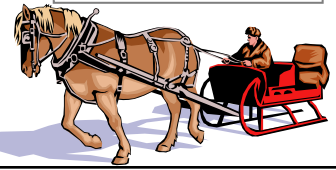




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Town Library: In-Person with Mask Sat 9-1, Mon 9-1, Tue 1-5, Wed 2-4, P.O. Box 93, Belmont, VT 05730 Call 802-259-3707

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

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

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

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TRANSFER SITE: Sat. 8 am – 2 pm & Sun. 9 am – 12 pm

January 2023

Sun	1 st	<i>Emancipation Proclamation by Pres. Lincoln 1863 ~ Ellis Island Opens 1892 ~ New Year's Day</i>	
		<i>Kwanzaa Ends</i>	
	3 rd	MH Snow Flyers, Meeting Via Zoom	6:00 pm
		Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library	7:00 pm
		Mt. Moriah Mason Meeting, E. Wallingford	7:30 pm
	5 th	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	7:00 pm
	6 th		<i>Full Wolf Moon</i>
	9 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	7:00 pm
		Mount Holly Conservation Commission	7:00 pm
	10 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	<i>Bobcat Season Opens</i> 9:00 am
		Mt. Holly PTSA Meeting, MH School <i>1st Meeting of United Nations General Assembly 1946</i>	4:30 pm
		Select Board Meeting, Town Office & Zoom	6:30 pm
	11 th	LMHUUS Meeting,	6:00 pm
		ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	7:00 pm
	12 th	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	7:00 pm
	16 th	<i>Persian Gulf War Begins 1991 ~ Martin Luther King Jr's Day</i>	
	17 th	Fire Dept. Work Night, Fire Stations <i>Ben Franklin 1706 ~ Operation Desert Storm 1991</i>	7:00 pm
		<i>Crow Season Opens</i>	
	18 th	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont	6:30 pm
		Mount Holly Planning Commission, MH Town Office & Via Zoom	7:00 pm
	19 th	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	<i>Robert E Lee 1807</i> 7:00 pm
	23 rd	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	7:00 pm
	24 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	9:00 am
	25 th	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	7:00 pm
	26 th	Fire Dept. Work Night, Fire Stations	7:00 pm
	27 th	<i>Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart 1756 ~ Vietnam War Ends 1973</i>	
Sat	28 th	<i>US Vietnam Cease Fire 1973</i>	



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Emergency Services

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MH Fire Warden – Jim Seward	802-786-3408		802-259-2211	American Red Cross	802-773-9159
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MH Animal Control	Cell text only 802-353-4492		H 802-259-3976	Vermont State Police	802-773-9101

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

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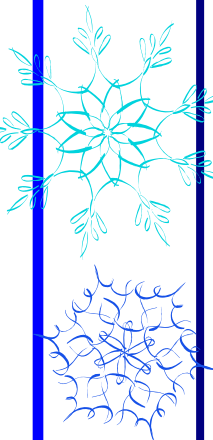


January Anniversaries 15th -Kyle & Nancy Perry 24th -Armand & Debby Bernagozzi

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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Belmont		802-259-2790
Window	Mon – Fri	7:30 am – 9:30 am
	&	2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
	Sat	8:00 am – 10:45 am
Lobby Hours: Mon – Fri		7:30 am – 4:45 pm
East Wallingford		802-259-2829
Window	Mon – Fri	7:00 am – 11:00 am
	Sat	7:00 am – 10:00 am
Lobby Hours: Mon – Fri		7:00 am – 4:45 pm
Cuttingsville/Shrewsbury		802-492-3585
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	&	11:30 am – 2:30 pm
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Lobby Hours Mon – Fri		7:30 am – 5:00 pm
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January 6, 1942 - Pan Am Airway plane completes first around-the-world trip by a commercial aircraft (New York, NY 1942)

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Patricia A. Slade

Patricia A. Slade, 85, of South Londonderry, VT died November 30, 2022 in Concord (NH) Hospital. She was born March 16, 1937 in Mount Holly, VT, the daughter of Harry A. and Cecile (Houle) Colburn.

A graduate of Mount St. Joseph High School, she then went on to receive her Nursing degree at Mary Hitchcock School of Nursing.

On 9/8/1958, she married Kenneth Slade. Pat worked as a registered nurse in the cardiac care unit in St. Peter's Hospital. She was an active member of St. Joseph The Worker Church in Chester, VT. During her 23 years of retirement she enjoyed

tending to her gardens, volunteering at the Thrifty Attic and church suppers, caring for her neighbors when needed, and caring for her family, always. Survivors include her children, Diann Dawson (Bill) of Slingerlands, NY, Franklin Slade (Christina) of Middle Grove, NY and grandchildren Daniel Dawson and Connor Slade. She was predeceased by her husband, Kenneth Slade; brother, Michael Colburn and sister, Claudette Colburn. Visitation was held Tues., Dec. 6, 2022 from 3-5 PM in Tossing Funeral Home. The Mass of Christian Burial was held Wed., Dec. 7, 2022 at 11 AM in St. Joseph The Worker Church in Chester, VT. Memorial contributions may be made to local charity of your choice. Arrangements are by Tossing Funeral Home.



Wayne R. Senecal

Wayne Robert Senecal passed away on Saturday, November 12, 2022. Wayne was born on February 25, 1934, in Mt. Holly, Vermont, the second son of Paul J. and Catherine J. (Phelps) Senecal, at the end of a weeklong blizzard with Catherine's sister Wayne started school in Mill Village (Rutland Town) in 1940 and attended school there until March 1, 1943, when the family moved to the farm in Whitehall, New York. He graduated from Whitehall High School in June 1952. Wayne went on to the New York Agricultural and Technology College in Cobleskill, on a New York Regents Scholarship. Upon graduation he married the girl of his dreams, Carol Anne Manell on August 1, 1954.

Later that year, he and Carol started their farming career with Wayne's father by, buying the adjacent Joseph Buckley farm. After 44 years, it was time to retire, so Wayne and Carol sold the farm. They built their retirement home on a piece of the farm.

With a beautiful view of the land they loved, where they intended to finish out their lives. During his lifetime Wayne was president of the Whitehall Central School Board, as well as president of the Washington County Farm Bureau. In his retirement, Wayne enjoyed his role as guide at the Skenesborough Museum where his mother had also worked. Wayne is known for his easy wit, flirtatious manner, and love of conversation. He had many collections including toy replicas of every tractor used on the farms.

Wayne was pre-deceased by his parent's Paul and Catherine, his beloved wife Carol and brother Paul J. Senecal. He is survived by five children: Christopher W. Senecal, Catherine L. Tobin, David A. Senecal, Michael J. Senecal, Karen A. LeMin, nine grandchildren, two great grandchild, sister Elaine Jones and a best friend Lois Larson.

Viewing and words of remembrance was Friday, November 18, from 6-8pm at Jillson Funeral Home 46 Williams St., Whitehall, New York. The next day, Saturday, November 19 at 1pm there was a graveside committal service and burial in the family lot at Our Lady of Angels Cemetery. Memorial gifts may be made in Wayne's memory to: Whitehall Skene Manor Preservation, Inc., 8 Potters Terrace, Whitehall, NY 12887.

Bone Builders

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Community Center at the Library
For Weights and more information
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Christmas Eve & Christmas Day & New Year's Mass Schedule & Services

St. Patrick's in Wallingford

11:00 am Christmas Day

11:00 am New Year's Day

&

Christ The King in Rutland

4:00 pm & 7:00 pm Christmas Eve

7:30 am & 9:30 am Christmas Day

4:00 pm New Year's Eve

7:30 am & 9:30 am New Year's Day

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*Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
in Ludlow*

5:00 pm & 9:00 pm Christmas Eve

10:00 am Christmas Day

4:30 pm New Year's Eve

10:00 am New Year's Day

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Belmont Village Baptist Church

7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

With Christmas Carols & Readings

Notice Dog Owners

Dog Licensing will begin Tuesday Jan 3, 2023 calendar year which must be paid by April 1st, each year. If your dog is no longer living please call the town clerk at 802-259-2391 so she can remove them from the list.

The registration fee remains the same and must be paid on or before April 1st, 2023

Male or female Neutered or Spayed = \$ 11.00 per dog

Male of female Unneutered or Unsprayed = \$ 15.00 per dog

The registration fee will increase after April 1st, 2023 to

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We hope you will follow our progress through the media and forthcoming newsletters. Again, thank you all so very much. Together we can, together we did; and together we will continue. Sincerely, The ESBR Students, Staff, Volunteers, and Board of Trustees

Mt. Moriah December 2022, Trestleboard

Next Meeting 1/03/23 7:30PM

Brothers,

Offer some good holiday cheer and reach out to a Brother by phone or with a card just to stay "hi", this year.

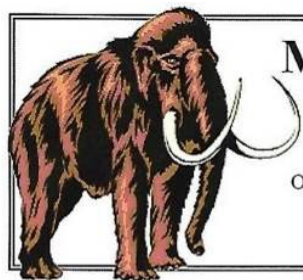
Electrical work has been progressing along on the lodge and is nearing completion.

Please keep your dues monies coming in and, if you disagree 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.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, to you and your families. Fraternally, Dennis Start, WM - Buster Seward Sec'y

Thank you. Thank You. THANK YOU to everyone!

ESBR's Giving Tuesday 2022's goal was achieved. Because of the generous donations from people in our community and from across the country, before the end of Giving Tuesday we reached the goal of raising \$12,000. This means that with our Matching Challenge grant donations, we raised over \$24,000! To date the total is \$25,124 with a few late



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celebrate an evening together after three long years of Covid restrictions! We would like to thank the business owners local and from surrounding communities who contributed so generously to our auction offerings, and we are most grateful to the local artists and gifted crafts people who supplied many lovely items for the auction. Kudos to our local auctioneer, Paul Nevin, who kept the action rolling! And gratitude to all who joined together to make a joy-filled Community experience.



*** 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.



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The Mount Holly Snow Flyers have completed the fall trail work and are ready for the snow to fall! We are snow dancing and hope you will join us. There's nothing greater than a snowy Vermont winter season!

We are currently undertaking a new project. A sign-board filled with business advertisement from the local area has been erected at the VAST Junction RD 76 on the trail system. It is our hope to fill the space on the sign board with business ads urging those traveling our trails to support local business that support our sport. We'll be soliciting a variety of business's – restaurants, lodging services, gasoline facilities, grocery stores, real estate, auto / snowmobile sales & service.

We will again be sponsoring the New Year's Even Firework Fireworks in Belmont on Star Lake. Come sit by the bonfire and enjoy the evening with friends and family starting around 8:30 p.m. Firework display will begin around 9 p.m.

Trail permits may be purchased online at www.vtvast.org. Please choose the Mt. Holly Snow Flyers as your club and stay up to date with our club through emails and such.

We have some club apparel for sale. Various sweatshirts, t-shirts are available. Look soon for our personalized Yeti mugs! Email us for more info!

We would like to again thank our landowners for their



support! All of this would not be possible without the generous landowners who allow local clubs and VAST to access their property for the trail system we have today. THANK YOU LANDOWNERS! We remind all riders to always keep your hands on your machine, ride safe and ride with respect.

Please visit our website at www.mounthollysnowflyers.org for more info regarding apparel sales, club news, updates and trail reports. Like us on Facebook and Instagram.

Our club meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Remote attendance is an option via Zoom with details listed on the website. All members are welcome to attend meetings.



THE CONSENT OF CANDIDATE FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND TURNED INTO THE TOWN CLERK BY JANUARY 30, 2023, TO RUN FOR AN OFFICE ON THE MARCH BALLOT.

Mount Holly Conservation Commission Notes Help Preserve Mount Holly's Scenic Roads

Scenic Roads...you know...those places in Mount Holly that still, after a hundred trips and more, attract your attention with their constant, yet ever changing beauty. Straight or winding, uphill and down, scenic roads both frame our shared landscape and open our views. They are one of Vermont's and Mount Holly's most often appreciated assets. The Town has regularly recognized this by including

preservation of scenic roads in every Town Plan since a 1974. Visitors often come to Mount Holly to drive, walk, photograph, or simply gaze at these very special places.

The Conservation Commission in collaboration with the Planning Commission has undertaken a project to specify scenic roads in Mt. Holly to be included in a revised Town Plan. Specific designation of a road or section of a road as scenic could provide a level of protection against many activities which might destroy or degrade their scenic nature.

The Conservation Commission is seeking volunteers to help with this project. This could involve something as simple as informing the Conservation Commission of a road you think would qualify for this list or many other levels of participation. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact the chair of the Mount Holly Conservation Commission at Philippe Crane tree_warden@mounthollyvt.org, (802 259-3824).

And for all residents, keep in mind that much of what enhances a scenic road...the trees that shade it, the plants that grow among the old stone walls and along the streams chasing the road, are part of our town's biodiversity. And you can contribute to our shared knowledge of that biodiversity via: <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/mount-holly-biodiversity>

In other notes, the Conservation Commission is pleased to announce that at its December meeting, the Mount Holly Select Board appointed Jeanmarie Fitzgerald as a new member of the town's Conservation Commission for a 4 year term. Jeanmarine is a retired landscape designer with a special interest in learning, promoting and protecting plants native to our region. She will be a welcome addition.





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Furthermore, and in time for the fresh snow, we are excited to share that new this year Cross-Country Skiing will be available at the Fletcher Fields this winter! A huge thank you goes out to the Fletcher Farm Foundation for permission to do so. A huge debt of gratitude also goes out to the Side Hill Cronchers Snowmobile Club who will groom the designated track for XC skiers. Aside from XC skiing, snowtubing will also be permissible once again at West Hill facility.

Looking ahead to spring, the goal remains the same to dredge and resand the swimming area and beach at West Hill. As that RFP is in the process of being finalized, one has been selected for the Mountain Biking Project that will be developed on the Back 40, located behind the former high school baseball field. Since last spring, a local chapter of VMBA (Vermont Mountain Biking Association) has been formed, aptly named LAST for Ludlow Area Sports Trails as the grounds will be a municipal area for the community in the years to come. A contract is set for the Phase I track to be built this Spring 2023.



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conference room at the Ludlow Community Center. Further information can be found at ludlowvtparksandrec.com and thanks again, especially to our dedicated Rec Director Nick Miele. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year to everyone.



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Ludlow Recreation End of Year Update 2022

As 2022 itself draws to a close, the winter is only just getting started. With new progress underway, the Ludlow Recreation Committee is excited to share the most recent updates. To start the season the Ludlow Parks and Recreation Department hosted a Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning, a familiar race that this year benefited Black River Good Neighbor Service raising over \$500 in cash, toys, and food. As for regular events this winter, indoor soccer will be incorporated in the Ludlow Elementary Gym on Sundays from 12pm-3pm. Furthermore, grade-school basketball is underway. Home games are hosted in the Ludlow Community Center. A huge shoutout to the players, parents, and coaches for all they do to represent community athletics programs.



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Lastly, Dorsey Park has some great news, too. A new playground plan has been selected based on community input to update the current playground located between the building and tennis courts (which also received some much-needed maintenance this fall). As budgets are prepped, the Ludlow Recreation Committee is hopeful that a new upgraded playground will be available in the near future. And finally, the Skate Park upgrade has also begun. The structures will be demolished and a new 3K+ square foot skate park will be built. This was another feature that was long overdue renovation, and it is exciting to be able to see that come to fruition.

The Ludlow Recreation Committee is grateful to be able to share this progress with the community. A huge thank you goes out to everyone for their support. If you would like to get involved the Rec Committee meets the second Tuesday of the month at 5pm in the

The Writers' Group will meet January 9th at 1:30 in the Mount Holly Library. Happy New Years.

connor@ohio.edu

January 2023 Mount Holly Chit Chat Inc.

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1st Annual Online Auction

WHEN: February (start) 2-16 (end) @ 6 PM

WHERE: Fletcher Memorial Library

WHY: Staff's Annual Fundraiser

An End of Auction Event TBD

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Mid-December and no snow, but that didn't stop us from gathering to make a holiday video and play with the horses. We did all the playing (decking the horses) and they put up with the shenanigans. We like to send Holiday Greetings and Good Wishes to one and all and a special thank you to all our friends and supporters, and of



course our riders. The holiday video can be seen on Facebook (just search Rainbow Riding Center) and on the Rutland and Ludlow area local TV stations. Everyone have a wonderful holiday season!

Please check out our website: rainbowridingcenter.org and follow us on Facebook, Instagram @rainbow_riding_center. Email: programs@rainbowridingcenter.org



News from MHCA

Happy New Year! We hope the holidays were filled with love, laughter and that you enjoyed gathering with family and friends. We heard Santa came for an early visit to Mount Holly fighting his way thru a snow storm with the aid of the Mount Holly fire department to help celebrate the holidays with kids, dogs, and grownups. Singing, presents, and the special reading of Twas the Night Before Christmas by our beloved Barbara Pollata brightened the Belmont Baptist Church green. Thanks to Jeremiah Johnson and Dave Venter for shoveling the green so folks did not have to wade thru 2½ feet of snow. Holidays in Mount Holly - they are the best!

Now at the time of our editors publishing deadline the season finale has yet to take place but it's surely going to be grand. Meet us at Star Lake to ring in the New Year with the Snow Flyers fireworks celebration ❄️🔥🎆

And as 2022 comes to a close, the MHCA Board would like to express our appreciation to all the folks who help make our events possible; we have a devoted volunteer base who makes our community one extra special place! Our membership base makes it possible to maintain the historic building that houses the town library and community center, as well as sponsor events like the Spring Mudd Fling Dance, Mount Holly Day celebration and Cider Days. We are forever thankful and look forward to 2023 and what it might bring.





No Invasive plants for Woodward and Ninevah and over 10,000 boaters greeted in 2022

Thank you to everyone in the towns of Plymouth and Mount Holly for supporting another successful year of the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program for both Woodward Reservoir and Lake Ninevah! This was the 3rd year for this program at Woodward Reservoir and the 21st year (wow!) for Lake Ninevah. Both programs continue to be supported with funding, training, and resources from the [Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation \(DEC\) Aquatic Nuisance Control \(ANC\) Grant-in-Aid funds](#) and matching funds from

Farm & Wilderness Conservation.

This summer 2022 our Woodward greeters were able to complete over 750 hours and greeted over 8,800 boaters entering and leaving the water from public access. Lake Ninevah greeters completed over 1,500 hours and greeted over 2,800 boaters. Boat checks are part of the [“Clean, Drain, Dry”](#) initiative in preventing hitchhiking plants. Big thank you to our team of greeters this summer: Mike, Karen, Laura, Davis, and Aidan! Greeters not only help to remind lake visitors to keep their boats clean, but they also provide information about aquatic invasive species in Vermont and collect vital data that help us understand and track species movement in the state.

Additionally, [Arrowwood Environmental](#) completed several surveys of both Lake Ninevah and Woodward Reservoir between June-October. Luckily, these surveys did not find any aquatic invasive plants on the [Vermont watchlist!](#)

Prevention measures such as greeter programs and surveys help waterbodies keep invasive species like water chestnut, Eurasian watermilfoil, or zebra mussels from spreading. Over 100 of the Vermont lakes, ponds, rivers, and reservoirs have a known invasive species infestation, check out which ones on the [2022 Vermont Infested Waterbodies List](#). Luckily, Woodward Reservoir and Lake Ninevah are not on that list and continue to stay off it. This is why it is important that these prevention programs continue in the future. Learn more about invasive species and spread prevention on the [VT DEC Lake & Ponds website](#).

Please help our furry friends this holiday season!
We are partnering with Springfield Humane Society
requesting donations for pets in need. From
December 1 — December 30, 2022 we will be collecting items.

Items needed: pet beds, bedding, bath towels, blankets, toys, pet food, chew toys, gift cards (Amazon, Chewy, Bark Box), cleaning supplies (paper towels, gloves, trash bags, bleach).

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Finally, thank you to the Town of Plymouth and the Town of Mount Holly office staff for coordination efforts with Farm & Wilderness Conservation so that we can continue to receive this important grant funding to run the program. Grant funding through the Vermont Department of Environmental Protection covers about 36% of these costs while Farm & Wilderness Conservation funds the other 64%.

If you are interested in learning more, joining us as a greeter or volunteer, or to make a donation towards the support next year's program, please contact kelly@farmandwilderness.org. Looking forward to the return of boating season in 2023!

Mount Holly Biodiversity Project 2022 Annual Report

The Mount Holly Biodiversity project has completed its second full year of work and thanks to **3,445** contributions from **201** volunteer observers we have identified **1,041** species of plants, animals, and fungi in Mount Holly since beginning work in January 2021! It's exciting to know that this small town in the Green Mountains of Vermont has an amazing biodiversity and that there are so many people who care enough to help us all know our natural world. Observations are submitted by residents and visitors, by hikers and gardeners, by children and retirees, and many who simply had the curiosity to learn the identity of common and rare plants or animals and to share that knowledge with the community.

A most sincere **Thank You** to all who contributed to the following summary report about what you have discovered. I think it is gratifying to know that we are also part of a much bigger effort to understand and to conserve our natural world. Did you know that many (638) of the observations made in Mount Holly are considered of high enough quality and of importance to be included in the Vermont Atlas of Life (VAL), a statewide database of all living things managed by the Vermont Center for Ecostudies? The VAL currently documents over 11,000 species in Vermont and we are a part of that record by contributing to the Mount Holly Biodiversity Project! Further, the VAL is a contributor to the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF), an international network which curates and provides open access to biodiversity data to everyone. This is all very important because this data is the basis for many conservation decisions about endangered species, ecosystem protection, and long-term monitoring of biodiversity or population trends.

Here's what we have found in Mount Holly to date:

480 Plant species identified. Over 100 of our common plants are really introduced species. A few of these include Goutweed, Bull thistle, Hemp nettle, Wild Parsnip, Giant Knotweed, and Bittersweet nightshade. While many non-native plants have become common and cause no apparent harm (Beebalm, Queen Ann's Lace, & Chicory) many "Invasives" and are a serious concern for their environmental or human harm. These are the species that degrade natural habitats and may harm native species, including people. Local efforts to remove or control them are often recommended and maps on the project website show where they are found.

290 Insect species identified. Common insects that were identified include Asian Lady Beetle, Monarch Butterfly, Drone Fly, Paper Wasp, Tussock moth, Yellow jackets, Sphinx moth, Stink bugs, Grasshoppers & Katydid, and Eastern Carpenter Bee.

We have confirmed 18 non-native insects and a few of them are troublesome invasives such as Japanese Beetle, Spiny moth (formerly Gypsy moth), European Earwigs, and Winter moth. Although not yet confirmed in Mount Holly, the Emerald Ash borer, Asian Longhorned Beetle, and Spotted Lanternfly are in Vermont and may threaten our forests and farms so regular monitoring is very important.

88 Bird species identified. Common birds seen in town include American Robin, Song & Chipping Sparrow, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Eastern Bluebird, American Goldfinches, House Finch, Chickadee, Blue jays, Red-winged blackbirds, and Crows. A few special sightings included Red-eyed Vireos, Cedar Waxwings, Wood Thrush, and Indigo Bunting. Many species are migratory and have now flown south to follow their food supply. The best way to protect birds is to conserve their habitats such as forests, wetlands, and meadows.

105 Fungi species identified. Fungi (mushrooms, molds, etc.) include a whole Kingdom of very interesting organisms that many people enjoy finding (and eating). Some common fungi we found in Mount Holly include Chanterelles, Shaggy Mane, White Coral, Ink Cap, Puffballs, Toadskin Lichen, and Amanita mushrooms.

24 Mammal species identified. Mammals include the animals we often think of and include Gray & Red Squirrels, Eastern Chipmunks, White-tailed Deer, American Beaver, Snowshoe Hare, Red fox, Porcupine, Moose, and Black Bear.

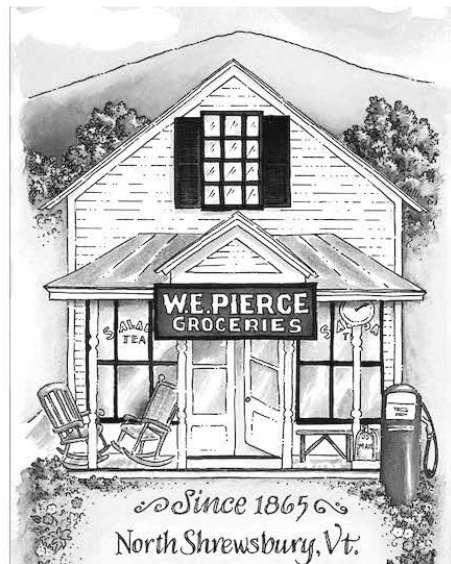
The remaining species include Arachnids (spiders), Reptiles & Amphibians (snakes, turtles, frogs & salamanders), Mollusks, Worms, and Fish. While small in numbers and sometimes harder to find, these species are very important parts of our environment and have vital ecological functions.

Finally, we have identified over 30 species of threatened and endangered species in Mount Holly, including Common Loons, Butternut, Purple Pitcher Plants, Yellow-banded Bumblebee, and American Elm. These species and their habitats are especially vulnerable and clearly warrant extra conservation efforts if they are to survive.

You are invited to explore and join the Mount Holly Biodiversity Project at our website (<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/mount-holly-biodiversity>) where you can look over what we have found, and by using the map, where each species has been seen.

The Mount Holly Biodiversity Project is co-sponsored by the Mount Holly Conservation Trust and the Mount Holly Conservation Commission

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Conservation Commission Openings

The Conservation Commission is actively pursuing several projects to enhance and preserve our town's natural resources. These include improving Star Lake's recreational facilities, protecting trees on public land and rights of way, identifying and improving a broad range of recreational opportunities in Mount Holly, and aiding the Planning Commission in the revised Town Plan by updating the inventory of natural and cultural resources.

There are two open positions on the commission for individuals interested in aiding in these or other projects. For further inquiries, contact Phil Crane, Chair (259-3824).

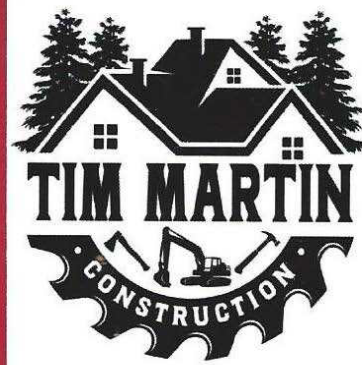
Letters of interest should be directed to the Mount Holly Selectboard at mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com or by mailing the Town Office, PO Box 248, Mount Holly, VT 05758

The Vermont Statutes Title 23: Motor Vehicles

Chapter 013: Operation Of Vehicles Subchapter 011: Miscellaneous Rules (Cite as: 23 V.S.A. § 1126a)

§ 1126a. Depositing snow onto or across certain highways prohibited

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(b) Nothing in this section should be construed to be in derogation of any municipal ordinance regulation the deposit of snow within the limits of town highways. (Added 1997, No. 150 (Adj. Sess.), § 17.)

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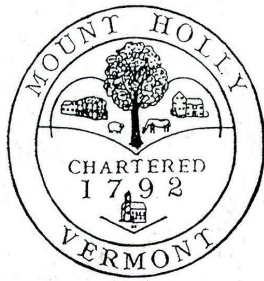
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Mount Holly Town News

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

Special Select Board Meeting - Mount Holly Town Office December 13, 2022, 3:00 pm MINUTES

Present: Caitlin Boyle, Jeff Chase (via phone), Diana Garrow, David Johnson, Chris Miele
(NEMRC), Tyler Schaub (NEMRC), Mary Surething, Mark Turco.

1. Call to Order at 3:06 pm.

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

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2. Discuss NEMRC Draft Contract for Assessor Services FY23

a. Role of listers in collaborating with NEMRC

b. NEMRC access to Lister's Office

c. Software and computer requirements

d. Town-wide reappraisal timeline

e. Impact of zoning regulations on reappraisal

f. Fee schedule

3. Adjournment at 3:58 pm.

Select Board Meeting @ Town Office November 15, 2022, 6:30 pm MEETING MINUTES

Present:

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

Town Officials: In Person: Caitlin Boyle, Dennis Devereux, Phil Crane, Carol Garrow-Woolley, David Johnson, Steven Michel,

Christine Pratt, James Seward, Clinton Woolley. Via Zoom: Jon McCann

Members of the Public: In Person: Paul Barton, Donna Seward, Zena Gates, Liz Karle.

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 two items: FY24 plowing charges for Wallingford and Plymouth, and the review of a draft grant prepared by the Conservation Commission. Diana Garrow made a motion to approve the additions; Jeff Chase seconded; unanimously approved.

4. Approval of November 15, 2022 minutes. Diana Garrow made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Jeff Chase, unanimously approved.

5. Reports

a. Highways & Transfer Station Update – Clinton Woolley: Mr. Woolley noted that drivers need to slow down and pay closer attention now that we are in winter driving conditions. He noted that the town should look into a part-time back-up transfer station attendant in the event that one of the attendants is out or unable to work.

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

Mount Holly Town Office

Will be **CLOSED** the following dates:

Monday, December 26th, 2022 For Christmas

Monday, January 2nd, 2023 For New Years

Monday, January 16th, 2023 for Martin Luther King's Jr. Day

i. Summit Road Box Culvert Update: Jeff Chase noted that we have the invoices in hand from the engineers and all is up-to-date.

ii. Mr. Woolley noted that he and Mr. Chase will apply for the Vermont Better Roads Grant Program for reclamation of Perry Road; the maximum grant amount is \$40,000, and the town will request the maximum. Mr. Chase made a motion to apply for the Better Roads grant for Perry Road for FY24. Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

b. Treasurer Monthly Income & Expense Report – David Johnson

i. Monthly Income and Expense Report: Mr. Johnson noted that property tax receivables are \$182,929.77; he has not yet received the delinquent tax report this month, but the largest outstanding tax payment to the town has been received. The Cott System has received \$92 in fees to date. Group Health benefits are going up \$653 per month, but overall the Town will stay within the budget. Mr. Johnson noted that if the Town wished to extend Traffic Ordinance Enforcement, the budget could be found within existing budget line items; Mr. Turco concurred. Mr. Johnson noted that the Casella bill was received today; while the expenses for solid waste exceed last year's expenses to-date, the costs are evening out. Vehicle repairs are at a little over half the budgeted amount, but this includes items like plow blades for the year, which are already accounted for. We have spent about half of our budget for fuel gas and oil. The Town also made its usual payment to the fire department and rescue squad.

ii. NEMRC Contract Update: The Selectboard had a special meeting on December 13 to review the draft contract from NEMRC, which is proposing its assessor services to the Town; the meeting included reviewing a few minor items flagged by the town's attorneys. Diana Garrow noted that she was comfortable with the contract given the clarifications and assurances from NEMRC. Mr. Turco noted that the Board of Listers should review the list of itemized services and expenses and determine which need to be retained now, and which can be deferred to the new fiscal year. Mr. Johnson noted that there is about \$10,000 remaining from prior years' budget to cover startup costs; Mr. Johnson recommended that the remaining fee could be covered with ARPA funds. The proposed contract may include up to ~\$18,000 in fees, depending on which options are included, and Mr. Johnson noted that ARPA funds may be used to cover the remainder of the fee. Mr. Johnson further noted that about 80% of the state uses the software program recommended by NEMRC. In addition, the appraiser who would be assigned to the Town is local, and so would not require additional hours to travel to perform services. Ms. Garrow noted that she is encouraged by the fact that the Town would be billed by the hour as opposed to a flat fee. Mr. Chase noted that the training line item in the contract is the most costly, and the Town can be mindful of limiting those costs. Ms. Garrow made a motion to accept the contract as drafted; Jeff Chase seconded; unanimously approved.

iii. Audit Update: The auditing firm sent two representatives to the office two weeks ago.

The depreciation and fixed asset schedules were completed. They have not yet sent any follow-up questions. Overall, the auditors were easy to work with and have not raised any major concerns..

c. Animal Control Officer Update: Town ACO Ms. Swarz-Hoc submitted a written update to note that she has been making her way through the list of

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.

Please send Letter of Interest to the Mount Holly Select Board with your qualifications.

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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

Competitive candidates will have prior law enforcement experience and training.

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unlicensed dogs, and is reminding dog owners to register their dogs in January for the new licensing year.

d. Town Health Officer Update: The Selectboard urged the Town Health Officer to seek state guidance regarding the property formerly known as the Blue Spruce House. The Selectboard has received complaints regarding the property's compliance with rental housing regulations, and neither the current tenant nor the property owner have been responsive to attempts by the Town Health Officer to inspect the property.

e. Mount Holly Planning Commission Update – Jon McCann:

i. Jon McCann noted that the MHPC had a hearing regarding the Special Flood Hazard Area on December 7.

ii. He further noted that the AT&T tower does appear to be working as announced.

iii. Ms. Garrow inquired as to whether the Commission could provide a list of all residents who are in the Special Flood Hazard Area, so that those residents could be made aware of any changes that might affect their properties. Mr. McCann noted that that was possible, but that these residents were not dramatically affected by the new state statute, which primarily addresses properties in the River Corridor. Mr. Turco asked how many towns had already adopted the latest River Corridor model proposed by the DEC; Mr. McCann noted that Mount Holly would be the first in the county to adopt this particular most recent model, but that other towns in the county are using other previous models.

The advantage of using the most recent model is that a) it is pre-approved by FEMA and does not need special approval by the state or by FEMA, and that b) it is a stand-alone model that is not entangled with other zoning bylaws. Jon McCann noted that about 30-40 properties are in "Zone A," which are special flood areas without any engineering and are already subject to the state bylaws regarding special flood areas; they will be impacted minimally by the new bylaws and have not been contacted directly by the Planning Commission. Jon McCann did contact the ~40

property owners in the River Corridor, who would be affected by the new River Corridor bylaws. Mr. Turco asked whether the names of all property owners could be provided to the Selectboard so that they could be notified about the new bylaws. Mr. McCann noted that the next step is for the Selectboard to host its own public hearing on the new bylaws, and that the Selectboard could send those property owners a letter inviting them to the hearing.

f. Mount Holly Conservation Commission Update – Phil Crane

i. A letter of interest has been received from Jeanmarie Fitzgerald to the Conservation Commission; she was also recommended by the Commission. Jeff Chase made a motion to appoint Ms. Fitzgerald; Mark Turco seconded; unanimously approved.

ii. The Conservation Commission notes that the trash receptacle at the Star Lake Beach is not being regularly maintained. The Selectboard Clerk will reach out to the Community Association regarding maintenance of the trash receptacle at the beach.

iii. The Conservation Commission submitted a draft grant to the Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program (UCFP), for the Selectboard's review. The grant is intended to begin the work of restoring and renewing the trees planted in 2006-08 with funding from the UCFP. The work in 2023 will be limited to the fertilization and pruning of about 60-80 trees, most of which are young maples on Maple Hill Road. The Selectboard recommended asking for the grant maximum of \$1,500; Mr. Chase offered to support the Commission in editing the grant and made a motion to accept the grant at the maximum request of \$1,500. Mark Turco seconded; unanimously approved.

g. Plowing Budget for FY24: The Town of Wallingford has requested an updated quote for FY plowing and grading. Mr. Chase recommended increasing the fee by approximately 5% for FY24, to an increase of \$150. Mr. Turco recommended increasing the cost by the same percentage for Plymouth. Mr. Chase made a motion to increase the rate as discussed; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

Mount Holly Town Auditors Request For The Town Report

Mount Holly Town Auditors are requesting of all organizations who **submit articles and or budgets for the Mount Holly Town Report** to have your articles typed single spaced and mailed or dropped off or e-mailed to: monthollyauditors@gmail.com or to the Town Office no later than **January 4th, 2023**. Anything received after that date will not appear in the Town Report. All articles mail to the Town Office at the following address: **Mount Holly Town Office, Attn: Auditors, P.O. Box 248, Mt. Holly, VT 05758**

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

clean up two of the three properties that are in violation of the junk ordinance, and that fines will not be issued for these properties at this time. A fine will be issued for the Station Road property that is still out of compliance with the ordinance.

6. New Business

a. Bowlsville Bridge Special Meeting with VTrans: VTrans has proposed an Alternatives

Presentation Meeting to discuss repair and replacement of the Bowlsville bridge, including the existing conditions of the bridge, site constraints, the options considered in the Agency's scoping report and the recommended alternative(s). The Selectboard decided to schedule the meeting with VTrans for 6 pm on January 24.

7. Ongoing & Old Business

a. ARPA Funding Requests

i. A/V Equipment for Town Office: Patrick Cody at Okemo Valley TV has received another quote from a second vendor to upgrade A/V at the Town Office (a previously approved funding request.) The quote does not include one necessary piece of equipment; Mr. Cody will request an updated quote.

ii. Oddfellows Hall Renovations: Dennis Devereux noted that the Oddfellows will meet tomorrow and provide an update at the next meeting.

b. Traffic Ordinance Enforcement Update: The Selectboard agreed to continue to fund traffic ordinance enforcement beyond the original end-date of the contract with the Sheriff's

Department. The effort is generating ticket revenue for the town, and winter conditions make speeding enforcement important.

c. Junk Ordinance Enforcement Update: The

Selectboard noted that progress has been made to

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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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.

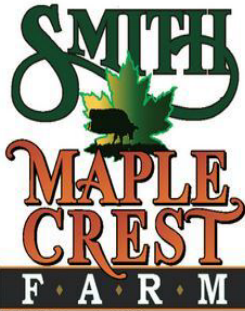
d. AED Survey and Quote: Stephen Michel has sought a quote for AED units to be installed in

Town buildings; an initial quote has been provided by one vendor, and additional quotes for necessary training and servicing will be sought.

e. Openings: Board of Listers, Constable and Treasurer: Elizabeth Karle attended to officially express interest in running for the role of Treasurer in March, and shared her ten-year background in nonprofit finance, as well as experience in overseeing IT administration.

Mount Holly Animal Control Officer

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



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c. The Swap Shed will be open Saturdays only through March.

d. Dog licensing renewal will begin January 1.

e. The Selectboard reminds Town residents that residents cannot plow snow from their properties into the traveled portion of the road, per state statute.

f. The Town Budget Workshop is set for 5 pm on January 3.

10. Review & Sign Orders

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

a. Diana Garrow made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mark Turco seconded; unanimously approved.

12. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

8. Citizen Comments

a. Diana Garrow noted that the Town Office furnace has needed to be repaired; the capacitor was replaced. A cleaning and service is also needed.

b. Les and Linda Lampert submitted a letter asking for the Selectboard's guidance regarding whether tree removal on their property was their or the Town's responsibility. Mr. Turco noted that he and Mr. Woolley would inspect the property in order to make a decision.

9. Announcements/Other Business

a. The Town Office will be closed on Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2..

b. The Transfer Station will be closed on Sunday, December

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ALTERNATIVES PRESENTATION MEETING



Mount Holly, VT – An Alternatives Presentation for the project listed below will be held on Tuesday, January 24th, 2023, beginning at 6:00 PM at the Mount Holly Town Office, located at 50 School Street in Mount Holly, VT. The meeting will be held jointly between the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) and the Town of Mount Holly.

Bridge Project:

- MT. HOLLY BO 1443(56) – Town Highway 17, Bridge 64 over a branch of Mill River

The recommended alternative includes a full bridge replacement while maintaining traffic through the project area during construction.

The intent of the meeting is to provide an overview of this project to Town Officials, local residents and businesses, emergency services and other interested parties. There will be a review of the existing site conditions, proposed work, and overall schedule followed by a question-and-answer period. Representatives from both VTrans and the Town of Mount Holly will be available at the meeting to address public concerns about the project.

A copy of the *Scoping Report* for this project is available online at:

<https://outside.vermont.gov/agency/vtrans/external/Projects/Structures/121642>



Mount Holly Town Auditors Request For The Town Report

Mount Holly Town Auditors are requesting of all organizations who **submit articles and or budgets for the Mount Holly Town Report** to have your articles typed single spaced and mailed or dropped off or e-mailed to: mthollyauditors@gmail.com or to the Town Office no later than **January 4th, 2021**. Anything received after that date will not appear in the Town Report. All articles mail to the Town Office at the following address: **Mount Holly Town Office, Attn: Auditors, P.O. Box 248, Mt. Holly, VT 05758**

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

Planning Commission Town Office & Remote Electronic – Special Work Meeting Minutes

Wednesday November 2, 2022 6:00 P.M.

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

Also Present: Renee Sarmento (Clerk), Stephen Michel, Phil and Katy Crane (Zoom), David Johnson, Jeff Chase, Kyle Medash (Zoom), Francis DeVine (Zoom), Bruce & Marie Paquette

1. Chair called the meeting to order at 6:04pm
2. Changes to agenda: None
3. Inventory of subdivisions file
 - a. Chair shared that over the last couple years he has put together an inventory of the files for subdivisions and other transactions in the office – cross referenced with land record plats.
4. Flood Hazard and River Corridor Bylaw
 - a. Discussion with landowners in river corridors
- i. Chair welcomed landowners and Kyle Medash, the DEC flood plain manager who has been assisting with the draft. Chair explained that this is an extra meeting in addition to the forthcoming public hearing – as recommended by the Regional Planning Commission among others.
- ii. Marie Paquette stated they are trying to learn and have looked at the information in the chit chat. Mrs. Paquette stated they went on the state maps to look. It is her understanding if things are already there then they are okay but future building may need a permit. Bruce Paquette added they would like to know how this affects them as property owners. Mr. Paquette asked if there is an amount of footage you would need to be away from the river corridor.

1. Chair explained on that map there are three different areas identified: existing special flood hazard area, mapped river corridors, and “small stream” river corridors. The special flood hazard area is already regulated. Kyle Medash responded if the property is on the Mill River, it is likely the fully “mapped” river corridor.
2. Kyle explained the difference between river corridors and flood hazard areas. Flood hazard areas regulation is focused on inundation flooding (waters rising to a certain height). River corridors’ role is in recognizing erosion and where it could occur and that the river needs space to adjust so it isn’t causing erosion up or downstream. Giving the river space will protect bridges and roads. The regulations recognize there are things in the river corridor and they will remain that way. However, new encroachment is what is discouraged (putting things closer to the river corridor than already exist).
- iii. Chair asked Kyle to explain relationship to the river corridors and how they relate to existing flood hazard areas. Kyle explained that the “small streams” are areas higher up on the water shed and do not have a big drainage area. However, as they come down into lower valleys and pick up a lot more tributaries, they gain a lot more water. Flood hazard areas are in those lower valleys and that is where your river corridors will get a bit wider. River corridors are based on drainage area (how much water is flowing into the stream at that point) and channel width. “Small streams” that are regulated have just a 50-foot buffer. As you get lower in the watershed that is where there is full mapped river corridor.
- iv. Chair stated the existing ordinance already regulates development within the special flood hazard area. Mr. Paquette stated they do not plan on developing further on their property. Mr. Paquette spoke about the new (2019) box culvert on Route 155 and how it is fantastic.
- v. Mrs. Paquette asked when was this map developed and would a new culvert affect flood hazard area. Kyle stated only way to change FEMA mapping is through FEMA.
Phil Crane asked what is the definition of a river corridor. Phil asked if it is basically +/- 50 feet from the center of the water flow in the case of his place, which is a small stream. Kyle responded, for “small streams” it would just be a 50 foot set back from the top of bank. Mr. Crane asked what does “top of bank” mean? Kyle explained, if standing in the channel and you can see where the bank is established that would be top of bank. If it is a steep slope go to top of slope. Mr. Crane asked if attractive things/enhanced landscaping (i.e. rock gardens) to improve the strength and stability of the soil would be okay. Kyle stated it would likely be allowed under the bylaw.
- vi.
- vii. Chair asked Kyle to explain what the relationship is between class 2 wetlands and any regulations that would be applied here. Kyle stated the wetlands is a separate department from the rivers program so doesn’t want to speak too much of it here, but anything that is in a wetland or within its 50-foot buffer need a permit to do anything in there which requires analysis of avoidance, minimization, and things like that.



It's Time To Start Thinking About 2025!

(the 2025 Mount Holly Calendar that is)

Okay, it's time for you photographers out there to start thinking about what photos you will submit to this year's (2023 for the 2025 calendar)

Mount Holly Photo & Calendar Competition

Here are a couple or three hints:

1. Because the calendar traditionally has only one vertical format photo and the rest are horizontal, you should include one or two horizontal photos with your three submissions.
2. Because there are usually more photos of just one or two seasons submitted to the competition you increase your chances of getting into the calendar if your entries cover multiple seasons.
3. Trying to bribe the panel of judges is frowned upon.

viii. Francis DeVine stated his property is not in any of the areas. He was just interested in the discussion and learning more about what is happening.

ix. Chair described how he reached out directly by phone and email to as many people as time allowed and also put something in the Newsflash. So far, results were: ten people were firmly in support, eight people had no concerns at all, and a number of people still reviewing the information, no disapprovals. Chair stated he had also received five email letters of support.

x. Chair stated the next step is to schedule a Planning Commission public hearing. Chair has already sent a draft of the bylaw and the reporting form to the State. Chair read an email from Jenni Lavoie at the Agency of Commerce & Community Development.

xi. Mrs. Paquette asked about the difference between what the Commission has proposed and what the Town currently has. Chair responded that the existing FHA regulations were based on the 2008 Regional Planning Commission models. Commission is now hoping to update to the 2022 Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation model, which is also approved by FEMA. There are essentially two parts, one is updating the regulation to be a little more modern and includes a couple of higher standards, the other is including river corridor protections. The primary reason for this change is to receive 40% more funding from the state Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund (ERAF). Mr. Paquette stated he would like to see a map of their property. Kyle stated he would be able to print up a map for them. Chair will follow up with Paquettes after the meeting.

xii. Mrs. Paquette asked if people saw this as an issue with flood insurance. Kyle stated that flood insurance is an issue primarily between the homeowner and the insurance company. For any mortgage with flood hazard on the property, if you do not have a letter that removes the house, then you are required to get flood insurance. Federally subsidized flood insurance is available to anyone in Mount Holly. Flood insurance rating depends on how high above or below the house is to the base flood elevation.

xiii. Chair asked Kyle what the options are for individuals whose properties appear different on the ground than on the map. Kyle stated there is something to change map for the river corridors. For example, if you have bedrock next to stream and feel extends to the bank and isn't going to erode or move, you could look at changing it. It is very uncommonly done. Chair asked Kyle how one makes changes to flood hazard areas when you have engineering available. Kyle stated homeowner could go to FEMA and get a letter of map amendment.

xiv. Chair spoke of a "Higher Standards Crosswalk" document provided by Kyle. Kyle explained this is back into flood hazard regulation section not river corridor. The update added two feet of free board, so if you were going to add a new structure in the flood

plain, presumably allowed otherwise, it would need to be elevated above the base flood elevation. It adds two feet of flood protection to any structure. Substantial improvements: this new bylaw includes a 3-year cumulative substantial improvement. If it hits 50% or more of the building value you would have to flood mitigate it (i.e. elevate it, put in flood vents, move utilities to higher floor). Critical facilities: FEMA doesn't prevent them in the minimum regulations This recognizes police, fire stations, schools, hospitals, keeping them out of the flood plain/not building new critical facilities in a flood zone. River corridor is a part of this that is not part of the old one.

xv. Chair discussed the changes to the bylaw draft since the last meeting.

1. Filled in the blanks in the summary table. Kyle spoke with colleagues and has recommendations on how to fill in blanks.

2. Next change was clarity around "districts." It is now defined further as meaning floodway or a special food hazard area. There are only two districts.

3. Commission was wondering what "as adopted by the community" meant in the sense of the floodways. Kyle suggested changing it to: The floodway as shown on the current effective FEMA maps, adopted by this community. There are no floodways currently in Mount Holly.

xvi. Chair sent around Kyle's responses to questions from the last meeting. Commissioners did not have any further questions.

xvii. Chair suggested Commission take Kyle's suggestions and amend the draft. Commissioner Sullivan made a motion to accept Kyle's changes and amend the draft. This was seconded by Commissioner Schulz. **Unanimously approved.**

xviii. Chair asked for comments and questions from Commissioners.

1. Commissioner A. Seward stated he would like to see a letter sent to every property that would be affected. Commissioner A. Seward volunteered for this task, and

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offered to construct a list. Chair suggested mailing the fact sheet and map in the next week and offered to assist.

2. Commissioner Sullivan stated the changes are important and beneficial to the entire town not just landowners in river corridors.
3. Jeff Chase stated he did not have any questions or concerns, and noted that it is a lot of information.
- xix. Chair asked for public comments.
 1. David Johnson requested a change be made in § VII. J. 3. c. ii. that states "zoning permit." Kyle clarified that a certificate of occupancy to confirm all work has been completed is required by FEMA. Agreed to change to: "permit issued under this bylaw."
 2. Kyle spoke about FEMA reimbursement, Mount Holly's current rate, and what the increase would be if adopted river corridors and higher flood standards. If adopted (higher flood standards, river corridor protection), it looks like the town is making a good effort in flood prevention which gives the town a leg up on applications for other kinds of funding and pre-disaster mitigation funding.
 3. Mr. Johnson suggested a change in section § VII. F. ("Decisions") so that the original decision is recorded and the recorded decision is filed.
 4. Mr. Johnson added he thinks the Planning Commission should let the Select Board know they might want to think adding a fee to the fee schedule for applications for permit and Board of Adjustment hearings. Mr. Michel wondered if should be similar to subdivision fees since they have similar notice requirements.
 5. Chair suggested adding, under section § VII. C ("Applications"), a number 4: "All applicable application and hearing fees, as set by the Select Board." All agreed.
 6. Mr. Johnson asked what "protected from scour" in § V. F ("Development Standards within the Floodway") meant. Kyle stated that section is talking about floodway (the highest regulated area), so if doing anything in floodway, there is a good chance you will need to provide a hydraulic analysis to say that what is being put in is not increasing flood elevations or alternating flow. Then it is saying if there is something where there is no change in grade (i.e. fence, something minor), you would not need to do the hydraulic analysis as long as it is protected by scour. Chair stated scour means to eat away by movement of water. Mount Holly does not have any mapped floodways. Chair will speak with Kyle about FEMA approved definition of scour.
 7. Mr. Michel asked if Kyle would do a presentation for the Board of Adjustment. Mr. Michel gave Kyle his email to communicate about meeting.
 8. Draft will be put on the website. Chair offered to send draft directly to Mr. and Mrs. Paquette when updated.
 9. Chair stated it is possible to make changes to the proposed bylaw all the way through the public hearing.
- b. Schedule public hearing
- i. The public hearing will be held December 7th at 6pm (**all agreed**)
5. Public comments: None
6. Upcoming meetings
 - a. Regular meeting – November 16th 7 pm (Reorganization and Transportation Plan)
 - b. Public Hearing - December 7th at 6 pm (Flood Hazard and River Corridor Bylaw)
7. Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm For the Commission, Renee Sarmento, Clerk



Planning Commission Town Office & Remote Electronic – Regular Meeting Minutes Wednesday November 16, 2022 7:00 P.M.

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

Also Present: Renee Sarmento (Clerk), Stephen Michel, Ethan Pepin (RRPC), Jeff Chase (Select Board)

1. Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.
2. Changes to agenda: Move up Transportation Plan (8a) to between 3 and 4.
3. Approval of minutes
 - a. October 19th, 2022 regular meeting minutes and November 2nd, 2022 special meeting were approved as distributed.
4. Transportation Plan with guest Ethan Pepin (RRPC)
 - a. Ethan Pepin said he has taken over for Devon Neary as transportation planner at RRPC. Ethan reviewed the process: Laying out the framework, talking with Planning Commission, meeting with individual stake holders (road foreman, Select Board), filling in any data gaps, sending a draft to Planning Commission to review, attending Planning Commission meeting after and take comments/feedback, making revisions and send back to PC to approve final version and add any last additional edits.
 - b. Ethan reviewed the recently approved Poultney Transportation Plan. It starts out with a brief overview introduction and important planning goals. Then list of assets which is data information that Ethan will take care of. The next part is a traffic volume and safety study which looks at where crashes are happening and high concern. Next section, is the meat of the plan where Poultney laid out three main categories they want to focus on (MRGP, alternative transportation, complete streets, and planning for parking). The last section starts on the goals, and that is where the previous categories are broken down into actionable goals for the next five year with specific projects. Ethan stated, looking at the existing Mount Holly plan and policies and goals section it might be work organizing it the way the Poultney Plan does. Thinking about tangible and actionable goals that would like to accomplish in the next five years. Ethan noted that these goals and actions are important for receiving grant funding. VTrans, in particular, loves to see a prior existing planning document which identifies a project as a need. It scores huge points if it does, and loses points without it.
 - c. Ethan asked Planning Commission what they see as goals for the plan. Ethan stated he could send plans to the Planning Commission with similar development patterns to come up with ideas. MRGP – transferrable, so could be included. Access management permitting and driveway could also be included.
 - d. Chair stated he would like to see something measurable in the goals rather than just aspirational.
 - e. Ethan suggested reconvening in January and presenting a draft to the Planning Commission.
 - f. Jeff Chase stated culverts in Poultney plan could be used in Mount Holly's Town Plan. Commissioner Andrew Seward suggested including anything the road crew is looking at installing.
 - g. Chair stated there has been unusual data from VTrans about traffic data (i.e. crashes). Report is saying there have only been two crashes at the intersection at the flashing light in the last 10 years. Chair and Commissioner Jim Seward agreed this does not sound correct. It was agreed we will try to find out what is going on. Jeff Chase suggested looking at all the bridges, needing inspections.

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5. Reorganization

a. Election of officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, Recording Secretary)

i. Commissioner Sullivan nominated Jon McCann for Chair, Commissioner Schulz seconded the motion. No other nominations were made. **Elected unanimously.**

ii. Chair nominated Jim Seward for Vice Chair, Commissioner Sullivan seconded the motion. No other nominations were made. **Elected unanimously.**

iii. Chair nominated Andrew Schulz for Recording Secretary, Commissioner Sullivan seconded the motion. No other nominations were made. **Elected unanimously.**

b. Adopt Rules of Procedure and Conflict of Interest Policy

i. Chair reviewed two proposed changes. (1. Meetings not virtual only – virtual/hybrid. 2. Added acknowledgement that email communication is used) Commissioner Sullivan made a motion to approve the proposed draft with changes made. Commissioner Schulz seconded the motion. **Unanimously approved.**

6. Reports & Announcements

a. Administrative Officer

i. Public Hearing notice has been posted in the Vermont Journal (November 16th), three locations in town (Town Office, Belmont Post Office, Mount Holly Post Office), and the web site and News Flash.

b. Planning Commission Chair

i. Chair reported the cell tower has been working (AT&T).

7. Correspondence

a. Subdivision proposals: None

b. Building Construction Registrations

i. Saccardo, 3890 Route 155, concrete foundation, 2x6 walls



ii. Cram, 3270 Old Turnpike Road, addition

iii. Rogers, 484 Dawley Road, 2x6 stick

iv. Boyle, 78 Gates Road South, Storage/garden shed

c. Wastewater system and potable water supply permits: None

d. Email / Other: Fair number of support emails for the Flood Hazard and River Corridor bylaw.

8. New business

9. Unfinished business

a. Transportation Plan with guest Ethan Pepin (RRPC) (Moved up between 3 and 4)

b. Flood Hazard and River Corridor Bylaw updates

i. Public Hearing has been noticed in the Vermont Journal, posted in three public locations, Chair sent email to adjoining municipalities (received receipt from three out of seven) – Chair will call Town Clerks to verify receipt. If this is unsuccessful, will send a certified letter.

ii. Chair gave update on emails and phone calls to affected landowners (so far, 12 full support, 8 no concerns with an expectation of 3 more).

iii. The bylaw was discussed at the Select Board meeting. Jeff Chase stated he provided an update to the other Select Board members in terms of progress and the meeting was upcoming for public comment. Chair stated there were a couple interesting comments and questions from the audience:

1. Will there be an agenda for the Public Hearing? Chair reached out to the Regional Planning Commission asking if there was a typical agenda. As discussed there are two hearings: Planning Commission and Select Board. The Planning Commission meeting will take no specific action in the meeting. Commission will open the meeting and hear comments and then come together at the next Regular Meeting to address those comments. Kyle Medash will hopefully be joining the meeting. Chair stated it would be good to have a Q&A section with Kyle. Chair will present fact sheet review, Kyle have five minutes to provide information, and then do a Q&A.

2. What is the process going forward? Planning Commission will incorporate any changes want to make to the bylaw after the public hearing. At regular meeting decide on handing something to the Select Board. Select Board will then schedule a public hearing. Barbara Noyes-Pulling stated at Select Board public hearing, they typically take formal action, but do not have to. Select Board is able to close the meeting and address questions, do that work or have a joint meeting with the Planning Commission to prepare the final draft to vote on/adopt.

3. How do we tell people how to access details about the corridors? Discussion about putting information into the December issue of the Chit Chat. Discussion was had about what information should be included in the Chit Chat. Chair volunteered to work with Jeff Chase to develop something for the Chit Chat. Chair volunteered to produce a map for anyone that wants to see where the river corridors are. Suggestion to look at Flood Ready website. Chair stated that on A&R Atlas, it is important to de-select small streams less than 0.5 square miles of drainage as Planning Commission does not propose to regulate this. Chair will ask Kyle Medash if river corridors are included in the Permit Navigator.

5. Public Comments: None.

6. Upcoming meetings

a. Public Hearing - December 7th at 6:00pm (1st Wednesday)

b. Regular meeting – December 21st at 7:00 pm (3rd Wednesday)

7. Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm For the Commission, Renee Sarmento, Planning Commission Clerk.



Rotary Financial Round Table Offers Valuable Advice

The Rotary Club hosted a “financial round table” on Dec. 6 featuring past and present members of the accounting and financial services professions. A number of ideas were offered about investing, building retirement savings, tax shelters and more.

Club members Tom Harris and Mark Huntley joined Derick Karner and Jeff Graham for lunch in the Gold Room at Calcuttas Restaurant. Financial advice from professionals like these is regulated by the SEC and other government entities. Comments were offered free and are presented here as

individual opinions, unattributed to any particular source or person.

Everyone should have a financial plan and contribute regularly to a 401K, IRA or 529 plan for educational expenses. Also important is to have a will and/or trust and to E-file your taxes to avoid the IRS backlog.

Stay away from crypto currency – referred to as Crypto Bunko – and recently compared by legendary investor Jamie Diamond to “a pet rock.”

Reduce household expenses by buying bulk food (get a second freezer), cancel the cable subscription (consider Peacock, Discovery Plus, Hulu and other streaming services) and avoid variable rate loans and credit cards.

“Buy stocks now when there’s blood in the streets,” one person said. Over the long term, stocks continue to outperform many other investments. Look for companies that carry low debt and pay dividends, including food and energy producers, oil companies, utilities and companies that transmit electricity. Whenever possible, move savings out of regular bank accounts and into 6-month (or longer) CDs.

The Dec. 6 meeting was Rotary’s last weekly meeting for the year. Rotary usually meets shortly after noon for lunch on Tuesdays at DJ’s Restaurant.

Pictured Jeff Graham, right, a retired accountant who recently closed his Ludlow practice, makes a point as (from left) Derick Karner, Mark Huntley and Tom Harris listen in. Brigid Sullivan

Schmidt Discusses Okemo’s Readiness for New Ski Season

At the recent luncheon meeting of the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC), Bruce Schmidt, VP and General Manager of Okemo Resort, spoke to members of the LRC about the readiness of the Vail-owned resort for the 2022-23 ski season.

Schmidt, a 37-year veteran at Okemo, indicated that new snow-making and lift equipment had been upgraded to provide the mountain with improved snow making capability. He also noted the resort had devoted considerable effort to increase its housing for employees.

Other key advances at the resort included:

- New parking plan to reduce traffic
- New bus drop area
- No reservations required
- Snowmaking staff doubled
- All restaurants open this season and
- More music performances around the resort

Photo by Kevin Barnes



When queried about the role of Vail in the operation of the mountain, Schmidt said that 95% of all decisions were made at Okemo, not at corporate headquarters at Vail.

He also explained his own growth in the organization and how the resort liked to train employees so they could advance to more challenging careers at the resort.

Pictured above are Jim Rumrill, LRC President, and Bruce Schmidt following Schmidt’s talk to the club. By Ralph Pace

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Fletcher Farm School Annual Appeal Underway

The Annual Appeal for Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts is now underway. Thanks to the generosity of the community during last year's Appeal, and several grants we received, the school has made big strides toward recovering from financial losses incurred during the Covid-19 pandemic, and is looking toward expanding their 2023 season.

Our \$10,000 fundraising goal will upgrade some of our aging classroom equipment that beginning to show its age and is in need of replacement. We are hoping to find grant funding to help us cover the \$5,000 to install Internet access to the rooms on the lower end of the campus, as well as the guest rooms and the Craft Shop. Such Internet access would benefit our classes, and would

also make it easier for our Arts and Crafts Festival vendors to accept digital and credit card payments.

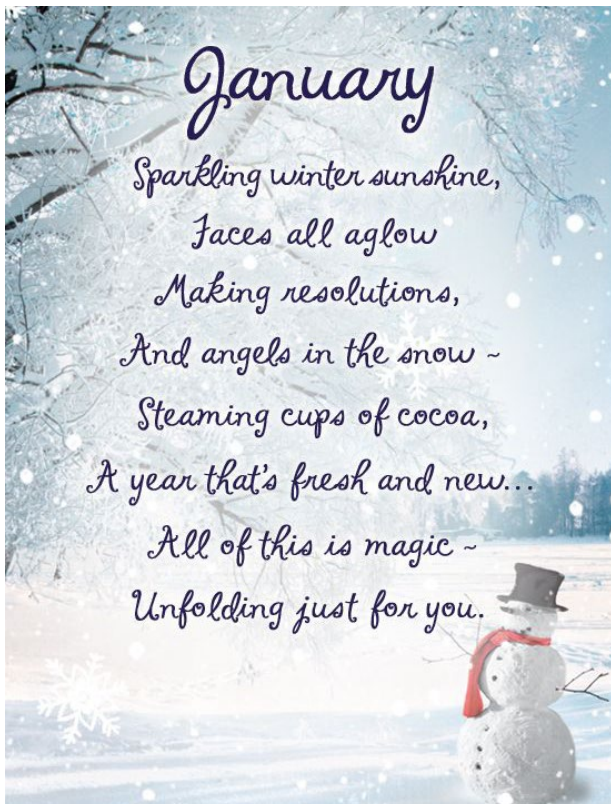
Each month, it costs us approximately \$3,000 per month to keep the doors open. Approximate equipment replacement costs are as follows: a table in a classroom costs \$65, replacing a chair costs \$50, and a new whiteboard costs \$128. We have a total of nine classrooms.

You can also direct your donation to either the area of greatest need or to our Young Artist Scholarship Fund. We were able to give a scholarship to every child who applied for one last year, and would like to repeat that this year. And, as a reminder, gift certificates for classes make great holiday gifts! We are working to recruit new instructors and bring new classes to the school for 2023.

You can support Okemo Valley's local artisan school on our website at <http://www.fletcherfarm.donate>, by calling the office Fletcher Farm School, Route 103 South, Ludlow, VT. We are very

to make your donation by phone, or by sending a check to Fletcher Farm School, Route 103 South, Ludlow, VT. We are very grateful for the support of the Fletcher Farm Foundation and the community for keeping us going.

We wish everyone a happy holiday season and a prosperous New Year! **Society of Vermont Artists and Craftsmen, Inc., Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts, 611 Route 103 South, Ludlow, VT 05149 (802) 228-8770** <http://www.fletcherfarm.org>



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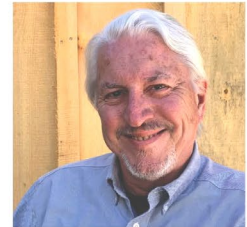
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5+/- Acres between Weston and Belmont

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Learn About Annual Wellness Visits

Community Health is spreading the word about the Annual Wellness Visit (AWV), a free service offered through Medicare that focuses on prevention and is designed to keep you healthy, lower your risk of illness and injury and provide the support you need for a healthy quality of life. The purpose of the AWV is to review an individual's wellness and develop a personalized prevention plan. Medicare covers one free AWV each year if you have been enrolled in Medicare Part B for at least 12 months. **There's no co-payment or deductible for this visit.** The Annual Wellness Visit is different from a yearly physical exam as it will **not** include a hands-on exam or management of new or existing health problems or medications that are part of your annual physical exam. For more information check with your primary care provider or check our website <https://www.chcrr.org/services/#primary-care>

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

Alzheimer's Support Group Meets Second Tuesday at 4p at Community Health

A new Alzheimer's support group will be meeting the second Tuesday of each month at Community Health in Rutland. The support group creates a safe environment where caregivers and family members can share feelings, thoughts and experiences.

In January, the group meets on Tuesday, Jan. 10th. Meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 4pm at Community Health Allen Pond, 71 Allen St. Rutland, Suite 403. For more information, email kbathalon@chcrr.org or check our Community Health [website](#).

Whenever you have questions or concerns about Alzheimer's or dementia, use these available resources:

- [Alzheimer's Helpline 800-272-3900](#) (a unique resource for caregivers, family members and anyone who needs information about Alzheimer's disease or dementia, 24/7)
- [Caregivers Forum](#) is a discussion board for caregivers.
- [Community Resource Finder](#) lists support groups and community resources.

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