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Mount Holly Chit Chat

April 2022

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Mount Holly Community Association – Contact MHCAPT@gmail.com

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Mt. Holly NewsFlash Town email sign up at mthollynewsflash@gmail.com Check Out www.mthollynewsflash.blogspot.com

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 802-259-3707

Town Office Hours: Mon. to Thurs. 8:30 am – 4:00 pm Closed Fri. & Holidays Phone 802-259-2391

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 Hours: Tuesdays 10:00 am – 2:00 pm and by Appointment 802-259-2391

Town Garage: 802-259-3179

Burn Permits: Call Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward 802-786-3408 or 802-259-2211

TRANSFER SITE: Sat. 8 am – 2 pm & Last Sun Apr 3, 9 am – 12 pm Summer hours begin Wed Apr 6, 4 pm – 7 pm

	1 st		<i>April Fools' Day</i>	
Sat	2 nd		<i>World Autism Day ~ Hans Christian Anderson 1805</i>	
Sun	3 rd		<i>Washington Irving 1856</i>	
	4 th		<i>NATO Est. 1949 ~ Martin Luther King Jr. Assassinated 1968</i>	
	5 th	Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library	<i>Booker T. Washington 1856</i>	7:00 pm
		Mount Holly Conservation Commission		7:00 pm
	6 th		<i>Persian Gulf War Ends 1991</i>	
	7 th	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	<i>Metris System 1795</i>	7:00 pm
Sat	9 th		<i>Trout Season Opens ~ Civil War Ends 1865</i>	
Sun	10 th		<i>Palm Sunday</i>	
	11 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	<i>Persian Gulf War Official Cease Fire 1991</i>	7:00 pm
		<i>Jackie Robinson 1st African-American Major League Baseball Player, 1st Base for Brooklyn Dodger 1947</i>		
	12 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		9:00 am
		Mt. Holly PTSA Meeting, Mt. Holly School		4:30 pm
		Select Board Meeting, Town Office & Zoom		6:30 pm
		Mason Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge, E. Wallingford		7:30 pm
	13 th	LMHUUS Meeting,	<i>Thomas Jefferson 1743</i>	6:00 pm
		ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		7:00 pm
	14 th	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	<i>Titanic Struck Iceberg 1912 ~ Pan-American Day 1890</i>	7:00 pm
	15 th	<i>Leonardo DaVinci 1452 ~ Titanic Sank 1912 ~ America's 1st School for Deaf 1817 ~ Passover Begins</i>		
Sat	16 th		<i>Wilbur Wright 1867 ~ Full Pink Moon</i>	
Sun	17 th		<i>Easter</i>	
	18 th		<i>Midnight Ride of Paul Revere 1775</i>	
	19 th		<i>Muskrat Season Ends ~ Revolutionary War Began 1775</i>	
	20 th	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont		6:30 pm
		Mount Holly Planning Commission, MH Town Office & Via Zoom		7:00 pm
	21 st	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations		7:00 pm
	22 nd		<i>Snow Goose Season Ends ~ Easter Seals 1919 ~ Earth Day</i>	
Sat	23 rd	<i>Youth Turkey Hunting Weekend ~ Passover Ends ~ William Shakespeare b&d 1564-1616</i>		
	25 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building		7:00 pm
	26 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	<i>John James Audubon 1785</i>	9:00 am
	27 th	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	<i>Professional Secretaries Day</i>	7:00 pm
			<i>Ulysses S Grant 18th President 1822</i>	
	28 th	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	<i>James Monroe 5th President 1758</i>	7:00 pm
	29 th		<i>Holocaust Remembrance Day</i>	
Sat	30 th		<i>Vietnam War Ends 1975</i>	

Emergency Services

Mount Holly Fire Dept.	802-259-2700	911	Poison Control	(802) 658-3456
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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April Birthdays: 1st - John Seward 3rd - Samantha Freedman 4th - Carol Pike 5th - Amanda Surething 8th - Bob Garrow * Jeff Carrara 9th - Eliza Hudak * TJ Milks 12th - Jean Palmer * Carlos Bickford * Tobi Macey 14th - Mallary Flanders * Melissa Garrow-Kent 16th - Jamie Carrara 17th - Noah Koponen 18th - Robyn Lewis * Todd Bussino Sr 21st - Alexander Bussino * Melissa Perry 22nd - Kai Lewis 24th - Vincent Turco * Eric Holt Jr * Eric Holt Sr * Beverly Stearns * Randy Hawkins 25th - Jeff Keller 26th - Nicolas Turco * Samantha Norton 27th - Mary Ellen Jacobs 28th - Danielle McMahon * Lisa Hendee 29th - Cassie Wilkins * Ian D.F. Miller

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

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

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



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John A. Puro

John Anderson Puro passed away on Jan. 22, 2022, at the age of 82, from complications of COVID-19. Big John was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, into a proud Finnish family on April 26, 1939.

His formative years were spent in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. He spent summers at his grandparent's farm in what he called "God's Country" (Mount Holly, Vermont).

John was an excellent provider for his beautiful wife and five kids. He retired from the phone company in the mid-'80s, he went on to start one of the biggest scrap metal recyclers in Vermont called Vermont Metal Exchange (VMX).

From 1978 to 1983, the Puro family owned a corner store in Georgia, Vermont. Johnny was an entrepreneur and loved to save a buck. If he saw an opportunity to make money, he took it. He once bought hundreds of cans of succotash that were on close-out that his poor family had to eat with every dinner for what seemed like years. In 1980, a customer at their store used his meat scale to weigh some silver. As he walked out the door, he handed Johnny \$50. This was a "light bulb" moment for John. For the next 40 years, John's side hustle was dealing in rare coins, jewelry, bullion, gold and silver.

John joined the United States Air Force in 1957. He switched to the Army National Guard in 1963. An accomplished soldier, John graduated last in his Officer Candidate School class, but was first of the group to become an officer. A veteran of the Vietnam War, John spent most of his time stateside as the Vermont National Guard Armory Commander in Ludlow. He also assisted in training the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne)/1st Special Forces. He earned a marksman badge with his pistol and sharpshooter designation as a tank commander. He competed in numerous shooting competitions representing the Vermont National Guard. He received many medals during his tenure in the service, but his proudest accomplishment was his Vermont Governor's Commendation for his heroic efforts during the Vermont floods of 1973.

John always provided a comfy home for his family. Everyone was welcome. But if you swam in his pool ... you had to help stack wood. The Puro family spent many summers on Burr Pond in Sudbury at their camp. He built a basketball court (which he blew up ... long story) that was flooded in the winter for skating. Johnny was never shy of having a good time. He loved to shoot pool, play cards and was an excellent golfer. John discovered "Saaaaaalsa." He invented the words "beeflelorken," "weefle," "hungala" and "nurgle." He loved music, and partied with Tony Joe White and Bo Diddley. In the late-1970s, he talked his way into a press pass and spent two spring training seasons with the Boston Red Sox in Winter Haven, Florida.

John was fiercely protective of his family and possessions. In 1982, culprits tried to run over John with their car after burglarizing his corner store in Georgia, Vermont. John emptied his trusty Llama 1911 .45 caliber into the car as it sped away. While the bad guys escaped, blood and glass were found on the road. When asked by the State Police why he took the final shot when he was not in danger, he replied that he was trying to "kill the \$%^**!" That was not the answer the police were looking for

and he was arrested. He was given a one-day suspended sentence for discharging his weapon.

John was predeceased by his loving wife of 61 years, Marcia; daughter, Susan; sister, Elsie; and grandson, Stephen. He is survived by four of his children, Liisa and her husband, Brian,

from St. Albans, Vermont, Mary, from Colchester, Vermont, Tim, from Rutland, Vermont, Dan and his wife, Heather, from Lynn, Massachusetts. He adored his five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Johnny also had fond memories of spending time with his sister's families, whether it was at "The Compound" (their home) or the Mount Holly Grange. Let's go to Valhalla with the sun on our faces. There will be a celebration of life this summer.



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Next meeting Tuesday 4/12th 7:30 PM

Greetings Brothers,

We will have an open installation this meeting for Dennis Start, our new Worshipful Master. Feel free to invite someone, like a non-Mason, to the festivities.

We still need to fill the Tyler and Marshal chairs. PGM Earl Washburn will be the installing Marshal.

If you get a chance, wish RW Leney Barclay a Happy 98th Birthday on March 21st. His phone number is 802-780-7004, or mail him at Vermont Veterans Home, 325 North Street, Bennington, Vt. 05201.

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



from Mt Holly Elementary School as they display their personalized books. The students are Eli Bruce, Quinn Garrett, Quentin Huynh, Dominic Mouhiot, Jack Newhouse, and Ildy Vastola. On the right is George Thomson, a LRC Rotarian, reading the personalized book "MySchool" to the first graders at Ludlow Elementary School. George noted that "the kids loved the story about a Raccoon loose in the school. They were delighted to each get a book to take home".

Thank You Mount Holly Voters

Many thanks to all Mount Holly Voters who voted for me at Town Meeting for Select Board. You all helped me to achieve our goal and I truly appreciate each and every one of you. Many thanks to those who took the time to campaign on my behalf as well thanks to Dennis Devereux for helping me make up my signs and then put



MOUNT HOLLY DOG OWNERS

ALL DOGS MUST BE REGISTERED BY APRIL 1, 2022

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Calling All Gardeners!

Planning for our perennial favorite,
The 15th Annual Mount Holly Garden Tour
Is underway!

Please consider sharing your garden
in this delightful community tradition

For more information, contact Leah Knoll
802-259-4137 or leahknoll@yahoo.com

Area Students Receive Personalized Books From Ludlow Rotary Club

In keeping with its long-standing efforts to support literacy in the local school systems, members of the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) have been preparing customized books, "School is Fun" and "My School", for area elementary school children. What makes these books particularly unique is the fact that each student has his or her name printed on the title page. As Tom Harris, an LRC member who has been part of this program for years observed, "About 24 years ago the Ludlow Rotary Club began distributing personalized reading books titled "School is Fun" and "My School" to every 1st grader in our service area. We have been doing it ever since."

Pictured are two photo illustrating area students with these unique books. On the upper left are six 1st graders

them out for me. Also thanks to all of you who gave us permission to put the signs in your yard. It was a real team effort and we did it. Truly humbling to know I have so many friends and family who trust in my ability to represent you and do the job ahead of me. My first meeting was fun with many chuckles and giggles that night. Please feel free to call me with any concerns at 802-259-2314 or email us at mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com or me personally at handyman@vermontel.net Together we make all things possible. Diana Garrow

Mount Holly Community Association

Well, mud season is in full bloom and oh what an adventure it can be. Here in zoom land the Board has been busy looking forward to our summer events. There is the Garden Tour, Mount Holly Day and Music on the Green - what a fabulous way to celebrate summer in the Green Mountains, we can hardly wait!!

*** 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.

Mount Holly School

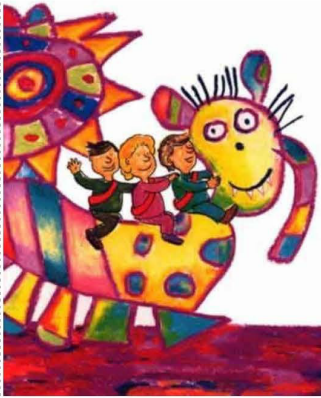
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

3:00-4:00 p.m.

By Appointment

(802) 259-2392



For children who will be 5 years old
on or before August 31, 2022

Please bring the following:

1. A birth certificate
2. All immunization records
3. Residency documentation
4. Completed Registration forms

Families are invited to meet with Mrs. Craver and hear
all about what kindergarten has to offer.



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

Speaking of the Garden Tour, we are hoping there are some folks out there who would like to share their gardens and be a part of our tour. It is a great way to get motivated to get working on your gardens, display your gardening prowess, creativity, or mountain simplicity and a fun way to meet people from near and far. There's nothing like having your gardens oohed and awed over for your toils in the soils! If you would like to share your mountain landscape, please contact Board Member Leah Knoll at 802-259-4136 or leahknoll@yahoo.com.

Music on the Green will begin on July 7th and will continue every Thursday through August 25th. **The new start time is 6:30pm.** It's certain to be another fun variety of music to enjoy this summer, stay tuned for musician listings. For additional summer event dates check us out at mhcavt.org

We want to give a shout out to our membership for helping us with the latest building repair work. Last fall our roof sprung a leak which appeared as a growing bubble on the ceiling of the library. Membership in the MHCA helps maintain our historic building that houses our library and community room. Thank you for supporting the MHCA, we could not do it without you!!!

Lastly, we would like to invite you to join our Board, we currently have 2 open positions. We don't want to brag but we are a fun group. We think Mount Holly is one of those extraordinarily places to live in our little state and we like celebrating it through community gatherings and events. If you want to meet people, get involved in your community and or help plan for community events reach out to us, we would love to hear from you! Email us mhcavt@gmail.com.



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Mount Holly Independence Day Parade

Monday, July 4th - 11am - Belmont

Reminder File HS-122 Homestead Declaration

Homeowners are required to file with the State of Vermont Department of Taxes form HS-122 to declare their property as a homestead each year. The form can be found on the Department's web site

<https://tax.vermont.gov/document/2021-form-hs-122>

The due date is April 18, 2022.

Filing on time is especially important if property taxes are paid by a property owner's mortgage company.



Spring is in the Air!

Time for yard clean-up &
time for any junk-in-the-yard clean-up.
Remember, the Town of Mount Holly has a

Junk Ordinance:

<http://www.mounthollyvt.org/town-ordinances-policies/>

Avoid the Ordinance!

Keep Your Yard Junk Free!

Thanks for your part in keeping
Mount Holly looking fine!



Mount Holly School

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

12:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

By Appointment

(802) 259-2392

For children who will be 3 years old
on or before August 31, 2022

Please bring the following:

1. A birth certificate
2. All immunization records

Families are invited to join us in our outdoor classroom.
Boots recommended!

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

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

"Happy Easter..May the renewal of life

At Easter bring new
Blessings of love, hope,
Peace, good health &
Happiness to you and
Your loved ones..

Embrace the renewal of life."

—Babz





FLETCHER MEMORIAL LIBRARY – RAFFLE

It has been 2 years since we have been able to offer our Annual Book Sale and Holiday Silent Auction. With any luck, both will return in 2022! These fundraisers allow us to enhance our services with programs not in our budget.

Through the generosity of and fine artisanship by, Jerry Milligan of “Functional Art”, we have for Raffle; a pair of ANTIQUE SNOWSHOES with original leather bindings, cleverly repurposed into UNIQUE WALL SCONCES. These Could Be Yours! Only #100 Tickets printed and each available for a \$5 Donation. The drawing will be held when all tickets are sold. Thanks for Your Support!

Funds raised will support our “Pass” Program, enabling the library to continue to purchase passes to area museums for loan to our patrons. The destinations are either free or at a substantially reduced entrance fee. Please see the “Pass” tab on our web site for further details. www.fmlnews.org

Fletcher Memorial Library is a 501 (c) 3 IRS designated foundation in operation since 1901. We are not a Municipal department. We greatly appreciate the support of our patrons and communities. FML offers free membership to taxpayers in Ludlow, Cavendish, Proctorsville, Mt. Holly and Plymouth. All others that wish to become a member please read the membership requirements found by clicking the “Membership” tab on our web page. Sign-up on-line, call or drop in. 802-228-8921

Being a FML member enables patrons to browse our 14,000 (+/-) items in the library including books, audio books on CD and enjoying our Youth library collection and programs. As a founding member of the *Catamount Library Network*, a consortium of 22 member libraries offering @ 400K items, members may peruse the on-line collection and place holds. Item pick-up and return is always at FML. Our membership in the *Green Mountain Library Consortium* enables our patrons to access

downloadable e-books and audiobooks via the “Libby” platform.

All this and more, Ancestry Search, Career Search, Chilton’s car repair manuals, Periodical search and download, FML photos and history and our wonderful Youth page are a great place to land, explore and then plan a visit to Fletcher Memorial Library. If you have never been in – well – you will be in for a real treat. We have inlaid marble floors and ceilings, Oak walls, Marble walls, every ceiling is a different style and it goes on.

As quoted by Governor Stickney upon the dedication of the library November 1, 1901, “Fletcher Memorial Library is truly a jewel within our community.” This sentiment is echoed by architects from Burlington to Boston and frequently visited by such.

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Live Auction

Silent Auction

Items Available:

Student made items! Furniture, Cords of wood, Gift Certificates, Sports memorabilia, Quilts, Gift Baskets, Family Vacations near and Far and More!

Cash Bar

Lite Appetizers and Desserts

Tickets for the event are \$10.00 per person in advance, \$15 at the door. They can be purchased at the Belmont General Store or by emailing Mounthollyptsa@gmail.com.

ALL proceeds will benefit the school, teachers and students!

SATURDAY APRIL 9TH

ODD FELLOWS HALL, BELMONT

DOORS OPEN AT 5PM



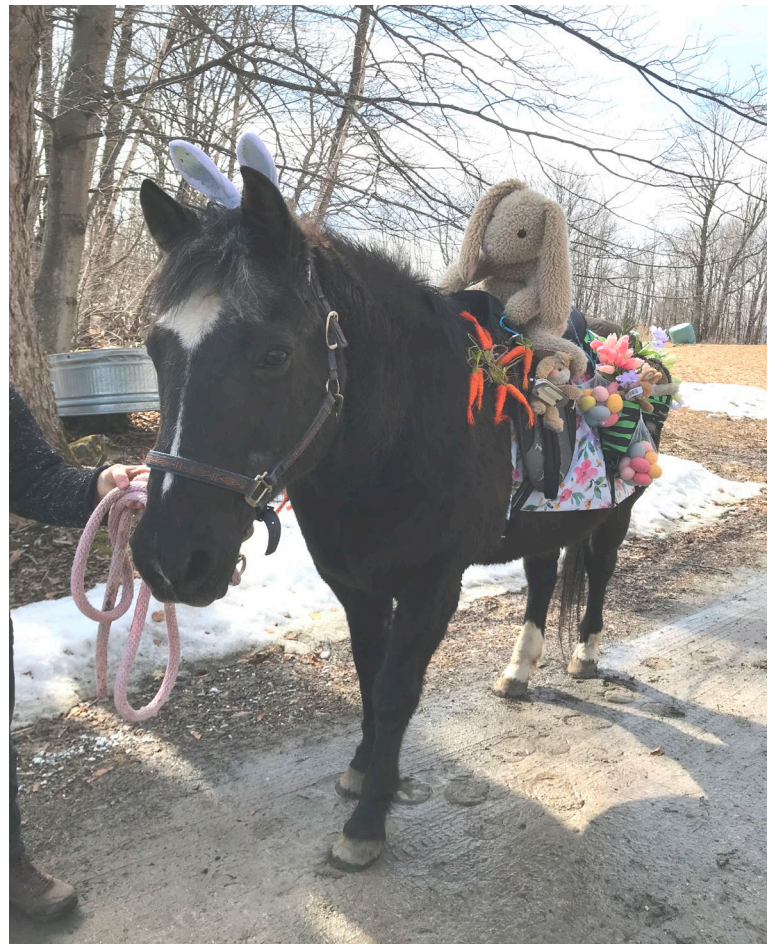
Reinbow Riding Center

Last spring 34 year-old Smokey gave the Easter Bunny a helping hand delivering Easter Eggs. Smokey was retired due to lameness 15 years ago and came to Reinbow Riding. Being a very smart horse, the lameness usually showed up whenever he saw a saddle headed his way. Being well trained and a very gentle soul, he was often a new rider's first horse and loved to stand and let people give him a good brushing or braid his mane and tail. He loved the attention. When he actually did retire from the program he became our publicity horse. This winter was Smokey's last and we will miss him very much.

Clean Up and Green Up

The snow season is starting to give way to Vermont's 5th season—MUD! We may not love it, but hopefully it means green is not too far behind. At Reinbow Riding plans are underway to get ready for our opening. We start with clean up and getting the Center at Stone Wall Farm ready to open once again in May. As we all know, winter is generally not kind and leaves us with a multitude of tasks in its wake so volunteers will be sorely needed. Once again we would like to ask any gardeners that have day-lily plants to spare during spring divisions, bring them by the Center or contact us by phone or email for pickup. We're planting the side hill below the ring with as many day lilies as we can for their beauty and to stabilize the hillside.

We hope to open May 14th with our annual Volunteer Orientation day. Lessons, weather permitting, begin the week of May 16th. Volunteer Orientation welcomes back last year's team and welcomes new members. Please join us from 10-12 p.m. on Saturday, May 14th. Besides coffee and doughnuts and very warm



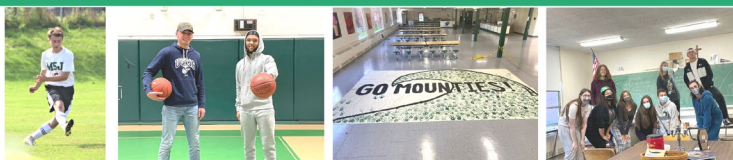
and fuzzy horses, you'll meet a great team of dedicated staff and volunteers that put smiles on the faces of kids and adults alike. You'll also find out just what a volunteer at Reinbow Riding does and how much fun it can be. Volunteer paperwork that you will need to fill out and Volunteer Handbooks that give you an idea of what the job involves are available on our website. If you would rather receive the hard copies by mail, please send a request, with your address, to programs@reinbowridingcenter.org or to janupton@comcast.net or call the number listed below. Here's to a short MUD season and a lovely spring....fingers crossed.

Please watch our website: reinbowridingcenter.org, and follow us on Facebook, Twitter @ReinbowRiding and Instagram @reinbow_riding_center. Contact us at programs@reinbowridingcenter.org or 802-236-2483.

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Town Meeting 2022 reminded me how resourceful and nimble Vermonters are. This was our second Town Meeting season conducted during the COVID pandemic. Most of us are now comfortable operating in the virtual universe and have grown quite adept at managing meetings on Zoom or Teams. So, this year, there were options.

Of the ten Windsor District Town Meetings or Informational Meetings I was able to attend, most were hybrid with people attending in person and virtually. Several were entirely virtual and only one was conducted fully in-person. A number of Informational meetings were held well in advance of the Australian Ballot voting, which was held on Town Meeting Day, Tuesday March 1st. And, at least seven towns, Cavendish, Ludlow, Rochester, Baltimore, Londonderry,

Stockbridge and Weston, have rescheduled their Town Meetings to later in March, April or June. While I was honoured to be asked to speak at all ten meetings I was able to attend, it was a real treat to once again be able to meet in person at some of the hybrid meetings and to catch-up with so many. And for those virtual meetings, I was afforded the rare opportunity to sample more of our Windsor District municipal life without having to drive an hour or 45 minutes between meetings. I really appreciated getting a flavor of the issues our towns are addressing and seeing municipal government successfully adapting to new forms of civic engagement.

Only 40 towns in Vermont had a fully 'in-person' town meeting. And, in Windsor County, Barnard held that distinction. I was glad to be able to join Barnard's meeting. It was great to visit with so many, despite the fact that no delicious lunch was served. And, it began with an in-person vote for the Selectboard.

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

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

After our Town Meeting break, the Senate will be returning 'in person' to the Statehouse. With the rapid decline of Omicron's impact, many aspects of normal life are returning. For two years, we have been legislating almost entirely on Zoom. It will be wonderful to work together, face to face, again. Upon our return, the Legislature begins a fairly intense week or two of 'Cross Over'. To become law, bills need to be considered and passed by both the House and the Senate. Cross Over is that period in which all of the bills we hope to enact into law need to be voted out of our committees, and get passed by whichever body it originated in - the House or the Senate. Once passed by one body or the other, the bills 'cross over' to the other body for consideration. Cross Over is assumed to be roughly the half way point in the legislative session.

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

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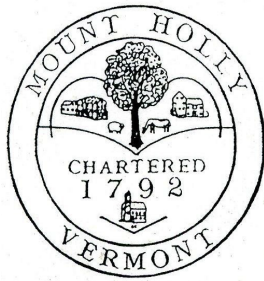
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Mount Holly Town News

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.

Mount Holly Select Board Meeting March 8, 2022 Minutes In-Person with Zoom Meeting: 898 6126 5487

Present: Select Board: Jeff Chase, Diana Garrow, Mark Turco (Chair)

Town Officials: Carol Garrow-Woolley, David Johnson, Mary Surething, Jon McCann, Dennis Devereux, Christine Pratt, Fra DeVine, James Seward, Brigid

Sullivan, Philippe Crane, Clinton Woolley

Members of the Public: Paul Barton, Zena Gates, Donna Seward, Stephen Michel, Rebekah Ferreira, Barbara & Steve Hazelton, Marianne McGee

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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.

1. Call to Order by Mark Turco at 6:29 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the Pledge Mark Turco thanked outgoing Selectboard member Jennifer Matthews for her time and effort she put in for the Town of Mount Holly as a Selectboard member and

welcomed new member Diana Garrow to the Selectboard.

3. Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the agenda: Dennis Devereux made a request to move article 8. g. COVID Mask Requirement on Municipal Properties to the beginning of the meeting. Mark Turco said we will do that after Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the agenda, not hearing any moved on to COVID Mask Requirement on Municipal Properties. Diana Garrow moved to remove the COVID mask mandate on Municipal Properties seconded by Mark Turco, unanimously approved.

4. Approval of February 8th Minutes: Jeff Chase made the motion to approve the February 8th minutes as written, seconded by Mark Turco, unanimously approved.

5. Reorganization:

a. Select Board Chair: Jeff Chase made the motion to accept Mark Turco for Chair, seconded by Diana Garrow, unanimously approved.

b. Tree Warden: Jeff Chase made motion to reappoint Phil Crane as Tree Warden, Mark Turco, seconded, unanimously approved.

c. E911 Coordinator: Mark Turco made motion for Carol Garrow-Woolley to continue as E911 Coordinator, seconded by Diana Garrow, unanimously approved.

d. 911 Measuring Responsibilities: Mark Turco made motion to have David Johnson and the Listers to continue in the 911 measuring responsibilities, seconded by Jeff Chase, unanimously approved.

e. RCSWD Representative & Alternate: Diana Garrow made motion to have Clinton Woolley continue as representative with Jeff Chase as Alternate, seconded by Mark Turco, unanimously approved.

f. Designated Employer Representative: Diana Garrow moved to have Jeff Chase remain as Employer Representative, seconded by Mark Turco, unanimously approved.

g. Newspaper of Record: Jeff Chase made the motion to keep The Vermont Journal as Newspaper of Record, seconded by Diana Garrow, unanimously approved.

h. Assistant Town Clerk(s): Town Clerk Carol Garrow-Woolley appointed Diana Garrow, Susan Covalla and Nancy Conor as Assistant Town Clerks.

i. Assistant Town Treasurer: Town Treasurer David Johnson spoke we would have to leave that open for another month as Diana Garrow cannot continue being Assistant Treasurer now she is on the Select Board. Mark replied we will revisit it on next month's agenda. David thanked Diana Garrow for serving as his Assistant Treasurer since 1996.

j. Set Day & Time of Regular Meeting: Mark Turco made motion to keep the meeting on the second Tuesday at 6:30 pm of each month, Diana Garrow seconded, unanimously approved.

Mount Holly Animal Control Officer

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k. Name Two (2) Public Posting Places for Agendas: Jeff Chase made motion to continue with the Mount Holly and Belmont Post Offices as two (2) Public Posting Places for Agendas, seconded by Diana Garrow, unanimously approved.

l. Signer for SB Orders & Authorization for Orders: Jeff Chase moved to have Diana Garrow as signer for SB Orders & Authorization for Orders, Mark Turco seconded, unanimously approved.

Jeff Chase moved to continue the policy to allow Treasurer to add to the SB orders

as necessary through the week, Mark Turco seconded, unanimously approved.

m. Conflict of Interest Policy – Sign: Mark Turco made motion to continue with the existing Conflict of Interest Policy, Jeff Chase seconded, unanimously approved.

6. Reports:

a. Highways & Transfer Station Update – Clinton Woolley:

i. Road Posting: Clinton stated the roads were posted on Monday March 7th, and that we were down an employee for the road crew. People please bear with us. The Transfer Station is still going well.

Clinton reported TownLine Equipment has an excavator, a rubber tire unit with 2004 hours weight class 16,000, Volvo model EW55B with 3 buckets for \$38,500 but might be sold however we are next in line to purchase the unit.

Last year we paid \$6,500 to rent an excavator and have rented one every year. Treasurer David Johnson stated we do have the funding for a used unit and it wouldn't affect the budget for purchasing other equipment down the line. Mark told Clinton if it should come available let the Board know so a special meeting could be called. Jeff stated the rubber tire unit doesn't have a large market for it and would be a good unit for the town. Mark thought it would be feasible for the town as well.

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ii. Paving Grant Application – Hortonville TH-1: Jeff Chase mentioned last month's meeting he spoke about the paving grant for Hortonville Road from Shunpike Road to Shrewsbury with the budget as of last month but the price of asphalt is going up. Jeff said he will send the application in seeking the full amount of the grant. The deadline to apply for the grant is April 2nd. He mentioned the prices will be going up as fuel costs are rising. Clinton was talking with Tom Fuller who suggested to reclaim the road this year because of the rising costs and pave next year. Hopefully by this fall the cost will start to come down. Mark thought it a good idea to reclaim and let set over the winter which would give it a chance to settle. The grant is good until June of 2023. Jeff will take some pictures of the road condition.

iii. Structures Grant – Summit Road – Bid Results: Jeff Chase stated we got five bids late January good for 60 days which will expire the end of this month prices varied from \$230,000 to top one for Markowski at \$469,000 with other bids of \$383,000, \$395,000, and \$417,000. G and N was the low bidder they had done some work in Shrewsbury according to Otter Creek. They are more owner operator vs the others are larger companies. Jeff was going to give them a call but didn't have a chance. We have the grant money and have until next year to spend it. Pre-cast has not been effected as much as paving. The labor rates are going up, equipment rates are going up, and other rates are going up. If we don't go with this bid right now we are going to lose the money or just cost us more. We could go back and try to get another grant which won't be until this fall then will have to put it back out to bid and the price could be more than \$400,000. We talked about doing it some other ways like

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buying the culvert and hiring the rest out with the actual install which would pose some other challenges too with risks. The grant is for \$180,000 we got \$180,000 the match is \$20,000 we are with the engineering somewhere around \$40,000 above that which leaves \$60,000-\$70,000 depending on some other priced items in the bid which they may or may not do. We do have funds in Culvert Fund of approximately \$60,000 and maybe able to use some ARPA funds. Mark said we may have to reach out to see if that qualifies. Clinton has heard they are leaning more toward infrastructure on the ARPA funds. If the budget of your town is under 10 we can use some of the ARPA funds of maybe \$30,000-\$40,000. Clinton reached out to the state for hydraulic study but they are way behind with COVID so he doubt we will see anything there. We need to verify ARPA funds. There are funds available in the Bridge Fund. We will hold a Special Meeting when have more information. Jeff will call tomorrow to see if Companies will hold our price for another week.

b. Treasurer – David Johnson – Monthly Income & Expense Report: David gave a report on the income and expenses with copies of the report handed out for the Select Board. He also said the audit is on track to finish the FY 20 audit and the Auditor would like to be present at the April 12th select board meeting.

c. Mount Holly Planning Commission Update – Jon McCann: The Planning Commission has been reaching out to people with knowledge of the plan utilities and facilities of the town for the Town Plan. They have had letters come in from Fire and the Library with more to arrive soon. They have other

coming in on the transportation plan. They will present a draft in April. Jon McCann stated there is a public hearing coming up on March 16th. Mark asked Jon how many Subdivision permits have they had this year and he replied 3 with one withdrawal. One had 3 lots to begin with but reduced to 2 lots.

d. Mount Holly Conservation Commission Update: Francis DeVine spoke on behalf of the Conservation Commission. He said as there were people traveling this month they were not able to hold an official meeting but did hold an informational meeting. The agenda for this month was tabled and will be held next month. It includes the ongoing organizational restructuring of the Conservation Commission the review of the policy and procedures. He stated the shade tree preservation plan continues and will have a report next month.

Diana Garrow asked Francis DeVine in compliance of Open Meeting Law the Conservation Commission should provide the Town Office with hard copies of all meetings minutes from start to present as we have had inquirers of these minutes at the town office by folks who do not have computers to gain access to them. Fra stated he would contact the person responsible to have them emailed to the Select Board.

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Monday, April 11th. Please state why you are interested in the Conservation Commission position and your qualifications. Term runs until September 2023.

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/>

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c. Packer Cemetery Agreement – Transfer to Town – Sign: Dennis Devereux spoke on the maintenance of Packer Cemetery and will contact the Tree Warden and Clinton Woolley as there are some trees needing attention or removal. He also stated lot prices are really low so will need to revisit pricing. There is \$8,000 coming over from Packer Cemetery earmarked for care of that cemetery only and about 30 or more lots to be sold with some lots to be sold for urns only. There are some unmarked graves and the cemetery was never mapped out so location of unmarked graves is unknown.

Mark Turco moved to transfer Packer Cemetery and its assets and holding to the Town of Mount Holly pursuant to 18 V.S.A. §5439, Jeff Chase seconded, unanimously approved.

d. VT DEC Grants in Aid – Aquatic Nuisance Grant – Lake Ninevah Application 2022 – Sign: Jeff Chase made the motion to sign the Aquatic Nuisance Control Environmental Stewardship Program Grant for FY 23, Diana Garrow seconded, unanimously passed.

e. Job Description for Highway Department Opening – Review and Post: Jeff Chase said he would post the job for Highway Department opening in the Vermont Journal, Mount Holly Chit Chat and the town unofficial website if Diana would send to the NewsFlash for a closing date of March 31st. David said there are applications available. There will be special meetings as well as interviews.

f. Reassignment of Planning Grant Municipal Authorizing Official: Previously this position was handled by Jennifer and transferred over to Jeff with a form to fill out and he would continue. Mark Turco made motion to have Jeff Chase assume office of Planning Grant Municipal Authorizing Official, seconded by Diana Garrow, unanimously passed.



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Jeff said he received an email from Mike Blais about the problem on Old Turnpike Road from VT Route 103 to Hortonville Road and would like that road to be posted at 30 mph. Mike Blais is also concerned with sight distance on that portion of the road and would like to bring in gravel for that section of the road to help improve the sight distance of the blind hill. His final item was a street light out of the town right-of-way. The Select Board would like to view the road situation first to be sure it will not interfere with ditching. Mark Turco made motion to accept Traffic Study Ordinance with final review with the one change of going to 30 mph on Old Turnpike Road from Route 103 to Hortonville Road, Diana Garrow seconded, unanimously approved.

b. Junk Ordinance – Violation Update – Route 103 Property: Mark Turco stated a second notice was sent out with signed receipt of acceptance to the Route 103 property. The Health Officer has reached out to the State and has two conflicting stories. The Health Officer was able to get copies of receipts of septic pumping a couple months back but where that stands now we do not know. Mark will follow up with the Health Officer to get more information on the gray water and septic pumping receipts that were reached out to the State. We will have to proceed with the next level of action with a registered letter. Will need to contact Paul with another notice with additional fines of \$2.00 per day with other actions to be served.

c. Select Board Admin. Assistant Position – Review Applications: Mark Turco said he has two applications at this time one from Millicent R. Johnson and one from Caitlin Boyle. We set up a date for a Special Meeting on Tuesday March 15th, to meet at 3:00 pm and 3:30 pm. Mark will call both to set up appointment times.

7. New Business

a. Set Start Date for Spring & Summer Transfer Station Hours – Confirm: Clinton Woolley reported the summer hours will begin after April 3rd being the last Sunday and Wednesday April 6th from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm the start of summer hours and Saturday remains the same 8:00 am – 2:00 pm.

b. Town Office Telephone and Internet – Change Provider: Mark told us the free service we have present with Comcast will no longer be available and the cost to continue service through them would be more than going through VTel. Amy Turco looked into prices and other information and recommended going through VTel 4 lines with 1 Gbps for internet at \$289.55 a month. With some discussion of the different options Jeff Chase made a motion to go with the Double Play with VTel at 500 Mbps internet priced about \$240.00 per month, seconded by Mark Turco, unanimously approved. Mark will have Carol call VTel tomorrow as there would be a 2 – 3 week wait to get service.



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h. VTrans Annual Certification of Compliance for Town Road and Bridge Standards – Sign: Jeff Chase made motion to sign Annual Financial Plan for town highways form TA60 for coming year, Mark Turco seconded, unanimously approved.

Jeff Chase made motion to accept the Certificate of Compliance for Town Road and Bridge Standards, Mark Turco seconded, unanimously passed.

8. Ongoing & Old Business:

a. Traffic Ordinance – Final review: Jeff Chase mentioned the town Lawyer wanted the select board to be sure to include road numbers with road names on the Ordinance.

Jeff had a conversation with Kevin of Regional Planning about extending the 35 mph from Frost Hill Road up to Gates Road on Belmont Road explaining the residents there had livestock with horses. Kevin thought that was logical to have it extended a bit farther.

Dennis Devereux said he will mark up a map of the town to plot out

d. Conservation Commission Appointment – Letter of Interest due by 3-7-22: No letters of interest have been received so will repost for next month.

e. ARPA – Historical Museum Water Service – Additional Request due to Water Test Requirement: Stephen Michel spoke on the issue as the State requires for the water to be tested at an additional cost \$250 to be added to the water line of \$3,400 which was approved last month. Jeff Chase made motion not to exceed \$3,800 for Museum water service use of ARPA funds, Mark Turco seconded, unanimously approved.

f. Board of Adjustment – Assign Members: Diana Garrow stated we may have to table this until next month upon receipt of a lot more information to be read through on the Board of Adjustment. Some of the information talks about Development Review Board rather than a Zoning Board of Adjustment. Dennis Devereux had reached out to Secretary of State's office for information as well as the Leagues of Cities and Towns to provide the select board with more information. It was tabled until next month.

9. Citizen Comments: Jim Heald was recognized he wanted to know about the Structure Grant for Summit Road, where is that a problem? Mark stated it was about the culvert that Clinton had put in. Clinton said the culvert was only a temporary fix. The state mandated they would give us two years to replace with a box type structure. He also asked about the cell tower? It is still being worked on with transmitters attached and will need the tree branches to be installed yet. Jim also asked about the speed limit on Belmont Road and what the speed limit was and how far it went? The speed limit is 35 mph and is posted from Frost Hill Road to Gates Road. He also asked how many people we were looking for highway maintenance. Mark stated only one and Jim came back you should be looking for two employees with all the equipment we have now and the work load the road crew have.

Mary Surething was recognized to speak, said she overheard some conversations there are people who would be interested, that we could depend on, who would like to work for the town but can't as they make so much more working in other towns that they don't want to take a cut in pay to come work for Mount Holly. What can we do to get a pay raise for the guys who work for the town now and entice others to come



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T.H. #1 (Tarbellville Road, Belmont Road, and Hortonville Road) -A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. from the intersection of VT. Route 155 easterly village limits, 500 feet from the intersection of T.H. #2; then a maximum speed of 25 m.p.h. to the intersection of T.H. #17; then a maximum speed of 40 m.p.h. to the intersection of T.H. 20; then a maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. to the intersection VT. Route 103; then a maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. to the Shrewsbury Town Line.

T.H. #2 (Church St and Healdville Road) -A maximum speed of 25 m.p.h. from intersection of T.H. #1 easterly 1320 feet; then a maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. to the intersection of VT. Route 103.

T.H. #4 (Old Turnpike Road) - A maximum speed of 30 m.p.h. from VT. Route 103 to T.H. #1; then a maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. to the Shrewsbury Town Line.

T.H. #5 (portion known as Shunpike Road) -A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. for the entire length.

T.H. #11 (portion known as Shunpike Road) -A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. for the entire length.

T.H. #20 (Gates Road) -A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. for the entire length.

T.H. #22 (Maple Hill Road) -A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. for the entire length.

T.H. #23 (portion known as Maple Hill Road) -A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. from the intersection of T.H. #22 to southerly village limits, 500 feet from the intersection of T.H. #1; then a maximum speed of 25 m.p.h. to the intersection of T.H. #2.

T.H. #26 (Lake St) A maximum speed of 25 m.p.h. for the entire length.

T.H. #30 (portion known as Shunpike Road) -A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. for the entire length.

The full text of the Ordinance may be examined at the Town of Mount Holly Town office at 50 School St, Mount Holly, VT and at www.mounthollyvt.org/town-ordinances-policies/

CITIZENS' RIGHT TO PETITION FOR VOTE

Title 24 V.S.A. § 1973 grants citizens the right to petition for a vote at a special or annual Town Meeting to disapprove ordinance adopted by the Selectboard. To exercise this right, citizens must present to the Selectboard or the Town Clerk a petition for a vote on the question of disapproving the adopted ordinance signed by not less than five percent (5%) of the Town's qualified voters. The petition must be presented within forty-four (44) days following the date of the adoption of the ordinance. Unless a petition requesting a vote is filed pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1973, the adopted "Traffic Ordinance" shall become effective sixty (60) days from the date of said adoption.

PERSON TO CONTACT

Additional information pertaining to this Ordinance may be obtained by contacting Jeff Chase, Selectboard, 50 School St, Mount Holly, VT 05758, or at 259-2454.

Town of Mount Holly Selectboard

work for the town? These are people we depend on every day of the year and now there is only two. Mark spoke it's all part of the budget it would have to go into the budge. Jeff spoke we are at 7 ½% inflation loss everybody can't react fast enough. Mark said he and Clinton did talk about a fourth part time person we could draw on for extra work.

Mary asked do you have written employee standards for people who don't come to work, or don't call in and are out for days at a time. Any disciplinary actions are confidential Mark said and can't bring any of that up and we do have an employee handbook that is nearly completed. Everyone is struggling to keep employees or to hire employees in any work force in the current situation.

10. Announcements/Other Business: Nothing.

11. Review & Sign Orders:

12. Executive Session: Title 1 V.S.A. S 313(a)(3) – personnel (if needed) Mark asked if there was a need for Executive Session and Clinton said he would like to have an Executive Session. At 8:10 pm Jeff Chase made a motion for Executive Session for Title 1 V.S.A. S 313(a)(3) Mark Turco seconded, unanimously passed.

13. Adjourn: Mark Turco called adjournment at 8:45 pm. Respectfully Submitted by Diana Garrow, Select Board

Special Select Board Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2022 at 3:00 pm, Mount Holly Town Office

Present: Selectboard Members: Mark Turco (Chair), Jeff Chase and Diana Garrow
Town Officials Present: Carol Garrow-Woolley, Clinton Woolley and David Johnson

1. Call Meeting to Order: Mark Turco called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

2. Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the agenda: Mark Turco made motion to move **6. Executive Session: Title 1 V.S.A. S 313(a)(3) – Personnel**, to the first order of the agenda Jeff Chase seconded, unanimously passed. Executive Session was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

3. Credit Card Resolution: Treasurer David Johnson said the credit card resolution was in progress.

4. ARPA Funds – Update on allowable uses: Jeff Chase stated we can use ARPA funds under proper procurement but need to talk to VLCT for proper reporting. Also it could go under Loss Revenue.

5. Summit Road Culvert Replacement – Construction Award: Jeff talked with G&N and they will hold the price beyond the 60 day limit. The precast vender CSI talked about U walls instead of using the Precast and the box will be installed around August with the guardrail being installed later in the season. Funding, some would come from the culvert fund and matching funds from the use of ARPA funds. We should not have to involve Otter Creek.

Mark Turco made the motion to use G&N for the Summit Road culvert, to use culvert funds and matching ARPA funds, Jeff Chase seconded, unanimously passed.

Clinton Woolley had included in the budget for a Hydraulic Hose Machine which comes with ½”, 3/8” and ¼” connections in an amount of about \$4,200 of which should come out of the Repair & Maintenance Fund. Mark Turco made a motion to purchase the Hydraulic Hose Machine now rather wait, Diana Garrow seconded, unanimously passes.

Clinton Woolley brought up to start getting next year’s stock of road sand now at this year’s price before the price increases as Pike is slated to go up \$7.00 per ton. Clinton stated we went through a considerable amount of sand this last year.

6. Executive Session: Title 1 V.S.A. S 313(a)(3) – personnel: This was moved to after 2. Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the agenda.

7. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 4:36 pm. Respectfully Submitted: Diana L. Garrow

Transfer Station Spring/Summer Hours

The last Sunday will be April 3, 2022
9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

The first Wednesday will be April 6, 2022.
4:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.
Wednesdays 4:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.
Saturdays 8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

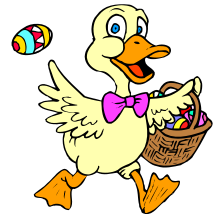
Mount Holly Planning Commission Town Office & Remote Electronic – Special Work Meeting Minutes - Wednesday March 2, 2022

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

Commission Members Absent: Andrew Seward

Also Present: Renee Sarmento (Clerk), Stephen Michel, Donna Seward

1. Jon called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.
2. No changes to agenda.
3. Town Plan Revisions
 - a. Facilities and Utilities
 - i. The chair reported that the rescue letter has not been received.



ii. Commissioner Sullivan questioned if Fire is still working on their response. Stephen Michel commented that they have met on it and completed an outline of points they would like to cover.

iii. Commissioner Sullivan noticed the tower has one set of receptors, but it does not seem to be working yet. The Chair stated they had heard it would not be operational until 2nd quarter.

iv. The Chair reported he has not received a response from GMP, but he will follow-up.

v. The Chair mentioned that some towns, including Shrewsbury and Poultney, put education under the facilities and utilities section of their town plans.

b. Education Plan

i. The Chair reported he has not been able to speak with the MHS Principal yet (perhaps due to school break last week). It would be good to come up with questions for him.

ii. The Chair mentioned there is useful information in the annual school report.

iii. The Commission reviewed the state requirements for the Education Plan: “An educational facilities plan consisting of a map and statement of present and projected uses and the local public-school system.” Discussion of whether it might go under the facilities section of the plan.

2022 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

at the

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Saturday, April 16, 2022

Saturday, July 16, 2022

8:00 am to 10:00 am only

The following items are typical of the household chemicals collected through the Household Hazardous Waste program. These materials may be dropped off at the scheduled event in Mount Holly or delivered to the HHW Depot at the Rutland County Solid Waste District’s Gleason Road Transfer Station. The Gleason Road HHW facility is now open by appointment only. Appointments must be made 24 hours in advance.

Kitchen/Bathroom

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

Garage/Workshop

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

Garden/Miscellaneous

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

iv. Discussion of whether valuable services like “Rainbow Riding Center” fall under Education. Commissioner Sullivan noted it could potentially be put in a section for Social Services. Commission Schulz suggested putting it in the category that seems most appropriate, and also cross-reference it in other relevant categories. The Chair stated it might be worth having a Social Services subcategory under Utilities and Facilities.

v. Commissioner Schulz inquired if the categories or chapters of the plan are fixed, and if Education is separate from other services. He suggested that there could be a category of “Education and Social Services”, and Facilities and Utilities would be more “health and safety”. The Chair responded that the categories are not fixed. The statute (24 V.S.A. § 4382) requires 12 categories that are required to be addressed each with a list of details that have to be included, but it is understood that the Town can organize the Plan however we wish. Education and Social Services could also include childcare and eldercare. The Chair noted that the childcare situation is poor with few, if any, options.

vi. Commissioner Sullivan stated there is a group of homeschooling parents in town, but she is unsure of who organizes it. Suggested as a question for MHS Principal.

vii. Review of Middle School and High School options. Will probably want to mention the options in the Plan.

viii. Discussion of school choice options: Burr & Burton Academy (public for Manchester, VT), Mount Saint Joseph Academy catholic school in Rutland, Okemo Mountain School, Expeditionary School at Black River, Long Trail School, Mill River, River Valley Technical (Springfield), Stafford Technical School (Rutland)

ix. It was suggested the Chair could speak with Andrea Auld, PTSA

x. Discussion of education related bussing. Mention of a bus stop change due to blocking entrance to Fire/Rescue. Thoughts about having an actual bus stop. Wondered if this is a question for Devon and the Transportation Plan. Anecdotes that ridership on elementary school bus is low.

xi. Discussion about virtual learning. Mention of VTVLC -The Vermont Learning Cooperative (online courses for middle and high school students) and Two Rivers Virtual Learning Academy. The Chair will ask the MHS Principal about virtual learning.

xii. The Chair asked if there was anything in other Towns’ Plans that the Commission might want to explore. The Chair recalled speaking with MHS Principal last year, and that it seemed that the cost of living and housing were significant issues so there will almost certainly be a relationship between education plan and the housing plan. Commissioner Schulz expressed dissatisfaction that when it comes to education so much depends on the number of students and the declining number of students, and there is not much that can be done about it in the short term. Commissioner Sullivan stated that as the Commission looks at the Housing Plan they need to be cognizant of when housing isn’t available there are fewer families and students so it definitely impacts the school.

xiii. Review of who to reach out to for information: Andrea Auld (PTSA) and Craig Hutt Vater (MHS Principal). Commissioner Schulz suggested seeking input from a school board member.

xiv. Commissioner Schulz asked if there is any data or anecdotal stories about how the influx of people to Vermont and the housing crisis is changing the demographics of our community. Are people coming with school age children, or is it mostly older wealthier people without children? Commissioner Jim Seward stated he thought it was a little of both. Stephen Michel noted how the grade school is up to 110-115 students with a capacity for 125. Commissioner Sullivan asked if the US Census would have data. The Chair spoke about how the Poultney Town Plan referenced a 2018 American Community Survey that the Commission should look at. This was about certain demographic trends for education. The Chair stated they had tried to figure out information about growth trends as required for the local hazard mitigation plan, but weren’t able to get clear answers. The Listers could have information about the rate of housing transfers, but may not know if they are residents or have children. Commissioner Sullivan said the school gets information about what children will be coming in future years, so Raye Lin, school secretary, knows the births in town. Commissioner Schulz wondered if local brokers would have information about who has bought and what the demographics look like. The Chair noted this information will probably be needed for the housing plan.

xv. Possible questions for Principal Craig Hutt Vater: How does he project what his future enrollments will be? What challenges are there? Same kind of questions that have been asked in previous sections (i.e. money for repair and maintenance, capital investments, facilities). Kindergarten is five full days and universal preschool is offered part time. Is pre-k only being part time a matter of funding or staffing.

4. Public Comments:

a. Conservation Commission (former chair) provided copies of The Inventories of the Mount Holly Commission. Copies were distributed to PC members.

5. Upcoming meetings

a. Public Hearing – March 16th at 6:15 pm

b. Regular meeting – March 16th, 7:00 pm (3rd Wednesday)

c. Working meeting (Housing) – April 6, 7:00 pm (1st Wednesday)

6. Meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm For the Commission, Renee Sarmento In draft form until approved on March 16th, 2022

Mount Holly Planning Commission Town Office & Remote Electronic – Regular Meeting Minutes Wednesday March 16, 2022

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

Also Present: Renee Sarmento (Clerk), Stephen Michel, Donna Seward,



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Marianne McGee

1. Jon McCann called the meeting to order at 7:01pm

2. Changes to agenda

a. Fowler Brook Road follow-up from Andrew Seward added to New Business

3. Approval of minutes

April 2022 Mount Holly Chit Chat Inc.



a. The minutes from February 16th, 2022 regular meeting were edited to change the approval date and then approved as edited.

b. March 2nd, 2022 special meeting minutes were approved as distributed.

4. Reports & Announcements

a. Administrative Officer

i. Three Building Construction Registration forms received and reviewed

b. Planning Commission Clerk: None

c. Planning Commission Chair:

i. Chair distributed a blurb about the Crown Point Road from Dennis Devereaux for our consideration for the Town Plan.

ii. Chair distributed detailed information received from the Rescue Squad in response to our request

1. Commissioner Sullivan stated the letter did a good job documenting the problems, but it did not seem to go into detail about what was needed or identify solutions. The Chair wondered if there is reluctance to suggest expensive changes are needed. The Chair suggests we wait until we have a response from the Fire Department and consider getting the two groups together to identify more definitive needs.

2. Discussion around difficulty of recruitment and new volunteers. Training is unpaid.

iii. Chair reviewed the status of the Municipal Planning Grant the town was awarded last fall. The public involvement and steering committee will both involve Fire and Rescue. Requests are out for contractors.

iv. Chair shared an update that the ARPA funds the town already has can now be used for both Federal and State grant match. This could allow the Town to seek grants for which the match requirement was too costly in the past. Such a use would allow the Town to leverage the existing funds and increase the benefit perhaps 10-fold, should the Select Board choose. Commissioner Andrew Seward mentioned that it would be better not to use the ARPA funds directly on things that could be covered by grants.



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Pop Quiz!

What do you know about Mount Holly? Can you answer the following?

- In 1840 something the remains of a _____ were found along the route of the Rutland Railroad. The remains were from what animal?
 - a giant prehistoric mouse
 - a pigmy aardvark
 - a politician no one liked
 - a mastadon
- What well known person was born and raised in Mount Holly?
 - Elvis Presley
 - Mahatma Gandhi
 - Hannah Teter
 - The Hulk
- What is the name of Mount Holly's famous once-a-year celebration in October?
 - Cumquat Days
 - Banana Days
 - Prune Juice Days
 - Cider Days
- Why are you wasting your time doing this silly quiz when you could be out:
 - Photographing the town's gorgeous scenery for the 2022 **Mount Holly Photo & Calendar Competition***
 - Photographing the town's varied wildlife for the 2022 **Mount Holly Photo & Calendar Competition** (the flora and fauna, not the parties)
 - Photographing the town's historic buildings for the 2022 **Mount Holly Photo & Calendar Competition**
 - Photographing people in town (the one's who's pictures aren't already on the bulletin board in the Post Office).

Answers: 1. d) a mastadon named Elvis; 2. c) Olympic Gold Medalist Hannah Teter; 3. d) originally called Prune Juice Days, now called Cider Days* 4. d) How the heck are we supposed to know why you're not out there taking pictures.**

*Held the 2nd weekend in October during Mount Holly's annual **Apple Squashing**, er, **Cider Days**.*

****Cider Days** and the annual **Mount Holly Calendar** are activities of the **Mount Holly Community Association** and all proceeds (i.e. what's left over after the bills get paid) from these events help support the **MHCA's** many community activities.

***A bold faced lie (the part about the Prune Juice).

v. Chair gave a brief update from the last Select Board meeting. They are considering forming a Development Review Board instead of a Board of Adjustment. Noted that such a change would require rewriting our land use ordinances.

5. Correspondence

a. Subdivision proposals: None

b. Building Construction Registrations:

i. Preister/Gilchrist, 2355 Belmont Road, new construction (garage)

ii. Siegordner, 4623 Route 155, new construction (wood frame, 6-bedroom, 4 bath), new water source (well)

iii. Bowditch, 164 Dodge Road, new construction (addition - single room attached to existing house)

c. Wastewater system and potable water supply permits: Mr. Porter's permit.

d. Email / Other: None

6. Unfinished business

7. New business

a. Fowler Brook Road follow-up

i. Commissioner Andrew Seward reported on his investigation into the status of Fowler Brook Road. He found that in the 1970's the town gave up 1250 feet more or less of road at the end of Fowler Brook Road (likely connecting to Carrara Camp Rd). There is officially 0.7 miles of public road on Fowler Brook Road from Route 155. The Chair added that measurement by GIS from 155 to the first building is 0.636 miles. This suggests the public road, by measure, extends past the first buildings by some margin and means that the gate is certainly across a public road.

8. Public comments: Stephen Michel complimented Annette on the inventories report she put together with the Conservation Commission. He offered a suggestion that he found some of the terminology/abbreviations difficult to follow and it would be good to define them next time.

9. Upcoming meetings

a. Special working meeting (Housing): April 6th, 2022 at 7pm

b. Regular meeting: April 20th, 2022 at 7pm

10. The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm For the Commission, Renee Sarmento, Planning Commission Clerk, In draft form until approved on April 20th, 2022



WESTON THEATER COMPANY ANNOUNCES 86th SEASON AND REBRANDING

Susanna Gellert, Executive Artistic Director of **Weston Theater Company**, formerly known as **Weston Playhouse Theatre Company**, announces the 86th season of Vermont's oldest, award-winning professional theater; and introduces audiences to Weston's rebranding.

Says **Gellert**, "We are very excited to launch our 2022 season by introducing you to our new name and look. Our rebranding came together through conversations with members of our community and our artistic family, and we are so pleased with the result. It unites the historic Playhouse and our new venue, Walker Farm, under one moniker and reminds us all of the place we call home. It is timeless and fresh, and it embraces our history at the same time it looks forward to our future.

As we launch our new brand, we are also excited to announce our 86th summer season. Weston produced exceptional theater against all odds in the summer of 2021, and this year we continue our wonderful reopening by returning to our beloved venues. This year we will bring forward a season of belonging. We will share stories full of love and hope, stories that center on the power of theater to bring us together and remind us of all that we have in common. Season 86 is rich with boundless imagination and the joyful sense of connection that only the theater can create."

Weston's Young Company will start the season with **SHREK: THE MUSICAL**; music by Jeanine Tesori (*Fun Home*) and book & lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire. Follow Shrek, that lovable, stinky ogre on his quest to save quirky, captivating Princess Fiona. Based on the Oscar-winning film, there is something for everyone in this bighearted and fun-packed fairy tale. The production will premiere outdoors at Walker Farm and perform on tour throughout the state **June 22 - July 10**.

Next at Walker Farm is **MARRY ME A LITTLE** with music & lyrics by the late Stephen Sondheim and conceived & developed by Craig Lucas & Norman René. Sondheim's "songs that got away" breathe life into the yearnings of two single dreamers who live in the same building, just one floor between them. A charming and bittersweet musical revue featuring songs from *Company*, *A Little Night Music*, and other favorites. **Performances run July 6 - July 30**.

The first show at The Playhouse this season is **HAIR**; book & lyrics by Gerome Ragni and James Radd and music by Galt MacDermot. Celebrate the summer of love with a group of young Americans ready to create a world of harmony and understanding. For the first time ever, this legendary musical bursts onto the Playhouse stage with its award-winning score, which includes hits such as "Good Morning, Starshine" and "Aquarius". Open your heart and let it shine! **Performances run July 20 - August 13**.

Next on stage at The Playhouse this season is **STEEL MAGNOLIAS** by Robert Harling, the funniest play that will ever make you cry. Six friends gather for hairdos, manicures, juicy gossip, and witty banter in Truvy's salon. Anybody who's anybody is a regular. Through thick and thin, these six women form friendships strong as steel - friendships they are forced to lean on when tragedy strikes. **Performances run August 18 - September 4**.

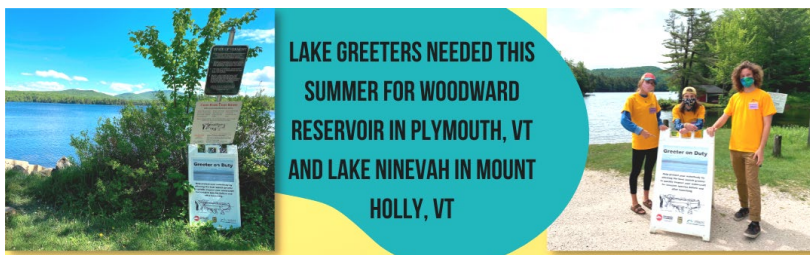
Closing out the season at Walker Farm is **WOODY SEZ: THE LIFE & MUSIC OF WOODY GUTHRIE** devised by David M. Lutken with Nick Corley and Darcie Deaville, Helen Jean Russell and Andy Teirstein, directed by co-author Nick Corley with music direction by David M. Lutken. Join a journey through our land and be transported by the inspirational and sometimes heartbreaking story of Woody Guthrie, America's great troubadour. Four performers, playing more than 20 instruments, paint a portrait of a man whose songs brought joy and understanding to generations of Americans. Songs include "This Land Is Your Land" and "Bound for Glory". **Performances run September 28 - October 23**.

Subscriptions in 2022 are "Pick-Your-Price" and go on sale starting in April. Single ticket sales will be available online and by calling the Weston Box Office at 802-824-5288 beginning **May 23**. Our community of subscribers get the best seats, early access to

additional show tickets and special events, waived ticket exchange fees, and special, discounted pricing for guests. Child and Student tickets are available for \$25 and a limited quantity of VTix for Vermont residents, available for \$25 with a Vermont ID.

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

Weston Theater Company builds on and enhances the unique assets of its Vermont village campus to produce a diverse, entertaining, and challenging season of live professional theater and high impact events; enrich the theater-going experience with education and outreach programs for all ages; and make significant contributions to the American theater through training programs, play development, and retreats. It is a non-profit organization supported in part by funds from the National Endowment for the Arts and an ever-growing family of individuals and organizations who believe in the impact the performing arts make on its community. **Learn more at westontheater.org**



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The Pines vs. The Gymnasium *Round sponsored by Cape Air

Mount Holly Biodiversity update

It's been a long, strange winter and project observations have been slow for almost everyone. Now March has begun and day length gets longer there are more opportunities to get out and find the amazing biodiversity in Mount Holly. The Mount Holly Biodiversity project is now in its second year of volunteers collecting important information about our environment. The project needs people who can report common species (birds, squirrels, deer, trees, etc.) and well as keep an eye out for the rare ones. Very soon we will start seeing early shoots of spring wildflowers and it's very helpful to submit photos of early growth as well as mature plants and flowers. Also, early migratory birds will soon be here and first sightings of plants and animals are very important to learn about their phenology (when they appear) and changes that might be happening. If you have helped in the past year, thank you, we hope you will continue this year. If you haven't yet participated, please consider joining our project so you can learn how to identify the species in town and contribute to this citizen science project. Looking forward to seeing your new observations! **Questions? Call Jim at 802-259-2311**

Real Rutland Feud Tickets Live!

Chamber & Economic Development of the Rutland Region (CEDRR) is pleased to announce the launch of ticket sales of the annual local favorite "Real Rutland Feud" to the Paramount Theatre on Saturday, April 30 at 7 pm.

Tickets are on sale now for \$30 each (reserved seating) and are available during regular business hours at the Paramount Theatre Box Office or online anytime www.paramountvt.org.

The event this year will feature ten teams from local businesses and organizations that will go head-to-head to see who will take home the winning trophy.

FREE PLANTERS. I had hoped to keep an herb garden in my greenhouse, but the temperature is either too cold or too hot. I have several Bloem Bagz planters; they are eco-planters, collapsible, made out of recycled materials. Several colors and sizes. If you could use them, just call. Thank you. – Joan, 259-2773 or mhvtjoan@aol.com

We're Hiring!

We are looking for a **Conservation Intern** to join our crew in Plymouth, VT to assist in various projects supporting sustainable land use, aquatic ecosystem health, community engagement & education, and outdoor recreation

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they are ready. Coffee plants naturally prefer to grow in shade so make a nice house plant with their dark green leaves and are a great topic for conversation. Coffee trees are small so will get to only 2-4 ft tall in a pot. They are not winter hardy and will need to come inside for the winter. For the adventurous, I still have a supply of coffee seeds available for free that you can plant for yourself. Contact me at 802-259-2311.

April 2022 Mount Holly Chit Chat Inc.

Vermont Home Gardener

March Madness. Can we plant now?

As March gets started, we can't be sure if it's going to snow or be mud season. We have seen some brave sprouts peeking up from bulbs such as irises, lilies, snow drops, and early crocuses. Some would call this "Fool's Spring". Nevertheless, there are some garden preparations we can be doing, including planting onions, petunias, and coffee!

If you haven't yet pruned your fruit trees (apples, pears, cherries, etc.) these mild days might be your last chance to get the pruning done before the trees break dormancy. After pruning them, give them a first spray coating of Dormant Oil to smother the over-wintering eggs left by last year's pests.

This week (March 7-9) I planted my onion seeds (3 varieties: Ailsa Craig, Redwing, and Patterson) along with four varieties of Wave Petunias (blue, purple, pink, & silver). These plants are slow to start and require a long head start before transplanting out in late May. Onion seedlings produce better final onions and are much cheaper than sets so are worth the extra effort. You can also buy onion seedlings ready to plant from many seed companies and garden stores later in the season. Most other seeds can wait a bit longer before starting. More on this in the next article.

Looking for a fun project? Try growing your own coffee! I have just planted a flat of selected Honduran Arabica coffee seeds and will be looking for adoption outlets when

Town Meeting Ballot Results

School Board – Ludlow Judy Pullinen 1 ~ Chris Miele 1

Mount Holly – David Martin 57 ~ Spoiled 35 ~ Dave Venter 3 ~ Paul Nevin 2 ~ Kelly Tarbell 2 ~ Brigid Sullivan 2 ~ Jay Ummel 1 ~ Bob Herbst 1 ~ Mark Turco 1 ~ Austin Turco 1 ~ Mary Alberty 1 ~ David Hill 1 ~ Corey Bickford 1

ARTICLES CONTINUED	
ARTICLE 5.	(Town Warning) 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 be raised by tax? <div style="text-align: right;"> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> 349 NO <input type="radio"/> 53 </div>
ARTICLE 6.	(Town Warning) Does the Town vote to the Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc. for the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget, to be raised by tax? <div style="text-align: right;"> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> 349 NO <input type="radio"/> 50 </div>
A. General Budget Fund	\$17,500.
B. Vehicle & Equipment Replacement Fund	\$15,000.
ARTICLE 7.	(Town Warning) Does the Town vote \$12,000 for the Mount Holly Town Library, to be raised by tax? <div style="text-align: right;"> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> 294 NO <input type="radio"/> 106 </div>
ARTICLE 8.	(Town Warning) Does the Town vote \$2,000 for the Mount Holly Chit Chat, to be raised by tax? <div style="text-align: right;"> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> 347 NO <input type="radio"/> 53 </div>
ARTICLE 9.	(Town Warning) Does the Town vote \$8,735 for Community and Social Services, to be raised by tax? <div style="text-align: right;"> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> 281 NO <input type="radio"/> 117 </div>
ARTICLE 10.	(Town Warning) Does the Town Vote \$2,500 for the Mount Holly Community Historical Museum to be raised by tax? <div style="text-align: right;"> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> 287 NO <input type="radio"/> 111 </div>
ARTICLE 11.	(Town Warning) Does the Town vote to fund the Afterschool Program at the Mount Holly School in the amount of \$8,500, in FY2022, to be raised by tax? <div style="text-align: right;"> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> 289 NO <input type="radio"/> 109 </div>
ARTICLE 12.	(Town Warning) Does the Town Vote \$2,500 for the Town Highway Speed Enforcement to be raised by tax? <div style="text-align: right;"> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> 208 NO <input type="radio"/> 187 </div>
ARTICLE 13.	Shall the Town vote to authorize cannabis retailers in the town pursuant to 7 V.S.A. §637 "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. <div style="text-align: right;"> YES <input type="radio"/> 147 NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> 250 </div>
ARTICLE 1.	(School Warning) Shall the voters of Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District, approve the School Board of Directors to expend \$7,412,147 for the ensuing fiscal year? <div style="text-align: right;"> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> 252 NO <input type="radio"/> 147 </div>
ARTICLE 1.	(School Warning) Shall the voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District approve the sum of three million, nine hundred thousand, six hundred seventy-six dollars (\$3,019,676) to defray current expenses for the ensuing fiscal year and to pay outstanding orders and obligations? <div style="text-align: right;"> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> 243 NO <input type="radio"/> 151 </div>
VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT	

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INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: <input checked="" type="radio"/> B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office. C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.		
FOR TOWN MODERATOR One Year Term ANDREW TANGER - 363 <input checked="" type="radio"/>	FOR CEMETERY COMMISSIONER Three Year Term DENNIS DEVEREUX 377 <input checked="" type="radio"/>	FOR FIRST CONSTABLE One Year Term PAUL FAENZA - 354 <input checked="" type="radio"/>
FOR TOWN CLERK One Year Term CAROL GARROW-WOOLLEY 319 <input checked="" type="radio"/>	FOR AUDITOR Three Year Term TIFFANY NORTON 336 <input checked="" type="radio"/>	FOR DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR One Year Term PETER PERRINO - 353 <input checked="" type="radio"/>
FOR TOWN TREASURER One Year Term DAVID H. JOHNSON - 348 <input checked="" type="radio"/>	FOR TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS One Year Term DAVID H. JOHNSON 365 <input checked="" type="radio"/>	FOR LMHUUSD SCHOOL BOARD Three Year Term LUDLOW <input checked="" type="radio"/> MOUNT HOLLY <input checked="" type="radio"/>
FOR SELECTMAN Three Year Term DIANA GARROW 239 <input checked="" type="radio"/> BRIGID SULLIVAN 165 <input checked="" type="radio"/>	ARTICLES (Town Warning) Does the Town vote the following budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 to be raised by tax?	
A. General Fund	\$447,590	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> 342 NO <input type="radio"/> 100
B. Highway Fund (net)	\$378,750	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> 356 NO <input type="radio"/> 48
ARTICLE 4.	(Town Warning) Does the Town vote \$65,000 for the Asset / Equipment fund for the fiscal year 2022-2023 to be raised by tax?	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> 340 NO <input type="radio"/> 60
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Vermont Home Gardener Mud Season Gardening

Snow has been replaced by slippery mud, a sure sign that spring is almost here! We now get just over 12 hours of daylight per day now and that stimulates new plant growth. It also makes our gardens irresistible on warmer days. Don't be tempted to get too ambitious just yet, but there are several jobs that can be done before digging soil. Houseplants and indoor sheltered garden plants would benefit from a feeding now. I prefer to use a liquid fish fertilizer for its slow release of micronutrients.

Hidden deep in all that leaf litter in your gardens are many overwintering beneficial creatures that need a little more time to awaken and get to work. Let them have this time and wait until we pass the freezing nights of April before clearing up those

beds. It's also important that cold, wet soil not be disturbed yet. Let the water drain out for few more weeks before digging. Even walking across a wet, squishy lawn now is hard on the soil and roots. Still, there are plenty of mud season jobs that can be done now! A couple questions we'll answer in this article include *"What seeds can I plant indoors now?"* and *What outdoor jobs should be done now?"*

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United Church and Rotary Raise over \$12,000 As Area Residents Support Ukrainian Relief

"The generosity of the community was way beyond our expectations." This was George Thomson's enthusiastic summary of the results of the recent lasagna dinner sponsored jointly by the United Church of Ludlow and the Ludlow Rotary Club.

Over \$12,000 was raised for Ukrainian Humanitarian relief from this dinner that served over 250 meals. This amount will be increased by additional donations.

This collaborative effort between the church and Rotary also saw the participation of a number of area organizations and individuals that included:



sit down

Thomson noted that 70% of those who attended the dinner in the church's Fellowship Hall paid well above the \$15/person price for the lasagna dinner.

Linda Thomson, who handled the preparation and serving of the dinners, observed, "Thanks everyone who made this such a success. It was heartwarming for sure to see all the support and energy over this dinner for Ukraine. The suffering folks of the Ukraine would thank everyone too for their support and kindness".

The proceeds from this fund-raising dinner will be sent to an eastern European relief organization providing humanitarian relief to the Ukraine. Additional donations may be sent to the Ludlow Rotary Club's charitable foundation: LARCF, PO Box 216, Ludlow, VT 05149

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- Okemo Valley Womans Club made desserts
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- The Reading Greenhouse provided sunflowers for lovely arrangements
- People's United Bank provided coffee supplies
- Vermont Family Farms provided the hamburger
- River Valley Technical Center Culinary Arts Program provided fresh baked bread
- Cavendish Town Elementary School students as part of the Young Historians Program at CTES sponsored by the Cavendish Historical Society provided sunflower seed packets which they decorated and filled with seeds
- Thirty workers from the church, Rotary and the women's club served over 250 meals both take out and



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[Community Health](#) is Vermont's largest Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), a network of primary care, pediatric, behavioral health, dental and pharmacy services with offices in Rutland, Brandon, Castleton, West Pawlet and Shoreham. Rutland call 802-773-3386, Brandon call 802-247-6305, Castleton call 802-468-5641, W. Pawlet – Mettowee call 802-645-0580.



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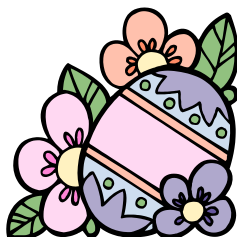
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Mount Holly Chit Chat Inc., 3379 Shunpike Rd., Mount Holly, VT 05758

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

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