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# Mount Holly Chit Chat

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## JUNE 2022

*Brigham Young, Mormon Leader 1801*

1<sup>st</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup>

Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station

7:00 pm

*US Citizenship Granted to all American Indian's 1924*

3<sup>rd</sup>

*Astronaut Edward White 1<sup>st</sup> American to Walk in Space 1965 ~ Sally Priesand, 1<sup>st</sup> Woman Rabbi in USA 1972*

Sat 4<sup>th</sup>

*Battle of Midway Begins 1942*

Sun 5<sup>th</sup>

*1<sup>st</sup> Hot-Air Balloon Flight 1783*

6<sup>th</sup>

*D-Day Normandy 1944*

7<sup>th</sup>

Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library

7:00 pm

Mount Holly Conservation Commission

7:00 pm

8<sup>th</sup>

LMHUUS Meeting,

*US Bill of Rights by James Madison 1789*

6:00 pm

ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont

7:00 pm

9<sup>th</sup>

Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station

7:00 pm

11<sup>th</sup>

**FREE Fishing Day**

13<sup>th</sup>

Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building

7:00 pm

14<sup>th</sup>

Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont

*1<sup>st</sup> Non-Stop Transatlantic Flight 1919*

9:00 am

Mt. Holly PTSA Meeting, MH School

*Flag Day ~ US Army Founded 1775*

4:30 pm

Select Board Meeting, Town Office & Zoom

*Full Strawberry Moon*

6:30 pm

15<sup>th</sup>

Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont

6:30 pm

Mount Holly Planning Commission, MH Town Office & Via Zoom

7:00 pm

16<sup>th</sup>

Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations

7:00 pm

17<sup>th</sup>

*Pan-Am 1<sup>st</sup> Airline for Around-the-World Flights 1947 ~ Bunker Hill Day 1775*

Sat 18<sup>th</sup>

**Roast Beef Dinner**, Benefit Fire Dept. Odd Fellows Hall

5:00 pm

*Sally Ride 1<sup>st</sup> US Woman in Space 1983*

Sun 19<sup>th</sup>

*Juneteenth ~ Father's Day*

21<sup>st</sup>

*Summer Begins ~ Summer Solstice*

22<sup>nd</sup>

ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont

*Pledge of Allegiance written 1892*

7:00 pm

*GI Bill Signed Into Law 1944*

23<sup>rd</sup>

Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station

7:00 pm

Sat 25<sup>th</sup>

*Korean War Began 1950*

Sun 26<sup>th</sup>

*Korean War Ended 1953*

27<sup>th</sup>

Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building

7:00 pm

28<sup>th</sup>

Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont

9:00 am

30<sup>th</sup>

Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations

7:00 pm

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Animal Control For Mt. Holly C text only	802-353-4492 H 802-259-3976		Vermont State Police	802-773-9101



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**June Birthdays:** 1<sup>st</sup>-Torey Surething 4<sup>th</sup>-Johnathan Davis \* Emily Colburn Freedman 5<sup>th</sup>-Diane Perry 6<sup>th</sup>-Jason Turco 7<sup>th</sup>-Kristin Veysey 8<sup>th</sup>-All Labozzo 9<sup>th</sup>-Barry Gagner \* Mary Ann Farley \* Molly Gagner \* Bernice Wellin (98 yrs) 1924 10<sup>th</sup>-Jennifer Turco \* Alex & Beth Lee \* Steve Hazelton 11<sup>th</sup>-Amber Nye 13<sup>th</sup>-Dylan Pierro \* David Crossman \* Shannon Labozzo 16<sup>th</sup>-Timothy Garrow \* Zak Delphia 19<sup>th</sup>-Stephanie Bussino (2000) 20<sup>th</sup>-Andrea Kilroe 22<sup>nd</sup>-Roger Garrow 24<sup>th</sup>-Natalie Brown 29<sup>th</sup>-Candace Neary \* Helen Graham 30<sup>th</sup>-Ted Garrow



**June Anniversaries:** 12<sup>th</sup>-Clinton & Carol Woolley 14<sup>th</sup>-Mike & Mary Beth Dawley (1969) 17<sup>th</sup>-Barb & Tony Falco 18<sup>th</sup>-Bill & Marnie Dassler 1966 20<sup>th</sup>-Donald & Jean Gates

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

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	Sat	7:30 am – 10:30 am
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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
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### Mary Louise Dobbs DeCormier

Mary Louise Dobbs DeCormier, 93, passed away on April 24, 2022 at her cherished family home in Belmont, after a full and vibrant life. The wife of respected musical conductor Robert DeCormier who passed in 2017, Louise was a creative force in her own right, performing throughout her life as an actress, and singer. In later years, acting and writing continued as her passions, as did her fierce love and loyalty to her family and friends.

Born on September 30, 1928, in Nutley, NJ to Jack Montgomery Dobbs and Catherine Barnes Dobbs, Louise embraced a career as an actress from an early age, studying acting at the Neighborhood Playhouse School of the Theatre, and studying dance with Martha Graham.

She met the love of her life, Robert DeCormier when he was accompanying Paul Robeson on guitar at an intimate recital, and shortly thereafter joined Robert on tour, marking the beginning of an extraordinary love affair and creative partnership that lasted throughout their lives. They married shortly thereafter in 1950.

In addition to touring together with the Freedom Theatre, Louise and Robert recorded several albums together including a series of children songs from around the world, as well as two albums of Woody Guthrie songs for children. She was a singer with Counterpoint, an a cappella singing group founded and directed by Robert, as well as one of the Robert DeCormier Singers.

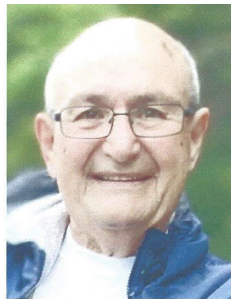
Louise and Robert were the guiding force for the Terezin project, which including concerts of requiems and children's songs that had been written and performed in the Terezin concentration camp during World War II.

Louise had several movie roles including in 1993's "Ethan Frome" with Liam Neeson, and in 1996's "The Spitfire Grill" with Ellen Burstyn, and also starred in various productions at the Weston Playhouse. She was also a published author, having written a series of mystery books under a pseudonym earlier in her life.

Louise is survived by her daughter Robin DeCormier Timko and her husband George of Cavendish, VT; granddaughter Sally Greenberg and husband Adam; and grandson Aaron Greenberg and wife Sandra, along with great grandchildren Ethan and Lucia of Geneva, Switzerland. She was predeceased by her husband Robert, and dear son Christopher.

A private Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Christopher DeCormier Memorial Scholarship. Checks can be made out to the Christopher DeCormier Memorial Scholarship, c/o The IMS Dept. of Anthropology, Arts and Sciences 233, University at Albany, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12222.



### Pasquale "Pat" Marro

Pasquale James "Pat" Marro, age 71, went to be with the Lord on April 29, 2022, after a long and courageous battle with [cancer](#). He was born Feb. 5, 1951, in Proctor, Vermont, to Almond and Blanche Marro. He was an avid fisherman and hunter and enjoyed all things outdoors. After his retirement from GE, he and his wife travelled cross-county, but ultimately planted roots in Satsuma, Florida, where they bought a home on the St. John's River. He loved spending time with his family and his grandchildren. Pat never met a stranger, often making conversations with anyone he met. He is survived by his best friend and wife, Deborah Marro; two sons and wives, Joseph and Rachel Marro, of Chesapeake, Virginia, Stephen and Dawn Howlett, from Mount Holly, Vermont; a daughter and son-in-law, Jessica and Ryan Mecheski, of Danvers, Massachusetts; two brothers and their wives, Steve and Marie Marro and Edward and Agnes

Marro, all of Rutland, Vermont; five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and a large extended family. At Pat's request, there will be no services. Those wishing to make donations, can send them to Haven Hospice, 4200 Northwest 90th Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32606.



### Clarise B. Dana

My beautiful mother, Clarise B. Dana passed away on 4/30/22 in Rutland, VT. She was born to Jeanne Petho Benjamin and Leo Gene Benjamin and lived in East Wallingford. She put herself through Castleton Teachers College by living and working for room and board and tips at the Hotel Bardwell. She worked during WWII for the FBI in the fingerprint office in DC. Her lifelong profession however was as a teacher. She taught in Agawam MA, Ellington CT and Shrewsbury, VT. Her teaching career began in a one room schoolhouse.

Clar married Raymond Dana in 1949. They celebrated life together for 71 years before his death in 2020. They had three children....Minga, Brett and Susan. Clar loved reading, fishing, card playing, puzzles, gardening, square dancing, flowers, birdwatching, quilting and sewing throughout her very long life of 99 years.

Clar most recently lived at the Maples in Rutland and was a vibrant member of that community of independent seniors for 10 years. Although she lived in DC, MA and CT, she was a born and raised Vermonter. She and her husband were involved in numerous civic community activities in Belmont, the town where they lived and loved for decades.

Clar was predeceased by her husband Raymond, her sister Leona "Mickey" Fish, and her daughter Minga Dana. She is survived by her son Brett Dana, daughter Susan D. Bassett, six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

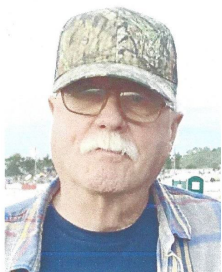
There will be no funeral or services as was her very emphatic directive. Donations in her memory can be made to a BELMONT community group of your choice.

I was very lucky to have her as my mother. She has been described as sweet, tough, smart, dedicated, loving, optimistic and always willing to do more than her share. One niece recently said, "All the good adjectives."

### Marvin C. Patch Sr.

Marvin C. Patch Sr., 76, died May 4, 2022, at his home. He was born in Rutland, Oct. 3, 1945, son of Raymond and Hazel (Jewel) Patch. Marvin was a U.S. Army veteran. Marvin was a member of Rutland American Legion Post 31. He owned a light trucking business. Marvin enjoyed coin collecting, hunting, fishing, antiques, Devil's Bowl racing and watching NASCAR.

Surviving are two sons, Marvin Patch Jr., of West Rutland, and Raymond Patch, of St. Johnsbury; a brother, David





Patch, of Tinmouth; his girlfriend, Betty Pierro, of West Rutland; three grandchildren, Christopher, Devin and Casey Patch; his former spouse, Carol Burney, of Rutland. He was predeceased by four brothers, Raymond, Francis, Robert and Leslie Patch; and two sisters, Judy Edmunds, Doris Spafford. A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 12, 2022, in East Wallingford Baptist Church. A graveside service will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery in East Wallingford. Arrangements are by the Clifford Funeral Home.



### **Lynn A. Cole**

Lynn A. Cole, 70, of Rutland, died May 4, 2022, in Green Cove, Florida. He was born June 14, 1951, in Rutland, son of Howard and Beatrice (Brown) Cole. Lynn was a Vermont National Guard veteran and enjoyed playing cards at the Rutland American Legion Post 31. He is survived by his wife, Sharon (Woodbury) Cole; a son, Edward (Susan) Black, of Greer, South Carolina; a daughter, Sherry Duprey, of Rutland; two brothers, Gale Cole, of Swainsboro, Georgia, and Jerry (Gloria) Cole, of Westminster; three sisters, Connie (Mert) Fullam, of Springfield, Linda (Raymond) Tarbell, of Mount Holly and Lynette Devereux (Doug), of Mount Holly, Vermont; four grandchildren, Laura Steves, Corey Black, Marlee Duprey and Marissa Duprey; two great-grandchildren, Travis and Benjamin; his mother-in-law, Joyce Rooney, of Rutland; a sister-in-law, Charla Cole, of Lewisville, Georgia; many nieces and nephews. Lynn was predeceased by two brothers, Ted Cole and Jim Cole. A celebration of life will be held on

Thursday, May 26, 2022, at noon, at the Rutland American Legion Post 31 at 33 Washington St. Arrangements are by Clifford Funeral Home.



### **Margaret A. Grenier**

Margaret A. Grenier, 58, passed away May 6, 2022, at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, New Hampshire, from lung cancer. She was born in Rutland, Aug. 15, 1963, daughter of James H. and Marjorie B. (Rivers) Burke. There are some who bring a light so great to the world that even after they are gone, that light remains. Margaret was a shining beam of light to so many, a beautiful wife and an amazing mother. She was so kind, caring and empathetic. She was the type of person who would give you her last dollar if you were in need. She was the biggest advocate for all those around her. She loved gardening and spent countless hours making sure her garden beds were perfect. She loved flowers, some of her favorites were yellow roses and hibiscus. Her other hobbies included camping in the summers with her husband and dog, bingo, and arranging family time. She could always be seen on birthdays, with the biggest smile, holding the cake while singing happy birthday. Surviving are her husband, Donald H. Grenier

Sr., of Mount Holly; her oldest daughter, Kimberly Farrand (Taylor), of Boone, North Carolina; a son, Donald H. Grenier Jr., of Glens Falls, New York; and her youngest daughter, Nicole Grenier, of Shoreham; three brothers, Louis Burke, Raymond Burke, Thomas Burke; two sisters, Judy Daly and Jean Hier; and countless nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by numerous brothers and sisters. A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. in the Clifford Funeral Home, on Saturday, May 14, 2022. Calling hours will be held one hour prior to the service, from 12 to 1 p.m. There will be a celebration of life to follow at the Odd Fellow's Hall in Belmont. Arrangements are by Clifford Funeral Home.

### **Martha Isabel Cram Birdsall, 74, of Mount Holly Vermont.**

Our Merciful Heavenly Father has taken Martha to Himself, with her sister Betty Jean Cram at her side, passed over on 5-13-22 at Genesis Rutland Healthcare and Rehab Center in Rutland Vermont.

Martha renewed her faith in God that caused a bond that lasted through many seasons of her life.

Martha was born on June 13, 1947 at Springfield Vermont Hospital. Martha lived three years on South Hill, Ludlow, Vermont when the family moved to South Eastern New York. Martha graduated from Wallkill Central High School, Wallkill, NY, at the top of her art class in 1965. She marched in the school band playing the French horn (a difficult instrument to play), Martha also played the trumpet and Mellophone.

Martha was gifted in the fine arts but also a very innovative visionary, as she would join her siblings, Joyce Marie and John Charles, in drawing contests to see who could draw the best face. Martha and her younger brother John Charles would play imaginary piano duets on tabletops, chests of drawers and on the back of the pews at church.

Martha worked in summer Bible camps, and was a very good cook, she prepared many delicious meals for family gatherings and parties. Martha also enjoyed gardening and worked for many years in the family fence business.

Martha sponsored a number of exchange students from Portugal, Japan and Antigua. Martha touched many lives and traveled to a few countries.

Martha took her children and grandchildren to Herkimer New York to dig for Herkimer diamonds. She was a happy, giving and beautiful person.

Martha was predeceased by her husband Frank Birdsall, Martha's daughter, Kimberly (9/7/1972-12/6/2018) who passed at Dartmouth NH Medical Center. Her parents, Robert G. Cram and Nellie Wisley Cram.

Martha's leaves behind her son, Eric Birdsall of Mount Holly Vermont, her grandson, Brandon Birdsall of North Carolina, her siblings, Mary Nortunen and Robert M. Cram of Mount Holly Vermont, Betty Jean Cram, Joyce Rullan of Wallkill, NY and John Charles of San Francisco, CA., many cousins, nieces and nephews. Martha will be missed by many.

A few of Martha's last experiences were tasting strawberries that her son Erick brought to her, smelling lilacs that her sister Betty Jean Cram brought her, her last sounds were of prayers being said over her. Martha's last words were Hallelujah and a few more words not understood by human ears.

Over the months of phone calls some would say "I love you", her reply would be "I love you more"! Martha would say "talk to you later allegator" and the other person would reply "after a while crocodile".

A celebration of Martha's life will be at a time when the family gathers in the future.





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## The Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was written in August 1892 by the socialist minister Francis Bellamy (1855-1931). It was originally published in *The Youth's Companion* on September 8, 1892. Bellamy had hoped that the pledge would be used by citizens in any country.

### In its original form it read:

"I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

In 1923, the words, "the Flag of the United States of America" were added. At this time it read:

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

In 1954, in response to the Communist threat of the times, President Eisenhower encouraged Congress to add the words "under God," creating the 31-word pledge we say today. Bellamy's daughter objected to this alteration. Today it reads:

**"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."**

Section 4 of the Flag Code states:

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.", should be rendered by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. When not in uniform men should remove any non-religious headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render the military salute."

The original Bellamy salute, first described in 1892 by Francis Bellamy, who authored the original Pledge, began with a military salute, and after reciting the words "to the flag," the arm was extended toward the flag.

At a signal from the Principal the pupils, in ordered ranks, hands to the side, face the Flag. Another signal is given; every pupil gives the flag the military salute — right hand lifted, palm downward, to a line with the forehead and close to it. Standing thus, all repeat together, slowly, "I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands; one Nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all." At the words, "to my Flag," the right hand is extended gracefully, palm upward, toward the Flag, and remains in this gesture till the end of the affirmation; whereupon all hands immediately drop to the side. *The Youth's Companion*, 1892

Shortly thereafter, the pledge was begun with the right hand over the heart, and after reciting "to the Flag," the arm was extended toward the Flag, palm-down.

In World War II, the salute too much resembled the Nazi salute, so it was changed to keep the right hand over the heart throughout.

## Writers' Group With Joan Connor

The Writers' Group will convene at my home on June 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until noon. All are welcome. — Joan Connor 259-2773 or [connor@ohio.edu](mailto:connor@ohio.edu)

The author Anne Britting Oleson will be in residence in August. She has published five novels and three chapbooks of poetry. Anne is the founder of Simply Not Done, a women's reading, writing and teaching cooperative, and she is a workshop leader in the Meadowbrook Farm Writing Series. Anne has received fellowships from Hawthornden, and the Amtrak Writing residency. She received her MFA from Stonecoast, the University of Southern Maine, and she resides in central Maine, where she has taught for over three decades, with her family and cats. She will be reading at the Mount Holly Library on August 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. If you would like to read her

work before her reading, the novel titles are: *Cow Palace*, *Tapiser*, *Dovecote*, *The Book of the Mandolin Player*, and *Aventurine and the Reckoning*.

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| After Town Parade also that day Step off at 11:00 am |                                    |
| July 23 <sup>rd</sup>                                | Mt. Moriah Masons - Baked Ham      |
| Aug 20 <sup>th</sup>                                 | MHVFD Auxiliary - Roast Pork       |
| Sept 3 <sup>rd</sup>                                 | Historical Museum - Baked Ham      |
| Sept 17 <sup>th</sup>                                | MHV Rescue Squad - Roast Ham       |
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## Calling All Gardeners!

Planning for our perennial favorite,  
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## Vermont Home Gardener

**It's Time for Spring Planting!** (zones 4-5) Sunny, warmer days make the garden real in May. While there are many garden plants that can be seeded outdoors now, don't be tempted to start working your soil too much if it is still wet. If you insist on tilling your garden it is very important to wait until the soil has drained and dried enough to be crumbly, not gooey or sticky. I do not till my gardens at all because tilling is very damaging to soil & unnecessary. If you have raised beds (see previous article) you can get started sooner because of better drainage, warmer soils & no tilling is needed. This article looks at what we can plant right now and some seasonal tips about voles, carrots, and lawns to make things go better.

**Seeds you can plant outdoors I May (and later):** Carrots, Chives,

Dill, Onions (sets), Parsley, Peas, Radish, Spinach, Turnips

**Seeds that can be planted outdoors in late May (and later):** Beers, Carrots, Collards, Salad greens/mesclun, Arugula, Radish, Kale, Kohlrabi, Leeks, Onion sets/scallions, Peas, Potatoes, Spinach, Turnips

A very helpful reference is the High Mowing Seeds [Planting Chart available online](#) that gives detailed information about how, how much, and when to plant a long list of herbs and vegetables. The same table appears in their published seed catalog.

**Seeds you can start indoors now for transplanting in 3-6 weeks:** Basil, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Cabbage, Kale, Lettuces, Peas (see "gutter peas" at [VermontHomeGardener.com](http://VermontHomeGardener.com)), Cucumbers, Squashes (summer & winter), Zinnia, Nasturtiums, Snapdragons

The soil is still cool and loses heat on clear nights. Follow the directions on your seed packets regarding seed depth and spacing. Many early seeds do best when surface planted with a very small amount of soil covering just to keep them moist until they grow some roots. That's how nature plants seeds! Also, since seeds carry enough nutrients for the first days of life they do not need to be fertilized until after their true leaves appear. The only nutrients I like to provide at planting are [phosphate](#) (rock phosphate or bone char) and [micronutrients](#) (azomite or green sand) that can be sprinkled on & mixed into the soil under the seeds. These are slow release natural minerals that promote strong root development and healthy plants. Of course, the best long-term source of phosphate and micronutrients in every home garden is compost, made on-site with your own materials.

Carrots are a special case since they are slow to germinate and seeds must not be allowed to dry out until they have established roots. Gardeners used to lay old boards on top of moistened, seeded rows for a couple weeks to prevent them from drying out. Once the first sprouts appear underneath, the boards are removed. Today we have "[row cover](#)" fabric ([Agribon-19](#)) that is easier to use and the rows can be watered through the fabric with a sprinkling can if it doesn't rain. I've had excellent results using row cover on carrots to get high germination and vigorous early growth.

A basic question we all face is whether to direct plant seeds or to transplant already started plants. Plants that are really sub-tropical and need a longer growing season than we have in Vermont need a head start in order to yield the fruits we want to harvest. These include tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, onions (from seed), and sweet potato. There is a long list of vegetables that can be directly seeded (see above) but we also can use transplants to get an earlier harvest and these include broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, corn, cucumber, lettuce, basil, cilantro, kale, pumpkin, and all squashes. Using transplants for these also give the plants extra protection from pests that can damage young seedlings but don't bother larger plants so much.

Finally, I would like to advise that although we all like to see nice big plants in a new garden, don't be tempted to buy plants that are bigger than the pot they're in. Those oversized plants are probably root bound, will suffer more severe transplant shock, and produce no more yield than smaller, more vigorous plants.

If you are new to gardening or interested in learning more, the Rodale Institute has an excellent resource available (Free) that has a wealth of good information in videos and text for gardeners. Take a look at their [Victory Garden Starter Kit](#).

Read the full article at [VermontHomeGardener](http://VermontHomeGardener) and get the past issues too.

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## Mount Holly Community Association

Hellooooo June! Summer is just about here so let the warm weather fun begin. Our enthusiastic board members are off and running on the summer event line up and we can hardly wait to share them with you.

Music on the Green begins in July and we have quite the lineup, thanks to May Alberty. There is nothing like sitting outside with friends and neighbors tapping your toes, having a chance to catch up, enjoying an evening picnic and watching the youngins run around and dance to the music. We certainly want to encourage those of all ages to join in the fun and shake your booty - it's good for the soul (and body) to be playful! Please note that Music on the Green now has a new start time of 6:30.

The Garden Tour is blossoming under Leah Knolls coordination. Our mountain gardeners who have offered to be a part of this summer plant exposition, range in size, variety, and cultivation which is part of the beauty of this annual event. Gardening is a labor of love, its expression sometimes wild, sometimes more manicured, but always bounding with nature's beauty. There is nothing like the Garden Tour to help inspire your own creativity. Mark your calendars for July 16th.

And then there is Mount Holly Day, coordinated this year by Kevin Hollebeck. Mount Holly Day is specifically designed for folks to gather, have fun, visit with friends/neighbors and folks new to the area. It's a glorious picnic event with free burgers, hot dogs and roasted corn on the cob; side dishes and desserts to share are welcomed. Kick back and lounge around for the afternoon while you sit lakeside, play or watch the old fashion games and listen to live music with Jeb and friends on Sunday July 24th.

Behind the scenes the membership committee, led by Kathy Stone, has been redesigning its brochure under the guidance of Alex Yuster and Gwen Gautsch just ahead of our 2022/23 membership drive, which will kick off in July. We are truly thankful for your ongoing support that makes our events possible and for us to maintain the historic building that houses the Mount Holly Library and Community Center. The Mount Holly community is a gem nestled in the Green Mountains, breathe in the sights and sounds as summer unfolds - this is a special place! Until next month, stay safe and healthy!

## Mount Holly Recreation

Where do you enjoy walking, biking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing in Mount Holly? The Mount Holly Conservation Commission is developing a guide for recreation opportunities in our town. Will you share the places you enjoy these and other outdoor activities? Send your favorites places and any questions or ideas to [mounthollycc@gmail.com](mailto:mounthollycc@gmail.com)

## Mount Holly Town Library

The Library is accepting donations of your well-loved books, Fiction, Non-fiction, Kids you can drop them off at the library during our open hours Mon 9-1, Tues 1-5, Wed. 2-4, Sat 9-1 Mount Holly Town Library, 26 Maple Hill Road, Belmont, VT 05730 802.259.3707

## Benefit Dinner For The People Of Ukraine

Colfax Lodge #21, IOOF, has been joined by the Mount Holly Community Historical Museum board and the Community Guild to hold a ham dinner on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at the hall in Belmont. **"This Take-Out Only"** dinner starts at 4:30 pm. This is an opportunity to show support for the Ukrainian people.

The food has been purchased with donations by local businesses. We appreciate the efforts of our local Rescue Squad members to prepare the dinner. The cost of the meal is \$15 Adults, \$7 for those under 12 and free for children under six. You may contribute some higher amount to help with the fundraiser.

Please make **CHECKS PAYABLE** to **The World Central Kitchen**. Contact Dennis at 802-259-2460 or [ddevereux@vermontel.net](mailto:ddevereux@vermontel.net) with any questions.

## Notice: All Invited Mechanicsville Cemetery Monthly Volunteer Clean Up Schedule

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month 2022  
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- Maybe you are pulling a trailer and the items in it are making loud noises.

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## Reinbow Riding Center

We're off and running at Reinbow Riding Center! Maybe not as fast as this year's Kentucky Derby, but for our visiting school children it's plenty fast enough. We take it slow during the first lesson when we introduce kids to their horses. Above Mason and Fonda are becoming fast friends as she trustingly follows while he leads her around the ring. A good brushing will follow, almost as good as a massage.

Although not seen in the photo above, it takes three volunteers per rider to make all the pieces work and provide a safe program for kids and horses. This season we will be providing lessons to students from 10 area schools as well as other riders. In order to do this, we're always looking for volunteers to assist with the program. If you're not into horses or kids, but would like to help, there are many other tasks from clerical work, fundraising, grounds maintenance, photography and videotaping--you name it, I bet we need to do it. We can also accommodate those looking for community service hours. On the fence? Give us a call and set up a visit for a firsthand look at what we do.

Please visit our website: [reinbowridingcenter.org](http://reinbowridingcenter.org), and follow us on Facebook, Twitter @ReinbowRiding and Instagram @reinbow\_riding\_center. Contact us at [programs@reinbowridingcenter.org](mailto:programs@reinbowridingcenter.org) or 802-236-2483 to inquire about lessons. Contact [janetupton@reinbowridingcenter.org](mailto:janetupton@reinbowridingcenter.org) for information about volunteer opportunities.

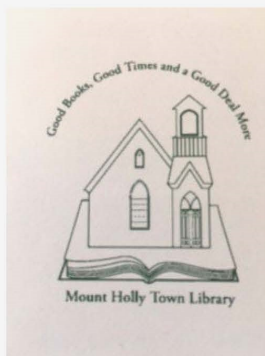


## Dear residents of Mount Holly and beyond,

Every year the brightly colored bike trailer from Local Motion shows up at the Mount Holly School parking lot, and when the students see the trailer, their excitement is unmistakable because they know that the bikes have arrived for their physical education class! Their excitement and joy are contagious as everyone anxiously awaits their turn on the bikes.

The first year that Mount Holly School participated in this program, over 30 students learned to ride a bike for the very first time. Over the years, students have learned to ride, tackle bike maintenance, road riding safety, handling and turning, and other mountain biking skills. The students have taken these skills and their newfound love of biking and have proposed, requested approval for, and created their own bike trail through the woods using clippers and rakes.

We are now looking to expand the program further with the addition of a pump track and skills trail at the Mount Holly School. This will allow our students and community to improve their bike skills and take the bike program to the next level, teaching more of the necessary skills that are commonly used in mountain biking. A pump track needs little to no maintenance and will last many years. It will become a central place to ride and will encourage spending time being outside without the hassle of driving out of our community.



## MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY NEWS

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events

- Mount Holly resident and author Judith Bougas will be discussing her novel "Sisters of the Stone" on Saturday June 4th 1:00 pm.
- Library Book Sale Monday July 4th 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

The Library will be closed Monday May 30th in observance of Memorial Day

The Library book drop is open for material returns 24/7

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We are asking for donations from folks like you to help this project become a reality. No matter how big or small, your donation will have a great impact on the success of the project and the future joy it will bring the students of our elementary school and the surrounding communities.

You can make a donation by writing a check to Mount Holly PTSA and dropping it in the mail to 150 School Street Mount Holly, VT 05758, or contributing to the GoFundMe that has been set up (<https://gofund.me/faf385c1>).

Thank you for your generosity and support of our students and our amazing community! Sincerely, Ted Panasci

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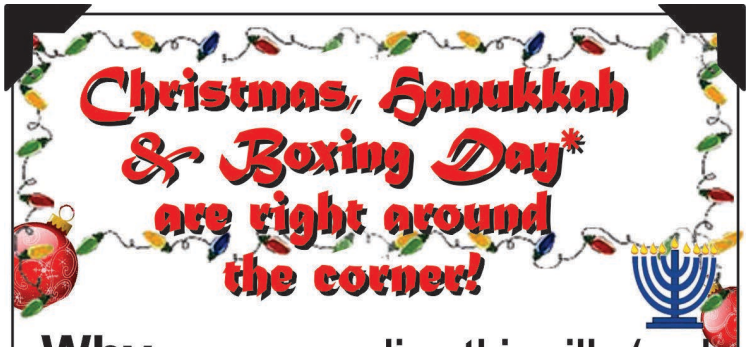
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Videos of milking the cows and separating cream



**Why are you reading this silly (and untruthful) ad when you could be out somewhere in Mount Holly shooting photos\*\* to enter into the 2022 Mount Holly Photo & Calendar Competition?**

The rules are simple. Anyone can submit up to three photos of Mount Holly scenes. Submitted photos will be displayed in the Mount Holly Community Room the week prior to, and through, the town's Cider Days weekend in early October. Final decisions on which photos are in the next town calendar are made by public balloting that weekend. Complete rules and instructions will be on the official entry forms available beginning in June. The 2022 deadline for submitting photos is Monday, September 26.

\*a.k.a. "The Feast of St. Stephen"

\*\* "But it's the middle of the night" you say. No excuses please!

## State Representative Ludlow, Mount Holly, Shrewsbury

And the legislative session is over. We adjourned for the year on May 12, likely for the biennium unless the Governor vetoes the budget. Last month that veto seemed like a much stronger possibility than it does right now, but for what it's worth it did pass the Senate 30-0 and the House 133-3 in its final form. I once again intend to do a more thorough "end of session report" to recap the bills passed this biennium, but for an abridged version, the legislature passed 215 bills over the last two years including a number of charter changes which go through the normal bill process. So far, the Governor has vetoed 12 bills and the legislature overrode three of those vetoes. 122 bills have already become state law and 14 charter changes have been enacted. We passed 79 bills over the last two weeks of the session alone, which is why there are still 70 bills that the Governor has yet to act on, most of which have not even made it to his desk yet.

As often happens at town meeting, and as I'm sure I've written here in the past, the budget is easily the "biggest" and most consequential bill, and yet it is often the barely debated on the floor. And as consequential as it is, rarely does anyone ever reach out to me about it or about anything specifically in it, as opposed to other bills which I hear a lot about. I think a lot of the lack of debate is a product of its balance and the collaborative process by which it's crafted. While it is the role of the appropriations committees to review and craft the budget, they are very inclusive in their process and engage closely with the "policy committees" for input on the sections of the budget that are in their respective policy areas. So, every member ends up with an opportunity to weigh in on parts of the budget that are important to them and make their case why this appropriation makes sense or why they think that appropriation does not. Consequently, the closest anyone gets to critiquing the budget is something to the effect of "there are some things in this budget that I don't like but I can accept, because there are many more that I think are critically important."

Some highlights from the budget as passed- Appropriates a total of \$8.3B, of which \$2.8B are state funds, \$1.9B are from the Ed Fund and \$3.6B are Federal Funds. Some specific policy areas:

- \$138M in investments in workforce development, general business/economy supports and community supports. Including VOREC grants and Brownfield redevelopment grants. This was mostly a product of my committee so it is something I know a lot about and can go into specific grants in future articles.
- \$60M for housing, to support the unhoused, for affordable housing and for the "missing middle" housing. Specifically for building units and to support landlords in renovating currently vacant units.
- \$97M to support the broadband build-out. Much of this is going to CUDs, and I continue to urge all our communities to strongly consider joining/forming a CUD to make sure some of this money comes to our towns. Even though we have relatively good coverage, a CUD is a great opportunity to create competition in the broadband market.
- \$207M in specific climate change response initiatives. Includes \$80M for weatherization programs and \$25M for electrical upgrades for low- and middle-income family homes. \$45M for municipal energy system resiliency upgrades. And a number of new electric vehicle related programs. I would also add that climate change is a consideration in almost every appropriation and every committee at this point, so this is by no means not an exhaustive accounting of the climate change initiatives. I know our workforce development initiatives also took into account the sectors that we expect to see the most growth because of and to respond to climate change.
- \$109M for water and sewer related projects. Helping to update municipal systems and assist with the new 3-acre permitting and compliance.

As always feel free to reach out anytime about any of this or anything else. I keep saying in these articles that I want to restart my coffee hours and regret that I was unable to make the time while we were actually in session, but at the very least I hope to be able to now that we have adjourned and I don't have to drive to Montpelier 4 days a week.

In more personal news, I will add that we are expecting our second baby (another girl!) next month, I am transitioning into a new career in real estate now that the session is over and I also plan to be knocking on your doors over the next few months as I

## You're Invited to the "Mount Holly Day" Annual Picnic!

**When: Sunday - July 24 - 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

**Where: Star Lake Public Park - Park @ The Odd Fellows Hall**

**MHCA will provide: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and Corn on the Cob. Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share.**

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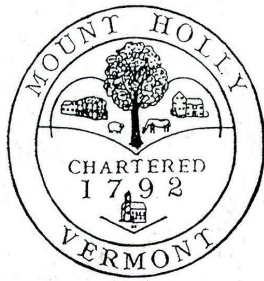
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start to campaign for re-election this fall (with one or both of the girls if my wife will let me!). So a lot of plans and a lot going on in the Nicoll household right now. Hope to hear from you soon! Logan Nicoll, State Representative Ludlow, Mount Holly, Shrewsbury





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

**Mount Holly Select Board Meeting - May 10, 2022 Minutes - In-Person with Zoom Meeting: 898 6126 5487**

**Present:**

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

**To Contact Mt. Holly Town Road Crew, call the Town Garage at 802-259-3179**

1. Call to Order by Mark Turco at 6:30 pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the agenda: Jeff Chase made one addition re: Mutual Aid Agreement for Rutland County for Public Works
4. Approval of April 12, 15th, 28th Minutes: Diana Garrow made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Jeff Chase, unanimously approved.
5. Reports
  - a. Highways & Transfer Station Update – Clinton Woolley
    - i. Green Up: Green Up pickups were completed on May 9; there were 60 bags, four tires and some scrap metal. About a normal year.
    - ii. Food Scraps Composting Containers: Permits for discounted composting containers can be purchased by citizens of Mount Holly from Rutland County Solid Waste. When Rutland County Solid Waste puts in another order, we can join them to purchase a few containers to sell at the same discounted price directly to townspeople.
    - iii. Grading is almost done; a few touch-ups to come.
    - iv. Paving: The Town did not get a paving grant this year. Mr. Woolley proposed coming up with a Plan B for repaving Hortonville Road.
  - a. Treasurer – David Johnson - Monthly Income & Expense Report
    - i. Fire Dept Vehicle Replacement Funds were moved to the community bank account.

## SELECT BOARD SEEKS NEW MEMBERS FOR BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

### INTERESTED IN PLANNING ISSUES?

The Mount Holly Select Board seeks three members (plus two alternates) for a new town panel to review planning appeals when they arise.

Please send a Letter of Interest to the Mount Holly Select Board by May 31, 2022, with your qualifications.

Please mail letters of inquiry to [mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com](mailto:mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com) or mail to

PO Box 248, Mount Holly 05758

**Town Officials:** Caitlin Boyle, Carol Garrow-Woolley, David Johnson, Jon McCann, Christine Pratt, James Seward, Clinton Woolley

**Members of the Public:** In Person: Paul Barton, Zena Gates, Stephen Michel, Amy Turco. Via Zoom: Francis and Carol DeVine, Chad Farrar, Sue Starr-Adams

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- ii. Taxes receivable as of 3/31/22 were ~\$12,000; there is about \$45,000 left to collect. Fourteen properties are potential tax sales; the Town's attorney will be sending a letter to those property owners.
- iii. Solid waste label sales to 4/26 are in line with budget.
- iv. The Casella line-item is on track to be under budget.
- v. The Town has a small income on zero-sort recycling.
- vi. Vehicle repair line item is under half the budget.
- vii. Funds remain in summer roads and winter roads budgets.
- b. Mount Holly Planning Commission Update – Jon McCann
  - i. The Planning Commission is still working on Town Plan, and encountering some problems finding data on housing for the Housing Plan. The Housing Plan portion of the Town Plan could entail a description of the kind of housing the Town wants, for example a goal to encourage primary residents over second-home owners, or a goal to keep Town housing affordable.
  - ii. Porter subdivision is reported and recorded.
  - iii. Citizen concerns about Bolalek subdivision have been addressed; there is a plan for a six-bedroom house on the lot; neighbors were expecting only four. The new owner is seeking an amendment to the wastewater permit from the state; should he receive it, he will have all the permits he needs for the six-bedroom house.
  - iv. Jared Wilcox is vegetation planner for Green Mountain Power; any ash trees on the line side of the street will come down; this represents a savings for the Town on inventory and removal. His recommendation is for the Town to budget for this for the coming years.
- c. Mount Holly Conservation Commission (MHCC) Update – Fra Devine
  - i. Shade Tree Plan: Will likely ask for time in next Selectboard Meeting to present a Shade Tree Plan to Selectboard.



ii. Star Lake: The MHCC's Request to Agency of Natural Resources (DEC) for a bottom barrier for Star Lake is currently in the comment period of the grant process. Citizens are encouraged to offer comments in support of a permit to put down two plastic bottom barriers to control and/or eliminate vegetation in the swimming area.

iii. The MHCC will establish a central depository of all inventories, for review by Planning Commission and Selectboard.

iv. Recommend that Town does regular coliform testing of Star Lake, weekly, to test for e-coli in lake. Cost is \$15/week; request is that the Health Officer of the Town be tasked with this testing, to make Townspeople comfortable to swim.

v. **iNaturalist Initiative:** The MHCC encourages citizens to use iNaturalist

smartphone app to track species found within Town borders. Thus far, 925 animals have been sighted and identified within Town through iNaturalist.

1. Paul Barton noted that Star Lake was historically a swamp and then a working mill pond that was periodically drained. He believes it may be an "industrial septic tank" and raised concerns that the MHCC may not be scientifically equipped to adequately assess the lake's safety. Fra Devine noted his agreement, and that the MHCC's efforts are to save all or a portion of the lake for safe recreation.

#### 6. New Business

##### a. Two Rivers Supervisory Union -- Request for Public Input on Recovery Funds -- Anne Gardner

i. Anne is the Recovery Coordinator for the Supervisory Union; the SU has received three pools of recovery (ARP ESSER) funds from the Federal Government. The first pool of funding was given early in the pandemic for safety spending (i.e. personal protective equipment, air quality, etc.). The second pool was to rebuild educational standards and student learning losses after the initial period of school closures during the Covid-19 pandemic. The third pool of funding is forthcoming, and is a \$3M pool that can be spent on either 1) social-emotional learning; 2) student engagement (i.e. supporting students outside of the building in the community); or

3) **Academic growth**, (e.g. summer programs to support learning). The pool of funding cannot be spent on infrastructure or capital improvements.

ii. The public is encouraged to submit comment and feedback on how this third pool of funding should be spent. To provide comment and feedback, email Anne Gardner at [anne.gardner@trsu](mailto:anne.gardner@trsu) or call at 802-875-6437.

1. Paul Barton noted that there used to be a scholarship fund called the Chilino-Barton Scholarship, approximately 20 years ago; he asked Anne to provide an update; she agreed.

##### b. Dog License Registration for Unregistered Dogs

i. Diana Garrow reported that the VT Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Association recommends that towns adopt a policy that as of May 30th, a list of unlicensed dogs should be provided to the Selectboard, with a warning sent to dog owners of unlicensed dogs that their dogs will be destroyed unless licensed. The VMCT also advises that towns may adopt an ordinance imposing a fine for owners of unregistered dogs, on top of the higher licensing fee for licenses issued after April 1.

1. Carol Garrow-Woolley noted that to date, 168 dogs were registered in Town. There are approximately 160 previously licensed dogs that are not currently licensed this year. The VMCT recommends that the Town's Animal Control Officer or First Constable reconciles the list of registered and unregistered dogs.

2. Mark Turco recommended that a post reminding owners to register their dogs be added to the Chit Chat and Mt. Holly NewsFlash as a first step.

##### c. Bids Received for FY23 Winter Sand

i. Two bids were received for the provision of winter sand in the 2023 fiscal year. The Pike Industries bid came in at \$7.90/ton; the Wallingford Crushed Stone bid came in at \$10.25/ton with a delivery price of \$8/ton. The current price for FY22 is \$7.50/ton.

ii. Clinton proposed purchasing from Pike Industries as the primary vendor.

iii. Jeff Chase made a motion to establish Pike Industries as primary vendor for FY23 Winter Sand and Wallingford Crushed Stone as the secondary vendor. Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

##### d. Mutual Aid Agreement for Rutland County for Public Works

i. Jeff Chase made a motion to adopt the MRPC Mutual Aid Agreement for Public Works for FY23; Mark Turco seconded; unanimously approved.

#### 7. Ongoing Business

##### a. Adopt Revised Town Personnel Policy

i. Diana Garrow made a motion to adopt the revised town Personnel Policy; Jeff Chase seconded; unanimously approved.

##### b. Highway Opening Filled.

i. Clinton Woolley noted that he is very pleased with the new hire, Robert F. Knight, Jr.

##### c. Class 4 Road Policy and Highway Access Policy

### Mount Holly Animal Control Officer

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

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i. Jeff Chase noted that in January there was a draft considered of the Town's Class 4 Road Policy; there needs to be a new Highway Access Policy to replace the Highway Access Permit. Jeff Chase will post a copy of the proposed Highway Access Policy on the Town website and in the Town Office.

#### **d. Junk Ordinance Enforcement Updates**

- i. A new letter was received from Virginia Ward by Selectboard re: two properties. The first property is on Belmont Road, adjacent to the Mount Holly Post Office. The second is at 137 Shunpike Road.
- ii. The Selectboard will send a letter to each of the property owners, with a copy of the Town Junk Ordinance and a request to comply.
- iii. Jim Seward noted that the property owner at Belmont Road and another property owner at 1559 Route 103 have been sent warnings from the state environmental authorities for failing to comply with burn regulations.
- iv. The Selectboard will reach out to the town attorney to seek guidance on how to proceed with 1559 Route 103. David Johnson noted the property owner has unpaid taxes.
- v. Notice will also be sent to the property owners at the Blue Spruce Inn on Route 155; David Johnson noted that property also has unpaid taxes.

#### **e. Board of Adjustment Openings Posted -- Due May 31, 2022**

- i. The Selectboard has received one letter of interest for the BOA to date. The town seeks three BOA members with two alternates. A description of the post and request for letters of inquiry can be found at [mounthollyvt.org](http://mounthollyvt.org).
- ii. Jeff Chase made a motion to adopt a BOA with three members and two alternates. Mark Turco seconded; unanimously approved.
- iii. The Selectboard will make the appointments at the next regular Selectboard meeting in June.
- iv. Terms for the appointments will be set at the time of the appointments.

#### **f. Municipal Planning Grant Update**

- i. One consultant has submitted an application to advise the Town's Municipal Planning Grant Update. She is very qualified, but is not an engineer.
- ii. Jeff Chase recommended hiring her to get going on a plan; her bid came in under the grant amount.



#### **8. Citizen Comments**

- i. Removal of the TH-15 Scampsville Road from the Town Highway Map -- Dennis Devereux.
  1. Paul Barton asked who owns the land adjoining the road. Jeff Chase confirmed it is owned by the US National Forest, and adjoining properties are owned by private property owners.
  2. The Selectboard noted that the Scampsville Road sign is a state-owned sign and cannot be removed by the Town.
- ii. Paul Barton thanked Jeff Chase for facilitating the donation of U.S. flags to Mount Holly School.

#### **9. Announcements/Other Business**

- a. Grievance Hearings Begin May 20

#### **10. Review & Sign Orders**

#### **11. Executive Session: Title 1 V.S.A. S 313(a)(3)**

- a. No session needed.

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#### **12. Adjourn**

g. Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm Respectfully Submitted: Caitlin Boyle

#### **Special Select Board Meeting Minutes May 17, 2022 at 4:00 pm Mount Holly Town Office**

**Present:** Selectboard Members: Mark Turco (Chair), Jeff Chase and Diana Garrow

**Town Officials Present:** Caitlin Boyle, David Johnson, Clinton Woolley

**1. Call Meeting to Order:** Mark Turco called the meeting to order at 4:26 pm.

#### **2. Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the agenda.**

- a. Diana Garrow recommended adding an item re: shifting the date of the August 2022 Select Board Meeting to accommodate the Vermont Primary Elections scheduled for August 9.
- b. Diana Garrow recommended adding an item re: updates on the Perrino v. Susco delinquent tax case.

#### **3. Perrino v. Susco Delinquent Tax Case**

- a. Mark Turco consulted with the Town attorney; the case has been decided and the deed for the property in question will revert to Mr. Susco. Mr. Turco will confirm next steps with the attorney prior to the next regular Select Board meeting.

#### **4. Consider Purchase of Town Excavator**

- a. Clinton Woolley collected three quotes for the purchase of a Town excavator. Quotes were presented from SANY, Doosan and Volvo.
- b. The SANY quote is the least expensive of the three and can be financed through the dealer's municipal lease program at an interest rate of 4.5%.

The lease is a five-year term with a 5,000-hour warranty; the Town can then purchase the excavator at the end of the lease term for a payment of \$1.

- c. If approved, an excavator purchase can be made with funds from the Town's Asset Equipment Fund.

- d. Neither Mr. Woolley nor the Select Board members are familiar with this particular make and model, and agree that Mr. Woolley will





demo the machine prior to a purchase decision.

e. Mr. Chase recommended that quotes and/or demos also be sought from nearby Hyundai and Hitachi dealers for comparison purposes.

#### **5. Change of August Select Board Meeting Date**

a. The Select Board discussed shifting the August regular meeting from August 9 to either August 2 or August 16, pending member vacation schedules and other conflicts. A final decision will be made at the June Select Board meeting.

#### **6. Adjourn**

a. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m. Respectfully Submitted: Caitlin Boyle

### **Mount Holly Planning Commission Town Office & Remote Electronic – Special Work Meeting Minutes Wednesday May 4, 2022**

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

**Commission Members Absent:** Andrew Schulz

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

1. Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

2. No changes to agenda.

#### **3. Town Plan Revisions**

##### **a. Housing Plan**

i. Commissioner Andrew Seward stated that the census information was confusing and did not appear to be accurate. He also did not have an opportunity to speak with David Johnson.

ii. Commissioner Andrew Seward reported information found while researching the Census to the Commission. This included vacant/occupied housing units, median income for households, median home price, median rent. Discussion followed about the accuracy of the information and how to obtain more accurate information.

iii. Commission discussed types of information that would be useful for the Housing Section of the Town Plan, and established next steps:

1. Andrew Seward will speak with Treasurer David Johnson about obtaining a spreadsheet of the grand list to find the number of dwellings and median home price.

2. Andrew Seward will speak with the Town Clerk to get voter registration numbers/changes over the past five years, how many new E911 addresses, changes to the grand list, and property transfer records.

3. Chair is interested in getting more information on the number of rental units in town.

4. Stephen Michel stated David Johnson may be able to provide the number of local vs out of state residents by looking at zip codes of where taxes were mailed.



iv. Chair stated that statistics are an important part of the Housing Section. There are also larger picture things such as the vitality of villages and hamlets. There had been ideas to revitalize the hamlets in town.

Commissioner Brigid Sullivan stated they may make a good place for more housing that is in line with state planning goals.

v. Discussion about which Mount Holly hamlets might be able to accommodate growth, and locations where more housing development might be possible.

vi. Discussion of the importance of affordable housing, and concerns of undesirable tenants when rent is lower/affordable.

vii. Chair asked about trailer parks and the situation on Route 103.

Discussion around mobile vs fixed structures, and if there are any compliance issues. Commissioner Andrew Seward will look into RV park regulations.

b. Flood Resilience Plan: not addressed during meeting due to time

#### **4. Public Comments:**

a. Chair shared that the Porter Subdivision decision has been signed and recorded. The mylar is also at the Town Office.

b. Chair shared that there are two or three boundary line adjustment plats at the Town Office right now.

c. Chair mentioned the proposed resolution sent to the Select Board to assist them with properly and legally creating a Board of Adjustment.

d. Commissioner Brigid Sullivan spoke about the Conservation Commission taking their new shade tree plan to the Select Board, and how they would welcome the Planning Commission's support. Commission discussed the goal/purpose of the shade tree plan, tree categories, and trees that would be included in the plan. Commissioner Sullivan stated that they will share information before the decision is made by the Planning Commission on whether or not they would like to offer support. Chair asked about the reason for tree preservation (i.e. culturally significant).

#### **5. Upcoming meetings**

a. Regular meeting – May 18th, 7:00 pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday)

**6. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm** For the Commission, Renee Sarmento, Clerk

## **REMINDER TO MOUNT HOLLY DOG OWNERS!**

### **ALL DOGS AND WOLF HYBRIDS IN MOUNT HOLLY MUST BE LICENSED**

Per the Town of Mount Holly Dogs and Wolf Hybrids Ordinance, all dogs six months or older must be licensed and must wear a collar with the licensed attached. Dogs found without a license will be immediately impounded.

If you have not licensed your dog by the required April 1 deadline, please report immediately to the Town Office to purchase a license. Licenses are good for one year.

You must present a current rabies vaccination certificate in order to license your dog.

Residents who have not licensed their dogs by the April 1 deadline will be contacted by the Town Animal Control Officer.

## TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY DOGS AND WOLF-HYBRIDS ORDINANCE

**SECTION 1. AUTHORITY.** This ordinance is adopted by the select board of the Town of Mount Holly under authority of 20 V.S.A. § 3549, 24 V.S.A. §§ 2291 (10), (14), and (15), and 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59.

**SECTION 2. PURPOSE.** It is the purpose of this ordinance to regulate the keeping of dogs [and wolf hybrids] and to provide for their leashing, muzzling, restraint, impoundment and destruction and their running at large, so as to protect the public health and safety of the Town and the quiet enjoyment of its residents' homes and properties.

**SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS.** For purposes of this ordinance, the following words and/or phrases shall apply:

A. "Dog" means any member of the canine species. For purposes of this ordinance, this term, wherever used, shall also include "wolf-hybrids" and "working farm dogs" except where specifically exempted.

B. "Enforcement Officer" means any Town Constable, Police Officer, Animal Control Officer, Humane Officer, or any other person designated as an Enforcement Officer by the Select Board.

C. "Owner" means any person who has actual or constructive possession of a dog. The term also includes those persons who provide food and shelter to a dog.

D. "Potentially vicious dog" means a dog running at large that inflicts minor injuries on a person not necessitating medical attention; chases, threatens to attack or attacks another domestic pet or animal as defined in 20 V.S.A. § 3541; causes damage to personal property; chases a person; or causes any person to reasonably fear attack or bodily injury from such dog. This definition shall not apply if the dog was protecting or defending itself, its offspring, another domestic pet or animal or a person from attack or assault or the person attacked or threatened by the dog was engaged in teasing, tormenting, battering, assaulting, injuring or otherwise provoking the dog.

E. "Running at large" means that a dog is not:

1. on a leash;
2. in a vehicle;
3. on the owner's premises;
4. on the premises of another person with that person's permission;
5. clearly under the verbal or non-verbal control of the owner
6. Hunting with the owner.

F. "Wolf hybrid" means:

1. An animal that is the progeny of a dog and a wolf (*Canis lupus* or *Canis rufus*);
2. An animal that is advertised or otherwise described or represented to be a wolf hybrid; or
3. An animal that exhibits primary physical and/or behavioral wolf characteristics.

G. "Working farm dog" means a dog that is bred or trained to herd or protect livestock or poultry or to protect crops and that is used for





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those purposes and that is registered as a working farm dog pursuant to State law.

**SECTION 4. NUISANCES.** An owner of a dog shall not allow, permit, or suffer such dog to create a nuisance. The following activities shall be deemed nuisances:

A. Running at large in the Town.

B. A dog that defecates in any public area or on the private premises of another person and whose owner does not immediately remove the fecal material and dispose of it in a sanitary manner.

C. A female dog in heat not confined to a building or other secured enclosure, except while under the direct control of the owner.

D. A dog that disturbs the quiet, comfort and repose of others by barking, whining, calling, or howling for a continuous period of 15 minutes or more. This regulation shall not apply to dogs in a kennel/boarding facility which has received a permit under 20 V.S.A. § 3681. The permit will govern the use of the kennel / boarding facility.

E. The provisions of this section pertaining to running at large and disturbing the quiet, comfort and repose of others shall not apply to working farm dogs if:

1. the working farm dog is barking in order to herd or protect livestock or poultry or to protect crops; or
2. the working farm dog is running at large in order to herd or protect livestock or poultry or to protect crops.

**SECTION 5. COLLAR AND LICENSE.** Each dog shall be licensed according to the laws of this State and shall wear a collar or harness with the current license attached. A dog that is visiting from out of state must wear a collar or harness with a current license from its home state attached. A dog that is found without a collar or harness and license shall be immediately impounded.

**SECTION 6. ENFORCEMENT.** The violation of this ordinance shall be a civil matter which may be enforced in the Vermont Judicial Bureau or in the Rutland County Superior Court, at the election of the Mount Holly Select Board.

Violations enforced in the Judicial Bureau shall be in accordance with the provisions of 24 V.S.A. §§ 1974a and 1977 et seq. For purposes of enforcement in the Judicial Bureau, the constable/ police/ animal control officer/ humane officer shall be the designated enforcement officer(s). The enforcement officer shall issue tickets and may be the appearing officer at any hearing.



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anniversary date of impoundment. Failure to provide such certification may result in forfeiture of the offending animal.

G. For purposes of calculating the sequence of offenses, offenses shall be counted against the owner.

H. Impoundment costs shall be set annually by the select board.

### SECTION 8. IMPOUNDMENT.

A. Any dog that is determined by a constable/police officer/animal control officer/humane officer to be a potentially vicious dog, which presents an imminent danger to people or other animals, has reportedly bitten a person off the premises of its owner, or is in violation of State licensing law or 20 V.S.A. § 3806 may be immediately impounded.

B. A person claiming a dog is a "potentially vicious dog" may file a written complaint with the select board. The complaint shall contain the time, date and place where the alleged behavior occurred, an identification of the domestic pet or animal threatened or attacked, the name and address of any victim or victims, and any other facts that may assist the select board in conducting its hearing.

C. Upon receipt of a "potentially vicious dog" complaint" the select board shall proceed as in the case of a "vicious dog" complaint with the exception that if the select board determines that the behavior classifies the dog as "potentially vicious" the select board may order any protective measures be taken absent the dog being humanely destroyed.

### SECTION 9. NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT AND RELEASE FROM IMPOUNDMENT.

A. The officer who impounds a dog shall, within twenty-four (24) hours, give notice to the owner thereof, either personally, by telephone call, or by written notice at the owner's dwelling. Such notice shall inform the owner of the nature of the violations, the location of the dog and the steps that are necessary to have it returned to the owner.

B. If the owner of the dog is unknown, the officer who impounds a dog shall, within twenty four (24) hours of impoundment post a public notice. Notification shall be posted in the town clerk's office and other usual places for public notice for a ten (10) day period. The public notice shall include a description of the dog, including any significant marks of identification, when and where it was impounded or found by the person placing the dog in the town's custody, and declare that unless the owner claims the dog and pays all expenses incurred by the town for treatment, boarding and care of the dog, any applicable penalties and takes all necessary

Violations enforced in the Superior Court shall be in accordance with the Vermont Rules of Civil Procedure. The Town of Mount Holly may pursue all appropriate injunctive relief.

### SECTION 7. PENALTIES AND COSTS.

A. First offense: \$50.00 full penalty/\$25.00 waiver penalty.

B. Second offense: \$100.00 full penalty/\$50.00 waiver penalty.

C. Third offense: Impoundment & impoundment costs, any remedial action as required by the enforcement officer, plus \$150.00 full penalty/\$75.00 waiver penalty.

D. Subsequent offenses: Impoundment & impoundment costs, any remedial action as required by the enforcement officer, plus \$200.00 full penalty/\$100.00 waiver penalty.

E. For purposes of determining the sequence of offenses, second and third offenses shall be those that occur within the 12-month period of the anniversary day of the first offense. Any offense occurring after this 12-month period shall be considered a new first offense.

F. Any owner whose dog has been impounded for its initial third offense shall provide the select board with proof of satisfactory completion of a responsible dog owner training course within 6 months of the



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of the dog for the duration of its impoundment and any expenses associated with its transfer or humane disposal.

E. The procedures provided in this section shall only apply if the dog is not a rabies suspect. If an official designated by the select board to enforce the provisions of this ordinance determines that the dog is a rabies suspect, the select board shall immediately notify the Town Health Officer who shall proceed in accordance with the rules of the Vermont Department of Health.

### SECTION 10. INVESTIGATION OF VICIOUS DOGS.

A. When a dog has bitten a person while the dog is off the premises of its owner or keeper, and the person bitten requires medical attention for the attack, such person may file a written complaint with the select board of the municipality. The complaint shall contain the time, date and place where the attack occurred, the name and address of the victim or victims, and any other facts that may assist the select board in conducting its investigation.

B. If the dog is found to have bitten the victim without provocation, the select board shall make such order for the protection of persons as the facts and circumstances of the case may require, including, without limitation that the dog is disposed of in a humane way, muzzled, chained, or confined. The order shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested to the owner. A person who, after receiving notice, fails to comply with the terms of the order shall be subject to the penalties provided in 20 V.S.A. § 3550.

C. The procedures provided in this section shall only apply if the dog is not a rabies suspect. If a member of the select board or a municipal official designated by the select board determines that the dog is a rabies suspect, the provisions of Subchapter 5 of Title 20 Chapter 193 and the rules of the Vermont Department of Health shall apply. If the dog is deemed healthy, the terms and conditions set forth in the select board's order shall be enforced.

**SECTION 11. OTHER LAWS.** This ordinance is in addition to all other ordinances of the Town of Mount Holly and all applicable laws of the State of Vermont. All ordinances or parts of ordinances, resolutions, regulations, or other documents inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION 12. SEVERABILITY.** If any section of this ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such finding shall not invalidate any other part of this ordinance.

**SECTION 13. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall become effective 60 days after its adoption by the Mount Holly Select Board. If a petition is filed under 24 V.S.A. § 1973, that statute shall govern the taking effect of this ordinance.

C. Impounded dogs shall be released to the owner only after payment of all penalties and impoundment fees (including but not limited to boarding, food, and veterinary expenses), the final disposition of a potentially vicious dog or vicious dog hearing if applicable, and after all necessary remedial action is taken by the owner. Remedial action shall include, but is not limited to, such actions as providing a collar and current license, and verification of certification of current vaccination against rabies.

D. If the owner of a dog impounded under the provisions of this ordinance refuses to take the remedial action necessary to secure the dog's release within ten (10) days following notice of impoundment or gives notice either personally, by telephone call, or in writing to the town of forfeiture of ownership before that time, the dog may be placed in an adoptive home, transferred to a humane society or rescue organization, or if the town is unable to transfer the dog it may be humanely destroyed. The owner of a dog transferred or humanely destroyed shall remain liable for all expenses incurred by the Town for treatment, boarding and care



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The Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) is continuing its annual scholarship awards to graduating high school students who reside in Ludlow, Mt. Holly, Plymouth, and Cavendish.

Three special scholarships have been named for legendary members of the Ludlow Rotary Club. Two of these – the Daniel E. Kesman Rotary Scholarship (academic excellence) and the Ralph D. Hogencamp Rotary Scholarship (vocational education) – have been awarded for many years. In December of 2013, the Ludlow Rotary Club named the Robert W. Kirkbride Rotary Scholarship (community service). Bob Kirkbride was an outstanding member of the Ludlow

Rotary Club for over 60 years. The criteria for awarding these and the other Rotary scholarships are scholastic achievement, financial need, realistic goals, extracurricular activities and community service.

Graduating seniors are urged to contact their school guidance department to learn the details for applying for these scholarship awards. All applications for the scholarships must be received by June 1, 2022.

Interested people are invited to help the LRC support the continuing education of our future. Checks should be made payable to the LUDLOW AREA ROTARY CHARITABLE FUND, Inc., with SCHOLARSHIP FUND or the name of a specific scholarship entered in the memo area, and then mailed to: Ludlow Rotary Club, PO Box 216, Ludlow, VT 05149. The Ludlow Area Rotary Charitable Fund, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) organization under IRS regulations and, accordingly, all such scholarship donations are deductible for income tax purposes. The Ludlow Rotary Club will provide documentation for each donation to the scholarship fund.

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## Rose Describes Development of Maple Sugaring to Ludlow Rotary

Douglas Rose of the Green Mountain Sugar House in Ludlow was the recent guest speaker at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC).

Rose, co-owner and operator of the maple syrup products company along with his wife, Ann, described the history of the syrup production process.

In particular, he noted that the development could be broken down into two general historic phases: one measured by the buckets of maple sap processed, the second and current phase being the impact of technological advances and sap collection.

The bucket period concentrated on measuring the number of individual maple trees that were tapped and transported by horse to the local sugaring house. The use of horses also dictated when active sap collection was feasible. Since horses had difficulty getting through heavy snow, this usually meant that active sugaring could only begin when the snow drifts had started to melt.

Rose then noted that the process of heating the syrup to a desired temperature required that someone watch the temperature all the time. He also said that the volume of actual syrup was low compared to current levels since the process was dependent on buckets of sap collected.

According to Rose, all this changed with the introduction of automatic collection of sap using tubing attached to the trees and the development of temperature controlled boilers for heating the sap.

In describing where Vermont fell in terms of the economic production of syrup, Rose indicated that the state was the leading producer in the United States with Maine and New York vying for second and third place. However, Canada remains the largest producer of maple syrup.

Pictured above is Douglas Rose of Green Mountain Sugar House as he speaks at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Ludlow Rotary Club. Ralph Pace

## Ludlow Rotary Welcomes Melanie Gulde As a New Member

Melanie Gulde, Program Director for the new Divided Sky Foundation's Ludlow Addiction Center, was inducted into the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) at its recent Tuesday luncheon meeting. Tom Harris, LRC Rotarian, explained the goals and functions of the club to Melanie and Art Randolph, LRC President, awarded Melanie the membership pin. Pictured above, from left to right, are Tom Harris, Melanie Gulde, and Art Randolph. Ralph Pace







## ***Rotary Helps Ukrainian Refugee Children Continue Education***

“They do not want to stop their education, problem is they do not know Polish and cannot connect with their teachers in Ukraine.” With this simple statement, Tomasz Michalik, President Elect of the Bialystok (Poland) Rotary Club asked John Bob Siemienowicz, Governor of Rotary District 7870, which includes 59 individual clubs in southern New Hampshire and southern Vermont, for help.

Michalik further explained that a large number of school-age children had become refugees from their native country of Ukraine as a result of the Russian invasion. They lacked the means to communicate with their teachers in Ukraine to continue their education. While Poland offered them access to its public school system, most of the children did not speak Polish and likely instructors lacked a knowledge of the Ukrainian language.

To further complicate matters, the Polish education system required 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to pass an examination that was conducted in Polish to continue their secondary school education. The Ukrainian students, due their inability to understand the Polish language, would probably fail this test.

What was needed were tools that would enable the children to communicate with teachers in Ukraine where schools were still in operation. The key element to resolving this dilemma was laptop computers with access to the Internet.

The Bialystok Rotary Club surveyed the number of refugee students and determined that they needed to acquire laptops.

Acting on this request, Siemienowicz arranged for \$13,000 for the laptops through the district’s fund-raising efforts on behalf of Ukraine for the purchase of 50 basic laptop units.

In addition to helping Ukrainian refugee students continue their education, the district was also involved in helping pregnant Ukrainian refugees and refugees with medication needs not supported by the Polish state medical program.

In the case of the former, the Bialystok Rotary Club was assisted by the district. As described by a representative of that club “these Ukrainian families didn’t have the opportunity to give baby showers and associated gifts . . . so our Polish counterparts are doing their best to be the substitutes providing that support. They are truly relying on the kindness of strangers in every way”.

Thus far, Siemienowicz estimates that District 7870 has raised over \$150,000 to support the needs of Ukrainian refugees.

A 14-month-old Ukrainian refugee in Poland needed medication not funded by the Polish state medical system. Rotary District 7870 raised the funds to enable the purchase of the medicine. Pictured above left are the President of the Bialystok Rotary Club, the doctor from the University Clinical Children Hospital, and the Treasurer of the Rotary Club.

Pictured above right are members of the Bialystok Rotary Club holding the new laptops donated by Rotary District 7870. These laptops will enable refugee Ukrainian students to communicate with instructors in Ukraine so that they may continue their education uninterrupted by the Russian invasion. Ralph Pace



## **Mount Holly Trees**

At the request of the Mount Holly Selectboard, the Conservation Commission applied to participate in the Vermont Urban and Community Forest’s program to develop a Shade Tree Preservation Plan according to a new statute governing the responsibilities of Tree Wardens. Mount Holly was selected as one of ten towns and villages in Vermont to participate in the pilot program. A subcommittee of the Conservation Commission was formed to develop a Shade Tree Preservation Plan. This note provides a synopsis of what this committee has been doing.

The Shade Tree Preservation plan outlines how to maintain and to augment or remove the trees which fall under the statute. Although statute defines precisely a “Shade Tree,” there is nevertheless quite a bit of ambiguity. This is especially true in Mount Holly. For example, the statute defines a shade tree as a tree in the public right of way or a public place that was planted by the town. An example of the ambiguity would be the maple tree canopy on Maple Hill Road where the trees are clearly in the public right of way and worthy of being preserved and cared for, but there is no record of them being planted by the town. The statute allows the town to designate these trees as “shade trees” and to be protected by the statute but they must be explicitly included in the plan. The shade tree subcommittee has been diligently cataloging these trees and others to include in the plan.

The next step in the process is to bring the draft plan to the Selectboard who will hopefully support it. The plan will then be published for review and a town wide meeting, as required in the statute, must be called to present the plan to the town residents before final action by the Selectboard. Beside the obvious advantage of protecting trees, a Shade Tree Protection Plan for Mount Holly will be an important asset in seeking funding to plant new trees as well as to care for the existing trees. For further information, please contact Phil Crane. Phil Crane, Tree Warden [pcrane7@me.com](mailto:pcrane7@me.com) 802-259-3824

## Fletcher Farm School Announces June Classes

Summer is rapidly approaching at the Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts in Ludlow, Vermont, and we have some announcements about our June classes at the School. All of our summer classes are also posted on the website (<http://www.fletcherfarm.org>) and new classes are being added weekly.

**Q1 – June 3-5 – Liberated Quilting – Susan Balch – Reg. deadline 5/24/22:** Learn a process of quilting with no rules, no patterns, no points to match, and seams don't have to be exact. It's a great way to use fabric that you have on hand. Your quilt will be uniquely your own. You may choose to do a "liberated" version of a traditional pattern, or you can choose a more intuitive approach. Complete a small quilt or wall hanging, or begin a larger project if you choose. Come with your sewing machine, fabric, sewing supplies, and a curious mind.

**S9 – June 10-11 – (12-3 on 6/10, 9-4 on 6/11) – Barn Quilts – Janet Flinchbaugh – Reg. deadline 5/31/22:** Barn quilts are all the rage these days. Come and create your own wooden "quilt" to adorn your house or barn or cottage. In this 1.5 day class, you will choose a pattern and plot your design, then paint it to hang outdoors. No quilting experience necessary.

**F4 – June 11 (a.m.) – Felted Landscapes – Sandi Cirillo – Reg. deadline 6/1/22:** In this class, you will learn about the feltmaking process using wool, soap, and water to create a beautiful felted landscape made entirely of wool. Wet felting and dry needle felting techniques will be demonstrated. This is a hands-on class, so come prepared for lots of felted fun!

**F5 – June 11 (p.m.) – Silk Shibori – Sandi Cirillo – Reg. deadline 6/1/22:** Shibori is a Japanese resist method of creating designs on silk scarves using a PVC pipe. You will leave this class with two silk scarves you have created using this resist method. You'll also have time to paint directly on your scarves.

**B4 – June 12 – Make a Versatile Basket – Dona Nazarenko – Reg. deadline 6/2/22:** Not too big nor too small, this tote will do the job for berry picking. It's also the perfect size to use for your hobby, craft, or any garden needs. Woven with natural and dyed reed, this hangs nicely with the attached soft Shaker strap to carry around or rest on your shoulders. A very handy basket, you will be proud to use and display it.

**W3 – June 13-15 – Introduction to Chip Carving – Dennis Wilson – Reg. deadline 6/3/22:** This course will introduce students to Chip Carving, a craft in which a knife is used to incise designs created by the removal of small pieces, called chips, from the wood. Chip carved plates, jewelry, keepsake boxes, trays, breadboards, furniture, and other items make wonderful personal items and gifts. Some carving experience is helpful but not necessary. Chip carving knives will be loaned to you, although students may prepurchase knives from these makers: [mychipcarving.com](http://mychipcarving.com), [chipcarving.com](http://chipcarving.com), [flexcut.com](http://flexcut.com).

**B1 – June 18 – Bucket Basket – Meg Kupiec – Reg. deadline 6/8/22:** This basket is an original design by your instructor. You will work with round, flat, and flat oval reed and learn the most popular weaving methods. Attention will center on sizing your basket to fit the wooden swing handle.

**S1 – June 18-19 – Creative Metalworking – Piper Strong – Reg. deadline 6/8/22:** The Creative Metalworking class will explore techniques in welding, brazing and forming sheet metal into 3D shapes. The goal is to learn by creating your own small sculpture. You will explore organic and geometric forms, using a plasma cutter, torches, hand tools, and your own imagination. Two days will cover the basics, give you time to be creative and learn how to setup your own home studio. All abilities are welcome.



**W4 – June 25-26 – Introduction to Green Wood Spoon Making – Andre Souigny – Reg. deadline 6/15/22:** Green wood spoon making relies on the combination of easy-to-carve, freshly harvested hardwood, razor sharp tools, and steady, thoughtful technique. Students will be introduced to various tool handling techniques involved in transforming freshly harvested green wood into personal wooden spoons for use cooking, serving, and eating. The schedule will be dictated by

the skill and progression of the group. Day one will focus on preparing green wood spoon blanks, including hatchet techniques, sawing stop cuts, and shaping with the shaving horse, drawknife, and spoke shave. Day two will be devoted to working with the straight and bent knife, learning safe knife holds and carving techniques, drying, and decorative embellishments such as finials, chip carving, and kohlrösing. Overall attention will be devoted to safe and attentive tool handling and practicing the basic techniques.

**F10 – June 26 – Woven Journal – Jean Reed – Reg. deadline 6/16/22:** Journals are unique, personal and mystical. Using strips of decorative paper, in various colors and patterns, you will cut then weave your journal covers and adhere them to chip board. Once completed, you will make signatures (page inserts) and embellish them. Papers will be supplied to you for signatures and embellishing your pages. Students are urged to bring ribbons, family photos, buttons, beads, etc. to embellish their journal. Journals measure 5" x 5".

**Y9 – June 27-30 – Create, Imagine, and Explore with Ms. Karner – Rachel Karner – Reg. deadline 6/17/22:** Have a week of creating and making art! There will be projects to be inspired by, but there will be a lot of time for the artists to use their imagination at their will! Materials will be varied from watercolors, acrylic paints, oil pastels, to tie dye and more! There will be a schedule each day including free art time, art projects to learn from, fun crafts, snack and play time outside.

**Society of Vermont Artists and Craftsmen, Inc., Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts, 611 Route 103 South, Ludlow, VT 05149 (802) 228-8770** <http://www.fletcherfarm.org>



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## Ludlow Rotary Hears from Dr. Linda Thomson

The May 3 luncheon meeting of the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) featured Dr. Linda Thomson speaking to Rotarians and guests. Her topic was “Changing old mumpsimus to new sumpsimus,” or, hanging on to old beliefs even in light of new scientific research. She was referring to the scientifically proven positive effects of medically overseen hypnotism. Dr. Thomson is internationally recognized as an expert in Hypnosis for Health and Healing and Hypnovations as a Nurse Practitioner.

Dr. Thomson said Hollywood and stage hypnotists, who have people doing ridiculous things, have given hypnosis a bad name. She talked about the fact that brain connections to actions and reactions in the body are linked, as can now be shown with various brain scans. She demonstrated a couple of those connections with volunteers.

Dr. Thomson reported that hypnosis can work well to reduce anxiety or speed a patient’s recovery from surgery among many other clinical applications. It is used for weight loss, smoking cessation, and habit changes such as reducing nail biting. Rotarians had many questions for Dr. Thomson, asking her to return for more discussion.

Also at the meeting, Rotarian Kim Lampert reported that the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Penny Sale held Saturday April 30 was the most successful one in recent memory. The Ludlow Rotary Club wishes to thank all the businesses who contributed the more than \$30,000 in prizes awarded at the Penny Sale. We wish to thank the community for their attendance and support for the scholarships the proceeds allow the club to provide.

In other business, the Rotary Club inducted Carol Lighthouse, Director of the Okemo Valley Chamber of Commerce as its newest member. 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 is Dr. Linda Thomson; photo credit Kim Lampert.



members will be demonstrating such skills as quilting, silver fabrication, collage, decorative painting, and creative metalworking.

The \$25/adult and \$5/young artist registration fees will be waived for anyone signing up for a class during the Open Studio.

In addition, we will be hosting a retrospective of the work of Fletcher Farm Graduate **Pamela Friend Gwinn** (née Spalding), 1943 – 2021, who was a Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts graduate in Early American Decoration. Pamela was known as “the Stencil Lady” at the School. She enjoyed a thirty-year (plus) artistic career thanks to the Fletcher Farm School. Her reputation for meticulous artwork persisted throughout her career, teaching, hobbies, and retirement play with sailors’ valentines – seashell mosaics. She was a prolific artist until her death.

Please stop in to explore her life’s work and play, and you are welcome to visit with her daughter, Natalie, at “open-box” show and tell sessions on the arts and crafts she mastered. Sessions may include:

- Stenciling overlay demonstration;
- Primitive painting process;
- Beaded jewelry show and tell;
- Theorem designs;
- Reverse paintings on glass; and
- Shell mosaic designs – demonstration on starting a mosaic design, shell flower-making demo.

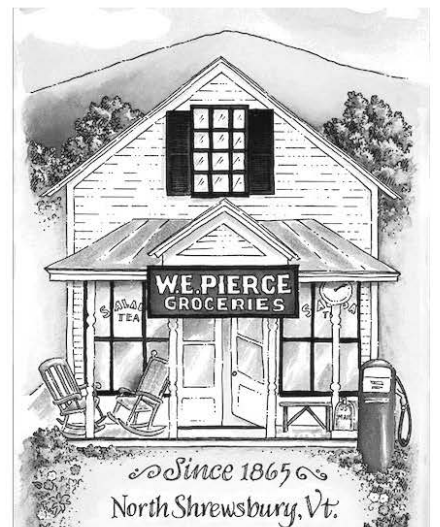


We invite the public to stop by to see the demonstrations and talk with Ms. Friend’s daughter about her work. The Open Studio will run from 10:00 – 4:00 each day. (802) 228-8770 <http://www.fletcherfarm.org>

## Fletcher Farm School Holds Open Studio

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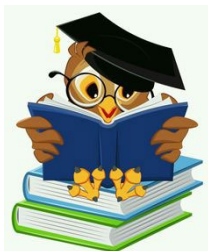
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