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Mount Holly Chit Chat

August 2022

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Mount Holly Community Association – Contact MHCavt@gmail.com

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

Town Library: In-Person with Mask Sat 9-1 Mon 9-1 Tue 1-5 Wed 2-4, P.O. Box 93, Belmont, VT 05730 Call 802-259-3707

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

Town Treasurer's Office Hours: Mon 8:30 am – 12:00 pm Wed 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm and by Appointment 802-259-2391

Town Lister's Hours: Tues 10:00 am – 2:00 pm or by appointment 802-259-2391

Town Garage: 802-259-3179

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

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

August 2022

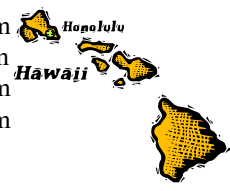
1 st	<i>Mob Dick, Author Hermon Melville 1819 ~ Francis Scott Key 1779</i>	
2 nd	Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library	7:00 pm
	Mount Holly Conservation Commission	7:00 pm
3 rd	<i>Christopher Columbus Set Sail w/Nina, Pinta & Santa Maria 1492</i>	
4 th	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Fire Station <i>Louis Armstrong 1901 ~ US Coast Guard 1790</i>	7:00 pm
6 th	<i>1st Atomic Bomb dropped on Hiroshima 1945 ~ Alfred Lord Tennyson 1809</i>	
7 th	<i>Purple Heart Medal Est. 1782 ~ Mata Hari (Margaret Gertrude Zelle) 1876</i>	
8 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	7:00 pm
9 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	9:00 am
	Mt. Holly PTSA Meeting, MH School	4:30 pm
	Select Board Meeting, Town Garage & Zoom	6:30 pm
10 th	LMHUUS Meeting,	6:00 pm
	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	7:00 pm
11 th	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	7:00 pm
13 th	<i>Annie Oakley b. 1860 ~ Alfred Hitchcock B. 1899 ~ Berlin Wall Built 1961</i>	
14 th	<i>Japan Surrendered Ending WWII VJ Day 1945 ~ Social Security Act 1935</i>	
15 th	<i>Panama Canal Opened 1914 ~ Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte b.1769 ~ Woodstock Began 1969</i>	
16 th	<i>Battle of Bennington, VT 1777 ~ Great Klondike Gold Rush 1896</i>	
17 th	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont	6:30 pm
	Mount Holly Planning Commission, MH Town Office & Via Zoom	7:00 pm
18 th	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations	7:00 pm
19 th	<i>Orville Wright Aviation Pioneer 1871</i>	
20 th	Roast Pork Supper , Benefit MHVFD Auxiliary, Odd Fellows Hall	5:00 pm
21 st	<i>Hawaii Becomes 50th State 1959</i>	
22 nd	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	7:00 pm
23 rd	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	9:00 am
24 th	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	7:00 pm
25 th	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	7:00 pm
26 th	<i>Women's Suffrage 1920</i>	
27 th	<i>Mother Teresa (Anjeze Gonxhe Bajaxhiu) 1910</i>	
31 st	<i>Princess Diana died 1997</i>	

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Emergency Services

MH Fire Dept.	802-259-2700	911	Poison Control	(802) 658-3456
MH Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward	802-786-3408	802-259-2211	American Red Cross	802-773-9159
MH Rescue Squad	Non-Emergency 802-259-6001	911	Game Warden – Tim Carey	802-773-9101
Mount Holly Constable Paul Faenza		C 802-353-8347	Health Officer - Tim Bickford	802-779-6429
MH Animal Control For	C text only 802-353-4492	H 802-259-3976	Vermont State Police	802-773-9101

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



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

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

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	Sat	7:30 am – 10:30 am
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August 1, 1774 – Joseph Priestly Discovers Oxygen.
August 7, 1959 – US Satellite Explorer VI Transmits 1st Pictures of Earth from Space.
August 20, 1911 – 1st Telegram Sent Around the World in 16.5 minutes.
August 31, 1897 – Thomas Edison secures patent for Kinetograph movie camera.

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Arthur Gustav Krueger 1943-2022

Arthur Gustav Krueger, 78, died June 29, 2022 at the home he built with his wife in Shrewsbury, Vermont. He was surrounded by his family. Loyal readers of the Rutland Herald will recognize Art as a frequent writer of letters to the editor. Naturally, he wanted to write his own obituary. Here are his words.

Art was born in Waterbury, CT while his father was fighting overseas during World War II. He came from a family of immigrants. All his grandparents having been born in Europe, he was of the second generation here.

His maternal grandfather was a skillful farmer, and farming was a strongly implanted impetus in his life. Notwithstanding, he went off to college to get some engineering degrees, and practiced this trade for about 55 years. He was always very interested in preserving the environment, and his engineering career

mainly involved pollution control. He wrote the first Vermont rules on septic system installation and designed waste water systems for most of his career.

A flatlander, he came to Vermont in 1970. He considered himself very lucky to have spent his life among the mountains and waterways of Vermont. He was able to catch, dine on, and share many wondrous fish, and climbed many mountains. He climbed Mt. Washington three times, once in winter and the last time at age 76 (by accident - an interesting story we will skip).

He built three houses, and many other buildings in the post and beam style. He liked to drive square pegs into round holes. When he could, he put slate roofs on his buildings. He also had some skill as a stone mason, having made the serious mistake of building his first house out of stone. In the 1970's he lived in an early 19th century house in Marshfield, VT. Impressed by the frame design and the sound engineering of it, he applied the techniques he observed to all his subsequent buildings.

Since 1985, his partner and wife has been Trish Norton. She has been a blessing and has made much possible. He raised six children, Margarete, Katie, Christopher, Rosie, Stephen and Clara, who were all very dear to his heart. Margarete died in a car accident in 1984. He longed to be reunited with her. He also had 4 grandchildren, Noah, Levi, Bella, and Gabe.

Art was a sugar maker for almost 50 years. Most recently, he was involved in a project using 3/16 inch gravity induced vacuum tubing systems, and made a substantial study of techniques to sanitize these systems to preserve capacity.

The forest was a very important part of his life, giving him material to build with to shelter his family, wood to heat with to warm his family, and maple syrup to sell to feed his family. He loved working with small horses and ponies and found that with a cart or sledge they are a very efficient way to move firewood over very rough land. Over the last 11 years, he and Trish taught many young people farming, carpentry, forestry and sugaring skills through the WWOOF program.

Bone Builders

Monday & Thursday Mornings
9:00 am

Odd Fellows Hall

For Weights and more information
Call Judy Nevin 802-259-2443

He was on a long spiritual journey. He was brought up Catholic and his father was Lutheran. This gave him lots of perspective when he looked back at history and saw what these groups did to each other during the 30 Years War. He believed that religious divisions have far more to do with the Devil than with God. In his life he attended Episcopal, Quaker and Baptist services. The Quakers were very important to him during the Vietnam War and he was a member of a Quaker Meeting for a while. He found friends in all these groups, but felt more comfortable in reverting to his Catholic roots in his later years. He was a lector and member of St. Patrick's Parish in Wallingford, VT.

Moved by the suffering of the people of Haiti, he joined with friends from St. John Viani in South Burlington to help. He made two trips to Haiti to try to find a solution for clean drinking water in a very rural place called Boc Banic. He requested that in lieu of flowers, donations to continue this work be made to the Haitian Partnership % Lucie Holcomb, 24 Adirondack St., So. Burlington, VT 05403.

He was against the Vietnam War. He wanted a world where people are kinder to each other. His life has been interesting.



Joyce C. Lind

Joyce Chadburn Lind, 93, of Rutland, VT, died June 28, 2022, at the Loretto Home with her daughter and son by her side. She was born August 22, 1928 in Mt. Holly, VT, the daughter of Allen and Thelma (Davenport) Chadburn. She graduated from Rutland High School in 1946. On July 8, 1950, she married William David Lind in Belmont, VT. Joyce's greatest love was family. She was a multi-talented person and excelled in handiwork, cooking, baking, gardening, artwork and wallpapering. Survivors include her daughter, Marie Holtman (Robert) of Rutland; her son, John Lind of Rutland; grandchildren, James Devereux, William Devereux (Carrie) and Adam Blanch (Stacie); Jennifer De Varona (Daniel) and Meggin Hart (Nick) great-grandchildren, Kaili and Lorelei Blanch, Brielle and Porter Devereux, Jax De Varona and Nolan Hart; a sister, Marion Josselyn (Richard) of Ludlow; son-in-law, Bruce Blanch of Brandon; and daughter-in-law, Marian Mitchell of NH, sister-in-law, Cathy Chadburn, of NH; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, William D. Lind, daughter, Barbara Blanch, son, Eric Lind, sister, Lois Potter and brothers, Alson Chadburn and Harold Chadburn. Visitation was held Saturday, July 9, 2022 from 10:00-11:00 AM at Tossing Funeral Home, followed by a graveside service in Evergreen

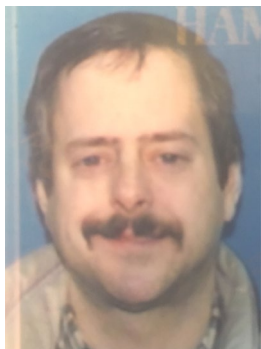
Cemetery. The Rev. William Whiteman of Ira, officiated. A reception was held from noon-2 PM at the Godnick Center following the burial. Tossing Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Notice: All Invited Mechanicsville Cemetery Monthly Volunteer Clean Up Schedule

1st Tuesday of each month 2022

Aug 2, 8 am

Sept 6, 6 pm Oct 4, 8 am



Peter Scarzello

Peter Scarzello 61, a resident of Amherst NH passed away peacefully at his home with his mother and brother at his side. Born March 6, 1961 in Hackensack NJ, the son of Helen Scarzello and the late Leo Scarzello.

Peter was raised in Woodcliff Lake NJ, and was a graduate of Pascack Hills High School. His primary occupation was working as Manufacturer's Rep. for the family business.

Peter's true passion was making and experimenting with fireworks much to the enjoyment of family, friends, and the town of Mount Holly. He enjoyed gardening, as well as creating elaborate meals for family and friends.

Peter's quick wit, generous nature, and love of cats will be greatly missed.

He was predeceased by his father, Leo Scarzello, his brothers, James Scarzello, Thomas Scarzello and his nephew Rick Scarzello.

Survivors include his mother, Helen Scarzello of Amherst NH, his brother, Rick Scarzello and his wife, Barbara of VT, his brother, Steven of Haverhill MA, his nephew, Tony and wife Daisy Scarzello and three great nieces, Lucciana, Vitalia and Evalina of VT. Also, many other family members and friends scattered across the country.

In accordance with his wishes, services will be private for the immediate family only. Arrangements are in the care of Smith & Heald Funeral Home, 63 Elm St, Milford NH 03055. To share a memory or offer condolence please visit www.smith-heald.com

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CIDER DAYS IS COMING!

October 8th & 9th

Calling All Interested Vendors!

Contact the Lisa Kelley or any board member of the MHCA for an application

Application requests can be emailed to

Lisa.kelleyvt@gmail.com

Application and payment deadline is August 31st

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

July 2022, Trestleboard Mt. Moriah Lodge #96
Next Meeting Tuesday 8-09 7:30PM & Annual Supper
Saturday 7-23 5:00PM

Greetings Brothers,

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

We will present a 50 year membership pin at this meeting. If you can, please come out and support such a long standing Brother.

Please send your dues money to Buster Seward, 4280 Sugar Hill Rd, East Wallingford, Vt. 05742. If you need to speak to the secretary for any questions or concerns, my phone number is 802-259-9400, or email me at: sseward@vermontel.net. Fraternally, Dennis Start W.M.-Buster Seward Sec'y



ROAST PORK SUPPER

Saturday, August 20, 2022

Starting at 5:00pm

Benefit

Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary

Roast Pork Supper

Mashed Potato, Vegetables, Rolls and

Homemade Pies

All You Can Eat – Family Style

Take outs Available

Adults \$15.00

Children 11 Yrs. & Under \$7.00

More Info Call 802-259-3445

Suppers For Mount Holly Organizations



Settings Start 5:00 pm

At

The Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont

All You Can Eat - Served Home Style

Adults - \$15 & Children Under 12 - \$7



Aug 20 th	MHVFD Auxiliary - Roast Pork
Sept 3 rd	Historical Museum - Baked Ham
Sept 17 th	MHV Rescue Squad - Roast Ham
Oct 8 th	Colfax Lodge – Roast Pork
Oct 22 nd	Gill Home, IOOF – Baked Ham



Take Outs Available With All Dinners
More Info Call 802-259-2460



Democratic Party Caucus

There will be a meeting of the Mount Holly Democratic Party Caucus on Wed., August 3rd, 2022, at 6PM in the Community Room of the Mount Holly Town Library across from the Belmont Village Green.

The purpose of this caucus is to nominate Democratic candidates to serve as Justices of the Peace. Any registered voter of the town, who has not participated in the caucus process of another political party, is invited to attend.

Agenda:

Call to order

Nomination of Candidates

New Business

For additional questions or information contact Andy Tanger 802-259-2344

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Rotarian and Rainbow Riding Center through Grace Brigham, Tracy Lazell or emailing Janet Upton (address below).

Please visit our website: rainbowridingcenter.org, follow us on Facebook, Twitter @RainbowRiding and Instagram @rainbow_riding_center. Contact us at programs@rainbowridingcenter.org or 802-236-2483 to inquire about lessons. For information about being a volunteer contact janetupton@rainbowridingcenter.org.

EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

ANNUAL FIELD DAY

Sunday, August 14th, 2022

11:00AM – 3:00PM

At the Black River Rod and Gun Club Range

- Michael Sylvester will have pistols, rifles and shotguns for you to test fire.
- Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department's "Let's Go Fishing" program with a certified instructor, Bob Cram.
- Demo by George F. Butts, maker of artificial insects.
- Fiddler, John Specker, from Andover will provide the music.
- Trap Shooting
- Raffle
- And hot dogs, burgers, salads, BBQ Chicken and more!

Join us for fun, food, music!

Bring the whole family and enjoy the day!

If you have any questions, please contact

Steven Howard, President Cell (802) 779-4447

BLACK RIVER ROD & GUN CLUB

Rod & Gun Club Road, Route 100 North, Ludlow, Vermont (across from Clear Lake Furniture)

There's a Whole Lot of Hugging Going on at Rainbow Riding Center

They may not be the pets you think of as huggable, but horses, just like dogs, enjoy a good hug, kindly pat, scratch behind the ears and chin scratches from their human friends. Big people, little people and those in between can't resist the urge to wrap their arms around these big kindly animals. Arrow (seen above) is a big gentle gent who loves attention and will stand for hours while getting a good brushing. When saddled, he stands quietly while his rider mounts and smoothly carries him during the lesson. He's also a bit of a ham and doesn't mind a bit when riders adorn his mane with ribbons.

QUACK ATTACK!! This year the Ludlow Rotary Club has chosen Rainbow Riding as the beneficiary of the 23rd Annual Ralph D. Hogancamp Memorial Duck Race on the Black River. The ducks get dumped into the river at Depot Street Bridge at 12 p.m., Saturday, August 20th and float downriver to the finish line at Walker Bridge. The first 3 finishers receive cash prizes of \$200, \$100 and \$75. The very last duck gets \$25. Tickets for single ducks are \$5, a Quack Pack is \$20 (5 for the price of 4) and corporate ducks are \$50. Tickets are available online at www.ludlowrotary.com, at Benson's Chevrolet, Fletcher Memorial Library, Ludlow Insurance, People's United Bank, any

Things are about to get WILD at the Mt Holly School!



OPENING DAY!!!!

Wednesday August 17 th 5:30pm to 7pm

Bring your wheels, helmets and gear and join us for this
momentous event!!

Potluck style dinner! Hot dogs, burgers, and drinks provided. Bring a side/
dessert, come have dinner with us and take a ride around the track!

If you would like to donate/help out please reach out to
Andrea 802-342-1991

Event sponsored by the PTSA

by first name: Rhonda, Debbie, Carol and Richard.

MHCA is very fortunate to have a list of regular volunteers who help us out for these events and we are so grateful for their time and enthusiasm. We also want to do a big shout out to thank our gardeners (and farmers) for taking time to share their landscapes with people from near and far. They included: Tina & Glenn Tatangelo, Bruce and Marie Paquette, Philippe Blyskal & Gwen Gautsch, Alison & Rick Weintraub, Nancy McKeegan & Dan Quarantro, Linda Miller & family, Millicent & Jim Johnson, Emily Clifford, and Stephen & Lorraine Harrigan. Thanks for making it a fabulous event!

Music on the Green started in the shadows of Covid with our first musician succumbing to the latest variant and canceling at the last minute. Jenny Porter, a local favorite, sang her heart out the second week and even brought her sidekick Tony who had the crowd dancing at the end and screaming about the color purple. Oh what fun, even El Patron made a guest appearance. The third week in July brought Jeb and friends, weather whisperers that they are, managed to part the clouds for a great evening of music. Looking forward to seeing you on Thursdays in August: 8/4 Bunty Station, 8/11 Jamie Ward, 8/18 Tim Caira, and 8/25 Mount Holly Folk Club.

Cider Days Vendor Applications are now available and due by August 31st. Applications can be obtained by emailing Lisa Kelley at Lisa.kelleyvt@gmail.com. Please note this year vendor reservations are for the entire 2 day event only.

Upcoming events: Check out our website for event details at mhcavt.org

MHCA Annual Meeting August 16th, 6:30 at the community center.

Cabaret Tentative date September 4th, 8pm

Cider Days October 8 & 9th

Mount Holly Community Association

Can it really be August already? July was a busy month for the MHCA. We paraded through the streets on the 4th of July, had a spectacular garden tour, and celebrated our beloved Mount Holly with a cookout, music and family friendly games. Summer is a great time of year!

The 4th of July brings out the masses in our little town anticipating the glories of a parade. Despite the whole shenanigans lasting about 10 minutes from start to finish, 3 minutes if you consider the time it takes to roll past you as a bystander, the enthusiasm amongst participants and the crowd alike is a demonstration of the Mount Holly spirit. There are pro's and con's living in a small community but 4th of July fun is in the pro column.

The Garden Tour was a blooming success! We had over 100 people meander their way through 9 mountain properties showcasing big and small spaces, wild and tended gardens, and even a working farm! Our gardeners showcased their annuals, perennials, favorite weeds, vegetables, animals and ponds; the event was a blast of color, conversation and beautiful sunshine all around.

This year's event was under "new management" with Board member Leah Knoll as the GT Coordinator. You may have seen her at the 4th of July or the Transfer Station selling raffle tickets for the garden tour (they also doubled as a garden tour ticket). The prizes included hostas, a gardener's gift basket, a painted window, and a quilt. To maintain the confidentiality of our raffle winners (knowing their full names would require a twostep authentication process or it might be because not everyone listed their first and last names on the raffle ticket) we will list them only

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MT. HOLLY, VT

Keith Hawkins
PRESIDENT

COMING SOON TO MOUNT HOLLY!

Attention gardeners and future gardeners:
A Bi-annual Perennial Swap is coming soon!
We are still working out the details but if you



are interested Send your email to:
MHCAVT@gmail.com to be added to the list.
Watch the MH Newsflash for upcoming events.

READING AND BOOK TALK:

Author Anne Britting Oleson will be reading from her most recent novel, *Aventurine and The Reckoning*, on August 10th at 7 P.M. in the Mount Holly Library. Anne has published five novels and three chapbooks of poetry. She is recently returned from a research trip to England.

Tales From The Deep Native Legends of the Living Waters

Master storyteller and award-winning author Michael Caduto will perform Native Myths and Legends at the MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY on AUGUST 2 at 4 PM. In this celebration of oceans and freshwater life, Michael immerses his audience in traditional stories, songs and chants and invites audience members to sing along with guitar and drum. Come hear such stories as "Tortoise & the Egrets" (Tibet), "Origin of the Ocean" (Guajiro-Columbia), "Azeban & the Crayfish" (Abenaki), "Koluscap and the Water Monster" (Anishinabe), and how Gluscabi and his Grandmother make a great journey to an island in the Sea! (Wabanaki). At the end of the program, everyone will be invited to join in a circle dance. Join us! Tuesday August 2 at 4 PM in the Library.

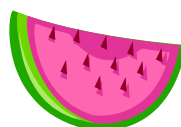


MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY NEWS

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events

- TUESDAY AUG. 2ND at 4:00 PM. A program for families:
"TALES FROM THE DEEP" by noted Vermont story teller
Michael Caduto, as part of the VT Dept of Libraries Summer Program "Oceans of Possibilities" Please join us!
- Lots of new kids and adult books arriving for your summer reading needs:
Avi - "City of Magic", Cornelia Funke - "The Aurelia Curse", Linda Castillo - "The Hidden One", Paul Doiron - "Hatchett Island", Jodi Picoult - "Wish You Were Here", John Grisham - "Sparring Partners", Elin Hilderbrand - "The Hotel Nantucket" and many more!

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The Fletcher Memorial Library

The Fletcher Memorial Library has been awarded a 2022 Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) Summer Readers Grant. As a result, all area children aged 12 and under and their caregivers, are invited to the library at 1:00pm on Thursday, August 4, 2022 for a storytelling event and book giveaway. This event will be hosted by Vermont resident and author/illustrator John Steven Gurney. Gurney has illustrated over 150 books and is the author/illustrator of the popular picture book, "Dinosaur Train" and the "Fuzzy Baseball" graphic novel series. This event will be held on the back lawn of the library and all children in attendance will be able to choose two new books to take home. Please contact Youth Services Librarian Sacha Krawczyk at 228-3517 with any questions.

Mount Holly Community Guild Bazaar

The Mount Holly Community Guild Bazaar will be Saturday August 6 from 9:00 and 2:00 at the Odd Fellows Hall. The Guild members have been working hard making all sorts of hand crafted things. Some of the things we have made include:

Quilts, Wall Hangings, Christmas ornaments, pot holders, placemats, kitchen things, pet beds, dog coats and much more. We have jewelry, craft books, yarn and a gorilla waiting for a playmate. We will fire up our ovens and have wonderful baked goods. And we are working on digging perennials for your gardens.

THE YALE UNIVERSITY FOREST 100TH ANNIVERSARY

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the donation by the Bowen family from Pawtucket, Rhode Island of 462 acres in Mount Holly to Yale University. Their son, Joseph Brown Bowen, earned a master's degree in 1917 from The Yale Forestry School. He died when his plane was shot down in France during World

War I.

Joseph's parents, Edward and Elma Bowen, had purchased several pieces of property in Mount Holly between 1909 and 1912. They bought the first piece from Fred and Ella Dow. It is likely that the Bowens visited the area, staying at the inn the Dows operated along with a farm in Mechanicsville Village. The Dows had moved from Massachusetts to Mount Holly and probably advertised their Inn in southern New England newspapers. By the early 1900s people were traveling by train to Vermont to vacation. The Dows were instrumental in renaming the village and its nearby body of water in 1911. They knew Star Lake in Belmont would sound better in advertisements than Jackson's Pond in Mechanicsville.

The Dows sold what was known as the Abel Ray Farm to the Bowens in 1909. James Rice, also from Pawtucket, purchased the adjoining Townsend Lot the same year from the Bowens but by 1912 had sold his property back to Elma Bowen. Ray had purchased his land from David Fuller. Fuller, from Weston, owned most of the land to the south. He and his son David operated a sawmill on a small brook east of what is now Route 155. The younger David served in the 9th Vermont Regiment in the Civil War, enlisting from Mount Holly.

We may never know exactly why the Bowens purchased the land here, but it was probably connected to Joseph's interest in forestry. In 1922 Elma Bowen deeded all the property to Yale University School of Forestry in memory of her son. Later she had a plaque attached to a large boulder honoring Joseph. The plaque reads: Bowen Memorial Forest in memory of Joseph Brown



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

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

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Bowen. Yale '17 F. Lieutenant, United States Air Service. Killed in Action in France, September 7, 1918. She added a quote from one of Joseph's letters: "It does not matter when a man dies, but how." Yale University – School of Forestry.

While researching the forest's history, it was discovered that Yale University had the town of Mount Holly mistakenly located in Windsor County, as the area where the 462 acres is located was part of Ludlow until 1792. Yale was happy to make the correction to Rutland County. If you are interested in hiking into the forest in the fall, please contact a member of the Mount Holly Community Historical Museum.

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

On June 24, 2022, the United States Supreme Court overturned the fifty-year-old right to reproductive liberty provided by the Roe v. Wade ruling. Given this decision, State level protections are vital to safeguard access to reproductive healthcare. Vermont can set an example of what is possible. Gov. Phil Scott pointed out that Vermont had prepared for this eventuality by passing a law in 2019 protecting a woman's right to control her own reproductive decisions. To further strengthen those protections, there is a proposal on the November ballot to amend the Vermont constitution, the Reproductive Liberty Amendment (RLA) (Article 22 on the ballot). Many citizens may not be familiar with the Reproductive Liberty Amendment and exactly what it does and doesn't do. Unfortunately, some of the information being circulated about this Amendment is often incorrect or vague.

The Reproductive Liberty Amendment is a straightforward statement which reads:

"That an individual's right to personal reproductive autonomy is central to the liberty and dignity to determine one's own life course and shall not be denied or infringed unless justified by a compelling state interest achieved by the least restrictive means."

What does it cover?

The Reproductive Liberty Amendment simply gives and protects the right of Vermonters to

- Become pregnant and carry a pregnancy to term
- Choose or refuse sterilization
- Choose to terminate a pregnancy
- Choose or refuse contraception

Reproductive freedom is a Vermont value, strongly supported in all four corners of our State, and should be clearly protected by our constitution.

A number of questions have been raised about the Reproductive Liberty

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Amendment which would benefit from clarification:

Question #1. What benefit is there in an Amendment, since there is already a law in place to protect reproductive freedom? A constitutional amendment once in place cannot be easily changed. To be placed on the November ballot, the Reproductive Liberty Amendment required that both the House and Senate vote in favor of it in two different legislative sessions, which they did overwhelmingly. On the other hand, a law is subject to the whim of changing legislatures and administrations in Montpelier.

Question #2. How will this Amendment affect other rights such as religious rights and freedom of speech? The right to free speech and to practice one's religion are protected by the First Amendment to the US Constitution and therefore cannot be overruled by a state constitution. The Amendment on the ballot protects individuals' rights and does not curtail any individual's or group's rights or freedoms.

Question #3. How will the rights of children be protected, including from older people or sexual predators? Under existing Vermont law, the age of consent is 16 years old. A 12-year-old child having sex with a 36-year-old under Vermont Law would be considered sexual assault or "statutory rape". This law would not be impacted by this Amendment.

Question #4. Why is there no mention of "woman" or "women" in the Amendment? The Amendment protects "...an individual's right to personal reproductive autonomy..." The Amendment would be remiss if it did not take into account a man's right to choose or refuse contraception or sterilization. Therefore, the term "individual" was used in the wording of the Amendment.

We are supporting the Reproductive Liberty Amendment, because it protects the liberties of individuals and families, which is consistent with our country's founding principles and constitution. We hope that you will too by **voting yes for Article 22 on November 8th.** *Carol & Fra DeVine*

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An Alaskan Journey "Into The Wild"

Paul Simon wrote, "When I left my home and my family I was no more than a boy" describing how the boxer, scarred by his past, is surviving NYC by persevering despite being at life's lowest point. Enter Chris, whose abusive family life has propelled him rather, into a struggle for survival in the wild. My wife and I recently saw the Stampede Trail sign where Chris was last seen and the 1946 Fairbanks bus used in the movie, *Into The Wild* (Sean Penn) based on the true story by the same name, written by Jon Krakauer. This adventure saga, worthy of Jack London, is the tale of 19 yr-old Christopher McCandless's travels across North America into the Alaskan wilderness in the early 90's. We glimpsed the majestic Denali (20,310 ft.) and stayed in the Park where this bright, Emory grad set up his remote camp in a bus frozen in time on the bank of the Sushana River and lived out the rest of his short life. Instead of finding Nature, he found God. He'd given \$25,000 in savings to charity, abandoned his car and most of his possessions and set out to invent a new name (Alexander Supertramp) & a new life for himself. After managing to survive for 4 months by hunting and gathering, his decomposed body was found by some moose hunters on August 18th, 1992.

As he settled in to savor solitude, the tooth and claw of the wilderness surprised him on more than one occasion. Chris learned a lot of lessons on his spiritual journey about his need for solitude and companionship, about the enchantments & dangers of nature, about what he knew and didn't know. And then, ultimately, the big ones about forgiveness and love, before starvation took his life.

This is the gripping story, warts & all, of the prodigal protagonist who won't come home, who *can't* come home until he discovers, a bit too late, that real happiness comes from sharing your life with others. In the movie, Chris is shown reading aloud the words of Tolstoy about a



life lived for others, in service of others. By the time Chris comes to this realization that he must leave the bush to survive, he discovers the way back is through the dangerously swollen, uncrossable Teklanika River. A weakened Alex Supertramp has now returned to the bus *and* to being Chris McCandless and *as* such, boldly signs his name to his farewell note "thanking the Lord" for his good life and calling upon God to bless those he knows he has hurt and is leaving behind. So often we long to see the prodigal return, but in real life that seldom happens. Actions have consequences. It is tempting to judge through the harsh, bitter eyes of the "elder brother" as many Alaskans have ("he was just an unprepared idiot!"). But often the greatest victory is to have our soul stripped bare, having our folly fully exposed to all & finding ourselves impaled like a thief on a cross begging for mercy. If you've never been there, maybe you *need* to be.

Chris achieved eternal life certainly through the written page, but more importantly through his faith in Jesus Christ. He loved life more than anyone & desired to have a long one, but his main concern was that it be purposeful & inspiring. In that sense, Chris was a success even without intent. So many individuals have been inspired to "live before they die" & to make positive changes in their own lives. Life is so brief and the dash on our tombstone is the legacy we leave. This man's story is globally known (required H.S. reading), not because he *died*, but because he truly *lived*, and lives on in the lessons: *Like, call your mom. It takes very little to make a happy life. Convention is the enemy. Relationships and love matter. Document your own life through photos/journals. Don't wait to start living what you believe. Give people you don't know the benefit of the doubt. Refuse to be part of the charade. Truth matters. We're all human so we make mistakes, but we learn from them & we need to protect ourselves from those who don't.* Chris lived more in his short life than so many trapped in convention,

materialism and societal expectations. As Ron, the kindly old man who wanted to adopt Chris, tells him, regarding his problems with his folks & the church, "When you forgive, you love. When you love, God's light shines on you." That's the most freeing advice you could ever receive, the kind you need to reverberate in your brain in the final moments before meeting your Creator at whose feet each one of us must someday kneel. *Glenn Davis*



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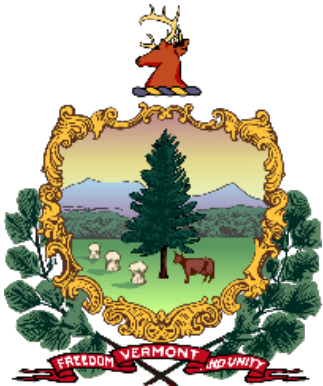
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Diana -

A number of Mt Holly constituents have reached out to me asking that I forward you the Governor's statement following the Supreme Court decision. They would very much like you to print the Governor's statement in response to some of the other posts and letters in last month's ChitChat.

So, here is the Governor's statement sent out on June 24th - I hope you can include this in the next ChitChat.

Thanks, Alison H. Clarkson, Vermont State Senate, Majority Leader, Windsor County District



STATEMENT BY GOVERNOR PHIL SCOTT ON SUPREME COURT RULING

Montpelier, Vt. - Governor Phil Scott today issued the following statement in response to the Supreme Court decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*:

"I know many Vermonters like me are deeply disappointed following today's decision by the Supreme Court, as this decision rolls back a federal right that women have had for decades. It's Important to note, a woman's right to choose is a principle we will uphold in Vermont, and we, in fact, have prepared for this unfortunate outcome.

"In 2019, I signed a law that affirmed the fundamental rights of all women and ensured reproductive health decisions remain between a woman and her health care provider. That does not change with this ruling.

"Additionally, in November, Vermonters will be able to further solidify this action with a constitutional amendment on the ballot. As I have said, I will be voting for that amendment, and I encourage Vermonters to stand up for the rights of women and do the same.

"To that end, In the coming days, I will formally provide public notice to Vermonters, as required by the Vermont Constitution and state statute, that Proposal 5, a proposed amendment to the Vermont Constitution passed by the General Assembly, will appear on the November general election ballot.

"Further, I call on Congress to immediately work to codify the right to choose for all Americans as we have done for Vermonters."

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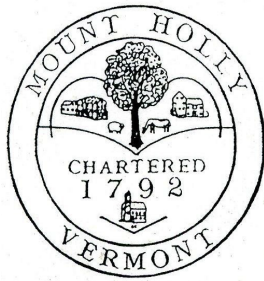
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Mount Holly Town News

The following Minutes of the Select Board and the Planning Commission are "DRAFT" until approved at their next meeting. NOTE: Most Select Board and Planning Commission meetings are covered by Okemo Valley TV. The videos can be viewed at their website, www.okemovalley.tv Computers with internet access are available at the Town Library.

Select Board Meeting @ Town Office July 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Present: Select Board: Jeff Chase, Diana Garrow, Mark Turco

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

(Chair)

Town Officials: Caitlin Boyle, Philippe Crane, Dennis Devereux, Carol Garrow-Woolley, David Johnson, Jon McCann (via Zoom), Christine Pratt, James Seward, Laura Swartz, Clinton Woolley

Members of the Public: In Person: Chad Farrar, Zena Gates, Amy Turco. Via Zoom: Kelly Beerman, Francis & Carol DeVine, Barbara & Steve Hazelton, Jessica Metcalf, Renee Sarmiento, Jonathan Washburn

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1. Call to Order at 6:30 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the agenda. Mark Turco noted a request to add Cota & Cota Capped Price at Office Program

to the New Business section.

4. Approval of June 14th minutes. Diana Garrow made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Mark Turco unanimously approved.

5. Reports

a. Highways & Transfer Station Update – Clinton Woolley

i. Mr. Woolley noted that the road crew has put about 130 hours on the excavator, ditching and doing culvert installations, since its purchase. The Highway Department also received the FY23 grants in aid of \$31,000. He noted that he has also installed most of the new speed limit signs and will finish the project in the coming days.

ii. Mr. Woolley is interested in putting an RFP out for reclaiming a section of Hortonville Road.

III. Mr. Woolley noted that the scrap pile is getting big at the transfer station and Tim Hubbard has volunteered to pick it up at no cost, as has been done for the past few years. He also has a call into E-cycle to empty that container.

b. Treasurer Monthly Income & Expense Report – David Johnson

i. Mr. Johnson noted that we are at the beginning of the new fiscal year as of July 1st.

ii. There is a newly established account for the Conservation Commission Fund.

iii. In reviewing the Profit and Loss Statement, Mr. Johnson noted that this is the first year in a number of years that the delinquent tax has not met the budget; usually it is over. The payment from the Forestry Receipts is more than expected. He also noted that the fees for the records fund were \$6,697 but research fees are only \$399. Solid Waste label sales are over what was budgeted; officers' salaries are \$15,000 under budget. Additional Star Lake expenses was the annual dam registration with the state; he anticipates additional bills for mowing around Star Lake and cemeteries. Overall, Transfer Station is under budget. The school was paid in full. Vehicle repairs are under budget. The fuel budget is over by

\$5,800.

iv. Overall, the budget is in fine shape.

c. Town Clerk Update:

i. All Cott Systems updates are up to date.

d. Mount Holly Planning Commission Update – Jon McCann

i. Mr. McCann reported that the Commission is still working on the Town Plan; it is currently looking at the Flood Resilience Plan Component.

ii. He also reported that Verizon will co-locate on the new cell tower.

e. Mount Holly Conservation Commission Update – Fra Devine

i. The Conservation Commission received a \$1,000 grant from Northford Timber Framers.

ii. Divers are coming to town the week of July 11 to put down the bottom barrier in Star Lake until October.

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iii. Star Lake E-coli level is currently 3-4 times the level the state allows. The divers putting down the bottom barriers will be made aware of whether this week's testing results affect their decision to enter the lake.

iv. The Conservation Commission is working toward giving a brief presentation on the history of the lake and what can be done to restore it, possibly on Mount Holly Days.

f. Lake Ninevah Update – Kelly Beerman

i. This year, the Town of Mount Holly was awarded \$12,050 from the state for both aquatic surveys from an aquatic ecologist. And to facilitate visitor greeters at Lake Ninevah and Woodward Reservoir.

ii. Lake Ninevah has had three infestations of Eurasian water milfoil, and the lake will be evaluated again this summer for sign of infestation.

iii. The Select Board does need to sign off on the state's DEC grant to the town for Lake Ninevah. The next time she will need a signature from the SB is at the end of the grant period, in October, When the final findings and write-up will come due to the state.

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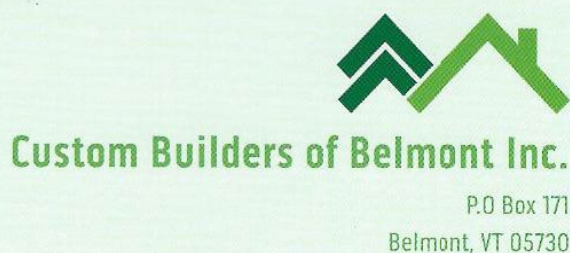
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a. Establishment of the FY23 Tax Rate

i. Tax dollars to be raised by the Town are \$1,058,075. As divided by the Municipal Grand List. This equals a tax rate of .3734 cents. A Tax Rate of 37.54 would raise \$1,063,753. The Homestead Rate would be 1.9038 and the non-homestead rate would be 1.8724. This represents a minor decrease from FY22.

ii. Diana Garrow made a motion to accept the tax rate as presented. Jeff Chase seconded; unanimously approved.

b. Presentation of and Select Board Vote on Shade Tree Preservation Plan – Phil Crane

i. Mr. Crane reminded the Select Board that shade trees are defined in the state statutes as trees that are in the town right-of-way or on municipal land, and were planted by the town. There are remarkably few of these trees in Mount

Holly, but there are a number of additional trees that the Conservation Commission would like to consider as shade trees for the purposes of this plan. Including trees in the plan would enable the town to preserve or protect trees with cultural or agricultural value and to possibly secure funding for their preservation. The plan does not obligate the town to do anything beyond what is already being done, and it does not obligate individuals to include trees on their property; it also does not require any fiscal commitment from the Town. In their initial surveys of property owners, the Commission has received positive feedback from property owners with shade trees on their properties. Neighboring towns, including Shrewsbury, are also embarking on similar shade tree plans.

ii. Chad Farrar raised a question about whether conifers would be included in the plan, because they tend to grow quickly and exacerbate muddy road conditions in the spring. Phil Crane noted there are currently no conifers designated as shade trees.

iii. Mark Turco also noted that a town citizen wondered whether the plan would affect his ability to manage trees on his own property; Mr. Crane noted that the plan is not binding; there is a path to appeal decisions to cut down or preserve shade trees once a plan is adopted. The Plan is not an ordinance nor a policy; it is merely a plan that establishes a protocol for managing shade trees.

iv. Amy Turco noted that utility companies do not need to contact the Town if they need to manage trees for the purposes of maintaining power lines.

v. Jeff Chase made a motion to accept the Shade Tree Preservation Plan as written; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

c. Board of Listers Opening

i. There is an opening for the open Board of Listers position, following the resignation of Carol Garrow-Woolley. The Select Board Clerk will post the request for letters of interest for the position on all usual channels, including website, *Chit Chat*, and Mount Holly NewsFlash. Mr. Johnson noted that the Town will seek a new Town Appraiser in time for the Town's next reappraisal. Mr. Turco noted that anyone interested in being a lister should send a letter of interest to the Select Board; they should have some computer experience. It would be a temporary appointed position until the next election; the term is three years.

ii. Mr. Turco made a motion to accept Ms. Garrow-Woolley's resignation as submitted; Jeff Chase seconded; unanimously approved.

d. Town Health Officer Appointment (due to State by 7/31/22)

i. The State requires that Towns appoint a new Health Officer by July 31, 2022.

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f. Additions of Healdville Road Sign at Intersection with Church and Lake Roads

i. Dennis Devereux noted that a couple residing in Belmont pointed out that there is no road sign for Healdville Road at the intersection of Church and Lake Roads, and asked that a sign be added at that intersection. The Select Board and Road Forman agreed.

g. Coverage of Cemetery Volunteers and Commissioner Under Existing PACIF Policy

i. Dennis Devereux asked for the Select Board's views on distributing a volunteer waiver to cemetery volunteers so that they are aware of the possible risks of grounds keeping in cemeteries, as recommended by the town's insurer. The Select Board acknowledged that the existing policy indeed covers volunteers up to \$50,000 each, in case of accident. Caitlin Boyle will provide copies of the waiver to Mr. Devereux to distribute.

h. Cota and Cota

i. Mark Turco made a motion to accept the Cota & Cota Capped Price at Office Program; Jeff Chase seconded; unanimously approved.

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.

Office, to offer enforcement support for the new speed limits established in Mount Holly.

ii. Dennis Devereux noted his thanks to the Select Board for addressing the issue. The Select Board noted they will request minor changes to the submitted contract to include an update to the stated fuel-price cap, but assuming that change is accepted, that they would approve the contract.

iii. Mark Turco made a motion to accept the contract with the revisions indicated above; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

c. Select Board Vote on Removal of TH-15 Scampsville Road from Town Highway Map: Jeff Chase noted that he has sought input from the state regarding removing Scampsville Road from the town highway map.

d. Junk Ordinance Enforcement Updates

i. Property owner Sill Hunter has confirmed that trash bags will be removed from the Blue Spruce House this week.

ii. Grover Taylor called the Select Board to confirm he is working on removing junk vehicles from his father's property.

e. Citizen Comments

i. Dennis Devereux suggested that the Select Board may wish to research whether VTrans can reassess the intersection of Route 103 and Belmont Road; the rise in the road reduces visibility to drivers and poses a risk to drivers taking a left onto Route 103 heading S from Belmont Road. Mark Turco and Jeff Chase noted they can draft a letter to VTrans to ask for an assessment.

ii. Kevin Plew wrote a letter to the Select Board regarding road maintenance on and culvert maintenance on Shunpike Road. Mr. Woolley noted that he did touch up on Shunpike on July 11. He also noted that the roads get graded in early August, but because it's so dry, he has been reluctant to do much grading because of the amount of dust it creates. Regarding the culvert, there have been efforts to clear the culvert, and there are current efforts to trap the beaver that are repeatedly damming the culvert.

iii. Jeff Chase noted that there is an update on the Summit Road Culvert; work is progressing there.

8 Announcements/other Business

a. The August 9 Select Board meeting needs to be rescheduled due to state primary elections. Mark Turco made a motion to reschedule the August 9 meeting to the following day, August 10 at 6:30 pm. Jeff Chase seconded; unanimously approved.

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ii. Two letters of interest were received by the Select Board, from Town residents Jim Corven and Chad Farrar. Letters of interest were read into the record by Mark Turco.

iii. Dennis Devereux noted that both candidates were qualified and wished the Select Board good luck in making a decision.

iv. Diana Garrow made a motion to recommend Chad Farrar to the position of Town Health Officer for the Town of Mount Holly; Mark Turco seconded; unanimously approved.

e. Rutland Regional Planning Commission Rep and Alternate Appointments

i. Two letters of interest were received; one for representative and one for alternate.

ii. Jeff Chase made a motion to appoint as RRPC Representative Jessica



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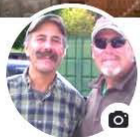
7. Ongoing & Old Business

a. Dog License Registration for Unregistered Dogs

i. Animal Control Officer Laura Swartz will conduct calls to check in with owners of previously registered but currently unregistered dogs. She will come to the next meeting with a update on her progress.

b. Installation of Speed Limit Signs and Enforcement Support

i. Jeff Chase shared the proposal from the Rutland County Sheriff's



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9. Review & Sign Orders

10. Executive Session: Title 1 V.S.A. S 313(a)(3) – personnel (If needed)

a. No executive session needed.

11. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Planning Commission Town Office & Remote Electronic – Special Work Meeting Minutes Wednesday June 1, 2022

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

Also Present: Renee Sarmento (Clerk), Stephen Michel, Christine Boudreau, David Johnson

- Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
- No changes to agenda.
- Town Plan Revisions
 - Housing Plan
- Chair referenced the Census numbers compiled by Commissioner Andrew Seward and shared at a previous meeting.
 - Commissioner Andrew Seward stated he was supposed to talk with David Johnson about non-resident housing and median home prices. Found out Census may not have very accurate information (errors may be as much as 25-50%). Desire to look into the number of rental units available and whether they are short vs long term rentals.
 - Chair asked about the language in the 2018 Town Plan saying “over 50% of the housing is seasonal home stock”. Unanimously agreed that this statement was incorrect or misleading since “seasonal” dwellings are, by state definitions, unable to be occupied year-round and include camps and cottages. Desire to correct the statement in the Plan and find a reasonably accurate number for the percentage of non-resident occupied dwellings. Commissioner Andrew Seward offered to meet with David Johnson.
- Commissioner Sullivan asked if we could identify non-resident occupied dwellings from tax bills. Mr. Johnson stated they would need to declare their homestead, and that some individuals might not file for various reasons. The tax bill is mailed based on declaration to the state. Commissioner Sullivan concluded that you would have to go through the property tax list and count addresses (Mount Holly addresses vs non-Mount Holly addresses). Commissioner Sullivan suggested sampling information, and Commissioner Andrew Seward suggested sorting the data electronically in an Excel spreadsheet.
- Further discussion about ways to determine the numbers of resident vs. second home owners. Mr. Johnson stated there used to be residential categories and vacation categories in the grand list but they no longer have that. Mr. Johnson looked up there are 971 tax bills for places that can be lived in year-round (includes 2nd homes), 47 seasonal tax bills, 14 commercial properties, 1 industrial (Deco manufacturing), 2 utilities.
- Mr. Johnson stated that in 2019 there were 952 tax bills for places that can be lived year-round compared to 971 in 2022.
- Chair referenced that for the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan the team looked at the number of new E911 addresses each year to approximate the rate of new development.
- Discussion about categories of properties.
- Chair asked Mr. Johnson about other complications of using the grand list to understand housing usage - multiple dwellings per parcel, and combining multiple properties into a SPAN. Mr. Johnson stated that there are cases with multiple dwellings and properties on one tax bill and adjacent properties with the same owner are merged into a single record with one SPAN. May make it difficult to understand the number of parcels with dwellings from the List.
- Commission Sullivan asked about second units such as a mother-in-law apartment. Is that one dwelling? Mr. Johnson stated that if it is attached to the house, then yes, it is on one tax bill unit.
- The Chair spoke about how the multiple units or multiple dwellings per bill/parcel further complicates calculating a median dwelling or home value from the Grand List. Mr. Johnson agreed. The Chair asked if there is anything to identify multi dwellings rather than the description field. Mr. Johnson responded that there is not. Mr. Johnson stated he doesn't think there are very many places – some places they suspect but have no proof.
- Grand list entries have a parcel ID and a SPAN. The Chair spoke about how on our physical copies of tax maps you can see dashed lines or dotted lines for the internal boundaries between lots (or “inactive parcels”), and asked if this was in any way represented on the grand list? Mr. Johnson replied that it is not and those lots do not have their own parcel identifier. Mr. Johnson added that subdivisions do not have parcel identifiers until they are sold off. The Chair asked where the “inactive parcel” status and

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information is kept. Mr. Johnson stated there is a list. When parcel ID becomes active the same parcel ID is reactivated, but typically will get a new span number

xiii. More discussion regarding accuracy of the Census data.

xiv. The Chair revisited the subject of individuals not declaring Homestead status. The Chair asked if it is true that the Homestead tax rate is higher than the non, and if this may contribute to people not declaring. Mr. Johnson stated the rate has been higher for 8-10 years. It was most recently only a difference of two cents. Penalty for not declaring homestead when it is your home. The Chair asked why the Homestead tax is higher. Mr. Johnson stated this is due to the cost of education tax.

xv. The Chair asked if there is anything that can be done to provide incentive/relief to live here. For example, impact fees for non-residents to offset cost to local residents? Chair asked if this has been considered. Mr. Johnson stated it has not and he doesn't believe it would be fair. (Postscript: non-homestead parcels are not equivalent to "non-resident" ownership.)

xvi. Commissioner Schulz asked if it would be possible to distribute a brief survey to the town to gather some of the information we would like to have. Commissioner Sullivan thought we would be lucky to get over a 10% response rate from a survey and the accuracy of the resulting data would not be better than what we have from the Census already. Commissioner Andrew Seward agreed.

xvii. Commissioner Andrew Seward stated he could look at other town plans and find out where they got their information, but he believed it came from the Census.

xviii. Chair asked if anyone had ideas on how to get rental information other than from the census. Commissioner Andrew Seward suggested talking to the rental/real estate agency. Discussion about how this may not be accurate as they would only know about properties going through their agency.

xix. Commissioner Sullivan suggested using descriptive language without using numbers in the town plan. Commission Andrew Seward agreed descriptive language could be used to describe current housing situation and increase in numbers of Airbnb rentals.

xx. Commissioner Schulz stated the assumption that the Planning Commission wants to be able to track data over time and see what the trends are and how things are changing over time and not to simply get a snapshot of today. Commissioner Schulz confirmed with Planning Commission members that this was correct, and went on to say that while there are things that could be done to make current data more accurate, if the Commission really wants to compare we would need to repeat steps every year or every so many years in order to really make sure comparing like data. Commissioner Schulz expressed concern that the Planning Commission is putting in a lot of effort on one-time basis doesn't work unless successors are willing to do this again to maintain the same sampling/methodology at that time. Suggested using the data we have which is the census. Commissioner Andrew Seward and Commissioner Sullivan agreed.

xxi. The Chair spoke about looking at property transfers/housing starts which may not have a great handle on. Housing construction – BCR's and new 911 addresses are two ways to capture this. The state maintains a list of new 911 addresses.

xxii. Current year's Grand List is not completed yet.

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

4. Public Comments: none

5. Upcoming meetings

a. Regular meeting – June 15th, 7:00 pm (3rd Wednesday)

b. Special Meeting – July 6th, 7:00pm – Flood Resilience plan

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm

For the Commission, Renee Sarmento, Clerk



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Town Office & Remote Electronic – Regular Meeting Minutes Wednesday June 15, 2022

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

1. Jon McCann called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM
2. Changes to agenda

None; agenda approved

3. Approval of minutes

May 4, 2022 special meeting minutes were approved as distributed

4. Reports & Announcements

a. Administrative Officer:

The Administrative Officer was absent due to illness

b. Planning Commission Clerk:

The Planning Commission Clerk was absent due to illness

c. Planning Commission Chair:

i. Chair noted that at the previous night's meeting, the Select Board had approved the creation of a Board of Adjustment and appointed three members and two alternates.

ii. Chair noted that the Select Board also approved the Mount Holly Conservation Trust's conveyance of the former Ryan property to the State Department of Fish and Wildlife.

5. Correspondence

a. Subdivision proposals: None

b. Building Construction Registrations (BCRs):

Chair noted that several BCRs were recently received, but have not yet been reviewed by the Administrative Officer. The BCRs were made available for Commissioners to review.

c. Wastewater system and potable water supply permits:

Chair noted that the Planning Commission has received no further communications concerning the new construction at 4623 Route 155, now owned by Siegfried following the Bolalek subdivision.

d. Email / Other: No emails have been received; 2021 Annual Reports were received from the Housing Trust of Rutland County and The

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6. Unfinished business: None

i. New business: None

7. Public comments: No members of the public were present either in person or electronically.

8. Upcoming meetings

a. Special working meeting (flood resilience): July 6, 2022 at 7:00 PM

i. Chair noted that he has not heard back from the regional planning commission;

ii. Chair stated that he intends to contact Conservation Commission for updates regarding scenic roads, ash trees and preservation plan;

iii. Discussion concerning additional topics for future special meeting: economic development; land use; energy.

b. Regular meeting: July 20, 2022 at 7:00 PM

9. Adjournment: at 7:33 PM

For the Commission, Andrew Schulz, Planning Commission Secretary

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The Mount Holly Select Board seeks a new Lister to serve on the Board of Listers beginning in August 2022.

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Competitive candidates must be registered voters in Mount Holly, and will also have good computer and internet skills.

Please send Letter of Interest to the Mount Holly Select Board by August 9, 2022, with your qualifications.

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Vermont Home Gardener Late Summer Gardening

We are in peak garden season and there's a lot happening out there. The dry weeks of July have made two practices essential: watering and mulching. While you enjoy some satisfying harvests and flowers stay alert to new pests showing up now so we can prevent serious damage. There are some great things that can be planted now too. Garlic harvest is almost here so let's look at the best way to harvest, cure, and select next year's crop? Weeds are growing too and it's important to prevent them from producing seed that will come back next year. This week we'll look at these topics plus a couple important jobs to make your garden even more productive.

What can I plant now? Many of our early plants are now past their prime and can be removed to make room for new ones. Yes, it's hard to take away those first lettuces and greens but they can add to your home compost and the space is valuable. For example, if you like fresh garden salads and greens, you can keep planting new rows including leaf lettuces, mesclun mixes, arugula, spinach, chard, kales, radishes, etc. I like to start a new planting every 2 weeks to keep fresh harvests coming in. They need extra watering to get started if it doesn't rain and some mulch (straw or grass clippings) between the rows keeps them cooler and conserves soil moisture. Start a couple rows and you'll be pleased with how well they will grow for you into the late summer and fall.

Tomatoes: I have a suggestion. This may not be a popular practice but it's worth considering if you have had foliage diseases (early blight, septoria, canker, etc) gradually overtake your tomato plants. Prune off all the lower branches of your staked or caged tomato plants up to 12-18 inches above ground. Leave no branches that have yellowed, turned brown, or look aged down there. This accomplishes at least two things:

1. It gets rid of older, non-productive foliage that are no longer feeding the plant but are very susceptible to infection and
2. It creates a gap between the soil (where many diseases may start) and the upper, productive part of your plants. Yes, they will look a bit odd with bare stems but it seems to slow the progress of diseases up through the plant. Additionally, keep pruning those "suckers" and be sure you have mulch under the plants to suppress weeds and keep the soil moist. Applying a weekly spray of [compost tea](#), Serenade, or fungicidal copper are all good organic practices to prevent diseases from getting started.

Pest Alerts. It's always something, but if you stay on top of things they won't get ahead of you. **Japanese Beetles** are emerging from the lawns and moving onto raspberries, roses, and whatever is available. Handpicking works, beetle traps do not, don't bother. Traps actually attract more beetles than they catch. A good way to reduce your local beetle population is to mow your grass high (4-6 inches!) so the females don't lay their eggs there for next year. The second generation of **Colorado Potato Beetles** are emerging. Get the young adults and larvae to prevent them from reproducing and save yourself future troubles. **Cabbage moths** (white wings with a black spot on each wing) are flying about and mating and laying eggs on cabbages, broccoli, cauliflower, Brussel sprouts, etc. They will hatch into "cabbage worms" that can spoil a great harvest. Snag the flying adults with a children's butterfly net (you're allowed to play too!) and apply weekly treatments of Bt or Dipel (caterpillar killer) to the plants. These are naturally occurring bacteria that will stop the caterpillars and are harmless to us.

While you're out there watering, mulching, weeding, and picking be sure to look under leaves for insect pest eggs. When you find single eggs, rows, or clusters you can eliminate them easily to prevent potential pest outbreaks. Be careful not to disturb clusters of **yellow** eggs as they probably are beneficial lady beetles that will become your ally by eating many of your garden pests. Look for **web worm** hatchings on your fruit trees and raspberries. If you see dead leaves near the branch ends and webbing, clip that branch off and burn or bury them. Another effective organic pest preventer is to apply Diatomaceous Earth (DE) on plants showing leaf damage. DE is made from fossilized diatoms (no chemicals) that acts like microscopic broken glass to crawling pests such as slugs, snails, earwigs, and ants.

Do you want more flowers? Keep cutting off mature and fading blossoms just below the flower to stimulate the plants to produce more blossoms instead of putting their energy into seeds. This called "deadheading" and is an easy way to extend the blossoming of many annual & perennial plants including marigolds, zinnias, petunias, begonias, geraniums, phlox, salvia, Shasta daisy, calendula, coneflowers, and many others.

Garlic is ready! If you were lucky enough to plant garlic last fall, it's now to harvest time. Watch your plants as they mature and gradually turn yellow to brown. As they decline the bulbs are enlarging and you want to get them when they are full sized but still tight together, just before the cloves loosen apart. Tight bulbs will store better, loose bulbs should be used sooner. Garlic needs to "cure" and dry for storage so plan for a place where you can place them for a few weeks after harvesting. It's best to dig (rather than pull) the garlic. Use a soft brush to clean off the roots and lay the entire plant out to dry in an airy place, some direct sunlight helps. Do not cut off the plant tops yet. After drying (1-2 weeks) the bulbs need to cure for another month. Hang the whole plants or lay them in an out of the way warm location and let them complete their maturation. These bulbs are the strongest, juiciest garlic you'll ever have so go ahead and use some in your cooking. After the stems above the bulbs are completely dried you can cut them off about 2 inches above the bulbs. You can also now trim off the dried roots to prepare your bulbs for storage in a ventilated basket.

Finally, be sure to select the Largest of your bulbs to save for planting next year's crop. By using the biggest bulbs for planting you will be developing future generations of bigger and better garlic adapted to your specific soil conditions. We have been selecting our own garlic at Fenn Farmstead & Gardens for 9 years and now have bulbs about double the typical size found commercially with incomparable flavor. If you haven't grown your own garlic before, now is the time to begin planning for next year's crop, don't miss this great New England harvest again!

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

What are you seeing on in your garden? Got questions? Suggestions? Please share them at calidris1@gmail.com 802-259-2311 home, 781-307-0394 mobile <https://vermonthomegardener.com/> Thanks, Jim Corvin

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New Home Design Tent at Best of VT Fest Sponsor LaValley's Also Offering Special Prize

The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce announced a new Design Tent planned for the 2nd Annual Best of Vermont Summer Festival sponsored by **LaValley's Building Supply**. This event is scheduled for Saturday, August 20 from 12-7 pm & Sunday, August 21 from 10 am – 4 pm in Ludlow, Vermont at the Okemo

Field on Route 103. The festival is rain or shine.

This new Home Design Tent will bring together vendors and artisans around home decor and home improvements. Participating vendors so far include: **LaValley's Building Supply, O'Donnell Design, Opio Home, pscg studio gallery, Rockledge Farm Woodworks, and Smokeshire Design**. Other related vendors who will also be vending at the festival include: **Ken Ahlering Fine Art, Antiquities, Art by Kelly Gearwar, Bratach Sith Studio - Julie Crabtree Art, Kevin Hart Photography, Heidi Louise Pottery, Jamaica Cottage Shop, Lifesketch Photography, Mason House Pottery, Pat Moore Art & Photography, Robert Patterson Woodturned Bowls & Cut Boards, The Quilted Garden, Soijen, Soy-ology candles, Stone Creek Workshops, Vermont License Plate Art, Vermont Native Photography and Vintage Soul**.

The festival has also created a new annual commemorative limited edition print designed by O'Donnell Design which will be available for sale at their booth. Learn more here: <https://www.yourplaceinvermont.com/best-of-vt-festival-unveils-commemorative-poster>

Win a \$500 Gift Card! The festival is also offering one lucky winner a \$500 home improvement gift certificate courtesy of LaValley's Building Supply. Enter now through August 15 and lucky winner will be announced at the festival. Enter the contest here: <https://www.yourplaceinvermont.com/enter2win>

The festival, presented by **William Raveis Vermont Properties**, is still seeking additional vendors. The vendor application deadline is Friday July 29, 2022. Discounts will be given to participating OVRCC chamber member vendors. The chamber has a special festival web page where vendor forms are also available: www.yourplaceinvermont.com/vendors

This festival is a great opportunity for everyone including locals, new residents, second homeowners, and visitors to enjoy specialty foods; wine, spirits & brew tastings; artisan products; fine art; awesome live music; hot air balloon; ag demos; children's activities; a car show; barn dance, & more! The Best of VT Summer Festival will also be promoted throughout the Okemo Valley region, the state of Vermont, New England and the Northeast.

If participants will be needing lodging that weekend, please consider one of these fine Okemo Valley establishments by going to: <https://www.yourplaceinvermont.com/where-to-stay>

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Ludlow Rotarians Learn About Drones

Drones -- those little remote-controlled helicopters with an all-seeing camera -- are ideal for solving the mystery of a lost hiker. But finding out what's behind a neighbor's fence or, God forbid, your bedroom window, are off limits, according to Gene Jakominich of Ludlow, featured speaker at the Ludlow Rotary Club's July 19th meeting.

He described the capabilities of drones, detailing how the photographs taken by these flying devices were able to define details that ordinary cameras couldn't.

A retired US Navy Operations Specialist and veteran of the First Gulf War, Jakominich says drones are useful for disaster relief. But, they must never take off from private property without permission from the property owner. In discussing

the flight management of drones, Jakominich indicated that most drone users followed basic rules as to elevation and area covered during drone operations. .

Two factors he stressed concerned drone flight over private property. He cited the current legal status of a drone as being similar to that of a commercial aircraft, saying, "Don't shoot it down. That's a federal crime. Call the police instead." since this would be considered the same as attacking conventional aircraft based on the current laws.

He also noted that most users will not take photos of private property without first getting the consent of the owner.

Jim Rumrill, LRC President, introduced three recently graduated students from area high schools. All three were recent recipients of scholarship awards from the LRC. Each of the students described their continuing plan of studies in college.

Pictured above are three students who recently graduated from high school who were awarded scholarships by the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC). They recently attended a club meeting and discussed their future education plans. They are pictured with Jim Rumrill, the President of the LRC. From left to right, they are Jim Rumrill, LRC President, Reid Hychiewicz, Mackenzie Martin, and Grace Tyrrell.

Senior Solutions Health & Benefits Fair

Senior Solutions is teaming up with Black River Good Neighbor Services for the "Aging Successfully" community event August 5th outside of the food shelf & thrift store in the Ludlow Community Center complex.

Ludlow Rotary Prepares for 23rd Annual Duck Race

It's that time of year -- when the ducks are preparing for race down the Black River in the Ralph D Hogancamp Memorial Duck Race to help a local group, this year it will be Rainbow Riding of Mt. Holly.

The Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) will be sponsoring the 23rd running of this traditional "athletic" event of the ducks on Saturday, August 20 when at 12 Noon the sponsored ducks will be dropped from the Depot Street bridge into the Black River to determine who the fastest duck to reach Walker Bridge is.

The ducks reaching the Walker Bridge first will be rewarding their sponsors with cash prizes of \$200, 100, and 75 for the first three winners. Keeping with tradition, the last sponsored duck to make it across the finish line will earn \$25 for its sponsor-just for trying.

Naturally, in order to be one of the winners, sponsors need to rent their ducks by purchasing raffle tickets. Tickets are available in numerous "sizes": \$5 for a single ticket \$20 for a quack pack (5 for \$20) \$50 for a corporate duck

Raffle tickets are available at Benson's Chevrolet, Fletcher Memorial Library, Peoples United Bank and Ludlow Insurance and any Ludlow Rotarian! They are also available online at www.ludlowrotary.com.



A Historic Event in Rutland

Friday, July 29 the [Chamber & Economic Development of the Rutland Region](#) (CEDRR), [Rutland City's Mayor](#), the [Rutland Regional Planning Commission](#) (RRPC), and the [Vermont Agency of Transportation](#) (VTrans) is celebrating the first voyage of the [Amtrak Ethan Allen Express Train](#) from Burlington, Vermont to New York City.

Join us at the [James M. Jeffords Station](#), also known as the Rutland Amtrak Station, for a light lunch provided by [Maple Angus](#) at 11:30 and live music by members of the [Rutland City Band](#). At noon, welcoming remarks will be given just before the train pulls into the station around 12:10. We hope you can attend this historic event!

"Rutland has been Amtrak's northern home for 25 years. We are excited that it will now connect New York City and Rutland to Burlington," said the Mayor of Rutland, David Allaire.

In a statement issued by Governor Phil Scott as part of a [press release](#) provided by VTrans, Governor Scott said, "Providing this new service along the western corridor wouldn't have happened without the partnership between the Agency of Transportation, the General Assembly, Vermont's Congressional delegation, and the U.S. Department of Transportation, and the willingness of communities along the way. This new service will benefit Vermonters in countless ways, all while helping to grow our economy."

RRPC Executive Director Devon Neary pointed out that, "Rutland is the essential connecting link between these two urban centers and the improved access to our outdoor adventure-based tourism will be a boon for the Region."

"This is yet another positive economic development for Rutland City and the entire County", added CEDRR Executive Director Lyle Jepson.

Since 1996, Amtrak service has been offered between Rutland and New York City. The station, in its current location, was opened in 1999. In 2007, to celebrate U.S. Senator Jim Jeffords' 32 years of public service, the station was renamed the "James M. Jeffords Rail Passenger Welcome Center." The City of Rutland is planning to revitalize the station area and create a welcoming gateway to all passengers with the help of a \$375,000 grant by Vermont Agency of Transportation.

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Fletcher Farm Late July/Early August Classes

Summer is in full swing now, and we're still offering some exciting classes. and we **have our second Arts and Crafts Festival coming up on August 13**. If you sell at craft shows, there is still time to sign up for a booth.

July 25-28 - Silver Fabrication Open Studio - This workshop is for people who already have some experience in silver fabrication.

July 30 - August 1 - Adult Glazing, Painting and Embellishing Bisque Pieces - This is a follow-up to our July 23-25 Hand Building and Wheel Throwing Clay class.

August 1-5 - Silver Fabrication (All Ages) - Our popular silver fabrication class is being offered for all ages in this workshop. There is plenty of time to learn the basics, get your questions answered, and make a number of pieces to take home with you.

August 3-5 - Theorem Painting - A theorem painting is an oil and watercolor painting on paper, or creamy velveteen, created by applying paint through the aid of a series of stencils. The concept of Early American Reproduction and history of this technique that was popular in the 1800s will be included in this class.

August 4-5 - Weave a Necktie Chair Seat - Country classic meets contemporary chic in this class! Students will learn to weave a strong, colorful seat of up-cycled neckties onto a ladder-back style chair. All participants will leave class with at least one unique chair for their home, or to use as gift. A chair with a necktie seat makes a great conversation piece!

August 6-7 - Creating Custom Cabochon Settings - Ideally, students will have taken one of our basic silversmithing courses, or have other experience working with stones and metal. Stones with rounded domes are referred to as *cabochons*.

August 11-12 - Carve a Wooden Gnome - Because this is a beginner's class, the gnome design chosen has no eyes or hands showing. We will start with a 2" x 2" x 5" piece of basswood that has already been roughed out.



NEW CLASS ADDED! - We have added a new class to our summer schedule, **White Pine Bark Mokok to be held on August 19**. A Mokok is a Native American container. Please visit our website for more information.

ANNUAL RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE

We have three (soon to be *four*) wonderful raffle prizes this year, and tickets are available on our web site:

Spring Beauty Quilt, by Susan Damone Balch, quilted by Coleen O'Neill. This happy, bright quilt is 80" square.

Art Deco Swans Rug, hand punched by Layne Herschel. The rug is 30" x 40" and is made out of New Zealand wool.

• **Hand-wrought Royston Turquoise**

Pendant, by Debi Orton. Royston Turquoise comes from the Royston mining district located near Tonopah, Nevada and has been mined since the early 1900s. Royston turquoise is prized because of its attractive matrix inclusions.

All proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets goes toward our **Young Artist Scholarship Program**, which gives local children who might otherwise attend a chance to attend summer art camp.

For more information on classes, to register for classes, to donate, buy raffle tickets, or to become a member, please visit our website at www.fletcherfarm.org, or call our office at (802) 228-8770. We will be glad to take your registration or donation over the phone.



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Ludlow Rotary Hears from Matt Korn, Executive Director, Pure Water for the World

The July 12 luncheon meeting of the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) featured Matt Korn, Executive Director, Pure Water for the World speaking to Rotarians and guests about the lack of clean water to drink or adequate sanitation for 2 billion people in the world. Because of these unsanitary conditions 300,000 children die every year worldwide.

Pure Water for the World partners with underserved communities in Central America and Haiti, providing the tools and education to establish sustainable safe water, sanitation and hygiene education programs. It is heavily supported by Rotary clubs around the world, having been started in 1994 by the Brattleboro Rotary Club.



According to Korn, the Rutland based non-profit organization finds that clean water and sanitation facilities contributes \$4 to the local economy for every \$1 spent on equipment. Savings come from better health, a safer environment for women and girls, and seeing the girls stay in school, and women able to work, because they don't have to travel long distances for safe drinking water. Training local residents is a huge part of the program, as it is critical to its success.

In other business at the meeting, the Rotary Club inducted and welcomed Sue Starr-Adams as its newest member. Sue is an agent with Kelley Real Estate in Ludlow.

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.

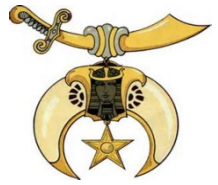
Rotarian Kevin Barnes welcomes Sue Starr-Adams as the newest member of Ludlow Rotary; photo credit Brigid Sullivan



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Covid Vaccine Check - Stay up to date with your Covid-19 vaccine

The [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov) recommends Covid-19 primary series vaccines for everyone ages 6 months and older, and Covid-19 boosters for everyone ages 5 years and older.

What is the status of your Covid vaccine and vaccine boosters? In Rutland County about 86% of eligible people have received at least one dose but that number drops to 56% for fully completed vaccinations, according to the [Covid-19 Vaccine Dashboard](#) by the Vermont Department of Health.

Talk to your [Community Health](#) provider if you have questions about the timing for the second dose in your primary series or about the boosters. Check our website www.chcrr.org or call 888-989-8707 or 802 779-9169.



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LOCATION:

Black River Good Neighbor Services, 37B Main Street, Ludlow VT

Friday, August 5, 2022 from 10 am – 2 pm

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PARTICIPANTS AND ACTIVITIES:

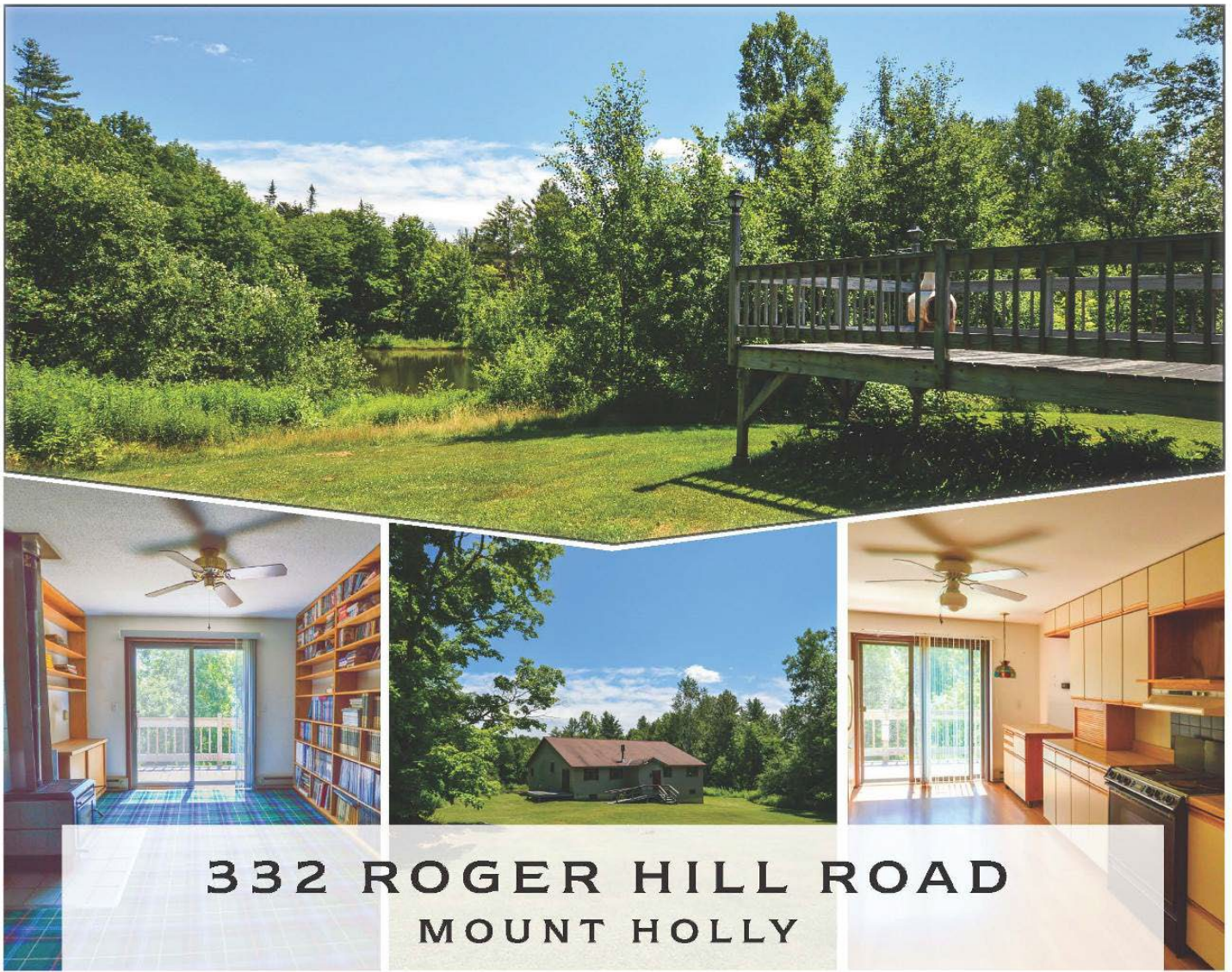
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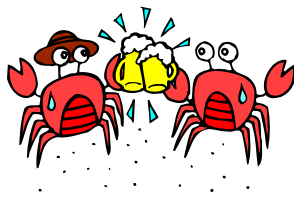
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