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# Mount Holly Goat Goat

October 2021

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

Mt. Holly Museum – Open Sat & Sun 2 - 4 pm [www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org](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: Last Wed Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 4 pm-7 pm & Sat. 8 am-2 pm Fall & Winter Begin Oct 10<sup>th</sup> Sat 8 am-2 pm Sun 9 am-12 pm

## October 2021

	1 <sup>st</sup>	Moose Archery, Deer Archery Begins	
Sat	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fall Turkey Archery Begins ~ California Redwood National Park Est 1968	
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library	7:00 pm
		Mount Holly Conservation Commission	7:00 pm
		MH Snow Flyers Meeting	6:00 pm
	6 <sup>th</sup>		World Cerebral Palsy Day
	7 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	
	8 <sup>th</sup>		Moose Archery Ends 7:00 pm
			The Great Chicago Fire 1871
Sat	9 <sup>th</sup>		Raccoon Season ~ Leif Erikson Day 1964
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	Indigenous People 7:00 pm
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	Columbus Day 1892 9:00 am
		Mt. Holly PTSA Meeting, Mt. Holly School	4:30 pm
		Select Board Meeting, Town Garage & Zoom	6:30 pm
	13 <sup>th</sup>	LMHUUS Meeting,	US Navy Est 1775 6:00 pm
		ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	7:00 pm
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	Cuban Missile Crisis Begins 1962 7:00 pm
Sat	16 <sup>th</sup>		Moose Regular Season ~ National Bosses Day ~ Oscar Wild 1854
	19 <sup>th</sup>		Revolutionary War Ended 1781
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont	Full Hunter's Moon 6:30 pm
		Mount Holly Planning Commission, MH Town Office & Via Zoom	7:00 pm
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations	Moose Regular Season Ends ~ Dizzy Gillespie 1917 7:00 pm
Sat	23 <sup>rd</sup>		Deer Youth Weekend
Sun	24 <sup>th</sup>	Red & Gray Fox, Otter, Muskrat, Beaver Trapping Season - Deer Youth Weekend ~ United Nations Founded 1945	
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	Pablo Picasso 1881 7:00 pm
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	Gunfight at the OK Corral 1881 9:00 am
			Erie Canal Opens 1825
	27 <sup>th</sup>	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	Navy Day 7:00 pm
	28 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	Statue of Liberty Dedicated 1886 7:00 pm
	29 <sup>th</sup>		"Black Tuesday" Starts Great Depression 1929
Sun	31 <sup>st</sup>	Magician Harry Houdini Dies 1926 ~ John Keats 1795 ~ National UNICEF ~ Happy Halloween	
		Trout & Landlocked Salmon Ends	

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### Emergency Services

Mount Holly Fire Dept.	259-2700 or	911	Poison Control	(802) 658-3456
Mount Holly Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward	786-3408	259-2211	American Red Cross	802-773-9159
Mount Holly Rescue Squad	775-3133 or	911	Game Warden – Tim Carey	802-773-9101
Mount Holly Constable Paul Faenza	pfaenza47@yahoo.com	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)



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**October Birthdays:** 1<sup>st</sup> –Darica Cole-Pierce \* Maxine Freeman 4<sup>th</sup>–Matt Lillard 8<sup>th</sup> -Lindsay Durgin \* Janice A. Zlotnick \* Callie Lewis 9<sup>th</sup> –Brian Buffum \* David Hendee 11<sup>th</sup> –Jodi LaPenna-Seward \* Barbara Hazelton 12<sup>th</sup> –Ryan Smith 13<sup>th</sup> –Shari Lewis 15<sup>th</sup> –April Ely 17<sup>th</sup> –Bill Devereux \* Barbara Falco 21<sup>st</sup> –Heather Pond 22<sup>nd</sup>–Danielle Lillard 23<sup>rd</sup> –Jessica McMahon 24<sup>th</sup> –Dennis Bussino (1966) \* Cecelia Pearson 25<sup>th</sup> –Andrew Taylor 26<sup>th</sup> –Nathan Turco 27<sup>th</sup> –Joe Parker \* Jessica Anthony \* Connie Niles \* Alicia Hendee 28<sup>th</sup> – Steve Lewis 29<sup>th</sup> –Susan Marshall

**October Anniversaries:** 1<sup>st</sup>–Jim & Millicent Johnson (1977) 8<sup>th</sup>–Fay & Maxine Freeman (2016) 9<sup>th</sup> –Ron & Karen Blodgett \* Ron & Kelly Tarbell 10<sup>th</sup> –Tom & Kristin Veysey \* Gary & Lori Norton 18<sup>th</sup> –John & Amy Taylor 25<sup>th</sup> –Roger & Diana Garrow (1974) 31<sup>st</sup> –Jodi & John Seward \* Brigid & Paul Faenza (1992)

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.

**October 1, 1979** ~ American control of the Panama Cannel handed over to Panama.

**October 3, 1863** ~ President Abraham Lincoln designates the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day.

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The Annual Membership meeting is held on the Third Tuesday in September in the Mount Holly Town Office at 6 p.m. The meeting includes the annual report and election of the Board of Directors

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**October 13, 1792** ~ The cornerstone of the White House was laid by George Washington.

**October 14, 1947** ~ US Air Force Capt. Chuck Yeager shatters the sound barrier in a top-secret Bell X-1 rocket plane.

**October 24, 1901** ~ Anna Edson Taylor first person to survive going over Niagara Falls in a Barrel.

**October 25, 1983** ~ Operation Urgent Fury US Invades Grenada.

**October 31, 1941** ~ Mount Rushmore National Memorial completed.

**October 1946** ~ Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department Est.



### Lois C. Potter HARTFORD, N.Y.

Lois C. Potter, 91, passed away on Thursday, Sep. 2, 2021 at her home, surrounded by her family. Born Jan. 2, 1930, in Belmont, Vermont, she was the daughter of the late Allen and Thelma (Davenport) Chadburn.

Lois graduated from Rutland High School in 1947. She was employed for a time after graduation as a secretary, but eventually left to join her father on the family dairy farm.

On Nov. 17, 1972, she married Charles Potter in Mt. Holly, Vermont. Side by side, they ran their own dairy farm in Hartford, New York.

Lois remained an active farmer until 2013.

Lois loved her cats, her flower gardens, and working with Charlie. Most of all, she loved her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by many. In addition to her parents, Lois is predeceased by her brothers; Alson Chadburn and Harold Chadburn. Left to cherish her memory are her husband of 49 years, Charles Potter, her children; Tom Moulton (Karen), Scott Moulton, and Linda Moulton, her grandchildren; Janielle Lane, Anna Bienia (Kyle), Emilia Holcomb, and Samantha Moulton, her great-grandson Oliver, and her three great-granddaughters, Olivia, Gracelynn, and Charlotte, as well as her sisters; Marion Josselyn (Richard), and Joyce Lind.

Friends did call from 11-12:30 pm on Wednesday Sep. 8, 2021 at the M.B. Kilmer Funeral Home, 123 Main Street, Argyle, NY 12809. A Memorial Service was conducted at 12:30 pm following the calling hours with the Rev. Sandra Spaulding of the Lakeville Baptist Church officiating. Burial followed the service at the Morningside Cemetery in Hartford, New York. A reception for friends and family followed the burial at the Hartford Volunteer Fire Department, Route 40, Hartford. To leave online condolences please visit [www.kilmerfuneralhome.com](http://www.kilmerfuneralhome.com)

### Thank You

*The family of Richard Dawley would like to sincerely thank everyone who sent cards, attended the burial and/or just stopped by to visit us as we mourn the loss of Richard. A special thank you to Laura and Pastor Glen Davis for presenting a heartwarming ceremony at the Packer Cemetery. Thank you to the Gill Odd Fellows Home for taking excellent care of Richard for the past three years. At 95 1/2, he lived all but those three years in the home he was born. Sincerely, Mike Dawley Sr, Sue Dawley LeBlanc, Tim Dawley and all of our families*



### Glen F. Woods

Glen F. Woods, 62, died Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021, at his residence. He was born Nov. 1, 1958, in Rutland, the son of Lester F. Woods and Vera Ruth (Robbins) Woods. Glen attended local schools and had worked various jobs in the area previously at Mill River Lumber and operating his own trash removal and lawn service. He was a member of the Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department for over 30 years and the Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad for 20 years. Glen enjoyed helping others and volunteering his time. He is survived by his son, Cash Woods, of Mount Holly; by his friend and former spouse, Patricia Perry, of Haines City, Florida; by his stepson, Glen Perry, of Gulfport, Mississippi; by his siblings, Kenneth Woods, of East Wallingford, Linda Formica (Chuck), of Tolland, Connecticut, Rosalie Ladd (Don), of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Debra Woods, of Center Rutland, and Susan Stone (Lee), of Pittsford; also by his two step-grandchildren, Lillian Steves and Aliyah Perry; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his parents; by his sister, Lois Ann Woods, in 2019; and by his brother, James Woods, in 2021. A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021, at 1 p.m. at the Garrow Farm at

2204 Old Turnpike Road, Mount Holly. Private burial will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Dept., at 26 School St., Mount Holly, VT 05758. Arrangements are under the direction of the Ducharme Funeral Home Inc. Online condolences at [www.ducharmefuneralhome.com](http://www.ducharmefuneralhome.com)

## Local Post Office Hours

<b>Mount Holly</b>		<b>802-259-2796</b>
Window	Mon – Fri	8:00 am – 10:00 am
	&	2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
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	Sat	7:30 am – 10:30 am
<b>Belmont</b>		<b>802-259-2790</b>
Window	Mon – Fri	7:30 am – 9:30 am
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	Sat	7:30 am – 10:30 am
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<b>East Wallingford</b>		<b>802-259-2829</b>
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	Sat	7:00 am – 10:00 am
Lobby Hours	Mon – Fri	7:00 am – 4:45 pm
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	&	11:30 am – 2:30 pm
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	Sat	8:30 am – 10:30 am



## Notice: All Invited Mechanicsville Cemetery Volunteer Clean Up Schedule Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, at 8 am

area on Rt. 103 Flats @ 8am

3) Saturday October 23rd - meet on the Green in Belmont @ 8am

Breakfast sandwiches will be available for the above dates let Steve know @ Sforrest122@gmail.com. Additional dates may be required depending on weather conditions.

The other important information is that Cider Days - as of this date - will Happen this year on October 9th & 10th. We will have our tent up with raffle items & club items for sale. This is our fundraiser for the New Years Eve Fireworks event which will be bigger & better this year!! More info will be forthcoming on donating baskets & other items for the raffle once plans have been completed. Hope everyone had a Good Summer - winter is on the way!!

As always questions may be directed to our club email & there is always info on our website & Facebook.

Mount Holly Snow Flyers [www.mounthollysnowflyers.org](http://www.mounthollysnowflyers.org)

Google Meet joining info Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/mtt-xuiv-fjc> Here is the link to the google meets that we will use for our monthly meetings set up to recur every first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm.

### September 2021, Trestleboard Mt. Moriah Lodge #96

**Next meeting Tuesday 10/19 8PM**

Brothers,

*Black River Lafayette No. 85 is having a EA Degree tomorrow night at 6PM. They still need a Tyler, JD, Chaplain and Marshall, if someone is willing to step up and offer to help. It's a great time to support our Brothers.*

*Training for Masters and Wardens will be starting in September for every lodge in the state.*

*Keep our District 11 meeting on your calendars slated for November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Fraternally, Earl Miller, WM - Buster Seward, Sec'y*

### Constable Corner

Greetings once again, the fall season is upon us and hunting season is not far behind. For those of you interested in positing your land be advised of the following regulations:

- The owner or the person, who has exclusive rights to fish, hunt and trap on the land will post the signs. The owner or person posting the land shall record the posting at the town clerk's office for a fee of \$5.00
- Signs must be not less than 11 inches wide by 8 inches high in size
- Lettering and background on the signs must be of contrasting colors
- The signs must contain the wording that hunting, fishing or trapping or any combination of the three are prohibited or forbidden
- Signs are valid even if additional information is on the sign, if a reasonable person would understand that hunting, fishing or trapping are prohibited or forbidden
- Legible signs must be always maintained and shall be dated each year

Signs must be erected on or near all the boundaries, at each corner and not over 400 feet apart.

A property owner may establish a 500-foot Safety Zone around an occupied dwelling, residence, barn, stable or other building with signs provided by the Fish & Wildlife Department. These signs shall be placed at each corner of the property and no more than 200 feet apart. All shooting is prohibited in the Safety Zone and no wild animal may be taken within it unless advance permission is obtained from the owner or rightful occupant. Whether the property is posted or not, a hunter shall show their license if requested by the landowner.

For those of you who might be interested in hunting, fishing, or trapping on posted land please be considerate and contact the property owner for permission.

Be respectful of all property owners whether posted or not and have a safe hunting season.

## TREE STUMP GRINDING

### Beardmore Excavating Inc.

## 802-342-3507

October 2021 Mount Holly Chit Chat Inc

### Mount Holly Snow Flyer

The Snow Flyers had our First club meeting for the upcoming season Tuesday September 7<sup>th</sup> night.

Trail Work Dates have been SET as follows -

- 1) Saturday September 25th - meet on the Green in Belmont @ 8am
- 2) Sunday October 10th - meet at the parking

### Bone Builders

Monday & Thursday Mornings

9:00 am

Lake Ninevah

For Weights and more information

Call Judy Nevin 259-2443

### \*\*\* 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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I've always wanted  
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## ATTENTION

### Full-Time and Part-Time Residents

The Mount Holly Community Historical Museum is looking for volunteers to help the Museum chart its future and increase our support of the Mount Holly Community. To accomplish this goal, we have established the following working groups:

- Program** (Plan and organize programs at the museum)
- Education** (Work with local school to bring the classrooms to the museum and the museum to the classrooms)
- Publicity** (Make community aware of museum activities and acquisitions to the collection)
- Fund Raising** (Plan and organize events, such as Festival of Lights, Belmont Supper, etc.)
- Collection/Accession** (Acquire, organize, display and catalog items in the museum collection)
- Building/Grounds** (Plan and organize buildings maintenance and upgrades)
- Newsletter** (Annual newsletter)

### Membership (Increase Museum participation)

We plan to meet in person and via zoom. So, anyone can participate and contribute from anywhere. If you have needed skills, ideas or just want to contribute please join us. You can email your contact information, ideas or where you would like to help to: [MountHollyMuseum@gmail.com](mailto:MountHollyMuseum@gmail.com) Or call: Stephen Michel 802-259-2049 Dennis Devereux 802-259-2460

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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



## Mechanicsville Cemetery

Annual Meeting  
October 19, 2021 at 6:30 pm  
Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont VT

## Letter to the Editor

Over the past two months I have received several calls from residents complaining about a loose dog in the vicinity of Freeman Brook Road. The caller refuses to identify themselves, does not provide a contact number and calls with a blocked id. They then call back and complain that I have not responded. First, I am no longer the Animal Control Officer in Mount Holly. Laura Swartz has been the ACO for two years now, and her contact information is in the Chit Chat.

That aside, I would have been happy to assist with this matter if someone had provided the necessary contact information. I have also heard that residents can't contact me. I have a cellphone **802-353-8347** that doesn't always get reception in Mount Holly, however, please feel free to leave a voicemail and I will get back to you probably on the same day. If you prefer email **pfaenza47@yahoo.com**, you will get a response much quicker. If it is an emergency, please dial 911. The State Police are the law enforcement authority for the Town of Mount Holly. They respond to all criminal complaints, make arrests, issue citations, etc. They can be reached at **802-773-9101**.

I have been the constable for over 10 years, and at one point was a certified police officer in the State of Vermont while working as the DARE Officer for the Town of Ludlow. I have over 30 years of law enforcement experience. Currently my responsibilities as Constable are dictated by 24 VSA Section 1936a (b). For more information on a constable's duties please visit <https://vcjc.vermont> or the Vermont League of Cities and Towns.,

Lastly, if you see suspicious activity make a note of it, time, day, date, description of persons, vehicles, what are they doing that makes them suspicious? Call the State Police and report it. Don't wait! If you don't want to contact the VSP directly or have personal knowledge, feel free to contact me and I will pass the information along. By working together, we can keep our community safe. Thank You. Paul Faenza



## It was a Beautiful Day for a Ride in the Woods Last Saturday



With Fall on our doorsteps, things are winding down at Rainbow Riding Center. This was the last day for the Carris Reels sponsored Military Kids program and we wanted it to be special. Tricky maneuvers on horseback (left) and a Treasure Hunt that ended with a ride in the woods topped off the session. We hope to have these young riders back again next year for more fun. Although the days are getting shorter, and soon a little cooler, lessons are continuing at Rainbow Riding until the end of October.

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## Many Thanks To The Following

Moving is a challenge. Moving in a pandemic (and dealing with a broken wrist) is an even bigger challenge. I enter this winter with heat and hot water and many people to thank. I'd like to thank Chetty Gates who is as reliable and kind as his father Chester who watched out for Mom and Dad, and my aunts. I'd like to thank Jane Hill who steered me to Ben Taylor who did many plumbing jobs, as did Jeff of Spanky's Plumbing. Thanks. The Gechas for the new boiler and fuel line. Mike Tennis and Harry Schroeder for electrical help. Benjamin Bushey for the generator. Jo and Jacob Bania for garden help. Jerry Weeks and Jaime Rajda for help with the pool. Randy Van Guilder for carpentry repairs. Mike Eno for multiple painting jobs. Matt at Compu-serve for a working computer. Nancy and Dan Connor for helping me with all the physical jobs I could not handle alone and for fielding all of my stupid questions – a long list. Joe at the library for working with me. Cathy at the post office for being patient every time I lost my key. Thanks for all of the leads. YES, the house is still standing. – J. Connor

I am very disappointed. I had hoped, working with Joe the librarian, to bring in three writers this late summer and fall. Unfortunately, the surge in the Covid variant had other ideas. Very sorry. Joan Connor



## Mount Holly Community Association

**Cider Days...**we are all so thrilled to have this event back on the MHCA calendar!! It is something that the entire Mount Holly community looks forward to every year. On the weekend of October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, the MHCA will welcome all of you to the Village Baptist Church Green in the Belmont crossroads to enjoy the annual cider pressing on our antique press, which uses the rack and cloth method to press cider. Also, you will want to check out all of the wonderful vendors who are there to share their art, crafts, and culinary skills with you. And don't miss the cider, apple pie, or apple crisp served with ice cream or Crowley cheese that is available in the Gazebo. In addition, many of your favorite activities will also be taking place...the annual photo contest, the library book sale, the Mount Holly Elementary School's SouperKids, the museum's open houses in the Perkins House and the Blacksmith Shop and much more. Cider Days opens at 10:00 am on Saturday morning and runs until 4:00 pm. On Sunday, the day begins at 12:00 noon and ends at 4:00 pm. We hope to see all of you there, as there is no better way to spend a beautiful fall day than immersing yourself in many of the old fashioned traditions that make up autumn in Vermont!

(Please note that Maple Hill Rd. will be closed just above the library parking lot, so vehicles will not be able to get into the crossroads via Maple Hill. However, one can come through Maple Hill and park just before the closure. Also, from Rte. 155 one can come up Tarbelville Rd. and from Rte. 103 one can come up Belmont Rd. or Healdville Rd.)

**Cow Plop Contest...**don't miss this new event on Cider Days weekend! A large grid of 100 squares will be staked out in the meadow on Healdville Rd. across the street from the fire house. (Many thanks to Donna DeAngelis for allowing us to use this space next to her house!) You can "buy" a square and bet that that is the place that the lovely bovine, *Liberty*, will deposit her "plop". We are so grateful to Millicent and Jim Johnson, owners of Mount Holly Dairy Aire Farm, for lending *Liberty* to us for this event! *Liberty* will be in the meadow on Saturday (9/9/21) from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. Tickets will be available in advance in the Belmont General Store and on the Saturday of Cider Days weekend. A basket full of the bounty of local farms and artisans will be awarded to the winner.

**Photo Contest...**as always, the photo contest will take place in the Community Room in the Library & Community Center building, where you will be voting on the photos that will appear in the 2023 Mount Holly Calendar. Masks will be required in the Community Room and only 10 people will be allowed in at any given time. Be sure to get your 2022 calendar, which will be on sale at the photo contest and on the Green!

**MHCA Membership...**"We do it all for you", with that being said our membership drive is in full swing! 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. Membership forms can be found in the library, the post offices, and the Belmont General Store. Your membership makes the difference...thank you all for your support!

## Mount Holly Community Association Membership Drive 2021 – 2022

Please join to support...Music on the Green-Mount Holly Day-  
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Preview for the Photo Contest this year.  
Also, the roast beef supper normally held  
on the Saturday of Cider Days weekend, is  
also cancelled. Thank you all for your  
understanding and hope you all enjoy  
Cider Days weekend!!

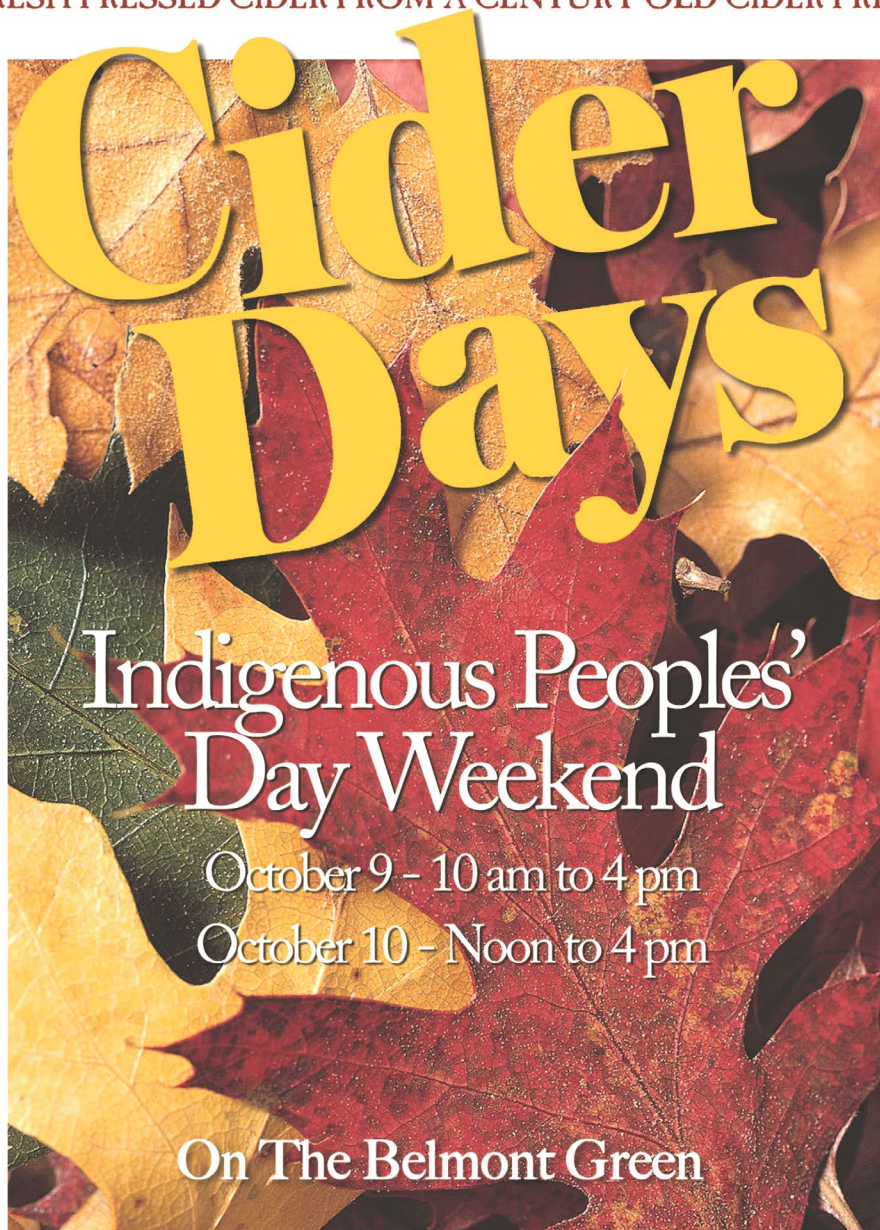




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meeting at the Green in Belmont - subsequent dates will probably be needed.  
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You can help keep Mount Holly the treasure it is by signing up to AmazonSmile and designating Mount Holly Conservation Trust as your charity. On your computer or mobile device just go to <https://www.aboutamazon.com/news/community/how-to-sign-up-for-amazonsmile> and follow the directions. If you need help or have any questions contact Monique at 802-259-2311.

For more information about the Mount Holly Conservation Trust go to <http://www.mounthollyconservationtrust.org> or contact Brigid Sullivan, President, at 802-259-2274,

### Mt. Holly Snow Flyers

There's a crispness in the air, nights are cooler & that means the Snow Flyers are getting ready for the upcoming snowmobiling season. We're having our First Trail Work Date on Sept 25th, meeting on the Green in Belmont @ 8am, breakfast sandwiches will be provided. Anyone that would like to help is welcome. If you are able to help - let Steve Forrest know at [Sforrest122@gmail.com](mailto:Sforrest122@gmail.com) - so he can order the right amount of sandwiches. We have a few projects lined up for the upcoming season - plus there is always something that needs to be taken care of.

At this time the New Year's Eve Fireworks are a GO - we're planning on making up for last year!! The fund raiser for this event has always been our booth at Cider Days - where we raffle off all types of baskets, sports events, & anything anyone would like to donate. 100% of the money raised goes towards the Fire Works. Once again Mary Alberty is the contact for dropping off / picking up donated items. THANK You Mary. The upcoming weeks will be busy for us - getting all our trails / bridges ready to go, maintaining the Tucker & Drag. Our fingers are crossed that the Loggers won't be on our trails this winter after the mess of last year. Once again we have our volunteer program that will reward you with a free TMA, info can be found on our website.

Upcoming Trail Work Dates are Oct. 10th - meeting at the parking area on Rt. 103 @ 8am, & Oct. 23rd -



## Wright Construction Stuff The Truck for BRGNS

Help us spread the love the holiday season by donating non-perishable food items to our first ever Stuff The Truck event!

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We'll be accepting donations at the Wright Construction office at 31 Station Road, Mount Holly VT from 11/1-11/8, but you can always donate directly to BRGNS food shelf as well.

Thank you in advance for taking your time to donate and helping make the holidays special for so many families in our area!

## That Time of Year Again!!!!

The MT Holly Snow Flyers will continue the New Year's Eve tradition by providing fireworks for the community celebration.

### We are looking for donations:

What's needed: Baskets filled with theme items such as:

- Dog basket (dog bones, dog toys, treats, leash etc.)
- Vermont basket (maple syrup, pancake mix, maple candy, jelly etc)
- Sports theme (Red Sox, Bruins or Patriot things)
- Pamper me basket (candles, lotions, shower gels)
- Food baskets (Italian, Mexican etc...)
- Garden baskets, Scrap book baskets, kids' basket, cleaning basket, car wash basket, race car theme (you get the idea)

You don't necessarily need to use a basket. You could use a bucket, a cat litter box, anything you can put items in.

These Baskets's will be displayed and auctioned off on Cider days in Belmont. (Similar to a Chinese auction) Saturday, October 9th 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Sunday, October 10th noon to 4:00 PM. Drawings for the baskets will be on Sunday, October 10th at 4:00 PM



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## Extend the Season – Improve Your Soil

Autumn has officially begun and Jack Frost isn't far away. Many gardens are already showing signs of leaf loss on squash, cukes, peppers, tomatoes, and basil. These are among the most susceptible plants. Good News, there are a few easy precautions we can take to protect our favorite plants and extend the gardening season to get a little more out of our summer long efforts. Now is also the best time to begin improving the soil for next year's garden so let's look at how a soil test and composting will be a big help. *Read the full article at [VermontHomeGardener.com](http://VermontHomeGardener.com)*

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**Did you know that**, at almost 2000 ft. above sea level, the steeple of the church in Belmont (meaning “Beautiful Mountain”) is the church closest to God in Vermont? The story of how this church came to *be* is rather fascinating. In the late 1700s, some settlers on the “Belmont” side of town came upon a log cabin church service in the area where the Mt Holly School is now. They were searching for some lost cows in the thick woods and discovered they had *neighbors*. Soon a trail (Belmont Road) was blazed between the newly acquainted settlements and a church established on September 6th, 1804. It consisted of 29 members who in 1911 elected Rev. Daniel Packer as their first ordained pastor. Attendance at the outdoor services grew until in 1815 they erected their first house of worship on the corner of Old Turnpike and Hortonville Roads. It was an old-fashioned two-story building with high, square pews and without a steeple.

Under Rev. Packer’s ministry and the powerful revivals sweeping New England in those years the church grew to become the largest Baptist church in the state with 466 members by 1840. Obviously, another building was needed, so through the urging of their pastor, the “South Church” was erected in 1820 on the spot where our current church sits. This was a Union church, owned by Baptists, Methodists, and Congregationalists. It had a front portico supported by large columns in the style of the Pantheon in Rome. There was a gallery on three sides of

the interior, *one* reserved for the choir, which was led, in those days, by a clarinet and a bass-viol. After 35 years, the pioneer preacher, Rev. Daniel Packer, who’d baptized more than 1,600 persons, closed his labors with the church in 1846. In 1884 the congregation voted to dispose of the Union meeting house in Belmont and construct a High Victorian Gothic style church with a belfry side tower including a memorial stained glass window in memory of Rev. Packer. A recent renovation added another in honor of the Kavanaughs.

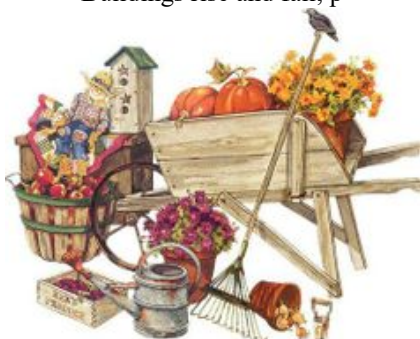
Over the years, the believers in Mt. Holly have been the hands and feet of Christ to this community, caring for the sick and elderly, helping the poor, celebrating at weddings and baptisms and church suppers. Likewise, in times of sorrow, grief has been shared and folks have been fed and housed. The love of Jesus has compelled church folk of various denominations to minister sacrificially in His name to their neighbors. As someone said at the time of the tragic fire that took the Mt Holly Baptist Church (1990), “As much as we value the memory and the history in a building, it’s *people*--people with a faith in Christ.”

However small the group, however high or low the steeple, it’s really about being a *family*. Caring, sharing and loving is what families are meant to do. In these uncertain days, this people come and go and time passes, but the church of Jesus Christ will endure and prevail, bringing men, women and children “closer to God.” *Pastor Glenn* church stands poised to carry on the work of praying and serving together. Buildings rise and fall, p



## Mount Holly Library Presenting Geri Lipshultz

Geri Lipshultz, author, will be presenting in the Mount Holly Library, on October 20<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8. She is the author of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry. She completed her MFA at the University of Iowa, and her PhD thesis at Ohio University. She will be reading several short pieces. Currently, she teaches at Hunter College and Borough of Manhattan Community College. With her background also in theater, she has participated in several productions. She has been a finalist in several competitions. She is the first residential writer in Belmont. (She also has a really great laugh.)





## Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Please join us on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at the Belmont Fire House as we celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Our station will be open to the public from 10am to 4pm. Bring the kids, check out our equipment. We will have a history of the department on display and will be selling our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Challenge Coin (\$10 each) and will also have a 50/50.

Mount Holly Fire Attended 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11 Parade in Ludlow. Photo's by Kathy Heald



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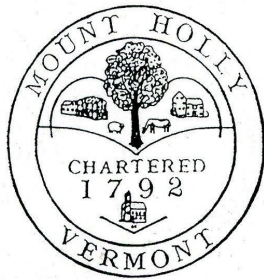
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## Mount Holly Town News

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.

### SPECIAL SELECT BOARD MEETING AUGUST 31, 2021

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

**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.**

**Call to Order:** Mark called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m.

**Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the Agenda:** Mark asked and there were none.. Mark then discusses phone calls received from a Mount Holly resident regarding the Town Clerk. This is discussed. Mark received a second call from another Mount Holly resident regarding the Blue Spruce. This is discussed.

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

**Town Garage Well/School Water System:** Letter of Reliance and State Permits: Jennifer makes a motion to sign a letter of reliance that has been signed by Otter Creek Engineering and the School Board Chair. Jeff seconds. All agree.

Jeff brings up purchasing Town Oil. This is discussed.

Jennifer makes another motion to sign permits: Jennifer makes a motion to sign the Public Source Water Permit application and the application for Public Water Systems Permit to operate it. Jeff seconds. All in agreement. This is discussed.

Jennifer discusses a call she received from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission about the ARPA Funds request. A representative is willing to come down to discuss this with the Board. This is discussed. Meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m. Respectfully Submitted Brigid Faenza, Administrative Assistant

### MOUNT HOLLY SELECT BOARD MEETING - SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 MINUTES

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

**Town Officials:** Carol Garrow-Woolley, David Johnson, James Seward, Clinton Woolley, Steven Michel

**Members of the Public:** Zena Gates, Judy Hyjek, Christine Pratt, Amy Turco, Paul Barton, Judith Daly, Kathe Wade and Brigid Faenza, recorder.

**In Person in Zoom Meeting: 898 6126 5487. Present:** Francis DeVine, Jim Corvin, Jon McCann, Renee Sarmento, Annette Lynch

**Meeting** was Called to Order at 6:30 p.m. by Mark Turco. This was followed by standing and reciting the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

**Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the Agenda:** Jennifer said she was wondering what happened to the reports, since there was nothing from the **Planning Commission and the Conservation Commission** on the Agenda, which have been standing reports from the last year to two years. I (the undersigned) said it was probably my fault. Jennifer said she didn't know if we have them here (the representatives for the Commission, but she would like to see those reports. Mark said that was fine. Jennifer said, under **On-going and Old Business**, she had 5 additions:

- (A) Traffic Safety Plan Update
- (B) The Conservation Commission appointments
- (C) The Mapping Contract
- (D) The Junk Ordinance Enforcement
- (E) The ARPA Funds update and meeting.
- (F) Then under **New Business**:
- (G) Set the Transfer Station hours for the Fall.
- (H) Appoint a passive voting delegate for the VLCT PACIF Annual

Meeting. Jeff's RFP on Summit Road too. Jeff agrees and replies **Highway** and it's agreed to do it with Highway. Mark asks anything else. Nothing at this time.

Mark asks for the **Approval of August 10th, 2021, Meeting, and Special Select Board Meeting of August 31st, '21:** Any changes? None. Mark makes the motion to approve the August 10th and the August 31st, 2021 meetings. Jeff seconds. All agree by saying "Aye".

Moving to **Reports: Highway Transfer Station up-date** by Clinton. Clinton said Grants and Aids: The Grant for 2021 is almost completed. Clinton would like to purchase a Mulcher, if possible. The Town of Pittsford has one for sale for \$4,000. It's practically brand new since (Pittsford) received a grant for a hydro-seeder and the grant would pay for the mulcher over the years. Clinton said all the winter sand is in, they ended up with 3510. Highway still has a cushion to get more later on in the year if they need to. The cost of a new mulcher is discussed. Mark would like to know the cost of a new one in relation to the \$4,000. Clinton believes it was \$6800 at one time. This is further discussed with the Board.

The **Transfer Station** is all cleaned up, the metal and the tires are gone. New signs are up that we had to have. Jennifer asks if Hubbard picked up the piles and were we charged? Mark said no, just for the tires.

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**Hours** (for the Transfer Station). Clinton said October 6th would be the last Wednesday and October 10th would be the first Sunday. Mark confirms the dates of October 6th, the last Wednesday, and October 10th, would be the first Sunday.

Mark said Jeff is next on the list and Jeff states they have the grant signed since the last meeting and he sent the RFP that he had drafted up to the VTrans, Brian Sanderson, from the District. Jeff would like to move forward. Jeff asks if there are comments on the dates; this gives a guideline to have comparative pricing and he can post it on that bidding website, plus send it to those 3 to 4 engineers to see if they're interested. One of which is Otter Creek, and we can find a couple more. Jeff said if there's no objections he'd like to use these dates and post it so he can get the results by the next meeting from the engineering firms. Jennifer asks if she should put this up on the website. Jeff agrees as long as there's no other changes. Jeff

will send the information to Jennifer with some attachments.

Clinton said he needs an Apple IPAD, WiFi Cellular Tablet for the Grants and Aids. After this year, the Rutland Regional Planning Commission is no longer doing it, so everything you do has to be on the tablet and sent to AOT. Jeff and other Board members discuss this with Clinton. Mark asks what the cost would be. Clinton said Amazon had one for \$509. Jeff asks what the timeline is on this and Clinton said he wouldn't need it until Spring.

Mark asks David for the **Treasurer's Report**: David states the report as of August 31st: the ARPA funds that came in August was \$65,000. As of August 31st, there was

\$1.7 million in taxes still to be collected and approximately one million of that was collected in the next four days. David said on the first page of the Profit & Loss, are amounts that were actually billed: Municipal, the local agreement, homestead and non-residential, and there will be quite a few switches in that homestead and non-residential because there are still a lot of people who did not file a declaration. If you don't file a declaration, you're taxed as a non-resident and you don't get any State property tax adjustment. David states the discount, is that the year isn't quite complete, but we will exceed our budget because of the number of taxes that were paid and took advantage of the discount.

David discusses the Municipal property tax adjustment: He may not have mentioned it last month, but this money, the State payments that are made, makes up the municipal portion of it, that's down about \$6,000 from the year before. It's not a revenue we budget for.

David continues on to the first section of Intergovernmental receipts, the ARPA proceeds, the amount that was received, earned \$10 interest that equals the bank balance. On September 7th, David received another check for \$120,816, and this is supposed to be towards the county portion. David said he could combine them or he could keep them separate. Jennifer said we can combine them. Mark agrees. This is discussed.

David goes on to the Solid Waste labels that is through August 30th and it's about \$700 more than the same period last year.

David goes on to: solid waste expenses: Last month we hadn't received Casella's bill, but we did this month, so that's the two months and the total with Casella's is about \$1600 less than a year ago. You'll notice the Zero Sort Disposal Expense is a minus, we actually received a credit for the recyclables. David discusses this with the Board. David discusses the Transfer Site Maintenance that is for the signs which Bovie (Clinton) spoke about.

David goes on to the Education Fund, it's been shown that is the amount of credit the state gave towards the tax bills. Budget figures for the Ed Fund are still unknown. David said they usually give an advance payment to Cheryl; Cheryl said they've done well this year and they've taken out a line of credit, but haven't had to use it. So the payment from us and Ludlow would do the same. They won't have to incur any interest expense. David said \$400,000 because we've really covered July, August and September.

David said we've talked about the Winter sand.

David goes on to Hauling: there should be one more bill for a hauler that did

some, but that'll be under our budget.

David said it wasn't listed on the Agenda, but we've had it nearly every month. There is a draft of the audit, he found a couple of things he'd like to see different, but what we're looking for is the opinion and the financial statements referred to. All material respects the respected financial position. The key piece. David discusses this. Jennifer asks if this is 2019, David said 2019. Jennifer said we're supposed to have the draft this month, right? The final next? Jennifer asks what about 2020? David said he thinks that could be within a month, because they've done a lot of field work. This is discussed. Jennifer said we did ask for 2019 and 2020, with the draft this month and then the final, with the management letter next month. Jennifer is looking for the management letter, if it is sent electronically, to be sent to the Board. David believes they can.

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**Columbus Day**

#### **Mount Holly Animal Control Officer**

The Mount Holly Animal Control Officer is Laura Swartz. She handles all calls concerning domesticated and farm animals, including Animal Cruelty concerns. For more information or to make a report please call **Home (802) 259-3976** or Cell text only 802-353-4492.

#### **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.



Mark asks if there are questions for David: Jennifer said she has two: A tiny amount, the solid waste? David explains that's the phone bills. The winter road material hauling: how many different people are we using on that? David said they only use two and mostly that's Gary Norton. Jennifer said she was looking at the \$11,000 amount and looking at our purchasing policy of \$10,000. We're okay. This is discussed with Jeff, Bovie, Jennifer and David. Jennifer said she is looking at the dollar amount in terms of putting it out for the bid process.

Jennifer then throws out an idea, food for thought: We have a three person road crew and a working road foreman. We have a Select Board member who is doing the RFPs, working a lot of grants, working hand-in-hand on issues and doing capital planning. Jennifer is wondering if we should have a road commissioner. Jennifer wonders if the Board would want to consider the position of a road commissioner to work hand in hand with the road foreman. We can appoint that person, there can be some sort of remuneration and we would have the funds available to do that and think it might be a win-win for the Town. Jennifer said this is food for thought. Mark said we'll look into that. Jennifer said other towns around us have it. This is discussed.

Mark said we're moving to **On-going and Old Business**: Jennifer asks if we have any reports. Jeff said on the Zoom is Donna, Fra, Jim and Jon. We have the Planning Commission and the Conservation Commission. Fra is on Zoom re: **Conservation**

**Commission**, has been in existence for a year. It was established 08/2020 by the Select Board. Nine members have been reduced to seven. They've developed a Mission statement and charter. Members have learned their responsibilities and Members learn resources available to continue their work. **Projects started:** inventory of natural, cultural and recreational resources. Star Lake is discussed by Fra. Municipal planning grant: updates funding opportunities. Fra discusses Castleton's assistance. Discusses other highlights: the Shade Tree program; Phil Crane is now Town's Tree Warden. Fra thanks all members of the Select Board as well as the Conservation Commission for their work on this. Fra asks for questions. None. Jennifer thanks him and them for all their work.

**Planning Commission:** Jon McCann on Zoom, has a subdivision

decision pending, should be final this week. There's another subdivision application they've received, which they'll discuss at their meeting tomorrow. They probably will have a hearing for that in the coming month. The new Commissioner, Andy Schultz, is welcomed and thanked by Jon.

**Traffic Safety:** Jennifer said there were a number of roads they were going to re-confirm this month, and then turn them over to Devon Neary to set up the traffic studies. Jennifer states the roads are: Belmont, Healdville, Tarbellville, Maple Hill, Old Turnpike, Shunpike, Hortonville, and then they wondered about Gates. Seven roads, with Gates, they have 8. Jeff is the point person with Mr. Neary. Jeff sent Mr. Neary the list this morning. This is discussed among Board members. Jennifer had a question regarding signs: Clinton said Ninevah ones are up, the signs for Branch Brook were the wrong direction, on the right instead of the left, so they're redoing them. Clinton has Stop signs to put up on Healdville, hopefully next week.

**Conservation Commission Appointments:** Mark asks Jennifer if we have the letters. Jennifer said we have two current members, with two who would like to be reappointed: Peter Smith & Fred Garrow. Another person has applied. Jennifer makes a motion to re-appoint Peter Smith and Fred Garrow to one year terms, terms running until September 2022, to the Conservation Commission. Seconded by Mark. All agree by saying "Aye". A third person: Jennifer makes a motion to appoint David Martin to a one year term, running to September, 2022, to the Mount Holly Conservation Commission. Seconded by Mark. All in agreement by saying "Aye". Jennifer thanks them (if they are on Zoom), Peter, Fred and David for wanting to put some of your time and effort into Mount Holly.

**Mapping Contract:** Jennifer asks David if he has anything to add to this, and David said he did look back and had quotes from the original Dean Russell that did it, they weren't quite that high. David knows that there's been a very large number of property transfers and there'll be a lot of name changes for the maps. A lot of money has been invested in these maps and we should keep

## Mount Holly CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEMBER NEEDED

**Are you interested** in helping inventory and protect Mount Holly's natural resources, be they agricultural lands, forest blocks, wetlands, floodplains, and/or wildlife habitats, streams, lakes, ponds, open spaces, unique plant life areas, scenic & recreational resources and more?

**Are you interested** in assisting the Planning Commission on natural resource issues and planning as it reviews the town plan?

**Are you interested** in working to safeguard the natural resources we all so value here?

The Select Board will appoint one (1) individual to fill a one-year term.

Any interested individual is encouraged to apply.

Please refer to 24 V.S.A. 4505 for all the various roles and responsibilities a Conservation Commission can assume to help protect & enhance Mount Holly's natural resources.

If this sparks your interest, please send a Letter of Interest to the Select Board, PO Box 248, Mount Holly, VT 05758, or to [mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com](mailto:mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com), to be received by 4:00 pm on Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Please state why you are interested in the Conservation Commission position and your qualifications. Term runs until September 2022.

The Conservation Commission meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm. Additional information is available here: <http://www.mounthollyvt.org/conservation-commission/>

Any questions, please email the Select Board at the email address above, or call 802-259-2454.



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the maps up. This is discussed. Mark asks for any other questions for the mapping contract. None. Jennifer makes a motion to accept a tax map maintenance proposal from Cartographic Associates Incorporated for the term of one year. One year maintenance proposal is agreed. Jeff seconds. All say "Aye". The Board signs it.

Mark: **Junk Ordinance Enforcement:** Jennifer explains last meeting we agreed to send out letters with 30 day warnings to the property owners. Mark said he went by the Blue Spruce on 155 and he would say now is the time to invoke the penalties. Period. This is discussed. Jennifer said process-wise, we issue the ticket with the fine and assess a daily penalty if they don't clean it up. Jennifer said, so we have the Constable issuing the ticket but wants to know who is going to watch that piece of property. They were going to issue another ticket every 30 days with a daily penalty. Do we need to look at this property every single day? This is discussed as to whose responsibility this would be. The fine is \$2 a day. Judith Daly describes the living conditions near Blue Spruce. Judith believes the fine should be higher. Mark discusses trash from Blue Spruce that may be going in the river. Mark believes this goes to ANR. Judy Hyjek discusses gas cans near water and what her results were. Judy asks about a fine. \$60? Kathe Wade describes other conditions near this site. Jennifer explains this further. Can keep accumulating until they're paid. Can put a lien on property. Judith Daly said there are more campers, more automobiles. Discuss Fish and Wildlife going there. Were given 9 days to clean the trash.

Kathe Wade said she lived there as caretaker of the Blue Spruce and the conditions should be up to code. Mark said he can notify the Health Officer to survey the scene over there. Jim asks about a report from State Troopers about going there. Judith Daly said Daniel Prescott is living there. Kathe Wade goes into detail on this. Jon on Zoom, the Blue Spruce property is in a flood hazard area. Mark will send the health officer and will go himself to assess. Mark said they need to have a special meeting by the end of month. David said Blue Spruce House Inc. owns it. Judith thinks they're baiting the bear in. Mark asks anything else. Jennifer asks for clarification on the penalty. It's \$2 a day for owners. Judith said the Town shut it down but it was reopened. Discussion had on this. Mark asks anything else on junk ordinance. Jennifer said she will notify the Constable about this.

**ARPA** funding update has been done. Jennifer said David gave \$241,632 total for the County, so we're going to end up with \$371,863. Jennifer said we talked about doing a Special ARPA meeting at the end of September. Jennifer noticed that there's an ARPA day on October 4th and it's virtual, so she's planning on doing that. Jennifer was wondering if we should push it out, since she expects it will be a good presentation. Mark agrees. This is discussed. Judith asks about the lawyer (for the Blue Spruce), if he was cited. Blue Spruce has been Cited. Mark said it's unknown if Kyle visited and doesn't know what incident he was there for.

#### **New Business:**

(A) naming of new road near Crowley Cheese factory. Carol explains she has provided a copy of the map and it's for 911 purposes. Lot # 3, which is highlighted, requested to have the road named. This person has asked it to be named "Okemo View Lane" (private road). Carol has checked with the State and they said its fine as long as it's all right with the Select Board. Discussion had on this.

(B) For Old Turnpike Road, between Carol's trailer and another trailer, there's three houses. They would like to do "Breezeway Lane", Carol said the State was okay with that. Mark is okay with the names on both of them. This is discussed. Paul Barton asks since the Town is paying for the signage, if we can re-use old signs as opposed to printing new signs. Clinton said no.

Jennifer makes a motion to name two private roads, per State requirements, for 911 purposes, one being Okemo View Lane, the other Breezeway Lane. Mark seconds. All agree by saying "Aye". This is discussed.

**Calendar for List of Organizations Meeting at the Town Hall/Office-**Carol made up a calendar because she wasn't sure who's been coming in and out at night, so she wants organizations/commissions to sign up so they don't have double people in the office. It's also posted in the Office. Jennifer said it's on the website, there's a calendar page on there and they're on there. This is discussed.

**Water Heater Bids:** Jennifer asks me if there are any. I gave them the envelopes. Jeff said to note on the record they didn't open the Champlain bid because it's fuel. Mark reads the description of what's involved. Mark reads an estimate for \$1089.75 from Taylor Plumbin, the only bid received. This is discussed. Jeff makes a motion to approve the water heater bid for replacing the Town Office

water heater from Taylor Plumbing for \$1,089.75. Second by Jennifer. All in favor signify by saying "Aye".

### **Fall is Here!**

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considered timely paid.

**PACIF Voting Delegate for the VLCT Passive Annual Meeting:**  
Takes place on Wednesday, September 29th at one o'clock. It can be done in person or virtually and we basically need to appoint a delegate. This needs to be done before they register for the Town Fair. Jeff makes a motion to appoint Jennifer Matthews, Mark seconds. All were in favor by saying "Aye".

**Citizen's Comments:** Judy Hyjek-organizing a neighborhood watch group, talked about a year ago. There is a neighborhood watch manual on how to do it. Mark discusses this. This was addressed but never went anywhere with this. Judy said it requires local law enforcement and needs the Constable to be on board with this. Judy would like to know from Paul how many complaints have been made directly to him that people have wanted the Vermont State Police to respond to. Judy would like a ball-park figure on this. In asking the Vermont State Police to come down, they replied: "It's a long way to Mount Holly." This is discussed. Paul Barton said this is true and an extension of the government of Vermont. This is discussed. Jeff

agrees with forming a group of people.

Judy continues asking about hiring a sheriff here? Jeff said they will be tied in with traffic control. This is discussed. Drug related needles, whipped cream cans were found on Shunpike Road and the road crew was asked to help. Discuss this. Mark agrees, a neighborhood watch is a good way to go. Judy said to contact her about spearheading this and not to call her if they're not serious. This is much needed in our community. Mark said the Drug epidemic is everywhere: Raise awareness and report it to someone that will do something about it. This is discussed. Jennifer said Judy should contact the Rutland County Sheriff on this. Steve reminds of someone from Gates Road having problems with property near hers and she might be interested. Paul brings up the Select Board being an official body and reaching out to the State Police and the Attorney General. Mark said he will go to them. This is discussed. Paul doesn't believe we're receiving adequate services from the State. Mark asks anything else from Judy: Judy said we should unite as a community, be observant, vigilant and contact one another.

Zena discusses **Speeding** on Gates Road. Mark discusses traffic study. Mark hopes to have information by November. Zena said Gates Road is known as "Walmart" since there is so much traffic all day and night.

Judy asks Paul Faenza's (the Constable) job description if he could do some monitoring of Gates Road. Judy said he needs to return a phone call. The Constable is an elected and paid position. Jennifer said he doesn't have the ability to do criminal procedures. Jennifer provides the description of his (the Constable's) duties. There's no criminal piece to that. Paul asks if Paul Faenza can deputize people. The Board said no.

Paul asks about last Spring, the monument to the Civil War Veteran. Paul describes this. Mark said he's meeting with Brian Sanderson on this. Paul Barton has donated flags to be mounted in classrooms for the school. Mark said this is up to the school board. They will notify the School Board Chair on this. This is discussed. Steve has been speaking to Dennis about putting a barrier and reinforcing the stone pillars. There should be respect and dignity to that monument.

**Announcements and Other Business:** Jennifer has two items: Another "food for thought" asks to be on the October agenda: need to discuss retail cannabis. The clock is ticking. Need to do a Town Vote at Town Meeting, otherwise the default position is we allow it. This is discussed. Swap shed, thanks to Kevin, David and Mary Nortunen are good at keeping it clean.

**Review and sign the orders:** Jim asks about bids on fuel oil this month. Mark and Jeff said they pushed it out a week to the 22nd. Will be part of the Special meeting.

**Executive Session: Title 1 V.S.A.S313(a)(3)**, if needed. Jennifer motions to have the executive session using Title 1 V.S.A. S313(a)(3) at 8:15 p.m. Mark seconds. All agree by saying "Aye". Jennifer made a motion to exit Executive Session at 8:37 p.m. No actions taken.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Mark adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Brigid Faenza, Administrative Assistant

### Mount Holly Planning Commission - Town Office & Remote Electronic – Regular Meeting Minute August 18, 2021

**Commission Members Present:** Jon McCann (Chair), Jim Seward (Vice Chair), Stephen Michel, Brigid Sullivan, Andrew Schulz

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

1. Jon McCann called the meeting to order at 7:01pm
2. No changes to agenda
3. Approval of minutes
  - a. The minutes from July 21, were approved as distributed.
4. Reports & Announcements
  - a. Clerk report: none
  - b. Jon stated the census data has come out, and that it would be helpful to look at
5. Correspondence
  - a. Subdivision proposals
    - i. Bolalek site visit: cancelled due to poor weather
1. Mr. Bolalek brought paperwork to the office for a quick presentation. Mr. Bolalek will email a PDF copy of the presentation to

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**Paul Faenza**  
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the Planning Commission. Attached.

- a. Mr. Bolalek provided a summary of the history of the property and what he is trying to accomplish.
- b. waste water permit: WW-1-1820-1
- c. Following a discussion about the subdivision, and what Mr. and Mrs. Bolalek are trying to accomplish, it was determined that the subdivision as presented would result in four lots which makes it a major subdivision.
- d. Mrs. Bolalek asked a question about access roads for minor vs major subdivisions, and if major subdivisions require another state permit for the separate lots. Jon stated he does not believe there are private road permits.
- e. Stephen reviewed differences of what is required for a minor vs major subdivision.
- f. Jon will add the subdivision to next month's agenda. Mr. Bolalek will fill out the application and pay the fee.
- ii. James Beam consultation: Mr. Beam will no longer be seeking a subdivision.
- b. Building Construction Registrations
  - i. Vogel, 221 Hedgehog Hill S, Sugar Shack, (accepted)
  - ii. Feuerman, 3756 Healdville Road, Kitchen addition, (accepted)
- c. Wastewater system and potable water supply permits: none
- d. Email / Other:
  - i. There was one email from Mr. Beam declining the consultation for a subdivision.
6. Unfinished business:
  - a. Discussion about a tour of the historic sites along the Crown Pointe Road (halfway encampment), that could be provide helpful information for the Town Plan. Planning Commission members wish to attend a tour in the fall.
7. New business:
  - a. Stephen FYI: There is an article about the state of Connecticut giving permission for sterile carp that eat vegetation/milfoil to be put into Candlewood Lake. Stephen emailed the article to the conservation group. Brigid noted the state of Vermont has said no to this in the past.
8. Public comments: none
9. Upcoming meetings
  - a. Special working meeting - September 1st at 7pm
  - b. Regular meeting -September 15th at 7pm
  - c. Deliberative session: August 25th at 7pm
10. The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm For the Commission, Renee Sarmento, Planning Commission Clerk



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### Mount Holly Planning Commission - Town Office & Remote Electronic – Regular Meeting Minutes September 15, 2021

**Commission Members Present:** Jon McCann (Chair), Jim Seward (Vice Chair), Stephen Michel, Brigid Sullivan, Andrew Schulz

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



1. Jon McCann called the meeting to order at 7:05pm
2. No changes to agenda
3. Approval of minutes
  - a. The minutes from August 18th regular meeting were approved as distributed.
4. Reports & Announcements
  - a. Clerk report: none
5. Correspondence
  - a. Subdivision proposals
    - i. Bolalek - 4623 VT RT 155 - new application, PC 2021-03
      1. Packet from Mr. and Mrs. Bolalek was distributed electronically and presented

during the meeting. This included a \$150 check, application, and map. Jon explained it is \$150 per lot for a minor subdivision. Applicant will pay an additional fee of \$300.

2. Jon noted the application is a little different from what was presented at the last meeting.
  - a. Mr. Bolalek explained they are now seeking to subdivide land into three lots instead of four.
  - b. PC members examined the map, and determined Mr. and Mrs. Bolalek are requesting a minor subdivision.
3. Andy asked if there is intention to subdivide lot one into two lots in the future because an additional subdivision would need to wait one year. Mrs. Bolalek stated this is not their intention.
4. Public Hearing scheduled on October 20th at 6:15pm.
- b. Building Construction Registrations
  - i. Planning Commission members discussed the Building Construction Registration review process, and which information should be required.
  - ii. Stephen made a motion to amend the Building Construction Registration application to request applicants provide a wastewater permit number. Andrew seconded the motion, unanimously approved.



- iii. Johansen, 586 Maple Hill Rd, garage, (accepted)
- iv. Deegan, 705 Dawley Rd, single story chalet, (accepted)
- c. Wastewater system and potable water supply permits
- i. Public Water System Construction Permit: "Mount Holly School PFAS Water System Improvements"
- 1. Email with information about a public drinking water system in the process of being approved for the school.



- d. Email / Other: None.
- 6. Unfinished business:
  - a. None
- 7. New business:
  - a. Census data
- i. Jon stated it makes sense as a planning commission to look at the census data once it is available for Mount Holly.
- ii. Discussion about difficulties in determining the number of part time vs full time residents and growth trends.
- iii. This topic will be revisited as census information becomes available.
- b. Town Plan strategies
  - i. Community Involvement:
    - 1. Discussion of various ways to involve the community in Town Plan process safely during the pandemic.
    - 2. Vermont Council of Rural Development (VCRD)
      - a. Offers a "Community visit" (Typically three meetings)
      - b. Jon sent an email inquiring if this service could be used for Town Plan development. Response was that it is not typical, but possible.
      - c. Brigid suggested Jon contact VCRD so Mount Holly is placed on the waitlist.

- 3. Jon suggested another option of having a small stakeholder meeting for each section of the plan.
- 4. Andy suggested having meeting of town members that have demonstrated interest or have experience in topics of the Town Plan. Jon asked if these individuals should be invited to the working meeting.
- 5. Decided to review and discuss infrastructure related parts of the Town Plan first. The Fire and Rescue section of the Town Plan will be discussed at the next working meeting with a stakeholder meeting to follow.
- ii. Infrastructure planning
  - 1. Related to the Town Plan infrastructure discussions, Jon noted that the Planning Commission could provide recommendations on how ARPA funds may benefit the town.
  - 2. Discussion about possible uses for ARPA funds. Focus seems to be on public water systems, broadband, and COVID related issues.
  - 3. Jon noted that our internet connectivity is among the best in the state and we have a cell tower going up right now. All Commissioners expressed a dire need in Belmont for a public waste water system.
  - 4. Andy noted that a lack of a public waste water system hampers economic development. Jon noted that was a focus of discussion during 2018 Town Plan development meetings. Commissioners discussed various economic development options for the Belmont village which might include improvements to the store, having a new restaurant, or an inn/bed and breakfast.
  - 5. Brigid noted the relationship of wastewater systems to the lack of housing options.
  - 6. Discussion about relationship of wastewater systems to problems affecting Star Lake.
  - 7. Commission unanimously agreed to investigate wastewater systems for the village to provide advice and recommendations to the Select Board.
  - 8. Jon will try to attend the upcoming VLCT webinar about ARPA funding on October 4.
  - 9. Jon has informally discussed with Okemo Valley TV about using ARPA funds to support purchasing new video conferencing technology. Unanimously agreed to support the Select Board making this decision. Patrick from Okemo Valley TV noted that during the VLCT meeting on October 4th one hour will be dedicated to hybrid meetings and equipment.
  - 8. Public comments: none
  - 9. Upcoming meetings
    - a. Special Town Plan working meeting - October 6th at 7pm
  - i. Fire and Rescue discussion
    - b. Public Hearing - October 20th at 6:15pm
    - c. Regular meeting - October 20th at 7pm
  - 10. The meeting adjourned at 8:37pm For the Commission, Renee Sarmento, Planning Commission Clerk



## Fletcher Farm School Class Announcements

The Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts is pleased to announce our late September and October Classes.

September 25-26 – **Stone Setting with Hal Bosco** – Learn to set calibrated amethysts into calibrated settings.

October 2 – **Pine Needle Coiling Jewelry with Lyn Haas** – Using this technique, you can learn to make pendants and baskets.



October 7-8 – **Snowshoe Weaving with Jean Reed** – These fabulous snowshoes are to be used, not just to hang on the wall of your cabin or home. The strength and durability of these shoes are great or a child of 5-7 years of age.

October 9-11 – **Liberated Quilting with Susan Damone Balch** – Learn a process of quilting with no rules, no patterns, no points to match, and seams don't have to be exact. It's a great way to use fabric that you have on hand.

October 12 – **Japanese Shibori on a PVC Pipe / Nuno Felted Scarves** with Sandi Cirillo – We combined these two half-day classes. You can take one or both. In the morning session, participants will learn about "shibori", the Japanese resist method of creating designs on silk using a PVC pipe. In the afternoon session, students will learn how to create a nuno felted scarf using bits and pieces of wool, soap and water, agitation and lovely silk scarves.

October 13 (a.m. only) – **Silk Fusion with Sandi Cirillo** – Participants will learn about silk fusion, the process of creating silk paper using various types of silk fibers. Silk paper can be used to make books, note cards, for a variety of mixed media art projects.

October 16-17 – **Printmaking Workshop with Roger Hyndman** – This workshop will explore several different forms of printmaking, including solarplate, relief, found object, and monotype printmaking.

October 16 (a.m. only) – **Book Ornaments with Jean Reed** – In a few short hours you will complete a precious miniature book, measuring 2" square. Your book will be made with holiday-themed paper and embellished with ribbon and a bead. When you open your book, it turns into a glorious star-shaped ornament.

October 30-31 – **Introduction to Silver Fabrication with Hal Bosco** – This course is designed to teach basic methods of handcrafting jewelry from sterling silver.

October 30 – **Feather Wool Trees with Jean Reed** – These unique and whimsical trees are made from felted wool, wrapped over wire stems, and are enhanced with winter berries. You will be using 100% felted wool and have a choice of colors.

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## Ludlow Rotary Club Prepares for 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-off, Oct. 9



The Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) is sponsoring its 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-off on Saturday, October 9, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The cook-off will be located at the traffic light on Depot Street. Proceeds will benefit the The Ludlow Rotary Charitable Fund to enable the LRC to continue its programs of local support. Admission is \$10.00 per person which includes chili, bread, ice cream and cider.

Chili entries are welcome from individuals, clubs, and businesses. An entry fee of \$10.00 will include a table space and sterno to keep the chili warm. Participants are responsible for arriving between 10:30 – 10:45 the day of the cook-off. Cash prizes will be awarded in the "People's Choice" category. Awards will be given to the chili entry with the most voted in the "Judges' Choice", "Spiciest", and "Team Spirit" categories. Chili entrants are asked to provide four (4) gallons of chili for this event and be there to serve the chili.

Please mail your name, address and phone number along with chili entry fee of \$10.00 to: Ludlow Rotary Club, PO Box 616, Ludlow, VT 05149. For more info, contact Kevin Barnes at 802 558 0479.

Pictured above are Chris Saylor, a past chili award winner, and a hopeful consumer at a recent Ludlow Rotary Chili Cook-Off event.





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## Vermont Council on Rural Development

As you know, the Vermont Council on Rural Development has conducted an extensive search to replace our much-admired and well-respected Executive Director Paul Costello, who has served us so well for more than two decades. On behalf of the VCRD Board of Directors, I am pleased to announce that Brian Lowe has been selected as our next Executive Director, a role he will assume on September 21, 2021. We are excited to have found a candidate with Brian's deep commitment to VCRD's mission of helping Vermonters build prosperous and resilient communities through democratic engagement, marshalling resources, and collective action.

Since 2013, Brian has held diverse roles with the City of Burlington. Most recently, he served as the City's COVID-19 Response Leader, where he led the city's pandemic response, overseeing multiple cross-departmental teams and partnering with community leaders to address emerging challenges. Brian also served as the city's Chief Innovation Officer, responsible for identifying new approaches to city processes and starting new programs like Burlington's Early Learning Initiative, which has helped expand local childcare options. Previously, he was Chief of Staff to Mayor Miro Weinberger. Before starting with the city, Brian worked at the U.S. Department of the Treasury and with different organizations in Syria and Afghanistan. He also served for eight years in the U.S. Navy Reserve. Then, he met his wife, a native Vermonter, and they moved to Vermont in 2013. He holds an MPP in political and economic development from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and a BA in Political Science and History from Williams College.

VCRD was searching for a candidate who shared our passion for nurturing the current and emerging leaders who make Vermont communities such vital and dynamic places to live, work and raise our families. In Brian, we found an optimistic leader who believes as we do that, working together, our future is limitless as long as we're willing to do the hard work of coming together, listening to and learning from one another.

"I am so impressed with all that VCRD has done over the years to help Vermonters focus on the future," Brian said. "I'm grateful and excited to take on this work and continue to build on all that Paul Costello, the Board, the team at VCRD, and our community partners have accomplished. There are many opportunities to support communities, solve challenges collaboratively, and strengthen residents' sense of belonging. I am eager to get on with the job."

As excited as the VCRD Board of Directors is to welcome Brian to the team, it is a bittersweet moment. Paul Costello will be retiring on Sept. 30 after more than 20 years with VCRD.

He has devoted his career to making his native Vermont a better place. Through countless Community visits, annual conferences and meetings throughout the state, he has quietly and thoughtfully helped make this special place even better. We will be forever indebted to Paul for his steady hand, his wise counsel and his sense of humor.

Please join us in welcoming Brian to VCRD and in wishing Paul well in retirement, and, as always, thank you for your continued support of VCRD and its work on behalf of Vermont communities. Sincerely, Julie Moore, *Chair, VCRD Board of Directors*

## Guess what, you help to choose the photos for the 2023 Mount Holly Calendar!

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## Ludlow Rotary Memorialized Bob Kirkbride

Ludlow Rotary Club recently unveiled a beautiful 15' street clock at the corner of Main and Elm Street in honor of long time Ludlow resident and Rotarian of 60+ years Bob Kirkbride who died in March 2020 at age 93.

The street clock, made by Electric Time Company, Inc. of Medfield, Massachusetts was designed by the Club and was placed on Town of Ludlow property with the blessing of the Ludlow Village Trustees. Special thanks are extended to the Town's Municipal Manager Scott Murphy, Ludlow's Highway Crew, Ludlow Electric Company, Benson's Chevrolet who stored it for us once it was shipped to Ludlow and assistance from Brett Wright and Wright Construction all who were instrumental of erecting and making sure the clock was ticking!

The dedication was held after a Ludlow Rotary luncheon on Tuesday September 14<sup>th</sup> and family members were present along with an honor guard from The American Legion Post 36 and many fellow Rotarians, neighbors and friends. Rotarian Kimberly Lampert started the proceeding with all reciting the Pledge of Allegiance then introduced the club's present and last two presidents all who led the club while deciding on what meaningful tribute we could do in Bob's memory. Also recognized was Rotary Past District Governor Jon Springer of Reading who was a former Ludlow Police Chief in Ludlow and a friend of Bob's since the 1970's. Brigid Sullivan, fellow Ludlow Rotarian from Belmont provided a blessing and then Rotarian Jim Rumrill said a few words about Bob as Rotarian; he was followed by Frank Heald, former Town Manager and fellow Rotarian who spoke of Bob as a Ludlow citizen and friend and how Bob always found the GIFT of TIME to help others and raise money to benefit our little town and the area. Several funny stories

were told by each of course!

Sharon Bixby spoke of the process of actually getting the clock and thanked those who helped the club with the project... Rotarians, Town Departments, Ludlow Electric, Rotarian spouses like Jon Lampert who was a great help and even a Rotarian grandson who helped plant the flowers at the base of the clock.

Then it was time for Kevin Barnes, Ludlow Rotarian and Jon Lampert to remove the covering and unveil the lovely clock! Applause and some tears of joy & pride followed ... Rotarian Mary Crowley closed the dedication leading us all in one of Bob's favorite songs- God Bless America!

It was a picturesque day to honor and memorialize a great man who Ludlow will surely miss. As noted by Rotarian Sharon Bixby, "Bob's 'gift of time', dedicated to helping others and being with those we love and care for, is perhaps his lasting memorial from which we can all benefit".

Pictured above is the new clock dedicated to Bob Kirkbride's memory at the recent dedication ceremonies attended by many area residents to honor him with his "gift of time" symbol for the benefit of everyone in the Ludlow area.

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## **The Birth Of Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department**

The afternoon of May 4, 1946, a tragedy struck Belmont and the whole town. Mrs. Carrie Parmenter burned in her home. It was a large house with attached barn which was just east, across the road from Clyde and Pauline Davis' home, the Green Mountain Cottage. It was very close to the Davis barns which were behind the Parmenter barn (Belmont Fire Station now).

The sun was shining with some breeze, perhaps strong at times.

The only thing there was to fight the fire with were pack pumps and 2 ½ gallon soda acid fire extinguishers, which nearly all families in Belmont had possessed for years. The extinguishers went to all fires. The village storekeeper came bringing soda and acid for refills.

The pumps held four or five gallons of water. A hose from near the bottom of the tank had a metal pump at the end, about 18 inches long, which was held with one hand near the base of the pump. The other hand was held near the end. By pushing the end back about halfway, it would squirt a stream of water a little smaller than a pencil twenty to twenty-five feet. By turning the nozzle, it could be made to spray.

The Parmenter house and barn burned to the ground, but all other buildings were saved. The parsonage barn roof caught fire and some men coming from Healdville stopped and succeeded in saving the building.

The roof of the Davis home caught fire more than once and burning fragments were found on Pond Street.

Men tried and succeeded in keeping the Davis hay barn from burning. The roof was steel, but the side boarding kept catching fire. A person with a coat thrown over his head and some water dashed over with the coat to put out the tongues of fire which continually caught on the dry boards. It got so hot no one could stay.

Ralph Armstrong, an older man, directed the fire fighters at the barn and sent everyone inside. The barn was not large, probably 20 by 25 feet and 12 or 14 feet to the eaves, and attached to another barn. It was just a large cavity for hay (a hay now). There was maybe two feet of last year's hay still in the mow. The pack pumps were carried into the barn.

The barn was single boarded. Had it been double boarded, I believe it would have burned. Inside, Mr. Armstrong stood back and directed the boys. Tongues of fire would run between two boards near the upper part. A few squirts of water would put it out. The hay didn't catch fire during the afternoon. If the Davis barns had burned, the Harriet Parmenter barn, which was only about a rod away, would have gone and possibly other buildings.

The Ludlow Fire Company came with a pump and fourteen men. They stayed five hours. The Parmenter house was already burned. The only thing they did was to soak the hay in the mow and wet down the side of the barn. The town was billed: 14 men for 5 hours-\$70; pump, \$50.

A fire truck came from Rutland, after the fire was under control. They used a small line to put out a fire in a hole in a maple tree in front of the Davis home.

A few nights after the fire the town's people gathered at the Town Hall to consider how the town might get some fire protection. Fire Chief Alfred Koltonski of Rutland came and spoke.

A pumper which was too old for a Long Island City was purchased for \$800. Mr. Earl Ramsden drove it to Belmont. It had a windshield but no cab. Hose and fittings were purchased costing \$1,353. Contributions of \$1,475 were received.

A town fire company was organized in October 1946 with Orin Priest as chief, Hollis Priest, Carl Fish, Harvey Leino and Allen Devereux. 75 years have now passed and Mount Holly Fire is still going strong. Excerpt from Carroll Tarbell's book History of Mount Holly, Vermont.



## **Cavendish Librarian Speaks to Ludlow Rotary Club**

Kata Welch, Librarian of the Cavendish Fletcher Community Library, was the recent guest speaker at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC).

She stressed the importance of developing good reading habits at an early age to promote leadership qualities.

Among the features of her comments to the Rotarians were her references to various types of fictional and non-fictional literature to instill interest in youngsters to develop and continue their interest in reading.

Kata noted that books containing quality graphics often increased the reader's interest in continuing their reading habits. She stressed that books may not always have deep meanings and themes so long as they sustained the attention of the reader, using a book on "Star Wars" as an example.

Citing her own background in Northern Vermont, Kata indicated that parental encouragement of reading was a primary factor in her own interest in reading.

Pictured above are Kata and Art Randolph, LRC President, during the luncheon meeting. Art described LRC's own participation in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program as an example of Rotary's continuing interest in supporting reading for young children.

The Cavendish Fletcher Community Library serves as both the town and school library for Cavendish and Proctorsville. Currently, the library is open to the public Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturdays. The library contains approximately 14,000 items including books, movies, audio books and over 30 periodical subscriptions. It also has computers available for patron use and provides free Wi-Fi, inside and outside of the building.

## Thrive in Celebration ~ Community Acupuncture Clinic Nearing 8.5 Years of Service to the Region

By: Virginia Voronin, Licensed Acupuncturist & Lisa M. Donohue, MA, LMT



Did you know that community acupuncture, originating in China, has become popular in the United States? Many supporting studies and testimonials report that community acupuncture to be a very effective healing modality. In New York City, in the 1970's The Nada Protocol (National Acupuncture Detoxification Association), was developed. It's an ear acupuncture treatment that is still widely researched and used in treatment for a variety of disorders such as sleep, headaches, physical pain, digestion, depression, anxiety, addictions and many other health concerns. The Nada Protocol consists of putting five acupuncture needles or special adhesive seeds on specific acupuncture points in each ear. Then, participants quietly sit together for 30-40 minutes. "It can be a very profound meditative experience" says Virginia Voronin, Licensed Acupuncturist".

She has led several community acupuncture clinics in southern Vermont in the last ten years. And is presently offering a monthly clinic at Thrive Center of the Green Mountains, just south of Rutland, Vermont. "I have witnessed some very impressive results with this simple healing modality" she says. Virginia believes that sitting quietly in a meditative atmosphere improves the effects these ear points have on the whole body,

mind, and spirit. And, for people who regularly meditate report that their meditative experience deepens. "People come in with migraines and leave without them; people come in with back pain and leave pain free. But one of the most rewarding results for most people that is that they leave with a revived sense of peace and relaxation." In the eight plus years at Thrive Center there are some participants who have come almost every month since the beginning. One person reports that after the clinic she sleeps like a baby for the next ten nights or so. Another person reports that their depression has diminished significantly. After each clinic there is a question, comment and sharing time.

For thousands of years Acupuncture has been practiced in China, Japan and Tibet. In careful observation of nature and practice they found that "energy" has pathways (meridians) throughout the body and by stimulating points along these pathways it was discovered to have observable affects on health and well-being. Acupuncture is utilized in clinics and hospitals for pain management and other health disorders throughout the Eastern world. It is widely utilized in Europe and now has a firm grounding in the United States and is beginning to be used in hospitals and clinics.

At Thrive Center in Wallingford, owners Lisa Marie Donohue, MA, LMT, and Joe P. Donohue, DC invite new people to come, but they must reserve their place as there is a limit of 10 people each month - (Formerly 15 people). At present seating and mask requirements are in compliance with the present COVID situation. There is a FREE WILL donation that Virginia Voronin passes onto Acupuncturists Without Borders (AWB), a non-profit organization that brings community acupuncture to disaster areas around the world. A tiny monthly donation is also made to the Thrive Center for organization, marketing, utilities / expenses to maintain the program. For more information about AWB go to: <https://acuwithoutborders.org/>

Excitedly, from the outset Thrive asked for permission & endorsement of their clinic program installment from all of the local Acupuncturists that they could locate, before they rolled the clinics...The support was astoundingly positive. Referrals to local / regional acupuncturists have been made daily from our office (and even prior to that); given the rich resource base to choose from. "We are really fortunate that way - to have such a bevy of qualified and talented practitioners to choose from", adds Lisa Donohue, who has sought out this modality for nearly 30 years, herself, as part of her health care regimen.

Currently, the clinics are usually every 4th Tuesday of each month @ 6:30 PM. We will gather again on September 28th. Which will be our last clinic for this year given precautions and the holiday season. We plan to resume again on January 25th, 2022 ~ weather and pandemic factors dependent.

### Some noteworthy outcroppings Include:

To date, the oldest dedicated relief inspired (AWB) clinic. Upwards of a thousand dollars has been donated, after basic expenses.

15% of the client / patient base have expressed interest / have participated. Nearly 90 Clinics have been hosted with approximately 1,000 served. The average attendance ~ prior to the pandemic was 11 participants.

Interested people can contact the Thrive Center of the Green Mountains at: (802) 446-2499; [uthrive@vermontel.net](mailto:uthrive@vermontel.net) to reserve their place and / or Virginia Voronin (802) 779-3652; [virginiavoronin@yahoo.com](mailto:virginiavoronin@yahoo.com) for more information on the entire treatment process. Please attend fed and well hydrated. Updates & posts can also be viewed here: [www.facebook.com/thrivecenterofthegreenmountains](https://www.facebook.com/thrivecenterofthegreenmountains)  
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## Extend the Season – Improve the Soil

Autumn has officially begun and Jack Frost isn't far away. Many gardens are already showing signs of leaf loss on squash, cukes, peppers, tomatoes, and basil. These are among the most susceptible plants. Good News, there are a few easy precautions we can take to protect our favorite plants and extend the gardening season to get a little more out of our summer long efforts. It's also the best time to begin improving the soil for next year's garden so let's look at how a soil test and composting will be a big help.

Gardeners know well the sad appearance of plants after a frost turns them into leaves drooping lifelessly on once vigorously growing plants. Heat loving plants are usually the first to go. Potatoes and onions know that cold is coming so have stopped growing and are pulling nutrients out of their leaves and putting them down into storage. Trees have begun doing the same so we see the foliage color changes. We'll harvest those nutrient rich crops soon. Others, in the Brassica & Mustard families, almost seem invigorated by the early chills and continue growing bigger and sweeter. This includes cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, and kales. Root crops like beets, turnips, parsnips, and carrots are well protected underground and can continue to grow a bit more. We can't change the inevitable change of season but there are a few things we can do to extend our garden productivity and enjoyment.

Crops that have been frost damaged will not recover and should be harvested before more damage can happen. That means bringing in all frosted winter squashes (butternut, acorn, zucchini, etc.) to fully "cure" (dry) before storage. Harvest squashes by cutting with an inch or two of the stem attached to reduce rot from entering. Lay them out in a well-ventilated space of a garage or garden shed to thoroughly dry the skins so they can be stored for the winter months. Butternut especially needs time to cure and to sweeten the flesh so they will be in their prime for eating by Thanksgiving and afterwards. Longer storage can be improved by wiping the dried skins off with vinegar or a 10% solution of bleach to eliminate most surface fungi that can cause rot.

Tomatoes and peppers might still be able to ripen existing fruits (yes, they are fruits) once this cold spell has passed. I recommend harvesting all ripe tomatoes and full-sized peppers now, before the first frost, to let them finish ripening indoors, if necessary. Green tomatoes can also be ripened indoors. Put them in a brown paper bag with a ripe apple or banana and check them every day.

Cover plants with row cover (Agribon), bed sheets, or bath towels when frost is forecast. Blue tarps and black plastic might work but be sure to remove them before the sun shines to avoid overheating. Cover flowers that you want to save such as dahlias, zinnias, marigolds, impatiens, petunias or move them inside or under a roof. All of your greens, including kale, spinach, arugula, and most lettuces will be fine without any special protection.

Another simple practice to help plants survive a chill is to be sure they are well watered the day before a frost is forecast. This is especially important for exposed container plants. Moist soil holds the day's heat better and hydrated tissue is less prone to frost injury.

Harvesting potatoes and onions isn't driven by the danger of frosts and can be done more casually. It is important for storage to "cure" them both for a couple weeks before putting them into storage. Do not wash them, just brush off loose soil and lay out in a shaded, well-ventilated area, and cover with a light blocking cloth (not plastic). I use old burlap bags. It is important that the outer skins are very dry to prevent soil borne fungi from causing rot in storage. A good online reference for crop storage is available from Vermont's own [Gardener's Supply Company](#).

**Planting in late September** Some salad greens can still be planted, although they will germinate and grow very slowly. Be sure to keep them well watered if it doesn't rain. Again, if you haven't grown **garlic** before, this should be the year you start. Local garden centers are selling "seed garlic" and a very good local source for seed garlic is Caravan Gardens on Rte. 103 in Cuttingsville (farmstand open Wednesdays and Saturdays). Supermarket garlic is often treated with bleach and a chemical to retard growth so isn't recommended for planting. Another reason to grow your own!

**Soil Fertility** Fall is the best time to begin soil improvements for next year.

**Step 1:** do a basic soil test to learn the nutritional status of your soil. Once you know about your soil pH, chemistry, etc. then you will know what additives will be most effective. Do not assume that adding some lime and fertilizer will work; it could be counter-productive and wasteful. I don't recommend using the inexpensive little soil test kits or electronic meters sold in stores. Soil testing is best done by a soil lab because their methods are more accurate, and they provide specific recommendations for the crops you want to grow.

The University of Vermont testing lab offers a basic garden/lawn soil analysis for just \$15 and includes pH, macronutrients, and other characteristics. You may use their kits available in many garden centers or simply download their order form and instructions [HERE](#). You will need to send them about ½ cup of dried soil in a sealed plastic bag along with the completed order form. Results will come back by mail or by email within 1-2 weeks and provide recommendations for what and how much to apply. Please follow their instructions for How to Collect a Soil Sample, very important.

**Step 2:** Soils in New England tend to be acidic (we have acid rain!) and usually benefit from the application of agricultural limestone or wood ash. After you have the results of your soil test (step 1, above) you will know whether lime is called for, or not. Soil pH refers to the acidity of the soil. A pH of 7.0 is neutral, above 7.0 is alkaline, and below 7.0 is acidic. This is important because if the pH is too low or too high the plant can't get the nutrients that are in the soil. Most plants do best in a slightly acidic soil, between 6.2 and 6.5. A common sign of acidic soil (low pH) is leaf "chlorosis" or yellowing, an indication that lime should be added.

Fall is the best time to apply limestone to gardens and lawns because the effect on soil pH will take several months. Lime applied now will be well incorporated into the soil and have raised the pH by spring planting time.

Do not assume lime will always help; there are two cases in which lime applications will have poor results: 1) the soil pH is already

above 6.5 and raising it higher will reduce the availability of nutrients to your plants. 2) The plants that you are growing prefer an acidic soil with a pH below 5.5. This includes blueberries, raspberries, rhododendrons, azaleas, holly, and most potatoes.

**Step 3:** Apply fertilizer, as called for by your soil test results. As an organic gardener I strongly favor the regular application of compost to garden soil. We make our own compost but you can also buy compost at most garden centers. Compost provides rich organic matter, beneficial microbes, good amounts of phosphate and potassium. Nitrogen is usually low in compost but can be supplemented with animal manures (composted chicken or cow manure is best), green manures (legumes such as beans, peas, & clover), alfalfa meal, and organic granular fertilizers. Compost also acts as a great stabilizer of pH and will keep your soil acidity in the desirable range.

Compost applied in the fall will get naturally worked into the soil over winter and spring, making your soil rich and ready for the new season. If you are planting fall bulbs or garlic, I suggest putting a little (1 tsp) phosphate (bone meal or rock phosphate) in the bottom of each hole to support strong root growth. Fill the hole with soil and cover with an inch of compost.

**Pest Alerts:** Aphids flourish in the cool fall weather. Watch your fall broccoli, Brussel sprouts, and kale. Treat with [insecticidal soap](#). House plants destined to move inside should be sprayed with the garden hose to wash off adult aphids before treating at least twice, one week apart, with insecticidal soap to eliminate the young aphids. These tiny beasts have a remarkable ability to reproduce because the females are born pregnant!

**Weeds...** Don't stop weeding yet! Weeds are now producing their seeds for next year's generation, and several generations after that. Do not allow weeds to go to seed in your garden.

**Remember** to compost your food and yard wastes for the best garden fertilizer. Here's a [short video](#) to help you get your own compost started.

*What did you learn in your garden this year? Got questions? Suggestions? Leave a message in the Comments below.*

### Threats to Mount Holly Biodiversity

The world is facing a biodiversity loss crisis. Information about the abundance and location of plants and animals is critically important to improving our conservation actions but is very limited. The Mount Holly Biodiversity Project is an attempt to locate and map information about the biodiversity locally so we can focus our conservation work where it will do the most good.

For example, we know that in the USA we have lost about 30% of our birds since 1970, that's at least 3 Billion birds gone! The causes of this loss are only now becoming understood. Free roaming house cats, for example, are believed responsible for the yearly death of tens of millions of songbirds. Some causes such as climate change and pollution are generally large scale but other causes such as forest loss, agricultural pesticides and invasive species are often local issues.

The Mount Holly Biodiversity Project, in just one season, has identified over 118 introduced or non-native species, many of which are harmful invasives that are a major threat to our biodiversity. World-wide, invasive species are now recognized as a major cause of biodiversity losses. Invasives include plants, insects, and other animals that out compete native species for food and space and often do not have natural controls locally.

Some invasive plants are noxious weeds (wild parsnip) or aggressive growers (water lilies & milfoil in Star Lake). Invasive insects such as Emerald Ash Borer, Asian Long-horned Beetle, and Spotted Wing Drosophila pose serious threats to our forests and agriculture. The accompanying map from the Biodiversity Project shows where we have confirmed introduced species and there are certainly many more yet to be reported. You can help! Now that we have mapped where many invasives are located in town it is possible to take actions to control or remove them. If you have any of these on your property it might be a good idea to limit their growth or try to remove them. Helpful information is available free online from the website <https://www.vtinvasives.org/>

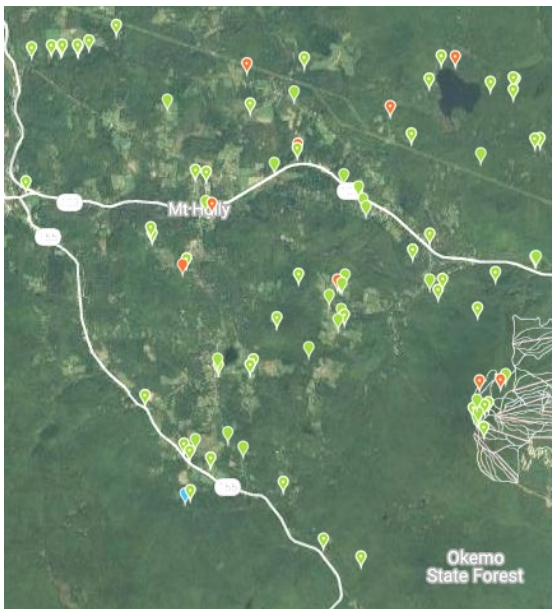
**More field help needed:** Although the fall season is here, we still need your help in learning where our town's plants and animals (native & introduced) are located. It's always exciting to find a new species for our town list but even the common ones are important. As of mid-September, Biodiversity Project volunteers have made 2,715 total observations in town! There are now 150 volunteer observers who have identified 912 different species right here in Mount Holly. The details about what we have found, including a map and photos of the species is available online to everyone at <http://www.inaturalist.org/projects/mount-holly-biodiversity>

An easy way to support the Biodiversity Project is to walk around your yard and identify just 10 species of common wild plants, insects, or birds. If you're not sure about their names, it has just become much easier to identify unknown plants and animals. A new app run by iNaturalist is called **Seek** and is available free at the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Seek will identify almost anything immediately as you look at it with your smartphone camera, no need to take a photo or submit the observation. It even works without an internet or Wifi connection in the field! You also can link your Seek observations to the Biodiversity Project to help build our inventory.

If you like birds you can identify them just by their songs using the **Merlin** app (available Free in the Google Play Store or Apple App Store) on your smartphone! Download Merlin and then use the "Sound ID" option to record the bird calls and Merlin will give you the most likely species name.

The Mount Holly Biodiversity project is sponsored by the **Mount Holly Conservation Trust** (<http://mounthollyconservationtrust.org/>) and the **Mount Holly Conservation Commission** (<http://www.mounthollyvt.org/conservation-commission/>) If you have questions or need some assistance call Jim at 802-259-2311.

< Locations of observed non-native species in Mount Holly







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# Who's Got It Locally?

## Artists & Architects

Alistair McCallum Landscape Photographs & Paintings 259-2318  
Gerry Wilkins Art Studio Open Call Ahead 259-2046  
Spectrum Photography – John Miller 259-3060  
Stone Creek Workshops Pottery [www.stonecreekworkshops.com](http://www.stonecreekworkshops.com) 259-2254

## Catering - Restaurants - Stores

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

## Building & Repairs – General Work

AW Carpentry-Remodeling\*Building\*Portable Sawmilling 259-3699  
Cutting Edge Carpentry And Paint Works – Curt Marechaux Cell 236-5559  
Jenkins Builders – General Contractor [brandon@jenkinsbuild.com](mailto:brandon@jenkinsbuild.com) 952-9722

## Church Listings

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

## Engineering

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

## Equipment For Hire & Snow Moving

Beardmore Excavating [beardmoreexc@gmail.com](mailto:beardmoreexc@gmail.com) 342-3507  
Flander's Excavating & Firewood 259-2147  
Russ Garrow –Lawn Mowing\*Brush Hogging\*Garden Tilling\*Snow Plowing  
\*Care Taking 259-3167

## Farm Fresh Products

Mt. Holly Dairy-Aire Farm Raw Milk, Fresh Eggs, Baked Goods 259-2386  
Plew Farm (meat, eggs, maple) [www.plewfarm.com](http://www.plewfarm.com) 802-259-2250  
1966 Healdville Rd, Mt. Holly  
Smith Maple Crest Farm, Grass-Fed Beef Cuts Fresh/Frozen 492-2151  
[www.Smithmaplecrestfarm.com](http://www.Smithmaplecrestfarm.com)

Sugar Hill Berry Farm [www.sugarhillberryfarm.com](http://www.sugarhillberryfarm.com) 259-2155

## Food Shelf

Black River Good Neighbor Services – Krey Kellington 228-3663

## Funeral Homes

Clifford Funeral Home 773-3010

## Garden & Landscape, Lawn Mowing

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

## General Contractors

Wright Construction Company [info@wrightconstruction.com](mailto:info@wrightconstruction.com) 259-2094  
Ted Stryhas Builder Inc. 228-7327  
[www.chesterscustomwoodworking.com](http://www.chesterscustomwoodworking.com)

## Health Care Providers

Dr. Joseph P. Donohue – Chiropractic Care, Thrive Center 446-2499  
Massage Therapy/Bodywork, Thrive Center of Green Mtns 446-2499  
Lisa Donohue MA, LMT ~ Linda O'Brien MT 446-2499

## Home Management Services

Belmont Country Gardens Property Management 259-2364  
Mowing & Plowing Jon Lienhard  
Jenkins Builders [brandon@jenkinsbuild.com](mailto:brandon@jenkinsbuild.com) 952-9722  
Seiple's Property Management 802- 236-8104  
Yankee Home Management, Keith Hawkins 259-3064

## Maple Syrup

Green Mtn. Sugar House 228-7151  
Plew Farm 1966 Healdville Rd, Mt. Holly [www.plewfarm.com](http://www.plewfarm.com) 259-2250  
Smith Maple Crest Farm [www.Smithmaplecrestfarm.com](http://www.Smithmaplecrestfarm.com) 492-2151

## Marketing & Promotional Services

Express Copy Inc., Don Reiser H 259-2722 362-0501  
[print@expresscopyinc.com](mailto:print@expresscopyinc.com)

## Metal Fabrication

Wayne Jones Metal [www.waynejonesmetal.com](http://www.waynejonesmetal.com) 259-2521

## Mount Holly Email

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

## Painters

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

## Plumbing & Heating

Master Plumbing & Heating Inc. 802-975-0369  
[masterplumbingheating@gmail.com](mailto:masterplumbingheating@gmail.com)  
Tailored Plumbing [tailoredplumbingheating@gmail.com](mailto:tailoredplumbingheating@gmail.com) 802-417-1647

## Real Estate Sales

Coldwell Banker Lifestyles, 228-5678  
John Napier [jnapier@cblifestylesre.com](mailto:jnapier@cblifestylesre.com) 860-559-9334  
Cummings & Co. Lisa Kelley [lisa@cummingsvt.com](mailto:lisa@cummingsvt.com) 802-345-6581  
Engel & Volkers, Okemo - Woodstock Gail Beardmore 802-975-0338  
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Kelley Real Estate, Don Eatmon, Owner/Broker 802-228-5333  
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[www.KelleyRealEstate.com](http://www.KelleyRealEstate.com) [www.OkemoValley.com](http://www.OkemoValley.com)

## Roofing

Buddy Systems Roofing Contact Buddy 259-3989  
New Roofs/Roof Repairs & Replacement – Slate/Wood/Asphalt/Metal

## Security

Countryside Alarms – Mike Blais [www.countrysidealarms.com](http://www.countrysidealarms.com) 259-2213

## Septic System Design

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

## Therapeutic Riding

Rienbow Riding Center Home 259-2282 Barn 492-2226

## Tree Services

G.M. Tree Tech & Landscaping, Greg McKirryher 259-8733

## Volunteer Services

Belmont/Mt. Holly Food Co-op, Tanger H 259-2344 W 259-2899

## Woodworking, Cabinets & Furniture

Chesters Custom Woodworking [ccw@vermontel.net](mailto:ccw@vermontel.net) 259-3232

