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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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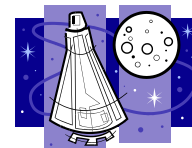
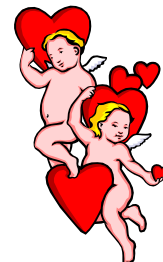
February

1 st	Mt. Holly PTSA Meeting, MH School	6:00 pm	
	<i>Freedom Day- Pres. Lincoln Approves 13th Amendment Abolishing Slavery 1865</i>		
2 nd	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	7:00 pm	
5 th	<i>John Jeffries, One of America's 1st Weather Observers b. 1744 ~ Full Snow Moon</i>		
6 th			
7 th	MH Snow Flyers Meeting Via Zoom	6:30 pm	
	Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library	7:00 pm	
	Mount Holly Conservation Commission	7:00 pm	
8 th	LMHUUS Meeting,	6:00 pm	
	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	7:00 pm	
9 th	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	7:00 pm	
11 th			
12 th	<i>Thomas Alva Edison Founder of General Electric Co 1847</i>		
13 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	7:00 pm	
	<i>Boston Latin School 1st public school in USA 1635</i>		
14 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	9:00 am	
	Select Board Meeting, Town Office & Zoom	6:30 pm	
15 th	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont	6:30 pm	
	MH Planning Commission, MH Town Office & Via Zoom	7:00 pm	
16 th	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations	7:00 pm	
20 th	<i>John Glenn, 1st American to Orbit Earth on Friendship 7, 1962 ~ Presidents Day</i>		
22 nd	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	7:00 pm	
23 rd	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	7:00 pm	
26 th			
27 th	<i>Battle of Iwo Jima 1945</i>		
	<i>Levi Strauss 1829</i>		
	<i>Battle of Java Sea 1942</i>		
	<i>US Supreme Court Upholds 19th Amendment for Women's' Right to Vote 1922</i>		
28 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	9:00 am	
30 th	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations	7:00 pm	
31 st	Mt. Moriah Mason's Meeting, E. Wallingford	7:30 pm	

Emergency Services

MH Fire Dept.	802-259-2700	or	911	Poison Control	(802) 658-3456
MH Fire Warden – Jim Seward	802-786-3408		802-259-2211	American Red Cross	802-773-9159
MH Rescue Squad	Non-Emergency 802-259-6001	or	911	Game Warden – Tim Carey	802-773-9101
MH Constable	NONE			Health Officer – Chad Farrar	802-342-1366
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 chitchat@vermontel.net Check out Mt. Holly Web Site www.mounthollyvt.org



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February Birthdays: 2nd -Justin Bussino (2004) 4th -Chris Charuk 6th -Candace Bussino 8th -Alyssa Collins * Debbie Pearce 9th -Emma Coldwell 10th -Amy Perrino * Jack Koponen 11th -Mary Desautels 18th -Andy Bolalek * Peggy Taylor 19th -Dennis Turco * Denise Turco 20th -Barbara Palotta 21st -Ben Veysey 22nd -Susan Horsman 25th -Meghan Garrow 27th -Mary Crawford



February Anniversaries: 28th -Andy & Teresa Bolalek

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

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	Sat	7:00 am – 10:00 am
Lobby Hours:	Mon – Fri	7:00 am – 4:45 pm
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Window Hours	Mon – Fri	7:30 am – 10:30 am
	&	11:30 am – 2:30 pm
	Sat	8:00 am – 11:00 am
Lobby Hours	Mon – Fri	7:30 am – 5:00 pm
	Sat	7:30 am – 11:00 am
Ludlow		802-228-7436
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Lobby Hours:	Mon – Fri	6:30 am – 5:30 pm
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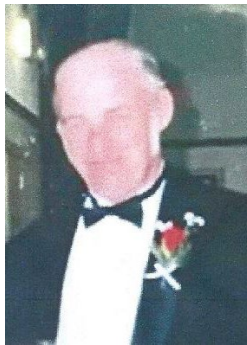
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William A. Higgins

William A. Higgins, 96, of Mount Holly, VT died January 15, 2023, at his home. A complete obituary will be printed in a future edition of the Rutland Herald. Arrangements are by Tossing Funeral Home.



John C. Simonds Jr.

John C. Simonds Jr. 79, died Jan. 13, 2023, at Glens Falls NY Hospital. He was born in Syracuse, NY Nov. 14, 1943, son of John C. and Caroline (Wright) Simonds Sr. He was a US Air Force Vietnam War Veteran. John was mechanic fleet manager at Farrell Distributing in Rutland, VT. Surviving are 2 sons, Tim Simonds of North Clarendon and John W. Simonds of Tinmouth; 2 daughters, Sheila McCutcheon of N. Clarendon and Robyn Young of West Rutland; 3 brothers, Thomas Shannon Simonds, Mike Simonds and Mark Simonds; 3 sisters, Willa Theresa Young, Martha Howard and Zena Gates; 8 grandchildren; nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Barbara Simonds in 2008; a sister, Carol Simonds and a brother, James Simonds. A graveside service will be held at a later date in Calvary Cemetery in Rutland. Arrangements are by the Clifford Funeral Home in Rutland.

Mount Holly School PTSA Fundraiser

The Mount Holly School PTSA is raising money by hosting a High Mowing Seeds Fundraiser! For each order, 50% of the proceeds will be donated to the PTSA. Orders can be placed in person at the Town Office or by email to mounthollyptsa@gmail.com. But you'd better hurry, the deadline to submit an order is February 3! Thank you for helping us grow!



Ludlow Rotary Hears from Expeditionary School at Black River Board Member Patrick Pullinen

At their January 11th meeting the Ludlow Rotary Club heard from Pat Pullinen, of the Expeditionary School at Black River (ESBR) Board of Directors. The school is now in its 3rd year of operation, offering project based learning to students in grades 7 through 12. The Board has been working for state certification approval for the past 3 years. Certification would allow school choice for students to attend the school bringing state tuition reimbursement with them. This funding would permit the school to hire more faculty and accept more students.

The application to the State resulted in the board being asked additional questions, hosting a site visit and finally, subcommittee review. Unfortunately, the subcommittee recommended denial. The Board has added requested procedures and processes as a result of the review. They will go through the certification process again, hoping to be able to establish a \$150,000 budget. To be successful as a school, they need to be able to plan and budget with State certification.

Expeditionary learning is a rare option for students. There are only 116 recognized programs in the US that offer this interdisciplinary approach to learning. All students do projects as part of their education. Projects can be anything a student wishes. Each project includes math, science, and English combined into the project study. Proficiency based grading is used.

In response to a question, Pullinen stated that currently, the target number of students ESBR can support is 14 to 15, so they are not recruiting because they are at capacity. Expeditionary school should be the future of education, he feels. Pullinen did ask members of the Rotary Club to consider joining their board as ESBR is currently recruiting new board members.

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. Brigid Sullivan

Vermont Home Gardener Garden Plans: First Seeds

Once the Holidays have passed some thoughts turn to garden plans. There may be no better way to overcome the mid-winter doldrums than to imagine your next garden and decide what new things to grow this year. Despite the calendar, now is the time to get your plans and seeds organized so you'll be ready when spring arrives. Seed catalogues have already been arriving and it's not too early to make your selections before the best varieties sell out.

Read to whole article about garden seeds at <https://vermonthomegardener.com/>



JANUARY 2023, Mt. Moriah Lodge #96 Trestleboard

Next Meeting 1/31/23 7:30PM

Brothers,

I have received word from Florida that Roland "Butch" Seward passed away on December 26, after a short illness, and RW Leney Barclay passed away on December 31. Funeral arrangements are pending for Butch, and Leney's will be at the end of May. A Masonic funeral has been requested for Leney.

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

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

*** Hall Rental in Belmont ***

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

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new riding helmet that Santa brought her for Christmas.

On a stormy winter day recently, a few friends of Cutie's got together to celebrate her 23rd birthday. A grand old age for a horse. She was born on the plains of Manitoba in Canada, also a cold and wintery location, on February 18, 2000. Unlike other horses, and, as a result of the weather, Cutie sports a pair of "teddy-bear" ears having lost the tips to frostbite when a young foal. This gives her a very distinctive look. Somehow, she found her way to Vermont and has spent a good deal of her 23 years helping to teach young people the joys of *horsefriendship* and how to ride. Cutie is one of the key elements of our programs at Rainbow Riding Center and we celebrate the exceptional, even if often opinionated, nature of this very special horse.

VOLUNTEER AND GET TO KNOW CUTIE!! We're starting our Volunteer Search early this year and hoping for a good turnout. If this is something you think you might be interested in, but don't know what it's all about, or just want to find out what we our programs are all

about, come to the Q&A we're holding on Saturday, February 11th, 1

p.m. at the Belmont Library in Mt. Holly. Anyone age 14 to whatever can volunteer. And there are many ways you can volunteer that doesn't have to be horse related. No experience needed!!

Rainbow Riding Center provides therapeutic horsemanship programs for children and adults. Please visit our website: rainbowridingcenter.org to find out more about us, and follow RRC on Facebook and Instagram @rainbow_riding_center. Contact us at programs@rainbowridingcenter.org or 802-236-2483 to inquire about our programs and lessons. For information about opportunities to volunteer, questions, or need directions, contact janetupton@rainbowridingcenter.org.



Solid Waste Stickers

ORDER FORM

Solid waste stickers are required on all bags disposed of in the compactor.

Stickers can be purchased in advance at the Town Office Monday– Thursday, 8:30 am–4:00 pm or by mail. Cost \$2.00 per sticker.

Transfer Site Hours of Operation:

Spring/Summer – Saturday, 8:00 am – 2:00pm;

Wednesday, 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

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Attention High School Seniors

The Mount Holly Community Guild gives two scholarships to graduating seniors who live in Mount Holly, to be used to continue their education. If you are interested in applying for one of these scholarships please contact Judy Nevin at jbnevin@gmail.com.

Reinbow Riding Center

When Lacey, Cutie's littlest rider last summer, found out we were having a birthday party for her, she decided it was more important to come to the party with gifts than go to school. And, she got to try out the brand-

TELLING YOUR OWN STORIES

How does history become heritage? Lately as I watch Star Lake becoming a meadow and our general store go shuttered and dark, this question has been much on my mind. You can preserve a memory by painting it on canvas, or composing a song about it, or by writing about it. To that end, the next writers' group will focus on memoir. How do you approach telling your own story/memory? What techniques are available to the memoirist? How can the author ensure an audience?

We will be meeting at the library on Monday, February 6th at 1:30.

All are welcome. Joan Connor 802-259-2773, connor@ohio.edu



Bone Builders

Monday & Thursday Mornings

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We would like to remind everyone that during this down time it would be a good idea to support those businesses that rely on snowmobilers. Send us your photo of your travel and we will post to Facebook. The lack of snow affects everyone and maybe a lunch or two out-on-town to those who support riders would be greatly appreciated.

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

ATTENTION MOUNT HOLLY GARDENERS!

May I plant a seed?

As you are envisioning your garden,
please consider participating in

The 16th Annual Mount Holly Garden Tour

It's a Perennial Favorite and a fun way to show off
the Fruits of your Labor!

The Tour will be on Saturday, August 5th 2023

For more information, contact Leah Knoll

259-4137 or leahknoll@yahoo.com



Mount Holly Snow Flyers

Well, we had snow and now it's gone. Mother Nature threw us a curve ball with weather not seen in Vermont for decades. Everyone and everything were set for the start of a good season that we all had been patiently waiting for . . . then New Year's arrived with a drenching rain that washed away most of the snow and pushed the rivers close to overflowing. We were able to get out and groom the trails twice before the snow disappeared.

After the rain and wind had subsided, we headed out to check on the condition of our trails. We found lots of downed trees and a couple areas that had some flood damage. Once again, we have everything set to go when we get some new snow.

Once snow returns, we remind you to please ride with care until we have a chance to groom and build up the base. You will find several rough areas and your sleds can easily be damaged aggressive speeds. It's better to wait and ride when conditions permit rather than damage your sled and get towed back.

The Fireworks we planned for New Year's Eve had to be moved up a day early due to the forecasted rain event. We had a very large turn out that enjoyed our best display to date. A big **Thank You** to all those who helped with the fireworks; it was appreciated by all.

We have constructed a sign board and have many local businesses who have already jumped on board with sponsoring a sign. We are hoping to fill the sign boards and that riders will soon see the board.

We have a nice supply of club apparel for sale. T-shirts, long-sleeved shirts, sweatshirts, hats and caps and soon some glassware and Yeti mugs! Visit our website for more information. Items can be purchased directly online and shipped

Notice Dog Owners

Dog Licensing has begun for this 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
Male or female Neutered or Spayed = \$ 13.00 per dog
Male of female Unneutered or Unsprayed = \$ 19.00 per dog
Checks should be made payable to: Town of Mount Holly

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.

At this point everyone is waiting for the snow to come and we're keeping our fingers crossed that it does.

Thank You to all landowners that allow us access to your property, our volunteers who spend countless hours keeping the trails and club functioning. We would like to send a big shout out to our members who purchased a TMA from the Mount Holly Snow Flyers. Mount Holly Snow Flyers, Dale Sutherland, President



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MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY NEWS FEBRUARY 2023



Save the date: February 18, 2023 7:00 pm. Join us for a showing of "The Epic of Everest". This film is the official record of the ill-fated expedition of 1924 in which the climbers George Mallory and Andrew Irvine disappeared high on the mountain, creating the possibility that they may have reached the summit and then vanished on the descent. Mallory's body was discovered in 1999 below the spot where they were last seen. This is a must see for anyone interested in climbing.

People are talking about the TV series "Yellowstone" and it's prequel "1883". The library has purchased a copy of "1883" available for checkout. If you enjoy westerns, why not browse some of our collection by authors like C.J. Box, Louis L'Amour, Wallace Stegner, Cormac McCarthy, Norman Maclean and others. Great stories to read by the fire!

- The library will be closed Monday 2/20/23.
- Don't forget: The library has adult and kids snowshoes available for checkout!
- The book drop is closed for the winter. Please return material inside.

Mount Holly Town Library
26 Maple Hill Road
Belmont, VT 05730
802-259-3707

<https://mounthollytownlibrary.wordpress.com>
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an Ecstatic dance class February 6 & 24 (6-7:30pm). Get your groove on and treat your body to some fun group exercise classes.

Other news from MHCA - building heating troubles. If you have recently used the community center or visited the library you know the building has been on the chilly side. After multiple visits, a new part for the furnace, and the discovery of a frozen discharge pipe, we get the news we might just need a new boiler. Well that's just the news you want to hear in the middle of winter. So we are exploring our options and hope we can maintain heat in the interim. As always we must tip our hat and give thanks to the support of our generous membership base who make maintaining this historic building possible. *Thank you members of the Mount Holly Community Association!!!* If you're not a member please consider joining today - simply go to mhvavt.org and click on "Membership Online" and sign up or send us your donation to MHCA PO Box 93 Belmont VT 05730. We THANK YOU for your support!

News from the Mount Holly Community Association

According to the Farmers Almanac early February may be on the warm and rainy side with late February much colder but honestly the almanac had some contradictory weather predictions. It's fair to say who really knows what it will be like. However, we can say with certainty that it was another SPECTACULAR NYE firework display put on by the Snow Flyers. Despite having to make some last minute changes it all came together with a colorful display of bright lights in the night sky, a warming bonfire, and hot cider and hot chocolate that helped fend off the cold. This celebration is such a special event in our community and there were ALOT of people on hand who shouted with glee and expressed gratitude in both word and donations! We cannot say it enough - we live in an exceptional place and have a wonderful community. Hats off to the Snowflyers for their community spirit, we were happy to offer our support to make this a night to remember.

Get ready for our next event, **The Spring Mud Fling!** Yes we are moving forward with the celebration this year so start limbering up and brush off your dancing shoes. Mark your calendars for **Saturday April 29th at 7pm**; Board member and Mud Fling coordinator Mary Alberty has just confirmed AXIS will be in the house - whoot whoot!!

It's hard to think about spring in February but gardeners certainly do and with that being said we are on the hunt for those mountain gardeners who would like to participate in this year's garden tour. It's great motivation to get your gardens cleaned up, speaking from personal experience, and a lot of fun to share your creative cultivations and meet people from near and far who come to the annual garden event. This year we are pushing back the date to August 5th so you will have plenty of time to spruce things up.

Please contact mhcavt@gmail.com if you are interested or want to learn more about participating.

Did you know that there are three different exercise classes being offered at the community center AND being "in shape" is not a requirement! We want to encourage you to come check them out, bring a friend, and have some fun! Bone Builders meet twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays (9-10am); Saturday mornings - Yoga with Tish (9-10am) and Kayla Soule is offering

SOME OBSERVATIONS ABOUT LAST YEAR'S MOUNT HOLLY PHOTO & CALENDAR COMPETITION

1. *Once again no photos of Maple Hill Road were submitted. Is Maple Hill Road losing its "je ne sais quoi"?*
2. *And once again no one submitted a photo of a moose. Are mooses, or is it "meese", losing their je ne sais quoi as well?*
3. *A bunch of children entered great photos but unfortunately the photos were in vertical format (the calendar only has one vertical photo v. 15 horizontals).*
4. *Someone submitted photos of rusty farm machinery abandoned in the woods that only got one vote, his own.*
5. *The number of photos entered was more than the previous year but fewer than the year before that (proving absolutely nothing).*
6. *This ad contains not-so-secret hints on how to submit winning photographs in 2023: submit some horizontal photos with your verticals and stay away from rusty farm machinery.*

Entry forms will be available in early July and entry deadline is September 25, 2023.

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Mount Holly School PTSA Fundraiser

The Mount Holly School PTSA has coordinated a High Mowing Seeds Fundraiser, and we want to be sure that the whole town is stocked up on seeds for their garden! For each order 50% of the proceeds are donated to the PTSA! The money raised will be used to fund the Winter Sports Program, 4 Winds (science and nature lessons from the Four Winds Nature Institute delivered to the classes by parent volunteers), the Artist in Residence Program, as well as other fun activities.

If you are interested, orders can be placed in person at the Mount

Holly Town office, or you can send an email to mounthollyptsa@gmail.com (be sure to include your name and phone number along with the list of items you'd like to order). Checks can be made payable to Mount Holly PTSA, or if you need alternate methods, please mention in an email. **Order and payment are due by February 3rd.** Thank you for your support!

Check Out Rainbow Riding's Article

If you have a moment, check out Rainbow Riding's article in the advocacy section of the Winter 2023 Edible Vermont. <https://ediblevermont.ediblecommunities.com/food-thought/enhancing-lives-through-riding>

If you'd like a copy, the town office has them, as well as many local eateries in Ludlow. The edition features Andrew Molen, chef at many local Ludlow restaurants, who chose to feature Rainbow Riding as an organization he supports. We're excited to have him on our team!

If you'd like to know how you can support the organization, please reach out to me.

We have a need for just about anything you might want to bring to our programs; from barn maintenance skills, horse interaction, and educational specialties to organizational skills, you name your desire to help, and we'll find a fit.

Liz Karle, Executive Director, Rainbow Riding Center phone: (413) 652-5440 Lizkarle@rainbowridingcenter.org
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Vermont Home Gardener Winter Gardening

Here we are... winter in Vermont with beautiful snow, cold nighttime temperatures, but there's still plenty to keep a good gardener busy. If you haven't yet ordered your garden seeds yet, that is *your #1 priority!* Look at the short list of local seed companies that I include in the full article (or any others that you like) and you can browse their online catalogs from the comfort of home. Don't delay, the best varieties sell out first. In this article I offer a few short winter tips and easy-to-do ideas that will make the coming garden season more productive. If you can't wait and want to grow something in mid-winter, consider micro-greens or sprouts to have freshly grown salad greens right now.

Read the full article of Winter Garden Tips at <https://vermonthomegardener.com/>

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Hi Mount Holly Residents!

My name is Liz Karle (or Elizabeth on the ballot), and I'm excited to announce that I'm running for Mount Holly Treasurer. You may recognize my name already as I'm the current Executive Director of Rainbow Riding Center. Both my role with Rainbow Riding and the role of town treasurer offer perfect part-time opportunities that allow me to use my almost 10 years of non-profit finance and management experience.

My professional experience includes six years at Spring Lake Ranch in the business office (three as the Business Manager) and two plus years as Finance Director at NeighborWorks of Western Vermont. These are both non-profit organizations that use fund accounting, as does our town, and have similarly sized budgets. My work included annual budget creation and oversight, ongoing financial reporting and variance analysis, as well as making investment and financial recommendations to the Board of Trustees. My day-to-day duties included oversight of our technology, working with HR (or being HR), and any other finance related needs within a very small administrative office. This work included oversight of payroll, pensions, liability insurance review, contract/legal review, annual audits, and included systems implementation. In my role at Spring Lake Ranch, I also oversaw the kitchen and maintenance team, so I am familiar with the many moving parts that are involved in keeping a facility running. I expect that experience will come in handy as it translates to partnering with the town garage and all other town facilities and committees.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

There were more buyers for Mount Holly 2023 calendars this year than there were calendars to be sold. Be sure to buy yours early when the new 2024 calendar comes out in July.

Mount Holly Photo & Calendar Competition

My time at NeighborWorks was heavily focused on oversight and reporting of state and federal grant funding, which will transfer well to the town office, as many of the same requirements apply to the town of Mount Holly. While I know that there are *many* things involving town government that I'll need to learn, I am excited to bring my career and life experience to our town if elected.

If you're still awake after all the financial talk, now for a little bit more about me! I moved to Vermont around 10 years ago after growing up in Berkshire County, Massachusetts, and earning my bachelor's degree at Bentley University in Waltham, MA. I met my husband in Vermont shortly thereafter and I've been here ever since. As of 2016, I completed my MBA and we started our family in Mt. Holly in early 2017. My husband Adam, and I, have two small children, Maya (6) and Rhys (4). Having two small children led me to shift into part-time roles (aka more flexible with a family!) as of 2022 when I left NeighborWorks. The opportunity to work entirely in Mount Holly is one I'm extremely excited about! Our household is rounded out by an Old English Sheepdog, Rhino, a Great Pyrenees mix named Henry, and one blind cat named Larry. We all enjoy time spent outside with the dogs, in the fields and enjoying the local trails, as well as time inside with a book and a cozy fire.

If you'd like to reach out, please feel free to contact me at ekarle2016@gmail.com or via my cell phone (413) 652-5440. (I know, I know, it's still a 413 phone number from the Berkshires...maybe someday I'll get an 802 number!)

Community Invitation



- Are you sorry to see the Belmont Store closed?
- Do you have ideas about how it might be reopened?
- If there is a buyer, do you have thoughts on how our community can help them make it a success?
- All are welcome – please come with ideas and energy!
- Zoom participation available – RSVP for details

Please join us for a **brainstorming session** to share ideas on **ways to reopen and support the Belmont General Store**

When: 6-7pm Thurs 9 Feb 2023

Where: Mt Holly Community Room
(Library basement)

Please RSVP so we know how many people to expect! alexandra.yuster@gmail.com

Organizers: Lisa Kelley and Alex Yuster

To Russia (and Ukraine) With Love

IT WAS, undoubtedly, the most iconic moment of modern U.S. history. Everybody recalls Reagan's bold statement, "Mr. Gorbachev, *tear down* this wall!" Ultimately, in an act of great humility, Gorbachev *did*. As news broke at the end of August about the passing of that former Soviet leader (at 91) it gave me pause to reflect on Russia's recent history and our inclusion in it. As a new year begins there is also an opportunity to consider how God sovereignly ordains world events and uses men in high positions— often unwittingly to them— to serve His greater purposes.

We had prayed for years that God would break down the Iron Curtain and end the severe, hostile persecution of Russian believers under Communism. When Mikhail Gorbachev's efforts at *glasnost* (openness) and *perestroika* (restructuring) began to loosen the restrictions imposed on the churches and later opening arms to Christian groups ready to help, we went. We joined a team working through the Finnish Free Foreign Mission to bring the Good News to kids attending the former Communist Youth Camps near St. Petersburg (formerly Leningrad). Never had we seen such humility, curiosity and a deep hunger for spiritual truth than in those children and adults. We basically held Vacation Bible School in every camp that welcomed us, using Bible stories, crafts, puppets, and songs in Russian. We returned for a string of summers, watching these young lives grow and observing their pastors and congregations helping displaced families from Chechnya. One Ukrainian pastor invited me to speak (through a translator) to his mixed Russian/Ukrainian congregation. It was a time of great harvest as lives were transformed by the Gospel.



Now the Cold War is back. The blow to national pride eventually made a strongman like Putin attractive to many Russians. A grinding proxy war is the grim and bloody requiem of decades of Putin. Alexey Markevich, a Moscow Baptist, has said, "We need to repent for the evil that our country is causing others. Which is closer to us: our faithfulness to brotherhood in Christ, or our submission to godless authorities?" Both Ukrainian and Russian churches are demonstrating faithful witness in their care for the war refugees. Government disinformation still abounds. Pasha, one of our former translators, recently informed us that "the only way we get the truth about the war is through WhatsApp!"

Alexey, another Christian, writes: "Brothers and sisters in Russia, Ukraine, or any other country, we all have one Heavenly Father and we all are members of the same family. This is not a war within our peoples. I don't care about your political views or your theology of power. When one of my loved ones is in pain, I want to be there for you."

To my Ukrainian friends in particular, thank you for being ready to cry and pray with me and for accepting my feelings of fear and regret, despite the fact that I am a Russian. This gives me confidence that Satan will be

defeated once again, and the church of God will continue to demonstrate the love of Jesus." Not only is love stronger than hate, but it takes down walls between people. —Pastor Glenn

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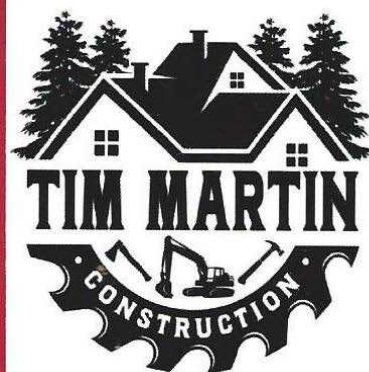
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Vermont Fish & Wildlife Green Mountain Conservation Camp Registration is Open

If you are 12 to 14 years old and want to learn about Vermont's wildlife and gain outdoor skills, consider attending one of the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department's Green Mountain Conservation Camps this summer. If you are a GMCC alum, 16 or younger, consider coming back for another summer.



The one-week camp programs are held at Lake Bomoseen in Castleton and Buck Lake in Woodbury. Campers participate in hands-on learning about fish and wildlife conservation, ecology, forestry, orienteering, safe firearm and archery techniques, swimming, canoeing, fishing and more. Natural resource professionals come to the camp to share information on their programs and take campers out for field activities.

"Whether kids come alone or with friends, they are guaranteed to meet new people and form new bonds while experiencing Vermont's natural resources to the fullest," said Fish and Wildlife Education Specialist Hannah Phelps. "An important take-away message and common theme during the week is that conserving and managing habitat will help ensure Vermont will have fish and wildlife in the future."

"We would love to have all of the advanced sessions filled for campers who have already attended a basic session," added Phelps. "Advanced sessions are for campers who have completed a basic session in a previous summer and who are 16 years old or younger. Advanced sessions include more in-depth activities about backpacking, [camping](#), natural resources, and unique hunting and fishing techniques."

Conservation Camps open June 18 and continue until August 18. Tuition is \$250 for the week, including food, lodging and equipment, and financial assistance is available. [Information and registration](#) are available at www.vtfishandwildlife.com. For more information, contact FWGMCC@vermont.gov or call 802-522-2925.

"The Black River Rod and Gun Club will be sponsoring boy and girl between the ages of 12 to 14 years who wish to attend the coming Conservation Camp. To apply please either write or phone our Conservation Camp Coordinator, Mary Nortunen at 1405 VT Route 103 South, Mount Holly, VT 05758 or call 802-259-2412.

So how many of us knew this?

Today I called the Town, as I remembered we were going to have snow this week, and always a bit higher up where I live. I asked Clinton, the foreman at the highway department if it would be possible for the town trucks to turn their plows the other way so there isn't so much snow for me to shovel to get out of the driveway. I also explained to him, if I was 40 or even 50 yrs. old, I would not have a problem shoveling the 1-2ft, (and sometimes higher) of snow at the entrance of the driveway, but now at my age, over 65, just cannot do it.

Clinton chuckled and then I chuckled, he said "Jean the plows do not swing the other way, as they are fixed in one position and are not like the smaller plow trucks that can change the swing of the plows." So, he really started to chuckle, and I told him I did not know that.

Nevertheless, Clinton and the department will make the accommodations for me! I thanked him and we chuckled again and said good-bye! So how many of us knew this? Jean Pagliughi



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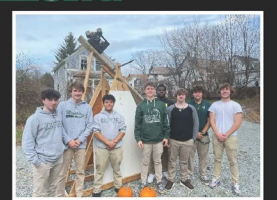


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ALTERNATIVES PRESENTATION MEETING JANUARY 24, 6:00 pm AGENDA


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. The meeting may also be attended remotely via zoom.

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/12J642>





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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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The Vermont Statutes Title 23: Motor Vehicles

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

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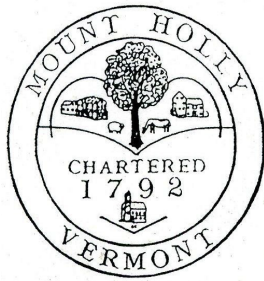
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Mount Holly Town News

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

Select Board Meeting @ Town Office January 10, 2022 6:30 pm MEETING MINUTES

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

(Chair)

Town Officials: In Person: Caitlin Boyle, Dennis Devereux, Chad Farrar, Carol Garrow-Woolley, David Johnson, Jon McCann, Steven Michel, Christine Pratt, James Seward, Barry Sleath, Clinton Woolley. **Members of the Public:** In Person:

Paul Barton, Zena Gates, Steven Hazelton, Barbara Hazelton, Andy Shulz, Dorothy Stanley.

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 old-business items: an update on the Cott Systems security breach, and an update on ARPA funding requests from the Colfax Lodge and for Town Office A/V equipment.

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.

4. Approval of December 13, 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 noted that most Town roads have been repaired since the December storm to bring them into shape. No transfer station updates.

i. 2023 Mileage Certificate Update: Certificate has been updated (no changes), and will be signed tonight by the Select Board and Town Clerk.

ii. Open Bids for Branch Brook Slope Failure Repair: Select Board member Jeff Chase recused himself from this portion of the meeting. The Select Board opened eleven bids received in response to its request for proposals for slope repair work on Branch Brook Road. Bids were opened in the following order:

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|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Daniels: \$139,225. | 2. Casella \$117,145. | 3. Belden: \$159,400. |
| 4. Crown Point Excavation: \$228,500 | 5. Bazin Brothers: \$134,975 | |
| 6. Blue Mountain Trucking: \$147,077 | 7. Markowski Excavating: \$205,745 | |
| 8. Birdseye Sitework: \$72,145 | 9. JP Sicard: \$236,856 | |
| 10. Northwoods: \$436,000 | 11. Weaver: \$131,025 | |

iii. The Select Board elected to choose a winning bid on Thursday, January 12 at 5:30 pm, after verifying that the bidding contractors were pre-qualified for slope repair by VTrans.

iv. Branch Brook Road resident Dorothy Stanley inquired about the access road required to be built on her property to facilitate site repair. The Select Board and Road Foreman Clinton Woolley assured her that whatever contractor is selected will return the access road to the condition it was prior to the road damage. Jeff Chase noted that the Town will keep her apprised of the project progress once a contractor is selected. Resident John Perry asked whether the bid request had included a performance bond; Jeff Chase indicated that they had not, as is typical. Chad Farrar asked whether bids included a contractors' description of the approach to repair; Jeff Chase indicated that the bid form requires itemization by material and includes all labor, equipment and material costs.

b. Town Treasurer Update

i. Monthly Income and Expenses Report: Mr. Johnson noted that about half of the delinquent taxes have been collected, which is very good for this time of year. Interest income is \$6,400. Solid Waste Label sales are down by \$2,400 as compared to this time last year. In employee expenses, Mr. Johnson expects to be over budget on worker's comp but under budget on property and liability insurance. Health insurance will also go over-budget. Additional funds from the Opioid Settlement have been received and can be dedicated to the year's additional speed enforcement costs. The Summit Road culvert repair materials costs are an additional expense, some of which will come from ARPA funds. Mr. Johnson noted that if the repairs were not complete until after the fiscal year, the invoice would become due before the reimbursement was received by the state. Mr. Chase noted that he would inquire with the contractor and request completion before the fiscal year end, if possible.

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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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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ii. Finalize and Approve FY24 Budget: The Selectboard discussed several items proposed on the FY24 Budget, including the amounts proposed for the Treasurer's Office, the Animal Control Office, and the Interest Income. Resident Christine Pratt asked what revenues were brought in from the Cott System, which is used to provide public access to land records online, and Mr. Johnson noted that last year it was \$399 in revenues. The Select Board decided to make a final adoption of the budget at its special meeting on Thursday, January 12 at 5:30 pm. Jeff Chase made a motion to combine three line items into one line for the Town Treasurer Compensation and Office, for a total amount of \$35,700. The Select Board will separately adopt a pay scale to outline compensation for the Treasurer depending on experience and qualifications.

iii. HRA Funding Update: Mr. Johnson noted that the HRA spending account needs to be replenished; he recommends the Select Board add \$1,300 to the account to fund the account through the rest of the year. Diana Garrow made a motion to add \$1,300 to the account; Jeff Chase seconded; unanimously approved.

c. Lister's Report: Mr. Johnson noted that a NEMRC representative has visited the office to begin installing and updating the software and computer system for the Listers to support their appraisal and assessor services. The state also sent the results from its Equalization Study; the town's Common Level of Appraisal went down to 88.79, and the coefficient of dispersion went up to 20.84, which means the Town will be getting a notice to do a reappraisal; there are 123 towns in Vermont that will need to do the same. Mr. Johnson noted that the town should begin to solicit estimates from appraisal firms who can do the work.

d. Town Health Officer Update: Town Health Officer Chad Farrar indicated that he had attempted to reach out to Will Hunter, the owner of the former Blue Spruce House, several times since September, including by email on Sept 12, Nov 28, Dec 29, and Jan 4, and via text three times between Sept 12 and Nov 28, to conduct a rental housing inspection. He also attempted to inspect the property in November, but was not let inside by the tenant. The Select Board advised that the Town Health Officer should ask the state for guidance regarding next steps at this property. Mr. Farrar also noted that he had visited a property on Route 103 in November that had concerned the Select Board due to an improper wastewater system; the Select Board advised Mr. Farrar to stay in touch with the property owner and to revisit the issue in the Spring, when wastewater issues can be more easily addressed..

e. Mount Holly Planning Commission Update – Jon McCann:

i. Review and Adopt Additions to Fee Schedule: The Select Board reviewed the proposed fee schedule approved by the Planning Commission and agreed to table the adoption for next month, pending Board of Adjustment review.

ii. Review and Adopt AO and Clerk Duties: Mr. McCann shared the proposed job descriptions for both roles; the Select Board agreed to review and to table adoption or revision for a future meeting.

f. Mount Holly Conservation Commission Update

i. Caitlin Boyle noted that the "bottom barrier" for aquatic nuisance control in Star Lake will be removed in May and can be replaced in July,

per an update from the Department of Environmental Conservation. **6. New Business**

a. Set Date to Sign Warning for Town Meeting Day and Election: The Select Board has set the date as January 24 at 6 pm.

b. Set Date for Flood Hazard and River Corridor Bylaw Hearing: The Select Board will set the date of the hearing for February 21 at 6 pm.

c. Vote Re: Ballot Item to Eliminate Office of Constable: Jeff Chase made a motion to add an item to the Town Meeting Ballot to eliminate the role of Constable; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

d. Identify Custodial Official, Issuing Officials and Appearing Officials for Judicial Bureau: The Selectboard asked qualified individuals to submit interest in serving the Town as custodial, issuing and appearing officials for the enforcement of municipal ordinances.

e. Designate new Designated Employer Representative (DER): Jeff Chase made a motion to designate Caitlin Boyle as the DER for employee drug testing scheduling; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

f. Authorize David Johnson to Communicate with Attorney: Mark Turco made a motion to authorize David

Mount Holly Town Office
Will be **CLOSED** the following date:

Monday, February 20, 2023 Observance of Presidents Day

Annual Town Meeting Mount Holly School Gym

Monday March 6, 2023, at 7:00 pm

VOTE By Ballot

Mount Holly Town Office Tuesday
March 7, 2023, Polls Open 10 am – 7 pm

Johnson to communicate with the Town attorney; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

7. Ongoing & Old Business

a. Consideration of AED Purchase and Training Stephen Michel has sought a more comprehensive quote for AED units to be installed in Town buildings, including training and servicing. The Select Board will consider the quote.

b. Openings: Board of Listers, Constable and Treasurer: These positions remain open (Listers, Constable) or will soon be open as an elected office (Treasurer).

c. ARPA Funds Request from Colfax Lodge #21. Dennis Devereux and John Perry submitted a letter of request for ARPA funding; the Select Board will consider the request.

d. Updated Quote for A/V Upgrades for Town Office: The Select Board received an updated quote from Unique Media Systems, for the upgraded Town Office A/V system. Mark Turco made a motion to approve up to \$10,500 in ARPA funding for A/V upgrades, using Unique Media Systems; Caitlin Boyle will follow up with the vendor to confirm ordering and delivery.

8. Citizen Comments: None.

9. Announcements/Other Business

a. Dog License Registration Deadline is April 1

b. Town Office Closed on January 16 for MLK Jr. Day

c. Town Officers' Consent Form due in Town Office by 4 pm on January 30.

10. Review & Sign Orders

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

a. Not needed.

12. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm. Respectfully Submitted by Caitlin Boyle

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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Select Board Meeting Mount Holly Town Office January 12, 2023 5:30 pm AGENDA

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

Town Officials: Caitlin Boyle, Carol Garrow-Woolley, David Johnson, Clinton Woolley.

Members of the Public: Oliver Ellis

1. Call to Order

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

a. Diana Garrow asked to add an item regarding the Cott System security breach.

3. Discuss and Select Bids for Branch Brook Road Slope Repair

a. Jeff Chase recused himself from the discussion and selection of bids.

b. Select Board Clerk Caitlin Boyle confirmed that the Town's Purchasing Policy does

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not require the Select Board to select the lowest bidder, but asks the Select Board to determine a selection based on multiple factors, including price, performance, experience, reputation, prior work with the Town, etc.

c. Road Foreman Clinton Woolley noted that he prefers the bids from Casella, Basen, or Daniels given that they are local, and noted that he met with Daniels, Casella, Weaver and Markowski during the bid process. In consideration of all bids, Mr. Woolley made a recommendation that the Town hire Casella Construction, given that they are local and can address problems quickly if they arise.

d. Ms. Boyle confirmed that all bid amounts would satisfy VTrans granting requirements and deductible calculations.

e. Mark Turco made a motion to accept the bid from Casella Construction; Diana Garrow seconded; Jeff Chase was recused; unanimously approved.

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

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

comparable compensation scales.

b. Mark Turco made a motion to accept the proposed fiscal year 2024 General Fund budget of \$664,900 and Highway Fund budget of \$513,800 for a total of \$1,178,790, which requires \$856,790 to be raised by tax. The budget will be voted as Article 3A General Fund (\$471,890) and Article 3B Highway Fund (\$384,900); Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

5. Diana Garrow noted that the Town had received further messaging from Cott Systems regarding a "cyber incident" that caused technical difficulties beginning

December 26, 2022.

6. Adjourned at 6:24 pm. Respectfully Submitted by Caitlin Boyle

f. Mr. Turco noted that this is an impartial decision made based on full consideration of all bids, and unrelated to Mr. Chase's employment by the selected bidder; Diana Garrow and Clinton Woolley indicated that they shared this sentiment.

4. Approve Proposed FY24 Town Budget

a. The Select Board discussed adopting a pay scale for the Town Treasurer compensation, and asked Ms. Boyle to inquire with VLCT regarding

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.



Mount Holly is Hiring!

Administrative Officer and Planning Commission Clerk Needed

Do you have great organizational skills and have a desire to help your community?

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The number of hours can vary considerably from one month to the next depending on land use activity, but typically average around 10-16 hours per month. The position may be done partially remote (a portion of the work will need to be done on location at the town office). Regularly scheduled Planning Commission meetings are held every first and third Wednesday of the month at 7 pm.

Email a letter of interest and your resume to the Planning Commission at planningcomm@mounthollyvt.org by February 14.



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This year's teams include: Xfinity vs. Town of Brandon ~ Community Health vs. NewStory Center
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Earth Moving vs. Casella Construction

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Me Time at The MINT

I (Kimberly Griffin, Executive Director of The MINT Makerspace) was speaking to one of our newest MINT students, Justine, recently. I asked her what she was most excited about as she prepared to take the Stone, Wood, & Steel lamp class with Curt. Her response: I am finally feeling like we are post-COVID. At least the worst of it is over. After nearly three long years as a caregiver in the COVID cloud, I am looking forward to some "me time" at The MINT.

I love that. It feels like it could be a hashtag. If you are looking for some #MeTimeAtTheMINT, let us help you make that happen!

Perhaps you are ready to gain some Sewing skills in the Textile Shop? Or a refresher on the long-ago-learned Potter's Wheel. Ready to try your hands at Spoon Carving? Or go big and build a Ukulele! Maybe get a little messy with Screen Printing? However you spend your "me time", you can find your #MeTimeAtTheMINT.

And if you know of some younger makers looking for "me time" during February Break - we've got them covered, too! February 19-25, 2023 is Engineering Week! The Boiler at The MINT has you covered with CAMP!

Monday: Electrical Engineering ~ Tuesday: Civil Engineering ~ Wednesday: Mechanical Engineering ~ Thursday: Chemical Engineering ~ Friday: Aerospace Engineering ~ Full day: 8am - 4pm. (daily rates & half-day options are also available)

Discounted registration available for COVID impacted families and free registration for SNAP, 3Squares and housing assistance. Choose the registration option that matches your family situation, no proof of income is required.

Our youth programming is made possible through Expanding Access grant funding, administered by Vermont Afterschool. Contact: www.rutlandmint.org

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Garden Plans: First Seeds

Once the Holidays have passed some thoughts turn to garden plans. There may be no better way to overcome the mid-winter doldrums than to imagine your next garden and decide what new things to grow this year. Despite the calendar, now is the time to get your plans and seeds organized so you'll be ready when spring arrives. Seed catalogues have already been arriving and it's not too early to make your selections before the best varieties sell out.

The first step is to inventory what you already have on hand in leftover and saved seeds. Since most seeds from last year will still be good to plant this year make a list of what and how much you have in last year's packets and saved seeds so you don't buy more of what you already have.

If you're undecided about specific varieties to get, there is a good list of [Easy-to-Grow](https://pss.uvm.edu/ppp/articles/easytogrow.html) [Vegetables](https://pss.uvm.edu/ppp/articles/easytogrow.html) in Vermont at <https://pss.uvm.edu/ppp/articles/easytogrow.html>. Of course, if you aren't into starting your own seedlings but prefer ready-to-plant seedlings then you have plenty of time. There are many good seed sources nationwide but if you prefer to buy locally, as I do, here are some suggestions.

[High Mowing Seed Company](#) - Vermont based, all organic seeds, great selection.

[FEDCO Seeds](#) - based in Maine, good seeds, supplies, & tools, lower prices.

[Johnny's Selected Seeds](#) - based in Maine, organic & non-organic seeds, huge selection

[Vermont Bean Seed Company](#) - beans, vegetables, fruits, and more.

[Vermont Wildflower Farm](#) - wildflowers, perennials, bulbs, and veggies.

[Maine Potato Lady](#) - specialize in potatoes & onions

Online catalogues for researching and buying are great references and very easy to use. Don't overlook their extensive guidelines and technical information that these companies provide online and in their free printed catalogues. **Vermont Home Gardener** will continue providing local advice and guidelines in the Chit Chat and the Mount Holly Newsflash. You can subscribe to my blog and get the archives of all previous articles at <https://vermonthomegardener.com/>. It's all free and your comments and questions are always welcome.

William Raveis Real Estate Vermont Properties Team presents Comedy Night at Okemo March 4

Uproarious laughter will fill the air at Okemo Mountain Resort on Saturday, March 4 when William Raveis Real Estate Vermont Properties Team sponsors the 19th annual Comedy Night with well-known comedians Orlando Baxter and Kelly MacFarland.

Orlando Baxter exploded onto the Boston comedy scene in 2005 and quickly established himself as one of the area's hottest young comics. His fresh perspective and unique relatability led to a string of finalist positions at a host of contests and festivals including NBC's Stand Up for Diversity, Boston Comedy Festival, Montreux Comedy Festival, Johannesburg International Comedy Festival, Edinburgh Fringe Festival, and others. In 2016, Baxter made his late-night TV debut on Conan and has appeared on many shows since. His DryBar comedy special "Glorified Baby Sitter" has garnered 2.5 million views on YouTube and 5.5 million views on Facebook.

Kelly MacFarland is an experienced stand-up comedian with an extensive resume that includes comedy clubs, theaters, colleges, festivals, television appearances plus entertaining U.S. troops overseas. She was first-runner-up in the Boston Comedy Festival and voted Best of the Fest at the Aspen Rooftop Comedy Festival. MacFarland has been a featured headliner for the Boston Women in Comedy Festival since its inception. She has appeared on The Today Show, The View, Comedy Central, NBC's Last Comic Standing and AXS Gotham Comedy LIVE.

Comedy Night 2023 is scheduled to take place at the Base 68 Café in Okemo's Clock Tower base lodge. Doors open at 7 p.m. and showtime is 7:30 p.m. This is an 18+ event with open seating and a bar available. Please note that Okemo is operating on a cashless basis, only accepting credit cards and debit cards for the purchase of beverages.

Comedy Night tickets are available for purchase in advance, online at go2omara.com, or in person at the William Raveis Real Estate Vermont Properties offices in Ludlow. Tickets are priced at \$40 in advance or \$45 at the door on the night of the event if availability remains. All proceeds from ticket sales will benefit OMARA, a non-profit booster club that was founded to support the athletes, families, and coaches of Okemo Competition Programs and Okemo Mountain School. For more information, call (802) 228-8877

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Vermont State Parks Seeks Public Input for Parks Modernization Study

Vermont State Parks is seeking public input as part of a modernization study that is currently underway.

This study will provide a comprehensive assessment of the state park system including park amenities, operations, maintenance, revenue, and program delivery. It will identify key challenges, and resources needed to maintain core services and enhance offerings to meet current and future demands.

Nate McKeen, Director of State Parks elaborates, "Throughout the years, with considerable public support and prudent management, Vermont State Parks have weathered societal changes and economic challenges of all sorts. Now, as we approach the 100th anniversary of Vermont state parks in 2024, and as park visitation continues to increase, this study will help us create a road map for the future of our state parks."

FPR is seeking public input and feedback about the park system, its infrastructure, programming, prices, and innovations. Input is being collected via a link on the state parks' webpage, vtstateparks.com, and will consist of three ways to provide feedback: a community forum for open dialogue, a category-based ideas page, and a short survey. Additional information about the study and timeline is also available. Input will be collected through February 15, 2023.

McKeen continues, "The parks enrich the quality of life for Vermonters and visitors, and contribute significantly to community prosperity, tourism, and the outdoor recreation economy. Because of this vital role state parks play in Vermont; we really encourage everyone to share their thoughts and ideas with us as we help to build a better park system for all."

Vermont State Parks staff is working collaboratively with park and recreation professionals from BerryDunn, a national consulting firm.

The study is scheduled to be completed by early spring, with a final report being issued in May 2023.



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This is your opportunity to help shape the future of our state's incredible park system. Your feedback is important for how we can best plan to meet current and future needs of one of Vermont's most cherished assets. We want to hear from you!

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Applications have been sent out to Rutland County high schools for distribution to interested candidates and are due by Monday, May 1, 2023, and may be submitted physically or digitally. Please see pegtv.com/courcelle-scholarship for more details. The scholarship committee will review the written applications and interview the candidates virtually or in-person the week beginning May 8.

Students interested in receiving an application may contact their high school guidance office or contact Chelsea Tice, Public & Education Channel Coordinator, at 747-0151 or ctice@pegtv.com.

PEGTV Seeks Applicants for Courcelle Scholarships

PEGTV will be awarding the Courcelle Scholarship to qualified Rutland County high school seniors pursuing post-secondary education at a college, university, or trade school. **The awards may total up to \$8000. A minimum of \$1000** shall be awarded to each selected applicant. The amount of each award may vary based upon the quality of each applicant's submissions and interview.

The PEGTV Courcelle Scholarship honors the memory of Joe Courcelle for his pioneering work for Public Access Television in Rutland. He was an active member of the original board of directors, a dedicated



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And so it begins again. We kicked off the legislative session on January 4th. I am once again on the House Commerce and Economic Development Committee, this year as the "Ranking Member". We are also fully back in the state house, which we were by the end of last session as well, but we missed out on the formal swearing in ceremonies and Governor's addresses by not being here to start last session, so it's nice to get back to all those normal routines and ceremonies.

Even though we are fully back in person we continue to livestream all our meetings on youtube. I have said this before but I continue to be excited about this change in our accessibility. We are also more prepared to have witnesses testify remotely in committees when they can't be here in-person, for any of the innumerable curveballs life throws at you. Already in my committee this session we have had witnesses testify remotely because they were COVID-positive (but not too symptomatic to testify comfortably), had last-minute issues with childcare or for weather/travel related reasons. In past sessions similar issues might have meant committees not hearing from those people at all or only getting testimony from them over a speakerphone. But now we get to see them on a screen at the front of our committee almost as we would if they were in person.

And anyone can go watch any of those meetings anytime on our



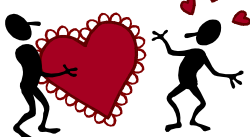
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family, and harder still if you also have a job. And the pay is not substantial enough to survive without another source of income, so this position is much more accessible if you are retired. Which is why there tend to be fewer younger legislators, and which makes this session incredibly unique and feel like one rich with possibility.

As always I hope you'll call/text me anytime. You can also email, but I get flooded with emails and prefer calls or texts. Talk soon! Logan Nicoll, State Representative Ludlow, Mount Holly, Shrewsbury 802-345-8430
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committee youtube page. In the past, meetings were recorded by audio, and you could request copies of those recordings to listen to, but it was not easy and the quality was not great.

We had a lot of Representatives not seek re-election for this session and so the building has a lot of new faces. While it was a loss of some amount of experience, I am excited for the possibilities and to see so many younger legislators as well. It is often said that the legislative schedule was designed for farmers, but it can be hard to come to the state house every week and spend enough time with



Open House at Mount St. Joseph Academy February 9th, 5 pm to 7 pm.

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INVASIVE SPECIES IN MOUNT HOLLY

This is the first article from the Mount Holly Conservation Commission on invasive species in Mount Holly. These articles are intended to inform residents and landowners of the existence of these species as well as to suggest methods to control or eliminate them.

Ash Trees Can Be Saved!

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is a pest that has killed most Ash trees in many states. Estimates put the number of trees that will die at over 90%. The tiny beetles eat the leaves then lay their larvae under the bark. The larvae then feed on the inner bark of ash trees, disrupting the tree's ability to transport water and nutrients. First leaves begin to wither on upper branches and within a year or two the infestation kills the tree. The EAB are spreading through Vermont. EAB have not yet been identified in Mount Holly, but they have been seen in Londonderry, so it is only a matter of time until they arrive here. More information is available here: <https://vtinvasives.org/land/emerald-ash-borer-vermont>



The Emerald Ash Borer is a tiny beetle that kills ash trees.

However, loss of our ash trees is not inevitable. A small percentage of Ash trees appear to have a genetic resistance to the EAB and will survive on their own. This potential resistance combined with the fact that it takes a year or two for trees to die means that there is no need to cut down trees pre-emptively. If a tree is infected you will have plenty of time to cut it down before it becomes a hazard.

Chemical treatment is available. A diluted solution of Tree-age G4 injected into a tree will protect the tree for three years. The cost of the chemical to treat a 10" diameter tree is about \$16 (proportionately more for large trees) so it is too expensive to treat hundreds of trees in the woods, but if you have a few trees near your house, it may be worth the cost. Here is video showing how it can be done: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sw5pC-3Doho>

The Conservation Commission is considering buying injectors that we could lend to residents who want to treat their trees. The Commission is also considering how to facilitate group purchases of the chemical because one quart of concentrated Tree-Age G4 will treat 29 trees (10" diameter) and costs \$464. Let us know if you have questions or might be interested in treating your trees: conservationcommission@mounthollyvt.org

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I often get asked...What is the going on in the market? We are still in a "seller's market" meaning it's still a great time to sell. We have seen a decline in sales only due to lack of inventory. Last year, Mount Holly had 44 home sales versus this year 31. Average time to get a contract last year was 38 days. Things continue to move quickly.

Prices were up over last year at an average sale price of \$509,639 versus last year's average sale price of \$459,103.

Rates are fluctuating. There are still a lot of buyers out there looking to be here in Vermont.

Most in the business, do not foresee and softening of pricing this year and agree that we will maintain this level of pricing through this year.

If you would like to get info on the value of your home, I would be happy to give you a free consult and discuss the market trends.

Sales information is taken from the MLS and does not include private transactions.

Happy New Year!



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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.

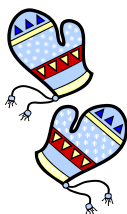


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Stone Creek Workshops Pottery www.stonecreekworkshops.com 802-259-2254

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AW Carpentry-Remodeling*Building*Portable Sawmilling 802-259-3699
Cutting Edge Carpentry And Paint Works – Curt Marechaux Cell 802-236-5559

Burn Permits

Fire Warden – Jim Seward Pager 802-786-3408 Home 802-259-2211

Catering - Restaurants - Stores

Harry's Café, Trip & Deb Pearce III www.Harryscafe.com 802-259-2555
Mojo Café – John & Jodi Seward mojocafevt@yahoo.com 802-228-6656
Squeels on Wheels BBQ www.squeelsonwheels.com 802-558-9489

Church Listings

Annunciation, Ludlow, Mass Sat 4:30 pm, Sun 8 an & 10 am
Rev Thomas Mosher abvmludlow@comcast.net 802-228-3451
Belmont Village Baptist Church-Worship 9:30am, Coffee Hour 10:30
vbch.weebly.com 802-259-2440
E. Wallingford Baptist – PS 9:15-10:00 am SS 10 am, Worship 11 am
Pastor Kevin Miner 802-259-2831
First Baptist Church, Wallingford, SS 11am Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm
Pastor Dave Bentley 802-446-2020
Lighthouse Independent Baptist Church, Rutland SS 11am & 3pm
Until May 11am & 6pm 802-779-0300
Ludlow Baptist Church, 9:30 am SS, 10:30 am Music Fellowship,
11 am WS, 6:30 pm Evening PS, Wed 6:30 pm PM & BS
Pastor Jerry Scheumann jfscheumann@gmail.com 603-439-0803
Rutland Jewish Center office@rutlandjewishcenter.org
Rabbi Shemtov rabbishemtov@rutlandjewishcenter.org 802-773-3455
St. Patrick's, Wallingford, Mass Sun 11 am
Rev Msgr Bernard Bourgeois christthekingprsh@gmail.com 802-446-2161
Wilderness Friends Meeting (Quaker) Sundays 10 am
Shrewsbury Library, Cuttingsville 802-259-2803

Equipment For Hire & Snow Moving

Beardmore Excavating beardmoreexc@gmail.com 802-342-3507
Flander's Excavating & Firewood 802-259-2147
Hawkins Excavation Driveways, Ditching, Septic, Ponds, Etc 802-558-3082

Farm Fresh Products

Mt. Holly Dairy-Aire Farm Raw Milk, Fresh Eggs, Baked Goods 802-259-2386
Plew Farm (meat, eggs, maple) www.plewfarm.com 802-259-2250
1966 Healdville Rd, Mt. Holly
Smith Maple Crest Farm LLC, Grassfed Beef & VT Maple 802-492-2151
2450 Lincoln Hill Rd, Shrewsbury, VT 05738 www.Smithmaplecrestfarm.com
Sugar Hill Berry Farm www.sugarhillberryfarm.com 802-259-2155

Fire Warden

Jim Seward Pager 802-786-3408 Home 802-259-2211

Firewood

Flanders Firewood Cut Split Delivered 802-259-2147
Flanders.excavating@gmail.com

Food Shelf

Black River Good Neighbor Services – Krey Kellington 802-228-3663

Funeral Homes

Clifford Funeral Home 802-773-3010

Garden & Landscape, Lawn Mowing

Belmont Country Gardens Quality Custom Stonework & More 802-259-2364
Kevin Smith, Garden Service & Lawn Mowing 802-259-3964
Salt Ash Nursery - The Balsam Barn – Scott Crawford 802-259-2146

Garage Mechanical

Belmont Motor Works LLC Parts/Service MTC, ATV, Sm Engine 802-259-3178
Welding/Metal Fabrication Dealer Parts Unlimited/Drag Specialties, V-Twin
MFG & More
William H Johnson Automotive Services 802-259-2498
2370 Healdville Rd. Belmont, VT

General Contractors

Wright Construction Company info@wrightconstruction.com 802-259-2094
Ted Stryhas Builder Inc. 802-228-7327

Health & Community Health Care Providers

Calm Moments Message Studio – Irene Berry 802-228-7772
Community Health – <https://www.chcrr.org> Medical, Dental, Pediatrics
Behavioral Health – Patient Access Center 802-779-9159
Express Care Rutland - 802-773-3386
Dr. Joseph P. Donohue – Chiropractic Care, Thrive Center 802-446-2499
Massage Therapy/Bodywork, Thrive Center of Green Mtns 802-446-2499
Lisa Donohue MA, LMT ~ Linda O'Brien MT 802-446-2499
Massage Therapy Belmont – Robin Nelson 802-353-4356

Home Management Services

Belmont Country Gardens Property Management 802-259-2364
Mowing & Plowing Jon Lienhard
Yankee Home Management, Keith Hawkins 802-259-3064

Maple Syrup

Green Mtn. Sugar House 802-228-7151
Plew Farm 1966 Healdville Rd, Mt. Holly www.plewfarm.com 802-259-2250
Smith Maple Crest Farm LLC Grassfed Beef & VT Maple 802-492-2151
2450 Lincoln Hill Rd, Shrewsbury, VT 05738 www.Smithmaplecrestfarm.com

Marketing & Promotional Services

Express Copy Inc., Don Reiser H 802-259-2722 802-362-0501
print@expresscopyinc.com

Masonry

Farrand Masonry – Angus Farrand farrandmasonry@gmail.com 802-417-1657

Metal Fabrication

Wayne Jones Metal www.waynejonesmetal.com 802-259-2521

Mount Holly Email

Kevin Plew – mthollynewsflash@gmail.com 802-259-2250

Painters

MRS Unlimited Visions LLC Interior/Exterior Painting –Melissa 802-259-3989

Plumbing & Heating

Master Plumbing & Heating Inc. 802-975-0369
masterplumbingheating@gmail.com
Tailored Plumbing tailoredplumbingheating@gmail.com 802-417-1647

Real Estate Sales

Coldwell Banker Lifestyles, 802-228-5678
John Napier jnapier@cblifestylesre.com 860-559-9334
Cummings & Co. Lisa Kelley lisa@cummingsvt.com 802-345-6581
Engel & Volkers, Okemo - Woodstock Gail Beardmore 802-975-0338
Gail.Beardmore@evusa.com (Mobile) 802-236-5431
Kelley Real Estate, Don Eatmon, Owner/Broker Office 802-228-5333
realtor@KelleyRealEstate.com
Ty Murray Ty@KelleyRealEstate.com Cell 802-777-8047
Sue-Starr Adams sue@kelleyrealestate.com 802-236-8028
Alex Eatmon Alex@KelleyRealEstate.com Cell 802-345-7886
Jill Lawrence Cell 802-591-3751
John Tolosky john@kelleyrealestate.com
www.KelleyRealEstate.com www.OkemoValley.com

Roofing

Buddy Systems Roofing Contact Buddy 802-259-3989
New Roofs/Roof Repairs & Replacement – Slate/Wood/Asphalt/Metal

Security

Countryside Alarms – Mike Blais www.countrysidealarms.com 802-259-2213

Septic System Design

Belmont Septic Design – Kevin Hollebeek C 802-733-2561 H 802-259-3898
kevin@belmontseptic.com

Therapeutic Riding

Rienbow Riding Center Home 802-259-2282 Barn 802-492-2226

Tree Services

G.M. Tree Tech & Landscaping, Greg McKirryher 802-259-8733

Volunteer Services

Belmont/Mt. Holly Food Co-op, Tanger H 802-259-2344 W 802-259-2899

Woodworking, Cabinets & Furniture

Chesters Custom Woodworking ccw@vermontel.net 802-259-3232
www.chesterscustomwoodworking.com

