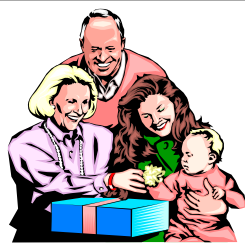


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Town Office Hours: Mon. to Thurs. 8:30 am – 4:00 pm Closed Fri-Sun & Holidays Phone 802-259-2391

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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

September 2022

	1 st	Fire Dept. Meeting, Fire Sta.	Black Bear – Gray Squirrel ~ World War II Began 1936	7:00 pm
	2 nd		Japan Signed Formal Surrender V-J Day 1945	
Sat	3 rd	Baked Ham Supper , Benefit Historical Museum, Odd Fellows Hall		5:00 pm
	5 th		Labor Day	
	6 th	Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library		7:00 pm
		Mount Holly Conservation Commission		7:00 pm
		Mason Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge #96, E. Wallingford		7:30 pm
	8 th	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station		7:00 pm
Sat	10 th		World Suicide Prevention Day	
Sun	11 th		Grandparents Day ~ Patriot Day 2001	
	12 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building		7:00 pm
	13 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		9:00 am
		Mt. Holly PTSA Meeting, MH School		4:30 pm
		Select Board Meeting, Town Office & Zoom		6:30 pm
	14 th	LMHUUS Meeting,	Francis Scott Key Writes Star-Spangled Banner 1814	6:00 pm
		ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		7:30 pm
	15 th	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations		7:00 pm
	16 th		POW / MIA Day	
Sat	17 th	Baked Ham Supper , Benefit MHV Rescue Squad, Odd Fellows Hall		5:00 pm
		Citizenship Day ~ Ladies Auxiliary VFW 1914 ~ US Constitution Approved 1787		
Sun	18 th		Operation Uphold Democracy 1994 ~ US Air Force Est. 1947	
	20 th	Chit Chat Annual Meeting, Town Office		7:00 pm
	21 st	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont		6:30 pm
		Mount Holly Planning Commission, MH Town Office & Via Zoom		7:00 pm
	22 nd	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	Autumnal Equinox Fall Begins	7:00 pm
Sat	24 th		Hare & Rabbit, Ruffed Grouse (Partridge)	
Sun	25 th		Rosh Hashanah Begins ~ Gold Star Mother's Day	
	26 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	George Gershwin 1898	7:00 pm
		1st Televised Debate For Presidential Candidates Richard M Nixon & John F. Kennedy 1960		
	27 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	Rosh Hashanah Ends	9:00 am
	28 th	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		7:00 pm
	29 th	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations	VFW Est 1899	7:00 pm

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Mount Holly Constable Paul Faenza	C 802-353-8347		Health Officer – Chad Farrar	802-259-3610
MH Animal Control For C text only	802-353-4492	H 802-259-3976	Vermont State Police	802-342-1366
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September Anniversaries: 3rd -Douglas & Darlene Stocker 6th -Murray & Betty Merlin 14th-Mike & Melinda Pearson (1996) 15th-Richard & Laurel Darling 21st -Daniel & Linda Fitzgibbon * Jane Harrington & Susan Horsman 26th-Benjamin & Amber

Taylor

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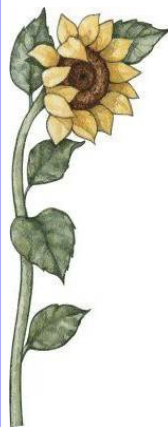
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**Mount Holly Chit Chat
Annual Meeting
Tuesday, September 20th, 2022
7:00 pm**

Mount Holly Town Office

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Christine Powers

Christine (Chris) Callinan Powers, born August 25, 1941, passed away peacefully at UVM medical center on February 14, 2022. Chris was a staple in the Rutland community, along with her late husband Ray Powers, for more than 30 years. She brought good to this world, and those who knew her were better for it. Chris was filled with a tremendous amount of love for her family and friends. She had a way of making you feel as though you were the most important person in the room when she spoke to you. She had a way of engaging with you that made you want to listen. She was so kind and cared greatly for her family, longtime friends, and strangers. She was an ever-present force and steadfastly supportive of all her children. Her strong, loving, and determined presence will be forever missed by her family and many friends in this community. Chris' incredible life began in Weston, MA where she was born and raised, the eldest of four daughters. She graduated from Weston High School in 1959 and proceeded to spend nine years in a convent as a Roman Catholic nun. During that time Chris graduated from St. Elizabeth's

Hospital School of Nursing. Upon leaving the convent, Chris was accepted into Fairfield University in CT, where she was reacquainted with her future husband Ray, who she loved dearly and who was her equal match for values and kindness. Upon completing her bachelors' degree, Chris continued her education and in 1975 earned a MSW from the University of Connecticut. Chris and Ray moved with their young son and daughter to East Wallingford, Vt., in 1982 with the dream of becoming bakers. The family bought a house, built a brick oven, and together perfected their recipe for the Bear Mountain Bakers sourdough bread. Bear Mountain Bakers was something Chris and Ray made together, and it was their way of sharing love with the community. For 30 years, Chris and Ray ran their business from Bear Mountain, with their bread regularly selling out at the Rutland Farmers' Market and in local stores, pursuing their collective dream and enjoying their growing family. Chris and her family were part of the St. Mary's and St. Patrick's community of Mount Holly and Wallingford. They welcomed another daughter in 1997. There are wonderful memories from the house on Bear Mountain, where Chris greatly enjoyed entertaining and visiting with friends who stopped by. In 2018 Chris moved up north to Williston to be closer to her children and grandchildren. It was difficult to leave the Rutland community, but family was her world, and she always enjoyed and

was grateful for all the friends who visited her in Williston. Chris leaves behind her loving family - daughter Grace, son and daughter-in-law John and Alison,

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grandchildren Hannah and Emmett, and sisters Nancy, Marlene and Lynne. She was predeceased by her husband Ray and daughter Kate. Chris will forever be in our hearts. The family looks forward to gathering with friends and family this summer to celebrate Chris' life. All are welcome to join us August 6th from 1-3pm on Bear Mountain Road. In lieu of flowers or donations, to best serve Chris' memory and honor her spirit please take it upon yourself to do your part to make the world a better place for everyone.

Notice;

Mechanicsville Cemetery Annual Meeting

Place: Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont VT.

Date: October 12, 2022

Time: 6:30 PM

Suppers For Mount Holly Organizations



Settings Start 5:00 pm

At

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Sept 3rd Historical Museum - Baked Ham

Sept 17th MHV Rescue Squad - Baked Ham

Oct 8th Colfax Lodge - Roast Pork

Oct 22nd Gill Home, IOOF - Baked Ham

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Mount Holly Day Annual Picnic

Lots of fun at the Annual Mount
Holly Day Picnic At Star Lake

Photo by Joe Hammond



Mt. Moriah Lodge # 96 Trestleboard

Next meeting Tuesday 9/ 06 7:30PM

Brothers,

Congratulations to John Seward, who received his 50 year pin at last month's meeting. Thank you for your many years of service and your support over the years. 50 brothers were raised while he was WM.

Keep our District 11 meeting on your calendars slated for October 18th.

Our District Deputies around the state are still working on a fund raising effort for the George Washington Memorial by having a spaghetti supper in their district or coming up with other creative ideas to raise some money. This is to take place, in September.

Finally, thank you to all the brothers and ladies who helped make our annual fund raising dinner a success.

Fraternally, Dennis Start, WM - Buster Seward, Sec'y

***** Hall Rental in Belmont *****

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

Expeditionary School 3rd Annual Wine Tasting and Silent Auction

The Expeditionary School at Black River is excited to announce that their 3rd Annual Wine Tasting and Silent Auction will be held at The Roundhouse at Jackson Gore on Saturday, September 17th, 2022. Preordering tickets will be available online for \$50; or, \$60 at the door. The evening will also include h'orderves and music by local duo The Bluegrasoles.

ESBR is a 501(3)c non-profit educational organization that continues to provide personalized learning for 7th-12th grade students. The Wine Tasting and Silent Auction offers a wonderful opportunity to support the annual fund of the school itself. The Board welcomes anyone who wants to attend the event or inquire about supporting the Silent Auction with items. The chance to be a Lead Sponsor for food, wine, music, or as a Community Sponsor is also available. A huge thank you goes out to all of the community supporters, including Mary W. Davis Realtor & Associates whose faith in this endeavor ESBR is forever grateful to receive. The continued support as a whole from the community near and far is beyond words. Please join us to continue this growth and provide our Trailblazers with an exceptional learning experience. Further information may be found at esblackriver.org and we look forward to a great night for a great cause.

If you would like to learn more about the school or get involved, please contact Gary Blodgett, Chair of the Board, at gblodgett@esblackriver.org or Kendra Rickerby, Head of School at krickerby@esblackriver.org. Please visit our website www.esblackriver.org. Donations can be made on the website or by mailing a check to P.O. Box 485, Ludlow, VT 05149.

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Thank you to all who came and traveled near and far to celebrate Angelo Centini's 90th Birthday Party. Everyone's well wishes, birthday cards, phone calls and videos were greatly appreciated. It was truly a special day. Angelo and Bessie Centini and Family

Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum

After having to close the museum for two years due to the pandemic, we are once again open. Visit us on Sundays, from 1 to 3 pm, through the summer and fall, closing on October 30th. We have received many artifacts to exhibit from a sugar bowl and maple syrup thermometer to books, diaries and to a wedding gown, ca. 1920s and more! We are still located in the small white church building on Route 103 in the hamlet of Cuttingsville.



Mount Holly Community Guild Raffle

The Community Guild is getting ready for Cider Days. We are selling tickets for our quilt raffle which will be drawn at the end of Cider Days. Stop in at our booth and do a little holiday shopping. Picture by Joe Hammond. Pictured left is Clair Poulin and Donna Seward.



Ludlow Rotary Learns How Crowley Makes Cheese

At its August 9 meeting, members of the Ludlow Rotary Club traveled to Healdville to tour the facilities of Crowley Cheese and learn how their cheese was produced.

Crowley Cheese began making cheese in 1824 in the Crowley farm kitchen. In 1882 it built its factory next to the Crowley farm in Mt Holly and has been producing its fine cheeses ever since. Recognized as a National Historic Place, it is the oldest continuously-operating cheese producer in America.

Galen Jones, President of Crowley Cheese, detailed the process by which their special version of cheddar cheese is created. Unlike the usual process, where the bulk of the process is handled by machines, Crowley still employs its age-old process requiring the patience and attention that only direct

human involvement can produce.

Crowley cheese is made according to a unique recipe. It falls in the Cheddar family, but unlike a Cheddar it doesn't go through the cheddaring process. Instead, the production adds a rinse step that reduces the amount of whey in the cheese. This step is somewhat similar to the wash step used in Colby. As a result, their cheddars are moister. Jones also noted that it takes 10 units of milk to create one of cheese.

Pictured is Galen Jones as he explains the cheese making process to the Ludlow Rotarians as they view the actual cheese production area.

The Ludlow Rotary Club welcomes interested persons to its weekly meetings, usually held at DJ's Restaurant on Tuesday's beginning at Noon. Simply ask a Rotarian for more information or contact Kevin Barnes at 802.228.8877.

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

MHVFLadies Auxiliary Thank You

Thank you to all those who attended the Mount Holly volunteer Firefighter's Auxiliary dinner. The crowd was a little smaller than usual, but we appreciate all those who came and ate and for all those who came and got the awesome take out.

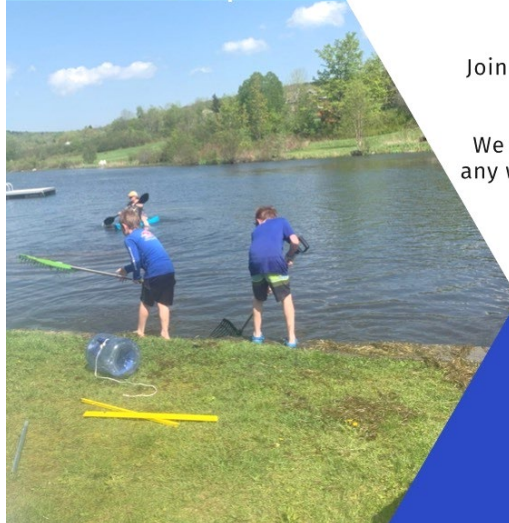
A big thanks for all those who helped out with serving, dishwashing, cooking the delicious food and everything else! Thanks Again from the MHVFA

September 18 &
October 1
12-2 pm

STAR LAKE BEACH CLEAN UP DAYS

Join us for two more clean up days to help make a difference!

We will be working on cleaning up any weeds we can to make the lake more open next year.



For more information :

Phil Leonard

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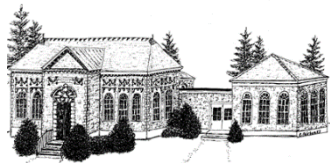
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News from the Mount Holly Community Association

Summer seems to come and go in the blink of an eye and then we are thinking about fall. Hoping everyone has most of their wood cut and ready to be stacked as cooler nights are going to be settling in. The summer events have been great though despite a few rain showers forcing Music on the Green to become Music on the library stage; even though attendance drops off when we move inside, enthusiasm for the musicians remains high and well appreciated. Thank you to those of you who spent your Thursday evenings with us for a myriad of sing alongs, heartfelt ballads, and raucous renditions that got people up and shaking their booties.

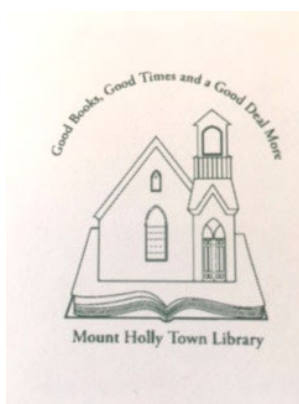
Fall events line up...

Cabaret: As covid concerns continue to influence people's comfort level to gather indoors, we have once again opted to cancel Cabaret as it typically attracts an older crowd whose risk level is higher if they become infected. Let's hope 2023 brings a change and we can feel more comfortable gathering inside.

Calendar Photo Contest preview: Come join us Sunday October 2 at 4pm in the Community Center for the unveiling of this year's entries to be in the Mount Holly Calendar. Judges will announce the top three winners in the categories of kids and adults. Light refreshments will be provided. The contest is a great way to show your favorite photo that captures life in Mount Holly. For more information check out our website mhcavt.org or email mthollyphotos@gmail.com

Cider Days: Mark your calendar for October 8 & 9 for the fall event of our town. It's all things apples and we are hoping to confirm a few additions this month for this spectacular small town festival. We are excited to see vendor applications roll in so put together your birthday and holiday shopping lists to buy beautiful local creations for your friends and family or favorite professional. Returning highlights besides the obvious historic cider press include: Karma Sanctuary, the calendar photo contest, and cow plop featuring the one and only Miss Liberty from Dairy Aire Farm. This year there has been scuttle but regarding special cow plop squares being sold that include the transport trailer to avoid last year's contest dilemma when Miss Liberty refused to comply with the primary purpose of the contest and waited, despite being fed special laxative apples, until she was being loaded back into the trailer to "plop". Look for the cow plop contest board to show up in the Belmont General Store in September; squares will cost \$10.00 each and April and staff of the general store have graciously agreed to collect for this entertaining nail biting fundraiser.

And there ya have it for the fall lineup. Hope to see you out taking photos, placing your bets on Miss Liberty's "plop", and enjoying the cooler temperatures! Our little mountain community is one special place to be.



MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY NEWS

September 2022

The Library will be closed Mon 9/5/22
in observance of Labor Day

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Thursday Sept 22nd at 7 PM
Saturday Sept 24th at 2 PM
Wednesday Sept 28th at 7 PM
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In conjunction with our event, we have launched a digital fundraising campaign in which we aim to raise another \$25,200, for a total of \$50,400. Donations can be made via our Facebook, our website, Venmo @reinbowriding, and at https://fnd.us/reinbowriding?ref=sh_0BYFz8 or using the QR code shown here.

We are hosting this event to spread awareness about Reinbow Riding Center, a 501(c)(3) in Belmont, VT and a member of the



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Reinbow Riding would like to thank the Bania family of Mt. Holly and our volunteers for their assistance in getting horse hay into the barn at Stone Wall Farm recently. We couldn't do our work without the community support we receive.



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August 31st Fundraiser for Reinbow Riding Center

Reinbow Riding Center is excited to announce that we have received our largest donation to date--\$25,200--from Assisting Children Today, co-founded by Troy Caruso owner of Fox Run Golf Club in Ludlow. The donation will be presented at our fundraising event at Fox Run Golf Club on August 31, from 6-9 p.m. The event is sponsored and hosted by Belmont residents Tina and Glenn Tatangelo. Music will be provided by Krishna Guthrie, Food by Celebrity Chef Andrew Mollen (featuring Raw bar and Hors d'oeuvres), wine and Mt. Holly Beer will be provided. We invite



Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship (PATH) International. Since 2008 we have been dedicated to improving the well-being of individuals with special needs through a therapeutic equine experience. We are passionate professionals working together with self-sacrificing volunteers. Reinbow Riding Center, formerly of Shrewsbury, has run on a tight budget and grassroots fundraising efforts for the last 14 years allowing us to support members of our local community. We offer lessons to those in need regardless of their ability to pay. We thank those of you who have shown your support over the years and invite anyone new to find out more! We hope you will choose to support our efforts and look forward to seeing you on the 31st!

*Time is
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Monday, Sept. 26, is the deadline for
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Childhood Transition: A Bridge Too Far

We recently received an email that a little 8 year old in our circle has been identifying as a non-binary for 6 months now. Makes me long for the days when girls called themselves “tomboys” and did tomboyish stuff and then grew out of it. Now that Britain has dropped its bomb on its sole transgender clinic, it’s time we had a more honest discussion about why so many adolescent girls have suddenly been diagnosed with gender dysphoria and American medicine has prospered on the puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones and double mastectomies. We need to legitimately question an Omaha hospital sponsoring events that market to children about “gender-affirming care.” Psychologist, Erica Anderson, who is a transgender woman, has said, “Now it’s gotten to a point where there are kids presenting at clinics whose parents say, ‘This just doesn’t make sense.’ Teenagers influence each other.”

Accepting people who are different than we are is always difficult and so often politicized. We need to be just as concerned with the neglect and abuse occurring in our own state foster care system and the fate of immigrant children in our midst. Diversity is an asset and need not be treated as a threat. It shouldn’t be a reach for Christians to ensure that a child is treated with respect and kindness, regardless of gender. Parents should be supportive of their transgender children but also ask the hard questions. We would be wise to observe happenings in Western Europe because they foreshadow what happens here.

Some accuse parents and educators who desire to protect children from exposure to adult themes of being white supremacists who can’t handle the fact that LGBTQ+ people exist. The argument is that these folks don’t want independent-minded children, but rather only straight, white children and as many as possible. This is ludicrous. Children would not be expected to be taken to Hooters or exposed to R-rated movies. Calling people who disagree homophobic and transphobic neo-fascists is just as onerous as calling drag queens pedophiles or perverted adults. While the “culture wars” rage on, we must teach and promote the idea that every person has inherent value, and help kids understand that they can “be themselves” without needing to reject their bodies through harmful hormones and surgeries.



Corrie Ten Boom, her sister Betsie and their father, were Dutch Christians who hid Jews in their family watch shop from the occupying Nazis. Corrie was the only one who survived imprisonment in a German work camp. She recalls this bit of her father’s wisdom from a time when she was just a little girl:

“Sex,” I was pretty sure meant whether you were a boy or a girl, and “sin” made me very angry, but what the two *together* meant I could not imagine. And so, seated next to my father in the train compartment, I suddenly asked, “Papa, what is sexsin?” He turned to look at me and said nothing. At last he stood up, lifted his traveling case from the rack over our heads, and set it on the floor. “Will you carry it off *the* train for me, Corrie?” he said.

I stood up and tugged at it. It was crammed with the watches and spare parts he had purchased that morning. “It’s too heavy,” I said. “Yes,” he said. “And I would be a pretty poor father if I asked my little girl to carry such a load. It’s the same way, Corrie, with knowledge. Some knowledge is too heavy for children. When you are older and stronger you can bear it. For now you must trust me to carry it for you.” (From *The Hiding Place: The Triumphant True Story of Corrie Ten Boom*)

We are living in days when we are asking our children and grandchildren to carry loads that are way too heavy for them. They should not be forced, as precious little ones, to see and feel the world through the lens of adults. Innocence is worth protecting and worth fighting for. We, as parents and caregivers, need to do our part to carry certain things for them until they are old enough to bear the heavy load of adulthood. They will grow up soon enough. *Pastor Glenn*

The Vermont Journal

Please find the following emails about why The Vermont Journal is not being delivered to all mail boxes in Belmont Etc.

Hi Kyle,

The last two weeks no one in the Belmont (05730) area has received your journal. It is being sent out of Mount Holly (05758) but not Belmont (05730) Post Office. I had to retrieve one from the MH recycle bin. I enjoy Ron's write ups and local news, but also can get the obits of people from the Springfield and Bellows Falls area not being put into the Herald.

Most concerning is the fact that your journal is the newspaper of record for our town and we are not receiving it. Hope you can update me that this issue being addressed, otherwise I will report to our select board next week that they should no longer be using your paper for notices. *Dennis Devereux*

Hi Dennis,

Thank you for your email. We've had to cut back on the mailboxes we're delivering to, due to the restraints of the paper. We are still delivering to the Belmont General Store, 100 copies a week, I believe. However, due to the lack of advertising and notices we've been receiving from the town, we are no longer delivering directly to people's mailbox. Hopefully, now that you know we are dropping off copies at the General Store, you won't have to drive to Mount Holly!

Again, it was not our desire to shrink our coverage, but an unfortunate necessity. Let me know if you have any other questions or comments I can help with.

Thanks, **Kyle Laurita-Bonometti**, Editor, editor@vermontjournal.com 802-228-3600 www.VermontJournal.com Like us on Facebook

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State Representative Ludlow, Mount Holly, Shrewsbury

Apologies for missing the last couple months, I intended to provide more context for at least some of the bills I worked on last session, but as I mentioned in my June article we've had a lot on our calendar this summer, and weathered some unplanned events as well. My wife and I did welcome our second baby in June! Another girl! Born June 12, Frankie Louise Nicoll. Then we all got sick with COVID in July, including the baby. Luckily it didn't hit any of us too hard, but even still none of us left the couch much for almost 2 weeks.

To recap the remaining things the Governor acted on since my June article, I would say there were not too many surprises. He did

sign the budget, which I was happy with. As I mentioned before, he made some waves in April by seemingly hinting that he may veto the budget, so I was glad we were able to avoid that outcome. To get the budget through the committee process and reach agreement between the various policy committees in each chamber and then between the House and Senate chambers themselves is a process to behold, and feels like a miracle every year. The thought of all that work being thrown out by the stroke of a pen is frightening, and he has done it before without much notice.

As happy as I was that he did not veto the budget, the Governor really disappointed me by vetoing two other bills that I really cared about, H505 and H534.

H534 would have expanded the **non-violent** crimes eligible for expungement under the current process. H505 would have finally eliminated the pointless and arguably racist powder cocaine/crack cocaine sentencing disparity in VT law, as well as set up a committee to study and advise the legislature on transitioning away from criminalizing people with substance use disorder. This is something I talk about a lot, personally I don't think we should be putting addicts in prison solely for low-level possession, I think we need to improve access to treatment as an alternative. That's how you end the cycle in my mind. That being said, I accept that not everyone is where I am on this issue, which is why this bill became a study, by a committee that would have included a representative from law enforcement as one of its members that would have simply issued a report back to the legislature on potential policy options. It passed both chambers on voice vote, with very little opposition. This was a loss for the state, and suffice to say I'm still pretty upset about it three months later, and hope I am able to fight for a similar policy next January if I am re-elected in November.

As always feel free to reach out about any of this or anything else. In next month's article I plan to offer my thoughts on the constitutional amendments you will see on the ballot in November. Calling/texting my phone is always better than sending me an email. Thanks for all the support on primary day! Hope to see or talk to you soon! Logan Nicoll, State Representative Ludlow, Mount Holly, Shrewsbury 802-345-8430



MOUNT HOLLY CONSERVATION TRUST ANNOUNCES ANNUAL MEETING

The Mount Holly Conservation Trust (MHCT) will host a Zoom meeting this year for its Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held on September 22 at 5:00 PM.

The link to join the meeting is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89798315307?pwd=c1JFaHIWcEg4aTRLVVNKTVJ1WWd4UT09>

Meeting ID: 897 9831 5307 Passcode: 245357

All are welcome to attend. In addition, the Conservation Trust, an independent, not-for-profit Corporation, is looking for new board members who are interested in working to protect Mount Holly's wildlife habitat and connected forests. If you are interested in joining our board or know someone who is, please contact Brigid Sullivan at brigid526@gmail.com. Election of officers for the upcoming year will also be held at the meeting.

We wish to thank our retiring board member and past Vice-President Annette Lynch for her many contributions since helping to found MHCT in 2004. Annette spearheaded the Natural Heritage Element Inventory and Assessment for the Town which has been used extensively for reviewing potential conservation properties since its completion in 2008. Annette has been a wonderful asset to the town, region and state in her work over the years. Thank you for your commitment and leadership, Annette.

At this year's meeting we will be recapping the acquisition and conservation of almost 450 acres of land honoring the Doolittle Family for their generous contribution to protecting this pristine forest land in Mount Holly and Weston. Ultimately, the land will become a Wildlife Management Area adjacent to the Okemo State Forest. Future plans will also be discussed at the meeting. Please join us at the meeting. mounthollyconservationtrust.org P.O. Box 85, Belmont, VT 05730



Fun At Star Lake – Photo by Joe Hammond

Mount Holly Biodiversity Project

Since our beginning in 2021 over 182 people have submitted almost 3,200 personal observations to identify at least 970 wild species of plants, animals, & fungi in Mount Holly. Specifically recorded are:

455 plant species (wildflowers, trees, shrubs, etc.)
265 insect species (butterflies, moths, bees, beetles, etc.)
91 fungi species (mushrooms, etc.)
86 bird species (songbirds, ducks, woodpeckers, etc.)
21 mammal species (deer, moose, bear, squirrels, fox, etc.)
20 spider species! Plus many amphibians, reptiles, fish,

and more...

This is an amazing accomplishment but is only a good beginning. There are many more plants & critters out there waiting to be discovered. If you are a contributor, Thank You and we look forward to more. If you haven't yet tried iNaturalist now is an excellent time to explore your own yard or any of the wonderful natural areas in town. We have great hiking trails, back roads, and public forests full of natural beauties. The biodiversity around Star Lake is especially rich and needing more observations.

You probably know more species than you think but iNaturalist uses a special program to help you identify unknown plants, animals, or fungi by simply submitting a photo taken on your smartphone or camera. It's a great way to learn every time you go for a walk!

You can help the Mount Holly Biodiversity Project by contributing your observations to our community website at <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/mount-holly-biodiversity>. The project uses the free iNaturalist app (download from Google Play Store or Apple Apps) that helps you

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simultaneously it automatically submits your observations to our project. Why not get out and explore our town and contribute as a citizen scientist?

The Mount Holly Biodiversity project is co-sponsored by the Mount Holly Conservation Trust

(<https://mounthollyconservationtrust.org/>)
and the Mount Holly Conservation Commission (<http://www.mounthollyvt.org/conservation-commission/>). Questions? Call Jim at 802-259-2311

"The Writers' Group"

The Writers' Group will be meeting again, date and time and place TBA. But the focus will be on techniques of comic writing. Watch for updates in Newsflash.

Joan Connor



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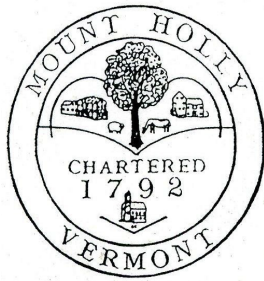
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Mount Holly Town News

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, August 10, 2022, MEETING MINUTES

Present:

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

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

Members of the Public: In Person: Paul Barton, Robert Combé, Sam Farrar, Zena Gates, James Heald, John Perry. Via Zoom:

Barbara Hazelton, Steve Hazelton.

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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 an item regarding the resignation of the Town Constable.

4. **Approval of July 12 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. Mr. Woolley has reached out to contractors for crack sealing on some roads.
- ii. Grant Award - Better Back Road Class C Freeman Brook Road Riverbank Stabilization: Mr. Woolley inquired about ordering rock for Freeman Brook Road; he has not yet heard back.
- iii. Mr. Woolley contacted Tom Murren, the property owner at 3241 Shunpike Road. Mr. Murren has given town permission to remove the dying maple trees at the edge of his property from the Town right-of-way. Mr. Woolley will reach out to Josh Bickford and Greg McKirryher re: contracting for tree removal.
- iv. RFP Review - Paving Belmont Rd (Village Section) and reclaiming portion of Hortonville Rd: A RFP will be prepared for paving Belmont Road from Teer Rd to south side of the library. In addition, the RFP will ask for bids to reclaim a section of Hortonville Road. There will be a deadline of October 6 for paving.

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September 5th In Observance
Of Labor Day

- v. No transfer station updates.

b. **Treasurer Monthly Income & Expense Report – David Johnson**

- i. Monthly Income and Expenses Report: Items of note include that property tax bills were sent out July 28; the first payment of quarterly state highway aid has been received; monthly solid waste labels sales are on target; the state has issued credit for property taxpayers in the amount of \$433,193.41.
- ii. Town Treasurer Opening: David Johnson will retire in March. Candidates for Town Treasurer are strongly encouraged to run for this elected position. Candidates may

inquire with the Town Clerk regarding paperwork to register for candidacy. The opening will be listed in the *Chit Chat*.

- iii. LMHUUSD Advances (August + Sept): Advances in the amount of \$100,000 in August and \$200,000 in September will be paid by the Town to LMHUUSD to operate the schools. Diana Garrow made a motion to approve the budgeted advances put on the Selectboard orders for August and September; Mark Turco seconded; unanimously approved.

- iv. NEMRC Proposal for Appraisal Service: Mr. Johnson proposed that NEMRC be invited to a special meeting to discuss their proposed services agreement for the completion of assessor services of all real property in the Town of Mount Holly. The Selectboard will reach out to the Town attorney to vet the proposed NEMRC services. August 31st will be the date for a special meeting, after all bids for assessor services are received.

c. **Town Clerk Update:**

- i. Since the Animal Control Officer was tasked with updating the dog registration list on June 30, ten people have registered their dogs with the Town Clerk.

d. **Mount Holly Planning Commission Update – Jon McCann**

- i. Jon McCann reported that the MHPC is continuing to prepare a flood resilience plan for the Town Plan. Kyle Medash is the state's Western Floodplain Manager; he shared information with the MHPC about how to shape its plan to maximize benefits from The Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund (ERAF), which provides State funding to match federal assistance after federal disasters.

e. **Mount Holly Conservation Commission Update – Phil Crane**

September 2022 Mount Holly Chit Chat Inc

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.

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- i. Phil Crane reported that the newly adopted Shade Tree Plan is now being implemented and the shade tree inventory continues. The MHCC is also working on improvements to the Star Lake area and continuing its inventory of town attributes. Chairperson Fra Devine has decided to recuse himself from the Chair position but will continue on as a member of the Conservation Commission.

f. Town Health Officer Update - Tim Bickford

- i. Tim Bickford has spoken with Mr. Turco, and will be reporting to the Selectboard regarding a May dog bite incident by the end of the week of August 8.

6. New Business

a. Fuel Oil Contract Renewal

- i. The Selectboard will seek three bids for Town Office heating oil and for on-road diesel for the Highway Department.

b. Mount Holly Elementary School Window Disposal

- i. The MHES custodian asked whether he may dispose of school windows in the Town Dumpster. The Selectboard noted that the school should discard the windows in either the Transfer Station, per the fee schedule, or at the Gleason Road Transfer Station.

c. Application for Festival Permit for Mount Holly Cider Days (Oct. 7 - 9)

- i. The Selectboard asked Selectboard Clerk Caitlin Boyle to draft an addendum to the permit from the Mount Holly Beer Co., to specify that all alcohol provided by the company at Cider Days must be consumed on the premises, and that signage must be provided to indicate that alcohol may not be consumed beyond the premises. Caitlin will provide that addendum to the Town Clerk to submit to the State alongside the festival application. Jeff Chase made a motion to approve the festival application with these conditions; Diana Garrow 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.

7. Ongoing & Old Business

d. Dog License Registration Update - Laura Swarz-Hoc

- i. No update was provided in time for reporting at the meeting.

e. Public Access Computer Update

- i. Ms. Garrow-Woolley reported that the computer has not yet been prepared for public access. Jon McCann is preparing the computer for this purpose.

f. Reassign MPG Municipal Authorizing Official (M/AO)

- i. Mark Turco made a motion to accept the amended resolution for MPGs, to reassign Jeff Chase as the new MPF Municipal Authorizing Official; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

g. Speed Limit Enforcement Update

- i. Mr. Chase reported that a contract is now in place from Rutland County Sheriff's Office for speed limit enforcement in Mount Holly, at a cost of \$49 per hour, billed monthly and capped at \$3,528.
- ii. The Selectboard is also in receipt of a letter from a resident of Tarbellville Road regarding signage and a need for speed limit enforcement.
- iii. Mr. Woolley and Mr. Chase will collaborate to continue mapping areas that need additional signage.
- iv. Dennis Devereux indicated that there are continued reports of higher-than-posted speeds in Belmont Village. The Selectboard will initiate enforcement and monitor the situation before making further decisions regarding additional signage in the approach to Belmont Village.

h. Junk Ordinance Enforcement Updates

- i. The Selectboard will ask Constable Paul Faenza to serve a notice regarding the junk ordinance to the property owners at 137 Shunpike Road.
- ii. Grover Taylor Jr. reported that additional junk vehicles were dropped off at his father's property at 1694 VT Route 103 N, without the knowledge or permission of the property owners. The Selectboard asked that Ms. Boyle reach out to Mr. Taylor Jr. to inquire about a timeline for junk vehicle removal.

i. Board of Listers Opening

- i. No letters of interest have been received as of yet; Mr. Turco encouraged interested candidates to apply.

j. Constable Opening

- i. Constable Paul Faenza has submitted his resignation as Town Constable; Diana made a motion to accept the resignation, with regret; Mr. Chase seconded; unanimously approved.

6. Citizen Comments

- i. Dennis Devereux noted that he could not find his original letter to VTrans regarding the intersection of Belmont Road and Route 103; Mr. Chase will initiate a new letter to VTrans regarding the possibility of re-engineering the intersection to provide for better visibility.

7. Announcements/Other Business

- a. The Town Office will be closed Tuesday, August 16, for Battle of Bennington Day.

8. Review & Sign Orders

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

a. No executive session needed.

10. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm. Respectfully Submitted, Caitlin Boyle

Mount Holly Planning Commission Town Office & Remote Electronic – Special Work Meeting Minutes Wednesday July 6, 2022

Commission Members Present: Jon McCann (Chair), Jim Seward (Vice Chair), Brigid Sullivan, Andrew Seward, Andrew Schulz, Also Present: Renee Sarmento (Clerk), Stephen Michel
Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.



2. Changes to the agenda
 - a. Added Building Construction Registration Forms Update by Administrative Officer
 - b. Added Email Correspondence
3. Building Construction Registration Forms Update by Administrative Officer
 - a. Administrative Officer asked the Planning Commission members questions about missing information on three BCR forms.
 - i. The Chair added an X to mark the location on the map for one BCR.
 - ii. Recommendation was made for AO to follow up with applicants for missing information on the other two BCR forms.
 - iii. Commissioner Schulz suggested making a note on the form that information was added based on conversations with the applicant.
4. Email Correspondence
 - a. The Chair read an Email from Matt Burke @mbmccllc.com. Email stated Mr. Burke works for Verizon Wireless and is looking to improve cell coverage in Mount Holly. Exploring the co-location on a cell tower on 581 Steward Road South. What time of permitting is required at a local level? Chair read the email aloud to the Planning Commission members.
 - i. Response: Planning Commission unanimously agreed a BCR should be filed with the Administrative Officer.
5. Town Plan Revisions
 - a. Flood Resilience Plan
 - i. Existing Town Plan does not have a substantial amount about flood resilience.
 - ii. How do we make our town more resilient to flooding and more resilient in our response to disaster? The costs to prevent are lower than the costs to recover.
 - iii. Chair gave some background on the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan: It used to be any type of disaster including terrorism, for example. It is now only for natural disasters (flooding, fire, storms). There was a group that worked on this back in 2020 and finished early 2021. Some towns refer to it in the Town Plan or copy/past relevant parts. Chair suggested referencing it in the Mount Holly Town Plan. Unanimously agreed to reference the current LHMP from the Town Plan Flood Resilience plan.
 - iv. Commission Sullivan referenced the current Town Plan's Flood Resilience section and read the two goals and policies aloud. Commissioner Sullivan commented that the current plan did not reference the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and that it should. The Chair explained there were two parts that are now two different plans: Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Local Emergency Management Plan which is more operational.
 - v. Chair reviewed reimbursement for natural disasters. FEMA typically covers 75% and requires a 25% match. The State's Emergency Relief & Assistance Fund (ERAF) will contribute either 7.5%, 12.5%, or 17.5% toward that match if certain conditions are met.
 - vi. 12.5% ERAF rate if we have: 1) Road and Bridge Standards 2) Local Emergency Management Plan 3) National Flood Insurance Program 4) Local Hazard Mitigation Plan
 - vii. 17.5% ERAF rate if we also have River Corridor Protection.
 - viii. Up until June, for perhaps a few months, Mount Holly was at the 7.5% rate of reimbursement due to the Local Emergency Management Plan had expired. The Chair received a message from Jeff Chase (EMD) that the plan has been updated and accepted and Mount Holly is back up to a 12.5% reimbursement rate.
 - ix. Chair passed around sheets with FAQ's of river corridors to Planning Commission members. Chair explained that river corridor protections are usually implemented as an amendment to Flood Hazard Area Regulations in towns like ours.

SELECT BOARD SEEKS CONSTABLE

The Mount Holly Select Board seeks a new Constable to serve the Town of Mount Holly beginning October 1, 2022.

The Town Constable is an elected position; a new Constable will be appointed to serve until Town Meeting elections in March 2023. Roles include the responsibility to:

- serve civil or criminal processes
- destroy animals / kill injured deer
- assist the health officer
- serve as a district court officer
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- x. The Local Hazard Mitigation Plan adopted by the Select Board has as a goal to “Manage Development in Erosion Hazard Areas by Adopting River Corridor Bylaws” by December 2021.
- xi. Flood hazard areas are about inundation risks – generally slower moving waters, water levels rising, hydrostatic pressure. River corridor protections are for fluvial erosion, which is mentioned in the current Town Plan. They are assigned different regulations to cover broader types of flooding.
- xii. Unanimously agreed to reference the Flood Hazard Area Regulations in the Town Plan.
- xiii. Chair stated there are also a few Vermont statutes on stormwater. A stormwater mapping and plan has been done for the village.
- xiv. Discussion about the requirements for the Municipal Roads General Permit with respect to hydrologically connected road segments. Information conveyed during the LHMP process included that if a homeowner installs an undersized culvert in their own driveway and water flow damages a town road – the town is liable for the costs of the damage. So, in other words, the Town is responsible for culverts installed on hydraulically connected roads. Chair wondered if the town could assist with costs to homeowners related to driveway culvert replacement to save the town money in the long run. Discussed updating the Road Access Policy with driveway design requirements.
- xv. Chair stated that, with respect to the MRGP, was unsure if a policy in the Town Plan was necessary other than to support the foremen and/or commissioner on the highway team with grant funding. One of the big problems and costs moving forward is that spans over 36 inches, which used to be culverts, are now required to be box culverts or bridges.
- xvi. River Corridors – Commissioner Andrew Seward said he would be curious what other towns do in their town plans. Wondering if it will impact individuals that own land along a river or if it is Town Land. Chair stated that only perennial streams with at least 0.5 square miles of watershed are included and will check with other towns.
- xvii. Commissioners looked at a map of what would be affected by river corridor protection ordinance.
- xviii. Chair stated if interested in investigating, could invite Barbara Noyes-Pulling (planner from RRPC) to one of our next meetings. Commissioner Andrew Seward stated he would be interested in learning what it entails and how much restriction it puts on everything around it. Unanimously agreed to invite RRPC planner to future meeting.
- xix. It was noted that a 5% increase in reimbursement if satisfied all five categories of mitigation would be a huge advantage to the town and get us 92.5% reimbursement for any recovery costs.
- xx. Chair gave an update on the status of new Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) panels for the Black and West River watersheds. Current maps are from 2008. A discovery process for new FIRM panels was held last summer. At this point we are 2 years away from having new preliminary FIRM panels for review (after work maps are produced after engineering field study and flood plain mapping).
- xxi. Chair asked Planning Commission for thoughts on the existing Flood Hazard Area ordinance. It was noted that the regulations could not be administered, until recently, due to the lack of a Board of Adjustment. The Board of Adjustment is not only responsible for appeals of the administrative review and permitting but also for issuing Conditional Use permits. Chair distributed screenshots of all places that have human activity within the FHA.
- xxii. Chair noted that many individuals in town may not even know the ordinance exists. Noted that he thinks it is appropriate to educate and inform individuals about the flood hazard ordinance – especially if their land lies within it. Also noted that the Town does not even have a permit application form. At a future meeting the Commission will assist with the creation of permit application forms. Commissioner Sullivan also suggested including information in the Chit Chat.
- xxiii. Agreed to next Steps: Invite Barbara Noyes-Pulling to a meeting, generate application form for working in Flood Hazard Area, get Jeff Chase’s opinion on ERAF.

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Regular Meeting Minutes Wednesday July 20, 2022

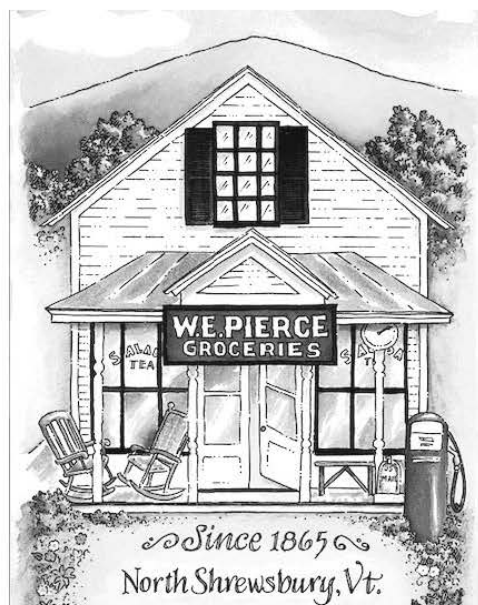
Commission Members Present: Jon McCann (Chair), Jim Seward (Vice Chair), Brigid Sullivan, Andrew Seward

Commission Members Absent: Andrew Schulz

Also Present: Christine Boudreau, Edward Burgess, Marie Paquette, Bruce Paquette, Okemo Valley TV

1. Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.
2. Commissioner Jim Seward requested adding an item to New Business for "Tarbellville flood plain structure". Agenda accepted as amended.
3. Andrew Seward requested a correction to the Commissioners present list. Another change suggested by Treasurer David Johnson was previously distributed by email. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes as amended with both changes. Passed unanimously.
4. Reports & Announcements
 - a. Administrative Officer: Chair read an emailed report.
 - i. Renee has reached out to the Administrator in Shrewsbury to see if we can share information about permit application forms etc. for the Flood Hazard Area Regulations. No response yet. Chair will reach out.
 - ii. Confirmed that Walter Siegordner's new wastewater permit has been recorded (Volume 101, Page 105-107).
 - b. Chair
 - i. Transportation plan from Devon Neary (RRPC) is delayed because of his new position as executive director of the RRPC.
 - ii. Relayed information from recent Select Board meeting about possible discontinuance of Scampsville Road.
 1. Commissioner Andrew Seward objected to giving up the road. He cited specific concerns such as a currently undeveloped lot that is only accessible from the road, and also general concerns that the town should never give up roads or town land since we can't know if we might need it in the future. He would like this added as a policy to the Town Plan.
 2. Commissioner Jim Seward mentioned that the town has regretted giving away roads in the past.
 3. We will loop back to Transportation in one of our next working meetings.
5. Correspondence
 - a. Subdivisions: none
 - b. State Permits
 - i. Follow up on Siegordner revised permit WW-1-1820-2 for adjoining landowners.
1. Chair reported that new permit for 6 BR dwelling has been recorded in the land records and asked if there are any further questions or concerns.
2. Marie Paquette asked who is responsible for recording the permit and thought it had to be recorded within 30 days.
3. Chair responded that the requirements are listed in the permit itself and it is his recollection that it is the permittee's responsibility to record the permit within 30 days of issuance.
4. Marie Paquette asked about the text of the state permit including language about merging of lots. Is it still in agreement with lot sizes in the town subdivision permit?
5. Chair reported that the Commission has not formally compared the state permit site plan to the details of the subdivision permit. Discussion about ways in which our current Subdivision Regulations from the 1990s have not kept pace with modern site design and state permitting.
6. Christine Boudreau said it looks like there were lots combined in the state permit and wondered how that was possible.
7. Commissioner Andrew Seward mentioned that the state does not have the ability to change the lots we have approved.
8. Christine Boudreau asked how there were 4 lots when the town only created 3.
9. Chair gave his opinion that there may be a misunderstanding because the original site plan the state reviewed depicted lots that had not been approved by the Town and therefore did not exist. When the state permit was amended, for the 6 BR development, the site plan used the lot layout approved by the Town.
10. Marie Paquette asked if some of this confusion could be addressed by updating and streamlining the Subdivision Regulations.
11. Christine Boudreau agreed, that with all the development going on it would be beneficial for the town to have modern and streamlined permitting and review.
12. Chair agreed that it would be good to have another look at the regulations. For example, we often don't need the test pits that the current regulations require and essentially all water system review is now done by the state. We don't really want to be doing that anyway. It would be best if our regulations reflected that.
13. Chair reiterated that the town does not have zoning and there is not really any review of what happens after the subdivision is approved. Chair reminded the concerned citizens that the Commission added conditions to the subdivision permit based on their concerns related to screening and buffers. He suggested that if they have concerns about compliance with those conditions

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to contact the Town but there is not much more the Commission can do on this matter.



- c. Email / Other
 - i. FEMA Floodplain Mapping Skill Share Workshop - August 8
- 6. Unfinished business
- 7. New business
 - a. Draft application forms for FHA development
 - i. Chair distributed a draft application form based on our current Subdivision permit application form
 - ii. Chair mentioned that VLCT gave guidance that application form be separate from permit decisions, and that decisions be in writing.
 - iii. Chair will check other nearby towns to see what their forms have.
 - iv. Chair mentioned that our ordinance requires a number of things be on the application form.
 - v. Commission decided to consult with flood plain experts at our next working meeting, revise as needed, and vote on it at our next regular meeting.
 - b. Update subdivision application form to include FHA
 - i. Discussion about where to ask if property is in a FHA.
 - ii. Discussion about which map to suggest applicant consult to find out.
 - iii. Discussion about how to indicate FHA on site plan.
 - iv. Chair noted that Subdivision Regulations predate the FHA ordinance and, if we revise the ordinance, we should require listing base flood elevation and FHA zones when applicable.
 - v. Commissioner Andrew Seward mentioned that a revised Regulations should also be more specific about what jurisdictional wetlands and waters should be shown on site plans. And agreed that we should amend the ordinance to require FHA on site plans.
 - vi. Discussion about various other minor proposed changes to the form.
 - vii. Chair explained that the point of the application form is so that the Commission doesn't have to perform research or investigation and we have nearly everything we need in order to write a decision – affirmed by the applicant.
 - viii. Chair mentioned that some towns have regulations that require the applicant to perform the mailing to adjoining landowners and/or posting a permit notice on site. This could be something we consider to save the town time and money in the future.
 - ix. Commissioner Sullivan asked about whether we should ask any questions related to Act 250 triggers such as number of subdivisions in so many years.
 - x. Chair mentioned that he would rather not ask about Act 250 triggers because we aren't authorized to make those determinations. What is really required is a "Jurisdictional Opinion" from the District Coordinator.
 - xi. Commission looked at the current Act 250 jurisdiction rules. Discussion about the rules and triggers and what questions we might want to ask related to them.
 - xii. Commissioner Sullivan suggested we ask the Act 250 District Coordinator what we should include. Commission unanimously agreed. Chair will follow up with them.
 - c. Tarbellville Flood Plain Structure
 - i. Commissioner Andrew Seward described a new camper trailer structure and some associated fill located close to the Mill River at the northwest of the intersection of Tarbellville and Route 155. He didn't know whether the structure is located in the flood hazard area or not. He wondered how we should handle it.
 - ii. Chair suggested that Commissioner Andrew Seward give them a copy of the Flood Hazard Area Regulations document. Chair suggested that it isn't the Commission's job to administer the regulations – that it is the Administrative Officers job. Noted that we don't actually have the permit application form to give them yet.
 - iii. Chair suggested, as discussed at the previous meeting, that the first step should be education.
 - iv. Commissioner Jim Seward wondered if the fill is also in the town right of way.
 - v. Chair brought up a map of the FHA in that area on his phone.
 - vi. Commissioner Andrew Seward mentioned that it looks like the trailer might not even be on the same property as the purported trail/driveway to it.
 - vii. Agreed to discuss more later.
 - 8. Public Comments: none
 - 9. Upcoming meetings
 - a. Working meeting - August 3rd, 7:00 pm (1st Wednesday)
 - i. Special guests Barbara Noyes-Pulling (RRPC) and Kyle Medash (DEC)
 - b. Regular meeting – August 17th, 7:00 pm (3rd Wednesday)
 - 10. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm
For the Commission, Brigid Sullivan, Acting Secretary
In draft form until approved on August 17th, 2022

Photo By Joe Hammond



Downtown Rutland “Parade Of Heroes” & “Whoopie Pie Festival”

A street party, concert, fireworks, and Rutland’s “Newly”wed Game will highlight the region’s first annual Whoopie Pie Festival and parade of essential-worker heroes Aug. 27.

The festivities will bring the community together for celebration, connection, and reflection after two long years of the pandemic. New visitors are invited to join us in Rutland’s historic downtown.

Center Street will shut down for the day and transform into a grass-covered green street. Afternoon activities such as yoga, a ga ga pit, a caricature artist, a magician, balloon art, and more will take place beginning at noon.

Numerous whoopie pie vendors will offer samples of their products, and tickets to taste whoopie pies and vote for your favorites will be available. In addition to whoopie pies, vendors will offer other sweet treats for sale, local restaurants will be open, and food trucks will add to the celebration.

Heroes will line up at 4 p.m. at Grace Congregational Church. At 4:30 p.m. marchers step off, led down Center Street by Heritage Family’s Captain Credit Union. After the parade, community heroes, who continue to help us navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, will be honored, whoopie pies awards will be announced, and we will unveil the largest whoopie pie in Rutland.

Enerjazz Band will entertain festival goers from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on the green street. Prepare to laugh at 7:30 p.m. at Rutland’s “Newly”wed Game at the Paramount Theatre, a fundraiser for the Community Cupboard and BROCC Food Shelf. More information and participating couples will be announced soon. The festivities will wrap up with fireworks at 9:15 p.m.

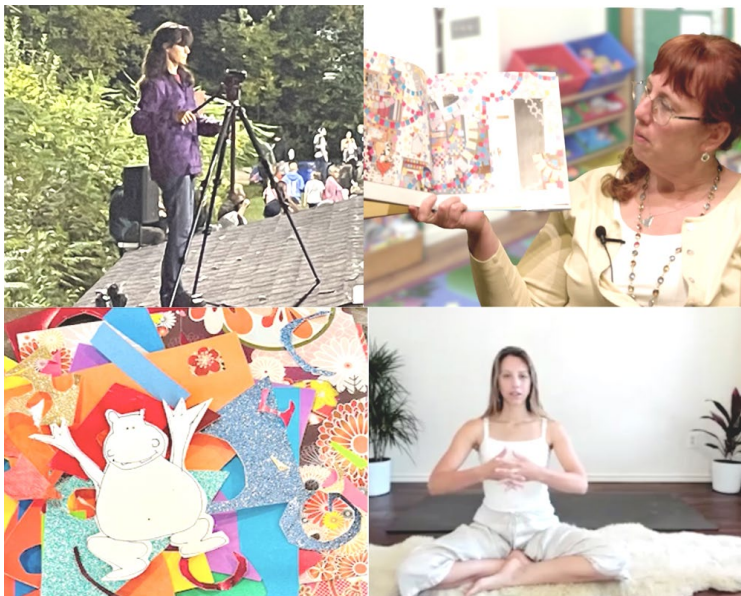


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Okemo Valley TV Producer Awards Community Members Recognized for their Productions

Okemo Valley TV, the community station and media center serving the Black River Valley & Okemo region, has announced the winners of its annual Producer Awards. The awards are given to community members and volunteers who have been active in producing programming over the past year. The four annual awards are given for Producer of the Year, Best Youth Programming, Community Impact, & Outstanding Achievement.

Producer of the Year: Amy Mosher, for her dedicated coverage of Green Mountain Union HS soccer games. In total, Amy recorded 15 games, for both the girls' and boys' teams (the boys went on to play in the State championship!).

Youth Programming: For the 2nd consecutive year, local librarian Kata Welch is our “Youth Programming Producer of the Year”. Kata is the most prolific producer & host of children’s programming for Okemo Valley TV. She brings an energetic & entertaining style to “Story Time”, reading from a

wide selection of children’s books. She is leaving her post as the Cavendish Town librarian in August, but don’t worry – she’s not going far. She will take over as the school librarian at Chester-Andover Elementary.

Outstanding Achievement: Dr. Linda Thomson, a clinical hypnotherapist, is also a children’s book author. Her series “Harry the Hypnototamus” is a book aimed at helping kids cope with stress & anxiety using techniques of hypnosis. The latest edition, written just a few months ago is “Harry Goes to Save the Children of Ukraine”, with illustrations from Jane Hart and read in Ukrainian by Svetlana Phillips, a local resident who is from Ukraine. The book reading was recorded in the Okemo Valley TV studio and the production was shared with humanitarian service agencies overseas, with the intent of supporting children who have been displaced and whose lives have been upset by the ongoing war. For this effort, Dr. Thomson received the Outstanding Achievement award.

Community Impact: For the last 2 years, yoga instructor Liza Eaton has been offering virtual sessions, held over video conferencing. She then sends the recordings to Okemo Valley TV for sharing with the wider community. The station has received abundant positive feedback about carrying Liza’s yoga sessions, which is evidence that she’s had an impact. For this, Liza received this year’s Community Service Award.

The awards (maple plaques made by Rockledge Farm Woodworking) were handed out during Okemo Valley TV’s Annual Meeting on June 23rd. A short video sampling from the awards ceremony can be viewed on the station’s website at okemovalley.tv/okemo-valley-tv-awards-night-2022. To view any of the videos from the award recipients, go online to the “Videos” page on the station’s website (okemovalley.tv/videos) and type in the person’s name in the Producer field. For more information about the station and how to get involved, visit okemovalley.tv or call 228-8808.

Photo- Clockwise from top left: Amy Mosher recording GMUHS soccer; Kata Welch reading “Story Time”; Yoga with Liza Eaton; Harry the Hypnototamus



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The Stand-Up Shakespeare Company presents one FREE performance at the Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site in Plymouth, Vermont on Saturday, September 3rd, 2022, 12 Noon

Announcing: The 2022 annual "Shakespeare Alive! A Bard-Based Variety Show" returns for an all-new, never-before-seen collection of scenes, skits, soliloquies and songs!

Stand Up Shakespeare is a collective of New York City-based actors who have become a veritable Vermont institution over a 22-year period. The beloved troupe travels to Killington and Plymouth each Labor Day weekend to present a new one-hour show made up of romance, tragedy, history and comedy, all based on the works of William Shakespeare. And, lo, verily, the show is always FREE! Although donations are gratefully accepted.

Where: Union Christian Church, 43 Messer Hill Road, located on the **Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site**, 3780 Route 100 A, Plymouth Notch, VT 05056.

Stay for the 17th Annual **Plymouth Folk and Blues Festival**, which begins at 2:00pm and runs until 5:00pm on Saturday, also Sunday during the same time. This event is also free, with donations appreciated.

For more information about the show and the **Stand-Up Shakespeare Company**, contact Kate Konigisor at 917-406-1456 or kkonig@aol.com. Media inquiries contact Joan Pelzer at 917-670-7071 or joanpelzersocial.com

The **Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation** is the official foundation dedicated to preserving and promoting the legacy of America's 30th president. The Foundation was formed in 1960 by a group of Coolidge enthusiasts, including John Coolidge, the president's son. It maintains its offices at the president's birthplace in Plymouth Notch, Vermont. The Foundation seeks to greatly increase Americans' understanding of President Coolidge and the values he promoted.

For more information on the Coolidge Foundation: coolidgefoundation.org

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About The Union Christian Church: Since 1970, the Union Christian Church has been owned and preserved by The Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation. The church's handmade *Carpenter Gothic* interior and perfect acoustics make it ideal for Shakespeare performances. The Union Christian Church was erected in 1840 as a town meeting house and was formally dedicated as the "Congregational Church Society" in 1842. President Calvin Coolidge, born in 1872, first knew the church in its original state, and until 1890 sat in the pew owned by his grandfather. After the 1890 renovation, the president and his family worshiped in the pew that is now marked by the American Flag and a brass plate on the right arm.

Women's Freedom Center Speaks to Ludlow Rotary

At a recent meeting of the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC), representatives of the Women's Freedom Center (WFC) totally captivated the club membership as they discussed sexual violence and sex trafficking in Windham and Southern Windsor Counties.

Due to the nature of WFC's organization, which supports the recovery of women sexually victimized, the speakers, Shari and Rhiannon, were only identified by their first names. No video recording of the meeting was made.

The speakers outlined some of the types of cases they support and the emotional and physical damage that they needed to deal with in assisting victimized women, and their children, as they attempt to recover and return to a "normal" life.

Rotarian Mary Crowley noted the intensity of the discussion when she noted that "I've never seen such captivated audience as club members were during this discussion and the question-and-answer period that followed".

The WFC, formerly known as the Women's Crisis Center, has a 48 year history in the two counties. Among the many roles it plays in assisting victimized women are:

- A 24/7 confidential hotline
- Crisis shelters for women and children
- Development of individual crisis plans
- Emergency transportation
- Group support
- Community outreach and education



The WFC is an approved 501(c)(3) organization. Their funding is dependent on support from the federal and state with much of their financial support coming from individual donors. The WFC has a web site at <https://womensfreedomcenter.net>. They also maintain a Facebook page at www.facebook.com/womensfreedomcenter. Their 24/7 hotline is 802-885-2050 for Southern Windsor County and 802-254-6954 for Windham County; they will accept collect calls.



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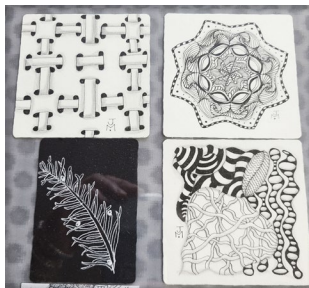


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Fletcher Farm School Late August/September Classes

The Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts in Ludlow, Vermont is offering the following classes throughout the rest of August and September.

August 27 (1:00-4:00 only) – A7 – Time to Zentangle! with Nancy Monson – Registration deadline August 17

Try the Zentangle Drawing Method, a structured drawing technique that is relaxing and fun! You don't need any artistic experience to join this class, and it is designed for both new and experienced Zentangers.

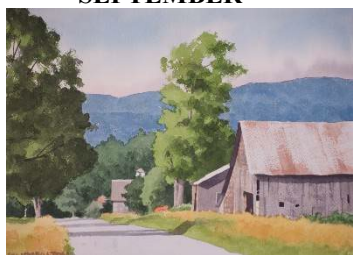
The technique looks complicated, but once you learn the steps to draw the "tangles" on paper "tiles," you can create beautiful drawings. We will Zentangle on different colors, sizes, and shapes of paper tiles and create a small paper box. **Class Fee:** \$100 (includes one-time annual registration fee) + \$5 materials fee.

August 27-29 – Q4 – Liberated Quilting with Susan Damone Balch – Registration deadline August 17

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. **Class Fee:** \$355 (includes one-time annual registration fee).



SEPTEMBER



September 1-2 – FW1 – Painting the Summer Landscape (ONLINE, 9-12) with Robert O'Brien – Registration deadline August 22

Learn to paint the beautiful landscape of New England in all of its summer glory. This workshop is open to all levels of painting ability, and will focus on landscape painting. Students will learn the importance of color, value and composition and how to employ these elements in a landscape painting. A critique with class discussion will be held at the end of the session. **Class Fee:** \$150 (two half-days) plus



supply list.

September 17-18 – FW7 – Silver Fabrication for Young Artists with Debi Orton – Registration deadline September 7

Young people love jewelry, and enjoy learning to make it. In this class, we will cover how to make chains, clasps, rings, how to solder silver, and how to set small semi-precious stones. There is plenty of opportunity for individual creative expression and questions. Young artists will leave this class with finished pieces for themselves or to give away as gifts. **Class fee:** \$170 plus a \$10 lab fee to cover consumables, and payment for materials used.



September 24-25 – FW2 – Introduction to Chip Carving with Dennis Wilson – Registration deadline September 14

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 and keepsake boxes, trays breadboards, furniture, and others 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 pre-purchase knives from these makers: mychipcarving.com, chipcarving.com, flexcut.com.

Students will receive a 12-inch basswood practice board with typical chip carving designs already applied. Students will also receive 2-3 blank practice boards and a 4-inch basswood disk with pattern applied. Extra practice boards and disks will be available for a small fee. After developing chip carving skills, students will be able to go home with a carved disk which can be used as either a coaster or an ornament. **Class fee:** \$250 plus \$28 materials fee and supply list.

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Vermont Home Gardener: September Garden Care

Rain or shine, our gardens are now heading into the home stretch with tomatoes, beans, squash, and peppers leading the way! Dry weather has been tough on some veggies and flowers this summer, so mulch and extra watering is required. Good news is that weeds grow slower and the lawn needs less mowing! Tomatoes and peppers are really sub-tropical plants and don't know that winter is coming so they are still trying to grow. We know better and there are several things we can do right now to get the most out of them. It's also a good time to get a soil test so you know what is needed for next year. Late summer pests & diseases are appearing too so let's be alert.

Late Season Tomato care. August & September conditions generally are good for a plant's growth, as well as some plant diseases. Plant diseases can't be cured, only prevented and managed. What should you do? Most important is disease resistant varietal selection, but that's a discussion for January when we select our seeds.

Disease *prevention* is the most effective strategy. Healthy plants can resist pests and diseases and healthy soil is the best way to have strong, healthy plants. Of course, healthy plants are more nutritious, so they contribute to our own good health too. Homemade compost supplemented with minerals like phosphate, calcium, and potassium, when indicated by a soil test (see below), are a great way to build healthy soil.

If your garden plants seem to be losing their vigor (slow growth, yellowed leaves, etc.), it's time to give them a nutritional boost. Foliar feeding is quickly ingested and can extend the production of tired tomatoes, summer & winter squash, cucumbers, peppers, and many flowers that have been using up the nutrients from the soil all summer. Fish emulsion (available at most garden centers and online as a liquid concentrate) is a great foliar fertilizer, best applied in the morning (when leaf pores, stomata, are open and can take in the food) and when no rain is expected. Spray it on with a tank sprayer or sprinkle it on with a watering can with a sprinkler head.

You can also apply a commercial liquid organic fertilizer when watering. Got compost? Make a simple "compost tea" with a shovel-full of mature compost in a 5 gallon bucket and fill with water. Mix it well and repeat mixing a couple times for a day before watering your plants with this healthy probiotic tea. This provides a great boost of beneficial soil microbes plus some nutrients to feed your plants. Do not try to save it for more than a day or two, it can get pretty "ripe"!

Our next job is to regularly remove all diseased or yellowing leaves/branches from plants. An infected leaf can produce millions of spores that quickly spread over the surface of healthy leaves as well as inside the plant via sap. Cut them off and discard away from the garden, not in your compost. Continue to pinch off "suckers" and harvest ripe tomatoes, peppers, cukes, etc. so the plant's strength can go to new fruits.

Finally, because it takes 50-60 days for a tomato blossom to grow into a ripening fruit, blossoms forming after Sept. 1 will not yield useable tomatoes but will take valuable energy away from the plant. Best practice is to snip off all newly formed blossoms from now forward. Sad thing to do but it will direct more energy into the fruits already on the plant. Also, if your plants have outgrown their supports then cut off the terminal tips to stop excessive growth at the top.

Got Beans? Green beans are easy to grow and give an abundant crop, sometimes too abundant. Like zucchini (see previous article) we can be creative in using our beans. Here is our favorite recipe for the very popular Dilly Beans:

Perennials. September is a good time to dig up and divide some of those oversized perennials (hostas, lilies, etc.). They will have enough time to re-establish some root growth to withstand winter. Dig them out and cut them with your spade or garden knife into moveable clumps for transplanting. Be sure to put a couple tablespoons of rock phosphate (or bone meal) into the planting hole before placing the plant. This will provide a source of this root stimulating nutrient for years to come.

Thinking ahead... now is the time to order your **fall bulbs** for October-November planting. If you haven't grown **garlic**, this can be the year you start. Order "seed garlic" from a local farmer, Johnny's Selected Seeds, FEDCO, Maine Potato Lady, or other online sources for late October planting. Supermarket garlic may be treated to inhibit growth so don't make good seed.

Soil Testing is a simple and important task we all should do this time of year. Fertilizing your soil without a soil test is like taking medications without knowing what, if anything, is

Dilly Beans

*These dilly beans can be refrigerated for several weeks
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Makes: 8 pint jars

4 lbs. green beans, washed, topped and tailed

3 Tbsp dill seed

1 -1/2 Tbsp black peppercorns

1 large head of garlic, broken up into cloves, peeled and sliced thinly

6 cups distilled white vinegar

1 cup water

1/3 cup sugar

3 Tbsp salt

1. Cut beans into lengths 1 inch shorter than the pint jars.

2. Set 8 pint jars on a sheet pan and heat in the oven at 250 degrees until hot

3. Pack the beans vertically into the hot jars.

4. Distribute the sliced garlic, dill seed and peppercorns equally between the jars.

5. If canning put on water to boil (see step 9). If refrigerating, skip this step.

6. Combine the vinegar, water, sugar and salt in a medium non-reactive saucepan and bring to a boil.

7. Pour the hot brine over the beans to cover by 1/2 inch. Leave 1/2 inch of headspace between the top of the liquid and the lid. Wipe rims with a clean, vinegar soaked piece of cheese cloth or paper towel, center lids on the jars and screw on jar bands.

8. Refrigerate (beans will keep for several weeks) or can, see step 9.

9. To can beans put enough water in a canner to cover the jars with 1" of water. Bring water to a boil and lower hot jars into the water being sure they are covered. Process in boiling water bath for 15 minutes. Turn off heat, remove canner lid and let jars rest in the water for 5 minutes. Remove and cool. Check seals then store in cool, dark place for up to 1 year.

wrong. Bad idea and possibly a waste. The University of Vermont Extension service provides a good soil analysis and recommendations. Get their simple directions online <https://vermonthomegardener.com/>, mail in your soil sample in a clean plastic bag with \$15 and they will send you the information to make your garden or lawn better.

Pest Alerts.

Tomato Hornworms (5-spotted Hawk Moth) have made their appearance and can defoliate a tomato plant in a day. Look for side stems without leaves, usually in the upper area of the tomato plant. Also, check your potatoes and peppers, they like those too. The caterpillars can be very large and plump by the time you find them. Quickest way to dispatch them humanely is with pruning shears! Pay attention however, if you see tiny white projections on the caterpillar's body do NOT kill it. Those attachments are cocoons of a beneficial parasitic wasp that will kill that caterpillar for you, plus produce many more who will search and destroy other caterpillars in your garden. They are not a stinging wasp and will not bother you.

Ground Wasps! August nests are at peak numbers and they can be very disagreeable when disturbed. Please remember that while most wasps (there are over 100 species in Vermont) do not sting, they all have an important ecological role as pollinators and predators of garden pests, especially caterpillars and aphids. Only the social/colonial wasps that build bigger nests might sting when disturbed. Solitary wasps such as beneficial mason bees do not even have a stinger. Bumble bees can be defensive but should not be destroyed unless absolutely necessary as they are important native pollinators.

Nests located near play areas, doorways, or in lawns might have to be destroyed, but fortunately that can be done without any toxic chemicals or polluting gasoline introduced into the soil. The most practical approach I've found is to quickly cover the nest hole with a piece of window screen anchored down with rocks or ground staples. Pour up to 1 gallon of soapy water (1 cup dish soap in 1 gal. water) into the hole. Yellow jacket nests can be up to 3 ft. deep so it may take at least a gallon of water to treat the nest. Do this after dark when all the wasps are in the nest, be prepared to retreat if necessary, and leave the screen in place until all is quiet the next day.

Weeds. It's easy to let the weeds finally have their way in the garden as our plants are big enough to compete with them and we're tired of constant weeding. Do not stop now! Weeds are now producing their flowers and seeds for next year, and several years after that. Weeding now will yield benefits of reduced labor in the future if you remove those plants, or at least the seed heads on top. It's an important goal, do not allow weeds to go to seed in your garden!



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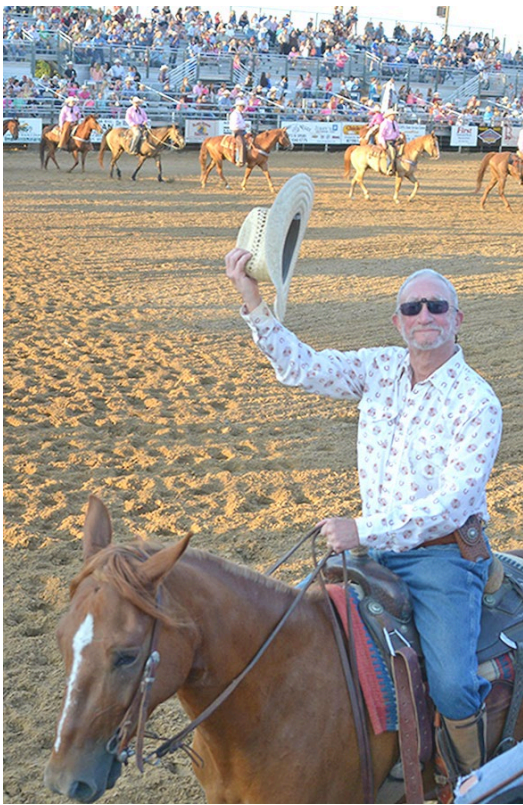


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Steven Price Speaks to Ludlow Rotary Club On His Equestrian Journalistic Career

At a recent meeting of the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) Steven D. Price, noted author of many equestrian books, spoke to the members about his varied career in writing about horses-as well as how he became involved in with horses.

He indicated that as a youth, while attending a summer camp, he was “somewhat accidentally” introduced to horseback riding. Apparently, his instructor thought he was an experienced rider and put him on an aggressive horse. This was the beginning of a long relationship with horses, albeit, a rather “bumpy” start that evolved into a more seasoned and creative experience.

Price indicated that he “rode in Bermuda, Colombia, Ireland, England, France, Spain, Portugal, and Holland. I’ve ridden on American dude ranches and cattle ranches, fox hunts, and horse shows. Other highlights include galloping a horse on Santa Anita’s main track (not, however, during a race) and in a Texas rodeo opening parade”. The photo, above, pictured Price as he participated in the opening of a rodeo in Texas.

One of the highlights of Price’s career was watching the 1973 Belmont Stakes in the Jockey’s Room at the Santa Anita track that Secretariat won by 31 lengths winning the Triple Crown. He said that at the finish of the race, the entire room of experienced jockeys arose and applauded Secretariat.

Price is the author or editor of forty-four books, dealing both with equestrian and other subjects, including 1001 Dumbest Things Ever Said, The Quotable Horse Lover, The Ultimate Fishing Guide, and Old As the Hills: The Story of Bluegrass Music.

The LRC normally meets every Tuesday for lunch and invites all interested persons to attend one of the lunches to learn what Rotary is all about. Contact Kevin Barnes at 802.228.8877 or ask any Rotarian for additional information.

Pictured above is Steven D. Price, equestrian journalist and author, as he leads the opening march at a Texas rodeo. Price was a recent speaker at the Ludlow Rotary Club’s weekly luncheon meeting. Photo provided by Price. Ralph Pace

Over 800 Ducks Race in Shallow Black River to Help Local Group

This past Saturday, August 20, members of the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) gathered on the Depot Street Bridge, in the Black River, and under the Walker Bridge as over 800 ducks were dropped into the river in the 23rd annual Ralph D Hogancamp Memorial Duck Race.

As evidenced by the photo, members of the LRC standing in the river did not have to worry about deep or fast-running water. Due to the shallowness of the river waters, Rotarians need to help “nudge” many of the 800 plus rubber ducks down the river towards the finishing line under Walker Bridge.

Even though the lack of a strong river current made this year’s race very slow, all the ducks, all rented by hopeful “bettors”, made it across the finish line.

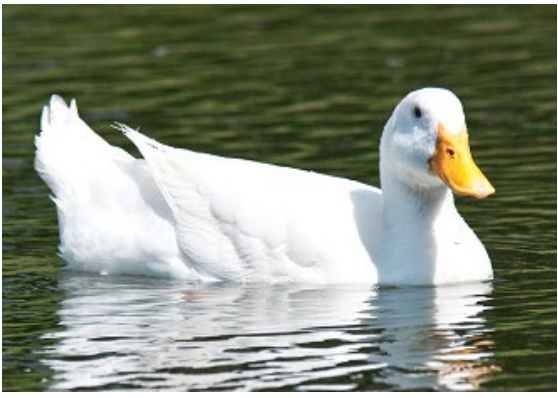
The first-place duck belonged to Kathy Burns who received \$200. Patty Rumrill was the owner of the second-place duck, earning \$100. Third place winner was Megan Foley who took home \$ 75 as her winnings. The Winning Corporate duck belonged to Green Mountain Fireplace Specialty. Not to be counted out, Meghan Huntley had the distinction of owning the last duck to finish providing her with a \$25 “award”.

The funds collected by the duck race will be donated to Rainbow Riding Center in Mt Holly to help in its programs to improve the well-being of individuals with unique physical, emotional and cognitive challenges through a therapeutic equine experience.

Kim Lampert, one of the Rotarians who wander in the river to give the ducks a little help, complimented Sharon Bixby “for guiding the club again to a successful event”.

Photo by Ludlow Rotarian of duck race. Ralph Pace





Mt Holly Conservation Commission

The Mount Holly Conservation Commission was established by the Selectboard in September 2020. Initially nine members were appointed for terms of various length. The commission quickly established its goals and operating procedures which are partly prescribed by State Statute. The agenda, minutes and other information are available on the Town (unofficial) website.

This note is intended to bring the commissions' activities to a wider audience, and to encourage public input and/or participation. The conservation of Mount Holly's natural, cultural and esthetic qualities benefits every resident and landowner every day. A brief description of the commissions' current activities

follows:

Star Lake recreational improvements. As anyone who glances out over Star Lake realizes, this is a daunting task. The commission has undertaken to improve the swimming area near the dam where some dredging was allowed during the dam construction. A weed block has been installed and will be moved around to reduce the weeds in this area. The Commission needs help to continue and to expand this effort so that even this small area can become a place where families and children can enjoy swimming the way they did in the not so distant past.

Shade Tree Preservation Plan. Mount Holly was selected as one of ten towns in Vermont to participate in a pilot program to develop a Shade Tree Preservation Plan with help and guidance from the Vermont Urban and Community Forest Program. A sub-committee of the commission work from March 2021 to July 2022 to develop this plan which was approved by the Selectboard at its July 2022 meeting. The plan lays out specific areas in town where the trees will be protected from unauthorized cutting or otherwise damaging actions. The text is available under "Announcements" on the town (unofficial) website. The commission is currently developing an implementation program that will be presented to the Selectboard and used to secure funding from outside sources.

Inventory of Town Resources. In part to aid the Planning Commission in developing a revised Town Plan, but also to provide a reference for residents and landowners, the Conservation Commission is undertaking a wider ranging inventory of natural, cultural, recreational, historical, and other resources. Many of these have direct relevance to development in the town. For example, vernal pools provide important contributions to certain wildlife species which would be adversely affected were these pools to be destroyed. The inventory of recreational resources is described in a companion not in the Chit Chat.

Mount Holly Biodiversity Project. Using the "iNaturalist" smartphone application, the commission is regularly keeping track of what plants, birds, animals and insects ordinary citizen are finding in Mount Holly. So far this summer, increases in observers (up 20 to 177) and species (up 28 to 951).

Future Programs: At its next few meetings, the Commission will be considering future activities in addition those mentioned here. We are few and all volunteers. We will welcome other interested Mount Hollyers!! Phil Crane, Mount Holly Conservation Commission

Recreation in Mount Holly

The Conservation Commission is preparing a guide to Mount Holly's recreation opportunities. Are there places you particularly like to go for walks, bike rides, cross-country skis or snowshoeing that you would be willing to share? If so, please send your suggestions to mounthollycc@gmail.com.

Here is an example:

Dawley Road offers an opportunity for a walk or bike ride on a road with very little traffic because the center portion is class 4 and not passable by car. Starting at the corner of Dawley and Old Turnpike Road and heading up the hill on Dawley you will see a "road closed" sign just after the Dawley Farm. After a short walk on the closed road, it again becomes passable for cars. After a total of 1.1 miles you get to the corner with Shunpike where the only option is to turn right. 0.7 miles later you get to the corner with Russellville Road and traffic increases somewhat. If you are walking you will probably turn around for a three-and-a-half-mile walk.

If you are biking you have at least three choices depending on your level of energy: (1) Continue straight on the Shunpike, turn right on the Hortonville Road and right again on Old Turnpike. This is a 6-mile loop. (2) Turn left on Russellville and continue two miles to the bottom of the hill. Turn right on Sanderson Road and then right on the Hortonville RD (called the Mount Holly Road while it is in Shrewsbury) and right on Old Turnpike. This is an 11-mile loop. (3) Turn left on Russellville, go 3.6 miles to the Northam Road and follow it to Pierce's Store in North Shrewsbury. To get back to your starting point, just before Pierce's Store, turn on Eastham Road. After 2.5 miles turn left at the T, then after 1.1 miles turn right on the Hortonville RD (called the Mount Holly Road in Shrewsbury) and right on Old Turnpike. This is a 16-mile loop. David Martin

WESTON THEATER COMPANY PRESENTS STEEL MAGNOLIAS

Weston Theater Company presents the funniest play that will ever make you cry, **STEEL MAGNOLIAS**, playing **August 18 – September 4 at Weston Playhouse.**

Tough as steel. Exquisite as Magnolias. Six friends gather for hairdos, manicures, juicy gossip, and witty banter in Truvy's salon. Anybody who's anybody is a regular. Through thick and thin, these women form friendships strong as steel - friendships they are forced to lean on when tragedy strikes.

Director Sarah Elizabeth Wansley says "Steel Magnolias is a story about community. This group of women gather every Saturday morning to gossip and tease and support each other (and yes, make their hair look fabulous) and Truvy's salon becomes a second home for all of them. It's especially joyful to tell this story as we climb out of the pandemic when we are craving these kinds of neighborly spaces."

Currently the BOLD Associate Artistic Director at Northern Stage in White River Junction, **Sarah Elizabeth Wansley** is making her directing debut at Weston. Her recent directing projects include: *Heisenberg* (Northern Stage), *The Amish Project* (PlayMakers Repertory Company), *Egress* (Cleveland Play House), *Revolt. She Said. Revolt Again.* (Dobama Theatre), *The Wolves* (SUNY Purchase), *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *The Amish Project* (Chautauqua Theater Company).

Wansley has gathered a nationally renowned creative team for the production. Scenic Design is by one of the founding organizational members of La Gente: The Latinx Theatre Design Network, **Regina García** (Recent: Oregon Shakespeare Festival, American Players Theatre, and the Guthrie Theater). Lighting Design is by Drama Desk Awardee, Outer Critics Circle honoree, and Tony nominee **Heather Gilbert** (Broadway: *The Sound Inside*; International: *Our Town* (Almeida Theatre), *Pedro Peroma* (Montreal); Regional: Studio Theatre DC, Magic Theatre, Milwaukee Repertory Theatre, Actors Theatre of Louisville, Alley Theatre, Steppenwolf Theatre, and many more). Costume Design is by Weston alumni **Kathleen Geldard** (Weston: *An Iliad, Always...Patsy Cline*; Regional: *Private Lives* (Repertory Theatre of St. Louis), *A Chorus Line, You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown, Misery* (Cincinnati Playhouse); *Macbeth* (Alabama Shakespeare Festival); *Billy Elliot* (Signature Theatre)). Sound Design is by **Melanie Chen Cole** (Regional: Alabama Shakespeare Festival, Alley Theatre, Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park, Dallas Theater Center, Geffen Playhouse, Goodman Theatre, The Huntington, Indiana Rep, La Jolla Playhouse, The Old Globe, PlayMakers Rep, South Coast Rep, Utah Shakespeare Festival).

STEEL MAGNOLIAS stars Weston alums **Amy Van Nostrand** as M'Lynn, **Thursdays Farrar** as Clairee, **Dorothy Stanley** as Ouiser, and introduces **Almeria Campbell** as Truvy, and **Nyla Sostre** as Annelle, and **Lexi Lapp** as Shelby to Weston audiences.

Amy Van Nostrand's previous Weston credits include *The Glass Menagerie* (co-pro with Gulfshore Playhouse), *Death Of A Salesman*, *Private Lives*, *Lips Together Teeth Apart*, *To Kill A Mockingbird*, *Last Night of Ballyhoo*, *Lost in Yonkers*, and others... Her other credits include: Broadway; *The HotHouse* (co-directed by Pinter), Off- Broadway; *The God Committee*, *Scrambled Eggs*, *Stalking The Bogeyman*, Regional; *Steel Magnolias* (Clairee) at the Guthrie Theater, Film; *Year by the Sea*, *Bereft*, *Ruby Cairo*, *Partners in Crime*, *The Flood*, *Outside Providence*, *The House of Mirth*.

Making her Weston debut **Lexi Lapp's** credits include: Regional; *Nantucket Sleigh Ride* (Lincoln Center Theater), *Pushkin* (The American Vicarious), *Alligator* (New Georges/The Sol Project), *STET* (Abingdon Theatre Company), *Luna Gale*, *I Will Be Gone*, *That High Lonesome Sound*, and *At The Vanishing Point* (Actors Theatre of Louisville), *Mary's Wedding* (Portland Center Stage), *Everything is Wonderful*, *We Will Not Be Silent* (Contemporary American Theater Festival), TV; *FBI*, *Law & Order: SVU*, Film; *Cut Shoot Kill*.

Weston veteran **Thursdays Farrar's** recent credits include: Weston; *Kiss Me Kate*, *Urinetown*, *Hairspray*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Man of La Mancha*, *Music Man*, Broadway; *Aida* (original Aida stand-by), *Parade* (Angela), and *Once Upon a Mattress*. TV; *Poker Face*, *That Damn Michael Che Show*, *FBI*, *Manifest*, *Modern Love*, *For Life*, *Gotham*, *Blue Bloods*, *Bull*, *Black List*, *Search Party*, Film; *Holiday in Harlem*, *The Brian Banks Story*, *Across the Tracks*, *City Hall*, *Basketball Diaries*.

Dorothy Stanley's many Weston Theater Company credits include last summer's *Ring Of Fire*, *Our Town* (w/Christopher Lloyd), *The Music Man*, *Guys & Dolls*, *Sweeney Todd*, and *Once*. Her numerous Broadway shows include *Annie*, *42nd Street*, *Show Boat*, *Cabaret*, and *Follies*.

Almeria Campbell is making her Weston debut and her credits include: TV; *Law & Order Criminal Intent*, Regional; *B.R.O.K.E.N CODE B.I.R.D. SWITCHING* at the Berkshires Theater.

Weston newcomer **Nyla Sostre's** credits include Peggy in *Hamilton* on Broadway (2016-2019), she played Dionne in *Hair* at The Old Globe (2021), as well as Mimi in *Rent* at Portland Center Stage.

STEEL MAGNOLIAS plays at **The Weston Playhouse** (703 Main Street, Weston, VT). **Adult tickets range from \$50-74. "Pick Your Price" Subscription tickets start at \$39.** Discounts available for students, veterans, and Vermont residents. Prices do not include sales tax.

Following **STEEL MAGNOLIAS**, reminisce with the music of Woody Guthrie in **WOODY SEZ**. Subscriptions and tickets are available online and by calling the Weston Box Office at **802-824-5288**.

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When Community Health Pediatrics began offering the vaccines to children ages 5-18, they created a welcoming safe superhero decorated space for the children so they weren't intimidated by the thought of getting a vaccine. "We have administered Covid vaccines to 1,072 distinct patients between the ages of 5 and 18 years," said Tracy Upton, RN, Director of Community Health Clinical Services.

Wilson said his favorite kid vaccine comment was, "Getting the shot hurt less than getting poked with a sharp stick. It was kinda like getting poked with a blunt stick. Even less."

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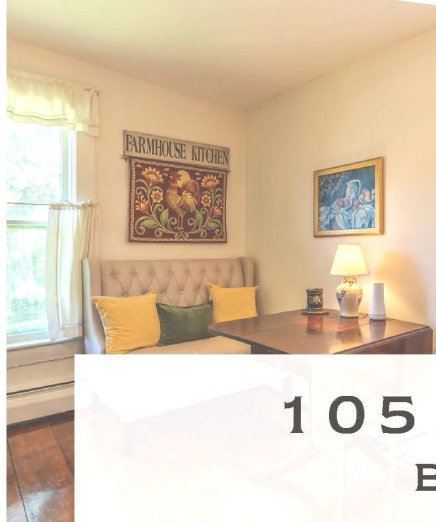
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