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November 2022

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November 2022



1st Property Taxes Due

Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library
Mount Holly Conservation Commission

All Saints' Day

8:30 am – 4 pm

7:00 pm

7:00 pm

2nd All Souls' Day ~ Only Flight of Howard Hughes "Spruce Goose" 1947

3rd Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station

7:00 pm

4th

Sun 6th

7th

8th

VOTE Election Day Full Beaver Moon

Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont

Select Board Meeting, Town Office & Zoom

9th

LMHUUS Meeting,

ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont

10th

Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station

11th

Veterans' Day ~ Signing of WWI Armistice 1918

Sat 12th

Deer Season & Black Bear Season Begins

Sun 13th

Robert Louis Stevenson 1850

14th

Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building

7:00 pm

15th

Mt. Holly PTSA Meeting, MH School

4:30 pm

16th

Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont

6:30 pm

Mount Holly Planning Commission, MH Town Office & Via Zoom

7:00 pm

17th

Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations

7:00 pm

Sat 19th

Discovery of Puerto Rico 1493 ~ Gettysburg Address 1863

Sun 20th

Black Bear Season Ends

22nd

Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont

9:00 am

23rd

ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont

7:00 pm

24th

Thanksgiving

7:00 pm

Sun 27th

Deer Season Ends

28th

Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building

7:00 pm

29th

Giving Tuesday www.PVA.org/supportveterans

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Send ARTICLES to: Diana Garrow, 3379 Shunpike Rd., Mt. Holly, VT 05758 Phone 802-259-2314 or E-Mail to

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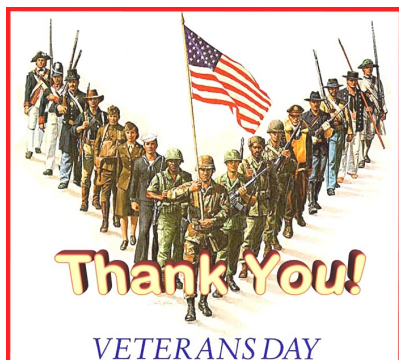


November Birthdays: 2nd -Amanda Smith Frank * Linda Fitzgibbon 4th -David Davis * Keith Hawkins 5th -Bruce Turco * Victoria Turco * Richard Darling 7th -Bridger Lillard 8th -James Proctor * Dave Venter 14th -Daniel Fitzgibbon 17th -Matthew Alberty * Catherine Carrara * Candence Taylor 18th -Sally Bussino (1956) * Jason Bussino (2012) 19th -Chad Devereux * Brayden McEnany 20th -Melinda Dawley-Pearson 23rd -Donna Lee 24th -Josh Bussino (1992) 28th -Jessica Lee 29th -Joe Turco * Jeremiah Johnson * Maryanne Bolalek * Ronald Blanchard (1966) * Jeffrey Bussino Jr (1989)



November Anniversaries: 15th -Wayne & Lori Wheelock

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



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our fallen heros.
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that we are free.

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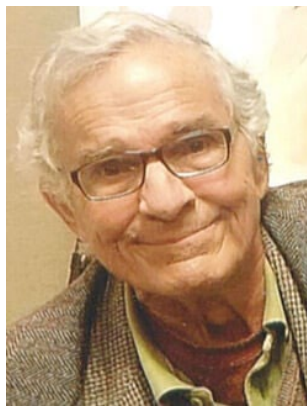
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Wallingford Post Master Denise Young	– 802-446-2140



Douglass G. Prescott Jr.

With heavy hearts, we share the passing of our beloved “Dougie”—father, grandfather, husband, uncle, friend, spiritual advisor.

Douglass Gordon Prescott Jr. died peacefully on Thursday, September 29, 2022 at the University of Vermont Medical Center. He was surrounded by the love and comfort of his loved ones, as well as compassionate UVMMC staff members, to whom he grew close during his extended journey leaving the

physical plane.

Douglass was born on Staten Island, NY on June 26, 1942 to Douglass Prescott Sr. and Evelyn (Hill) Prescott. On the day Douglass was born, his father, a Captain in the United States Army during WWII, was assigned Officer of the Day, overseeing the New York Harbor. Evelyn bravely labored alone with the birth of Douglass Jr. as his father defended our country.

With roots in the Granite State, the young family returned to New Hampshire after the war to be near family due to the devastating loss of Uncle Alan Prescott in the European theatre. The family took up residence in Sanbornton Square, NH, where they lived in the historic Lane Tavern. It is here where Douglass met David Wiggins, with whom he shared a lifelong friendship rooted in fine arts and spirituality. The Prescott family eventually built a home on Perkins Road where Doug’s passion for the arts both written and visual as well as his love of New England developed. It was during this time in a humble cabin that he

produced his first works of art - his true passion.

After graduating from Laconia High School, Doug pursued his further education at the Boston School of Practical Art, Boston Architectural Center, eventually graduating from The Museum School of Fine Arts in the late 1980s. During his time in Boston and traveling back and forth to New Hampshire he met his first wife Pamela Matty from Northfield, NH whom he married in 1964 and with her had two sons, Christian and Tobey Prescott. He maintained a familial relationship with the Matty Family through his final days. Having experienced profound life changes, Doug moved to Vermont to pursue a new career in the 1970’s, after having been called to help others in their recovery from addiction disorders. He greatly enjoyed his work, sharing his experience, strength and hope with those who suffered, and was an inspiration for many.

It was during this time that he met and married his second wife, Carolyn Auer in Wallingford, VT. They raised their two daughters, Abigail and Nettie, in Belmont, VT. Doug would eventually return to Sanbornton, New Hampshire, where he lived for the remainder of his life. He and Carolyn, to whom he referred as the “love of my life,” continued to share a close, meaningful relationship until his death.

He is survived by his four children; Christian (Margaret) Prescott and their son Liam of Hampstead, NH, Tobey and his children Tobey Jr. of Laconia, NH, and Madeline of Albuquerque, NM, Abigail (Christopher) Heck, and their son Oliver of Williston, VT, and Jeanette “Nettie” Prescott and her companion Charles Quine of Marin County, CA. Additionally surviving are his former wives Pamela Prescott of Laconia, NH, and Carolyn Prescott of Belmont, VT, brother Jeff (Mabel) Prescott and their three daughters Rachel, Alana and Camellia of Destin, FL, very special grandnieces and grandnephews in Florida, and lifelong close friend David (Anne) Wiggins of Concord, NH.

A Celebration of Life for Doug will be held on Sunday, October 30, 2022 at the Sanbornton Congregational Church in Sanbornton, NH at 2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to your local Turning Point Centers of Vermont or Sant Bani Ashram in Sanbornton, NH. The William F. Smart Sr. Memorial Home in Tilton, NH is assisting the family with arrangements. For more information please go to www.smartmemorialhome.com



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Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad Thank You

Everyone on the Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad would like to thank the community for their show of support at our annual fundraising dinner at the Odd Fellows in Belmont on September 17th. It was a beautiful fall day, perfect weather, and a wonderful turnout for takeout. A great job was done by the chef cooking the tasty meal, according to many community members. We served over 120 and for those of you that missed it - come out next year! We had a lot of help from people outside our organization and a huge thank you to all of them, for wonderful pies and dessert, and for their part to make the dinner a great success.

Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad

Mount Holly Rescue is looking for new members to join our squad. If you are interested please reach out to us at mhvrs@mhvrs.org or 802-369-6001. We have funds available to cover the class for prospective members.



We want to THANK EVERYONE that helped make this the most successful SOUPER Kids Fundraiser!!

Fox Run Golf Club
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Rachel Karner
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Liz Karle
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If I have forgotten anyone; I apologize it was a long list but we are Forever Grateful!

Community Guild News

The Community Guild would like to thank all those who bought raffle tickets for our fall raffle and those who shopped at our booth at Cedar Days. We had a successful season and will be able to award two scholarships to graduating Mount Holly high school students who are furthering their education. We will soon be distributing funds to community service organizations.

The winners of our raffle are:

Quilt - Pam McLaughlin

Basket - Sandi McKay

Placemats - Paul Frazier

Tote Bags - Chris Marsh (He has asked us to donate them to a person in need.)

The guild is always happy to welcome new members. If you want to learn new crafting skills and work with a group of community minded people we would love to meet you. We meet in the second and fourth Tuesday of the month in the Odd Fellows Hall at 9:30 AM. For more information call Claire (259-2399) or Donna (259- 2211).



HIKE INTO THE YALE FOREST

Hikes will be offered into the Yale Forest this fall. Mount Holly is home to 462 acres that are part of the Forestry program. The land was given to Yale University in 1922 by the family of Joseph Bowen. He was a graduate of their School of Forestry who was killed when shot down over France in World War I.

The hikes will take place from the middle of October until early November. They are moderate walks along an early road. Learn

about the history of the area and visit the site of a plaque that was placed in memory of the young pilot who did not come home.

The hikes are finalized a day or two ahead of time when more is known about the weather. Please call 802-259-2460 and leave a message if interested. There will be several opportunities to join these hour and a half outings.

****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.



Community Lunch Program Takes Off

Looking for a really good, nourishing, home cooked meal, socialize with community folks, friends and neighbors, and hear some relaxing live, local music? It all happens at the Ludlow Community Center on November 3rd at noon. The November Community Lunch features a traditional Thanksgiving theme with fresh,

roasted turkey, stuffing and all the sides.

Begun on the first Thursday in October of this year, the community meal concept was introduced by Krey Kellington, Black River Good Neighbor Services' Executive Director and Vicki Mastroianni, caterer and well-known senior advocate. Both women share similar food values together with the desire to reach and build community around food by offering a home cooked meal and an opportunity to socialize and maintain connections, all at no charge. And, all within a warm and welcoming environment.

The October community lunch was truly an atmosphere of volunteerism at its finest. RSVP volunteers, Black River Good Neighbor board members, Mountainside residents, Senior Solutions staff, and more, all came together in preparing, setting up, baking, greeting, serving, and cleaning-up the event. A cafeteria filled with laughter, stories, music and great food.

Volunteers are welcomed and encouraged to participate in the community lunch program in many capacities as well as financial support. For information on how you can help please contact Krey Kellington at 802-228-3663.



Chamber Director Carol Lighthall holds the ribbon for Liz Karle, Director of Rainbow Riding Center, for her to cut in celebration of their new membership in the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce.

The Writers' Group

The Writers' Group will meet again on Monday, November 7th at 1:30 at the Mount Holly Library. We are continuing a look at techniques of comic writing. If you have a sample of comic writing to share, please bring it with you. Thank you, Joan Connor

Reinbow Riding Center

foliage, a beautiful horse and a beautiful relationship? Maddy & Cutie pictures to the right.

The leaves are falling, bringing another gorgeous foliage season to a slow close and signifying the end of a very, very busy and successful season at Rainbow Riding Center in Belmont. As much as we would like to extend the season, the days get shorter, mornings get colder and the horses start looking more like teddy bears as they put on their wooly winter coats.

Wistfully we look forward to the coming of spring and the start of a new season.

This year RRC extended its reach. Riders came from schools and towns along the Black River—Ludlow, Cavendish, Springfield. Schools and towns in Rutland County and some from as far away as Pownal, as well as those in our neighboring towns. Our volunteers, essential to the program, came from many of the same towns as well as from Mendon, Pittsford and Florence. We have also experienced more awareness, inquiries, and participation in our individualized programs for youth and adults, increasing our client base. While we put our riding lessons on hold for the winter, we continue to develop programs and fundraise for the coming 2023 season.

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

Thank you to everyone who has helped make this one of our very best seasons of riding. Happy Thanksgiving to All. Janet Upton

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Thank you to everyone who attended and voted during the Manhattan Short Film Festival, 2022 edition. The results from world-wide voting:

Best Film "The Treatment", Silver Medal "Freefall", Bronze Medal "Freedom Swimmer". Best Actor: Elina Patrakka (The Blanket)

Thank you to everyone who attended our book sale during Cider Days. In addition to you getting some new reading material, your donations go a long way toward helping our library fulfill its mission.

NEW ARRIVALS

- 1883: A Yellowstone Origin Story (DVD)
- The Last Kids on Earth (Juv series)
- The Road Taken: A Memoir by Sen Patrick Leahy
- Lucy By The Sea by Elizabeth Strout
- Fairy Tale by Stephen King + many more

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The Expeditionary School at Black River awarded the Nonprofit Capacity Building Program of the Vermont Community Foundation Grant

From its inception, creating a cost-effective financial model for educating youth that is more community focused and locally controlled has been a priority of ESBR's leadership team.



ESBR's mission is to educate students to be intellectually curious, resourceful, and confident in themselves for a life of personal fulfillment and civic engagement. To be able to accomplish this, ESBR's leadership team believes schools must be designed so that a student's community can be their classroom. By creating cost-efficient schools, ESBR's vision is to revitalize local economies and create opportunities for community engagement while also incentivizing workforce development.

As ESBR enters its second month of its third year of operation, it has received \$0 from the state's Education Fund. It continues to be 100% funded by a combination of charitable donations and tuition payments. Currently, ESBR is a "recognized" independent school. "Approved" status is required, so that state Education Fund dollars can follow students from school choice towns who want to attend this school. In July 2021, the Board of Trustees submitted ESBR's

application for approved status, a required site visit was conducted on March 30, 2022. Because it is still not clear when the timeline for securing public funding will be completed, ESBR's Board is now crafting solutions through social entrepreneurship.

Due to the Agency of Education's inaction, ESBR is at an inflection point. ESBR has a proven model and is experiencing an increase in requests to accommodate more students. In order to grow its scope of impact, more structured and diversified revenue streams need to be established.

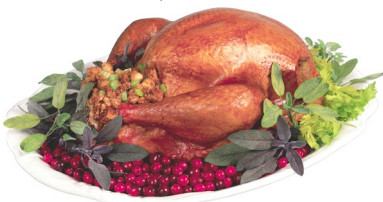
With VCF's award of the Nonprofit Capacity Building grant, ESBR's Board is pleased to be able to hire Trevor Barlow, a local business owner and entrepreneur to consult on the design of diversified revenue streams for sustaining ESBR. A proven leader in community programming and planning, Trevor well versed in the challenges VT's mandate to merge schools (Act 46) has created for this region.

By exploring business opportunities that have a positive impact on the community, this project intends to establish a blueprint for reducing the cost of educating children in any community. To ensure financial sustainability for the school and its community partners, we intend to create a flexible and community-oriented system of learning at the secondary level.

ESBR welcomes hearing from those with insights into the education funding system here in Vermont and beyond.

Existing Board Members are Gary Blodgett (Chair), Suzy Buckley (Vice Chair & Founding Board Member), Julie Abraham (Treasurer), Stephen Messina (newest member), Patrick Pullinen (Founding Board Member), and Marissa Selleck (Founding Board Member). The

Board of Trustees invites new members to join this committee. Interested in learning more, contact the Head of School, Kendra Rickerby at info@esblackriver.org



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For the November 8, 2022 General Election, you should have received an absentee ballot. The Secretary of State's Office mailed out the ballots on September 28 to all current registered voters. This ballot also has on the reverse the local Justice of the Peace ballot.

This is the ballot you must use to vote, if you do not receive one you can fill out an affidavit stating that, and I can issue another one. I strongly urge you to review the ballot, make your choices and return it to the Clerk's Office as soon as possible. Make sure you put your ballot inside the envelope for the voted ballot and sign, date, and seal it.

The ballot may be returned to the Mount Holly Town Office in person, by mail or by having a friend or family member return it. I have a drop box by the front door of the Town Office where you can put your ballots in if you want. It is imperative that it be received by 7 PM on November 8, 2022. The polls will be open 10 am – 7 pm on November 8th if you want to come in and put your ballot in the voting machine yourself.

If you are not registered to vote and are a resident of the Town of Mount Holly, you may do so before the election by filling out a form I have at the town office, or it can be mailed to you. OR you can go on-line to my voter page and register.

We are looking forward to a smooth and successful 2022 Election and with your help this can be achieved. Carol Garrow-Woolley, Mount Holly Town Clerk, PO Box 248, Mount Holly, VT 05758, Phone (802) 259-2391 email: mthollytc@yahoo.com FAX (802) 259-2635.

Mt. Moriah Lodge # 96 Trestleboard

Next meeting Tuesday 11/08 7:30PM

District No. 11 will have their meeting in Bellows Falls at King Solomon's Lodge No. 45, on October 18th, beginning with supper at 6PM and the meeting at 7PM.

We will have 2 rehearsals; the first is on October 5th and the second one on the 12th at 6PM in Bellows Falls. For those of the brothers who are filling a chair, please be prepared for your part.

Thank you to those who helped with the George Washington Memorial fund raising spaghetti supper.

Please keep your dues monies coming in and, if you have a question with the amounts you are said to owe... let the secretary know by contacting him at 802-259-9400, by email at: sseward@vermontel.net. or mail it to: 4280 Sugar Hill Rd East Wallingford, Vt. 05742, Fraternally, Dennis Start, WM - Buster Seward Sec'y



BRIDGETTE REMINGTON FOR STATE SENATE

Bridgette Remington is running for an open seat to represent Rutland County in the Vermont State Senate. She is an attorney, mom, and a seventh generation Vermonter.

Bridgette has worked in local government as a Town Auditor and Planning Commission Member. She has worked at the state level as a Hearing Officer for the Vermont Public Utility Commission and as a judicial intern at the Vermont Supreme Court. She has worked at the federal level, collaborating with the Department of Energy and interning for the U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

Rutland County deserves a strong and thoughtful voice to advocate for solutions that focus on our economic, infrastructure, and public health and safety challenges. Bridgette is committed to finding solutions to support our amazing community.

Cast your mail-in ballot or vote in person on Tuesday, November 8 to send the most qualified candidate - **Bridgette Remington** - to Montpelier as a Rutland County State Senator.

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You can help keep Mount Holly the treasure it is by signing up to AmazonSmile and designating **Mount Holly Conservation Trust** as your charity. On your computer or mobile device just go to <https://www.aboutamazon.com/news/community/how-to-sign-up-for-amazonsmile> and follow the directions. If you need help or have any questions contact Monique at 802-259-2311. For more information about the Mount Holly Conservation Trust go to <http://www.mounthollyconservationtrust.org> or contact Brigid Sullivan, President, at 802-259-2274

News from MHCA

It has been a colorful fall and a busy October for the community association. We began with the 2023 Calendar Contest and gallery preview held on October 2nd. Judges selected winners in the following categories: Best of show - Renee' Sarmento; Student winners (age Daniel Bruce & Carter Bruce (age 5-12), and Lillian Paz (age 13-18); Adult winners - Will Osborne, Tracie Burns, and Susan Hamilton; and Runners up in the adult category - John Wincze, Susan Presson, and Gerald Rogell. Thank you for your contributions and photographic tribute to our Mount Holly community. Public voting on the calendar choice awards is being tabulated and will be announced next month.

Cider Days appeared to be the peak weekend from for the annual fall festival. What a glorious 2 days filled with music and fun on our town green. The MHCA Board has so much to be appreciative for and we would like to express our gratitude to those who made Cider Days a huge success this year.

THANK YOU to over 50 volunteers who made Cider Days possible this year, we could not do this without you!! We had seasoned volunteers and some new ones who have recently moved to our community and wanted to get involved - YAY! It takes a village to pull off an event like this. **THANK YOU** to the 37 vendors who shared the green to collectively make this the biggest Cider Days to date and for donating to our COW PLOP prize baskets. Vendors are listed on our



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Lastly our thanks and ode to Miss Liberty

Congratulations to the grand prize winners The McAleers (Kevin, Alexandra, Aidric and Reilly) and raffle winners Tobin William Devine and Judy Lehmann.

The MHCA Board is filled with gratitude, we count our blessings as we transition from fall to the holiday season. We LOVE our community and life in the Green Mountains. Thank you for all your support!

Mark your calendars in December for Holidays in Mount Holly December 17th and New Years at Star Lake. Check out our website mhcavt.org for more details. Happy Thanksgiving Ya'll!!



PLANNING COMMISSION SEAT OPEN

The Mount Holly Select Board encourages candidates to submit letters of interest for a Planning Commission seat to be filled in November 2022.

Interested candidates, including incumbents, are encouraged to apply.

Candidates should have an interest in long-range town planning, which includes development and maintenance of the Town Plan and land use regulations

Please submit letters of interest by November 14.

mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com
PO Box 248, Mount Holly, VT 05758

website mhcavt.org. **THANK YOU** to Jeb Porter for organizing music and musicians who played. **THANK YOU** to Donna DeAngelis for a prime cow plop grazing grid and signage for our beloved event. **THANK YOU** to Team Johnson (Jeremiah, Jim, and Millicent) for sharing Miss Liberty for the second annual COW PLOP and for Millicent's

Oh Miss Liberty

Cider Days was off to a bang on a beautiful fall day
And with anticipation we waited on our brown eyed girls ETA
But Team Johnson arrived with their heads hung low
Whispering softly "she plopped before she was towed"

It was true for in the trailer a big ole pile did rest
O M G its last year all over the organizers did protest

Oh Miss Liberty

How your jersey girl shines
while on the lush green grass you did dine
We have plenty of time right? The PLOP lasts for 4 hours
We thought "maybe this year's long grass
will hold super green powers"

Oh Miss Liberty

How the sun doth shine
As you meandered and munched on an afternoon so fine
With bated breath we hoped and prayed
That you would partake in our Cow Plop play

Oh Miss Liberty

We knew you'd come through!!
After nonstop grazing you did indeed plop a mega cow poo
Thank you, thank you, for all who placed bets

Your Community, Your Voice: A Community Vision Survey

With support from the State of Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development, the Town of Mount Holly is engaging community members, businesses, and organizations to identify and understand community concerns related to housing, economic development, and public infrastructure.

Historically, Mount Holly has had many thriving hamlets. Due to land use and economic changes, only two areas remain with a development density to support public infrastructure: the Municipal Center and the Village of Belmont.

The Municipal Center is the functional center of our town and hosts government, education, highway, and emergency services. There is no way to avoid continued public investment in these facilities. However, as these facilities age, those costs are likely to rise. Aging or inadequate infrastructure presents a financial liability to the community.

The historic Village of Belmont is the cultural center of the town—home to our store, library, church, museum, Public Park, village green, bandstand, and two community assembly areas. Of course, it is where our beloved Cider Days is held. These are important assets that belong to all residents of Mount Holly—not just those who happen to have a Belmont mailing address.

This project aims to identify barriers to development in these two areas of town, consider methods of removing those barriers, and identify sources of funding that do not rely on local taxation. Key to this endeavor is community input. We will enlist input from community members, businesses and organizations through a survey, interviews and community meetings. We encourage all Mount Holly residents to participate in these efforts. This survey is just the first step.



Please take the survey by pointing your smartphone camera at the image to the left or by visiting the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/MountHollySurvey>

Printed copies will be available at the Town Office and Town Library and can be returned to the Town Office and the Town Library. The survey will close on November 30th.

Your input is essential to this process. Answers will be anonymous and remain private. The results will be aggregated, compiled and presented as part of a report in the months to come. Your answers will guide us in maximizing the benefit to the community of our American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and other grant funding to address community challenges.

Thank you for your participation! If you have questions, please contact: mounthollycommunitysurvey@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE: DECEMBER 4, 2022

The Mount Holly Historical Museum "Festival of Lights" preparations are in full swing. We are excited to have our first Community fundraising event after a two year gap on December 4, 2022.

The evening's auction will be led by a local, star auctioneer. The live auction will feature fine donated gifts from local businesses plus the perennial favorite Christmas wreaths made by local Community craftspeople. In addition, this year we would like to extend an invitation to the wider Community.

To discuss donations, please contact Steve Michel ((802) 259-2049 or SteveM@gmail.com). An emailed photo of your item would be helpful.

The evening promises to be filled with foods and festivities and, most important, a welcome Community gathering after two long years.



The Marshfield Robbery of 1881

It happened in the shadow of a church. George Ozias Davis (my great-great grandfather) lived right next to the church in Marshfield, VT. Across the street was his boot & shoe shop which employed a number of local men. Several doors down stood Putnam's store where George's 18 yr. old nephew, Ozias Pitkin worked as a clerk and boarded upstairs.

It was on a bright, green spring day in May that a vagrant by the name of Wm. Drew, arrived in town. Nobody knew where he stayed, but he introduced himself to one of the young boys in town named Arch Cole. He offered to take Arch fishing & as they were casting, the conversation drifted to the different kinds of folks living in town.

"I'll tell you what," William said to the youngster. "If you can tell me who the richest man in town is, I'll give you this nice jackknife." Arch's eyes grew wide gazing at the knife in the stranger's palm.

"Well, I'd say *George O. Davis*. He's the postmaster." The knife was slipped into Arch's hand & the two parted with a cordial nod & a wave.

On Monday afternoon, Mr. Drew sauntered into Putnam's to purchase some ammunition, which he paid for in pennies. Late that evening, Mrs. Putnam got up, and lighting a lantern, awakened young Ozias Pitkin.

"Ozias," she whispered. There's a horse in the barn out back making an awful commotion. Get up and come with me. We'll go see about him." Little did they realize that at *that* moment Wm. Drew was checking the back door of the store. By the time they opened the barn door, Drew had crossed the street. They found the horse in an agitated and very nervous state.

Meanwhile, across the street, behind the Davis house and attached post office, Abijah Bemis was staying up late in the back shed caring for Mr. Davis's sow who'd just had a litter of piglets. The burglar made his way through the shadowy alleyway between the church & the Davis place. He found the back door unlocked at about midnight and stealthily moved through the house, picking up two gold watches and a considerable amount of jewelry. Not satisfied with his take, he finally stood in the bedroom doorway brandishing his revolver at George and Sybil in bed.

"Mr. Davis? Mr. *George Davis*? I want you to get up very slowly and find your wallet and hand it over to me nice and easy. Just do as I say and nobody'll get hurt."

George complied, but as he was handing it over, Abijah Bemis came through the back door, startling the intruder. Letting go of the wallet, George made a grab for the gun. The raised pistol fired, alerting everyone in the vicinity of the robber's presence. Sybil screamed and Geo. felt a sharp pain as the bullet passed through his wrist, piercing the ceiling and creasing the bed that 8 year old *Alvi Davis* was sleeping in.

Immediately, the burglar flew into action, dashing through the dark to the kitchen where a stunned Abijah Bemis was blocking the rear door. The fugitive made a quick escape through the kitchen window. He disappeared into the warm brown shadows of the church next door.

The roaring of the swollen Winooski, down over the bank, swallowed the sound of his footsteps.

There was obviously a great deal of consternation in the center of town as folks convened and became aware of the robbery. Mr. Davis received medical attention for his wound. When Sheriff John Tuttle arrived early that morning, upon hearing the details, he stated, "I believe this fellow is going to try to leave on the morning train. Let's go! We've no time to lose!" Enlisting the help of the engineer on the Montpelier & Wells River Railroad, Sheriff Tuttle cornered Drew in a nearby gravel pit. Arrested, disarmed, and relieved of the stolen items, he was tied to the tail of a buckboard to be transported to Montpelier. Before he was escorted to jail, Arch Cole was asked to identify the burglar. "Yes, sir! That's the man!" A wry smile fell over the robber's lips as he uttered, "Well, boy, we won't be going fishing for a while again, I guess." Arch just fingered the warm jackknife in his pocket, knowing that he'd be whispering some very grateful prayers in church on Sunday. *May the same gratitude be yours this Thanksgiving!* – PG





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To The Editor:

I am writing in response to a couple articles in the recent *Chit Chat* against Article 22. Both are totally disregarding a woman's right to make decisions pertaining to her body, and pushing their religious beliefs onto a woman's personal life.

I don't care what anyone's religious beliefs are, but religious beliefs need to stay in your home, and out of other people's lives, and out of influencing judges and politicians to change laws that affect others. No woman should be forced to go through a pregnancy that she does not choose to have, especially if she has been raped, or in cases of incest or a life-threatening situation. If you need to mandate and control, manage your own households, and leave others to freely make decisions regarding their bodies.

So far, Vermont has been a state that believes individuals have personal rights, and Article 22 only strengthens those rights. Some of us have worked to ensure individuals have the right to choose their own paths in life, and it should stay that way. In a situation if I was another state, where women have no rights, I would never hesitate to help them, even if it meant jail time or fines for me. I would do the same for someone trying to vote having to stand in line for hours. All of these ridiculous laws and rules are hurting those people already living in poverty, preventing them their rights.

Maybe a good idea for the future would be to mandate that all male babies born be required to have a vasectomy. That way, if a woman is raped, or incest is involved, she wouldn't face getting pregnant, she would need only to deal with the trauma of being raped. Vasectomies can be reversed if the male is in a relationship where they both agree they want a child. Christine Pratt



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My thoughts on Article 22 – the “Reproductive Liberty Amendment”

I am a woman, mother and nurse. A few years after Roe v Wade I was 18 and I used my freedom of choice to have sex which resulted in a pregnancy. I made a rather quick decision not to be inconvenienced for 9 months with another human being. I had an abortion. I say “9 months” as I could have delivered my baby and offered it to someone who could not have their own baby. I do not believe this was an example of “personal reproductive autonomy” as it involved three human beings: myself, the baby’s father and the baby. Autonomy is defined as self-governing NOT governing self plus two other individuals – this is not a personal choice but a three person choice usually made by only one person. Also, reproduction is defined as giving rise to offspring. Abortion is the opposite of this.

I feel compassion for any woman who finds herself pregnant and does not want to be (especially if she was raped) and I would tell her my experience with abortion. It was the saddest day of my life.

A nation that has no limits on abortion is doomed to destruction from within. Since Roe v Wade, abortion has been used as “the back-up plan” too many times and it has become an industry that receives tax payer funding and money from desperate women. I personally believe some abortion providers should pay women for the products those women provide them as I have no doubt that fetal organs and tissue sell for a very high price. It makes me ill to think of those that profit off of desperate women that are doing something that will affect them for the rest of their lives. Thankfully, God is merciful and will forgive anyone who asks Him.

Many want Vermont to be known as an abortion sanctuary state. They would be proud to be known for this. We know that most likely abortion will never be outlawed in Vermont but to have no limits on it, no matter what circumstance the woman or girl is in or the stage of the pregnancy, is morally wrong in so many ways.

Vermont is a beautiful state that many people come to for a mostly peaceful and healthy way of life. Do we want to be known for this or for being the place to go to end an innocent child’s life? Life begins at conception – whether we value this life will determine what kind of a culture we create.

**Vote NO on
Article 22.
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Dear Editor:

Newsflash! Women are NOT incubators!

In *Dobbs v. the Jackson Women's Health Organization*, the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* and a nearly 50-year precedent of women's bodily autonomy. The court threw the decision on women's access to abortion back to the States. In Vermont on November 8th, we have the chance to say, 'Yes, women are NOT incubators!'

Check the facts. Forced pregnancies can lead to higher poverty rates. Forced pregnancies can increase women's mortality. Forced pregnancies can lead to drug and alcohol abuse. And unwanted children can lead to increases in crime and the prison population.

"My Body, My Choice," a slogan used by the women's movement for decades, has recently been co-opted by anti-vaxxers, a group who thinks the government does not have the right to tell you to get a COVID vaccine. A shot? How about mandating pregnancies? The government never belongs in a woman's womb. And without the right to decide what does or does not happen with her own body, what rights does a woman really have?

Vote Yes on Proposal 5, Article 22, the Reproductive Liberty Amendment, on November 8th. Vote Yes to protect a woman's right to bodily autonomy. Vote Yes to protect a woman's reproductive rights. Vote Yes to say a woman is NOT an incubator. And Vote Yes to support a woman's right to choose . . . her life. Yours for Choice, Jennifer Matthews

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

1. How many steps does the guard take during his walk across the tomb of the Unknowns and why? 21 steps. It alludes to the twenty-one gun salute, which is the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary.
2. How long does he hesitate after his about face to begin his return walk and why? 21 seconds for the same reason as answer number 1
3. Why are his gloves wet? His gloves are moistened to prevent his losing his grip on the rifle.
4. Does he carry his rifle on the same shoulder all the time and if not, why not? He carries the rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb. After his march across the path, he executes an about face and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder.
5. How often are the guards changed? Guards are changed every thirty minutes, twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year.
6. What are the physical traits of the guard limited to? For a person to apply for guard duty at the tomb, he must be between 5' 10" and 6' 2" tall and his waist size cannot exceed 30." Other requirements of the Guard:

They must commit 2 years of life to guard the tomb, live in a barracks under the tomb, and cannot drink any alcohol on or off duty for the rest of their lives.

They cannot swear in public for the rest of their lives and cannot disgrace the uniform {fighting} or the tomb in any way. After two years, the guard is given a wreath pin that is worn on their lapel signifying they served as guard of the tomb. There are only 400 presently worn.

The guard must obey these rules for the rest of their lives or give up the wreath pin.

The shoes are specially made with very thick soles to keep the heat and cold from their feet. There are metal heel plates that extend to the top of the shoe in order to make the loud click as they come to a halt. There are no wrinkles, folds or lint on the uniform. Guards dress for duty in front of a full-length mirror. The first six months of duty a guard cannot talk to anyone, nor watch TV. All off duty time is spent studying the 175 notable people laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. A guard must memorize who they are and where they are interred.

Among the notables are: President Taft, Joe E. Lewis {the boxer} and Medal of Honor winner Audie Murphy, {the most decorated soldier of WWII} of Hollywood fame. Every guard spends five hours a day getting his uniforms ready for guard duty.

FML News

Fletcher Memorial Library
November - 2022

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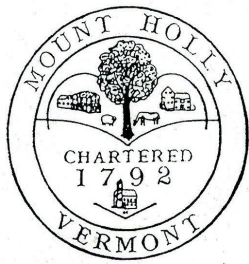
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Dead) Posters-** Celebrate this Mexican
holiday by coloring and decorating a
one of a kind skull poster.

8th- Shrinky Dinks- Make magnets,
key chains and more out of amazing
shrinking plastic.

15th- Paper Airplanes and Launcher-
Design and build the perfect paper
airplane and launcher.

**22nd- Stained Glass Thanksgiving Sun
Catchers-** Using simple supplies, par-
ticipants will create colorful Thanksgiv-
ing window decorations





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 October 11, 2022 6:30 pm - MEETING MINUTES

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

Present:

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

Town Officials: Caitlin Boyle, Dennis Devereux, Carol Garrow-Woolley, David Johnson, Christine Pratt, James Seward, Clinton Woolley

Members of the Public: In Person: Paul Barton, Via Zoom: Katy Leonard, Phil Leonard, Donna Seward, Andy Shulz, Brigid Sullivan

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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 Junk Ordinance complaints.

4. Approval of September 13 and 21, 2022 minutes. Diana Garrow made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Mark Turco, unanimously approved.

5. Reports

a. Highways & Transfer Station Update – Clinton Woolley: Mr. Woolley reported that the Hazardous Waste Pickup Date at Transfer Station will be October 15, from 8-10 am. The salt contract from Cargill has come in at \$85.50/ton, delivered. Belmont Road paving is complete and has come out nicely. Winter grading is close to done. Finally, there is an ash tree on Lambert property that the property owners would like Town to take down. Mr. Woolley does not feel it is the Town's responsibility, as their fence is on the front side of the ash tree.

i. Summit Road Culvert Update: Jeff Chase noted that the contracted engineer has requested that the project be pushed back due to beaver activity. The engineering firm would like to be paid for the culvert and storage of materials. The Selectboard agreed to pay for the materials, if completed, and to add to November orders.

b. Treasurer Monthly Income & Expense Report – David Johnson

i. Monthly Income and Expense Report: Mr. Johnson reported no change in interest income. Miscellaneous receipts don't include anything new. Solid waste income is in line with last year; all budget items for museum, *Chit Chat*, library and social services will be paid at the end of the month; we have not yet received the Casella bill; under highway and equipment maintenance, the new expenses are for new tires; in Summer Road Expenses, we are well under half of budget; American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant expenses included funds for the Cott System.

ii. Renewal of Town Employee Health Insurance and HRA Accounts: Diana Garrow made a motion to renew the current health insurance and HRA plans at the new 2023 rates. Jeff Chase seconded; unanimously approved.

c. Mount Holly Planning Commission Update – Jon McCann: Mr. McCann provided an update via email. He noted that he recently stumbled across a previously unseen memo sent from the state that requires subdivisions with access to a state highway to include a letter from the state in the application; he noted that the MHPC updated the subdivision application form to request that information. He also noted that at the MHPC's next regular meeting, they will meet with the new RRPC transportation planner to restart the MHPC's work on the Town Plan Transportation chapter. (The previous planner was promoted to the executive director of RRPC.) He also reported that the MHPC continued to work with the Conservation Commission on a recreation plan and scenic roads for the town plan.

i. One Three-Year Term Ends November 2022: Jon McCann's term ends in November; Mark Turco noted that any members of the MHPC (or other commissions) who wish to be reappointed should send a letter of interest to the Selectboard prior to their term ending; other interested candidates may submit letters of interest as well.

ii. River Corridor / Flood Plain Grant Rate: Jeff Chase noted that if we update our River Corridor and Flood Plain Hazard regulations, the Town will qualify for a higher grant rate from FEMA in the case of a disaster. Mr. Chase recommended using the model to update the regulation. The Selectboard agreed.

d. Mount Holly Conservation Commission Update – Phil Crane

i. Mr. Crane reported that at the commission's October 3 meeting, it approved the annual report to the Selectboard; elected officers for the coming year; discussed the inventory of recreational assets in Mount Holly; and discussed

Mount Holly Animal Control Officer

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MOUNT HOLLY TAXPAYERS

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the process to determine scenic roads in Mount Holly. He reported that the commission's newly elected officers are: Philippe Crane, Chair; David Martin, Vice Chair; Francis Devine, Treasurer; and Philip Leonard, Scribe.

6. New Business

a. FY23 Municipal Planning Grant: Jeff noted that the MPG is in process now.

b. School District Payment Schedule for Review and Approval: David Johnson presented a proposed schedule for remittance of the Ludlow Mount Holly Unified Union School District FY22-23 budget, and recommended the Selectboard approve the schedule as proposed. Mark Turco made a motion to accept the payment schedule as presented; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

c. Swap Shed Winter Maintenance: Mary Nortunen noted to the Selectboard that she cannot maintain the Swap Shed during the winter months, and proposed that the Swap Shed may need to be closed during the winter months. Caitlin Boyle offered to do clean-up and maintenance periodically if needed during the winter. Mr. Turco noted that this decision could be tabled until the next meeting.

7. Ongoing & Old Business

a. NEMRC Contract Review: The Town is awaiting a draft contract from NEMRC for assessor services.

b. Board of Adjustment Guidance from VLCT: VLCT's attorney offered guidance on rules and procedures models for town Boards of Adjustment. Caitlin Boyle will provide these resources to the BOA at their first meeting.

c. Update on Vermont Journal as Paper of Record: The *Vermont Journal* noted that if they received \$60/week (on average) in advertisements, that amount would cover the cost of delivery to Belmont addresses and would enable the paper to reestablish delivery to Belmont.

d. Speed Limit Enforcement Update: Mr. Turco noted that the Sheriff has been monitoring roads, but that he was not aware of any tickets issued. Mr. Chase noted that he will follow up with the Sheriff to receive an update on tickets. The Sheriff's Office has billed for enforcement in August and September. Mr. Chase made a motion that the Town not exceed \$4,000 in ARPA funds for speed limit enforcement expenses; Mark Turco seconded; unanimously approved.

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e. ARPA Funding Request for Oddfellows Hall Renovations: Dennis Devereux noted that he had received guidance on which expenses qualify for ARPA funding; he recommended that the item be kept on the agenda for next month, and he will submit a new letter to update the Selectboard on the adjusted request.

f. Openings: Board of Listers, Constable and Treasurer: Openings have been posted in the Town Office, in the *Chit Chat* and on the Town Website for these listings. Mr. Turco encouraged interested individuals to submit letters of interest for the Listers and Constable Position, and to inquire with the Town Office regarding running for the Treasurer position, which is an elected office.

g. Junk Ordinance Enforcement: Mark Turco noted there are two properties on Route 103 that raise concerns. In addition, Kenneth Guy, of 3611 Route 155, submitted a complaint to the Selectboard regarding a neighboring property that is in violation of the junk ordinance. The

Selectboard Clerk will send a letter to the property owner; the property in question is now owned by the bank. Former Constable Paul Faenza also submitted a complaint regarding a property on Branch Brook Road. The Selectboard Clerk will reach out to all property owners.

8. Citizen Comments

a. Paul Barton thanked Paul Faenza for his service to the Town as Constable.

b. Dennis Devereux noted that the Mount Holly Beer Company made an attempt to demarcate the area in which they were serving beer, but that they were not enforcing the keeping of beer within the designated area. He suggested that the Selectboard write a letter to the licensee to remind them that alcohol must be consumed within the marked premises. Mark Turco indicated that the Selectboard would not be inclined to re-issue a permit for a future festival if the alcohol consumption could not be contained on the premises.

c. Dennis Devereux also requested that a sign indicating "Dead End" or "No Outlet" be placed at the entrance to Scampsville Road, to indicate to motorists that the road is not a through road. Mr. Woolley noted that the Road is not a dead end, but that a sign indicating "No Through Traffic" or "Class 4 Road Not Maintained" could be posted.

9. Announcements/Other Business

a. AT&T Cell Phone Tower Update: The attorney for AT&T reported that the tower will likely be activated in November 2022, barring unexpected delays regarding fiber connection and weather.

b. November Selectboard Meeting Reschedule: Diana Garrow made a motion to move the November meeting to November 15 at 6:30 pm, due to the Election Day conflict on November 8. Mark Turco seconded; unanimously approved.

10. Review & Sign Orders

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

a. No executive session needed.

12. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. Respectfully Submitted,
Caitlin Boyle

Mount Holly Listers Hours

The Listers are at the Mount Holly Town Office most Tuesdays 10:00am-2:00 pm or by appointment. Please call 802-259-2391 for any questions.

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Thursday, November 24th, 2022 For
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Town Office & Remote Electronic – Special Work Meeting Minutes
Wednesday August 3, 2022
Commission Members Present: Jon McCann (Chair), Jim Seward (Vice Chair),
Brigid Sullivan, Andrew Schulz



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Commission Members Absent: Andrew Seward

Also Present: Renee Sarmiento (Clerk), Stephen Michel, Barbara Noyes-Pulling (RRPC), Kyle Medash (DEC)

1. Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.
 2. Changes to the agenda: None
 3. Town Plan Revisions
 - a. Flood Resilience Plan
 - i. Discuss Flood Hazard Area with Barbara Noyes-Pulling (Rutland Regional Planning Commission) and Kyle Medash (Vermont DEC Floodplain Manager).
 1. Chair welcomed and introduced guests, Barbara Noyes-Pulling (RRPC) and Kyle Medash (DEC).
 2. Chair referenced agreement at the last meeting to get more information about any potential updates to the flood hazard area ordinance including but not limited to adding river corridor protection – as recommended by the Select Board
- approved Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. Such an update would provide financial benefits to the town, and strengthen the flood resilience chapter in the Town Plan.
3. Kyle Medash gave a short presentation about floodplain management and state and local roles. An open discussion with Kyle Medash and Barbara Noyes-Pulling followed.
 - a. Barbara recommended that whatever the Commission comes up with should go through Kyle and DEC if want it to be regulatory, ie. something in addition to the Town Plan. Barbara stated she can help with Town Plan and ordinances, as well. Barbara presented a map of the town showing special flood hazard areas and potential river corridors.
 - b. Kyle reported that the town of Mount Holly joined the National Flood Insurance Program in the 1980s. The flood hazard regulations make federally subsidized flood insurance available for anyone in town, flood hazard or not, and provides federal public disaster assistance. Our Regulations were updated in 2008, when the Rutland County maps went into effect. Next update is coming up in 2028. At that point, the town would need to update our regulations.
 - c. DEC released a new standalone model bylaw in June for towns, like Mount Holly, that do not have zoning. It is a little higher than the federal minimum NFIP regulations that Mount Holly has now. Changes include: a two feet freeboard for new construction, making substantial improvements cumulative, and no net loss of flood storage. The model bylaw also includes river corridor protections which if adopted would increase the VT Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund payouts from 12.5% to 17.5%. Kyle pointed out that since many river corridors in Mount Holly are already within special flood hazard areas the change would be relatively easy.
 - d. Kyle also pointed out that adopting higher flood standards would also make Mount Holly more competitive for receiving state and federal hazard mitigation funds – as well as other grants.
 - e. Commissioner Schulz asked for clarification on "prohibitions" within the river corridor area. Kyle explained that means new habitable structures like a house or a big fill pad. However, many developments are permissible by administrative review (without conditional use review) such as a small accessory structure (eg. 25' x 25' garage), improvement to utilities along existing rights of way, replacement of on-site septic system for existing house, access and parking, attached decks or patios to an existent structure (200 square feet or less), unimproved trails on native grades, and river and flood plain restoration projects. Commissioner Schulz clarified "prohibition" means you cannot build and not that you wouldn't be eligible for insurance. Kyle confirmed this and stated the river corridor piece is mostly just recognizing the area around the river that could be occupied.
 - f. Kyle pointed out, on the map that a lot of the flood hazard areas line up with the river corridors. This makes it easy to administer since one can just look for an area outside the river corridor instead of having to get an engineer to calculate elevations.
 - g. Commissioner Schulz asked if the map was available online. Kyle stated that the same data is available as a layer on the online Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) Atlas. Can turn on river corridors and flood hazard areas and you can view it down to each little individual area. Barbara will send the digital version of the map to commissioners.
 - h. Kyle talked about the point of a protected river corridor is to allow the river to move over time while maintaining the slowest least erosive path and thereby protecting property.
 - i. Kyle pointed out that Mount Holly only has "Zona A" and no "Zone AE". It is more expensive to develop in "Zone A" due to the lack of base flood elevation engineering.
 - j. Chair asked about new FIRM maps coming out in 2028, and if it is it related to the new engineering-based/lidar mapping of the West River and Black River. Kyle confirmed this is correct. The Town will be required to update our ordinance before new maps become effective. The Chair asked if there was any downside to updating our ordinance before 2028. Kyle said it would be to our advantage and put the Town ahead of the curve. Kyle said that another advantage of adopting the DEC model ordinance is that it is already fully vetted and approved by FEMA.
 - k. Chair asked if published maps represent exactly the jurisdictional area, unless overridden by an engineering study or Kyle. Kyle agreed it would be determined by the ANR Atlas. Kyle stated if there ever were some area with a bunch of ledge or other landscape limiting feature, one could talk to the river scientist or Kyle for an opinion. Essentially, a river corridor is a river corridor until someone contests it

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and then it is looked into the more scientific aspects of it. Kyle suggested that if a permit application comes before the Administrative Officer or Board of Adjustment, they can consult directly with Kyle and DEC. He suggested we bypass the “permit navigator” and contact him directly.

- l. Mr. Michel asked about what would happen if a specific property located near a river corridor wanted to make improvements (eg. add an addition)? Kyle clarified if they wanted to do something such as add an addition, they would just not want to extend the structure any closer to the river. The Administrative Officer would contact Kyle for input.
 - m. Commissioner Schulz asked what Kyle's degree of confidence in the accuracy of the map where the structures are placed. Kyle stated that the ANR Atlas can display aerial imagery (orthophotos) of where existing structures sit in relation to the line. Chair stated for most of these things the permit application would include site plans prepared by an engineer.
 - n. Commissioner Schulz asked if someone with a house in a river corridor or flood hazard area decides they want to build something new, how to do they know of the current regulations? Commissioner Sullivan asked how they currently know when to do a septic permit application. Kyle stated if the engineer was aware of the regulations, they would probably contact the Administrative Officer for help. Kyle recommended that the Town put information out to the public in mailers, different town publications, and on the town website. He said the Flood Hazard Area would be identified by any mortgage lender because it would require flood insurance. Chair stated other nearby towns trigger all of this kind of review with some equivalent to building construction registration. Chair suggested adding a question to the BCR form: "Is this in a flood hazard area?" Chair noted not sure if getting enough information in BCRs to make determination if it is in a river corridor. Commission agreed to look at Building Construction Registration forms at next meeting.
 - o. Commissioner Sullivan asked for the site address for ANR Atlas. Kyle provided: <https://anrmaps.vermont.gov/websites/anra5/>
 - p. Chair spoke about a presentation he saw by Zapata Courage. Kyle clarified she works for Wetlands. Chair asked how her area of interest relate to Kyle's work. Kyle states she is just wetlands. State has own wetland permitting system. Conversation about how a certain types of review are triggered. Kyle noted that the standalone model also adds clarity and specificity to what is exempt, what is conditional use, and what is administratively permitted.
 - q. Barbara asked what the Planning Commission is wanting to do through the Town Plan in this regard. The Chair spoke how the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) is a key component of the Flood Resilience Plan and how the LHMP approved by the Select Board has as an action item to adopt river corridor protections and increase our ERAF benefit by 2021. Chair expressed a desire to get the additional 5% reimbursement, have a concrete plan for increasing our flood resilience, prepare for the arrival of new FIRM panels, and potentially put those as action items in the Town Plan. The Chair explained to the guests that one of the reasons the Town Plan is being revised is that it doesn't meet the minimum criteria and include the required elements.
 - r. The Chair noted that in addition to DEC models, Windham has a model (Shrewsbury took that one). Kyle said there are very small differences between models and that Two Rivers RC has a model permit on website.
 - s. Chair noted during the last meeting they looked at a state summary chart with flood related statistics which stated only two dwellings have flood insurance in town and asked why that was the case. (Flood Ready VT is the website) Kyle stated he will check it, but if someone buys a property with cash they are not required to get insurance. Only required if get a mortgage.
 - t. The Chair said a neighboring municipality's Planning Commission chair told him that if the town not doing due diligence about requirements for FEMA it possible all dwellings would lose flood insurance. Kyle it is possible but that it takes a while to get there. If warnings are received town will not be in the good graces of FEMA. Potential flood insurance could be suspended. Barbara clarified extra 5% is for public assistance, damaged roads or municipal properties, and it is not individual assistance. Chair clarified that replacement of a structure (bridges required for replacing culverts etc) is not always in the same form. Is the reimbursement/payout for the true cost of replacement? Kyle stated it would be case by case.
 - u. Planning Commission clerk will send Kyle an email with Commissioner's contact information for a recap.
 - v. Kyle recommended that if we are looking toward getting the ERAF benefit/river corridor protection - crunch it into one and adopt the new model since we may have to do an update soon anyway.
 - w. Mr. Michel asked about adding a link on the unofficial Town website so people could look and check if would be in a flood zone. Kyle said could do that, or go through permit navigator. The link for the permit navigator could be linked to website (<https://dec.vermont.gov/permitnavigator>). Kyle said that flood training has a lot of information for the Administrative Officer.
 - x. Chair asked if what Kyle issues is similar to jurisdictional opinions. If the Town asked questions what would we get back from Kyle and how would it be referenced. Kyle stated comments under section 4424 of the Vermont State statutes (<https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/section/24/117/04424>). Kyle stated he can be sent the permit application at the beginning to ask for opinion. Then can comment on permit application as needed.
4. Review draft application forms
 - a. The Chair shared draft of flood hazard area permit application, subdivision application draft.

SELECT BOARD SEEKS TREASURER

The Mount Holly Select Board encourages candidates to run for the office of Town Treasurer.

The Town Treasurer is an elected position, voted into office at the annual Town Meeting elections in March 2023.

Roles include the responsibility to keep the town's financial accounts, investing town money, keeping a record of the taxes voted, paying the bills when orders to do so are properly submitted, and interacting with other town officials to insure that the town finances run smoothly.

Competitive candidates will have prior accounting, bookkeeping or treasurer experience.

Please visit the Town Office to inquire about requirements for running for the office.

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- b. The Chair passed around permit application draft, subdivision application changes (section 6) reviewed draft/changes. Discussion about additional changes including Commissioner Schulz's suggestion that the applicant should be required to check a yes or a no box for clarification. A blank may mean "no" or that they forgot to answer. Commissioner Schulz stated it may be best for consistency to pose as a question will a surveyor be representing... yes or no. If yes, provide the following information.
- c. Flood Hazard area permit is essentially the same structure. There are things in ordinance that are required, especially section five. Question raised if Town should be mailing letters to adjacent landowners with certified mail. Chair stated that a neighboring town informed us that will need to put placards/notices for subdivisions on subject property or adjacent to road on property. Will continue to discuss forms at next meeting.

SELECT BOARD SEEKS LISTER

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

The primary responsibility of the Board of Listers is to determine the fair market value of town properties. Listers must understand appraisal methods and property assessment administration. Listers are paid, and the commitment is roughly six hours per week.

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

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5. Public Comments: none
6. Upcoming meetings
 - a. Regular meeting – August 17th, 2022
 - b. Special Meeting (The Chair will send around model, look at, and discuss if want to move forward.) September 7th, 2022
7. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm For the Commission, Renee Sarmento, Clerk In draft form until approved on August 17, 2022

Town Office & Remote Electronic – Regular Meeting Minutes Wednesday August 17, 2022

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

Commission Members Absent: Andrew Seward

Also Present: Renee Sarmento (Clerk), Stephen Michel

- Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.
2. Changes to agenda: none
3. Approval of minutes
 - a. July 20th, 2022 special meeting minutes were approved as distributed.
 - b. August 3rd, 2022 regular meeting minutes were approved as amended (correction made under section 3a, 3g: Commissioner Seward corrected to Commissioner Schulz).
4. Reports & Announcements
 - a. Administrative Officer
 - b. Planning Commission Chair
5. Correspondence
 - a. Subdivision proposals
 - b. Building Construction Registrations
 - c. Wastewater system and potable water supply permits
 - d. Email / Other
6. Unfinished business
 - a. Update Subdivision application form (State highway requirements)
 - b. Follow up on possible Tarbellville FHA structure (A. Seward)
 - c. Follow up on DEC 2022 model Flood Hazard Area Regulations



7. New business
8. Public Comments
9. Upcoming meetings
 - a. Working meeting - October , 6:00 pm (1st Wednesday)
 - b. Regular meeting – October 19th, 7:00 pm (3rd Wednesday)
10. Meeting adjourned at For the Commission, Renee Sarmento, Planning Commission Clerk. In draft form until approved on September 21st, 2022

Town Office & Remote Electronic – Special Work Meeting Minutes Wednesday September 7, 2022

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

Also Present: Renee Sarmento (Clerk), Stephen Michel, David Martin, Phil Leonard

8. Chair called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
9. Changes to agenda
 - a. Added to public comments: mention email sent by Chair with subdivision appeal from 2009.
10. Update on ARPA / MPG
 - a. Commissioner Sullivan reported she received a listing of money that has been spent so far for AARP funds. The Mount Holly Rescue Squad (\$4,279, \$2,802.99 spent), audio visual equipment (\$10,000, none spent), land records digitalization (\$11,800, \$5,590 spent) museum water line (\$3,800, \$3,521.25 spent), Summit road culvert (\$36,000, none spent). Total allocated is \$65,879. They have received two payments a year ago for \$65,115.78 and \$120,816.21. There was another payment received recently for \$65,000, and if VPR reporting correctly should be getting an additional \$300,000. Because it is not here yet David Johnson doesn't track it. In the bank: \$185,000. David expects the \$300,000. Commissioner Sullivan heard that every town was receiving an allocation of X number of dollars per resident and Mount Holly has roughly 1,200 residents. Select Board working on determining next allocations. Commissioner Sullivan received a list of Mount Holly land ownership and capital assets. To be discussed under Section "Others"
 - b. Municipal planning grant update: Last year the Select Board authorized planning grant application in order to look into the best ways to spend ARPA and other grant money that may become available. Select Board recently signed a contract to do community outreach and

gather requirements. There will be a number of public meetings and other outreach happening over the next 6-7 months. Contractor is Melissa Levy with Community Roots LLC.

11. Town Plan Revisions

a. Utility and Facility Plan

i. Recreation Plan

1. David Martin spoke about the inventory of recreation resources in town. Have not gotten to the next stage of saying what should be done with the list other than the idea it might be useful in creating a guide of where to go for recreation. They had not gotten to point of discussing what should be developed. David shared his personal ideas of ice skating and having a part-time recreation director. Phil Leonard added that the town has a recreation area at the tip of Star Lake, and he would like to see further development of recreation activities there. David spoke about pool in Chester and how their pool has a lifeguard on duty. Idea of town considering this for Star Lake. Commissioner Schulz asked if the Conservation Commission plans on making suggestions of what should be developed. David stated the Commission is still relatively new and first step was to develop inventories. As a Commission just beginning to think of what the next step is. David personally hopes they would develop recommendations for the Select Board and Planning Commission.
2. Commissioner Sullivan suggested adding swimming at Buttermilk Falls, Camp Plymouth State Park, private ponds to the list. Commissioner Schulz asked if it was appropriate to list activities not in Mount Holly. Commissioner Sullivan suggested adding a section of available nearby recreation. Chair stated the Planning Commission is interested in taking the list and bringing it into the Town Plan. Town Plan has a recreation component as part of the Utilities and Facilities plan. Most sections have three components - inventory, set of goals, set of actions. Chair would like to see Commission take list as inventory and then decide what is wanted for goals and actions. Chair stated in addition, it would be nice to have a recreation guide or chamber of commerce type pamphlet. That would likely include nearby opportunities, but for Town Plan likely would want specific opportunities in or accessed from Mount Holly. Chair added that a town plan could establish policies around recreation such as suggesting formation of an advisory recreation committee. Unsure what statutory committee creates those committees. In some towns they are standing committees of the Select Board. Might be beneficial and would not cost the town money. Committees are usually advisory to the Select Board and Planning Commission. Commissioner Schulz stated the identification and framing of goals will be affected by opportunities nearby. For example, bike trail across town line, would not propose a bike trail in the town. What is nearby can guide what Mount Holly wants to do as a town and not duplicating something nearby. Commissioner Sullivan gave example of softball league in Ludlow. Commissioner Sullivan likes the idea of Conservation Commission offering recommendations. David Martin is personally hoping Conservation Commission takes the next step to create goals. David suggested Planning Commission send in a reminder of current and past requests to the Conservation Commission. Stephen Michel spoke about additional nearby opportunities including back country motorcycle trail dirt bikes that come into the area on Cole Road, and swimming/ice skating rink at Jackson Gore.
3. Chair asked if David Martin knew what the official policy is for use of the school facilities. David stated use is okay outside of school hours. This also likely means outside of afterschool hours (after 5pm). David will confirm.
4. Chair passed around printed copies of other town plan recreation sections for Planning Commission to review goals (Weston, Wallingford, Shrewsbury).
5. Commission discussed hiking in Green Mountain Forest and lack of access. Chair shared personal opinion that town should be asking the federal government to expand access options (parking areas/entrance options) to the national forest. There may be an opportunity to do that this year because of the West River timber sale. Chair stated that in addition to making public lands more accessible to the public there is a public safety concern as well. Well established trailheads and parking areas are stored in the E911 location database for use by first responders.
6. Commissioner Sullivan spoke to cons of having places well known, such as overcrowding and overuse. Commissioner Schulz stated it is important to identify why making certain things goals in the Town Plan. For example, make more opportunities for residents, attract tourists, or attract new residents. Depending on the objective, it may frame what we want to or not develop. Goal could be to better identify and mark trailheads and create parking spaces. This does not necessarily mean advertising them at the chamber of commerce. Commissioner Andrew Seward stated he thinks everyone should be able to use them, but if want any sort of monies to go to parking town should try to get the money from the state forest or federal monies. Commissioner J. Seward spoke about parking and trail options that he is able to think of. Chair stated Mount Holly does have the benefit of snowmobile parking, but this is all the parking we have. They are there because of the VAST system. Commissioner Sullivan suggested finding out how VAST got the parking areas funded. Chair stated VTrans is involved and they are well known to the forest service.
7. Commissioner Schulz commented on goal from the Wallingford Town Plan about controlling invasive species goal and organizing activities around it.
8. Commissioners mentioned the use of neighboring town's facilities, some of which are designated for their residents only. Perhaps there is an opportunity for a formal agreement between the towns so that Mount Holly residents can use those facilities.

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
- remove disorderly people from town meeting

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9. Chair asked what are things that David Martin thinks are most lacking. David responded that most of recreation is because people know it is there and if it is okay, but if you don't know it is hard to find out. There is a need to figure out where it is okay to be/park before creating a guide. Chair asked about the Proctor Hill trail and if it should be added to the list of hiking trails? Chair stated there is a nice set of trail maps for Nineveh Foundation lands. Commissioner Schulz suggested Chair reach out to Kelly Beerman. One issue is that the trails are used by campers in the summer.
10. Chair asked if there was interest in making recommendation to make a committee looking at recreation. David stated they haven't talked about it as a commission but he would support the idea. Commissioner asked about the benefit of having a new committee vs. the Conservation Commission. David stated a commission may have higher visibility and attract people willing to do a little work. Chair stated it would attract people primarily interested in recreation and perhaps involved in the school. Commissioner Andrew Seward suggested if this occurs that there be some wording that Federal/state grants should be primarily funding recreation.
11. Chair stated he would like to explore better trail access and parking for National Forest. The Okemo State Forest is not too bad, has some parking access areas. Hopefully more State Forest access through Weston next year.
12. Chair asked if they considered how some towns have a municipal forest designated partly for recreation. David stated he has not looked into this. Chair stated there are a quite a few of good examples of this around the area. Can make it known the town would be open to this by putting it in the Town Plan.
13. Commissioner Schulz stated it would be helpful for Conservation Commission to identify things they feel are worthy of further consideration. This could aid Planning Commission's task of identifying goals in the Town Plan. Constraints would like to begin drafting text in next couple months. Conservation Commission will discuss at meeting and bring back to next Planning Commission Special meeting re: goal and action item suggestions.
- b. Others...
 - i. Inventory of town assets required in the Town Plan. Treasurer David provided a list of the real estate that the town owns (boat access, triangle in village, school, town garage, two fire houses, rescue garage, salt shed garage/highway department, island in Star Lake, Lake front, old garage site, town hall pad, library, town well, transfer station)
 - ii. Should also include Town equipment list and Cemeteries list
12. Public comments:
 - i. Chair spoke about the subdivision appeal before the Environmental Court in 2009. The Town's decision was not overturned. The Chair just got a copy of the court docket record and distributed it in email. Planning Commission discussed the Wasilewski subdivision decision and conditions. Chair said it underscores the importance of written decisions including findings of fact and conclusions of law in order to save the town from costly legal disputes. Chair added that a "writing land use decisions" training from the Superior Court Environmental Division he attended in 2020 also made that point clear.
13. Upcoming meetings
 - a. Regular meeting – September 21, 2022 (subdivision application add state highways guidance)
 - b. Special Meeting - October 5, 2022 (recreation and land use)
14. Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm For the Commission, Renee Sarmiento, Clerk In draft form until approved on August 17, 2022

Town Office & Remote Electronic – Regular Meeting Minutes Wednesday September 21, 2022

Commission Members Present: Jon McCann (Chair), Jim Seward (Vice Chair), Brigid Sullivan, Andrew Schulz, Andrew Seward
Also Present: Renee Sarmiento (Clerk), Stephen Michel

11. Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.
12. Changes to agenda: none
13. Approval of minutes
 - a. August 17th, 2022 special meeting minutes were approved as distributed.
 - b. September 7th, 2022 regular meeting minutes will be approved during the next regular meeting.
14. Reports & Announcements
 - a. Administrative Officer
 - i. Administrative Officer now has an email address (administrative.officer@mounthollyvt.org)
 - ii. Update given on conversations with Yang Zhang about dividing approximately 24-acre property into seven lots on Old Turnpike Road. Administrative Officer referred Mr. Zhang to the Act 250 coordinator and provided a link to the Permit Navigator.
 - iii. Review of subdivision question for individual interested in subdividing lot on Greendale Road. Administrative Officer had provided information on the Town unofficial website.
 - b. Planning Commission Chair
 - i. The computer we had been using is now the land record kiosk set up in Town Office. Anyone may search the land records for free. There will be 40 years or records available to search and view.
 - ii. Commissioners discussed if the Planning Commission needs their own computer and new printer. This will be put on the next regular meeting agenda.
 - iii. Chair spoke about information that had been emailed to Commissioners about an upcoming flood webinar.

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- iv. Commission was sent Shrewsbury's notice regarding a public hearing on an update to their flood hazard area. Shrewsbury, like Mount Holly, has a stand-alone flood hazard area ordinance. They will be adding river corridor protections. They did not base their work on the latest DEC model ordinance because they began the process before the new model came out. In their zoning regulations they already have a 100-foot setback from all rivers and wetlands so the new update might not change very much. There is a hearing on October 11 and Commissioners are welcome to attend.
- v. Chair read fact sheet about the West Central VT Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CCEDS). Chair had sent in email to Commissioners. It is a strategy driven plan for regional economic development. Chair stated he believes this is a way of unlocking federal money from one of the big acts from last year. This is for things like, water and waste water planning, water and waste water funding, EV charging, brown fields, data, and additional funding. Chair will find out more.
- vi. Chair checked on the transportation plan with Devon Neary, and there is now a new transportation planner, Ethan Pepin. Ethan will officially take over for Devon. Chair asked Commissioners on having Ethan come back to a meeting to start the process again. Chair spoke of the Poultney transportation plan previously reviewed and how it was finalized yesterday and approved by the Regional Planning Commission. Chair will send email with link following the meeting. Devon questioned if there have been any changes since he was here last hear. Chair will talk to Conservation Commission again about scenic roads. Commissioner A. Seward asked if ash trees removal/hazardous tree removal should be included in the transportation section. Would put something about funding/grants for highway department to remove the trees. Commissioner Sullivan agreed it should be mentioned. Commissioner Schulz stated it might be good to have a budgetary allocation to put up pheromone traps to see when the boar ash arrives. Chair stated it would be nice to make a formal recommendation to the Select Board to put something into the budget. Commissioner A. Seward suggested Planning Commission make a formal recommendation to start saving money, talk to highway department to see where things are at. Commissioners agreed it would be beneficial to invite Ethan to a meeting to discuss the Transportation section.
- vii. Chair referred to conversation from a couple months ago about how it is unclear how the Commission handles BCRs when a subdivision in the past was approved with a waiver. For example, it says no development shall happen on the lot until some future event. It is unclear what would trigger an amendment to the subdivision permit. In many cases it may have something in the deed that states they need to get a waste water permit, but does not say they need to go back before the Planning Commission. It was common practice to come back in the past.

15. Correspondence

- a. Subdivision proposals: none
- b. Building Construction Registrations
 - i. McHugh, 65 Old Tiffany Road, 10x16 shed
 - ii. Dickinson, 174 Greendale Road, 24x24 pole barn
- c. Wastewater system and potable water supply permits: none
- d. Email / Other
 - i. Email from Mike Blais, Countryside Lock and Alarm, would like to come to a Planning Commission meeting. Mr. Blais is interested in affordable housing.



16. Unfinished business

- a. Update Subdivision application form (State highway requirements)
 - i. Two proposals made with updates. Commissioner Schulz reviewed the changes he had made to the application. It is important that applicants are aware of all the permits they will need. Added sentence with information about the Permit Navigator. Commissioner Sullivan stated she agreed with the change. Chair reviewed the original change about state highway access permitting and then the addition of the description. Commissioner Sullivan asked if the town has a state highway access permit. Answer is yes and no. Chair explained that there was one up until 2019. It was part of the road and bridge standards policy. Town lost highway access permitting when the policy was updated to the state template. Planning Commission can make a recommendation to the Select Board to reinstate it. Chair will follow-up with Ethan about drafting a Highway Access ordinance. Commissioner Sullivan made a motion to accept the new subdivision application form distributed by Commissioner Schulz. Commissioner A. Seward seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.
- b. Follow up on possible Tarbellville FHA structure (A. Seward)
 - i. Commissioner A. Seward stated he was unable to contact owners, and no more material has been added to the lot. Discussion about sending a friendly letter about seeing camper on the property and provide a copy of the ordinance. Administrative Officer would send letter. Commissioner A. Seward stated he agreed with sending a letter about the camper and informing owner that it is in a flood hazard area. Planning Commission is advising the administrative officer send a letter informing structure is in a FHA, regulations, and a map of the FHA to the owners. If fill is being spread in the FHA then owners would likely need a permit.
- c. Follow up on DEC 2022 model Flood Hazard Area Regulations
 - i. Think about where PC wants to go following conversations with Kyle and Barbara, and review of Shrewsbury. Discussion about next steps. Commissioner Sullivan stated she feels Planning Commission should move forward with the model. Commissioners agreed to put updated bylaw on the agenda for a future meeting.

17. New business: none

18. Public Comments: none

19. Upcoming meetings

- a. Working meeting - October 5th, 6:00 pm (1st Wednesday) (collaborate with Conservation Commission on feedback on recreation and scenic roads)
- b. Regular meeting – October 19th, 7:00 pm (3rd Wednesday)
- 20. Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm For the Commission, Renee Sarmento, Planning Commission Clerk. In draft form until approved on October 19, 2022

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New customers to the group please contact me first so I can get you on the list at 802-259-2314 or handyman@vermontel.net Diana Garrow, Manager, Mt. Holly Oil & Gas Group

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If you have any pictures of your organization or the Town of MT Holly that have occurred in town this past year and wish to have them included in the Town Report, please send them to us for our consideration. We can scan the photo and return it to you. For more information, call the town office and leave a message for one of the Auditors. Thank You, The Mount Holly Town Auditors

Lisa Kelley named Vermont State Realtor of the Year 2022.



Lisa Kelley with Cummings & Co Real Estate was honored with the award at the Vermont Association of Realtors Annual Meeting, held at the Basin Harbor Resort in Vergennes this past week.

The Vermont Realtor of the Year is awarded to one individual who exemplifies dedication to service with her customers and clients and to the association. Currently, there are nearly 2000 Realtors in the State of Vermont. This honor includes the ability to travel to the National Association of Realtors Annual Meeting and Conference this year held in Orlando, FL.

Lisa Kelley has been an agent for 17 years and belongs to the Crown Point Board of Realtors (CPBR). During her time as a Realtor, she has been CPBR President 3 out of the last 5 years. She has held every position with CPBR including state director, treasurer, government affairs director and secretary. She has coordinated the local association's RPAC (Realtor Political Action Committee) fundraising for the last 6 years. At the state level, she served on the board of directors and held the position of Vermont Association of Realtors Treasurer for 2.5 terms.

In addition to serving the Realtor Associations, Lisa has been an active member with the Mount Holly Community Association for nearly 20 years. She was "instrumental" in launching the Music on the Green series and organizing the start of the Summer Calendar. Lisa can often be seen assisting with community suppers, the local school and donating to several local groups. Lisa lives in Belmont with her husband Chris, whom she describes as her biggest supporter.

"Mount Holly is like no other place and I could not imagine living anywhere else. There is no bigger joy, than helping others find their own special piece of Vermont. I am blessed to do this job I love and to be able to travel around the State on any given day." She further states "I am always willing to answer questions relating to real estate whether you are looking to buy or sell."

Lisa Kelley serves the Southern area of Vermont including Windsor, Windham and Rutland counties.

"Awakenings" Closes the Robin Williams Film Series Oct.29

The dramatic film, "Awakenings", will mark the final movie in FOLA's Robin Williams film at the Heald Auditorium in Ludlow Town Hall on Saturday, Oct. 29 at 7pm.

Awakenings is a 1990 American drama film directed by Penny Marshall. It is written by Steven Zaillian, who based his screenplay on Oliver Sacks's 1973 memoir Awakenings. It stars Robin Williams as Dr. Malcolm Sayer and Robert de Niro as Leonard Lowe with Julie Kavner, Ruth Nelson, John Heard, Penelope Ann Miller, Peter Stormare, and Max von Sydow.

In 1969, Dr. Malcolm Sayer is a dedicated and caring physician at a local hospital in the Bronx borough of New York City. After working extensively with the catatonic patients who survived the 1917-1928 epidemic of encephalitis lethargica, Sayer discovers certain stimuli will reach beyond the patients' respective catatonic states; actions such as catching a ball, hearing familiar music, being called by their name, and enjoying human touch, all have unique effects on particular patients and offer a glimpse into their worlds. Patient Leonard Lowe seems to remain removed, but Sayer learns that Leonard is able to communicate with him by using a Ouija board.

Sayer believes the drug L-Dopa, used in treating Parkinson's Disease, may offer a breakthrough for his own group of patients. A trial run with Leonard yields astounding results: Leonard completely "awakens" from his catatonic state.

What transpires is the story of how these "awakened" patients react to their new environment.

Nominated for three Academy Awards, "Awakenings" was well-received critically and at the box-office. Film critic Roger Ebert noted, "What both the movie and the book convey is the immense courage of the patients and the profound experience of their doctors, as in a small way they reexperienced what it means to be born, to open

your eyes and discover to your astonishment that "you" are alive."

The movie is free to open to everyone; donations are appreciated. For information, call (802)855-8883 or <https://fola.us>.

Shown above is Robin Williams as he assists Robert de Niro in the movie, "Awakenings", which will be featured by FOLA on Saturday, Oct. 29 at the Ludlow Auditorium. Ralph Pace

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"Small Business Saturday Reception"

"We would like to invite our community and beyond to join us for our first Small Business Saturday the weekend after Thanksgiving. We will have mocktails, snacks, raffles and specials all weekend long! The event will go from **Saturday the 26th at 11am until Sunday the 27th at 6pm**. We will pull the raffle winners Sunday night and will call/email those who won. This will be our kickoff to the holiday season and we hope to see you there! For more information regarding the event, please RSVP through Facebook: www.facebook.com/events/523441502451965." Hallie Knudsen

Ludlow Rotary's Chili-Off Major Success

The 31st Annual Chili Cook-Off this past Holiday weekend was a major success. The weather was perfect, hundreds of "taste testers" were treated to a large variety of chilis, and the many chili providers were happy with the reception of their unique brands of "real" chili. Additionally, the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) gained resources to continue providing assistance to local projects.

"It was wonderful to see all the locals and visitors enjoying the dozens of chilis," said Kevin Barnes, co-chair of the LRC cook-off committee. "I don't know how many gallons of chili we went through," he added, "but it certainly was enough to feed an army-and it was great tasting."

Barnes noted that "every kind of chili you can imagine was offered at the cookoff from very hot, veggie, and everything in between. It truly was a chili-lovers festival!"

As a result of the voting by the many "taste testers", the recipients of the People's Choice awards were: 1st - Bird's Nest by Shelli Steinfeld

2nd - West Indian Chili by Mr Darcy's 3rd - Madman Billy's by Johnny's Kitchen Honorable Mention - Chili Factor by Prudence Williams

The judges, Fire Chief Peter Kolenda from Ludlow and Fire Chief Bob Glidden from Proctorsville, decided the following winners in these categories: Best in Show - Chili Factor by Prudence Williams Spiciest - Reactor #4 by Jared Harlow of Black River Mechanical Team Spirit - The Castle Inn

LRC President Jim Rumrill expressed the club's thanks to Okemo Mountain Resort, William Raveis Vermont Properties, Black River Produce, Wilcox Dairy, and Ludlow's Shaw Supermarket for their contributions to making this event happen.

The proceeds from the cook-off will be used by the LRC to continue its programs of aiding local groups and schools.

Pictured above are Prudence Williams and Kevin Barnes as Prudence is presented the Best in Show award by Kevin at the conclusion of the Ludlow Rotary Club's 31st Annual Chili-Cookoff. Photo by Thomas Ray



Ludlow Rotary Hears from Vermont Fish and Wildlife Game Wardens

Vermont Fish and Wildlife Game Wardens Tim Carey and Kyle Isherwood addressed the Ludlow Rotary Club at their October 4 meeting at DJ's Restaurant. As conservation law enforcement officers, they are responsible for enforcing State hunting, fishing, and trapping regulations. They check for valid licenses and provide harvest reports to the Department. They are trained state police officers, training alongside them at the Police Academy.

They serve as search and rescue teams, including working with trained dogs in those efforts. Several years ago, they were involved in a Cavendish search for a missing person that lasted 4 days at Knapp Ponds. They explained the search procedure which includes finding basic clues based on where the person was last seen, and then setting up a grid circle search in 1/2 mile radius increments. After searching the first 1/2 mile radius they move out to the next 1/2 mile, continuing until the person is found. Of course, the concern is that a mobile person might move back into a searched area. The dogs are of huge importance in an area where visibility is compromised, requiring the dogs to follow the scent.



The duties of the job change with the seasons. Summer time focuses on bear nuisances, Fall hunting issues, Winter can include mountain rescues, Spring often fishing and boating safety. With bear issues, Tim and Kyle find people are the problem more often than the bear. Since they serve to protect wildlife as well as humans, education on proper storage is often required. Bears need to eat a years-worth of food in 6 months. If a bear can feast on a dumpster, chicken food, or bird feeders, it is a much more efficient source of their needed calories. Bears learn quickly so UVM students are working with trash haulers to develop bear proof containers for distribution, especially in bear habitats.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife encourages ethical hunting. Baiting with apples or salt is not allowed. Additionally shooting from motor vehicles is prohibited, nor can you have a loaded long gun in your vehicle, or hunt after 1/2 hour after sunset. Often people get tunnel vision when they see a deer or bear, resulting in accidents and violations.

Kyle and Tim talked about successfully rescuing the moose on the railroad tracks across the Black River in Cavendish a few years ago. It involved many organizations, took 4 to 5 hours and included calling the Railroad to stop the oncoming train.

Vermont has about 40 game wardens in total; including 30 field wardens and 6 command officers, plus 4 others. Training requirements are rigorous and time consuming, and it is a 24-7 job.

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

Pictured, left to right, Game Wardens Tim Carey, and Kyle Isherwood display a moose antler.

Personal Thoughts and Facts on Article 22

I have canvassed for Article 22 in several towns around the state. But my favorite interaction was a Saturday afternoon when a man emerged from the back yard and was suspicious of the two people who were interrupting his weekend chores. When we explained our presence, his attitude changed and he said, "Of course I will sign, I have three daughters." Suddenly a shy little girl peered around the house, then ran up to hug her daddy.

This father loves his daughters just as I love my children. We teach our daughters and our sons that they are equals and that they have the right to determine their own future and as parents, we try to instill the intelligence needed to make their own decisions. We also want all our children to receive the same respect and care they deserve and that includes medical care. I along with many other women have stories about the emergency procedures we have needed during pregnancies and the care and compassion we have received.

When I was thirty, I had various symptoms and excruciating pain. I tried to dress myself, but none of my clothes fit and the pain in my chest was so severe I thought I had pneumonia. When I arrived at what is now Dartmouth Medical Center, I was immediately rushed into surgery because of massive internal bleeding. The medical staff acted without hesitation and my life was saved because there was no fear of prosecution when the non-viable embryo was removed from my body. I was treated with respect and compassion from these dedicated professionals who need freedom to work without government interference which has no business in family matters.

Andy and I will be voting yes for Article 22 in November.

Below is an article by Rep. George Till of Jericho, a board-certified obstetrician-gynecologist who has served in the Vermont Legislature since 2008. Dr. Till is also an associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Vermont School of Medicine. For more facts from professionals go to Vermont Digger. Marcy Allison Tanger

George Till: Dangerous misinformation vs. the facts on elective abortions

This commentary is written by Rep. George Till of Jericho, who is a board-certified obstetrician-gynecologist who has served in the Vermont Legislature since 2008. Dr. Till is also an associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the UVM School of Medicine.

A lot of misinformation is being circulated regarding the abortion-rights amendment known as Article 22 or Proposal 5, which will appear as a ballot measure on Nov. 8. As a member of the state Legislature and a physician practicing obstetrics and gynecology for 40 years, I would like to offer my perspective.

In addition to being a member of the Legislature, I serve as the division chief of general OB/GYN at University of Vermont Medical Center, the division responsible for providing termination of pregnancy services at UVMMC.

Through these roles, I have learned the policies, health implications and political landscape surrounding abortion rights in our state. In summary, legislative restrictions on reproductive rights are a huge risk to women's overall health.

Pregnancy terminations are very safe procedures, and the earlier in pregnancy they are done, the safer they are. When legislatures restrict access to reproductive health care, including abortion, we see a large overall increase in maternal morbidity and mortality. This is why the passage of this amendment is so important. It will change nothing about current restrictions regarding pregnancy terminations in Vermont, but only prevent the political imposition of new restrictions in the future.

Perhaps the most common and disturbing piece of misinformation being circulated surrounding Article 22 is the idea that it will remove all restrictions on abortion and "enshrine elective pregnancy termination up to the time of birth." This is blatantly untrue.

There currently are and there will continue to be restrictions on abortion procedures in Vermont. What will be enshrined in our Constitution is that politicians (the Legislature and the governor) will not determine what restrictions should be placed on abortion procedures, but rather that these restrictions will be left — as they are now, and as they should be — to the hospitals, professional medical organizations, and the Board of Medical Practice, which set standards of care with which Vermont providers must comply.

The Board of Medical Practice can revoke a physician's license for a single episode of "failure to conform to the essential standards of acceptable and prevailing practice." As such, practitioners are held to evidence-based standards. Additionally, state regulations require that every pregnancy termination be reported to the state, and if beyond 20 weeks, reported with a completed death certificate that requires extensive background information about the parents and medical situation.

There is not currently, nor will there be due to this amendment, any provider or facility in Vermont doing elective terminations beyond the gestational age of 21 weeks, six days, with 22 weeks being the currently accepted threshold of viability. Very rarely are terminations done after 21 weeks and 6 days in Vermont, and those are done only in the hospital setting at UVMMC. Hospitals are very highly regulated and UVMMC maintains clear guidelines prohibiting elective terminations from 22 weeks onward.

A pregnancy termination beyond 21 weeks and 6 days in Vermont only occurs in very specific circumstances, including for severe fetal anomaly, a fetal condition incompatible with life, or a dangerous, possibly life-threatening maternal health reason.

If termination is requested beyond 21 weeks and 6 days, an ethics consultation must be obtained to review the indications before the induction of labor or termination can be done. If the Ethics Committee does not agree, the termination is not done. We only do three to five terminations after 21 weeks and 6 days per year at UVMMC. The amendment will not change that.

Some Vermonters may wonder: Why is it important to make this constitutional change if we already have laws protecting reproductive rights in Vermont?

In the last legislative session, there were no less than five proposed bills that would have restricted reproductive rights in Vermont. One stated specifically: "This bill proposes to narrow the right to reproductive choice." Without the proposed constitutional amendment, we can expect continued attempts to restrict reproductive rights in every legislative session.

Passage of Article 22/Proposal 5 by popular vote on Nov. 8 would be the final step of this multi-stage process to amend the Vermont Constitution. The measure was originally approved by the House and Senate in the 2019–20 legislative biennium and, as required, was passed again by both chambers in the 2021–22 biennium. These were critical steps to protecting the right to access reproductive services in our state, but they will be meaningless if this amendment is not passed by a popular vote on Nov. 8.





Patrick Cody Receives Community Service Award

Patrick Cody, Executive Director of Okemo Valley TV (OVTV), had the cameras turned on him this past Tuesday when, as the guest speaker to the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC), he was honored with the presentation of the LRC's annual Ludlow Community Service Award.

Rotarian Art Randolph, in presenting the award to Cody, cited the many years of coverage of area town meetings presented by OVTV along with the local programming promoted by the local public tv station. "Patrick has been a leader in ensuring that area folks have an opportunity to display their talents in addition to the informative area town committee meetings they presented," Randolph noted.

In accepting the award, Cody said, "It takes a village to make all the things necessary for a public tv station to succeed. "The people in Ludlow and the area were wonderful in helping us get off the ground when we started this station twenty years ago." He believes that much of the success of the station was due to the ability of all the people involved to adapt to new and changing circumstances.

Cody admitted that when he heard of the job opening, he didn't even "know where Ludlow was." He soon readied the station to open in part of the old home economics room at Ludlow Elementary School where the station spent its first 10 years. This was followed by a year in a trailer as they awaited their section of the old tank barn of the National Guard Armory to be converted for station use, where it has been for the last nine years.

Pictured are Art Randolph, Ludlow Rotarian, as he presents the Ludlow Community Service Award to Patrick Cody of Okemo Valley TV. Picture by Kim Lampert. Ralph Pace

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Notes from the Mount Holly Conservation Commission-

Take a Hike!!!

Or a stroll, a ramble, a wander, a perambulation.... Or just a walk. Maybe even a bike.

One of the goals of Mount Holly Conservation Commission is to prepare a guide for many of the town's recreational opportunities. There are some well-known hiking opportunities in Mount Holly. Here are just a few;

For energetic hikers, the Okemo Mountain trail up to the fire tower is well marked and offers wonderful views along the way and from the top, but, (fair warning), also presents some fairly strenuous uphill stretches. You access the trail from Station Road, off 103. The whole trail is 7 miles round trip. For those who find going up easier than coming down, or vice versa, cars and drivers can meet people at the top of Okemo near the fire tower. Dogs are welcome but must be leashed.

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 M.

Perhaps something more mellow? How about the Teer Road/Frost Hill Loop? There is usually light traffic on both Teer Road and Frost Hill as they wind through lovely woods and near the border of the Star Lake Wildlife Management Area. Both come out on the Belmont Road; one turns to the other as you make your way through the 2.8 mile loop. If you go in via Teer Road, just stay left after about a half mile, when Teer bears right and Frost Hill left. A mile of that 2.8 will be on the Belmont Road, so heads' up for traffic and again, this being Mt Holly, you will have to decide if you want the beginning or end of your ramble climbing up or down.

Please, in all hikes, respect private property and make sure your car is parked off to the road side and not blocking anyone else's access. And remember too; take your smartphone or camera along so you can take photos of plants, animals and fungi that you see to share on the Mount Holly Biodiversity Project (<https://www.inaturalist.org/mount-holly-biodiversity>)"

And speaking of parking, one of the questions the Commission is exploring is whether designated parking spaces near hiking and biking trails would increase accessibility. What do you think?

We need help preparing a guide for recreation in Mount Holly. We know that many residents have favorite places where they enjoy hiking, biking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and other activities. Can you share some of your expertise? Many people would appreciate your ideas.

To share ideas for parking, or other hikes in Mount Holly, you can e-mail the Commission at: conservationcommission@mounthollyvt.org

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- Skaters
- X-Country
- Lodge Chaparones

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Vermont Home Gardener: It's Time to Plant Garlic!

Garlic is an easy crop in New England and it's great to have something to look forward to for next year when winter arrives. You will never accept store bought garlic after you've had fresh garlic from your own garden. Mild temperatures have caused me to delay planting this year but now through mid-November is the time to sow your garlic, along with many other bulbs for next spring. Let's look at a few tricks to have a successful garlic crop year after year using science and some old-time knowledge.

As with anything we grow the first decision is which variety to select. We should always try to get the best varieties for our local conditions. Garlic is in the onion ([Allium](#)) family so cultivation is similar to onions. Garlic includes over 10 varieties and it can be divided into two major groups, "[Hardneck](#)" and "[Softneck](#)". Both are good and can be grown in Vermont, but most people favor Hardneck for its hardiness and great flavor. Softneck garlic is the principal garlic grown commercially in California and stores very well. Personally, I've had best luck with Hardnecks but you can try either.

Garlic doesn't produce reliable quantities of seeds so is commonly propagated "vegetatively" from the cloves. That means the genetics of the next generation will be the same as the parents and if you have a variety that does well, and you like the flavor you can stick with it by keeping some of your own bulbs to plant now for next year. A good rule of thumb to estimate quantity needed to plant is that a pound of garlic bulbs will have up to 50 cloves. Not all the cloves will be large enough to plant (eat the smallest ones!) so you may end up with 40 cloves to plant. That's good for a 20 ft. row. Bigger cloves produce bigger, more vigorous plants. Unfortunately, most supermarket garlic has been treated with an anti-growth chemical to extend shelf-life (it's not fresh!) and some garlic has even had its roots cut out to hide any diseases it might carry. Source your seed garlic locally to get started and then save your own each year.

Saving your own garlic for re-planting year after year is economical but also makes great garden sense. Every garden has a unique set of conditions including soil, moisture, micro-climate, and biology. If you select and save the best (biggest heads) of your own garlic for planting, you will be taking advantage of natural selection to continually improve your own garlic each year. I have been saving my own best garlic for ten years by selecting out for planting the biggest, best looking bulbs. I have seen rewarded with ever larger plants and bulbs that are now over double the size of the original garlic with fantastic flavor. Just as my Fenn Selection is best suited for my local conditions, your garlic will become a superior cultivar adapted to your own soil and microclimate.

Hardneck varieties also produce "bulbils" on the end of their [scapes](#) or false flower shoots in early July. These are also vegetative small bulbs and can be planted like larger cloves but will take 2-3 years to produce full sized bulbs for harvest. Bulbils are produced in large numbers so it's an economical way to increase your crop but leaving the scapes on the plant to produce bulbils will also reduce the size of the bulb harvested. That's why most gardeners remove scapes and use them as a delicious food sauteed or for pesto. Every year I leave a few scapes to have some bulbils to start.

Whether you purchased "seed garlic" or saved some of your own late October & November is planting season.. I've read that you can plant garlic until the soil starts to freeze or is snow covered. What's important is that the bulbs get just enough time to begin growing their roots but not enough time to send a shoot above the ground that gets frozen and dies back. The small roots will give the garlic a head start come early spring and the over wintering provides the necessary cold treatment garlic needs to form bulbs next summer. This year I've again delayed planting a couple weeks because of the mild weather.

Alliums are all heavy feeders so do best in deep, fertile, well-drained (never water-logged) soils. As with all root crops, the deeper soil provided by a raised bed will encourage better growth. A soil pH of 6-7 is ideal so a soil test is recommended (see the details in the previous article). Since garlic is an early spring grower, it's best to put the essential nutrients in the soil when planting. My practice is to apply a layer of compost (1-2 inches deep) over the bed surface. No need to work it in, nature will take care of that over the winter and create rich organic matter that garlic and onions need. I plant a double row spaced about 1 foot apart in raised beds by digging two parallel long trenches with a hoe or trench tool to a depth of 4-5 inches. *Before* planting I then apply a sprinkled layer of [rock phosphate](#) or colloidal phosphate plus [azomite](#) (for micronutrients) mixed 50-50 along the trench bottom to make the trench snowy white. [Bone meal](#) would do the same plus provide some nitrogen. These are organic, slow release sources of phosphate, potassium, and calcium needed for early growth in spring.

Plant the selected cloves, pointy end up and the flat, root end down (yes, it matters) spaced about 6 inches apart. Too close and your bulbs will tend to be smaller as each plant needs root space. Cover the planted trench with soil and gently tamp it down. The top of each clove should be about 1-2 inches below the surface when covered. Mark the ends of each row with visible stakes so you will know where to watch for the first shoots of spring. Finally, cover your garlic bed with about 4-6 inches of straw mulch, very gently tamped down so fall winds don't blow it away. The straw is very important to prevent freezing and heaving of the cloves during winter plus it will suppress the spring growth of weeds and keep the young plants moist during their critical early summer growth.

By the way, the same mix of rock phosphate & azomite or bone meal is an excellent way to boost any other bulbs you plant in the fall. Give each bulb (tulip, daffodil, crocus, lilies, etc.) about a level teaspoon of this starter and they will have the nutrients for strong roots and vigorous growth for several years to come.

Don't overlook the value of **compost** for your garden and yard. Mower-shredded leaves plus kitchen wastes make a great compost. See details in the previous article. Here's a new [short video](#) to help you get the most from all those leaves.

November is a good time to reflect and review what happened in your garden this year. Take a walk and look around your yard & garden. What did well, what didn't do so well. Observe what your garden is telling you. Make notes for next year.





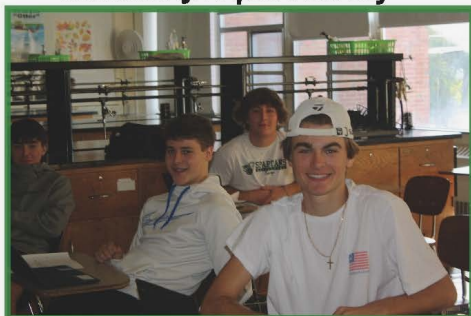
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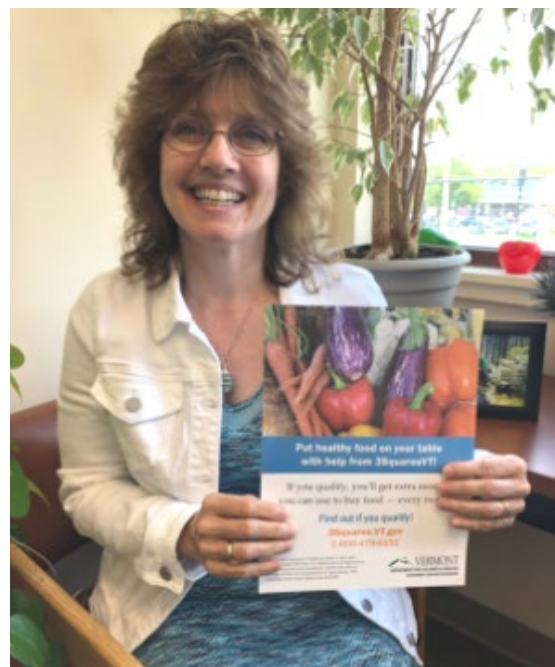
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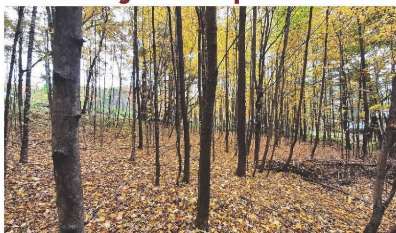
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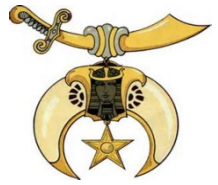
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Talk to your [Community Health](https://www.chcrr.org) provider if you have questions about the timing for the second dose in your primary series or about the boosters. Check our website www.chcrr.org or call 888-989-8707 or 802 779-9169.

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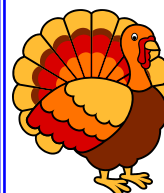
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