June, and it was again this year, from US Forest Service and it was up from the prior year. It's looking good there. A few items down, there's a prior year adjustment of a minus, and it's something David worked with the auditors to get. It has to do with the HRA account. When the first refund came, it was credited against expense and it really isn't that. It was so, that's why it's a minus in the revenue.

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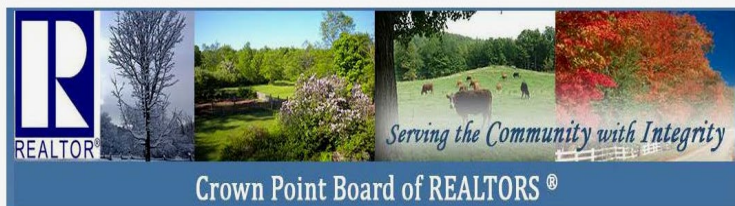


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**Expenses:** Overall, there really isn't a single category that was overspent that they're not fully aware of. Salaries and wages were under. Essentially all the General Fund items are under. The tax mapping expense looks like it's over, but that's really a timing issue of when the bills got paid because the money was raised over three years and because of Covid, things didn't happen as fast as they should have.

**Worker's Comp #544:** David discusses this subject .said he called to ask how the audit was because we started that process back on the 1st of April, he hadn't heard anything. They will be issuing a check to us, he's expecting a refund of about \$1600.

**County Tax:** David said that was paid at the end of June and was quite a bit less than what they budgeted for. The County Government adjusted their tax rate pretty well for whatever reasons.

**Solid Waste** did go over, but it is more than covered by the extra label revenue. David points out that the Zero Sort Disposal, June was the first month the charge was under \$100, it has been as high as \$500 a month, so that should make a difference in the coming year.

**Repairs and Maintenance** did stay below the budget, it's one of those places that you can't really predict. All the Highway things are under budget except the road treatment because we did the extra work from prior years.

**Better Back Roads** FY 2021 and 2022, that \$6800 in expenses will be recovered this Fall when the grant work is complete. Mark asks if there's any questions for David. Jennifer asks David about consolidating the two record funds accounts, the State Farm into Berkshire; because the State Farm

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had \$15,000 and the Berkshire had about \$78, but we're only at \$19 and Berkshire. David said that's because it took the \$4,000 for all the expenses out. The Board and David discuss this. Jennifer asks about page 4, under the agency contributions, what's the extra \$500? David pointed to Patrick and Okemo Valley TV. Jennifer said the money is well spent.

**Independent Audit Update and the Fixed Asset:** Jennifer asks if they should do the Independent Audit Update to start with. David said he would take care of the Fixed Asset Schedule, so they have done it for two years now. David said the thing about that is he thought they had the wrong year on it. These were all figures for FY'19, but it says June of 2020. It was explained that it automatically rolls, if you've gone by June 30 '19, it automatically uses the next year, but they know that's a flaw in the program. There is discussion between the Board and David regarding this.

**Fiscal Year '22 Tax Rate:** David said they received a notice from the Vermont Department of Taxes for the Education Rate, one for Homestead property and one for non-Homestead property. The Homestead Rate is a little bit more than the non-homestead rate. David provided information as to how the Tax Rate is decided. It would make a total tax rate of \$38.05 cents, which is up just about the same amount as the local agreement tax. Mark asks for a motion to accept. Jennifer asks should we spell this all out and David said approve the municipal tax rate of \$37.89, which makes the Homestead rate 1.91.67 cents and the non-Homestead rate \$1.89.35 for the fiscal year of '22. Jennifer motions to set the Homestead Tax rate of 1.91.67 and the non-Homestead Rate at 1.89.35 for fiscal year 2022. Jeff seconds. All in favor by indicating "Aye".

Mark said they have the certification for the attachment of the lister's update. Jennifer asks to do the Internal Financial Controls checklist first. Mark agrees. Jennifer said we'll have Mark sign it so it has been received and reviewed by the Select Board. It's the

same as we did it last year. It should be indicated in the minutes.

**Lister's Update:** David said there's no appeals pending for the Listers and David said you can file that certificate signed by the Listers and the Select Board. It goes to the Town Clerk and is put with the Grand List on a permanent record. Mark asks for a motion; Jennifer makes the motion, Mark seconds. All in favor indicated "Aye".

**Mount Holly Planning Commission Update:** Jon says that much like last month, they did a site visit on a location last week. They have been given three weeks, at the landowner's request, to do another site visit. Jon explains the big news is of a hybrid meeting this month. Mark asks if there's questions for Jon. No questions for now.

**Zoom: Francis: Mount Holly Conservation Commission Update:** Francis reviews Shade Tree Grants. They have a tree warden. Signed a letter of agreement with the State to develop a plan. Francis wants to add two more members and is looking for volunteers on this to protect the shade trees. Will work with the Town Highway crew on this project.

Francis comments on Jim Corbin's biodiversity project. Check the Conservation's website and the minutes for the link to the biodiversity project.

Francis mentions Phil Leonard leading an effort to develop a plan to save or restore Star Lake. At the parade on the 4th of July, he solicited information re: Lake.

Annette Lynch is continuing to work on the Town's inventory. This is for the work that has to be done by the conservation. She is putting together a case study which will be used as a template for natural resources throughout the town.

Francis explained the results from the survey: In our Town, there are 523 households, 1202 population as of Census records of 2019, 49% female, 51% male. Francis said the survey produced interest in programs for energy conservation: a large margin agreed regardless of age group. Energy conservation and Renewable energy. Focus for Town: wind turbines, solar panels, etc., should be developed. Policies should be developed. Big interest in cell towers.

1. Not a strong, strong response, but looking at responders vs. # of people in town, it was comparative to a town meeting turnout. (127 responses)
2. Looking to possibly have this survey done every year. Francis sent the report to the Select Board. Francis asked for questions, none were asked.

**Rutland Regional Planning Commission Updates:** No updates from Jon.

**Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad:** representative Denise Young provided information regarding Rescue Squad: Finished up last year with 88% of their 120 calls being answered; and so far this year, they're at 100%. They are trying to cover every call, but this doesn't always happen. Mark says "Very good". Mark asks if there are any questions. Compliments the 88%. Mark said they will put info out to hopefully help promote. Denise said classes will be given in the Fall. Jennifer thanks them for everything they do. Mark compliments the 88% response, especially for Volunteers, and comments: "Kudos".



**On Going and Old Business:** Safety Traffic Concerns committee: Mark asks what are the next steps? Discussion is had regarding this. If an ordinance for some of these roads can't be found, a traffic study would be done, then do a specific ordinance. This can't be done unless the Board has all the information on the ordinances. There was a limited ordinance. This is discussed further with Board members. Discuss a map and moving signs. It's a multi-stage approach.

Mark said the other piece of the Traffic Safety concern was Old Turnpike with the flashing light. Mark said it's in the Town right-of-way. The Board discussed with Clinton how this has been constructed. Mark asks if there are any questions regarding the traffic concerns. Zena Gates discusses the signs that have been posted and agrees with them. State Police were around. Discusses how visible signs are now. This is discussed. Jeff has a map he made and will provide it to Clinton. Discuss Worksafe where the signs are ordered from. There's also another place they order from. Will look into it.

**Junk Ordinance Enforcement:** Next steps: The Board members have a discussion about certain locations. Fine will be enforced if progress hasn't been made by the next meeting.

**Planning Commission Appointment:** The Board discussed that Andy Shultz had sent a letter of interest for appointment to the Mount Holly Planning Commission. No one else. Jennifer makes a motion appointing Andy to the Planning Commission, Jeff seconds it. All agree. Jennifer said, "Congratulations Andy" and thanked him.

**Rutland Planning Commission Alternate:** There was one letter submitted by Ryan Harder. Mark asks for a motion, made by Jennifer, seconded by Mark. All in favor and said "Aye".

**Other Business:** They had done the ARPA fund and discussed this. Jennifer said David will see money arrive in the next 30 days.

**New Business:** Old Turnpike lights were discussed already. Jennifer asks Jim Seward if fireworks are legal in Vermont. Discussion is had regarding this. Zena comments that from 8 am to 10 pm, there is a noise ordinance which covers the whole State and whoever is empowered will visit them and after the third visit, they will be shut down. This is discussed. Jim will get info together on this. Mark also discusses target shooting and Tannerite.

**Citizens' Concerns Or Comments:** Diana said they ran out of hot water since the system they have now runs on fuses. Clinton said there should be on-demand hot water. This is discussed. Mark said there should be wiring and/or a replacement. Jeff asks who will get the quotes. Mark said he will.

**Announcements and Other Business:** Hazardous waste this Saturday 07/17/21 until 11 a.m. only.

**Other Announcements:** David said tax assessment bills will be going out the last week in July. The discount date would be Tuesday, August 31.

**Review and Sign the Orders:** Mark asks if we need an executive session. Not necessary. Jim asks re: PC replacement person, does it have to be someone from Town and does he have to be a voter. Jennifer states the majority of members should be residents of the municipality. **Board comments:** it's a great question.

Mark adjourns the meeting at 2025 hours. Respectfully submitted: Brigid Faenza, Select Board Administrative Assistant

#### **Mount Holly Planning Commission – Remote Electronic – Regular Meeting Minutes June 16, 2021**

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

Absent:

Also Present: Renee Sarmento (Clerk), Jeb Porter, Teresa and Andy Bolalek

1. Jon McCann called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm
  2. No changes to agenda
  3. Approval of minutes
    - a. The minutes from May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021, were approved as distributed.
  4. Reports & Announcements
    - a. Clerk Report: Renee mailed a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Whyte regarding the withdrawn Bolalek subdivision application.
    - b. Jon announced the official 2021 Tax Maps are now available to view in the town office.
  5. Correspondence
    - a. Subdivision proposals
- Porter (2021-02): Scheduling a site visit to familiarize PC members with the project.

- a. Discussion about site visit: Jon stated he would like to better understand the access to the second parcel and to understand the relationship of the 1+ acre subdivision to the reserve field. Jim noted the reserve field should be marked on the plat Jeb stated the access to the second parcel can be viewed from the road, and explained where the access is located. Jeb stated the engineer had told him he needed to designate a reserve field that cannot be developed, so that if the system in the front yard fails then the owner of the house has the right to put a septic system on his land. Jeb stated he submitted printed version of the plat that has the information on it. Site visit will take place on July 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm.

2. Update provided by Jeb:

- a. Jeb reported he spoke with the engineer who did the plat and Paul Grineder who was the surveyor of the plat, and discussed what is necessary to pass the Planning Commission. Jeb stated that both the engineer and Paul agreed that the presented plat should be adequate in meeting Mount Holly standards. Paul is no longer licensed, but is willing to attend a meeting as a friend to explain the plat. Jeb also stated his neighbor, Kevin Hollebeek, is willing to use his electronic equipment to survey the land as a friend. Jeb will hire a professional if needed.

- b. Jeb received an email from the Planning Commission stating the plat was not sufficient. Jeb requested a written statement as to why

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the plat does not meet standards. Jeb stated he has spoken with printers, and too many professionals the certification block is nothing more than writing on the plat and then scanning it to get signatures. Jeb pointed out the subdivision checklist does not specify a certification block is needed.

3. Planning Commission members' response: Brigid stated there were multiple things listed in the minutes from the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Jon stated that if Jeb does want an official written document of what was missing from the plat, that it would be listed in the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Jon recognized the deficiency that the checklist does not specify that the signature block is a requirement.

#### 4. Status of incomplete application

a. Need identification on the parcel B of the building footprint, perc test information and signature block on plat. Need two copies of final plat before public hearing can be scheduled and eventually the mylar version of the plat that the owner would record. All lots require an approved septic system/permit or waiver to subdivide land in Mount Holly.

b. Jeb stated the future placement of the mobile home is just off the septic area on the plat. Test pits were done for back-up system and not future system. There is a designated area for the future system that would support a four=bedroom home but not a design. Jeb stated he does not want to mark test pits on a formal plat but he can mark then on a copied plat. They have never been formally recorded. Jeb has received state approval for the existing septic system. Jeb described his future plans include building a giant roof to put his RV under, putting a root cellar under the roof, building a driveway, remotely transporting waste, water/composting and pursuing sometime in the future an elaborate composting system or building a septic system. Jeb also mentioned possibly closing the roof in and having heat. Brigid questioned if both sites would need the location of where septic systems would go. Jeb stated he could qualify as a workshop or create a pumpable system. Jeb stated he has no intention of building a septic system, but at some point, if he does decide he would like to pursue a septic system, he will then return to the Planning Commission. Jon stated it sounds like Jeb is seeking a deferral of permit. Jeb agreed.

#### 5. Planning Commission discussion:

a. Jon asked PC members what should be said to Jeb with respect to the application. Brigid responded, there are items listed in previous minutes that have not been addressed. Jim stated that nothing can be decided until the site visit. Jon expressed concerns about having a back-up septic system on another property. PC members reviewed the plat. It was noted on the plat a waste water permit on the larger parcel B is "to be deferred." –Jon spoke about the suitability of the map and Jeb wanting to have a printer add a signature block. Jon stated he did not know if it was permitted to add a block that way. Decision made to contact VLCT to ask if anything can be added or changes made to the plat since the surveyor is no longer licensed.

#### **Bolalek (2021-01)**

1. Voided permit 2021-01 – Planning Commission received letter withdrawing the subdivision application and since the decision was not signed the permit is now null and void.

#### 2. Schedule site visit and consultation

a. Mr. and Mrs. Bolalek are seeking a consultation before applying for a subdivision with a new design.

b. Stephen asked about a map he had seen in the town office of the Bolalek's property that had four subdivision with markings for four septic systems. Jon clarified that a plat was never recorded and it may have been related to the waste water permitting.

c. Stephen suggested checking with the surveyor as the lister information for property is 23.32 acres, but information provided indicates the property is 23.19 acres, Mr. Bolalek responded that this is recognized and the newer instruments are more accurate that when it was originally done.

d. Site visit will tentatively happen the first week of August. Mr. and Mrs. Bolalek will contact Jon before the next meeting to report when they will be back in town. Site visit will be scheduled at the next regular meeting on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

b. Building Construction Registrations: None

c. Wastewater system and potable water supply permits: None

d. Email / Other: Emails received concern subdivisions discussed above.

e. Letter: Fire permit – Heads up to the town that public buildings (anything that is not a single family owner occupied home, registered home daycare and some agricultural buildings), including rentals, will require a state issue fire safety permit.

#### 6. Unfinished business

#### 7. New business

#### 8. Public comments

#### 9. Upcoming meetings

a. Special working meeting – meeting will not occur in July. Site visit will occur in its place.

b. Regular meeting – July 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm

Meeting will be hybrid (town office and zoom) depending on how the Select Board's first hybrid meeting goes.

10. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm For the Commission, Renee Sarmiento, Planning Commission Clerk



#### **2021 SHREWSBURY MEETINGHOUSE PUBLIC EVENTS MAY - OCT.**

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 STREET 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: Sun. 9/19
Sat. October 2	TBA	FIRE DEPT.'S HAM SUPPER	
Sat. October 9	3 pm	THE NEIGHBORS concert	Rain Date: Sun. 10/10





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Wearing masks at the concert and physical distancing are only required for those who are not vaccinated. The Green is large and the

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enough to  
be heard



throughout, so please spread out and maintain distancing.

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 Facebook page. If you would like to help, we would like to hear from you. Call Robin at 226-7736 to volunteer or for more information on the concerts.

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New customers to the group please contact me first so I can get you on the list at 802-259-2314 or email at [handyman@vermontel.net](mailto:handyman@vermontel.net) Diana Garrow, Manager, Mt. Holly Oil & Gas Group

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## Rick Davis Continues Cavendish 2021 Summer Concert Series

The Town of Cavendish will continue its summer music series with a concert by Rick Davis and Friends on the Svec Memorial Green in Proctorsville, Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

Rick Davis has been a staple of the Vermont ski scene, on his own and with the Davis Brothers Garage Band, since the 1970's. The band is famous for covers of Stevie Wonder, Steely Dan and the Doobie Brothers, among others.

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## Ludlow Rotary's Donation Paves the Way Forward for Black River

Six months ago, the Expeditionary School at Black River (Black River) launched the Pathways to Possibilities initiative, a fundraising campaign charged with raising the monies needed to operate in 2021-22. A recent donation from Ludlow's Rotary of \$2500 to Black River helped the school obtain its goal of 150K. The local Rotary's commitment to strengthen their community provides many more students with opportunities to learn how to "serve to change lives" – their logo's tagline which synergizes nicely with what we are aiming to achieve here at Black River.

Likewise, Rotary International's mission, as published on their website, states that it is "where neighbors, friends, and problem solvers share ideas, join leaders, and take action to create lasting change." A statement that embodies what continues to motivate Black River's founding Board of Trustees. By forging mutually beneficial partnerships with the local businesses, our vision for economic vitality begins with aligning our courses to relevant and career-ready learning opportunities.

Prior to making this donation, incoming President Art Randolph, who is also VP of People United's Ludlow Branch, has been teaching Financial Literacy to every student enrolled in our school. Financial Literacy is a requirement for graduation, and each year a student is enrolled here they will be expected to demonstrate proficiency in banking basics, personal wealth management, and budgeting essentials. The Financial Literacy curriculum is FDIC certified. When it is taught by industry professionals like Art, students are prepared to navigate any career path.

Thanks to Ludlow Rotary's donation, Black River's leadership team is now also talking with Ludlow Insurance Agency about how to infuse lessons about the insurance industry's content into our coursework. **From the onset, our Board of Trustees mobilized with the intent of redesigning the relationship between the local school, the business community, and taxpayers in general.**

As we enter into our second year, Habits of Work will continue to be the centerpiece of how we communicate a learner's progress toward proficient career-ready skills. While we are equally committed to instilling the foundational academic knowledge needed to advance one's career, the critical thinking and problem-solving skills expected of today's workforce are essential features of our assessment design. This is because we recognize that success starts with teaching students to be accountable for their own learning. Work ethic and respect for others are key aspects of our school's expectations for student conduct each and every day.

Thank you, Ludlow Rotary, very much for underscoring this community's commitment to our mission. We look forward to working with you to create a quality-of-life that invites everyone to be able to feel and benefit from these positive changes.



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## Ludlow Rotary Conducts "Change of Gavel"

As is usual for the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) at its last meeting in June, the current President handed over the leadership of the LRC to its incoming President in an annual event known as "the changing of the gavel". In this instance, with the lifting of previous Covid-19 restrictions, the LRC decided to combine the changing of the gavel with a summer picnic to replace the Christmas program that was cancelled due to the pandemic.

The actual exchange of the gavel was done by Kevin Barnes, the out-going LRC President, presenting a gavel during the meeting and with Art Randolph, the incoming President. It also gave Art the opportunity to thank Kevin for what he had accomplished in the LRC during the past year, awarding him a specially engraved plaque. Pictured above are Art and Kevin during the exchange of the gavel.

An important step forward was announced at this session. The next LRC meeting, scheduled for July 13, would be held at DJ's Restaurant. This would be the first formal meeting conducted face to face since the start of the pandemic.

The changing of the gavel process was conducted during a special summer picnic at the home of Tom Harris on Lake Rescue. Photo of change of gavel attached with Art Randolph and Kevin Barnes







## WESTON PLAYHOUSE THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS "AN ILIAD"

Weston Playhouse Theatre Company announces a return to live performance with the first production of its 2021 season: **AN ILIAD**, running **July 14 – August 6 under the Tent at Walker Farm**.

The eternal, enchanting power of storytelling comes to life in Denis O'Hare and Lisa Peterson's acclaimed adaptation of Homer's classic. A chorus of ancient muses perform original compositions by Jonathan Larsen award-winner **Jenny Giering** as a solitary storyteller throws us into the midst of conflict. In this vibrant retelling directed by **Meredith McDonough**, heroes clash in a quest for glory as the excitement of an ancient tale is catapulted into a daring, spellbinding, and truly hopeful story for today.

"Weston is thrilled to welcome our audiences back to live performance with this intimate and urgent story of humanity surviving even in the most painful of times," says Executive Artistic Director **Susanna Gellert**. "David Bonanno is an utterly captivating storyteller who brings this story to life in a way that is relevant and surprisingly contemporary. I can think of no better way for us all to gather again at the theatre than in the sharing of this pure, moving drama about how hope and joy survive against all odds. And Jenny Giering's hauntingly beautiful compositions, written expressly for this production, create a whole new

layer connecting the present and the past."

In Weston, **McDonough** is known for "irresistible storytelling" (Times Argus) as displayed in her direction of 2019's **ALWAYS...PATSY CLINE**, the darling of the 84<sup>th</sup> season. **McDonough** was the associate artistic director at Actors Theatre of Louisville for seven seasons where favorite directing includes **ANGELS IN AMERICA**, **PETER AND THE STARCATCHER**, and **THE LAST FIVE YEARS**, as well as the premieres of **MARGINAL LOSS**, **DOT**, **BROWNSVILLE SONG (B-SIDE FOR TREY)**, and **AIRNESS**, among others. Regional highlights include **THE LILY'S REVENGE** with Taylor Mac (Magic Theatre), **NOISES OFF** (Guthrie), **FAIR USE** (Steppenwolf), and **EURYDICE** (Williamstown). She was the New Works Director for TheatreWorks Silicon Valley and for the National Alliance for Musical Theatre.

McDonough's talents will be musically complemented with original composition by two-time Weston-Ghostlight New Musical Award-winner **Jenny Giering**. **Giering's** current projects include continued development of 2019 NMA winner **ALICE BLISS**, commissioned by Playwright's Horizons, **SAINT-EX** (2010 NMA winner; book & lyrics by Sean Barry), and **WHAT WE LEAVE BEHIND** (co-written with Sean Barry) for which she received a 2021 Barrington Stage Spark Grant. Other works include **CROSSING BROOKLYN** (book by Laura Harrington) and numerous incidental scores including music for **SILENT SKY** and **PETER PAN & WENDY** (both by Lauren Gunderson), **GERTRUDE AND CLAUDIUS** by Mark Saint-Germain, and many others.

**AN ILIAD** stars Weston legend **David Bonanno** as The Poet, an ancient teller of tales destined to share the story of war until the day human nature changes; until the day our love of rage comes to an end. **Bonanno** was last seen in Weston's 2019 production of **THE FANTASTICKS** and has been featured in many other memorable Weston performances over the past 34 years, including: **FUN HOME**, **VANYA AND SONIA** AND **MASHA AND SPIKE**, **THE MUSIC MAN**, and **DEATH OF A SALESMAN**. He was in the original Broadway cast of **THE LIGHT IN THE PIAZZA** and the Chicago casts of **RAGTIME** and **LEND ME A TENOR**.

**AN ILIAD** plays under the **Tent at Walker Farm** (703 Main Street, Weston, VT). **Adult tickets range from \$50-74**. Discounts available for students, veterans, and Vermont residents. Prices do not include sales tax.

Following **AN ILIAD**, enjoy storybook fun with "all the thinks you can think" at **SEUSSICAL**; take a ride on the rails into the backwoods of Tennessee with **RING OF FIRE**; and explore the playful and moving legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. at **THE MOUNTAINTOP**.

Two- and three-show subscriptions and single tickets are available online and by calling the Weston Box Office at **802-824-5288**. Gift cards can be purchased online at [westonplayhouse.org](http://westonplayhouse.org).

The Weston Playhouse Theatre Company 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 that the performing arts makes on its community.

## Fletcher Farm Classes for Mid and Late July

The Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts is pleased to announce the following classes for mid to late July. Keep in mind that Ludlow and Cavendish residents get a 50% discount from the Fletcher Farm Foundation for one class each year.



July 16-18: **Basic Drawing** with Deborah Gentile

July 17: **iPhone Photography** with Pat Moore and Penny Trick

July 19-23: **Creative Writing** for Young Artists with Susan Flint

July 19-23: **Silver Fabrication Open Studio** with Debi Orton

July 23-24: **Creative Metalworking** with Piper Strong

July 23-25: **Weave a Necktie Chair Seat** with Joyce Fuller

July 24: **To Market, To Market, With Your Basket** with Meg Kupiec

July 24: **Make an Heirloom Basket Today** with Dona Nazarenko

July 26-30: **Silver Fabrication for Young Artists** with Harold Bosco

July 26-27: **Basic Shaker Boxes** with Eric Pintar

July 28-30: **Advanced Shaker Boxes** with Eric Pintar

July 29 – **Children's Junk Journal** with Jean Reed

July 30 – **Woven Journals** with Jean Reed

July 30-August 1: **Punch Needle Rug Hooking** with Layne Herschel

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## Ludlow Rotary Club is Seeking Children 0-5 Years Old ~ Free Books for Children

In 2012 the Ludlow Rotary Club introduced its Dolly Parton Imagination Library program to help children improve their reading skills and give them a head start on their educational careers. Literacy is a big part of Rotary and the Ludlow Rotary club has partnered with The Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program to provide a free book each month for children from birth through to their fifth birthday to those who reside in Ludlow, Mt. Holly, Plymouth, Cavendish and Reading, potentially 60 books per child.

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library, launched in 1996 by the famed country singer-songwriter, has provided more than fifty million free books to children in the United States, Canada and Great Britain and recently expanded to encompass other countries.

These high-quality books are by established authors and are age appropriate for each child. Families with more than one child under five years of age receive a separate book addressed to each child. To date, we have graduated over 200 children on their fifth birthday.

If your child or children are residents in the above-named towns and are not yet receiving Imaginary Library books, you can obtain registration cards from Ludlow's Fletcher Memorial Library or by requesting them directly from the Ludlow Rotary Club online at [www.ludlowrotaryclub.com](http://www.ludlowrotaryclub.com) or email us at [ludlowrotary@gmail.com](mailto:ludlowrotary@gmail.com). There are no economic or other eligibility thresholds associated with this Imagination Library program and the personal information is not used for any other purpose.

The cost of this Imagination Library program is funded by the activities of the Ludlow Rotary Club and by others that want to help in this effort. The cost of providing the Imagination Library to one child for one year is \$25. The immediate families of the children benefited do not incur any costs as the books are considered a gift to the children from the community. If you would like to assist in the funding of this program, please send your tax deductible donations to the Ludlow Area Rotary Charitable Fund, Inc. at the above address, noting "Imagination Library" in the check's memo section.

For more information, email David Almond at [davidkalmond44@gmail.com](mailto:davidkalmond44@gmail.com).

## Cavendish Concerts Continue 2021 Series with Gypsy Reel

The Cavendish Community and Conservation Association and the Town of Cavendish invite everyone to spend an evening having fun on the Svec Memorial Green in Proctorsville on Wednesday, August 4th, starting at 6:00 p.m. when the annual summer music series continues with the sounds of Gypsy Reel.

For over twenty years Gypsy Reel has played high energy, stirring music rooted in the Celtic tradition but garnered from the whole world. They rock their audiences with an exciting synthesis of world rhythms and influences from three continents. Based in Ludlow Vermont the band is no stranger to the Cavendish music series and many fans find this concert to be a highlight.

The organizers and sponsors encourage all area residents and visitors to join their friends and neighbors in front of the gazebo on the green. Bring a blanket or a comfortable chair, have a picnic, or just lie back and relax on the grass. Please patronize your local businesses too. Murdock's Restaurant and Outer Limits Brewing will both be open for dine in or take out. The Cavendish concerts are a fun way to enjoy the summer weather and either reconnect with old friends or make new ones.

Wearing masks at the concert and physical distancing are only required for those who are not vaccinated. The Green is large and the band will be loud enough to be heard throughout, so please spread out and maintain distancing.

As always, the concerts are free and open to the public. In case of inclement weather, please check the Cavendish Facebook page for additional information. For more information, please call Robin at 226-7736.



## Okemo Valley TV Producer Awards Community Members & Volunteers Recognized



(photo; Clockwise from Top Left: Norm Merrill behind the camera at a GMUHS basketball game; Cavendish librarian Kata Welch, with OVTV Production Coordinator Eric Chatterjee; Wendy Regier, recording an introduction for "The people Speak"; Rotarians Kevin Barnes & Kimberly Lampert, with OVTV's Patrick Cody).

Okemo Valley TV, the community TV station and media center serving the Black River Valley & Okemo region, has announced the winners of its annual Producer Awards. The awards are given to community members and volunteers who have been active in producing programming over the past year. The four annual awards are for Producer of the Year, Youth Producer of the Year, Community Service, & Outstanding Achievement.

**Producer of the Year:** Norm Merrill, for the coverage of basketball at Green Mountain Union High School, all boys' & girls' home games. He is a Green Mountain teacher and parent of a GMUHS senior basketball player (who recently graduated). We teamed up with Norm to provide live streaming and broadcasting of the games. It was a remarkable season, for sure; not only were spectators not allowed due to COVID (thereby increasing the value of the video coverage), but the boys' team won the State championship!

**Best Youth Programming:** The youth programming producer of the year goes to Kata Welch from Cavendish Fletcher Community Library, for her series of Story Time readings from popular children's books. Far & away, it's the most steady stream of children's programming we've ever had; and with her dynamic personality and energy, Kata makes Story Time fun for all ages!

**Outstanding Achievement:** Wendy Regier, for "The People Speak", a community reading of the U.S. Constitution. Prior to the pandemic shutting down in-person gatherings, Wendy coordinated and produced this community-wide project, which took place in our studio. The finished product is the complete Constitution, with nearly 50 different people reading a section. While the recordings all took place in late 2019, "The People Speak" premiered in October 2020, just prior to the election.

**Community Service:** The Ludlow Rotary Club took a challenging time and turned it into an opportunity to enhance its weekly guest speaker series. Through the platform of video conferencing, the Rotary Club brought in a diverse spectrum of speakers from all over the State (and even beyond), who provided entertaining, informational, and educational presentations. The recordings have been shared with us, so that we can then share them with the wider community. We appreciate the work that the Club put into this, and by making lemonade out of lemons for the community to benefit.

To view any of the videos from the award recipients, go online to [okemovalley.tv/videos](http://okemovalley.tv/videos) and type in the person's name in the Producer field. For more information about the station and how to get involved, visit [okemovalley.tv](http://okemovalley.tv) or call 228-8808. Patrick Cody, Executive Director, [pcody@okemovalley.tv](mailto:pcody@okemovalley.tv)





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## The Mount Holly Conservation Trust and Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation



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**Kim Royar** (Wildlife Biologist, VT Fish & Wildlife)

**Louis Porter** (Commissioner, VT Fish & Wildlife)

Light refreshments will be served. Limited seating will be available.

The MHCT Annual meeting will be held at 4:00. All are welcome to come.

**Directions from Belmont:** Take 155 toward Weston, turn left at the sign for the Okemo State Forest, drive up the road to the first entrance on the right. Look for our flags and signs along the road. Park along Government Road.

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**RSVP, please:** <https://mountholly.eventbrite.com>

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### ***Ludlow Rotary Learns About Clear Lake Furniture***

In its second face-to-face meeting since the pandemic restrictions were lifted, the Ludlow Rotary conducted its weekly meeting at ClearLake Furniture's showroom in Ludlow.

The meeting was hosted by Brent Karner, the owner and master craftsman of ClearLake, and catered by The Cookster.

Brent was the featured speaker at the meeting, discussing his own background as well as the history and product design and creation procedures employed by ClearLake.

He began by describing his own development as a craftsman. Brent grew up in Tewksbury, Massachusetts. He attended Tewksbury public schools, Shawsheen Regional Vocational Tech. School in 1982, and in 1985 graduated from North Bennet Street School in Boston where he learned the art of fine woodworking. After graduating from North Bennet, prior to starting ClearLake Furniture, he spent many years crafting 18th and 19th century reproductions as well as contemporary furniture for clients throughout New England.

ClearLake Furniture was created in 1992 and has offered a wide variety of

individualized fine furniture since.

In discussing the impact of the Covid pandemic, Brent observed that his business actually increased – but with a twist. There was a much greater demand for two items that dramatically increased orders: desks and liquor and wine cabinets.

Following his presentation, Brent took the Rotarians on a tour of his showroom and shop where all the furniture was made. He is pictured here in his shop with the beginnings of a wine cabinet.

Brent currently lives on South Hill in Ludlow with his wife, Abi, of 35 years and their two children, Thacher and Rachel.  
Photo of Brent Karner By Ralph Pace

### ***Time to Get Ready for the Annual Duck Race***

It's getting close to that time – when we'll all be rooting for our favorite duck!

Yes, the annual duck race sponsored by the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) will soon be racing down the Black River to reward its owners.

The LRC formally announced that the traditional Ralph D Hogancamp Memorial Duck Race is scheduled to be held on Saturday, August 21 when the ducks will be dropped into the Black River at 12 Noon from the Depot Street Bridge. Prizes for the regular winning ducks crossing the finish line at Walker Bridge will be

- \$200 for the first duck
- \$100 for the second place duck
- \$75 for the third duck AND
- \$25 for the last duck to finish

Corporate ducks also have a winning chance; the first Corporate duck to cross the finish line will have the honor of displaying the corporate duck plaque in their business for the next year.

If you'd like to rent a duck, a single duck will cost \$5. However you can get 5 ducks for the price of 4 if you buy the QUACK pack for \$20. Corporate ducks will

rent for \$50 a corporate duck. Where can you rent your ducks?

You can purchase them at Ludlow Insurance Agency, Peoples United Bank, Fletcher Memorial Library, Benson's Chevrolet, or see any Ludlow Rotarian. If you prefer to go online, check out the [www.ludlowrotary.com](http://www.ludlowrotary.com). If you're going to pay by check, please make the check payable to LARCF (Ludlow Area Rotary Charitable Fund).

So, you'd better hurry since there are just a limited number of ducks in the race! By Ralph Pace

### ***Rotary Honors Mary Crowley's Retirement***

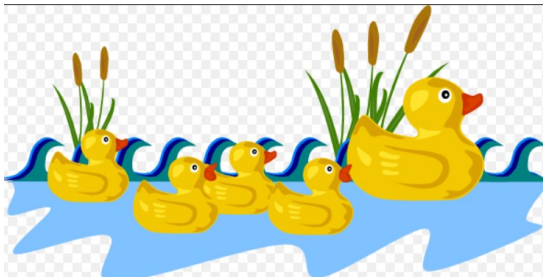
At its recent weekly meeting, the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) paid tribute to Mary Crowley, a fellow Rotarian, on the occasion of her retirement.

Mary was the Senior Loan Officer at the Citizens Banks for the past 11 years. Prior to that she had functioned as a loan officer for a number of years in other agencies.

Residing in Reading, VT, Mary has been an active Rotarian for 23 years. She is fond of gardening, visiting her family and grandchildren, singing in a choir, and a dedicated Red Sox fan.

Pictured above is Art Randolph, LRC President, and Mary with a special retirement cake before them.

She graduated from Smith College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics.







## WESTON PLAYHOUSE THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS "SEUSSICAL"

Weston Playhouse Theatre Company announces its 2021 Young Company production: **SEUSSICAL**, running July 22 – August 7 and touring venues throughout central and southern Vermont.

Follow Horton the Elephant, the Cat in the Hat, and more of your favorite characters into the colorful, zany world of Dr. Seuss! An afternoon of storybook fun and "all the things you can think" for the whole family.

Weston Playhouse Theatre Company joined with partners across Vermont to bring SEUSSICAL to audiences in their own towns, free of charge. This free tour was made possible in part through support from Community Bank, N.A., The Holly Schloerb Endowment Fund, and The Charles R. Wood Foundation. Weston's presenting partners include The Shelburne Museum, ArtisTree, NextStage, and Springfield Library, among many others.

"This show is about a community harnessing the power of imagination," says Director **Allison Benko**. "We have tried to use our own imaginations to make SEUSSICAL as community-oriented as possible, while also working tirelessly to make the production safe to attend amidst our ongoing concerns for public health. We hope that the free tickets, the outdoor setting, and the touring nature of the production will allow us to reach as many communities as we can. Please join us to celebrate "the smallest of small" – we'll be so delighted to see you in the Jungle of Nool."

**Benko** is returning to Weston after twice serving as teaching artist for the theatre's Young Playwrights Program and contributing "The Before" to Weston's series of Postcard Plays in 2020. Other directing credits include *A DOLL'S HOUSE: A NEW OPERA*, *THE END OF MERMAIDS*, *WHAT HAPPENED THAT NIGHT*, *SINGLE RIDER*, *REBELS V. TORIES*, *EVERY CHRISTMAS STORY EVER TOLD*, *THE ARTHUR MILLER CENTENNIAL*, and others. Benko was the Assistant Director for 2017's Tony Award-winner *Oslo* (Best Play) at Lincoln Center Theater.

**SEUSSICAL** features Young Company alums **Daelynn Jorif** (University of Michigan) and **Alexander Tan** (Boston Conservatory at Berklee) as the Sour Kangaroo and Mayzie. Weston audiences will recognize them from 2019's *THE PHANTOM TOLLBOOTH* and *OKLAHOMA!*. Additionally, this production introduces **Nadia Belaouchi** (CAP21/Molloy College) as the Cat in the Hat; **Emma Diner** (Pace University) as Gertrude; **Sage Jepson** (Boston Conservatory at Berklee) as Horton; **Gracee Street** (Baldwin Wallace University) as The Mayor; **Cole Thompson** (University of Michigan) as Jojo; and **Timmy Thompson** (University of Michigan) as The Mayor's Husband.

The playful and immersive scenic design for this production was brought to life by **Dan Daly**, who has held positions at Hangar Theatre, Corkscrew Festival, and Winnepesaukee Playhouse. Dan has designed at the Under the Radar Festival at The Public, at Brookfield Place with Third Rail Project's site-specific work *Oasis*, at RuPaul's Drag Con where he designed the booth for Monét X Change, and at the Barn Arts Collective where he built an inflatable theatre. **Lily Prentice**, a costume and character designer with a special interest in devised work and arts education, designed this production's vibrant costumes. Selected credits include work with Beau Jest Moving Theater, Phoenix Theater Co, 52nd Street Project, Urban Arias, Ars Nova AntFest, Columbia Stages, collaborations with Company SBB at LaMama, Strangemen & Co. at the O'Neill, and ongoing endeavors with the North Pacific Gyre Theater.



This Weston Young Company Production is a touring show beginning and ending its run in Weston; tickets are FREE but reserving in advance is highly recommended. Learn more at [westonplayhouse.org/seuss](http://westonplayhouse.org/seuss).

Following **SEUSSICAL**, take a ride on the rails into the backwoods of Tennessee with **RING OF FIRE** and explore the playful and moving legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. at **THE MOUNTAINTOP**.

Tickets are available online and by calling the Weston Box Office at 802-824-5288. Gift cards can be purchased online at [westonplayhouse.org](http://westonplayhouse.org).

The Weston Playhouse Theatre Company 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 that the performing arts makes on its community.





## The Okemo Valley Chamber Announces the new Best of Vermont Summer Festival

The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce a brand new event—**The Best of Vermont Summer Festival!** This two-day event is scheduled for **Saturday, August 28** from 12 noon - 7 pm and **Sunday, August 29** from 10 am - 4 pm in Ludlow, Vermont. This new festival is a great opportunity for everyone including locals, new residents, second homeowners, and visitors to

enjoy specialty foods; wine, spirits & brew tastings; artisan products; awesome music; hot air balloons; and so much more! The Best of Vermont Summer Festival will be marketed throughout the Okemo Valley region, the state of Vermont, New England and the Northeast.

William Raveis Vermont Properties is the presenting sponsor with lead sponsor Constellation Brands and music sponsor Engel & Volkers - Okemo. Other sponsors are in process and will continue to be listed on the chambers website here: <https://www.yourplaceinvermont.com/best-of-vermont-summer-festival>.

A number of prominent statewide organizations are also partnering with the chamber for this festival including the Vermont Specialty Foods Association, Vermont Grocers Association, and the Vermont Fresh Network so far. The chamber is seeking additional sponsors, volunteers, and vendors, including special event sponsors such as sponsoring a food tent, entertainment tent, children's activities, contests or other special activities. Discounts will be given to participating chamber members.

The festival committee, made up of chamber members, includes co-chairs **Scott Duffy**, Rockledge Farm Woodworks & **Alyssa Stewart**, Stewart Maple & Marketplace, and **Rachael Hyjeck**, Engel & Volkers, **Lisa Hamm Greenawalt**, Hammster Media, **Dan Tilly**, Mount Holly Beer, **Holger Stoltze**, Governor's Inn, **Brandon Dunham**, T2B Fitness Athletics, **Pam McLaughlin**, Four Seasons Sotheby's International Realty.

In announcing the festival, Okemo Valley Chamber Executive Director Carol Lighthall, said the region is ready to get back and celebrate all that the Okemo Valley and Vermont have to offer. *"We will do it safely and follow specific guidelines from the state. We are experiencing an influx of visitors eager to experience the outdoors and learn more about all the area has to offer."* Lighthall adds that *"this inaugural festival is an exciting opportunity for Okemo Valley to shine and support for this major endeavor will make all the difference. This is a terrific opportunity to get your name and business out there, especially now that the state is opening up and it's also great for sampling opportunities and vendor sales."*

The chamber is currently developing a special festival website where sponsor and vendor forms will soon be available. In the meantime, those interested in participating should contact Carol directly by emailing her at [clighthall@yourplaceinvermont.com](mailto:clighthall@yourplaceinvermont.com).

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, 57 Pond St. Suite 8 – P.O. Box 333, Ludlow, VT 05149 802-228-5839 802-228-7642 fax [www.YourPlaceInVermont.com](http://www.YourPlaceInVermont.com)



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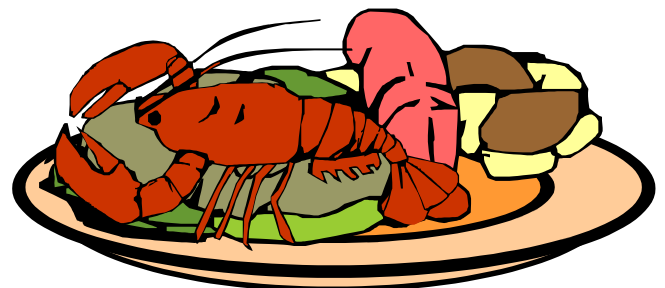
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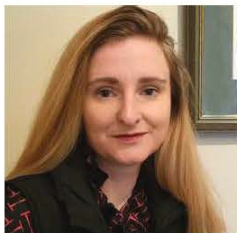


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## Battle of Bennington in New York Aug 16, 1777



In the summer of 1777, Gen. John Burgoyne's army moved south from Canada as part of the overall British strategy to divide New England from the rest of the rebellious American colonies. The British commander's army was slowed by poor roads as well as trees and other obstacles strewn along the route by the Americans. Burgoyne's supply line was stretched thin, forcing the general to explore opportunities to replenish his forces. When Burgoyne learned of horses and supplies in Bennington, Vermont – south of his position

and east of the Hudson River – the 55-year-old commander divided his army, sending German, British, Loyalist, and Native American forces toward Bennington under the leadership of Lt. Col. Friedrich Baum.

As Baum's troops moved southeast, local militia units learned of his activity and began to prepare for action as the bulk of the American forces in the area pulled back under attack by Burgoyne's vanguard. Baum sent couriers to Burgoyne asking for reinforcements as additional intelligence indicated a force of militiamen – he referred to them as “uncouth militia” – gathered to stop him.

American forces were led by Gen. John Stark, a hero of the Battle of Bunker Hill and a veteran of the Battle of Trenton. When Stark sent out calls for additional forces to rally to his side, a Continental Army regiment led by highly respected Col. Seth Warner was among the forces that responded. Loyalists also assembled in support of Baum. Finally, on August 16, 1777, after a day of non-stop rain, Baum's command was attacked by over a thousand American militiamen in Walloomsac, New York, about 10 miles from Bennington.

Hoping that poor weather might delay an American advance and that reinforcements from Burgoyne would soon arrive, Baum's troops had constructed a small redoubt on a hill. When the weather cleared on the afternoon of August 16, the Americans made their move. To inspire his men, Stark reportedly proclaimed, “There are your enemies, the Red Coats and the Tories. They are ours, or this night Molly Stark sleeps a widow.” Unfortunately for Baum, he was duped by men entering his camp professing to be Loyalist recruits. Some of them turned out to be Stark's militiamen, whose aim was to gather intelligence and report back to their commander.

After heavy fighting, American forces were able to breach their enemy's small redoubt. Stark later claimed it was “the hottest engagement I have ever witnessed, resembling a continual clap of thunder.” For some combatants, the fight was personal. It was a desperate struggle; former friends who had grown up together in Vermont or the surrounding area found themselves facing off with each other.

A century later, a romanticized tale, reportedly written by a German veteran of the battle, gained popularity and currency. “For a few seconds the scene which ensued defies all power of language to describe,” he recalled. “The bayonet, the butt of the rifle, the sabre, the pike were in full play as men fell, as they rarely fall in modern war, under the direct blows of their enemies.”

Within a short period of time, Patriot forces had Baum and his men surrounded. Many of his Native and Loyalist allies fled in the heat of the battle. Baum himself was mortally wounded leading his Germans in dogged resistance on the little knoll, where they were overrun.

The battle continued until nightfall when darkness brought it to a halt. Unfortunately for Baum, his reinforcements arrived just after the battle. Burgoyne's detachment suffered more than 200 dead and seriously wounded; more than 700 were taken prisoner or missing. American casualties were about 70.

The defeat put a major strain on Burgoyne's army, which, in addition to the casualties suffered, never secured the provisions the British commander needed. Burgoyne's Native American allies lost confidence in him and his mission and left his army to fend for itself in the New York wilderness – deprived of its best-scouting forces. The Battle of Bennington was the precursor to the defeat of Burgoyne's army two months later at Saratoga, turning the tide of war in favor of the Americans.



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