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Mount Holly Chit Chat

March 2023

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Burn Permits: Call Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward 802-786-3408 or 802-259-2211
TRANSFER SITE: Sat. 8 am – 2 pm & Sun. 9 am – 12 pm



March 2023

1 st	Mt. Holly PTSA Meeting, MH School	<i>Peace Corps Founded 1961</i>	6:00 pm
2 nd	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	<i>Texas Independence Day</i>	7:00 pm
3 rd	<i>Alexander Graham Bell 1847 ~ "Star Spangled Banner" made US National Anthem 1931</i>		
Sat 4 th	<i>2023 Iditarod Sled Dog Race 51st Anniversary</i>		
6 th	Annual Town Meeting MH School Gym		7:00 pm
	<i>Michelangelo di Lodovico Buonarroti Simoni 1475 ~ Purim Begins</i>		
7 th	VOTE Town/School Ballots , MH Town Office	Polls Open 10:00 am –	7:00 pm
	MH Snow Flyers Meeting Via Zoom		6:30 pm
	Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library	<i>Purim Ends ~ Full Worm Moon</i>	7:00 pm
	Mount Holly Conservation Commission		7:00 pm
8 th	LMHUUS Meeting,	<i>International Women's Day</i>	6:00 pm
	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		7:00 pm
9 th	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station		7:00 pm
Sun 12 th	<i>Girl Scouts Founded 1912 ~ Day Light Savings Begins</i>		
13 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building		7:00 pm
14 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	<i>Albert Einstein 1879</i>	9:00 am
	Select Board Meeting, Town Office & Zoom	<i>Pi Day Founded 1988</i>	6:30 pm
15 th	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont		6:30 pm
	Mount Holly Planning Commission, MH Town Office & Via Zoom		7:00 pm
16 th	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations		7:00 pm
17 th		<i>St. Patrick's Day 1631</i>	
20 th		<i>Spring Begins / Vernal Equinox</i>	
21 st		<i>World Down Syndrome Day</i>	
22 nd	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	<i>Civil Rights March 1965</i>	7:00 pm
23 rd	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	<i>National Diabetes Alert Day</i>	7:00 pm
Sat 25 th		<i>Seward's Day Alaska</i>	
28 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		9:00 am
29 th		<i>National Vietnam War Veterans Day</i>	
30 th	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations		7:00 pm
31 st		<i>Cesar Estrada Chavez US Labor Organizer 1927</i>	



Emergency Services

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MH Constable	NONE			Health Officer – Chad Farrar	802-259-3610
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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March Birthdays: 1st-Jessica Duarte 2nd -Doris Nelson * Donald Reiser * Nicole Reiser 3rd-Alexander Melville * Violet Colm 4th-Deborah DeTore 5th-Morgan Coldwell * James Johnson * Alexa McCallum 6th-Zoe Davis 7th-Elijah Teter 8th-Mike Dawley Sr. 9th-Hanna Colm 10th-Dennis Devereux 12th -Julie Parsells 13th-Debbie Woods * Elizabeth Manuel 1995 14th-Shawn Wortman 15th-Cassandra Parsels * Karen Ham * Frank Gerdin 19th-Patrick Melvin * Andrew Garrow * Eureka Johnson 20th-Bill Jacobs 21st-Jeremiah Johnson 22nd-John Taylor * Rachel Manuel (1971) 23rd-Megan Carrara 25th-Nicole Griffin * Lucy Columb. 28th-Bessie Centini 29th-Nancy Columb 30th -April Melvin * Mary Nortunen * Brian Roberts

March Anniversaries: 26th-Raymond & Linda Tarbel

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		
Post Master:	Dawn Howlett	
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	Sat	6:30 am – 11:00 am
Window Hours:	Mon – Fri	8:30 am – 5:00 pm
	Sat	8:30 am – 10:30 am
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Rodney Tarbell

Rodney Tarbell, of Middletown Springs, VT passed away on January 13, 2023.

Rodney was born April 18, 1950 to Carroll R. and Lizzie L (Flanders) Tarbell of Mount Holly, VT. He attended the local schools and a graduate of Black River High School of Ludlow.

Rodney married Alida M. Naaktgeboren also of Mt. Holly, April 24, 1970.

Per his wishes, there will be no public services. A private family service will happen at a later date.



Elmer R Bothers Jr

Elmer R Bothers Jr, 85 of Granville, New York passed away on February 12, 2023.

Elmer was born in Lambertville, New Jersey August 27, 1937 to Eleanor n Elmer Sr Bothers.

Elmer was a master carpenter who had his own custom cabinet making shop. He was known for working at many resorts in the Ludlow and Killington area with his skilled workmanship.

He enjoyed making one of a kind furniture pieces for the ones he loved.

Elmer married Marie Fletcher the love of his life on August 31, 1957 they shared sixty years of marriage till Marie passed away in April of 2017.

Elmer n Marie moved their family to East Wallingford, Vermont in 1968 where they lived for a number of years before moving to Chittenden, Vermont - Exmore, Virginia and then their final move to Granville, New York.

Elmer is survived by his son Jeffrey Bothers & wife Cindy of Granville, NY

son Jerry Bothers & wife Melody of East Wallingford, VT son Glenn & wife Helen of North Clarendon, VT daughter Melody Ann & husband Lee Katrobos of South Hutchinson Island, FL daughter Christina Bothers of Rye, NH Grandchildren Melissa Peer ~ Norman Katrobos ~ Jesse Bothers ~ Heather Turnbull. Great Grand Children Eliza Peer ~ Jacob Bothers ~ Jaxon Bothers ~ Iruya Turnbull. Extended grandchildren Becky Bragdon, Robbin Cash and Raymond Kitchens. Extended great grandchildren Laura & Breanna.

There will be a celebration of life for Elmer n Marie at the Maple Grove Cemetery in East Wallingford at a later date in August this year.

Arrangements are under the care of the Robert M. King funeral home



Free COVID Tests Available at the Town Office through March 31

The Mount Holly Town Office has at-home COVID-19 antigen tests available for free to the public. These tests are for the purpose of detecting an active COVID-19 infection in individuals 2 years of age and older, and have been provided to the Town by the Vermont Department of Health.

Tests are available on a first-come, first-served basis, for pickup during normal Town Office hours, Monday-Thursday, 8-4 pm. Up to four antigen kits (8 tests total) may be taken per *person*, until supplies run out. There is no total limit on households with more than one person.

Please note that the tests available for free pick-up have original printed expirations dated in 2022. On August 29, 2022, the FDA approved extended expiration date extensions for multiple brands of COVID-19 rapid antigen tests, including those being distributed by the Town. The tests available for pick-up at the Town Office now expire on March 31, 2023.

Update On Effort To Allow Seniors To Stay In Their Homes

About 15 residents from Mount Holly, Shrewsbury and Wallingford continue to meet weekly taking the initial steps that we hope will lead to a structured approach to supporting those who want to stay in their own homes as they age.

We had hoped to include a survey in the March issues of our local papers, but it won't be ready. It will, however, be available at the polls in March, as well as Town and

Informational Meetings, Post Offices, local stores, and other public places. This anonymous survey will ask what you need or think that you will need. One over-arching question asks, "what three things do you worry about the most as you think about staying in your home as you get older?"

This initial survey is about **needs** only. It will be followed by one seeking volunteers to provide services once we know what services are needed! We hope your responses will provide much needed direction as we develop plans. We'll provide drop boxes at each location. There will also be an on-line version. We'd love to get wide participation.

Many people have already come forward offering to help. We are keeping a roster of names. It's possible that we may need a few folks to help compiling the results of the survey(s) or be a short-term participant on a subcommittee that is working on a specific project. We really cannot say exactly what we'll need yet.

If you think that you would like to be involved and haven't already responded, please let one of us know.

Please send your name and email address, if you live in:
Mount Holly: to Kathy Leber kleber@vermontel.net
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New Hampshire Academy of Science Guest Teachers Visit Expeditionary School at Black River

Scientists from the New Hampshire Academy of Science (NHAS) in Lyme, NH recently were guest teachers at the Expeditionary School at Black River (ESBR). The learning opportunities facilitated by Drs. Peter Faletra and Alyson Michael is part of an initiative to expose and help launch students in rural Vermont into science, technology, engineering, math, and medicine (STEMM) career pathways. In addition to completing several unique demonstrations that served as introductions to various fields and methods of scientific research, students also practiced soft skills that are crucial in any workspace, including collaboration, attention to detail, and analytical thinking.

In one memorable activity that involved these skills, students used micropipettes and colored liquid to make pixel art on Petri dishes. This activity challenged them to learn how to use a precise scientific tool and become comfortable with using it within an hour of when the concept was first introduced to them. Even when they were working separately, students collaborated to discover the best techniques for using the micropipettes and learned from each other's experiences.



After the NHAS visit, students expressed interest in several STEMM-related professions, such as veterinary medicine and science journalism. Mackenzie Kennedy, an eighth grader at ESBR, said that the NHAS visit "made me more excited" about STEMM careers. She was awed by the visual aspect of the demonstrations, such as the vivid pink of the acid titration they performed in the morning, but also enjoyed the practical applications of what she learned. "I am interested in engineering and making things by engineering them, so I would like that aspect of a STEMM career. I love the thrill of learning new things."

Encouraging this passion for learning is an essential part of ESBR's mission to change students' relationship with their education. By focusing on applied learning opportunities, ESBR's culture is designed so that students are the drivers of how they learn and who they aspire to be. Through an emerging partnership with NHAS, ESBR's leadership team is committed to working towards this goal of innovating education and exposing students to the jobs of the future. ESBR is planning to host an NHAS-powered science camp this summer at the school's brick-and-mortar location in Ludlow, VT. In addition to the summer camps, ESBR's partnership with NHAS positions them for a variety of grant opportunities, which will help sustain the school's impact.

Gary Blodgett here, ESBR Chair, hoping this note finds you and yours well. I also wanted to take this opportunity to thank you personally for your continued support of our community's middle and high school this past year. The Expeditionary School at Black River has been a community effort from the beginning and belongs as much to you as it does to our students.

We appreciate you!

As with all endeavors, we are facing some challenges in the coming year, mainly a hiccup with our Independent School Approval that will require we resubmit our AoE application. We've brought on additional support for that process to ensure it moves forward smoothly. We're confident 2023 will be our most resilient year yet.

In the meantime, amazing things are still happening in the school as we continue to build ESBR into the environment where "every student is safe, with accessible learning." We will be sharing updates on how your support is being used from our educational partnerships, in-place learning opportunities within the community, and evidence of the growth in our students as they each discover their own path toward independence beyond our 4 walls; stay tuned for a related upcoming message from our Head of School, Kendra Rickerby.

Please join ESBR for an Open House at 43 Main Street, where students will be showcasing other aspects of their learning, on Thursday, March 2 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Written by: Lorien Strange, ESBR Class of 2025.

For additional information about this emerging partnership between ESBR and NHAS, contact Kendra Rickerby, the Head of School, at krickerby@esblackriver.org



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Mount Holly Parent Teacher Student Association

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Thanks to the support of our wonderful community, the PTSA was able to raise over \$1,000 from the High Mowing Seeds Fundraiser that will go towards funding of the Winter sports program, the Four Winds science program, our Artist in Residence Program, among many others! We are truly thankful to be part of such an amazing town! - Mount Holly PTSA



A Great Big Thank You!

Reinbow Riding Center would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone that donates Vermont returnable bottles and cans to our organization. As you can see in our before and after photo right and left, the community continues to be very generous. We also would like to thank all the volunteers that collect and transfer those returnables to the redemption centers. As well as Olivia's in Rutland and the Brewfest in Ludlow that generously take our big full bags. If you want to donate and take them to the centers yourself, just have them put it on the Reinbow Riding Center tab. And thanks again.

Ahhh, mid-winter and this can't come too soon!

Gearing Up

In some of us that small taste of spring, we all experienced recently, only whets the appetite for the greater outdoors, green grass, horses, and everything that goes with it. Sugar making leads to crocuses, daffodils, playing in the dirt planting and BBQs even though there is still the lion or the

lamb of March to get through.

At Reinbow Riding Center we're gearing up for a very busy season. (May-October) Schools from the greater Rutland area, local schools and Windsor County schools are knocking at the door and we're reaching out to our communities for Volunteers to help with our programs. We kicked off the volunteer search in February with a successful Q&A clinic. If you missed it or couldn't attend on that day, please reach out and let us know you might be interested. We can put you on the notification list for our upcoming recruiting events and training sessions. Besides getting the programs and our horses and staff ready, we're also busy writing grants and seeking funding so we can provide our services to individuals that may benefit from them, but might not be able to afford them. If you're interested in different aspects of volunteering other than horses, please give us a call. There are many ways to help us out.

Please watch our website: reinbowridingcenter.org. We're currently working on a new webpage and will let you all know when it launches. Also, you can follow us on Facebook and Instagram @reinbow_riding_center. Contact us at programs@reinbowridingcenter.org or 802-236-2483 to inquire about our programs and lessons. For information about opportunities to



volunteer with us contact janetupton@reinbowridingcenter.org.

COMMUNITY LUNCH
Corned Beef & Cabbage!
Thursday, March 2nd
 Serving at Noon
 Ludlow Community Center Cafeteria
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Bingo follows the meal!
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Rabies Clinic on March 25th

There will be a Rabies Clinic being held on Saturday March 25th at the Mount Holly Town office, held between 10am till 12 noon. \$20 dollars per dog for the rabies which includes tag and certificate. Town office will also be open to get your dog licensed. Rabies certificate is required to get your dog licensed. License fee is \$11.00 for a neutered or spayed canine, \$15.00 for unneutered or un-spayed canine. Late fee will be added after April 1st. Dogs must be on a leash. Hope to see you there! Laura Swartz, Mount Holly Animal Control Officer

Green Up Day

Save the date for Saturday May 6th, Green up Day Facebook page is Mount Holly Green Up Day Contact Marianne McGee at email mariannevmcgee@gmail.com.

The Writers' Group will meet again on Monday, March 6th at 1:30 in the Mount Holly Library. We had a wonderful, productive meeting with our first consideration of memoir, so we are continuing with the focus on memoir/writing your own story. You are welcome to bring a sample of your own work or an excerpt from a memoir you admire. Yes, the library has heat again, thank you. I will provide hand-outs and chocolate biscotti. All are welcome. Thank you, Joan connor@ohio.edu

TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY VOTERS

You can request an Absentee Ballot for the March 7, 2023, vote to be mailed to you or once I have them you can vote early by picking a ballot up at the Town Office Mon. - Thur. 8:30 am – 4 pm Call: 259-2391 Mount Holly Town Clerk PO Box 248 Mount Holly, VT 05758

MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY NEWS MARCH 2023



The library has just added Seasons 1-4 of YELLOWSTONE to the collection. If you need to catch up on this popular series, we have them. If you are looking for a DVD to watch by yourself or with the family, come and check out our selection.

- 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.

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News from MHCA

Here we are coming into March - what has happened in the last month and what is coming down the pike. We have answers for you! As many of you may know we had rather chilly temperatures both inside and outside the community center this past month. There is nothing like a good panic when in the middle of winter your boiler goes on the fritz, the inside temperature has fallen below the lowest reading on your thermostat and you are facing the Vermont weather alert "dangerous cold forecast" regarding PLUMMETING temperatures (-27 degrees qualifies right?). We are ever thankful to having a strong membership that provides us with income to maintain our historic building. We also want to extend big THANK YOU to the library board for their generous donation to help defray the costs associated with multiple plumber visits and replacement parts.

We are SUPER excited to be preparing for the annual **Mud Fling** dance - YES, you heard it, after a three year hiatus we are looking forward to celebrating mudd season in all its glory with a party. Mark your calendars for **April 29th 7pm at the ODD Fellows Hall**. This year we are changing things up and will start with a social hour at 7pm and the band, **AXIS**, will play 2 sets beginning at 8pm.. This year tickets sales will be via **mail for \$12.00 (need to be postmarked by 4/21/23 for the discounted price)** or **at the door for \$15.00**. Send in your check or money order to MHCA PO Box 93 Belmont, Vt 05730. MHCA will provide water, light snacks and we encourage you to bring something to share as well - it's a party afterall!

Our 2024 Mount Holly Calendar is getting ready to go to the printer, thank you Craig Thomkinson and Abe Leber for all your efforts for this special project fundraiser! This year the calendar is being dedicated to Janet Warren who passed away January 16th, 2023. Janet's creativity and drive resulted in the establishment of the annual Mount Holly Photo & Calendar Competition. To learn more about Janet, the origins of our photo contest and the calendar, pick up our 20th year anniversary calendar available for purchase beginning this June. Spoiler alert... the retail cost of the calendar is increasing to \$23.00. Over the last year our calendar printing costs have increased without any changes in retail pricing. Unfortunately, we are faced again with another increase, and, as this is a fundraiser, the Board decided to adjust the price accordingly. We hope our supporters will understand this adjustment and purchase our 20th anniversary fundraising calendar. Besides, who doesn't love the scenery of our little mountain town hanging on their wall? Please note that last year we ran out of calendars mid-December, so if you are planning on calendars for gifts get em early!

And the last bit of news....MHCA would like to open our website calendar to include Mount Holly community events. If your group or organizations would like to have an event listed please let us know (mhcavt@gmail.com). We also want to encourage you to check out our website mhcavt.org for all kinds of resources, calendar of events, photo contest winners, room rental information, and local groups and organizations you can get involved with.

ATTENTION MOUNT HOLLY GARDENERS!

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For more information, contact Leah Knoll
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Keith Hawkins
PRESIDENT

DOGS & CAT RABIES CLINIC

Date: Saturday, March 25, 2023

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Place: Mount Holly Town Office

Cost: \$20.00 per rabies shot

Vet: Dr. Sandi Jex from Riverside
Veterinarian Care

The Mount Holly Town Clerk will be present to register your dog. **All dogs must be registered by April 1, 2023.**



Cost for town tags:
Neutered - \$11.00
Unneutered - \$15.00



Please have your dog on a leash, and cat in a crate.



Notes from The Mount Holly Conservation Commission

"Wild sings the bird of the heart in the forests of our lives." - *Mary Oliver*

"Bird brain" "A bird in the hand..." "Birds of a feather..." "The Yardbirds" "Bird on a wire." "Larry Bird." Those are just some of the ways we reference birds...those bright and song filled creatures who bring so much life and energy to even the dreariest of days. Now those dreary days are soon to melt away to Spring!! And from the indomitable year round chickadees who visit our feeders in cheery hordes, the warblers who migrate through our forests and meadows, the loons who grace Lake Ninevah each year, and the turkeys who strut their stuff all over town, Mount Holly is blessed with hundreds of bird

species who will explode in numbers and song as the season unfolds.

Part of the Conservation Commission's focus is on inventorying and conserving our resources; including natural resources. Population loss of wild birds, around the globe and right here at home, is alarming. In North America, the bird population has dropped by over three **billion** since 1970. Over half the species in North America are in serious decline. Organizations like the Vermont Center for Ecostudies and the The American Bird Conservancy are among many trying to help. And you can help too.

Here in Mount Holly, by protecting our open spaces and managing our forests wisely, we can provide a small but crucial haven for both our year round and seasonal avian population. Uploading your bird sightings to <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/mount-holly-biodiversity> will provide valuable information to scientists about the ongoing state




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of bird population in our area. And there are many free apps to help the experienced birder and the novice alike identify birds, both by their appearance and their sounds, including; eBird, (<https://ebird.org/home>) Merlin Bird ID, (<https://merlin.allaboutbirds.org>) and BirdNet, (<https://birdnet.cornell.edu>)

There are some really good suggestions found at this link for things you can do in your own backyard – literally.

<https://www.npr.org/2022/04/13/1092678564/north-american-birds-are-in-decline-here-are-8-simple-ways-you-can-help>

So look around, look and listen up, and enjoy the welcome return of these small creatures who bring so much color and life into our lives.

Community Vision Survey Results

In 2021, the Town of Mount Holly applied for and received a Municipal Planning Grant from the State of Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development. The Select Board contracted with [Community Roots, LLC](#), led by Melissa Levy, to help identify and understand community concerns related to housing, economic development, and public infrastructure.

A number of community members have volunteered to help guide the project and are chipping in to help keep costs down. Jeff Chase is the Municipal Authorizing Official for the Select Board. Jon McCann, the Chair of the Planning Commission, is helping with administration. Deeply engaged local citizens Andy Bolalek, Russ Garrow, Anna Hanson, Kevin Hollebeck, Lisa Kelley, David Martin, Jessica Metcalfe, and Faith Tempest have volunteered to share their expertise and help guide the project.

The first task was to engage the community to help steer the grant objectives. A survey was conducted from November 1-30, 2022, via an online survey and a hard copy print survey. The survey was announced in the November Chit Chat. Hardcopies were available for pickup and return at both the Town Office and the Town Library. The online survey was linked from the Town website and distributed on the Newsflash email list each week, and a QR code link was published in the Chit Chat. Individuals shared the link in various other local community forums and on Facebook.

The response from you, the community, has been overwhelming! We received 172 responses, which is nearly 20% of the adult population. For comparison, many surveys are lucky if they get a 10% response rate. This is clearly evidence of how deeply we care about our community.



Please view the survey report by pointing your smartphone camera at the image to the left or by visiting the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/MountHollySurveyReport>

A limited number of printed copies will be available at the Town Office.

This is just the first step. Work on the planning grant continues. We have started to dig deeper into some of the suggestions offered and priorities identified in the survey responses. The next month or two will involve gathering more information with the intention of producing a second report with detailed recommendations for maximizing the benefit to the community from ARPA and other grant funding and addressing pressing community challenges.

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

Hello!

My name is Julie McKenzie, and I'm running to serve on the Ludlow Mount Holly Unified Union School District Board. My family has lived in Mount Holly for a year, and my 2 children attend Ludlow Elementary School, where we lived before we moved to Mount Holly. We love LES and hold in the highest regard the talented and creative teachers, staff and administrators in the district. My children are receiving a rich and compassionate education, and I am enthusiastic and hopeful about the future of our schools.

A bit about my professional background, I work for Dartmouth Hitchcock in Human Resources, and prior to that for about 5 years I was Chief Labor Counsel for the City of Somerville, MA. At the City, I developed a deep understanding of and a high interest in municipal government. Before the City, I worked as an attorney in private practice for about 12 years, representing mostly large public sector agencies in labor and employment matters. I have a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Michigan and a JD from the University Of Connecticut School Of Law.

I am running because, as a current parent, issues before the School Board are immediately relevant and important to my family every day. If elected to serve as a member of the Board, I will contribute my professional perspective, having worked in another community and with another school department. And based on my life circumstances as a parent to

Wallingford Town Hall Concert Series

**Wednesday, March 15th at
7:00 pm**

 **Irish Band - EXTRA STOUT** 



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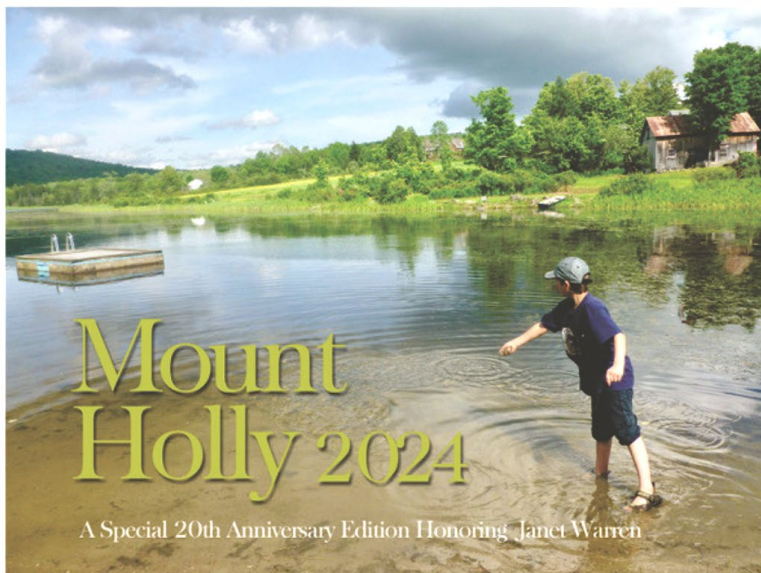
Extra Stout is the Green Mountains of Vermont's favorite traditional Irish band that has been playing together for upwards of twenty years. They bring all of the variety that Irish music has to offer from raucous drinking songs to ballads of home and county; from slow and haunting airs to rocking reels, jigs and polkas. Suggested donations of \$10 to \$15 per person at the door.

Baker extraordinaire Erika Berner will be providing delicious homemade treats for the bake sale. Proceeds from the bake sale benefit Empire State Ride to End Cancer.

For more information, call the Town Administrator at (802)446-2872

20th Mount Holly Calendar Will Be Dedicated To Its Founder, Janet Warren

The annual Mount Holly calendar came into being twenty years ago through the hard work and dedication of long time Mount Holly resident, Janet Warren. With Janet's passing on January 16th of this year the community lost a lovely, intelligent and civic minded person. In remembrance of Janet's contributions to the community the 2024 Mount Holly calendar will be dedicated to Janet, and, starting this year, the official name of the Mount Holly photo competition will bear her name. The 2024 edition of the Mount Holly calendar will be on sale in early July.



elementary school children, I hope to be a voice and advocate for our children and our special school community. I would be pleased to hear from you (juliemarcal@gmail.com) to chit chat (pun intended!) or to talk schools and school business, and I would be honored to receive one of your School Board votes on March 7. Julie McKenzie

Homestead Declaration

Don't forget to file your annual Homestead Declaration Form HS-122 by April 15, regardless if you file for an extension, or do not have to file a state income tax return. It is your responsibility as the property owner to claim the property as a homestead if you meet the following requirements: 1) You are a Vermont resident and 2) You own and occupy a homestead as your domicile as of April 1, 2022. **Please Note:** If you meet these requirements, except that your homestead is leased to a tenant on April 1, 2022, you may still claim it as a homestead if it is not leased for more than 182 days in the 2022 calendar year.

Property Tax Adjustment

You may be eligible for a property tax adjustment on your 2023 property taxes if you property qualifies as a homestead and you meet the eligibility requirements. The Property Tax Adjustment Claim Form HS-122 is due April 15. Late filers are charged a fee.

The 2022 HS-122 and HS-144, can be completed online at <https://myvtax.vermont.gov>. If you would rather fill out a paper form, you can print the HS-122 and HS144 forms. More information is online at 5ax.vermont.gov/property-owners/homestead-declaration. If you have any questions, call the VT Department of Taxes at 802-828-2865.

The Handcuff “Back” Story

On a recent visit to Chang Mai, Thailand, we came across a sign & a story...

The reason we were there was to join a team of volunteers desiring to support the families of an organization (similar to Doctors Without Borders) that has doctors and dentists come together for instruction and recertification. My wife and I get the chance to do “international grand parenting” with the preschoolers during the days of teaching and testing, which is greatly appreciated by the parents. In a visit to town we noticed a sign that showed how our U.S. influence has been felt in this Asian culture. It read “Chang Mai Provincial (DEFUND) Police Station.” How unfortunate that one bad idea can “run round the world, whilst Truth is still putting on her sneakers. “The truth is that for every “bad cop” story there are a thousand stories of how good policemen defuse tense situations and save lives in the course of their everyday rounds.

The conference security officer, who served as a former sergeant in the “tough area” of Memphis, TN, told us the story of two of his officers who got called out one evening to a “DS”. *Domestic Situations* are probably one of the most dangerous calls for police responders due to the unknown and often highly volatile circumstances. As the officers, let’s call them Joe & Cliff, climbed the stairs of the apartment building in a rough Hispanic neighborhood, they could hear loud shouting upstairs. They checked



their handcuffs, one pair in front and another pair slung over the belt in the back. With a silent nod Joe knocked on the door as Cliff felt his rear cuffs slide down inside his pants and come to rest straddling his crotch. Too late for an adjustment as the door swung open and there stood a woman bleeding slightly from the forehead, a cellphone in one hand and a chocolate milk in the other. Back behind her stood the classic “macho man”, wife-beater T-shirt, piercings and tattoos covering rippling muscles. His face showed anger and defiance at what he deemed “an intrusion into his privacy”. Joe moved left to begin getting the women’s story as Cliff, walking a bit like John Wayne just off a horse, approached the male. It became obvious that the extremely agitated guy just wanted to beat up this cop. Finally, in exasperation, Cliff said,

“Ok, man! If you want to fight me, we’ll fight... but know *this*: I am gonna win decisively and then I’m gonna handcuff you and it will not go well for you, because I’ll have you on assaulting an officer and resisting arrest. But before we go at it, you’ve got to give me a minute...” The officer took a deep breath and put one leg out in front of the other, hokey-pokey style. He then proceeded to gyrate in a Michael Jackson sort of dance. His partner was thinking, “What the heck is he doing?” All eyes were on his jiggling pant leg as just below the cuff the loop of a handcuff began to mysteriously appear. Suddenly, a spray of chocolate milk burst from the nose and mouth of the woman and the perp fell back on the

couch laughing as if he were being tickled to death. When everyone finally gained their composure the dude on the couch put his wrists together and said, “Ok, ok. I give up, man. You can cuff me. The only thing is, you’ve got to use some other handcuffs besides *those!*” “ *Pastor Glenn Davis*

Retirement Parties

For
David Johnson,
Mount Holly Treasurer
&
Susan Covalla,
Mount Holly Town Clerk

Saturday March 11th, 2023
From 12:00 Noon – 3:00 pm
Mount Holly Community Center
In Belmont

Come join us
For good food,
Beverage and cake

2023 Frank Dressler Scholarships open to applicants

The Frank Dressler Scholarships are given in memory of Frank Dressler, Black River High School’s ‘ultimate fan’ for many years. In his retirement, Frank moved to Ludlow and began attending Black River’s home games when he noticed the lights on at Dorsey Field. Frank was hooked on the Presidents. Soccer led to basketball, which led to baseball and softball. Home games led to away games, and to friendship and commitment. Frank loved the kids and the sports they played, and the athletes appreciated his ever present support, honoring him with signed team photos and an honorary BR #1 Fan jacket. If Frank wasn’t in his seat at half field, it was for a very good reason, which he was sure to share, just so we knew. An ultimate fan and supporter, in winning seasons, as well as those that were not as successful. Rain or shine, Frank was there to support his team.

Applicants are asked to share their thoughts on what makes an “ultimate fan” and how they have been an “ultimate fan” during their high school career.

These scholarships will be awarded annually to up to two graduating high school seniors who have participated in at least two sports per year while in high school.

These awards are open to residents of Ludlow or Mount Holly for use in any post-secondary institution including college, university, vocational or trade school.

Applications and information for the Frank Dressler Scholarship are available by contacting: Lisa Schmidt at 228-7690 or via email at noah@tds.net; or Sherri Geimer at 259-3800 or sgeimer@gmail.com.

Application deadline is May 1 and winner(s) will be announced in June. Those wishing to make a contribution to the Frank Dressler Scholarship Fund are encouraged. Donations made out to “BRAM” may be sent to: Frank Dressler Scholarship Fund c/o Black River Academy Museum, PO Box 73, Ludlow, VT 05149.

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Jan 28 Legislative Retirement Event

Saturday the evening of January 28th, 70 grateful Vermonters gathered at Baxter's at the Rutland Country Club to honor five of our county's recently retired Republican legislators: Senator Joshua Terenzini, Representatives Tom Terenzini, Bob Helm, Larry Cupoli, and Peter Fagan. Unfortunately the Terenzinis who are now in South Carolina were unable to attend due to family and travel concerns. They were sadly missed.

Former Representative and County GOP Vice Chair Mark Candon was the MC with Representatives Tom Burditt and Butch Shaw sharing stories and expressing much appreciation for the honored five. A slide show ran in the background with memories of the retiree's legislative days.

Each retiree was presented with a beautifully framed watercolor print by Peter Huntoon of the Vermont State House in winter.

Rutland County has been blessed to have dedicated public servants in many positions locally and in state government - the room at Baxter's was full of them on Saturday! With local elections approaching on Town Meeting Day on March 7, we hope new people continue to be willing and able to step up to serve our communities and state with similar common sense and dedication.

Terry Burke, Rutland County Republican Committee Chair



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.



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across the road!

State Representative, Ludlow, Mount Holly, Shrewsbury

Hello once again from Montpelier! At this point in the session we are starting to get a feel for some of the “bigger” bills that are working their way through committees. Although it’s still early in the process and far too early to know the specifics of what will actually pass.

A refresher on process. I’ve written about this before, so this will be repetitive for some of you, but we are fast approaching the unofficial midpoint of session which we refer to as “crossover”. When a bill is introduced in the House or the Senate it is “referred” to one of the 13 standing committees that deals with the subject matter the bill deals with. That committee then works on the bill, taking testimony from experts on the subject, often working with state officials in related Agencies/Departments, and usually making at least some changes to the language based on that testimony and input. If the bill involves changing state fees/taxes it is referred to the Ways and Means Committee in the House (or Finance Committee in the Senate). If the bill spends state money it is referred to the Appropriations Committee.

“Crossover” this year is Friday March 17. That is the date that all bills must be voted out of their “Policy Committee” to crossover to the other chamber on time to be able to go forward this session. Those bills then have until Friday March 24 to be voted out of Ways and Means and/or Appropriations to meet “Money Crossover”.

So, at this point in the session, committees have already started working on all the bills they intend to vote out by crossover. Obviously, there are big bills I’m tracking in many committees some because I like them, some because I

don’t. The “Affordable Heat” bill is one I like but have concerns about, and there are a few education-related bills that I don’t like but am waiting to see how they evolve before forming a strong opinion. In my committee we have voted out one bill so far, mostly making technical corrections to statutes governing our Captive Insurance Industry. We intend to vote out at least 4 more bills before crossover, dealing with unemployment insurance, a business growth incentive grant program (known as VEGI), earned wage access services and a big bill on general workforce development.

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
RepLoganNicoll@gmail.com

The 14th Annual Thrive Center “Supporting Local” ~ Yoga

Sampler & More Continues on Sunday, March 5, 2023, from 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM. The offering is: “A Preamble: Spring Equinox Yoga Soiree”, at Petra’s Wellness Studio in the Howe Center, 1 Scale Avenue, Building 18, 2nd Floor, Rutland, VT 05701. The Instructor is: Petra O’Neill, LMT, RYT & the investment is \$20.

Class Description:

Open to all levels, this 75 minute, Kripalu yoga session; will be sprinkled with Meditation; Hands-On Reiki Energy Intermezzos by The Thrive Center’s Lisa M. Donohue, MA, LMT; Skin Spritz Refreshes & Tips; and Tea. *Limit 10*

RSVP at: petraswellnessstudio@gmail.com

Invest in yourself, with a gift that will keep giving. A portion of the proceeds will directly benefit the Rutland County Humane Society. <https://rchsvt.org/> (Kripalu Yoga is a gentle yoga practice with a compassionate approach. It places an emphasis on meditation, physical healing, and spiritual transformation that overflows from the yoga mat into daily life.)

If warranted, given interest / after MAX participation is met, a 2nd. Session may be offered.

See updates on the THRIVE Winter / Spring Yoga Sampler events at: <http://www.instagram.com/thrivecentervt>

We hope you will join us for this Field Trip! Our next one is at Zen Revolution on March 20th.

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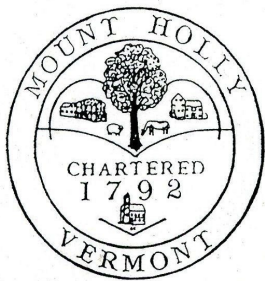
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Mount Holly Town News

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 24, 2023, 6:00 pm MEETING MINUTES

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

(Chair);

Town Officials: In Person: Caitlin Boyle, Carol Garrow-Woolley, David Johnson, Steven Michel, Clinton Woolley.

State Officials: Laura Stone (VTrans), Dave Peterson (VTrans);

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.

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

Members of the Public: In Person: James and Pamela Croply. Via Zoom: Jennifer Burrows.

Call to Order at 6:00 pm

Consideration of additional agenda items: The Select Board noted it would add

several small items to the end of the meeting, including Adopting the Warning for Town Meeting; Approval of a Town Zoom Account; Approval of New Phones for the Town Office; and confirmation of a Date for Hearing of Proposed Flood Hazard and River Corridor Bylaw.

1. VTrans Alternatives Presentation Meeting, Bridge #64 (Bowlsville Bridge): VTrans

Scoping Engineer Laura Stone presented the state's "Alternatives Presentation" regarding the need for repair or reconstruction of Bridge #64, known locally as the Bowlsville Bridge. ([Accessible here.](#))

<https://outside.vermont.gov/agency/VTRANS/external/Projects/Structures/Forms/AllItems.aspx?RootFolder=%2fagency%2fvTRANS%2fexternal%2fProjects%2fStructures%2f12J642&FolderCTID=0x012000C8A550B2DAB4A440A6A7BEB360DCA4D1> Ms. Stone

noted that the state had finalized its scoping of the bridge, and is presenting its findings and suggested pathways for action to the Town:

○ Currently, the bridge is on a Class 3 road, with a 31-foot span bridge, constructed in 1934. The bridge shows heavy deterioration, including heavily saturated concrete. The deck has been reduced to erodible fine soils. In addition, the existing bridge does not meet the state's hydraulic standard for bankfull width and has a scour critical rating. There is section loss in the flange, fascia beam deterioration, spalled-out concrete and the bridge railing is in a failed state. Additionally there is abutment cracking and spalling, and the concrete shows signs of alkali silica reaction, which means that all rehabilitation pathways for the bridge will have a reduced life span. Per recent legislation (IIJA), the town would not need to share in any part of construction costs for the repair or rebuilding of the bridge if that pathway is pursued. There would be some town cost-sharing for the pre-construction work, including right-of-way work and permitting. Given its current condition, VTrans is considering several alternative approaches to repairing or reconstructing the bridge. These are:

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- No Action Alternative: No action taken
- Minor Rehabilitation: Would offer an additional lifespan of ~15 years.
- Deck Replacement: Would offer an additional lifespan of ~15 years.
- Superstructure Replacement: Would offer an additional lifespan of ~30 years.
- Full-bridge Replacement On-Alignment: Would entail construction of a brand-new bridge, with a 75-year design life. The new bridge would be constructed in the same position as the current bridge.
- Full-bridge Replacement Off-Alignment: Would entail construction of a brand-new bridge, with a 75-year design life. The bridge would be constructed in a slightly different upstream location, which offers better sight distance and tees up the

intersection with Route 103, but there are potentially more property impacts. One benefit of off-alignment replacement is that it provides a convenient traffic control option during construction, as the existing bridge can be used to divert traffic.

○ The State recommends a full-bridge replacement, either on- or off-alignment. In either case, the Town would decide about the road closure; construction would take a full-season duration (May-October). If the off-alignment selection is chosen, abutting property owners would be compensated for selling their right-of-way; the state would negotiate with the property owner; if negotiations failed; the town would hire a lawyer to begin the condemnation process.

○ The total cost of the bridge replacement would be ~\$1.5 million; the town share would be \$45,000-\$57,000; construction is 100% federally funded. The project will be put on hold until the Town responds to the state's recommendations.

○ **Questions and Comments:** Resident Jim Croply asked whether the land that abuts the bridge is heavily sloped and therefore less valuable for development; Ms. Stone confirmed that it is. Selectboard Member Diana Garrow asked about how a temporary bridge might impact property owners' right-of-ways; Ms. Stone confirmed that the State would negotiate with landowners to identify a fair price for purchase of some property for bridge reconstruction. Mark Turco asked whether there was an in-between option that would place the reconstructed bridge upstream to the current bridge, but not as far upstream as the state's concept; Ms. Stone confirmed that alternative concepts could be drawn for review. Mr. Croply shared that the turn onto the bridge is currently hard to make from Route 103. He asked about the grade of the current bridge; Ms. Stone said that they would like the grade to be relatively flat. Currently there is a 16' grade. Ms. Stone reiterated that the State is recommending a replacement because the cost to repair the bridge and the cost to replace it entirely are comparable, but the lifespan for a reconstructed bridge is far longer. She noted that if an Irene-sized flood came through, and the bridge had not been replaced to hydraulic standards, the Town would not qualify for FEMA reimbursement. She confirmed that the Town has time to hold more meetings, meet with property owners, and put the decision up for a vote at a SelectBoard meeting. She recommended making a decision within four to six months, if not sooner, as the IIIA funds, which provide federal funding at 100% of construction costs, will be fully obligated in the next several years, and the sooner the decision is made, the sooner the bridge goes in the construction pipeline. Currently the timeline for replacement would be ~2025. Town Treasurer David Johnson noted that the Town does have sufficient funds in its Bridge Fund to cover the town's share of pre-construction costs. Mr. Turco noted that he would like to put further discussion of the decision on the next Select Board meeting agenda.



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

2. **Adopting Warning for Town Meeting:** Diana Garrow made a motion to adopt the warning for the Town Meeting as drafted by the Town Clerk; Jeff Chase seconded; unanimously approved.
3. **Approval of Town Zoom Account:** Mark Turco made a motion to approve purchase of a Town Zoom account to facilitate a hybrid Town Meeting; Jeff Chase seconded; unanimously approved.
4. **Approval of New Phones for Town Office.** Jeff Chase made a motion to purchase four new phones for the Town Office at a cost of \$395.98; Diana

- Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.
5. **Confirmation of Date for Hearing of Proposed Flood Hazard and River Corridor Bylaw:** Jeff Chase made a motion to confirm the previously proposed date for a hearing for the proposed bylaw as Wednesday, March 29 at 6:30 pm; Mark Turco seconded; unanimously approved.
 6. **Meeting adjourned** 7:08 pm. Respectfully Submitted By Caitlin Boyle

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, Clinton Woolley.
Members of the Public In Person: Paul Barton, Zena Gates, Julie McKenzie, Brigid Sullivan, Andy Tanger, Faruk Terpis. **Via Zoom:** Pamela Cropley, Steven Hazelton, Barbara Hazelton.

1. **Call to Order at 6:30 pm**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the agenda.** Mark Turco noted a request to add an item regarding renewal of

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- Harry's liquor license.
4. **Approval of January 10, 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 he's seeking paving and crack sealing quotes; that Casella Construction has finished its Branch Brook Road Slope Repair project; and that he is working on the Transfer Station budget. Diana Garrow noted that resident Mike Blais has reported a missing 30 mph speed limit sign on Old Turnpike Road. She added that the flashing yellow light he installed near his property may pose a danger to drivers on the road. Mr. Woolley and Mr. Turco agreed about the danger of the light; Mr. Woolley noted that he would order a new sign.
 - i. **Town Grants Deadline - April 15:** Jeff Chase shared a construction grant estimate for repaving both Hortonville Road and Belmont Road; the state will grant up to \$200,000 per project. Mr. Turco and Mrs. Garrow agreed the Town should prepare grants for both projects and review them at the next Select Board meeting. A separate structures grant can be prepared for Station Road as well.



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Mr. Farrar also coordinated with the Animal Control Officer to remove four abandoned chickens from the property. Mr. Farrar confirmed that tenants had also moved out of a property with rental housing violations on Route 103.

e. Mount Holly Planning Commission Update – Jon McCann: Mr. McCann reported that the Planning Commission has posted an opening for Administrative Officer (AO) and re-shared the job description for the position. In reviewing the job description, Ms. Garrow asked a number of small clarifying questions regarding the job description. Mr. McCann also noted that Belmont’s designation as a historic village expires in April 2024; the designation offers a number of tax benefits to the Town and to taxpayers, including priority for grants. In order to qualify for renewal, however, the Town needs to have a renewed Town Plan approved by the regional planning commission, which is a several-month process. Mr. McCann noted that the commission will seek to revise the Town Plan in order to meet the deadline for renewing Belmont’s historic village designation.

i. Adopt Additions to Fee Schedule: The Select Board agreed to the revised fee schedule as proposed. Mr. Turco noted the need for a small edit from “Driveway/Highway Access Permit” to “Town Driveway/Highway Access Permit; the Select Board Clerk will revise. Jeff Chase made a motion to adopt the fee schedule as prepared; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously adopted.

ii. Adopt AO and Clerk Duties: The Select Board agreed that the AO and Clerk duties are acceptable as presented; the time commitment in the description is supported by the FY24 budget.

f. Mount Holly Conservation Commission Update

i. Philippe Crane shared that the Town’s Canopy Grant was denied, but that the Commission received a helpful debriefing regarding further applications. He also asked whether the Town had any liability for hikers participating in voluntary Commission activities; the Select Board clerk noted that volunteers are covered under the

ii. Update on Branch Brook Road Slope Repair and Approve Casella Invoice: The bill came in under-budget at \$88,527.50 (76% of bid). Diana Garrow made a motion to accept the bill as presented by Casella Construction; Mark Turco seconded; Jeff Chase recused himself; unanimously approved.

b. Town Treasurer Update

i. Monthly Income and Expenses Report: Town Treasurer David Johnson noted that there is \$74,000 outstanding on town property taxes; 37 properties remain overdue; this is typical for this time of year. Additional notes include that the Town is \$6,000 over budget on interest income; the Town received the third quarterly state aid payment; solid waste labels income is on track with the budget; there is nothing new to report in general fund expenses; solid waste disposal and hauling is also on track with the budget; Winter Road expenses are projected to be under budget by the end of the season; and the Summit Road box culvert materials will be paid for first out of the Bridge Fund and the ARPA grant for highway expenses.

c. Lister’s Report: Lister Mr. Johnson asked for a signature on the Listers Certificate of No Appeal or Suit Pending, which confirms that there are no appeals or suits pending regarding the Grand List. The Select Board will sign and file the report. The Listers are also on track to receive software training from NEMRC.

d. Town Health Officer Report: Town Health Officer Chad Farrar indicated that tenants had moved out of the former Blue Spruce House; he confirmed the vacancy with owner Will Hunter.

The back door was left ajar, and Mr. Farrar noted that the property does appear to have some violations per the state rental housing guidelines.

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Town’s accident policy. Mr. Crane also shared preliminary information regarding an insecticide that can mitigate damage from the emerald ash borer; the Commission may host a meeting with further information about the insecticide for residents.

6. New Business

a. CAI Technologies, Inc, Tax Map Contract. Diana Garrow made a motion to accept the contract as presented; Jeff Chase seconded; unanimously approved.

b. Town Meeting: Robert’s Rules of Order - Andy Tanger: Mr. Tanger asked the Town to inquire with VLCT regarding reconciling Robert’s Rules of Order with interactive Zoom participation at the Town Meeting. The Select Board Clerk will inquire with VLCT for guidance.



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c. Vermont Emergency Management SHSP Grant - Town Office Generator: Mr. Chase noted that he will seek quotes for a possible generator purchase for the Town Office, whose costs could be covered at a 100% reimbursement rate via the grant.

d. Sign Town Acceptance Form for Proposed Bowlsville Bridge Replacement: Mr. Chase made a motion to approve VTrans' proposed Alternative 4c: Full Bridge Replacement Off-Alignment with Traffic Maintained on the Existing Structure; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

e. Consideration of Geese Depredation Permit: Ron Unterman recommended that the Town apply for a Geese Depredation Permit; after some discussion, the Select Board agreed to table the decision until the next regular meeting.

7. Ongoing & Old Business

a. Confirm Custodial Official; Issuing Officials and Appearing Officials for Judicial Bureau.

The Select Board confirmed that the Select Board Clerk could be designated as the town's custodial official for judicial purposes; the Town Health Officer and the Animal Control Officer could be designated as issuing officials for the purpose of writing tickets for violations of municipal ordinances; and that a member of the Select Board could be designated as the

Appearing Official in the case of a need for a court appearance. Mr. Chase made a motion to designate Mr. Turco as the Appearing Official with the Judicial Office; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

b. Consideration of AED Purchase and Training: The Select Board continued to discuss the purchase of AED units for town buildings and decided to reach out to two additional vendors to meet the criteria of the purchasing policy, before making a decision regarding the purchase.

Jeff Chase noted that the AED costs could also be covered under the SHSP Grant program.

c. Consideration of Odd Fellows Hall ARPA Request: Upon consideration, Mr. Turco made a motion to approve the Odd Fellow's request for funding, to be paid for with federal ARPA grants, and not to exceed \$11,000. Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

d. Consideration of Update to Junk Ordinance to Include Fee Schedule: The Select Board Clerk will inquire with VLCT regarding a template ordinance that will revise the current ordinance and include a clear fee structure for enforcement.

e. Openings: Board of Listers: Ann Hanson has added her name to the ballot to fill the remaining year of the term of the open Lister position.

f. Approve Liquor License for Harry's Restaurant. Mark Turco made a motion to approve the liquor license as prepared; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.



8. Citizen Comments:

a. Julie McKenzie introduced herself as a candidate for the Board of Education for the Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified School District.

9. Announcements/Other Business

a. Dog License Registration Deadline is April 1

b. Town Office Closed February 20 for President's Day

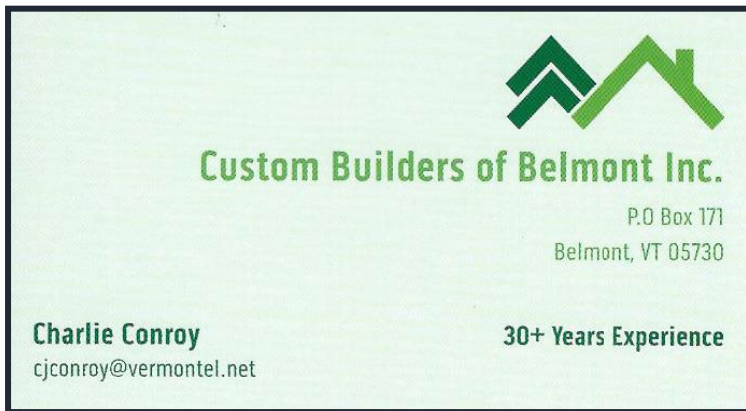
c. Dog and Cat Rabies Clinic is March 25 at the Town Office

d. The Community Survey is complete and results will be published in the Chit Chat

10. Review & Sign Orders

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

a. Mark Turco made a motion to go into executive session; Jeff



Chase seconded; unanimously agreed.

12. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm. Respectfully Submitted, Caitlin Boyle, Select Board Clerk

Mount Holly Planning Commission Town Office & Remote Electronic – Public Hearing Minutes Wednesday December 7, 2022 6:00 P.M.

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

Also Present: Select Board members Diana Garrow and Jeff Chase; Kyle Medash, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation; Barbara Noyes Pulling, Rutland Regional Planning Commission; and Dennis Devereaux

1. Call to Order: Planning Commission Chair Jon McCann called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm

2. Order of Business: The Chair summarized the order of the hearing as follows: The Chair will summarize the proposed regulation with a review of the Fact Sheet; Kyle Medash and Barbara Noyes Pulling will offer any additional information and/or comments; then discussion will be opened to the floor for questions/comments.

3. Discussion:

The Chair reviewed the purposes and effects of the proposed amendment to the Flood Hazard Area bylaw, summarizing the Fact Sheet that previously was made available on line.

Kyle Medash explained the changes to existing FHA regulations, principally the requirement of 2 feet of freeboard and the concept of cumulative improvements as a trigger for review and permit requirements. He adds that the new River Corridor provisions seek to reduced risk of harm to person and property downstream, and have the added financial benefit 5% more State disaster reimbursement.

Barbara Pulling commended the Planning Commission's work in adopting the model regulation. Kyle Medash agrees.

The Chair recounted efforts to reach out to townspeople to inform them about the proposed amendments and to solicit their feedback. So far, the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and supportive.

Commissioner Andrew Seward stated that he had reached out to a few people, some are not interested in more regulation, while others are indifferent.

The Chair then outlined the procedural steps to be followed if the SB decides to move forward, in particular that there would be additional opportunities for comments from the public.

The Chair recalled that at the previous Planning Commission meeting, David Johnson asked that the term "scour" be defined. Two proposed definitions of the term were provided by Kyle Medash from FEMA sources, and the Chair read them aloud. Following discussion and some wordsmithing, those present expressed preference for the first one.

The Chair invited further commentary from those present. Barbara Pulling and Kyle Medash both stated that they are comfortable with the minor changes that the Planning Commission has made to the model bylaw. There were no other comments from the public.

Discussion ensued as to the next procedural steps.

4. The Chair closed the public hearing at 6:33 pm. For the Commission, Andrew Schulz, Planning Commission Secretary

Mount Holly Planning Commission Town Office & Remote Electronic – Regular Meeting Minutes Wednesday December 21, 2022 7:00 P.M.

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

Also Present: Renee Sarmiento (Clerk), Stephen Michel

Absent: Brigid Sullivan, Andrew Seward

1. Chair called the meeting to order at 7:09pm.

2. Changes to agenda: None.

3. Approval of minutes

a. November 16th, 2022 regular meeting minutes and December 7th, 2022 Public Hearing minutes were approved as distributed.

4. Reports & Announcements

a. Administrative Officer: none

b. Planning Commission Chair

i. Chair spoke about calendar items that included the Select Board budget workshop on January 3rd, 2023, at 5pm, and a meeting about the Bowlsville bridge on January 24th, at 6pm with VTRANS.

ii. Chair reported that the Community Vision Survey has been completed as part of the Community Planning grant that wrapped up in November.

iii. Chair followed up on a question made during the Public Hearing - Does the state Permit Navigator web app include information about flood hazard and river corridors? It does include information on both.

5. Correspondence

a. Subdivision proposals: None

b. Building Construction Registrations

i. Schulz/Small, 468 Tiny Mountain Road, existing shed (replace siding, roofing, entry door and one window on shed, add one new window and insulation, bring water to site).

ii. Turco, 1100 Branch Brook Road, 16x16 framed shed

c. Wastewater system and potable water supply permits: None

d. Email / Other:

i. Chair received two emails from Town Clerk

1. Forwarded message from an attorney to Town Clerk, Carol

Garrow-Woolley: The attorney requested a copy of the Mount Holly Planning Commission resolution dated November 10, 2009 for Jonathon Pierce and Derek Pierce subdivision. They attached the survey which provides a reference to the resolution. Chair will take a look to see if there is anything in the file that looks like a resolution or in the minutes from a meeting on that date.

2. Email about memorial celebration of life for RRPC planner Steve Schild who recently passed away. That will be in January, somewhere in Rutland.

ii. Email from Ethan Pepin who has been working with the Planning Commission on the transportation plan, said he is still hoping to have a draft ahead of the January regular meeting. Ethan attached examples of town plans similar to Mount Holly (Danby, Mendon).

6. New business

a. Update AO and Clerk job descriptions

i. Chair emailed drafts of two separate job description documents to commissioners.

ii. Chair spoke about division of responsibilities between clerk and AO

iii. Discussion of whose responsibility it is to place placard for subdivision (Clerk, AO, applicant).

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- iv. Commissioner Jim Seward suggested a couple changes to the text. Commission agreed.
- v. Commissioner Jim Seward made a motion to approve both documents as amended. Commissioner Schulz seconded. **Unanimously approved.**
 - b. Suggest changes to fee schedule
- i. Chair stated that at first working meeting for the proposed bylaw, David Johnson had suggested the Planning Commission propose to the Select Board a new fee schedule.
- ii. Chair provided a draft of a proposed fee schedule to those present at the meeting.
- iii. Proposal adds fees for review related to flood hazard area regulations. An administrative review is the simplest type of review, and does not require a public hearing. Costs to the town include AO wages and certified mail. Suggestion of \$50 fee to cover those costs. The other types of review each require a public hearing and therefore notice in the newspaper at a cost over \$110, AO/clerk wages and certified mail. Suggestion of \$200 fee to cover those costs to the town.
- iv. BCR - no changes made (\$25 today)
- v. Driveway access permits - suggested \$25 fee to cover the cost of town employee review and filing.
- vi. Chair noted that the fee for minor subdivision was set in 1998 at \$150 and hasn't been updated since. Adjusted for inflation, the fee would be \$274.47 today. Chair suggested incremental updates to bring it closer to the inflation adjusted figure. Chair suggested \$200 fee now and re-review every couple years.
- vii. Commissioner Schulz made a motion to approve the fee schedule as distributed - Commissioner Jim Seward seconded. **Unanimously approved.**
 - c. Budget considerations
 - i. Budget would be for next fiscal year (7/1/2023)
 - ii. Chair stated this would be the time to discuss the budget, if the Planning Commission would like to make a recommendation. Commissioner Jim Seward stated Commission could consider operating expenses.
 - iii. Commissioner Jim Seward stated the subject had come to his attention about having someone come in for an office position a couple times a week. Chair stated that would be an Administrative Officer duty and asked if the Commission would like to consider adding it to the Administrative Officer's duties in the job description. Commissioner Jim Seward stated that at one time office hours were part of AO job description. Chair suggested asking the Select Board if they would like someone to do office hours and how it would be funded.
 - iv. Chair asked if Commission should forward to the Select Board what was decided for the computer.
 - v. Operating costs have been low - have not spent money on materials. Chair and clerk have been bearing the cost for printing documents and print materials.
 - vi. Chair suggested putting request in for previously discussed computer and printer, maintaining current funding level, and asking the Town Clerk/Select Board if they would like additional hours/office time. Chair made a motion to send those three things to the Select Board on or before the budget workshop. Commissioner Jim Seward seconded - **unanimously approved.**
 - d. Annual report
 - i. Due January 3rd, 2023
 - ii. Discussion about what the commission should put in the report: subdivisions, bylaw, progress on Town Plan
 - iii. Chair asked if anyone was opposed to him creating a draft and sending it to auditors via email. No objections – approved by unanimous consent.
 - e. Hazard mitigation grant opportunities
 - i. Stephanie Bourque sent around an email that there is FEMA and State flood hazard mitigation funding available for projects. Two funds include the Flood Resilient Communities Fund and the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The Flood Resilient Communities fund is accepting applications on a rolling basis as funding allows, and the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program has a state deadline of February 3rd, 2023. Chair reviewed eligible projects for the Flood Resilient Communities fund and suggested "best use" of funding for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. This included property buyouts in the Special Flood Hazard Area. Chair stated there are properties/areas where it will be terribly difficult to administer even the existing flood hazard and for those kinds of projects it is worth thinking about.
- 7. Unfinished business
 - a. Flood Hazard and River Corridor Bylaw approval and next steps
 - i. At public hearing decided to take feedback and make a resolution tonight to move forward with bylaw.
 - ii. Chair proposed an amendment to add a definition of "scour" as suggested by David Johnson. No one opposed.



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- iii. Chair proposed an amendment to notice requirements to also post on the town website and in the News Flash. No one opposed.
- iv. Commissioner Schulz made a motion for the Planning Commission to approve the bylaw as amended and forward to the Select Board and Town Clerk in accordance with procedure. Commissioner Jim Seward seconded the motion.
- 8. Public Comments: None.
- 9. Upcoming meetings
 - a. Special Meeting – No meeting in January due to ongoing tasks.
 - b. Regular meeting - January 18th at 7:00 pm (3rd Wednesday)
- 10. Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm For the Commission, Renee Sarmento, Planning Commission Clerk.

Mount Holly Planning Commission Town Office & Remote Electronic – Regular Meeting Minutes Wednesday January 18, 2023, 7:00 P.M.

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

Also Present: Renee Sarmento (Clerk), Ethan Pepin

- 11. Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.
- 12. Changes to agenda: Section 7 moved up before section 6
- 13. Approval of minutes
 - a. December 21, 2022 regular meeting were approved as distributed.
- 14. Reports & Announcements
 - a. Administrative Officer: none
 - b. Planning Commission Chair
- i. Chair gave update on Select Board decision to set next hearing for the proposed bylaw, but the date may be changed.
- ii. Chair presented to the Select Board the job descriptions and suggested fee schedule. Nothing was decided, Select Board will think about it.
- iii. State took ownership of land in Mount Holly and Weston that was conserved by the Mount Holly Conservation Trust known as the Doolittle Land. It will be a Wildlife Management Area and be open to hiking and hunting.



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- 15. Correspondence
 - a. Subdivision proposals: None
 - b. Building Construction Registrations
- i. Carlucci, 2535 Hedgehog Hill Rd North, new structure (3 bedrooms 2 1/2 baths) - AO will verify address on the Building Construction form.
- c. Wastewater system and potable water supply permits: None
- d. Email / Other:
- 16. New business
 - a. Administrative Officer position
 - i. Chair spoke about the Administrative Officer's intent to resign.
- ii. The AO has agreed to stay on until a new candidate is appointed. Planning Commission responsibility to nominate an individual.
- ii. Job description has been created. Select Board was asked but did not have opinion about whether regular office hours are needed. Commissioner Jim Seward stated there should be office hours added. And suggested the Commission modify the job description. The Chair suggested adding "Hold regular office hours at least one hour per week" to the job requirements. Commissioner Sullivan made a motion to approve AO job description with the Chair's suggestion. Commissioner A. Seward seconded the motion. **Unanimously approved.**
- iii. **Agreed** to place ad for position into Chitchat and Newsflash.
- iv. Discussion about advertising both AO and Clerk positions. Due to the number of hours available it is likely that someone would be interested in holding both positions.
- v. Discussion about content of the ad.
- vi. Will ask for applicants to email letters of interest, and then look at candidates at next regular meeting.
- 17. Unfinished business
 - a. Transportation Plan (guest Ethan Pepin)
 - i. Ethan provided a paper copy of the initial draft to those present at the meeting. He reviewed each section in detail with the Commission.
 - ii. Discussion about the necessity of specificity.
 - iii. Discussed characterizing current conditions, creating a 10-year paving plan, and doing rolling plan updates.
 - iv. Discussed importance of mentioning specific projects. Grant applications get 10 bonus points if mentioned in a Town Plan.
 - v. Discussion of storm water infrastructure. Jeff Chase stated the system in Belmont is currently failing. Chair will share storm water map of Belmont.
 - vi. Discussion about policies and scenic roads.
 - vii. Chair stated the importance of having a set of policies in the Town Plan so we have some local say in how the State reviews any Act 250 project. Chair stated that he would like to have policies and actions for each chapter.
 - viii. Commissioner Jim Seward spoke about a messy situation in the past in which a road was created and multiple structures were built and was an Act 250 review. The Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department (MHVFD) determined they were unable to provide service because the road was

not designed to be accessible. A clearer and more specific Town Plan might have guided the project better and communicated the requirement for emergency services access. Commissioner Andrew Seward asked if there is detail in the transportation section of the Town Plan that say how driveways/roads are constructed. Chair suggested the plan could refer to or suggest driveway development standards or guidelines that the town should develop. Chair said MHVFD recently adopted Recommended Development Standards that could be used.

- ix. Ethan suggested adding a section related to Act 171 habitat and wildlife crossings. There is increasing focus by the state and ANR on looking at wildlife crossings and how to integrate those into existing projects. State has a map of where they have identified high priority wildlife crossing zones. So, if there is interest there could be a section on identifying assets in high priority zones and when those zones come up for replacement since they are noted as high priority crossing zones. Can look to see if ANR will support. More and more grants/money being available for that. Ethan stated they could download the state level data set and grab all the structures that are in the high priority zone.
 - x. Chair stated he would like to see aquatic organism passage (AOP) considered in bridge and culvert assessment and replacement. AOP helps to enhance fishing among other things. Ethan stated he did not include it because he thought MRGP standards make it pretty hard to build without AOP these days, whatever project you are doing. Chair stated he would like to see it spelled out as a goal for all non-trivial culverts (perennial streams) to have AOP.
 - xi. Chair is interested to know if large (>3 feet) culverts are used for wildlife crossing. For example, make it specific, there is a 48-inch culvert under Route 103 in a high-pressure wildlife crossing area. Chair tried to speak to Fish and Wildlife about putting a camera there to find out. Commission could put a mark on the transportation plan that stated that is an animal crossing area. Ethan stated it is good to emphasize the preservation of the natural resources help hunting and fishing.
 - xii. Commissioner Sullivan asked about bike paths. Ludlow is beginning to develop one now. Chair and Commissioner A. Seward agreed this would go under recreation. Commissioner Sullivan stated the highway department has bike path money. Commissioners will look into it.
 - xiii. Chair reminded Commission about memo from the State related to helpads.
 - xiv. Ethan gave update on the crash data confusion at a past meeting. Where things were left was that Commission disputed the numbers of accidents recorded for the “blinking light” intersection. It was the Commission’s opinion that the numbers are actually far higher. Ethan and the Chair looked into the situation. Ethan stated the issue is the way the incidents were reported by Vermont State Police. Each successive incident was appended to a previous one instead of creating a new ID. Ethan stated he still does not believe the area rises to the level of a priority in the eyes of the State as a high crash intersection.
 - xv. Chair distributed a “heat map” of crashes on Route 103. It clearly shows the blinking light and Healdville near Harry’s are the most dangerous intersections. Ethan said Mount Holly could petition VTrans to look at the intersection. Chair pointed out the importance of accurate crash numbers and incidents being reported correctly. State statistics directly impact the work VTrans will do.
 - xvi. Ethan will create a new draft with the changes and send it to the Chair for discussion at meeting next month.
18. Public Comments: None.
 19. Upcoming meetings
 - a. Special Meeting - Land use February 1st at 7:00pm (1st Wednesday) Brigid will be absent.
 - b. Regular meeting - February 15th at 7:00 pm (3rd Wednesday)
 20. Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm For the Commission, Renee Sarmento, Planning Commission Clerk.



Belmont General Store Brainstorming Meeting - 9 February 2023

This meeting provided an opportunity for Mt Holly residents to share ideas on what might be done to reopen the Belmont General Store store. The focus was on ways to support potential new owners, since it is on the market, and to explore cooperative ownership arrangements. The meeting was advertised in the ChitChat and Newsflash and open to all. Over 60 people participated; most in person, with about 15 via zoom and phone. The meeting split into 3 groups, to allow participants a greater chance to share their ideas. _

Group 1 focused on advice and support for a potential buyer who plans to run the store. The group suggested a new owner should aim for a wide and diverse customer base, aiming to make the store a ‘destination’ through marketing and by establishing a niche/specialty. They emphasized the need to cater for key customer groups: skiers/snowmobilers; laborers in Mt Holly and nearby communities, local residents of different socioeconomic groups; AirBnBers (a growing group); summer visitors.

The group suggested focusing on the deli, selling pizza and soft serve ice cream, and increasing the eat in area - to meet demand and generate a profit. Participants also felt it would be good to sell basics as well as products from local producers, communicate well about opening/closing times, uncover the mural of Belmont scenes, and create a welcoming atmosphere.

Certain financial arrangements might also help the store succeed. These include establishing community share/advance payment arrangements, seeking ‘buy first’ commitments from community members and organizations, and making use of community volunteers.

Group 2 discussed what to suggest to prospective buyers who do not intend to run the store themselves. The group suggested a committee to help find a manager. And the group proposed some criteria to look for. Getting the store open will require new licenses and permits and possible updates to existing systems. Having a plan in place and possible use of grant money or ARPA funds to update critical components could help.

Like Group 1, participants also felt it would help to market the store as a destination, and suggested talking to other stores who have done this successfully. They also proposed arranging accounts with short term rentals (airbnb). They noted that a community based group might help with staffing, developing co-op based model, involving the town for assistance with taxes, licenses, staffing, etc.

Group 3 discussed how a community ownership model might be launched if a buyer is not found. They noted that any future effort should take advantage of previous work done by residents on potential financing and viability opportunities. Options might include grants, tax relief, VT affordable housing initiatives for the apts above the store; and the Preservation Trust. The group also discussed the Community Supported Enterprise (CSE) option, offering shares (Maple Corner Store model). They noted it would also be helpful to review the Select Board/Town’s position on supporting the store including via American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) Funds.

Following the group work the summaries were shared with the wider group. It was clear that there was overall consensus on many ideas and interest in providing ongoing support. Before the group adjourned, the current owner of the store spoke to the group, wishing to dispel a rumor that the store would be turned into a pub, bar or restaurant, and asserted that this was not the case.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

March 29, 2023

6:30 pm

The Mount Holly Select Board will hold a Public Hearing at 6:30 PM on March 29, 2023 at the Mount Holly Town Office and via Zoom to consider a new Flood Hazard and River Corridor Bylaw.

THE PURPOSE of the proposed Town of Mount Holly Flood Hazard and River Corridor Bylaw is to update the Town of Mount Holly Flood Hazard Area Regulations adopted on June 24, 2008. The proposed Bylaw is based on Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation's 2022 Model Stand Alone Flood Hazard Bylaw. This model has been pre-reviewed by FEMA and meets or exceeds the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program. The primary purpose of this update is to further protect structures and road infrastructure through adoption and enforcement of Section IV, River Corridor Protection. This will qualify Mount Holly for the highest-level cost-share possible under the Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund (ERAF).

THE MAP of the geographic area that would be affected by the proposed bylaw is printed here, and may also be examined at the Town Office and at <https://www.mounthollyvt.org/planning-commission/flood-hazard-area/#River-Corridors>.

THE DRAFT BYLAW may be read in its entirety both inside the Town Office and on its outdoor bulletin board, at the Belmont Post Office, at the Mount Holly Post Office and at <https://www.mounthollyvt.org/planning-commission/flood-hazard-area/>.

The full bylaw contains the following

TABLE OF CONTENTS:

1. Statutory Authorization & Effect
2. Purpose
3. Summary Table: Development Review in Hazard Areas
4. River Corridor Protection
5. Flood Hazard Area Protection
6. Other Provisions
7. Administration
8. Definitions

To attend the hearing, the public may attend in person, or via Zoom at:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/82317986784?pwd=TVdPNy80WGFCRDZxWDFjRkZUdmcyQT09>

Meeting ID: 823 1798 6784

Passcode: 3Q21he

If you wish to make a public comment but do not have the ability to attend the meeting or comment remotely during the meeting, please email your comment(s) in advance of the hearing to Mount Holly Select Board at mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com, or mail to Mount Holly Select Board, P.O. Box 248 Mount Holly, VT 05758. Caitlin Boyle, Clerk, Mount Holly Select Board, Mount Holly, VT mounthollyvt.org



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Flood Hazard and River Corridor Fact Sheet

Summary

The Town of Mount Holly is considering updating and expanding the Town's existing Flood Hazard Area (FHA) Regulations. The principal change would be to manage development within specifically identified river corridors. This change would further reduce the risks of injury and damage to people and property from flooding and erosion, and would entitle the Town to additional State relief funds following FEMA-declared disasters.

This change was recommended by the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan adopted by the Select Board in February 2021, and the advantages that would accompany this change were affirmed by the Select Board at its October meeting this year.

What we have now

The Town of Mount Holly adopted our current FHA Regulations on June 24, 2008.

The purpose of the FHA Regulations is to:

1. Minimize and prevent the loss of life and property, the disruption of commerce, the impairment of the tax base, and the extraordinary public expenditures and demands on public services that result from flooding and other flood related hazards; and
2. Ensure that the design and construction of development in flood and other hazard areas are accomplished in a manner that minimizes or eliminates the potential for flood and loss or damage to life and property; and
3. Manage all flood hazard areas as required by state law; and
4. Make the Town, and individuals eligible for federal flood insurance and other federal disaster recovery and hazard mitigation funds as may be available.

These regulations only apply to areas that lie within FEMA designated "special flood hazard areas."

In short, our current FHA regulations protect us from flooding-related hazards in areas prone to flooding and make us eligible to receive state and federal disaster relief, currently up to 87.5% of costs.

What we propose to do

The Planning Commission is proposing to update and expand the Town's FHA Regulations based on a model prepared by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and approved by F.E.M.A. The model involves very few changes to regulation of activities within the special flood hazard area already defined.

However, the model includes new provisions governing development in river corridors. Adding these provisions will allow the Town to receive a **40% increase in disaster relief funding from the State (from 12.5% to 17.5% of the Town's costs)**, for a total of 92.5% of combined State and Federal reimbursement, during FEMA-declared disasters.

As per State law and the DEC model regulation, the new provisions would regulate development within State identified river corridors. "River corridors" include both larger rivers and also those streams that have a watershed area between ½ and 2 square miles. These provisions apply to the river corridor areas as mapped by the State and where not mapped by the State, to a default setback area 50 feet from the top bank. The State maps are available in the Town Office and [online](#). Note that some parts of these rivers and streams are also in areas designated as flood hazard areas, and area already regulated under the Town's FHA Regulations.

In the future, FEMA and the State will update the flood maps for Otter Creek/Mill River, West River, and Black River/Branch Brook. Once those maps are done, we will be required to update our FHA regulations. The changes to our FHA regulations that the Planning Commission is now proposing will give us a head start on the process.

How does this affect you?

By managing development in the specified river corridors, the proposed regulation would reduce the risk of damage to property and personal injury resulting from structures and objects being washed downstream in extreme flooding. Also, the additional State disaster relief available to the Town would reduce the cost of recovery to Town taxpayers.

The regulation of development within these river corridors will have no effect on your property unless you are planning a new development within a "river corridor." Otherwise, the proposed inclusion of the river corridor provisions would not apply to you at all. We have provided a map of the affected areas for people to review.

If your property lies within the special flood hazard area, any development is already required to be permitted under our existing FHA Regulations—regardless of whether we adopt the proposed update. The proposed changes to the existing FHA Regulations were discussed at a Planning Commission special meeting on November 2nd and will be discussed in detail at the public hearing on December 7th.

This updated bylaw will offer you additional protection for your property from upstream hazards. It will also reduce the cost to the Town (paid by taxes) in the event of another FEMA-declared disaster.

Next Steps

The Planning Commission held a public hearing at the Town Office and on Zoom on Wednesday December 7, 6:00 PM. On December 21, the Planning Commission unanimously approved the final draft of the bylaw. The next step is for the Select Board to schedule another public hearing, after which it will vote on adoption.

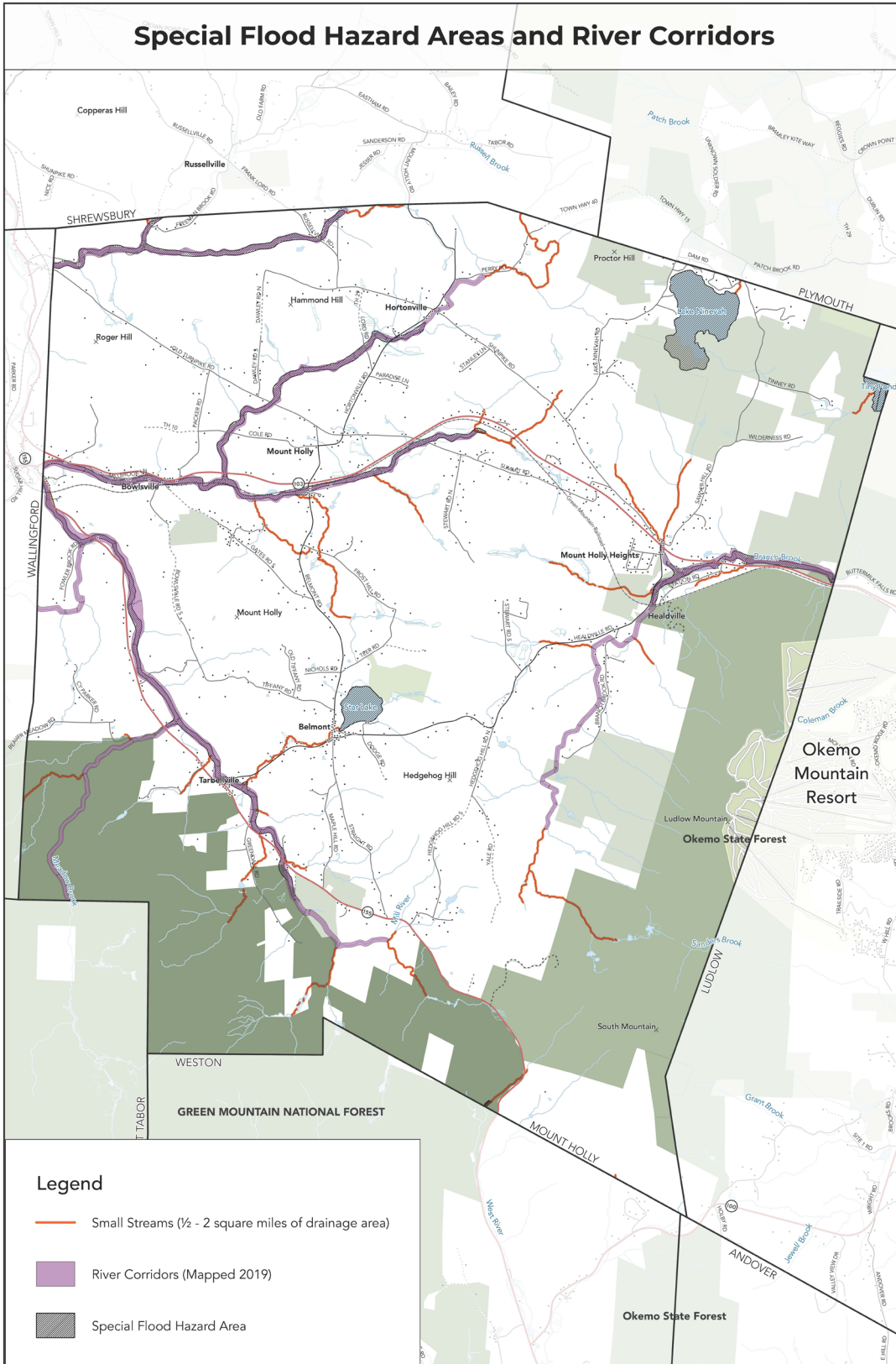
The draft bylaw is available at the Town Office and posted on the web site:

<https://www.mounthollyvt.org/planning-commission/flood-hazard-area/#River-Corridors>

Please email your thoughts or questions to: planningcomm@mounthollyvt.org

More information

- [Town of Mount Holly Flood Hazard and River Corridor Bylaw Draft](#)
- [Map of Flood Hazard Areas and River Corridors](#)
- [River Corridors - Frequently Asked Questions - FAQs](#)
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WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 6, 2023, AND MARCH 7, 2023

The legal voters of the Town of Mount Holly, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the **Mount Holly School at 7:00 p.m. in the evening, Monday, March 6, 2023**, to act on the following articles, viz: **2 & 13**

On **Tuesday, March 7, 2023**, to vote by **Australian ballot at the Mount Holly Town Office**, polls will be open from **10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** to vote on the following articles, viz.: **1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, & 12.**
Articles may be discussed Monday evening.

Article 1: To elect all Town Officers as the law directs. (Australian ballot)

Article 2: To act on the Town Officer's Report.

Article 3: Does the Town vote the following budget for fiscal year 2023-2024, to be raised by tax?

A. General Fund (net)	\$ 471,890.
B. Highway Fund (net)	384,900.
Total A & B (Australian ballot)	\$ 856,790.

Article 4: Does the Town vote **\$70,000.** for the Asset/Equipment Fund for fiscal year 2023-2024, to be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)

Article 5: Does the Town vote to the Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. an operating budget of **\$57,500.** for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, and Vehicle Replacement Fund of **\$55,000.** for a total of **\$112,500.** to be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)

Article 6: Does the Town vote to the Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc. for the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget, to be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)

A. General Budget Fund	\$21,250.
B. Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Fund	\$15,000.
Total A & B (Australian ballot)	\$36,250.

Article 7: Does the Town vote **\$12,000.** for the Mount Holly Town Library, to be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)

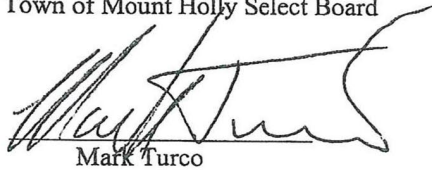
Article 8: Does the Town vote **\$2,000.** for the Mount Holly Chit Chat, to be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)

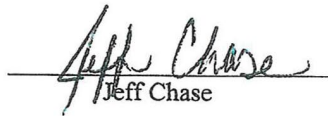
Article 9: Does the Town vote the following for Community and Social Services totaling **\$8,635.,** to be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)

A. American Red Cross	\$ 500.
B. BROCC Community Action in Southwestern Vermont	550.
C. Rutland Mental Health Services	1,302.
D. VNA & Hospice of Southwest Region	1,313.
E. RSVP & The Volunteer Center	100.
F. Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging	400.
G. Regional Ambulance Service, Inc.	620.
H. Vermont Adult Learning	500.
I. Black River Good Neighbor Services, Inc.	1,000.
J. Vermont Assoc. for the Blind & Visually Impaired	150.
K. Marble Valley Regional Transit District	300.
L. Vermont Center for Independent Living	100.
M. Green Up Vermont	150.
N. Child First Advocacy Center	400.
O. NeighborWorks	500.
P. Okemo Valley TV	750.

- Article 10: Does the Town vote **\$2500.** for the Mount Holly Community Historical Museum to be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)
- Article 11: Does the Town vote to fund the afterschool program at the Mount Holly School in the amount of **\$6,500** in the FY 2023 - 2024, (to maintain state grant funding in the amount of \$23,890), be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)
- Article 12: Shall the Town vote to eliminate the office of constable pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2651a(d)?
- Article 13: To transact all other necessary and proper business.

Dated at Mount Holly, Vermont this 24th day of January AD, 2023.
Town of Mount Holly Select Board


Mark Turco


Jeff Chase


Diana Garrow

The public may also attend (as non-participatory observers only) via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

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March makes me think of sugaring season and one of my favorite Vermont treats, Sugar on Snow. A fresh snow in March would be an ideal time for this treat. My mom would instruct me and my sisters to go out with bowls and collect fresh snow. She would boil some fresh syrup from my uncle's sugar house until it was "soft ball" stage. Once ready she would drizzle a little into each of our bowls. So simple yet so traditional.

Years ago (when my kids were still in grade school), I brought some in for their classes. We made shaved ice and had pre-boiled the syrup. I was so surprised at how many had never experienced sugar on snow.

When the March snow comes, maybe consider "treating" yourself.

I usually boil ½ to 1 cup of 100% Vermont maple syrup until it reaches a temp of 235-240 degrees F. If you over boil it...your "sugar" will just be a little more hard. Using a candy thermometer is best but you can "test" by dropping a little in a glass of water.

Enjoy!

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LUDLOW-MOUNT HOLLY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING Mount Holly School Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 6:00pm

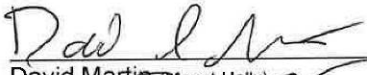
The legal voters of Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District, consisting of the towns of Ludlow and Mount Holly, are hereby warned to meet at Mount Holly Elementary School, in the Town of Mount Holly, Vermont, on February 28, 2023 to transact at that time business not involving voting by Australian ballot or voting required by law to be by ballot. The business to be transacted at this meeting includes the following:

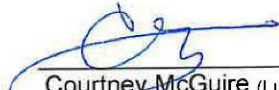
- Article 1:** To elect a Moderator for a one year term beginning July 1, 2023.
- Article 2:** To elect a Clerk for a one year term beginning July 1, 2023.
- Article 3:** To elect a Treasurer for a one year term beginning July 1, 2023.
- Article 4:** Shall the voters of the Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District approve the annual honorarium for each of its School Board Directors at \$1000.00 per board member?
- Article 5:** Shall the voters of the Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District approve the annual honorarium for its School District Clerk at \$125.00?
- Article 6:** Shall the voters of the Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District approve the annual honorarium for the Treasurer at \$1200.00?
- Article 7:** Shall the voters of the Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District authorize its Board of School Directors to borrow money, pending receipt of payments from member districts as provided in Title 16, Chapter 11, § 711, by issuance of notes of money orders, payable not later than one year from date, for the purpose of paying its expenses?
- Article 8:** To hear and act on the reports of the Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District Directors for the year ending June 30, 2022.
- Article 9:** To transact any other business deemed proper when met, not involving the expenditure of school district funds or any other business acted upon in the preceding articles.

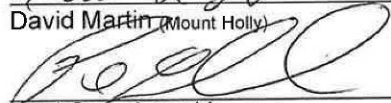
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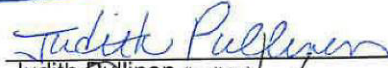

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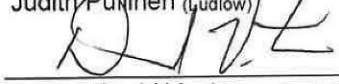

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LUDLOW-MOUNT HOLLY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Voting By Australian Ballot

LUDLOW TOWN HALL and MOUNT HOLLY TOWN OFFICE

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

10:00am to 7:00pm

The legal voters of Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District, consisting of the towns of Ludlow Town and Mount Holly, are hereby warned to meet at the respective polling places on Tuesday, the 7th day of March for the purpose of voting by Australian ballot. The business to be transacted to include:

Article I: Shall the voters of Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District approve the School Board of Directors to expend \$7,668,103.00, which is the amount the school board of directors has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that the proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$22,204.46 per equalized pupil.

Article II: Election of School Directors.

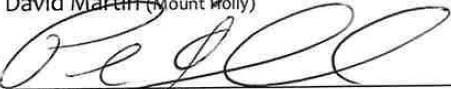
Approved at a Duly Warned Meeting on January 25, 2023.

Board of Directors:

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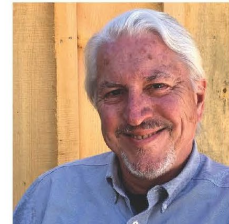
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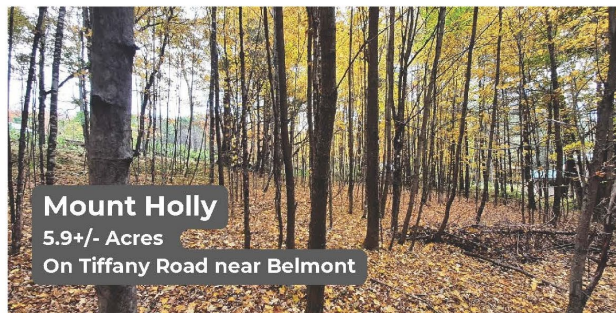
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HI,

I am reading the Mount Holly Chit Chat regarding the Last year's calendar observations Noting that there were not any Photos of Maple Hill Road or Moose, with a rely, "Je ne sait quoi" written twice.

It is spelled wrong and uses the wrong conjugations ending, first person singular for "Je" it should be spelled this way Je ne sais quoi", which means, "A quality that cannot be named or described easily. Keep warm! Lavinia Seide

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 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,
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 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 Strahas 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

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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

Beardmore Painting beardmorepainting802@gmail.com 802-353-9493

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

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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



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