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

FEBRUARY 2022



1 st	MH Snow Flyers, Meeting Via Zoom Mount Holly Community Assoc. Meeting, Library Mount Holly Conservation Commission	6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm
	Freedom Day – Pres. Lincoln Approves 13th Amendment Abolishing Slavery 1865	
2 nd		
3 rd	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	7:00 pm
4 th	Wear Red Women's Heart Health Day	
Sat 5 th	John Jeffries One of America's 1st Weather Observers 1744	
Sun 6 th	Pres. Ronald Reagan 1911	
7 th	Bobcat, Red & Gray Fox Season Ends	
8 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont Select Board Meeting, Town Office & Zoom	9:00 am 6:30 pm
9 th	LMHUUS Meeting, ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	6:00 pm 7:00 pm
10 th	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	7:00 pm
11 th	Thomas Alva Edison Founder of General Electric Co. 1847	
Sat 12 th	Abraham Lincoln 1809	
Sun 13 th	Boston Latin School 1st Public School in USA 1635	
14 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	7:00 pm
	League of Women Voters Formed 1920	
15 th	MH PTSA Meeting, MH School	4:30 pm
16 th	MH Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont Mount Holly Planning Commission, MH Town Office & Via Zoom	6:30 pm 7:00 pm
17 th	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations	7:00 pm
Sun 20 th	John Glenn 1st American to Orbit Earth on Friendship 7, 1962	
21 st	Presidents' Day	
22 nd	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	9:00 am
23 rd	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	7:00 pm
24 th	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	7:00 pm
Sat 26 th	Levi Strauss 1829	
Sun 27 th	US Supreme Court Upholds 19th Amendment Women's' Right to Vote 1922 ~ Battle of Java Sea 1942	
28 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	7:00 pm



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

Send ARTICLES to: **Diana Garrow**, 3379 Shunpike Rd., Mt. Holly, VT 05758 Phone 802-259-2314 or E-Mail to chitchat@vermontel.net Check out Mt. Holly Web Site www.mounthollyvt.org

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February Birthdays: 2nd—Justin Bussino 4th—Chris Charuk 5th—Pat Marro 6th—Candance Bussino 8th—Alyssa Collins * Debbie Pearce 9th—Emma Coldwell 10th—Amy Perrino * Jack Koponen 11th—Mary Desautels 18th—Andy Bolalek * Peggy Taylor 19th—Dennis Turco * Denise Turco 20th—Barbara Palotta 21st—Ben Veysey 22nd—Susan Horsman 25th—Meghan Garrow 27th—Mary Crawford * Steven Radonis

February Anniversaries: 28th —Andy & Teresa Bolalek

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

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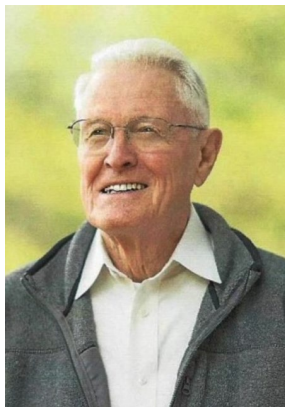
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Rev. Allan P. Davis

North Clarendon, VT - Allan Packer Davis, 95, formerly of Newton, NJ went home to be with his Lord, surrounded by his family at his home on Thursday, January 13th. He lived his life by faith and died by faith.

He was born July 6, 1926 in Montpelier, VT, the son of George E. & Emma (Packer) Davis.

He was a 1942 graduate of Towle High School in Newport, NH and a 1947 graduate of Providence Bible Institute in Providence, RI. He received his BA in Psychology at Upsala College in East Orange, NJ.

He was the former Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Warwick, NY, the First Baptist Church in Georgetown, NY, and for 31 years at First Baptist Church in Newton, NJ.

He married Eleanor May Grover on June 17, 1950 in Holbrook, MA.

Allan enjoyed fishing, woodworking, and spending time with his family. In his youth he played the violin with his sisters in a musical ensemble and performed for various clubs and occasions. He enjoyed playing his trumpet in his High School band and in a gospel group in his college years.

He had the gift of encouragement, and spent many hours counseling hurting hearts. He had a wonderful sense of humor and was always ready with a joke or pun. His life goal was to share the message of the gospel with all who had ears to hear.

In his retirement years he faithfully attended the Village Baptist Church in Belmont, VT and served as a deacon and taught a Bible study class for many years. With a servant attitude, he was known to use a hammer, vacuum or chainsaw wherever they were needed. He went on several mission trips overseas, digging ditches, using carpentry skills on missionary homes, and preaching in evangelistic crusades.

He was predeceased by his wife, Eleanor M. (Grover) Davis who died on January 12, 2007, and by his sister, Dorothy Johnson. Survivors include two daughters, Kathleen Johnson of Newark, DE, and Martha Dunn of Pineville, NC; two sons, the Rev. Glenn Davis of Mt. Holly, VT and Scott Davis of Chester Heights, PA; a sister, Carolyn Guevin of Wilbraham, MA; 12 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was held at 11:00 am at The Village Baptist Church in Belmont, VT on Saturday, January 22nd. Visitation

was held immediately after the service downstairs in the church Fellowship Hall. Interment will take place at a later date for family in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Rochester, VT.

Online condolences may be made at www.aldousfuneralhome.com. Memorial contributions, in lieu of flowers, may be made to The Village Baptist Church in Belmont, c/o 67 Crowley Lane, Mount Holly, VT 05758.

Bone Builders

Monday & Thursday Mornings
9:00 am

Odd Fellows Hall

For Weights and more information

Call Judy Nevin 802-259-2443

FML News

Fletcher Memorial Library
February 2022

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Snowshoes - Family Fun!!!!

Many Thanks to RiseVT for a grant funding our purchase of Redfeathers!

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A Very Special "Thank You" to Shon, Alex & team at The Boot Pro for their support of the library and their assistance with this purchase! Come try ours and then visit Boot Pro!

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

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Scheduled Rabies Vaccination Clinic

The Mount Holly Town Office along with the town's ACO will host a rabies vaccination clinic on Saturday March 26th from 10am till 12 noon. At this same time the town office will be open to make it convenient to register your dog. A Rabies shot and certificate is required to get your dog licensed. This clinic is also open to cats.

The cost of the rabies shot is 20.00 Dollars in addition to the cost of the license.

The cost of the license is 11.00 for a spayed / neutered pet and 15.00 dollars for unneutered prior to April 1st, the due date for licensing. After April 1st a late fee will be applied.

All dogs must be on a leash and please have cats in a carrier. The attending Veterinarian will be Dr. Carol Gifford of Riverside Veterinarian Care. Masks will be required to enter the town office. If you have any question you can reach out to Carol at the town office or call or text Laurie (ACO) at 353-4492 Thank you!



Fonda and Mary Jane Wish All a Happy Valentine's Day

January thaws, January freezes and a nor'easter, I wonder what February will bring us -- more winter or an early thaw to kick off sugar season.

The horses are still fat and fuzzy and took great pleasure rolling around in the fresh snow following the weekend storm. Soon they will shed their winter fuzz and it will be time to go back to work. While the horses may be taking a well-earned winter vacation, the rest of us are busy setting up programs for the upcoming summer season. School programs are filling up and we will soon have the 2022 paperwork available on our website for anyone who would like to participate in Rainbow Riding Center programs as a rider or volunteer.

Please check our website: rainbowridingcenter.org and follow us on Facebook, Twitter @RainbowRiding Instagram @rainbow_riding_center. Email: programs@rainbowridingcenter.org

Mount Holly Community Association

A month into the New Year and the MHCA is looking forward to what events we will have this year as the pandemic continues to challenge the well-being of our community and world. But first we want to give a shout out to the Snow Fyers President Steve Forrest and crew for putting on one heck of a fireworks show New Year's Eve (NYE), it was SPECTACULAR! People from near and far were gathered on the beach at Star Lake with a huge bonfire to stay warm and cars lined the street

honking their horns as they celebrated the incoming New Year. Thank you to Board Members Mary Alberty and Kevin Hollebeek for getting the beach set up. A special thank you goes to youngins Nolan Alberty & Wyatt Manley (Mary's grandsons) and Thomas and Anna Hollebeek (Kevin's children) for joining in the preparations for a memorable evening. The Snow Flyers hold a raffle during Cider Days weekend to bring you NYE at Star Lake, if you'd like to donate a basket for the raffle please reach out to Mary Alberty at 802-259-2900. It takes a village to make events like this possible...Thanks!

Winter means lots of snow in our little mountain village of Belmont, MHCA has been gifted with a mystery snow removal angel, something everyone wishes for at some point right? We want to say THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts for your fairy like magic, you are the BEST!!

Our next event, the spring Mud Fling, is up for discussion at our next Board meeting, Tuesday February 1st. Unfortunately, inside events continue to pose concerns and the Board will be deciding if we can navigate our beloved Mud Fling party in April...stay tuned for an update next month. In the meantime, thinking of spring, it's not too early to be musing about joining the Garden Tour, we hope you will consider sharing your flowers, shrubs, and interesting yard art with us this July.

The **winners** of the 2023 **photo contest** are published here in the Chit Chat. Be sure to check them out and see if you're among them! Since printing photos on paper is not the best, the photos will also be posted on the MHCA Facebook page and mhcavt.org so you can get a look at the quality of the photos submitted and chosen for the 2023 calendar.

MHCA is lucky to have a generous membership who support our mission to provide a community center and space for our town Library as well as seasonal events to be enjoyed by our community and our guests. If you are new to Mount Holly the community association is a great way to meet people, learn about community resources, and get involved. If you have not joined we invite you to do so and if you want to get involved please reach out to us at mhcavt@gmail.com; we have many volunteer opportunities (helping with an event, using your marketing skills to help promote MHCA, stuffing envelopes for membership mailings, shoveling the library ramp and stairs etc..) available throughout the year!

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This year, as we did last year, we having parents entering their child's application via ANR Online at: <https://anronline.vermont.gov/?formtag=GMCC> We ask that you encourage everyone to apply using ANR Online. The fee for the summer of 2022 will remain at **\$250.00 per session** and you will be billed at the end of the summer. **We will be opening registrations for 2022 on January 3rd, 2022.**

As in past years, parents must contact you first and have you fill out and sign a copy of the attached "2022 Sponsorship Agreement" form before going online to register their child. it is the parent(s) responsibility to send the sponsorship agreement form in with their child's application. I have attached a copy of the 2022 form for your convenience, so please feel free to make whatever copies you may need. You must use the current 2022 version of the form. Whited out, crossed out, or re-written copies of the sponsorship agreement form will not be accepted. **This is 2022 version of the only form that will be accepted as proof of sponsorship.** Continued use of the sponsorship agreement form will help ensure you are billed only for campers who have been approved before the season.

For those parents who do not have computer or good internet access, have them contact Jan Finn, the Education Programs Registrar at the new phone number for GMCC at: (802)-522-2925 to request a paper copy of the application. (Please make note of the new phone number for GMCC) **Parents and guardians should be reminded to keep a copy of Sponsorship Agreement for their records until at least November.**

*** Hall Rental in Belmont ***

The use of the Hall in Belmont is scheduled by contacting Carol at 802-259-2791, or at tcg2791@yahoo.com. You may also leave a message with Dennis at 802-259-2460, or at ddevereux@vermontel.net.

Due to COVID-19 and the requirements necessary to keep staff and campers safe and healthy, please be aware that although registration will open with all camp weeks available to the full number of campers as in past years, the specific details of how camp may run are subject to change based on the guidance from the Vermont Department of Health and Governor's orders. The changing

nature of the virus and the guidance that follows leaves the potential for GMCC to require pre-arrival testing of campers, masking indoors, a reduction in the number of campers allowed in each session, or even cancellation of specific sessions. We will reach out to Parent/Guardian #1 via email no later than 3 weeks before the start of your child's session if any measures regarding COVID-19 need to be taken for the summer of 2022.

If you ever have any questions about the sessions, sponsorship forms, change the person who is the contact person for the organization, or the billing address for the organization please call me at: (802)-522-2925 or drop me an e-mail at: FWgmcc@vermont.gov to let me know.

Green Mt. Conservation Camp [Phone] (802)-522-2925
1 National Life Drive, Davis 2 [Fax] (802)-828-1250
Montpelier VT 05620 {tdd} (802)-828-3345

www.vtfishandwildlife.com

"The Black River Rod and Gun Club will be sponsoring boy and girls between the ages of 12 to 15 years who wish to attend the coming Conservation Camp. To apply please either write or phone our Conservation Camp Coordinator, Mary Nortunen at 1405 VT Route 103 South, Mount Holly, VT 05758 (802) 259-2412"

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Compost and Joy
Oh tidings of composting and Joy!

While visions of Seed Catalogs dance in your heads,
Keep in mind the Annual Mount Holly Garden Tour!
Please consider sharing your love of gardening with others,
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This year's tour will be July 16, 2022
Contact Leah Knoll for more information
259-4137 leahknoll@yahoo.com

BALLOTING RESULTS FOR 2024 MOUNT HOLLY CALENDAR

Every year an exciting highlight of October's Cider Days celebration is the public balloting for the photographs that will make up the next Mount Holly calendar. This past Cider Days was no different. It was also special because Cider Days 2020 had been scrapped because of Covid-19. While the weather during Cider Days 2021 wasn't perfect it was pleasant and brought out many visitors. When the ballots were counted more than 200 people had made their choices known about which photos they wanted to see in Mount Holly's 2023 calendar.

Once again, the competition to get into the calendar was fierce. There were just so many exceptional entries to choose from. Subjects the public had to choose from included churches, horses, dogs, Uncle Sam (an impersonator, not the real one), a harvest moon (the real one), and more.

In this issue of the *Chit Chat*, you can see all the chosen photos. To view these photos in color, please go to mounthollyvt.org/chit-chat/, the online edition of the *Chit Chat*, or to the website of the Mount Holly Community Association mhcavt.org.

So, congratulations to the photographers chosen for the 2023 calendar and thank you to everyone who participated, whether by submitting photos, by casting ballots, by judging, or by volunteering their time to help with the competition and Cider Days overall.

And remember, the photos that will be in the 2024 Mount Holly calendar are out there for the taking. ***But don't wait until August to take them. The calendar represents all five of Mount Holly's seasons (although no one has yet to submit a mud season photo). And always have your cellphone with you so you don't have to borrow your kid's.***

The *Chit Chat*, the *Newsflash*, the MHCA website and the town bulletin boards will be the best sources for information about how to submit photos. Or you can request an entry form at mthollyphotos@gmail.com.

The competition is open to all residents and non-residents. The only rule governing subject matter is that all photos must be of Mount Holly. The competition has always been intense, and this past year was no exception, and let's make the next competition even more so.



"Good Morning Mr. Ed" by Andrea Auld



"Times Gone By" by Jack Dougan

The 2023 calendar will go on sale this coming July. As always, sales of the calendar support the activities of the Mount Holly Community Association. Buy them early and often as the saying goes. They do sell out.

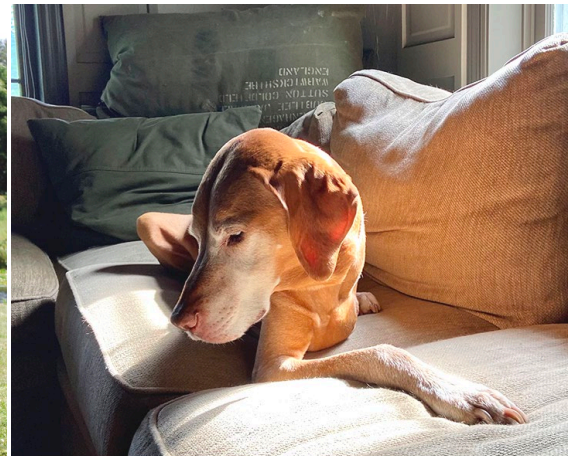
The title of the winning photos and the names of the photographers are, in alphabetical order by last name:



"Cold Front Coming Through"
by Madeleine Fay



"Mount Holly Day Victory" by Joseph Hammond



"Tucker's Twilight" by Leah Kroll

"Good Morning Mr. Ed" by Andrea Auld

"Times Gone Bye" by Jack Dougan

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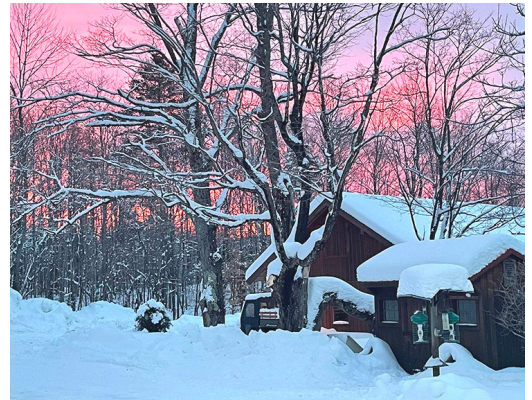




"Uncle" by Mary Leonard



"Sparkling Morning in Winter"
by Randy Paz



"First Light" by Sandra Predom



"Winterview" by Susan Presson



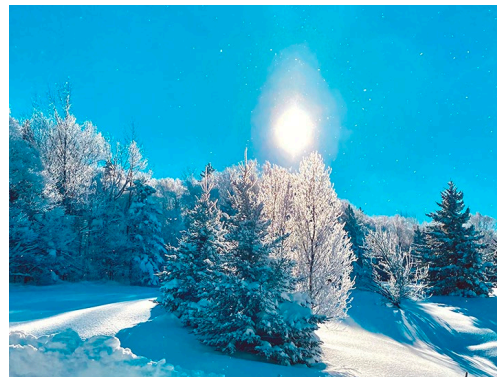
"After a Spring Shower" by Gerald Rogell



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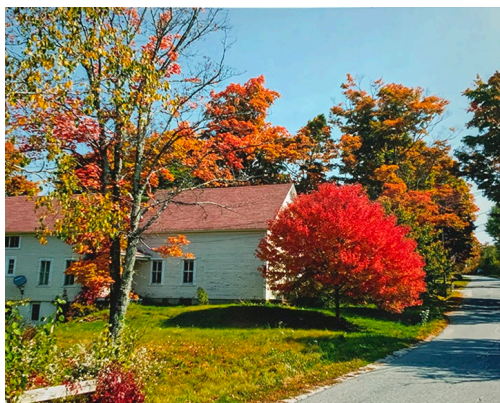
"Halloween Moon" by Patrick Rose



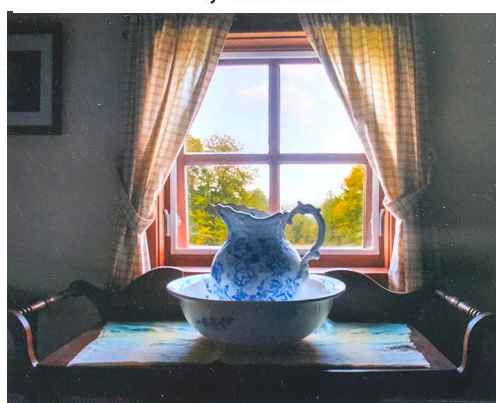
"Sparkling Morning in Winter"
by Patricia Salner



"Small Town Church" by Tracey Urbani



"The Dana Homestead" by Brian Wartman



"Morning in Vermont" by Terri Cleary

"Uncle" by Mary Leonard

"Sparkling Morning in Winter" by
Randy Paz

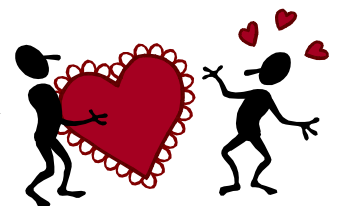
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"Morning in Vermont" by Terri Cleary



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Cheers to Rick Cross and Scott Grover from Wright Construction Co, Inc. for celebrating their 20th and 35th anniversaries with the company! After homebuilding on his own for many years, Cross has brought his extensive knowledge to the Senior Estimator position at Wright. Not to mention his massive network of subcontractors, suppliers, business owners and more to not only bring new jobs to WCC, but also making sure we have every tradesperson we need to get the job done and stay on budget. He is a hard worker, energetic, and a loyal friend. Co-Owner of Wright Construction, Joseph Poston said, "He (Cross) can always be counted on to make sure everyone is having a good time. He brings lots of energy to the office and jumps on new projects with great enthusiasm." It's an honor to have been able to provide a work environment for someone that is worth being in for 20+ years. But it's also an honor to have a team member who brings as much to the table as Cross does. From his work to his personality, the office wouldn't be the same without him!



Left- Scott Grover, Center- Joseph Poston, Right- Carl Lavallee

ever-growing list of skills! Not only has Grover always been an asset to the team, he raised two incredible sons with the same set of values who have been bringing double the energy and effort to the Wright Construction team as well.

These guys are two in a million and we're so lucky to have them on our construction team, and as members of our family. Wherever you are, give a silent cheer to these two for their amazing accomplishments and their anniversaries! Congratulations Rick and Scott!

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We are grateful for the innovative support from local businesses and community leaders. Please join us this holiday season in a cheers to these establishments and small town communities.

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Mt. Holly Town Library

Just a few reminders as we settle into the winter season here in Mount Holly: Library Hours are Mon 9-1, Tues 1-5, Wed 2-4, Sat 9-1

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Due to ongoing issues with COVID variants, we require that you wear a mask at the Library. Thank you all for your cooperation.

Remember that the library has adult AND kids snowshoes available for check out. The library is in need of volunteers to help keep the library open the number of hours we currently are operating. If you would like to volunteer, please let us know: mthollylibrary@gmail.com Each shift is two hours at the desk. Joe Galbraith, MLS, Library Director, Mount Holly Town Library, 26 Maple Hill Road, Belmont,



Left- Carl Lavallee, Right- Rick Cross

What are the qualities of a great leader? They would be an expert in their tasks, a delegator, a communicator, someone with incomparably good values, gets things done on time, and keeps morale high...What are the qualities of Scott Grover? Well, he's an expert carpenter. He knows how to utilize a person's skills for the right job. He values a safety-first mentality and still keeps to the schedule. He is the point of contact for clients, subcontractors, and Owners on projects. And he is a lead-by-example type of motivator. So, you can see how lucky Wright has been to have Grover leading projects for the past 35 years. "There isn't a task that he isn't able to do. You can tell which truck is his just by the way it squats in the back since he is always well tooled and ready for anything," Poston said. It looks like we should add preparedness to his

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SEEKING A SEAT ON THE SELECT BOARD

I am Diana Garrow and running for a seat on our select board. Here is some background for those that may not know me. I am a life-long resident of Mount Holly, attended our elementary school when it was the first through eighth grades, and graduated from MSJ in Rutland.

My family has always enjoyed snowmobiling and I joined the Sno*Drifters in 1972 and held many offices in the group now known as the Snow Flyers. The Mount Holly Chit Chat was created a short time later and I wrote articles about and for the club.

My involvement with our community began when my daughters were in our elementary school, and I volunteered to help with the hot lunch program. This led me to join the Parent-Teacher Club where I held several offices.

In 1981 I went to work for our family business, Dan Turco and Sons, managing the office that included bookkeeping and the necessary paperwork for sales until it closed in 2017.

In 1989 I joined the Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department as their first female firefighter where I completed the required training. I helped organize and worked at the department auctions, dinners, snowmobile drag races, coin drops, haunted hay ride and various other fundraisers. Sometimes contributing as a dispatcher, and even served as Safety Officer.

I have served as a Justice of the Peace since 1993 and now chair our Board of Civil Authority that deals with local elections and property tax appeals.

I was appointed Assistant Treasurer for the town in 1996 and continue in that capacity, substituted for Town Clerk Susan Covalla until I became her assistant in 2018 and serve now our present town clerk.

By 1997 Miles Richards was editor of our monthly Chit Chat and asked me to become the treasurer. In 2004 I became the editor and continue as treasurer.

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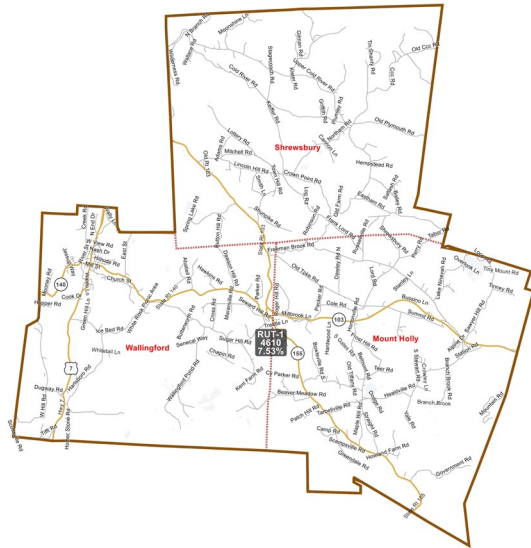
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State of Vermont 2021 Legislative Reapportionment

District: RUT-1

Field	Value
District	RUT-1
Population	4636
Deviation	323
% Deviation	7.53%



Clarendon and West Rutland for two House seats, while another proposal would put Mount Holly and Shrewsbury with Wallingford and put Ludlow with Plymouth, Andover and Weston.

All of these proposals are now in front of the House Government Operations Committee for consideration and they will be the ones to create the final map, and they will be holding public hearings for input as part of the process. While they may start with one of these maps as a base to begin their conversations, we may still end up with a completely different district than what has been proposed thus far, hopefully similar to what our district looks like now.

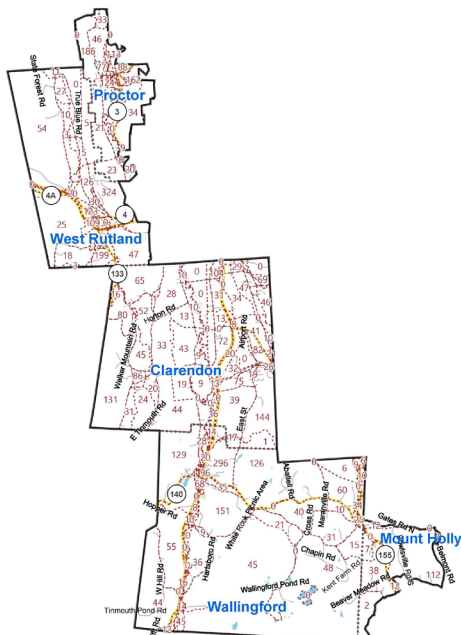
All of this work is going on in House Gov Ops in addition to major progress with the state employees' pension negotiations, which I plan to elaborate on more next month as that plan moves through the House.

As I said in my December article I am still weighing resuming my coffee hours, and hope to be able to do so in the next couple months. In the meantime I will still leave my phone number at the bottom of this article, please call or text me anytime. I rarely use Facebook but I do have an account and you can also message me on Facebook Messenger anytime. Please do not rely on emailing me



State of Vermont 2022 Legislative Reapportionment LAB Alternate Plan District: NEW-RUT-2

Field	Value
District	NEW-RUT-2
Population	9718
Deviation	144
% Deviation	1.68%
Members	2.0



Ludlow, Mount Holly, Shrewsbury Representative Logan Nicoll

Hello from Montpelier, once again. The legislative session has resumed and for the first time since March 2020, we are mostly in person, with many of us physically in Montpelier in the State House, including myself writing this right now. There are still options for members to be remote and vote remotely if COVID circumstances in their lives require it, and masks are required in the building at all times, but it is exciting for things to be getting closer to something like normal.

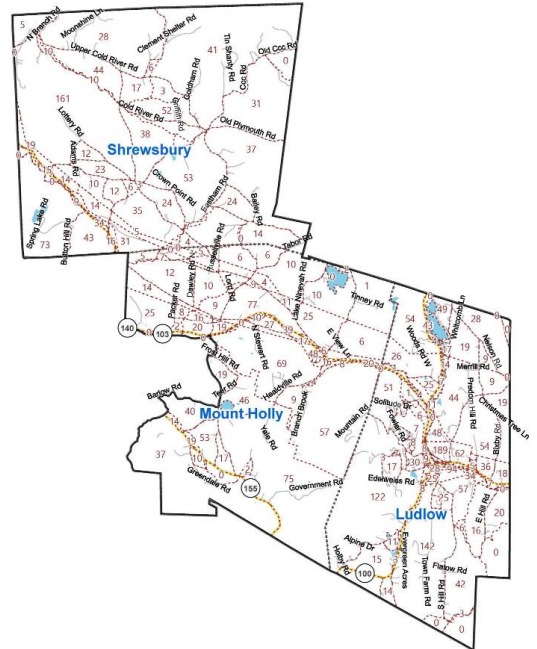
As always, everything is immediately moving very quickly here. This is sort of an abnormally big year for the legislature, although so far in my time in the legislature each year has felt unique in its own way.

This year the uniqueness comes from redistricting, with the state receiving the data from the decennial US census. Based on that data, we know that the ideal population for a single-member house district is now 4,287 (based on the state population 643,077 divided by 150 representatives). For reference, based on the new census data our district now has 4,653 residents, which is 8.5% more than the ideal size. So our district may look a little different in the next election. Although I will caution it is still VERY early in the process, so a lot of things WILL still change. But there are a couple different district map proposals out there, with one carving out a section of Gates Road in Mount Holly from the rest of our existing district, and those residents would then vote with Wallingford,



State of Vermont 2022 Legislative Reapportionment LAB Alternate Plan District: NEW-RU-WR-2

Field	Value
District	NEW-RU-WR-2
Population	4453
Deviation	166
% Deviation	3.87%
Members	1.0



exclusively, I get too much to respond to and at this point assume most of it is spam if I don't already have your email address. Talk soon, Logan Nicoll 802-345-8430

The top left map is what Mount Holly BCA approved of in October. The middle right and bottom left is the new proposal which is now being presented. Talk about confusing the people as where do you go to Vote. Diana Garrow, BCA Chair

Hi Everyone-

I just started looking more carefully at the 2 maps provided by the Legislature and the USGS town map. The 2 legislative maps make no sense. One- the map showing the connection to West Rutland, etc shows the north boundary of the piece removed from MH ending at Gates Road North. The other map showing the bite taken out of Mt. Holly shows the northern boundary ending at Rt. 103. Which is it? In addition, from what I can tell, the south and west boundaries of the piece to be removed don't make sense either when compared with the USGS map. Whoever drew the maps couldn't even get them to show the same area. Talk about ridiculous. Peter Smith

Senator Alison Clarkson's Legislative Update 9 January 2022

The 2022 Vermont Legislative Session is off and running. As this is the second year of our Biennium, we dove right in on Tuesday January 4th. Sadly, this is also the second year in which the COVID-19 pandemic is impacting our ability conduct our business in person at the Vermont Statehouse. Given the anticipated post-holiday surge of COVID cases coupled with the tidal wave of the Omicron variant just hitting Vermont – it seemed the prudent move to begin our 2022 Session remotely to protect the health and safety of the public, our members and staff. While we are disappointed to have to delay in person work – it is wonderful that we have an effective electronic alternative – and can meet via Zoom.

As a result of the Legislature's pivot to on-line meetings the public now has the greatest increase in access to our work in our history. Every Committee meeting is available to watch in real time on YouTube. Those links can be found on our Legislative webpage: legislature.vermont.gov. If you are interested in following an issue – I encourage you explore this website. Each Committee webpage has the Agenda for the week, the YouTube links, the bills in that Committee and all the Reports and Documents supporting the Committees work. Never has Vermont's legislative work been so transparent and accessible.

Our Legislative priorities revolve around 4 key areas: Workforce, Housing, Climate Change and the continued work of responding to COVID-19's persistent challenges and the needs of Vermonters. Plus, it is a year with a number of things we must do: Re-Appportionment (precipitated by the Census), vote the two Constitutional amendments out of the Legislature and to the public for November's election, act on the Climate Council's recommendations, and respond to the recommendations made by some key off-Session Task Forces which addressed: Pensions, Education Finance and the Weighting Formula, and Health Care Affordability. In addition, addressing Social Equity issues is a priority. Of course there are the perennial requirements for a Legislative Session like the Budget and Judicial Retention. And, we only have five months to do this work, as we usually adjourn in mid-May.

This Session I continue to serve you in the Senate as vice-chair of Senate Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs and on Senate Government Operations. In addition, I am the Majority Leader in the Senate. I have been appointed to work on the Senate Re-Appportionment Committee and State Workforce Development Board. I am also a member of the Climate Solutions Caucus, the Women's Caucus and the Social Equity Caucus.

We have a lot to do in short order. In response to COVID-19's continuing impact on our ability to gather safely in person, Senate Government Operations moved swiftly to enable the safe functioning of democracy. We set a new record – passing out 3 bills in the first 4 days of Session, 2 of which have passed the Senate Floor already, and one of which has made it to the Governor's desk to be signed. For a second year we needed to make it possible in 2022 for Towns - to move Town Meeting, to vote by Australian Ballot, to hold Informational Meetings and public meetings remotely, and for local candidates to not have to collect signatures.

I appreciate hearing from you. I can be reached by email: aclarkson@leg.state.vt.us or by phone at 802-457-4627. To watch Legislative Committee's in action, and to get more information on the Vermont Legislature, the bills which are being debated now, and those which have been proposed and passed, visit the legislative website: legislature.vermont.gov

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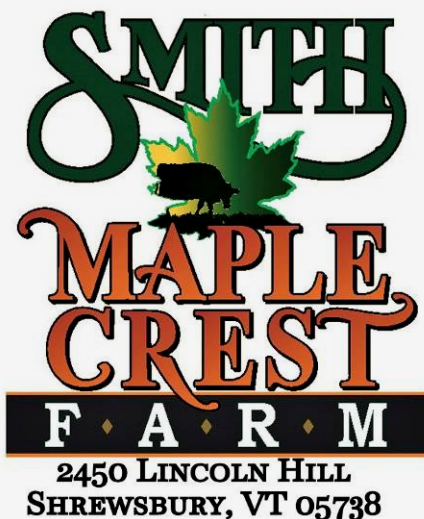
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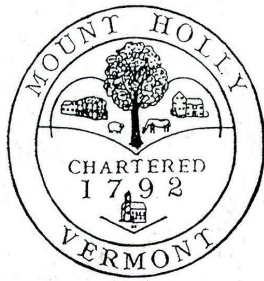
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Mount Holly Town News

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 Computers with internet access are available at the Town Library.

Town of Mount Holly Special Select Board Meeting January 4, 2022 - Minutes In-Person with Zoom Meeting: 898 6126 5487

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

(Chair)

Town Officials: Carol Garrow-Woolley, Diana Garrow, David Johnson, Stephen Michel, James Seward, Brigid Sullivan, Clinton Woolley

Members of the Public: Donna Seward

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

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members had already decided to put an article on the Annual Town Meeting Warning regarding retail cannabis so voters could decide the issue. Ms. Matthews read the wording for the article per VLCT: "Shall the town authorize cannabis retailers in town pursuant to 7 V.S.A. § 863?" Discussion ensued. Mr. Turco made a motion to add the article to the Warning, seconded by Ms. Matthews, unanimously approved. Ms. Matthews also noted an article to eliminate the elected Auditor. She explained that the Town is not in compliance with State Statutes as the Town Auditors are not fulfilling the functions set out by Statute. Our Town Auditors are more of a town report committee; we hire a professional auditing firm to review our financial records. She stated the need to address this in order to bring the Town into compliance with Statute. Ms. Matthews also noted the article to eliminate the elected Lister. Once the new State regulations come into being, we might want to consider the option of subcontracting the Grand List work. Ms. Matthews also noted an article allowing the Select Board to appoint the constable. She spoke of all the work done by the Select Board to enforce the Junk Ordinance, only to hit a stumbling block when it came to issuing the necessary tickets. She explained the article, if passed, would allow the Select Board to appoint a constable, even sharing a constable with a neighboring town. After mentioning several other articles already included on the Warning, Ms. Matthews noted the article to pay the town clerk a salary only. She explained that at present the town clerk is paid \$38,740 a year for a part-time job plus almost \$30,000 in fees. She stated she did not think a pay rate of over \$44 an hour was being fiscally responsible as far as the taxpayers in Mount Holly are concerned. Ms. Matthews further explained that the majority of towns in Vermont now pay their town clerk a salary only; the fees go into the General Fund to offset expenses. When a town clerk does receive the fees, the salary is usually \$13-14,000 a year. Discussion ensued about other towns' pay rate (average of \$25 per hour); hire dates of other town clerks. Ms. Matthews stated she thought the voters of Mount Holly should have the right to determine if they want to pay a part-time town clerk close to \$70,000 a year plus full benefits. She noted we are asking voters to determine whether or not to allow retail cannabis in town; why shouldn't voters decide whether or not to pay a well-compensated town clerk an additional \$30,000, money which could instead go to offset expenses, thereby keeping taxes lower? Mr. Turco asked for a motion. Ms. Matthews made a motion to ask voters to decide to compensate the town clerk with a salary only, no fees. Discussion ensued about appointed vs. elected town clerks; fluctuating fee amounts from year to year; other towns' pay rates; changeover date (1980s-90s) to salary only by other towns; full benefits (health, dental, retirement); the wording of the article. Ms. Matthews pointed out this was just a decision to put an article on the Warning to let voters decide whether this compensation package is okay with them, and the decision rightfully belongs with the taxpayers. Neither Jeff Chase nor Mr. Turco would second the motion. Ms. Matthews stated she interpreted that to mean they thought it okay to pay a 30-hour-a-week town clerk close to \$70,000 a year plus full benefits. She stated she greatly disagreed with that.

Mount Holly Animal Control Officer

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

3. **Changes and/or additions to the Agenda** - None were necessary.

4. **Town Meeting Articles** - Jennifer Matthews referenced the VT League of Cities & Towns Model Town Meeting Articles. She noted that we Select Board

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5. **FY'23 Budget Work Session** - Select Board members working with Town Treasurer David Johnson along with Road Foreman Clinton Woolley went line-by-line through the proposed budget for fiscal year 2023. Some budget items were increased slightly; a few were actually decreased; and a large number of items were left unchanged, budgeted at last year's amount. The Select Board members' goal was to keep the budget numbers similar to last year's with a minimal municipal tax increase for residents.

6. **Adjourn** - Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm. Respectfully Submitted: Jennifer Matthews Minutes Approved: 1.11.2022

Mount Holly Select Board Meeting January 11, 2022 - Minutes In-Person with Zoom Meeting: 898 6126 5487

Present: Select Board: Jeff Chase, Jennifer Matthews, Mark Turco (Chair)
Town Officials: Tim Bickford, Sue Covalla, Dennis Devereux, Fra DeVine, Diana Garrow, David Johnson, Phil Leonard, Annette Lynch, Jon McCann, Christine Pratt, Renee Sarmiento, James Seward, Brigid Sullivan, Andy Tanger, Clinton Woolley
Members of the Public: Zena Gates, Barbara & Steve Hazelton, Anna McGee Hanson, Marianne McGee, Stephen Michel, Devon Neary (Rutland Regional Planning Commission), Andrew Seward, Donna Seward, Sue Starr-Adams

1. **Call to Order** by Mark Turco at 6:31 pm.
2. All stood and recited the **Pledge of Allegiance**.
3. **Changes and/or additions to the agenda** – No changes or additions needed this evening.
4. **Approval of December 14th, 2021 Meeting Minutes & Special Select Board Meeting Minutes of January 4th, 2022**

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iii) **FY'21/22 Paving RFP for Spring** – After the budget vote in March, Mr. Chase stated he thought it a good idea to put a RFP out as soon as possible. Discussion ensued about the price of materials, paving contractors' schedules, possible grant funding, and which road to focus on – probably, Hortonville Road.

b. **Treasurer – David Johnson**

i) **Monthly Income & Expense Report** – Mr. Johnson reported: \$20,340 has been received from the State of Vermont for a Better Back Roads grant; the Solid Waste Labels Sold amount of \$16,042 is through December 27th and is over half the budgeted amount; in the expense categories, there is nothing big or out of the ordinary; the Hauling & Disposal Expenses amount of \$23,677 does not include Casella's December bill.

c. **Mount Holly Planning Commission Update – Jon McCann** reported the Planning Commission continues to work on the town plan with a focus on the utilities and facilities section, turning next to transportation. Mr. McCann stated input from the Select Board and the community is always welcome.

d. **Mount Holly Conservation Commission Update – Annette Lynch** reported that given the holidays, the work of the Commission was at a slower pace, but nonetheless continues.

e. **Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad** – Anna McGee Hanson reported the Squad has an individual soon to finish training to become a full EMT. Jennifer Mathews asked about the low response rate of 76%. Ms. McGee Hanson replied a 76% response rate to calls is good for an all-volunteer squad.

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thanked him for the study.

b. **Star Lake Bottom Barriers Permit – Phil Leonard** asked the Select Board for a motion in support of the application on behalf of the Town for two bottom barriers to be used in the swimming and boating areas of Star Lake to control vegetation and improve recreational opportunities. Mr. Chase made a motion to support the Bottom Barrier Permit application, seconded by Ms. Matthews, unanimously approved.

c. **ARPA Funds Requests –**

i) **Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad (MHVRS)** – Mr. Chase made a motion to approve \$4,279 in ARPA funds for use by the MHVRS per the schedule submitted, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved.

ii) **A/V Technology for Hybrid Meetings** – Ms. Matthews made a motion to approve the use of up to \$10,000 in ARPA funds for the purchase of A/V equipment to support hybrid meetings, seconded by Mr. Chase, unanimously approved.

iii) **Land Records Digitization Project** – tabled.

d. **Junk Ordinance Enforcement** – Municipal ticket mailed to VT Route 103 property owner by Constable Paul Faenza on January 7, 2022. Property owner has 30 days to clean up property. Otherwise, a second ticket and fine will be issued. Health Officer Tim Bickford gave a report on the property.

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.

5. Reports

a. **Highways & Transfer Station Update –**

i) **Monthly Update - Clinton Woolley** reported: a hydrology study is needed for Perry Road; two culverts are going out to bid; transfer station is okay.

ii) **Certificate of Highway Mileage** – No changes needed. Mr. Chase made a motion to approve the Certificate of Highway Mileage as presented, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved.

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6. Ongoing & Old Business

a. **Traffic Study Review & Ordinance – Devon Neary, Rutland Regional Planning Commission** – Mr. Neary reviewed the results of the study, stating that the data supported the speed limit changes desired by the Town. Discussion ensued about various roads and speed limits, signage, crash history, enforcement, costs. Mr. Neary stated that speed limits alone would not change behavior; strategic enforcement would be necessary to do so. Mr. Turco

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a. **Application Fee Schedule – Refunds** – Mr. McCann reported the Planning Commission resolved to ask the Select Board to make a change to the Fee Schedule in order to put applicants on notice and to give the Planning Commission clear guidance on whether or not a subdivision fee can be refunded. Discussion ensued. Mr. Chase made a motion to add this information to the Application Fee Schedule: “Application fees are non-refundable unless the application is withdrawn before the Planning Commission begins consideration of the application,” seconded by Ms. Matthews, unanimously approved.

b. **Set Date & Time to Sign Annual Town Meeting Warning** – Meeting is set for Thursday, January 20th at 4:00 pm at the town office. Information and costs to program the ballot machine will also be on the agenda.

c. **Annual Town Meeting Attendance Guidelines** - Meeting in the Mount Holly School gym will be a hybrid meeting with both in-person and Zoom attendees. For in-person attendees, masks will be required, and seating will be at six-foot intervals except for couples or members of the same household. Moderator Andy Tanger will put together Zoom guidelines for the meeting.

d. **Act 60 Changes** – Ms. Matthews reviewed a few of the pertinent changes to the Act 60 election law, made by the Vermont Legislature last year in response to the pandemic: the Board of Civil Authority (BCA) can vote to authorize an outdoor and drive-up polling place; the Select Board can vote to mail a ballot to all registered voters for municipal elections, with cost covered by the town (VT Secretary of State mails ballots to all registered voters for the November election); the BCA can vote to process ballots during the 30 days preceding an election with processing into tabulator done by the town clerk and two BCA members, one from two different parties, during normal business hours.

e. **Other – FY22/23 Budget Approval** - Mr. Turco stated Select Board members went through the budget line-by-line, decreasing some figures where possible, thereby keeping the municipal budget to a 1.4% increase. Discussion ensued about including the cost for law enforcement of the new speed limits once an ordinance is passed. It was agreed to add \$2,500 for Speed Enforcement as a separate article on the warning. A request for \$500 from NeighborWorks was also received, and it was agreed to add that to the Social Service Requests. Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad's budget request with a \$2,500 increase to cover the rising costs of State dispatch service was confirmed. Mr. Turco made a motion to approve the FY22/23 budget as presented with these additions, seconded by Mr. Chase, unanimously approved.

8. **Citizen Comments** – Stephen Michel noted the town roads were well maintained with all the ice storms. Mr. Turco thanked the road crew and all residents who helped out.

9. **Announcements/Other Business** –

e. **Mask Recommendation – Municipal Properties** – Given the huge spike in COVID numbers in town, Mr. Chase made a motion to implement a mask mandate for all municipal properties through March 31, 2022, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved.

f. **Board of Adjustment** – tabled until the February meeting.

g. **Planning Commission Appointment – One Term to November 2024** – Three letters of interest received by the Monday, January 10th @ Noon deadline: one from David Martin, one from Anna McGee Hanson, and one from Andrew Seward. Based on the right demographic, Mr. Chase made a motion to appoint Andrew Seward to the Planning Commission for a term running to November 2024, seconded by Mr. Turco. Mr. Chase and Mr. Turco voted yes in support of the motion; Ms. Matthews voted no.

h. **Other** – There was no other Ongoing & Old Business this evening.

7. **New Business**

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a. **Town Office Closed: Monday, January 17, 2022**

b. **Candidate Consent Forms & Nominating Petitions due in Town Office by 4:00 pm, Monday, January 24th** – Mr. Johnson stated this was a mistake; by law, the forms are due by 5:00 on Monday, January 24th.

10. **Review & Sign Orders** – To be signed by Select Board members.

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

12. **Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm. Respectfully Submitted: Jennifer Matthews

Planning Commission, Town Office & Remote Electronic – Regular Meeting Minutes Wednesday December 15, 2021

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

Also Present: Renee Sarmiento (Clerk), Brian Roberts, Donna Seward

1. Jon McCann called the meeting to order at 7:07pm

2. Changes to agenda: no changes

3. Approval of minutes

a. The minutes from November 3rd, 2021 special working meeting and November 17th, 2021 regular meeting were approved as distributed.

4. Reorganization

- a. Introductions: Jon McCann: current Chair, Jim Seward: Vice Chair, Brigid Sullivan, Andy Schultz
- b. Election of officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary)
 - i. Brigid nominated Jon McCann for Chair, seconded by Jim. Unanimously agreed.
 - ii. Jon nominated Jim Seward as Vice Chair, seconded by Brigid, Unanimously agreed.
 - iii. Brigid nominated Andrew Schultz for Secretary. Jon seconded the nomination. Unanimously agreed.
- c. Adopt Rules of Procedure and Conflict of Interest Policy
 - i. Jon reviewed the changes made to the Rules of Procedure and Conflict of Interest Policy for the Planning Commission.
 - ii. Brigid made a motion to approve the Rules as distributed. Andrew seconded the motion. Adopted.

5. Reports & Announcements

- a. Clerk report: Bolalek subdivision Findings and Decision letters were mailed to interested parties. The letter to the Rescue Squad was also mailed.
- b. The only item remaining for the Bolalek subdivision is that they have not picked up their signed paper plat. Planning Commission has asked that they have their surveyor scan it and send a PDF to our email.



2. Planning Commission discussed if fees could be refunded according to the regulations and policies. Jon made a motion to "advise the town clerk/town treasurer to return Mr. Garrow's application fees in total, and to discuss revising subdivision application fee guidance at the next regular meeting." Brigid seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

b. Building Construction Registrations

- i. Roberts 2837 Route 155 - reviewed by Planning Commission members

c. Wastewater system and potable water supply permits

d. Email / Other

i. Terry Shearer RE: wastewater permit notices

1. They have stopped sending out hard copy notices, but will email notices if they have an email address in their files. Jon has asked that they update records to send it to our current email address.

ii. Will Dodge RE: update on cell tower progress

1. Expectation that the cell tower will be online by 2nd quarter 2022.

7. Unfinished business

a. None

8. New business

a. Town Report

- i. Need to generate Planning Commission report by January 6th. This will go into the Town report/town book. This includes list of Planning Commission officers, construction permits totals, subdivision totals. This could also include a blurb about municipal

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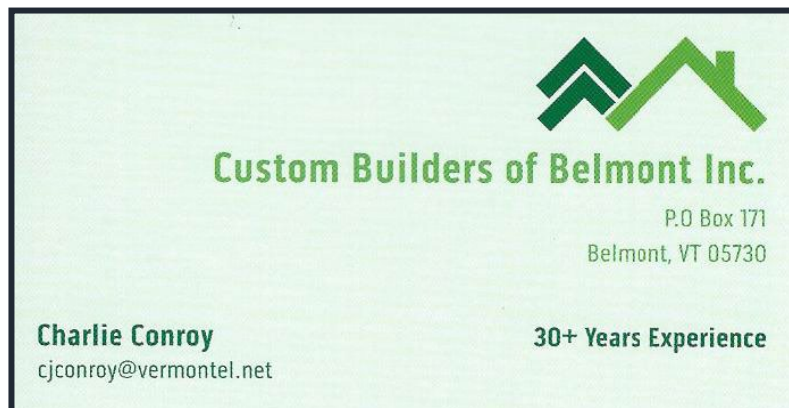
- c. The Town has been awarded the Municipal Planning Grant.
- d. Traffic study completed on busiest roads in town was discussed at Select Board meeting. This is potentially of interest to the Planning Commission for the Town Plan.
- e. Jon participated in the Rutland Regional Emergency Committee meeting with Jeff Chase. This could also be useful in the Town Plan. The end result will be some type of emergency management plan.

6. Correspondence


a. Subdivision proposals

- i. 2021-03 Bolalek signed and recorded in the Town's Land Records
- ii. 2021-04 Garrow rescinded

1. Note received by the Town Clerk from Mr. Garrow rescinding subdivision application and requesting a refund of fees.



planning grant, cell tower update, and useful information (subdivision guidance on the website). This will be completed at the special working meeting on January 5th, 2021. Clerk will look up totals/statistics and provide to Jon. Jon will send initial draft to Planning Commission members next week.



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- b. Budget
- i. Budget meeting will be held on January 4th at 4:30pm for the Select Board. Question was raised at previous meeting if we want a specific number in the budget. Budget for materials, maps for the town plans, and printing of the town plan draft. Jon asked if anyone had ideas about other needs or budget numbers. The Planning Commission's budget for this 2021 was \$750. Planning Commission members agreed for the request to remain at \$750. Requests will be made if additional funds are needed.
9. Public comments: None
10. Upcoming meetings
- a. Special working meeting: January 5th, 2022 at 7pm
- b. Regular meeting: January 19th, 2022 at 7pm

11. The meeting adjourned at 8:03pm For the Commission, Renee Sarmento, Planning Commission Clerk

Planning Commission Town Office & Remote Electronic – Special Work Meeting Minutes Wednesday January 5, 2022

Commission Members Present: Jon McCann (Chair), Jim Seward (Vice Chair), Brigid Sullivan

Commission Members Absent: Andrew Schulz

Also Present: Renee Sarmento (Clerk), Stephen Michel

1. Jon called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
2. Changes to the agenda
 - a. As discussed at the last regular meeting the PC would like to add language to the town fee schedule regarding the refund policy for application fees. The following was suggested: We recommend adding the following as a new *second* sentence under “Application Fee Schedule”: “Application fees are non-refundable unless the application is withdrawn before the Planning Commission begins consideration of the application.”
 - b. Brigid Sullivan moved approval of the language to recommend the Selectboard add to the fee schedule. Seconded by Jon McCann. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Town Plan Revisions
 - a. Utilities & Facilities Plan
 - i. Finalize letter to Library – Brigid moved approval of the latest draft letter as distributed. Seconded by Jim. Motion passed unanimously.
 - ii. Jon reported that he emailed Emergency Management Director Jeff Chase to request information about town utilities and facilities.
 - iii. Next steps – Jon reported that we are still waiting for responses from Fire and Rescue. Still would like input from town solid waste coordinator, GMP, VTel, and Comcast for this section of the plan. Next section we will look at is Transportation.
4. New Business



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- a. Finalize Town Report
- Brigid Sullivan moved approval of the latest draft as distributed. Seconded by Jim Seward. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Public Comments: none
6. Upcoming meetings
- a. Regular meeting – January 19, 7:00 pm (3rd Wednesday)
- b. Working meeting - February 2, 7:00 pm (1st Wednesday)
7. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm For the Commission, Brigid



WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 2022 AND MARCH 1, 2022

The legal voters of the Town of Mount Holly, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the **Mount Holly School at 7:00 p.m. in the evening, Monday, February 28, 2022**, to act on the following articles, viz: **2 & 14**

On **Tuesday, March 1, 2022**, to vote by **Australian ballot at the Mount Holly Town Office**, polls will be open from **10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** to vote on the following articles, viz.: **1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13.**

Articles may be discussed Monday evening.

- Article 1: To elect all Town Officers as the law directs. (Australian ballot)
- Article 2: To act on the Town Officer's Report.
- Article 3: Does the Town vote the following budget for fiscal year 2022-2023, to be raised by tax?
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| A. General Fund (net) | \$ 447,590. |
| B. Highway Fund (net) | 378,750. |
| Total A & B (Australian ballot) | \$ 826,340. |
- Article 4: Does the Town vote **\$65,000.** for the Asset/Equipment Fund for fiscal year 2022-2023, to be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)
- Article 5: Does the Town vote to the Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. an operating budget of **\$55,000.** for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, and Vehicle Replacement Fund of **\$45,000.** for a total of **\$100,000.** to be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)
- Article 6: Does the Town vote to the Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc. for the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget, to be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)
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| A. General Budget Fund | \$17,500. |
| B. Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Fund | \$15,000. |
| Total A & B (Australian ballot) | \$32,500. |
- Article 7: Does the Town vote **\$12,000.** for the Mount Holly Town Library, to be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)
- Article 8: Does the Town vote **\$2,000.** for the Mount Holly Chit Chat, to be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)
- Article 9: Does the Town vote the following for Community and Social Services totaling **\$8,735.,** to be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)
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| A. American Red Cross | \$ 500. |
| B. Mount Holly Barn Preservation Assoc. | 100. |
| C. BROCC Community Action in Southwestern Vermont | 550. |
| D. Rutland Mental Health Services | 1,302. |
| E. VNA & Hospice of Southwest Region | 1,313. |
| F. RSVP & The Volunteer Center | 100. |
| G. Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging | 400. |
| H. Regional Ambulance Service, Inc. | 620. |
| I. Vermont Adult Learning | 500. |
| J. Black River Good Neighbor Services, Inc. | 1,000. |
| K. Vermont Assoc. for the Blind & Visually Impaired | 150. |
| L. Marble Valley Regional Transit District | 300. |
| M. Vermont Center for Independent Living | 100. |
| N. Green Up Vermont | 150. |
| O. Child First Advocacy Center | 400. |
| P. NeighborWorks | 500. |
| Q. Okemo Valley TV | 750. |

- Article 10: Does the Town vote **\$2500.** for the Mount Holly Community Historical Museum to be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)
- Article 11: Does the Town vote to fund the afterschool program at the Mount Holly School in the amount of **\$6,500** in the FY2023, (to maintain state grant funding in the amount of \$23,890), be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)
- Article 12: Does the Town vote **\$2500.** for the Town Highway Speed Enforcement to be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)
- Article 13: Shall the Town vote to authorize **cannabis retailers** in the town pursuant to 7 V.S.A. § 863? "Cannabis retailer" means a person licensed by the state cannabis control board to sell cannabis and cannabis products to adults 21 years and older for off-site consumption. (Australian ballot)
- Article 14: To transact all other necessary and proper business.

Dated at Mount Holly, Vermont this 20th day of January AD, 2022.
Town of Mount Holly Select Board


Mark Turco


Jeff Chase


Jennifer Matthews

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March 5-6 – Painting the Winter Landscape in Watercolor (Online, 9 a.m.-12 noon) with Robert O'Brien –Registration deadline 2/22/22

March 19-20 – Success in Watercolor II with Betsy Johnson – Registration deadline 3/9/22

March 22-23 – Liberated Quilting with Susan Damone Balch –Registration deadline 3/12/22

March 26-27 – Introduction to Silver Fabrication with Harold Bosco –Registration deadline 3/16/22



You can find more information on any of these classes on our website: www.fletcherfarm.org. All of the classes we have confirmed are listed on our website. Register online or call the office; we're open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If no one is available to answer your call, please leave a message and we will get back to you.

Annual Appeal Still Underway - This year will mark the School's 75th anniversary. To celebrate, we're encouraging all of our supporters who are able to send in \$75 to help us celebrate. If you aren't able to be that generous, we'll certainly appreciate whatever you can afford to spare for us.

Membership News - The Society of Vermont Artists and Craftsmen, Inc. is the organization that owns and operates the Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts, and we have made some changes to our membership categories for our 75th anniversary. Memberships run from January 1 through December 31.

- We have added a **Senior** membership, priced at \$35 per year. For this level of membership, the one-time annual registration fee of \$25 is waived and senior members receive a \$10 discount on tuition for each class. In addition, senior members are eligible to participate in our Gift and Craft Shop, and will receive a one-time 5% discount on any one item in our Gift and Craft Shop.
- Our **Individual** membership is priced at \$50 per year. Individual members receive the same benefits as seniors, plus they are eligible for discounted booth space at our July Arts and Crafts Festival.
- **Artist/Professional** members receive all the benefits of the senior membership level, plus they are eligible for a complimentary booth space at our July Arts and Crafts Festival and may participate in the Gift and Craft Shop without paying the \$50 shop fee.
- This year, we have added a new **Family** membership level, priced at \$150. At this level, registration fees for all members of the immediate family are waived, and each family member will receive a \$10 discount on tuition for each class.
- Our popular **Premium** membership level at \$1,000 annually is offered again this year. Premium members are entitled to enroll in as many classes as they wish (tuition covered by their membership), plus they are eligible for a complimentary booth space at our July Arts and Crafts Festival and may participate in the Gift and Craft Shop without paying the \$50 shop fee.



Baltimore Album Quilt

Raffle - There is still time to participate in the special Baltimore Album Quilt raffle. This heirloom quilt was hand-appliqued by Viola Greening, and has been

appraised at \$6,500 dollars. Raffle tickets are \$10 each, or 3 for \$25, and can be purchased online or by calling the School.

Ms. Greening is planning to come to the school on February 14 (Valentine's Day) to personally draw the winning ticket.



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Ludlow Rotary Delivers Emergency Relief Aid to Kentucky Tornado Victims



On a recent weekend with threatening storms and frigid temperatures, Ludlow Rotarian Kim Benson Lampert and her husband, Jon headed south to Elizabethtown, KY to deliver a truck and trailer loaded with goods for storm ravaged Kentuckians who had lost everything.

Lampert said, "I am overwhelmed by the support of our club and community members as well as our Rotary district."

Donations of \$1000 were received from Henniker, NH and Poultney, VT Rotary Clubs. The Concord, NH Rotary Club donated \$5000. The Brattleboro Sunrise Rotary Club donated the proceeds of \$210 from their "Trivia Night" for this cause. Several other District Rotarians made personal donations to this cause as well.

Troy Caruso donated sports-related toys from his Assisting Children Today charity arm to assist with a Christmas in January celebration for children who had no Christmas this year. Numerous individuals and groups brought boxes and bags of clothing, toiletries, household supplies and other needed items to Benson's Chevrolet and Cota and Cota.

From there Rotarians and volunteers moved everything to the Lamperts where a snowmobile trailer was loaded to overflowing. At that point, George Benson, Jr. donated use of his larger 7.5' x 7.5' x 18' trailer to the cause. The smaller trailer was unloaded into the larger trailer before goods that continued to pour in were added to it. Ultimately, the larger trailer was packed to the ceiling by a group of

volunteers, including Jon Lampert, Ludlow Rotarians Brigid Sullivan and Barb LeMire with her husband, Doug LeMire; generous Mount Holly friends, Nancy McKeegan, Fern and Dennis Melvin who spent more than 2 hours readying the trailer for the 15 hour road trip.

The Lamperts left on Friday after work, arriving at a storage unit rented by the Elizabethtown club on mid-day Saturday. There Kaytlin Edwards, Grayson County, KY Rotary Club, Assistant Governor Rotary District 6710 met them to unload the almost 1,000 cubic feet of goods that ultimately filled the storage unit.

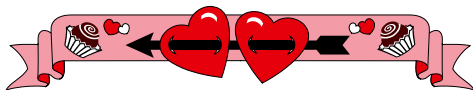
Edwards will organize work bees among her fellow KY Rotarians to sort items and deliver them to so many needy people who lost everything in the December 10, 2021 storms. She was shocked at the amount of goods sent by the Ludlow Club. "We actually had a nice variety of items," said Kim Lampert.

The Ludlow Club is continuing to collect cash for the KY victims. Checks should be made payable to LARCF with KY Tornado written in the "For" line. They can be mailed to Ludlow Rotary, Box 216, Ludlow, VT 05149.

Anyone interested in learning more about joining Rotary is invited to contact Kevin Barnes, Membership Chairman at (802) 228-8877, to receive an invitation to a meeting.

Pictured right, left to right, Rotarian Kim Lampert of the Ludlow Rotary Club and Kaytlin Edwards, Grayson County, KY Rotary Club.

Photo above left of Kim Lampert, of the Ludlow, Vermont Rotary Club and Kaytlin Edwards, Grayson County, Kentucky Rotary Club; photo credit Jon Lampert



Ludlow Rotary Hears about Divided Sky Foundation's Plans

The Jan. 4 luncheon meeting of the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) featured the Program Director for Divided Sky Foundation, Melanie Gulde, speaking to Rotarians and guests about plans for the future drug and alcohol recovery program on Fox Lane.

The Divided Sky Foundation, founded by Trey Anastasio, purchased the facility in Ludlow. Anastasio of the band Phish, himself 15 years sober, launched the Divided Sky Foundation to deliver help to those affected by substance use. Vermont, his adopted home state, is a natural place to begin this chapter of his own giving back. Divided Sky is dedicated to delivering quality care and compassionate programming to those affected by alcoholism and addiction.

Acquiring the facility site was the first step in a plan that includes building renovations and program development. The program is tentatively slated to open by the end of 2022. Objections from neighbors have delayed the opening as planned.

The purchase was made possible in part by funds raised in 2020 during Anastasio's The Beacon Jams, an eight-week virtual residency presented live from New York City's historic Beacon Theatre. Donations were encouraged throughout the run, with fans ultimately contributing more than \$1.2 million.

"Alcohol is an addiction that seems to be overlooked at times. 95,000 people die annually from alcohol-related causes according to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism," said Gulde. She emphasized that addiction to alcohol is the most prevalent addiction facing our society.

The program's goal: to be a local asset for giving back to the community. The non-profit program plans to serve people from all income levels. Care services being planned include maintaining recovery, with plans and programs tailored to individual guests' needs. In addition, the program plans to offer job training and workforce reintegration. Education opportunities are planned to prepare guests who need them with certification in skills and trades.

Gulde provided a tour of the facility after the formal meeting.

If you or someone you know needs help for a substance use disorder, contact [SAMHSA.gov](https://www.samhsa.gov) or call 800-662-HELP (4357) to find a treatment center near you.

Anyone interested in learning more about joining Rotary is invited to contact Kevin Barnes, Membership Chairman at (802) 228-8877, to receive an invitation to a meeting.

Pictured above, left to right, Melanie Gulde, Program Director, Divided Sky Foundation is being introduced to the Club by Rotarian Art Randolph, President of the Ludlow Rotary Club photo credit Kim Lampert.



Lake Ninevah's 2021 Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program

As the ice and snow begin to cover Vermont and we wrap up 2021, Ninevah Foundation would like to thank everyone, near and far, who loves and enjoys Lake Ninevah for yet another successful year of the Lake Ninevah Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program! This was the 20th year this program has been supported by the [Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation \(DEC\) Aquatic Nuisance Control \(ANC\) Grant-in-Aid funds](#). Along with this grant funding, Ninevah Foundation provides matching funding through donor support, program coordination, and staffing. Two decades of invasive species prevention at Lake Ninevah would not be possible without the initial and continued support for the lake community who began the annual work to raise funds, apply for VT DEC grants, coordinate greeters at the public access, and ensure the lake is surveyed every year since 2001.

This summer, our Lake Ninevah greeters were able to complete over 1,000 hours checking over 1,200 boats entering and leaving the water from public access. Boat checks are part of the "[Clean, Drain, Dry](#)" initiative in preventing hitchhiking plants. Big thank you to our Lake Ninevah greeters Ron, Mike, Aryk, and Judson for their work this summer!

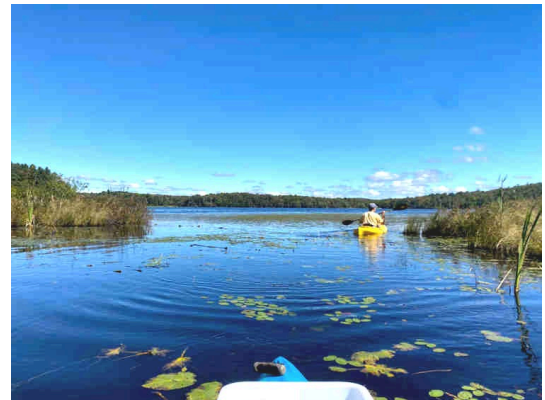
Additionally, we completed 20 hours surface and scuba surveys of Lake Ninevah this September with the combined efforts of botanist and ecologist Michael Lew-Smith from [Arrowwood Environmental](#) and Kelly Beerman, Conservation Director for Ninevah Foundation. Luckily, we did not find any invasive plants on the [Vermont watchlist](#). Thanks to the team at Arrowwood for the intensive surveys and VT DEC for the ongoing [Vermont Invasive Patroller \(VIP\)](#) training and resources helpful for completing surveys.

Did you know you could get training to be a VIP, too? If you are a regular visitor of Lake Ninevah and would like to learn more about aquatic plants and survey methods, please reach out to Kelly Beerman at kelly@farmandwilderness.org for more information of how to become trained and jump on the schedule to survey Lake Ninevah in 2022!

Prevention measures such as greeter programs and surveys help waterbodies keep invasive species like water chestnut, Eurasian watermilfoil, zebra mussels, and more from spreading. Over 125 Vermont lakes, ponds, rivers, and reservoirs have known invasive species infestations. Luckily, Lake Ninevah is not on that list which is why it's important that these prevention programs continue in the future. Learn more about invasive species and spread prevention on the [VT DEC Lake & Ponds website](#).

Thank you to the Town of Mount Holly for coordination efforts with the staff at Ninevah Foundation so that we can continue to receive this important grant funding to run the program. While the grant funding from VT DEC does cover most of the costs, Ninevah Foundation covers what the grant does not cover. If you would like to support Ninevah Foundation's matching funds towards this program, please consider a donation to ensure we can maintain the same level of prevention efforts for another 20 years.

If you are interested in learning more, joining us as a greeter or volunteer, or make a donation to support next year's program, please contact kelly@farmandwilderness.org. Looking forward to the return of boating season in 2022!





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Michael Gardner Named Community Health CEO

Michael “Mike” Gardner has been named chief executive officer of Community Health, Vermont's largest federally qualified health center (FQHC) headquartered in Rutland. Gardner has been with Community Health since its formation in 2004 and has served as the organization's chief financial officer, interim CEO and treasurer of the board of directors. Gardner has been a key influence in the organization's growth, providing the financial strategy and foundation for Community Health's continuous operations during the pandemic.

“I am very pleased to announce that the Community Health Board of Directors has appointed Michael Gardner as the permanent CEO effective immediately,” said Community Health Board of Directors Chair Bob Riley. “Mike has been serving as the interim CEO during the past six months and has done an outstanding job. Mike has been in a leadership position at Community Health since 2004 and has been very instrumental to its growth and development.”

Gardner's business acumen and financial know how allowed Community Health to maintain employment of its full workforce over the past two years as the organization adapted to the demands of Covid-19. Under Gardner's guidance, the organization was able to expand dental, telehealth and behavioral health services while providing the security and safety protocols and gear needed for the Community Health staff and the community.

“I've been with Community Health since 2004 and have seen the organization change and grow over that time,” Gardner said. “I'm very pleased that the board has confidence in my leadership to name me officially the CEO.”



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All Community Health locations are accepting patients. For more information about career opportunities, hours and Community Health locations check our website.

Your Health Our Mission

The mission of Community Health (Community Health Centers of the Rutland Region) is to be the foremost integrated community health center providing quality and collaborative care that is accessible to all people, so that they can live their best lives and build strong communities.



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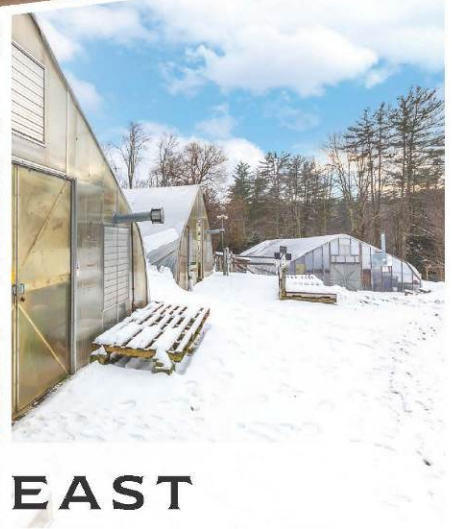
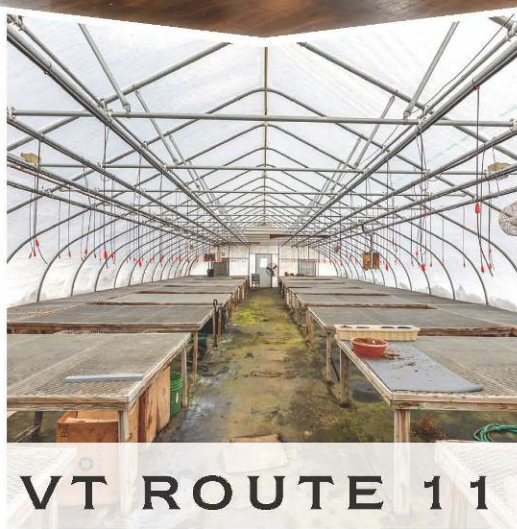
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