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Sun	1 st	Deer Archery Season ~ <i>American Control Of Panama Canal Handed Over to Panama 1979</i>	
	2 nd	<i>California Redwood National Park Est 1968</i>	
	3 rd	Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library	7:00 pm
		Mount Holly Conservation Commission	7:00 pm
	4 th	Mt. Holly PTSA Meeting, MH School	6:00 pm
	5 th	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	7:00 pm
	6 th		
		<i>World Cerebral Palsy Day</i>	
Sat	7 th	Roast Pork Supper , Benefit Colfax Lodge #21, Odd Fellows Hall	5:00 pm
Sun	8 th	<i>The Great Chicago Fire 1871</i>	
	9 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	7:00 pm
		<i>Leif Erikson Day 1964</i>	
		<i>VT Indigenous Peoples Day</i>	
	10 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	9:00 am
		Select Board Meeting, Town Office & Zoom	6:30 pm
	11 th	LMHUUS Meeting,	6:00 pm
		ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	7:00 pm
	12 th	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	7:00 pm
		<i>Traditional Columbus Day 1892</i>	
		<i>US Navy Est 1775</i>	
		<i>Oscar Wild 1854 ~ National Boss’s Day</i>	
	17 th	Fire Dept. Work Night, Fire Stations	7:00 pm
	18 th	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont	6:30 pm
		Mount Holly Planning Commission, MH Town Office & Via Zoom	7:00 pm
	19 th	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	7:00 pm
		<i>Revolutionary War Ended 1781</i>	
		<i>Dizzy Gillespie 1917</i>	
Sat	21 st		
	23 rd		
		<i>Beirut Barracks Bombing 1983</i>	
	24 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	9:00 am
	25 th	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	7:00 pm
	26 th	Fire Dept. Work Night, Fire Stations	7:00 pm
	27 th	<i>Gunfight at OK Corral 1881 ~ Eri Canal Opens 1825</i>	
		<i>Navy Day</i>	
Sat	28 th	<i>Hunter’s Full Moon ~ Statue of Liberty Dedicated 1886</i>	
Sun	29 th	<i>“Black Tuesday” Starts Great Depression 1929</i>	
	31 st	<i>National UNICEF Day ~ Halloween</i>	



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

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

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October Anniversaries: 1st-Jim & Millicent Johnson (1977) 8th-Fay & Maxine Freeman (2016) 9th-Ron & Karen Blodgett * Ron & Kelly Tarbell 10th-Tom & Kristin Veysey * Gary & Lori Norton 18th-John & Amy Taylor 25th-Roger & Diana Garrow (1974) 31st-Jodi & John Seward

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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Oct 3rd - Pres. Abraham Lincoln Designates Last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day

Oct 13th - The Cornerstone of the White House was laid by George Washington 1792

Oct 14th - US Air Force Capt Chuck Yeager shatters the Sound Barrier in a Top-Secret Bell X-1 Rocket Plane 1947 ~ Cuban Missile Crisis Begins 1962

Oct 24th - Anna Edson Taylor 1st Person to Survive Going Over Niagara Falls in a Barrel 1901

Oct 25th - Pablo Picasso 1881 ~ Operation Urgent Fury US Invades Grenada 1983

Oct 31st - Magician Harry Houdini Dies 1926 ~ Mount Rushmore National Memorial Completed 1941 ~ John Keats Poet b 1795



David Hoisington, 1961-2023

David Hoisington, a skilled carpenter and a lifelong resident of Mount Holly, Vt., died unexpectedly on Aug. 9, 2023, at the age of 62, while undergoing treatment for pneumonia at Rutland

Regional Medical Center.

David is survived by his wife Donna Ehmann Hoisington; his children Jeremy and Corey and their mother Diana; his grandson Ransom; his stepfather Glenn Lynds; his half-brothers Lawrence, Michael, and Arthur Lynds, and Tony Hoisington; and his half-sisters Mary Lynds and Lisa Hoisington. He is predeceased by his stepdaughter Jaime, his father Reginald Hoisington, his mother Ruth Bellimer, and his grandparents Anna Mae and Lawrence Bellimer.

David was born on July 11, 1961, to Ruth and Regi. He grew up in Bridgewater, Vt., and attended Woodstock Union High School. He married Diana and had two children, and moved to Washington State. David moved back to Vermont, where he enjoyed spending time with his grandparents and family in Mount Holly. David enjoyed riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle, and camping with his family. David married Donna Ehmann in 2001, and they built their home together on his grandparents' property. They adopted their grandson, Ransom, who also enjoyed growing up in rural Vermont. David owned his own business, "David's

Home Repair," and serviced the central Vermont area.

David will be deeply missed by his friends, family, and all who knew him. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations locally to Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont, VT 05730, or to The American Lung Association.



Lee Shaw Hillberg

Lee Shaw Hillberg passed away peacefully at the Gill Home

In Ludlow Vermont on September 20th. He was born in Bethel, Vermont on June 10th 1948. He grew up in Cheshire Connecticut and graduated from Cheshire High School. After High school he worked mostly as a painter often on Block Island. He also took some time to travel around the USA and Europe.

In the 1970's he moved to Vermont and lived in the Ludlow-Mount Holly area. He continued to do odd jobs often again painting. His painting talents extended to intricate designs he painted which were shown in some local galleries.

Lee was known by many because of his flowing beard and his bibbed overalls. He always had a smile on his face and would depart saying Peace and love.

There are no immediate plans for a memorial service. One will be done in the spring of 2024 in the Lake Ninevah area.

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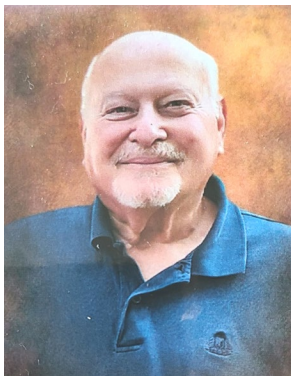
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Odd Fellows Hall

For Weights and more information
Call Judy Nevin 802-259-2443

**Notice: All Invited
Mechanicsville Cemetery
Monthly Volunteer Clean Up Schedule**

1st Tuesday of each month 2023
Oct 3, 8 am



Stanley Stokes Ramsden Sr

Stanley Stokes Ramsden Sr. joined his beloved wife Arlene in heaven on December 25, 2022 in Washington, North Carolina. Stan resided in Washington, NC after retiring from Long Island NY, 27 years ago.

Stan followed in his father's footsteps, working at the Long Island NY, aerospace giant Gruman for more than 40 years in project management and logistics. It was at Gruman where Stan met his future wife of almost 63 years, Arlene Westrich. Stan and Arlene would spend many happy holidays with his parents Earl and Helen Ramsden and their 3 kids in Belmont. They summered there every year and their love of the town spread to their kids and grandchildren. They always said that Belmont, Vermont was their "true home".

After an early retirement from Gruman, Stan and Arlene moved to Washington, NC, where they resided for the last 26 years. They made many friends and enjoyed such activities as golf, card games, and Pamlico Plantation community functions. But always returned to summer in Belmont.

Stan was predeceased by his wife Arlene in January 2022. He is survived by his daughter Karen, husband David and grandson Clay; his son Stan Jr., wife Joyce and granddaughters Jamie and Katie; and his son John and wife Mary; his brother Larry just recently passed away earlier this month.

Stan and his wife will be laid to rest in New Mechanics Cemetery in Belmont alongside his parents.

Penelope Lee Coldwell



On September 20th, 2023 Penelope Lee Coldwell passed away encircled by loved ones, peacefully in the comfort of her home that she and her husband built over the past five decades. Penny was born on October 20th, 1953 in Clinton, Massachusetts.

The fourth child and only daughter of Annabritta Brandt Taylor, a Swedish emigrant, and Gordon Taylor. After graduating college and marrying, Penny with her husband, Peter left their hometown of Berlin, Massachusetts, and moved to the mountains of Vermont seeking a rural community and a life close to nature.

Penny was a passionate artist and creator, including her devotion and love for her husband, daughters, granddaughters, and friends. Her deep connection

to nature manifested in her love of skiing, gardening, and her connection and deep affection for horses, dogs, and cats. Her sense of adventure led her to travel to many places all over the world.

From the time Penny and Peter bought their property which was first named Raspberry Run, she wasted no time in cultivating the community as an avid supporter and acting board member of the Mount Holly Community Association. She influenced countless lives as an elementary educator at Mount Holly School teaching art, art appreciation, drama, literacy, science, social studies, and math, for over 30 years. A humanitarian at heart, she was a founding member and life-long supporter of Volunteers For Peace, a non-profit organization that promotes peace through international voluntary service.

When she wasn't with family or supporting the community, Penny could be found deeply engrossed in literature or the most challenging of crosswords. She often engaged in creative projects such as painting, sewing, knitting, sculpting, weaving, drawing, building, and designing meaningful heartfelt experiences. She used her many talents, and devotion to her community to make people feel love.

Penny was an exceptional fun-loving woman with many talents and gifts. Her love continues to ripple throughout the world. In honor of her legacy, a celebration of her life will be held in the spring.



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Suppers For Mount Holly Organizations



Settings Start 5:00 pm
At



The Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont
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Mt. Moriah Lodge #96 September 2023, Trestleboard

Regular Meeting Tuesday 9/26 7:30PM

District 11 Meeting Friday 10/06 6PM Next meeting Tuesday 10/24 7:30PM

Brothers,
Keep your calendars slated for our District 11 meeting on October 6. We will have supper beginning at 6 pm before opening the District meeting at 7PM. This will be held at King Solomon Lodge #45 in Bellows falls. Let's support our new District Deputy, Robb Fox, by attending this important Masonic gathering.

We had 20 people at our appreciation meal, held at Black River Lafayette Lodge, to acknowledge everyone who helps at our annual fund raising dinner, and passed out three membership pins. Congratulations to George Gage who received a 70-yr pin, David Walker a 65-year pin and Roger Garrow a 25-year pin.

WM Dennis Start, GL Jim Goss, Chaplin Bob Blaisdell and Secretary Buster Seward presented Raymond "Pat" Williams a 65-year pin at his home in Londonderry, Wednesday, September 6.

The electrician is back working on the electrical up-grades to the Lodge. Fraternally,
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The Writers' Group

The Writers' Group will meet again at the Mount Holly Library at 1 PM on October 2nd. The group has elected to continue with memoir with no particular focus/exercise. Just bring some sample of your writing with you. Thank you.
connor@ohio.edu Joan Connor



Trunk or Treat?

Halloween is just around the corner! Benson's Chevrolet will again host Trunk or Treat for your little ghosts and goblins. This safe evening out is exciting for all ages. From young to whatever age you choose . . . it is a spooky fun-filled night.

Come out to see the uniquely decorated trunk displays from local businesses. And if your business wishes to participate, please call us at 802-228-4000 if you are interested in sponsoring a trunk!

This event will be held on Tuesday, October 31, 2023 from 5 to 7 P.M. at 25 Pond Street. Plenty of parking. No charge! Please join us for some

spooktacular fun!

And after this event, please make your way to the Ludlow Community Center where there will be a haunted house display courtesy of Ludlow Recreation.



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September Update on the Belmont General Store

I want to thank all of those who have submitted surveys and filled out suggestions for the Belmont General Store. We received over 200 responses! The support has been wonderful and is truly appreciated. Also, would love to thank Jamie Ward for pulling together a concert for the Community Association this past Sunday September 17th, Jamie and all the talented artists did an amazing job!

We are making every effort to open the store swiftly and appreciate all the patience this summer as we work through everything. Over the past 180 years, the Belmont General Store has served its community and with each new owner, the store has undergone both small and major renovations and structural changes, each with its own reason and

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purpose. Our main goal this summer was to understand the layout, the foundation and structure of the store. With each layer of peeling, we saw each different renovation from a previous owner. It's been incredible to witness the history of the Belmont General Store within the walls and think about the many stories it holds.

Over the past month, we have found old beams hidden amongst modern sheetrock of the store's ceilings and have uncovered the floor of old barn three feet below the concrete of the store. Our desire is to display much of the uncovered history and bring back the charm of the old store.

However, just as important as restoring the store, it is also important to bring it to the 21st century as far as being energy

efficient. Our plans include decarbonization of the store with solar panels and heat pump heating, improving the insulation, and we are looking at energy efficient alternatives to many of the store's large appliances.

Back in May when I held a meeting in the Community Center, I expressed my desire to start out small so that we can open part of the store immediately. However, as we started to renovate this summer, we quickly realized that in order to restore the store properly, we had to take our time to fully understand it. We are hoping that the renovations we are making will last for many years to come.

Each day I get more excited about what the store will be, and I hope that you all will join me in this journey of uncovering history and creating lasting improvements to our store. Please know that each suggestion and recommendation that came through to us is being taken very seriously. We cannot wait to open our doors for business and hopefully sometime very soon! We will see you all at Cider Days!

NOTICE

The Mount Holly Board of Listers will be commencing the annual Drive Around to confirm new construction progress and identify any other property changes, beginning the week of October 2, 2023.

Hall Rental in Belmont

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

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Indigenous Peoples' Day Weekend

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Reinbow Riding Center

Caption: Sometimes it takes a little teamwork to get to the fun. As Beauty waits patiently, Lacey and Raea help each other with the heavier aspects of saddling their horses before their lesson.

Reinbow Riding Center is off to another busy fall season. We have riders from Shrewsbury, Mt. Holly, Cavendish, Ludlow and Rutland area schools all participating in our horsemanship lessons as well as adult participants from surrounding towns. To help us provide these programs we have volunteers from those towns as well as Springfield, Chester and Weston, and we are always ready to welcome more.

If you're out and about viewing the foliage, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 7 & 8, stop by Belmont Cider Days in for fresh pressed apple cider, cider donuts, crafts, food, children's activities and of course the Reinbow Riding Center booth! Fun for kids, 50-50 raffle, information on participating in our program and/or volunteering. It's a great outing on a fresh fall day.

We would like thank Chris Kelley and Ozzie Hughes of Kelley's Custom Carts in Belmont for donating a golf cart to Reinbow Riding. Over the summer the cart has been used for transporting parents and equipment up to the riding ring, distributing hay and a myriad of other tasks that come with running a stable. Your gift is much

appreciated. Thank you.

At Reinbow Riding we strive to meet the needs of every individual that participates in our programs, mounted or unmounted. For more information about Reinbow Riding Center and our mission please check out our website: reinbowridingcenter.org and follow us on Facebook or 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.

Mount Holly Snow Flyers

The leaves are slowly changing color and we all know what will come next! Of course, if you're a Snow Flyer you are *extremely* excited for the winter weather that will soon follow!

Our club has a workday scheduled for September and we will also have one coming up in October. Monitor our website or Facebook for more information regarding this. We appreciate any time you can volunteer for the club and its activities.

Cider Days is just around the corner! Our club again will be hosting a tent at this must-attend event. We will be holding our ever-so popular Annual Basket Raffle! We will soon be out and about soliciting baskets. We are willing to pick up your basket if you are interested in putting one together for us. **This year's proceeds will benefit community area services.** Some basket suggestions are:

- Dog basket (dog bones, dog toys, treats, leash etc.)
- Vermont basket (maple syrup, pancake mix, maple candy, jelly etc)
- Sports theme (Red Sox, Bruins, or Patriot things)
- Pamper me basket (candles, lotions, shower gels)
- Food baskets (Italian, Mexican etc...)
- Garden baskets, Scrap book baskets, kids' basket, cleaning basket, car wash basket, race car theme (you get the idea)

Please be sure to stop by Cider Days on October 7 or 8, 2023 on the green in beautiful Belmont to purchase a ticket or two and try to win your favorite basket! As always there will be lots to do and lots to see this weekend!

We will also be drawing our big cash raffle winner on Sunday, October 8, 2023. Who wouldn't want \$2,000 in cash??? We have a few tickets left! Get yours before they are gone! Tickets are \$25 each. Only 400 are being sold.

2024 Earlybird TMA's go on sale October 1, 2023. Please select Mount Holly Snow Flyers as your first club membership! The discounted price is good through December 15, 2023. If you need assistance with the online process email us and we'd be happy to assist you.

And remember – new for 2024 regarding your VT DMV snowmobile registrations - you will not receive a renewal dated sticker for your sled going forward. VT DMV has eliminated the sticker going forward.

As always, our clothing apparel is always available online. You can view the merchandise online and purchase also directly online as well. We will have some items at Cider Days available for purchase also. And do not forget to get your Snow Flyer snow stake! We have snowmobile rider ones and a Mt. Holly generic one for those who may not be a rider. Get your snow stake before they are all gone!

Follow us on Facebook. Our website is: mounthollysnowflyers.org.

Our club meets on the first Tuesday of the month. Zoom options are available. Please consider joining in on one of our meetings to see what is going on!

Thank You again to our landowners and sign board sponsors who help support our club. Mount Holly Snow Flyers, Kim Lampert, Secretary



That Time of Year Again!!!!
The MT Holly Snow Flyers are looking for donated baskets!!

What's needed: Baskets filled with theme items such as:

- Dog basket (dog bones, dog toys, treats, leash etc.)
- Vermont basket (maple syrup, pancake mix, maple candy, jelly etc)
- Sports theme (Red Sox, Bruins, or Patriot things)
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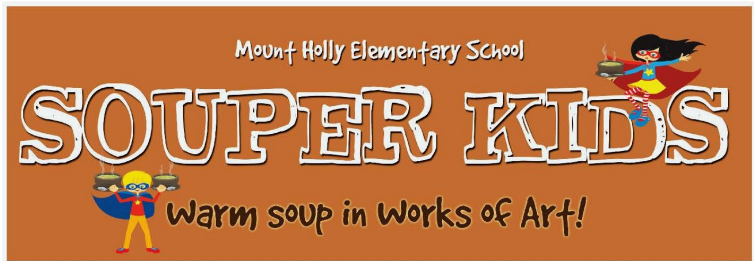
These Baskets will be displayed and auctioned off on Cider days in Belmont. (Similar to a Chinese auction) Saturday, October 7th 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Sunday, October 8th noon to 4:00 PM. Drawings for the baskets will be on Sunday, October 8th at 4:00 PM

Please call Mary Alberty, 802-259-2900, or Claire Poulin 802-259-2399 or email mounthollysnowflyers@gmail.com. Someone will be happy to pick up your basket. You can also donate items or gift certificates and we will make the basket or use the item for door prizes. Baskets can also be dropped off Saturday morning before 10AM Saturday at the Snow Flyers booth.

The Mount Holly Snow Flyers appreciates your patronage. We feel confident that our community will pull together to support this fine event. A special thanks to all those that donated in 2022! Visit our website at

MountHollySnowFlyers.org

Thanks Everyone, Your Help Is Appreciated!!!!



Fundraising at TWO events this year!!!

TAP to TABLE

Sunday Oct. 1st 10—4pm
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CIDER DAYS

Sunday Oct. 7th 10—4pm & 8th 12-4pm
 In front of Mt Holly Library

Support the Mt Holly School and PTG fundraising!!
There will be highly sought after kid painted bowls, soups, kid made crafts, a Bouncy house and more!!!



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Notice;
Mechanicsville Cemetery
Annual Meeting
Place: Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont VT.
Date: October 18, 2023
Time: 6:00 PM



Ludlow Rotary Club's 32nd Annual Chili Cook Off

October 7, 2023 11am-2pm
 (Ludlow Traffic Light @ Main & Depot Streets)

Dozens of Chili Entries
 (Hot, Sweet, Spicy, Meat, Veggie . . .)

Vote for Your Favorite!

\$15 per Person
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(Includes: Bread, Cider & Ice Cream)

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More Info: ludlowrotary.com





PTG UPDATE:

- Sun 10/1 Tap to Table: Cuttingsville, Bounce house and kid made crafts!
- Wed 10/4 PTG MTG School Library & Via Zoom
- Sat & Sun 10/7 to 10/8 Souper Kids @ Cider Days: Get ready, our biggest fundraiser is right around the corner!!
- Fri 10/27 Trick or Trunk: Belmont Green
- Wed Nov 1 PTG MTG: in-Person only School Gym—All about the Wintersports program

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News from MHCA


The leaves are dancing themselves off the trees and the temperatures have started dropping at night - fall is on its way. October is an exciting time in the green mountains with fabulous fall festivities planned for your enjoyment and community pride. But before we highlight this month's events we want to express our gratitude....

Thank you to Alexa Fila, Joe Solomon, and special guest Bob Arthurs (a super sweet trumpet player and ad hoc drummer) for making this year's cabaret our best ever. Thank you to our Cabaret coordinator, Madeleine Fay, and volunteers (Sandy Diamond,

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Georgianna & Steve Sorenson, & Adele Rothman) who, despite the cramped quarters and unseasonably warm temperature, managed to glide through the crowd and serve up refreshments with a smile to help make the evening a smashing success. Thank you to the men from Lohsen Plumbing who installed our new boiler, we are looking forward to no heating surprises this winter. Lastly, a special *thank* you to "Mr Piano Man" Jamie Ward for organizing "Music on the Mountain", to help raise money for MHCA; we are extremely grateful for your passion and support!

And now (drum roll please.....)

This month's fabulous fall festivities begin on **Sunday October 1st from 5 - 6pm with our Mount Holly calendar photo contest preview!** Please join us for lite refreshments and to celebrate picturesque interpretations of Mount Holly. Participants compete to be chosen for our community's 2025 calendar and three lucky photographers will be awarded top honors for their unique perspectives by a panel of judges at the preview. The exhibit will then be open for public balloting through Cider Days with the winners being announced in the November chit chat.

Our **Cider Days festival** highlights the best of fall fun on **Saturday October 7th (10 - 4pm) & Sunday 8th (noon - 4pm).**



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TRUNK OR TREAT

We will be hosting Trunk or Treat again this year! Mark your calendar now!

Tuesday, October 31, 2023 25 Pond Street, Ludlow, VT 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Bring your ghosts and goblins to see the many displays.

You can park on the north side of our building and begin the tour for trunks or treats!

Let's make Halloween a safe and enjoyable one!

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Over 30 vendors will gather around the Village Baptist Church green offering their artistic wares, funky creations, and of course delectable delights. We know Cider Days celebrates all things apples but you will also have the opportunity to learn about the history of our little town - did you know we are famous? Your answer can be found in the Mount Holly museum, which will be open over the weekend. Our favorite petting zoo, Karma Sanctuary, will have a variety of feathered and furry friends for the whole family to enjoy. The library is hosting a book sale and there is THE MAIN EVENT - the 200+ year old cider press demonstrating the art of cider making. MHCA will be selling fresh pressed cider, Brown's cider, apple pie, apple crisp, apple cider doughnuts, and *new this year* a sliced apple with caramel/whip cream! T-shirts, aprons, totes and the very prestigious Mount Holly Calendar will also be available for purchase - they make great gifts for that

special someone you want to share Vermont with!

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we are not the first Mount Hollyites to raise funds this way. So if you want to test your historical IQ, answer the following question: "Who was the originator of the Cow Plop in Mount Holly?" If you are the first person with the correct answer to tell the guardians of Miss Liberty (aka - Millicent, Jim, or Jeremiah Johnson), during said event on **Saturday October 7th, between 11am - 3pm**, you will be entitled to a free slice of apple pie with all the fixin's! We hope to see you on the green wishing your friends and neighbors happy cider days!

Thanks to those who have contributed to our 2023/24 membership drive. If you have not joined MHCA yet, we will gladly and appreciatively accept your membership contribution during cider days at the MHCA tables or feel free to join online by going to mhcavt.org.

Lastly, in the Meet your Board of Directors Series, we would like to introduce Leah Knoll. Leah migrated to Vermont via a ski trip with friends and then, as with many of us, fell in love with the Green Mountain State. The fact that she came from a town in NJ also known as Mount Holly seemed like a message from the gods that this was the right place for her. Three years ago she was

But there is one event that deserves its own paragraph because we love our mountain shenanigans! Your clue....OWC LOPP....if you can unscramble the two words then you know what event we are talking about. We celebrate 'said event' by wagering where Miss Liberty will make her 'deposit' in the lovely temporary pasture opposite the fire station barn (follow the signs). Hopefully you have joined the "ranks of the determined" and purchased your square to help raise funds to maintain our historic building that houses the library and community center. If not, come find us at the transfer station to purchase a square. Our motto is: it can pay to play...the winner of the Cow Plop will receive \$100.00 plus a gift basket, two additional gift baskets will be raffled off and awarded to lucky players. Thanks in advance for your support!! By the way this is the third annual Cow Plop (for MHCA) but did you know that

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 7TH

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Refreshments will be on sale and a fire to keep warm by!!

Come out and support the fire department and enjoy a spooky ride.

Questions??? Call 802-259-2060

RAIN OR SHINE

October 2023 Mount Holly Chit Chat Inc

courted at one of the infamous Ladies Night dinners to join the MHCA Board; prior to moving here Leah was actively involved in her church and neighborhood so joining the board seemed like a perfect transition to meet people and integrate into the fabric of our community. We are so thankful she said yes! Leah has brought creativity, new ideas and loads of energy into growing our events and has assumed leadership roles in both the Garden Tour and Cider Days.

Creativity, we have learned, is just a part of who Leah is. Leah is a fine textile artist whose artistry has morphed over the years into full scale home renovations (the kitchen being her current project). Leah is known for her large scale quilts and textile design pieces; she has exhibited her works and been published in books and magazines. Listening to her share about the history of quilting and what quilting meant as a way of expression for women was educational and interesting. Her view of the world, through the eyes of an artist, has led Leah to become a vintage collector; she has a booth at Stonehouse Antique Center in Chester and continues to create and repurpose vintage fabrics - have you ever seen army duffle bag pillows? A fun fact most people don't know about Leah is that she has run a marathon! Leah has two grown daughters, lives with her husband Mark and is a shameless lunchtime dessert ice cream eater. You can say hello to her at the Cider Days MHCA food table.

To stay updated about MHCA events & happenings check us out at mhcavt.org and follow us on facebook > Mount Holly Community Association. Got a question email us at mhcavt@gmail.com

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Notes from the Mount Holly Conservation Commission

- **By the Numbers** - With a lot of input from local residents, the Mount Holly Biodiversity Project, sponsored by the MH Conservation Trust and the MH Conservation Commission has accrued the following; 4,050 submitted observations by 221 observers have identified a total of

1,127 species of plants, animals, and fungi in Mount Holly. The total includes:

- 505 plant species
- 324 insect species
- 122 fungi species
- 90 bird species
- 25 mammal species
- 56 Introduced (non-native) species
- 31 Threatened species



For more details on the what and the where, go to;

<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/mount-holly-biodiversity>

As for the how, you can participate via the free iNaturalist App, found at the Google or Apple App stores. It all helps the Conservation Commission know what is out there to conserve.



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- **Open Meetings** - Just a reminder that MHCC meetings, which are normally held on the first Tues. of each month in the Community Center, are open to the public and we invite all to join us with questions and suggestions. Or you can email the Commission at mounthollycc@gmail.com.

- **Ash Borer Mitigation Program**; Injecting Ash Trees has been suspended for 2023. Since there have not yet been a confirmed evidence of Ash Borers in Mount Holly, this will not affect the efficacy of our program which will be restarted in the spring of 2024. We are still accepting people who wish to participate. Contact us at: mounthollycc@gmail.com

- **Cider Days** - Please look for MHCC at Cider Days with information on Conservation Commission programs including weed mitigation at Star Lake using bottom barriers and possible mechanical weeding, as well as the possibility of a new Friends of Star Lake group, other 'Lake Centric' efforts, and additional MHCC projects. There will also be a joint exhibit with The Rutland County Waste District about Recycling & Composting to help residents learn how to improve waste disposal and save money.

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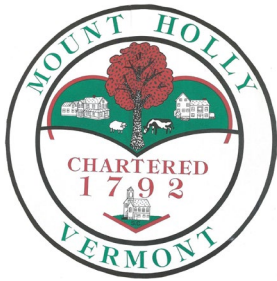
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Mount Holly Town News

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

Special Select Board Meeting Town Office August 31, 2023, 6:30 pm

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

Attendance: Mark Turco, Jeff Chase, Diana Garrow, Clinton Woolley, Anna McGee-Hanson, Erik Hanson, Michelle Gaboriau, Jon McCann, Steve Hazelton, Carol A Garrow-Woolley

1. Call to Order at 6:35 pm
2. NRCS - Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWPP) - Sponsor 4435 RT 155 Storm Repair of Stream

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

a. Jeff Chase noted a resident’s request that the Town serve as liaison to help the residents of 4435 Rt. 155 qualify for a grant program that supports flood damage in protected watersheds. The role would not incur costs by the Town. Jeff Chase made a motion to sponsor the NRCS Grant for the

resident at 4435 Rt. 155; Mark Turco seconded; unanimously approved.

3. FY24 Portion of Belmont Road Reclaim and Paving and July 9th Storm Repairs

- a. One bid, from Wilk’s Paving, was received after the deadline and was disqualified from consideration.
- b. Fuller Sand and Gravel’s base bid is \$143,415.25 and alternate bid is \$87,000.
- c. Pike Industries’ base bid is \$170,917 and alternate bid is \$74,800.
- d. Peckham Road Corporation’s base bid is \$177,000 and alternate is \$237,690.
- e. Mark Turco noted that the lowest bid is from Fuller Sand and Gravel.
- f. Jeff Chase made a motion to accept Fuller’s bid; Mark Turco seconded; unanimously approved. The budget available for the project is \$143,553.

4. FY24 MRGP Stormwater Improvements – Rim Rock, Summit, and Stewart Rd N

a. Hawkins Excavation submitted the only bid, at \$21,365. Mark Turco made a motion to accept the Hawkins bid; Jeff Chase second; unanimously approved.

b. Pending a MRGP extension for FY23 work, the Select Board will be letting Hawkins extend out the completion of the Stormwater Improvements Project on Summit Rd and Stewart Road.

5. July 9th Storm Repair – Freeman Brook Gravel Berm Removal

- a. Hawkins Excavation’s bid is not to exceed \$24,000.
- b. F.A.S. Trucking Inc.’s base bid is \$75,000, not to exceed \$95,000.
- c. Markowski Excavating’s bid is not to exceed \$185,400.

d. Jeff Chase made a motion to accept the Hawkins Excavation bid; Mark Turco seconded; unanimously approved.

e. Jeff Chase noted that the ANR Rivers and Stream Engineer is allowing the work on Freeman Brook to be completed anytime, since work will not be in the river/brook.

6. July 9th Storm Repair – Shunpike Rd Culvert Replacement

- a. Hawkins Excavation’s bid is \$11,200.
- b. F.A.S. Trucking Inc.’s bid is \$68,000.
- c. G&N Excavation’s bid is \$24,812.

d. Mark Turco made a motion to accept the Hawkins bid, provided it qualified for FEMA reimbursement; Jeff Chase seconded; unanimously approved.

7. Mount Holly Rescue Squad Changes

a. Mr. Turco noted that the Mount Holly Rescue Squad had registered paperwork to incorporate as a 501(c)(3) in June 2022, but that the Select Board had only learned of the Squad’s intention to apply for 501(c)(3) status and dissolve the current organization in August. He asked why the Select Board had not been previously informed of the intent to make changes to the organization. Mr. Turco noted that the articles of organization for the current Mount Holly Volunteer Squad note that if the organization is dissolved, all of its assets must be first returned to the Town.

b. Anna McGee-Hanson noted that she has not dissolved the old organization, but rather has formed a new organization, The

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The first Wednesday was April 5, 2023.
4:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.
Wednesdays 4:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.
Saturdays 8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
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\$3 per sticker as of September 1st

Mount Holly Rescue Squad, with a new EIN, which has now been granted IRS 501(c)(3) status. She noted that the new organization will eventually supplant the old organization, but that currently there are two organizations.

c. Ms. Garrow noted that the Select Board should have been notified earlier in the process; Mr. Turco noted this as well. Mr. Turco further noted that because of the terms of the current articles of organization, and the Town's budgetary contribution, the Squad's leadership should have brought the intention to change the organization to the Board's attention sooner.

d. Ms. McGee-Hanson noted that she did not know if the new organization would be approved as a 501(c)(3) and said she decided not to inform the Select Board until the 501(c)(3) determination was made, so as not to "open a can of worms"

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

NOTICE
MOUNT HOLLY TAXPAYERS
2023 Real Estate Property Taxes are due
Thursday November 1, 2023
After November 1, 2023 an 8% Penalty and 1% per month Interest will be added.
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prior to having a clear answer from the IRS.

e. Ms. McGee-Hanson further noted that in order to provide services to the community via the rescue squad, she can no longer rely on a volunteer service. Membership in the squad has dipped, and she is anticipating losing an additional three members in the near future. She noted that, in her view, seeking IRS nonprofit status was the only route to ensuring the organization could continue to provide emergency services. Under the new organization, rescue responders will receive payment for their services, which will be funded in part through tax-deductible donations.

f. Jon McCann said he, Jeff Chase and Russ Garrow had been looking into this situation with Rescue and noted the advantage of this non-profit status is federal funding in the form of Grants and FEMA monies.

g. Mr. Turco asked whether the cost to the patient using ambulance services would change under the new structure. Ms. McGee-Hanson noted that patients would continue to be billed according to their

insurance coverage. Medicaid- and Medicare-covered patients would not pay for services directly, and the rescue squad would continue to receive standard reimbursements from Medicare and Medicaid. Patients covered by private insurance would pay variable rates for ambulance services depending on their policies. She further noted that the average billing amount per call is \$880; for Medicare and Medicaid, the average is \$350 per call. She also stated the annual payroll would be around \$90,000 per year and the amount required from the town would be \$45,000 to \$65,000, with the rest being fundraised up to a total of \$150,000 per year. She further stated that the organization's NET Code is Ambulance.

h. Mr. Turco asked what the average hourly rate would be for rescue responders under the new organization; Ms. McGee-Hanson noted that the average hourly rate of pay would be \$15-20/hour.

a. Mr. Turco noted that he would reach out to Ludlow Ambulance and the Ludlow Town Manager to ask what it would entail for Mount Holly to be included in their service area for emergency calls.

b. The Select Board noted that it would add an item regarding the rescue squad to the next regular meeting agenda for further discussion.

2. Adjourned at 7:23 pm. Respectfully Submitted, Caitlin Boyle, Selectboard Clerk

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Select Board Meeting, Town Office September 12, 2023, 6:30 pm - Minutes

Attendance: Diana Garrow, Mark Turco, Jeff Chase, Caitlin Boyle, David Johnson, Cody Hesse, Bret Harlow, Erik Hanson, Anna McGee-Hanson, Steve Hazelton, Barbara Hazelton David

Venter, Dennis Cointreau, Dennis Devereux, Phil Crane, Jennifer Burrows (Zoom), Kevin Hollebeek, Jon McCann, Steve Michel, Denise Young, Megan Blais, Chris Pratt, Zena Gates

1. Call to Order at 6:35 pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consideration of Any Changes to the Agenda. None.
4. Approval of August 8 and 31 Minutes. Mark Turco made a motion to approve the minutes as drafted; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

a. Approve Revision for Clarification Re: Cook Fund on July 11 Minutes. Mark Turco made a motion to approve the July 11 minutes with a minor revision for clarification re: the Cook Fund; Jeff Chase seconded; unanimously approved.

5. Reports

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a. **Highways & Transfer Station Update:** Clinton Woolley was not able to attend the meeting due to a fire call.

i. Summit Road Culvert Construction Update. Mr. Chase noted at the close of the meeting that the Summit Road Culvert construction should be complete by the end of the month.

ii. Mrs. Garrow noted that a resident asked whether an increase of hours at the Transfer Station would be possible. Kevin Stillwell suggested a possible increase to 2-7 pm on Wednesdays in the summer, and 9 am-2 pm on Sundays in the winter. The Select Board will consider budgetary impacts of a change in hours and revisit at the next regular meeting.

iii. Transfer Station Winter Hours will start October 14-15. The last Wednesday is October 11.

b. **Treasurer Monthly Income & Expense Report:** The

Town's cash flow has significantly improved, with an impressive number of taxpayers submitting payment this month, as well as interest rates providing a boost to all funds. Due to flood-related expenses, the Town shows larger than usual accounts payable of ~\$136,000 this month. Regarding tax payments, the Town has exceeded the budgeted number of discounts taken by residents and

are just shy of \$10,000 over budget (meaning reduced revenue) as of September 11th. Interest income is almost 50% of the fiscal year's budget as of the end of the month. Of note in Intergovernmental Income are two additional quarterly State Aid payments, paid in advance of the normal timing, in order to assist towns with road damage fees related to the July storm. The Town also had a boom in Solid Waste labels sold for the month of August, in anticipation of the increased rate, with just over \$8,000 in labels sold (28.7% of the budget). Summer labor expenses are significantly lower than usual, as many hours of time will be allocated to the flood/storm damage total. Winter sand, as approved, has begun to be stockpiled as well.

i. FEMA Public Assistance Update: The biggest expense to date is flood damage, which currently sits at \$363,057.61.

This number will continue to climb as the Town finalizes more of the damage repair. FEMA has estimated a reimbursement timeline of up to two years. This timing will be impacted by other disasters occurring in the country at the same time, as well as the mechanisms of government funding, both Federal and State, as the Town will eventually need to apply to both for final payouts.

c. **Mount Holly Planning Commission Update:** The Belmont Village Plan is underway and progressing on schedule; the application for a Municipal Planning Grant for FY24 is available if the Select Board wishes to apply.

i. **Research on Camper Ordinance:** Mr. McCann noted that he did research with VLCT on the powers the Town has to address the effects of campers, trailers or campgrounds; because the Town does not have any zoning bylaws, the only ordinance authority that appears applicable in this situation is the Town's nuisance ordinance, but VLCT wasn't aware of any other Towns using the nuisance ordinance to regulate effects of campers/trailers. Mark Turco noted that the primary question is whether the Town can levy a property tax on campers/trailers under certain circumstances; Mr. McCann noted that he can do further research.

d. **Mount Holly Conservation Commission Update:** Phil Crane noted that Fra Devine has resigned from the Commission; they are seeking to fill the position. The MHCC is delaying the ash borer mitigation plan (injection of ash trees) until spring; no ash borers have been detected in the Town yet. The resurrected Friends of Star Lake are raising funds to acquire the equipment to do mechanical harvesting of milfoil and other invasive species from the lake and will present their plans at a booth on Cider Days. Mr. Crane noted that there are invasive phragmites in the Star Lake area; the state recommends that no mowing be done in these areas to reduce spread.

6. **New Business**

a. **Open Fuel Bids:** The Town received one eligible bid for on-road diesel and #2 heating oil bids, from Marcel Oil Company. On-road fuel is offered at .20 over the rack price; #2 heating oil is offered at .20 over rack price with a price cap of #3.95. Diana Garrow made a motion to accept the bid as proposed; Jeff Chase second; unanimously approved.

i. Mark Turco made a motion to accept the Cota & Cota propane quote as submitted.



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b. Consideration of Rutland County Solid Waste Reduction & Diversion Grant: This is an opportunity to apply for a grant to support education and community engagement regarding waste diversion in the Town of Mount Holly. The Select Board Clerk will send information to the Conservation Commission in case they would like to pursue the grant.

c. Consideration and Approval of Personnel Policy Updates. Mark Turco made a motion to adopt the updated Personnel Policy as drafted; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

d. Cider Days Planning

i. Road Closure Requests - MH Community Association. Kevin Hollebeek shared a map of requested road closures for Cider Days, to take place October 8 and 9. Mrs. Garrow noted that the road closures should provide for a fire lane/emergency access. Jeff Chase made a motion to accept the traffic control plan and road closures as drafted, with the provision that there is access for emergency personnel alongside Maple Hill Road. Mrs. Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

ii. Consideration of Vendor - Mount Holly Beer Company (MHBC). Mr. Tilly represented his son, Dan Tilly, owner of MHBC, to describe his plans regarding sale of beer at Cider Days. The Select Board Clerk noted the liquor board's requirements regarding festival permits: these include that 1) any one of questionable age is carded; visible boundaries (physical or natural) must be in place to demarcate the festival and liquor must stay within those boundaries; if there are more than 200 people, the location must have double fencing around the boundary, with the fences six feet apart; the maximum serving for beer must be 12 oz, and no more than 60 oz/pp; the permittee must keep track of amounts served per person. Mr. Kevin Plew asked whether the MHBC would be providing restrooms. Mr. Chase noted that a written proposal from MHBC to describe the

liquor control plan would be helpful. Mr. Turco asked that MHBC provide a written plan to the Select Board to describe the plan for liquor control, and recommended that a porta-potty be included in that plan, and that security personnel be provided to watch the boundary. Mr. Turco noted that the plan should be emailed to the Select Board within a week, and that the Select Board would support the license being approved by the Town Clerk, provided an acceptable written plan is submitted on that timeline.

7. Ongoing & Old Business

a. ACO Search Update: The position remains open; interested parties are invited to apply. The current ACO will continue to do the field work aspects of the position, and to be paid the FY24 monthly stipend, until a new ACO is appointed.

b. Dog License Registration Update: Christine Pratt began with a list of 105 unregistered dog owners in June; there is now one owner (two dogs) remaining on the list. Prior to issuing a warrant to impound unlicensed dogs, the Select Board will issue a letter to the dog owner notifying him of his lack of compliance and requesting immediate registration.

c. July 9th Storm Recovery.

i. Infrastructure Repair Update. Jeff Chase noted that the annual paving is complete; patchwork and repair is yet to be done.

ii. FEMA Public Assistance Update. The Town Treasurer noted this update in her remarks (above).

iii. VEM Hazard Mitigation Program. There are two properties in Town interested in the flood buyout program. Mr. Chase made a motion to apply for the program for the properties; Mark Turco seconded; unanimously approved.

d. MPG Draft Village Master Plan. The closeout for reimbursement is the end of September; the certified planner will also close out his work at the end of September. The month of October will be dedicated to completing documentation.

e. Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad Update. Ms. Anna McGee-Hanson noted that the rescue squad has been designated IRS 501(c)(3) status with a NEET code of Ambulance. The squad has sought 501(c)(3) status in an attempt to improve membership and increase response times. Mr. Turco noted that he had asked for a quote from Ludlow Ambulance regarding contracting emergency rescue services, as an alternative to Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad, should that prove a viable alternative option. Mrs. Garrow noted that she had also reached out to Rutland Regional Ambulance Service.

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emergency responder would eliminate the Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad Update; the answer is yes.

iv. Ms. Zena Gates asked how much each patient is billed when an ambulance transports them; Ms. McGee-Hanson noted that Rescue bills \$880 per transport, but that the amount Rescue is paid/reimbursed depends on the patient’s insurance policy. For Medicare/Medicaid patients, the reimbursement rate to Rescue, per transport, is less than \$350. For privately insured patients, the payment varies depending on insurance contracts.

v. Jeff Chase recommended that Rescue provide a detailed plan and budget to the Select Board, as well as a call log reflecting response rates over the last reasonable period (fiscal year, calendar year, etc.).

8. Citizen Comments

a. Kevin Plew asked how new owners of commercial buildings would know whether there were state or local requirements for building or operating. Mr. Turco noted that it is the owner’s responsibility to research and follow local and state regulations.

9. Announcements

a. Transfer Station winter hours will begin the weekend of October 14-15th; the last Wednesday will be October 11.

10. Review & Sign Orders

11. **Executive Session:** Title 1 V.S.A. S 313 – Grievances. Mr. Chase made a motion to go into executive session; Mrs. Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

12. **Adjourned** at 8:35 pm. Respectfully submitted, Caitlin Boyle, Select Board Clerk

Planning Commission Regular Meeting Wednesday August 16, 2023 7:00pm

Commission members present: Jon McCann (Chair), Andrew Schulz (Secretary), Brigid Sullivan.

Also present: Faith Tempest (Clerk), Joe DiGiovanni (via zoom)

1. Chair called the meeting to order at 7.16pm

2. **Changes to agenda:** None

3. **Approval of minutes:** For the minutes of the Special meeting held on August 2nd, Commissioner Sullivan asked for a correction of the minimum parcel size for eligibility for the current use program, and with that correction the minutes were approved unanimously for the minutes of the Regular meeting held on July 19th minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Reports & Announcements

a. Administrative Officer:

b. BCR has been received from:

- Schaeffer 4163 VT Rte 155 for a 30’x30’ barn. The AO sought further information on the location within the parcel; the initial proposed location was in the Flood Hazard Area/River Corridor. Following discussion with the property owner the location was changed, although preliminary work had already been completed. The AO proposed that the BCR form should be revised to ensure that property owners are aware of the need for compliance with the Town’s FHA/RC bylaw; there is already a statement on the form that property owners should ensure they are in compliance with State requirements, including for FHAs. Commissioner Schulz proposed that the guide to property owners is also handed out with the BCR form. Chair noted that it would be the responsibility of the applicant to declare that the construction is not within the FHA/RC.

Commissioner Schulz noted three issues to be considered: whether the BCR should state that there are other laws to be complied with; whether to include a question in the BCR as to whether the construction is within a FHA/RC;

i. Ms. McGee-Hanson noted that come Town Meeting Warning time, Rescue would be asking the Town voters to fund \$57,000 for operating expenses, plus \$15,000 for the Ambulance Sinking Fund. She noted that they hope to hire one full-time person to cover calls, and to be located at the building Mon-Fri during work hours; an additional full-time position would be filled by multiple per-diem personnel, in an attempt to increase response times.

ii. Ms. McGee-Hanson noted that Rescue has been receiving an unprecedented volume of calls this quarter; response rates are currently between 30-40%, which she noted is “not great.”

iii. Mr. Plew asked whether selecting Ludlow as the

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and lastly if there is a need for a permit how this should be clarified to the property owner. The Commission agreed to discuss this issue further at the next meeting.

i. AO met with Stephen Michel (a member of the Board of Adjustment) who was concerned that FHA/RC permit application asks for information which was difficult to find, specifically the names and addresses of neighboring properties. The AO suggested adding hyperlinks to this form and noting that the information is available in the land records kiosk in the Town Office. Commissioner Schulz asked what hyperlinks. AO proposed ANR records. Chair noted that ANR maps are out of date and since the Town does not make public online the tax maps or Grand List, the only way to get the information is at the Town Office.

Commissioner Schulz asked why this information is needed in connection with the FHA/RC permit application. Chair clarified that if there is a public hearing then all interested parties need to be notified, and that, in our case, the notifications must be sent by the AO, not by the applicant. As such, Chair noted that, at the time of the initial application, permit applicants should provide all information that will be required in the event that a hearing is necessary. Commissioner Schulz asked about a two-stage process - with the information on abutters provided later only if there is a need for a hearing. Chair explained that once an application is deemed to be complete, the Town has a limited time to ensure the permitting process is followed fully and correctly, so if the applicant has not already provided the neighboring property owners information, and then is tardy in supplying the information when it is needed, the Town could be rendered unable to follow the correct process. Commissioner Sullivan noted that there is a perception that since there is no zoning there are no rules to comply with and so it is difficult to get people to consider this. Commissioner Schulz noted that applicants can come into the town office for this information. Chair noted that other towns, including Ludlow, have this information online (<https://next.axisgis.com/LudlowVT/>). With one click you can generate mailing labels for abutters. For now, someone will have to ask the listers to help them.

b. Planning Commission Chair

i. The Chair noted that there had been a positive community meeting earlier in the evening with Michael Allen regarding the proposed Belmont Village plan. There is potentially good support for a community wastewater system.

5. Correspondence

- a. Subdivision proposals: none
- b. Email / Other: none

6. New business

a. Resolution in support of Municipal Planning Grant: this was discussed at the Select Board meeting of August 8th, with proposals being sought for fiscal year 24. Chair noted that the proposed Belmont Village Plan and associated work were funded through an MPG, which has proved useful. The Chair suggested that an MPG could be utilized to undertake a housing needs assessment: there are concerns regarding availability of housing in the Town; the Select Board appears to be considering the potential for regulation of Short-Term Rentals which would require a housing study. Chair proposed to the Select Board that this could be the focus of an MPG. It is important for the PC to support the application. Commissioner Schulz noted that more information is useful for making decisions in the future. Commissioner Schulz moved that the PC resolves to support the Select Board’s application for an MPG to support a Housing Needs assessment. Commissioner Sullivan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

b. Camper ordinance discussion: This was referred by the Select Board to the PC. Chair asked VLCT for an opinion on what authority the Town has to regulate this issue. There is a distinction between bylaws (which refer to land use) and ordinances (which refer to police powers of the municipality including public safety and health). VLCT advised that there is no authority for making a bylaw in relation to campgrounds unless it is derived from zoning laws. The only option is to use the Town's police powers. In relation to campgrounds, VLCT said the only ordinance authority that appears to be applicable in this situation is the town’s nuisance authority – see 24V.S.A. § 2291(14). – e.g. noise, or to health and safety issues, and that there would need to be a clear demonstration of the harm to be addressed. Commissioner Schulz noted that any ordinance could be crafted to prevent harm – e.g., health, lighting, etc.; Commissioner Sullivan also suggested setbacks but Chair and Commissioner Schulz suggested that would come under the auspices of zoning, unless it could be shown that setback was necessary for health and safety reasons. Chair noted that policies related to driveways and access to town roads and state highways may be part of the rationale, but that there is no such policy in the Town and so this could not be used. Clerk noted that the Select Board's main concern seemed to be taxation questions related to year-round occupation of campers. Commissioner Schulz noted that there is a tax system in place with the property owner being the taxable entity. He proposed that the Select Board consult with the Town attorney on the Issue. Chair agreed that he might make one more inquiry with VLCT and prepare a response to the Select Board.

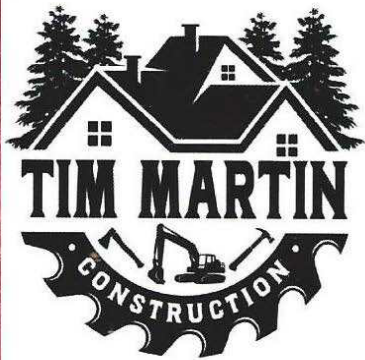
c. Update “Information for Homeowners” guide. Chair and Commissioner Schulz have proposed updates, including how to address issues raised in item 4.a.i above. Discussion on this item is tabled until the next meeting. Chair will share a draft before the next

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7. Unfinished business

a. Town Plan: the main updates are to the maps. The Transportation map has been updated for clarity. The Wildlife Habitat and Connectors map has been updated to show a more understandable legend. Commissioner Schulz asked if maps should show the source of the data. Chair noted that he has seen some do that, but it would be clearer as an appendix to the plan rather than on the maps themselves. The Facilities and Utilities map has been updated. Chair noted that the data for this comes from E911 data. The Current Land Use map has been updated to show which land is in the state's use value program as of this year, and structures have been added. Chair shared a first draft of the Future Land Use map, based on Arrowwood report data and recent orthographic maps, with a base of river corridors and flood hazard areas, and additional layers added (e.g., farms, mixed use, etc.). The legend has a number of categories which will require explanation in the text. One land use type that was intentionally left out is commercial, in part because commercial uses are so dispersed and also because most areas are actually mixed use. There are some areas marked which show land which could be important to the town in the future (e.g., sandy soils with potential for community wastewater). Chair will circulate the maps to PC members for further discussion at the working meeting. The Future Land Use map (and associated text) is one of the last outstanding issues.

8. Public comments: None

9. Upcoming meetings: Next special meeting September 6th 2023, 7.00pm. Next regular meeting September 20th 2023, 7.00pm.

10. Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:25pm For the Commission, Faith Tempest, Planning Commission Clerk

Planning Commission – Special Work Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 6th, 2023 7:00 P.M.

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

Also Present: Kevin Plew, Patti Plew, Maria Fortier, Craig Fortier, Glenn Davis, Laura Davis, Dave Tilly, Stephen Michel

1. Chair called the meeting to order at 7:10pm

2. Changes to agenda: Given the presence of several members of the public, Chair proposed moving public comments to the third item on the agenda. Unanimously approved.

3. Public comments:

a. Craig Fortier raised the issue of a concert proposed at Okemo View Lane on a property previously described as being solely for the weddings of family members; he also noted that there had been several people camping on the site. Chair commented that since this issue was not on the agenda the Commission could hear the public comments but that no action could be taken, but proposed putting an item on the agenda for the next regular meeting. Maria Fortier raised concerns about the potential future use of the venue and its impact on neighboring properties. She asked what the regulations are in connection with alcohol use and noise. Kevin Plew questioned what would trigger the definition of this structure as a public venue and thus the permits and inspections required for such a venue. He also noted that the sponsorship of the music event by the Belmont General Store and Mount Holly Beer in effect makes the concert a commercial event. Chair noted that the AO (who was not present) may be able to provide further insights on these questions since she is undertaking inquiries on what permits may be required. Chair also noted that since the Town has opted not to have any zoning, most of the issues raised are related to powers of the State. Dave Tilly explained the background to the concert, a fundraiser for the MHCA. He noted that there was no commercial benefit Commissioner Schulz

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noted that if anybody present wishes they could approach the State authorities directly for further clarification on their concerns. Mr. Tilly said that he has no plans to hold public functions at the location, and they only added a location in Google Maps so that wedding guests could find the location. He noted that there had been around 10 campers on the site over several years but that there had not been campers in the last two years until last month when one couple came to camp.

b. Regarding the Belmont General Store, Dave Tilly noted that the improvements to the building will be more extensive than originally expected and wanted to update the PC. Chair noted that if there are changes to the footprint of the Store that would affect the streetscape there should be consultation with the Town. Dave Tilly confirmed that there would be no changes to the footprint, but the proposed changes would support some of the proposals in the Belmont Village Plan and he wanted to clarify what steps might be required to facilitate this. Chair proposed that Dave Tilly consult with a surveyor and Town officials to clarify the Store boundaries. Commissioner Jim Seward noted that if there is to be a change in the footprint, a BCR is required. Dave Tilly noted that they already have a BCR. Commissioner Schulz clarified that it may be necessary to revise the BCR (and any other permits). Chair advised that Mr Tilly talk to the Town regarding streetscape and parking issues; he also noted that changing the facade may affect any tax breaks related to the Building's historic structure or location in the Designated Village Center. Commissioner Schulz suggested to Mr Tilly that once his plans are finalized, he shares them with the PC as well as the Town. He also noted that all changes must be in compliance with any State permitting requirements for commercial properties. Mr. Tilly said he would present his plans to the PC when he has them.

4. Unfinished business:

a. Town plan updates: Chair shared updates to the text, particularly relating to Forests and Forest Blocks, the section on Wetlands and Riparian areas, and Wildlife Habitat and Connectivity. The plan also notes the incorporation of the Belmont Village Plan into the Town plan by reference. The section on Future Land Use has been expanded to clarify definitions in the Future Land Use map. The section on Government has been expanded. The section on Emergency Services has been revised to reflect recent proposed changes in Mount Holly Rescue; this section may need to be revised once decisions have been made regarding the future direction of Mount Holly Rescue. The section on Habitat Connectivity and Fragmentation has been moved into the Preservation section. The section on Historic Sites has been fleshed out. The Energy section now includes information on the Municipal Energy Resilience Program to improve energy efficiency and reduce energy costs in all municipal buildings. The Housing section includes

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information and proposals on short-term rentals. A new Appendix has been added to provide an inventory of significant natural features. Chair proposed that all PC comments on the text should be made at the next meeting. This will be followed by a Public Meeting and subsequent submission to the Select Board. Chair shared the updated maps for the town plan and clarified the changes made, particularly to the map of Significant Natural Features.

5. Upcoming meetings: Regular Planning Commission meeting, 20th September 2023, 7pm

6. Meeting adjourned at 8.57 pm For the Commission, Faith Tempest (Clerk)



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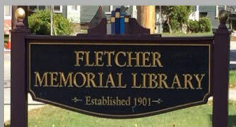
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6. Emergency Solutions Grant Program CARES Act (ESG-CV).



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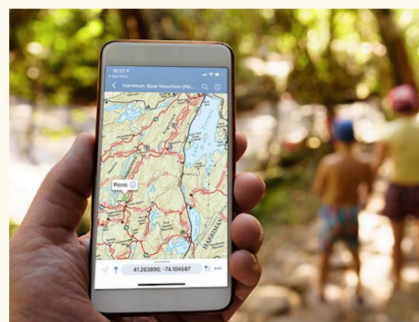
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All experience levels are welcome, this event is meant to be a collaborative learning experience for everyone!

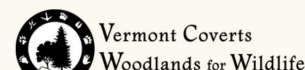
Event is free!

For more information and to register for the event, visit our Eventbrite page: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mobile-mapping-101-an-avenza-workshop-registration-705451653887?aff=oddtcreator>

For questions, email: conservation@farmandwilderness.org



OCTOBER 21ST
10:00AM-2:30PM



MOBILE MAPPING 101: AN AVENZA WORKSHOP

Join us for a guided workshop to explore the uses and gain hands-on experience with the Avenza mapping app



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Ludlow Rotary hears about SBA recovery assistance programs

The guest speaker for the September 12 Rotary meeting was Stephen Clark, Public Affairs Specialist for the US. Small Business Administration (SBA), working to assist victims recovering from the recent flooding in Vermont. In his quest to make sure people know about available resources, Clark has been travelling around the state talking to individuals and groups about the programs designed to assist those in need. As an example he has spoken to 11 different Rotary groups in Vermont since the first floods on July 10.

He stated that \$18.6 million in SBA loans have been awarded to individuals, businesses and nonprofits for losses caused by physical damage in the State of Vermont. An SBA loan supports people who have limited other options. The date for filing a claim for physical damage has been extended by a month to 10/12/23 to allow for additional time to report losses.

Economic injury disaster loans are also available for nonprofits and businesses. Examples of economic injuries are losses in sales or income caused

by road closures or disruptions, being unable to get supplies, or cancelled reservations because people felt that Vermont was closed.

There are many types of economic injuries which can be claimed at the Business Recovery Center which will remain open until Oct 12. Interest rates on these loans are low, varying by circumstance and size of the loss. There is no application fee to apply for a loan. If a loan is awarded, there is no requirement to take it. SBA is trying to award loans within 15 days of receiving an application. People can apply before knowing the amount of insurance payments, just to get recovery moving as quickly as possible.

Clark commended Rotarians helping in disaster relief around the country saying the local touch and boots on the ground are often more important than government assistance. The human touch and hard work of volunteers is often critical immediately after a disaster, Clark said.

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

Pictured Glenn Heitsmith(left) of the Timber Inn and Stephen Clark of the Small Business Administration at the Ludlow Rotary Club *By* Brigid Sullivan

Ludlow Rotary Prepares for 32nd Annual Area Chili Cook-off with Call to Area Chefs

The Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) is sponsoring its 32nd Annual Ludlow Area Chili Cook-off on Saturday, October 7, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The cook-off will be located at the traffic light on Depot Street. Proceeds will benefit the Ludlow Area Rotary Charitable Fund to enable the LRC to continue its programs of local support.

According to cookout chairman, Kevin Barnes, the LRC will welcome Chili entries from individuals, clubs, and businesses. There is a \$10.00 entry fee. Participants will be provided with a table, ladle, and sterno. Participants are responsible for dropping off their heated chili between 10:30 and 10:45 a.m. the day of the cook-off. Each entry is requested to provide four to five gallons of their chili. The Ludlow Rotary will provide the servers if you can't attend, so even if you can't be there, your chili can still win cash and recognition!

Plaques and three cash prizes will be awarded in the "People's Choice" category.

1st Place will receive \$ 200.00

2nd Place will receive \$ 100.00

3rd Place will receive \$ 50.00

Plaques will be awarded to the Chili with the most votes in the Judges Choice, Spiciest and Team Spirit categories. Unless arranged otherwise, participants should deliver their heated chili by 10:45 a.m., prepare for set up and ready to serve at 11 a.m.

Sponsorship Opportunities: If you can't make chili, you can support our fundraising effort as a sponsor. There are three levels of sponsorship, each named after a hot pepper:

\$75 Jalapeno Pepper Level (Donor recognition on the ballot)

\$150 Chili Pepper Level (Donor receives 2 free event tickets and prominent placement on ballot)

\$250 Cayenne Pepper Level (Donor receives 4 free event tickets, prominent placement on ballot and social media recognition)

Please mail your name, address and phone number along with chili entry fee or sponsorship fee to: Ludlow Area Rotary Charitable Fund, Inc. (LARCF), PO Box 216, Ludlow, VT 05149. All entry fees and sponsorships are tax-deductible.

For more info, contact Kevin Barnes at 802-558-0479 or ludlowrotary@gmail.com.

Pictured above are some of the hundreds of "taste testers" at the 2022 Chili Cookoff. This year's chili festival will be held October 7 between 11am and 2pm, located at the Ludlow traffic light on Main Street at Depot Street.





**Pierces Store 2nd Annual
Chili Cookoff
October 7, 2023
5:30PM until 7:30PM**



**At Pierce's Store
2658 Northam Road
Shrewsbury, Vermont**

Chefs and Tasters Welcome!!!

Chefs – Your fantastic Chili could be the winner!
All varieties of Chili are welcome!
Entry Fee – \$10.00 per Chili

To get Contest rules and registration, you can:
Visit Pierce's Store
Download at <http://PiercesStore.com/Events>
Or, request by e-mail to: Pierceschilicookoff@gmail.com

Tasters – You will be the judges!!!
Taste the wonderful variety of chilis and vote for your favorite!
Entry Fee - \$10.00

Prizes – Bragging Rights, plus:
1st Place Prize - \$25 Pierce's Store Gift Certificate
2nd Place Prize - \$15 Pierce's Store Gift Certificate
3rd Place prize - \$10 Pierce's Store Gift Certificate

Pierce's Store will be selling soft drinks, beer, and wine
This event is a fund-raiser for the Shrewsbury Co-Op at Pierce's Store

Stolen Land

Do you live on “Stolen Land”? According to Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream a Vermont Company, you do! Better start packing your bags, because Ben & Jerry's wants YOU to return your land to the Abenaki Indians! They believe that our Early American Colonists and Pioneers were nothing more than a bunch of “Land Grabbers”, and that “We The People” have to make up for this injustice. Really? It's too bad that Ben & Jerry's doesn't practice what they preach. When recently asked if they were going to return their land to the Abenaki Indians, they remained Silent – no response. I have a “News Flash” for Ben & Jerrys – the last time I checked, I live on land that I own and pay taxes on – I will not be returning it to the Abenaki Indians here in Vermont. Maybe Ben & Jerry's should stop pretending to be “Social Justice Warriors” and start concentrating on what they're supposed to be doing – making Ice Cream! Virginia Ward

**MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY NEWS
September 2023**



It's that time of the year again folks! The annual Manhattan Short Film Festival returns to the Mount Holly Town Library. We are going to have 3 showings of all 10 of this year's finalists:

Sept 30th at 7 pm

Oct 4th at 7 pm Oct 5th at 7 pm

All showings will take place downstairs in the Community Room, Suggested donation of \$5.00

This year's Manhattan Short Film Festival wraps up as Cider Days kicks off!

That also means the Cider Days Book Sale,
Sat and Sun Oct 7-8 10-3

We are accepting donations of books in good condition for our annual Cider Days Book Sale. PLEASE NO paperbacks, magazines/newspapers, encyclopedias, text books.

Mount Holly Town Library
26 Maple Hill Road
Belmont, VT 05730

802-259-3707 mthollylibrary@gmail.com



**TRANSFER STATION
FALL/WINTER 2023 HOURS**

Starting

SATURDAY OCTOBER 14TH

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SUNDAY OCTOBER 15TH

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To learn more about our services, or to refer a patient, visit www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org to locate a hospital near you. Or call 800-237-5055 in the U.S. or 800-361-7256 Canada – Past Potentate Bob Ferguson, Cairo Shriners, Rutland

Community Health Diabetes Support Groups in Rutland County

The **second Wednesday of every month** there's a place where you are welcome to talk about diabetes, ask questions of diabetes educators and give your ideas, thoughts and support to anyone who is affected by diabetes.

[Community Health](#) and [Rutland Regional Medical Center's Diabetes & Endocrinology Center](#) have joined together to organize the monthly program in three different locations at three different times:

- 1-2pm at the RRMC [Diabetes & Endocrinology Center](#)
- 4-5pm at [Brandon Town Hall](#)
- 5-6pm at [Community Health Castleton](#)

For more information, contact: Castleton: Michele Redmond, 802-468-5641

Brandon: Robin Myers, 802-247-6305

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mthollynewsflash@gmail.com

And request to be placed on the list. News item deadlines are 6 am & 6 pm

Also Check

www.mthollynewsflash.blogspot.com

To see all daily emails of the NewsFlash compiled in one place for all community news and events.

Kevin Plew is the primary NewsFlash attendant and Stu Berry is backup attendant.

Mount Holly Chit Chat Inc., 3379 Shunpike Rd., Mount Holly, VT 05758

The Mount Holly Chit Chat, a membership organization, has been incorporated as a non-profit organization in the State of Vermont, dedicated to providing all members of the Mount Holly community with information on Town events and issues. Membership is open to anyone who lives in, works in, or owns property in Mount Holly and who has made an annual membership donation. Membership donations help bring the Chit Chat to you every month.

Check here if you DO NOT wish to receive the Chit Chat _____

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Mojo Café – John & Jodi Seward mojocafevt@yahoo.com 802-228-6656
Squeels on Wheels BBQ www.squeelsonwheels.com 802-558-9489

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Pastor Kevin Miner 802-259-2831
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Pastor Dave Bentley 802-446-2020
Lighthouse Independent Baptist Church, Rutland SS 11 am & 3pm
Until May 11 am & 6pm 802-779-0300
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11 am WS, 6:30 pm Evening PS, Wed 6:30 pm PM & BS
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Rutland Jewish Center office@rutlandjewishcenter.org
Rabbi Shemtov rabbishemtov@rutlandjewishcenter.org 802-773-3455
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jeremiah.c.johnson@icloud.com Pastor Jeremiah Johnson 760-845-6617
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