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Mount Holly Chit Chat

May 2023

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Mount Holly Community Association – Contact MHCAVT@gmail.com

Mount Holly Museum-Open Jul & Aug Sat & Sun 2-4 pm www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org 802-259-2460 ddevereux@vermontel.net

Mt. Holly NewsFlash Town email sign up at mthollynewsflash@gmail.com Check Out www.mthollynewsflash.blogspot.com

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

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

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

Town Lister's Hours: Tues 10:00 am – 2:00 pm or by appointment 802-259-2391

Town Garage: 802-259-3179

Burn Permits: Call Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward 802-786-3408 or 802-259-2211

TRANSFER SITE: Wed. 4 pm – 7 pm & Sat. 8 am – 2 pm

1 st	Turkey Season Begins ~ <i>Empire State Building Opened 1931 ~ Loyalty Day ~ May Day</i>		
2 nd	MH Community Association Meeting, Library	<i>Captain John Smith Landed at Jamestown 1607</i>	7:00 pm
3 rd	MH PTSA Meeting, MH School		6:00 pm
4 th	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Fire Station Conservation Commission Meeting	<i>National Teacher Day~ National Day of Prayer</i>	7:00 pm 4:00 pm
5 th		<i>Cinco de Mayo ~ Flower Full Moon</i>	
Sat 6 th		<i>National Nurses Day</i>	
Sun 7 th		<i>Robert Browning 1812</i>	
8 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	<i>World Red Cross Day ~ V-E Day 1945</i>	7:00 pm
9 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont LMHUUS Public Info Hearing, Proposed Budget 2023-2024 MH School Gym	<i>33rd Pres. Harry S. Truman 1884</i>	9:00 am 6:00 pm
10 th	Select Board Meeting, Town Office & Zoom LMHUUS Meeting, ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	<i>Transcontinental Railroad Completed 1869</i>	6:30 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm
11 th	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station		7:00 pm
12 th		<i>Florence Nightingale 1820</i>	
Sun 14 th	ASH BORER Mitigation Meeting MH Library	<i>Mother's Day ~ Lewis & Clarks' Expedition 1804</i>	4:00 pm
15 th		<i>Peace Officers Memorial Day 1962</i>	
16 th	VOTE LMHUUS Budget at MH Town Office	Poles Open 10:00 am	-7:00 pm
17 th	MH Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont Mount Holly Planning Commission, MH Town Office & Via Zoom	<i>New York Stock Exchange Est 1792</i>	6:30 pm 7:00 pm
18 th	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations	<i>Mount St. Helens Erupted 1980</i>	7:00 pm
Sat 20 th		<i>Armed Forces Day 1949</i>	
Sun 21 st		<i>American Red Cross Founded 1881 by Clara Barton</i>	
22 nd		<i>United Spinal Asso Founded 1946 ~ National Maritime Day 1933</i>	
23 rd	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		9:00 am
24 th	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		7:00 pm
25 th	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	<i>Igor Sikorsky First Helicopter Inventor b. 1889</i>	7:00 pm
26 th		<i>Voting Rights Bill of 1965</i>	
Sat 27 th		<i>Wild Bill Hickok b. 1837</i>	
Sun 28 th		<i>Jim Thorpe Olympic Gold Medalist 1888 – Sierra Club Founded 1892</i>	
29 th		<i>Memorial Day Observed ~ 35th Pres. John F Kennedy b.1917</i>	
30 th		<i>Memorial Day 1868</i>	
31 st		<i>Turkey Season Ends</i>	



Emergency Services

MH Fire Dept.	802-259-2700	911	Poison Control	(802) 658-3456
MH Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward	802-786-3408	802-259-2211	American Red Cross	802-773-9159
MH Rescue Squad	Non-Emergency 802-259-6001	911	Game Warden – Tim Carey	802-773-9101
Mount Holly Constable	NONE		Health Officer – Chad Farrar	802-342-1366
MH Animal Control For	C 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

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May Birthdays: 2nd -Dawn Howlett * 3rd -Karl Parsells III * Lois Miller 5th -Debby Bernagozzi * Olivia Turco 10th -Amy Taylor 16th -Heather Garrow * Chad Getchell 17th -Hilary Swezey-Hurst 19th -Allison Bussino (2013) 20th -Patrick Chadburn 24th -Greg Herbst * Christopher Jacobs * Jordan Devereux 26th -Karen Blodgett * Brigid Sullivan * Austin Turco * Amy Turco 30th - Jeffery Columb II * Linda Roberts 31st -Tom Veysel * Beth Hart



May Anniversaries: 3rd -Donna & Rick Lee 16th -Jack & Kathleen Koponen 17th -Bill & Mary Ellen Jacobs 18th -Dennis & Fern Melvin * Jeff & Lucy Columb (1985) 28th -Steve & Maria Howard * Jim & Kathy Heald 1966 30th -Douglas & Lynnette Devereux 1970 31st -Sarah & Zak Delphia

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 7:30 am - 10:30 am
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East Wallingford 802-259-2829
Window Mon - Fri 7:00 am - 11:00 am
Sat 7:00 am - 10:00 am
Lobby Hours Mon - Fri 7:00 am - 4:45 pm

Cuttingsville/Shrewsbury 802-492-3585
Window Hours Mon - Fri 7:30 am - 10:30 am
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Lobby Hours Mon - Fri 7:30 am - 5:00 pm
Sat 7:30 am - 11:00 am

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The Annual Membership meeting is held on the Third Tuesday in September in the Mount Holly Town Office at 6 p.m. The meeting includes the annual report and election of the Board of Directors

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May 10, 1775 - Ethan Allen & Green Mountain Boys Captured British-held Fortress, Fort Ticonderoga, New York
May 20, 1927 - 1st Solo Transatlantic Flight Charles Lindbergh
May 20, 1932 - 1st Solo Transatlantic Flight by a Woman Amelia Earheart



“GREEN MOUNTAIN NEIGHBORS”

Update on Senior Support Group....now “GREEN MOUNTAIN NEIGHBORS”!

As you can see, we now have a name for our all-volunteer, non-profit, organization.

Our mission is to help Seniors successfully live-in-place in Mount Holly, Shrewsbury and Wallingford.

During the past several weeks we sent out, and then compiled, a Needs Assessment Survey to those residents over 60 years of age. The results of over 100 returned surveys showed highest needs in the areas of Social Activities, Transportation and Help with Household Tasks, Thus, these are the areas we intend to address initially.

The Steering Committee is currently working on: Volunteer Survey to help us match volunteers with specific jobs Mission statement and Application for 501c3 non-profit status Name/Logo- Green Mountain Neighbors Fundraising for startup/”seed” money Planning for Community Meetings in early summer to provide a full overview for residents.

Green Mountain Neighbors will be an all-volunteer, neighbor-helping-neighbor program.

As we grow in volunteer support, we hope to be able to address other areas of needs.

If you are interested in being a volunteer, and have not yet contacted us, please email: Mount Holly – Kathy Leber kleber@vermontel.net Shrewsbury – lafhaha2000@yahoo.com Wallingford – seddy@vermontel.net



SAVE YOUR ASH TREES

Emerald Ash Borer is coming to kill your ash trees. The Mount Holly Conservation Commission (MHCC) wants to help you save some of them. Here’s the deal:

- An insecticide injected under the bark will protect the trees for at least three years. The chemicals are expensive and will cost about \$20.00 per tree.
- The best time to inject trees is in the June-July period.
- The MHCC will purchase the chemicals and lend the injectors to interested landowners who will do the injections themselves. Landowners will need to reimburse the cost of the chemicals. Your neighbor, Tim Bickford, has agreed, for a modest fee, to help anyone who does not want to treat their trees by themselves.
- MHCC will provide guidance and information on the injection procedure and on other details at a public information meeting. In the meantime, a short video demonstration is available: [hPps://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sw5pC-3Doho](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sw5pC-3Doho)
- MHCC will host the public information meeting on **Sunday May 14 at 4:00 PM in the Community Room at the Town Library.**

• Interested persons with questions or suggestions please contact the MHCC at: mounthollycc@gmail.com

Residents have asked about the potential impact of the insecticide on honey bees. Because Tree-Age is injected directly into the Ash Trees rather than sprayed or drenched into the ground, there is little chance of affecting flowers and bushes nearby to which bees would be attracted.

MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY NEWS MAY 2023



WELCOME TO SPRING

The outdoor Library Book Drop is open 24/7!

Some new additions to the collection:

- Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus
- Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow by Gabrielle Zevin
- The Colors of All the Cattle by Alexander McCall Smith
- Our Better Nature: Hopeful Excursions in Saving Biodiversity
- Dickens and Prince by Nick Hornby

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26 Maple Hill Road
Belmont, VT 05730
802-259-3707

<https://mounthollytownlibrary.wordpress.com>
mthollylibrary@gmail.com

Notice: All Invited Mechanicsville Cemetery Monthly Volunteer Clean Up Schedule

1st Tuesday of each month 2023

May 2, 6 pm June 6, 8 am

July 5, 6 pm Wed due to holiday

Aug 1, 8 am Sept 5, 6 pm

Oct 3, 8 am

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What could be nicer than a cool walk in the woods on a hot summer day?

It's May! Hooray! And on Saturday, May 6th, 10-12 noon at Rainbow Riding Center in Belmont we will be holding our annual spring Volunteer Orientation and Clinic. This is a chance for everyone to get up close and personal with a few of our extraordinary horses and experience the comradeship of our Volunteer staff and team. It's also a chance for anyone that is curious about what we do at Rainbow Riding Center to visit and see if you would like to join our team.

No horse experience is necessary as there are many other ways to give us a hand, but if you have always wanted to experience horses this is a great way to get started. It's also a great way to give back to your communities and join us in giving children an experience they will never forget. We provide services for individuals from age 3 and up and volunteers are

Bone Builders

Monday & Thursday Mornings
9:00 am

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

usually age 14 and up. You can also meet community service commitments volunteering with us.

When it's time to divide those day lilies, please think of us and drop them off on the side hill below the ring at Stone Wall Farm/Rainbow Riding Center. Thank you.

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



Mount Holly Writers' Group

The Writers' Group will meet again in the Mount Holly Library on Monday, May 1st at 1 PM. We are continuing with memoir/personal essay. Please bring a sample of your work or work you admire. Happy May Day. Joan Connor connor@ohio.edu

Black River Alumni Assoc & Black River Academy Museum

The Black River Alumni Association and the Black River Academy Museum are collaborating to celebrate the grand opening on June 10 of the special third-floor room commemorating the history of Black River High School, which educated Ludlow students from 1939 through 2020.

All areas of the museum will be open to the public from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and the Black River Senior Center next door will be open for indoor seating.

Many glass cases in the museum hold new exhibits, including athletic trophies and plaques, and mementos from the Black River High School Band and the Glee Club. Also on display are manikins of cheerleaders and majorettes; binders of scripts and photos of the schools theatrical productions; and material produced by students who competed in many years of the National History Project. The Book signed by every graduating senior since Calvin Coolidge graduated from Black River Academy in 1890 lies in a glass case.

When hunger strikes, step outdoors between the museum and the senior center for hamburgers, hot dogs, and ice cream sodas. A

complete set of yearbooks will be displayed there, with some duplicates for sale. Selected antique trophies and duplicate photos will also be on sale.

Five dollars will admit you to a cornhole tournament, winner take all.

You're cordially invited to gather with former classmates to share memories, explore the museum, and enjoy refreshments. Let's make it a real homecoming! Stephanie Rowe



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**Mount St. Joseph Academy will be hosting its
Annual Live & Silent Auction IN PERSON this year!**

Save the Date!

Please join us on Saturday April 29, 2023 from 6 pm -10 pm in the Martin McDonough Gymnasium at Mount St. Joseph Academy. Tickets are \$15 per person, with a cash bar available (21 and older only); light Hors d'oeuvres; 50/50; and plenty of time to dance with MC Sounds! You are able to purchase tickets through the Development Office at 802-775-0151 ~ Ext. 2015 or via Email to Carly Ward at cward@msjvermont.org. Further, auction item donations are still being accepted. Please use the above contacts to do so! Vast appreciations. Interested in Reserving a Table? Purchase 10 or more tickets and you can get a table saved! Contact Carly for more details prior to April 29th! We look forward to seeing you there! <https://www.msjvermont.org/>



Got Bees ?

Warmer weather can cause honeybee colonies to grow bigger, swarm, and go looking for a new home. If you see a mass of honeybees hanging in the open from your house, tree or shrub branches, or anyplace, this may be a swarm. They are not aggressive and should not be disturbed or harmed. Call me as soon as you find them and I will come by to collect & remove them from your property, no charge. Call Jim Corven of Fenn Farmstead & Gardens in Mount Holly at 781-307-0394.



Green Up Day May 6, 2023

The first Saturday of May meet at 8:30am on the Green for bags and road assignments

Bags: these will be available on the Town Office porch starting 5/1 and on the Green 5/6.

Please note these bags are only for Green Up and should not be used for personal trash. These rules help us to be able to Green Up every year with supplies and help at no cost to the town. Please be sure to thank the town crew for picking up the bags, wouldn't we all hate to have to drop them off at the transfer station. Thanks Guys! ☺

Assignments: Email or message me with the requested roads. Be aware that doesn't mean no one else will do that road, many hands make light work, but it would be great to get every road done if anyone is willing to clean a road you do not live on that would be so helpful to reach that goal.

Please be sure to let me know which road(s) you did, how many people and how many bags. This is crucial information for the state and yearly funding.

Using gloves is a very good idea and do not touch anything you believe to be dangerous, report to me or appropriate authorities.

Be aware of the poisonous plants to protect yourselves, spring has sprung so these may be blooming and around already.

Please contact Marianne Mcgee at 802-779-5062 or 802-259-2279 or email mariannewmcgee@gmail.com for more information and to get your Green Up bags. Remember these bags are for the road side trash and not your personal home trash.



Mount Holly School

**PRE-SCHOOL
REGISTRATION**

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

By Appointment

(802) 259-2392

For children who will be 3 years old on or before August 31, 2023

Please bring the following:

1. A birth certificate
2. All immunization records
3. Residency documentation
4. Complete online pre-registration form

Families are invited to join us in our outdoor classroom.
Boots recommended!

Ms. Jenna, Ms. Devin and Mr. Joe will all be on hand to answer questions and provide important information about the program.

***** 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.

ATTENTION MOUNT HOLLY GARDENERS!

May I plant a seed?

As you are envisioning your garden,
please consider participating in

The 16th Annual Mount Holly Garden Tour
It's a Perennial Favorite and a fun way to show off
the Fruits of your Labor!

The Tour will be on Saturday, August 5th 2023

For more information, contact Leah Knoll
259-4137 or leahknoll@yahoo.com





Free Antique Equipment

Antique road grader and sod roller. These belonged to my dad, and I do not foresee having much need for an antique road grader and/or sod roller, but, if you do, they are yours. I know sometimes people use old farm equipment as lawn sculptures. If you are interested in the grader, you will need a tractor. (I have saws for branches.). The sod roller would make a fine paper weight. It could handle REAMS of paper, REAMS, I tell you. Contact: connor@ohio.edu OR 259-2773.



Expeditionary School At Black River

STEM Science Camps available this summer through ESBR's partnership with New Hampshire Academy of Science; two separate week-long camps open for registration!

These camps feature hands-on learning opportunities in the science fields, and as previewed at our Open House earlier in March where the students showcased their projects, it is clear how much they have taken to the STEM subjects. All interested students are welcome! Registration can be completed through this link on our website, where more information about the two separate camp opportunities is available as well: Hands-On Science Camps Summer 2023 — Expeditionary School at Black River (esblackriver.org)

Please feel free to spread the word to any interested student learner, we are honored to host these upcoming camps!

I just wanted to update you on a few things. First, our second application to the Agency of Education for school approval is going out this coming week. It is our hope and desire that it will receive a speedy review and that we get approval soon. Once that happens, when the money will be received for our students will be the next question to tackle ASAP.

We are so appreciative of the Ludlow taxpayers for realizing that the school is in need of some bridge money until those state contributions come in for the



The Black River Valley Rod & Gun Club

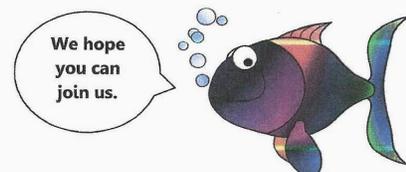
will hold its **Annual Kid's Fishing Derby** on **Saturday, May 13TH 2023** Sign up begins

at 8:30 am and fishing starts at 9 am.

All children up to 15 years of age are eligible to participate. The fishing derby will be held at

Cook's Pond located on **Rod & Gun Club Road** in **Ludlow, Vermont**. Prizes will be awarded

and refreshments served.



Mount Holly School

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Wednesday, June 7, 2023
3:00—4:00 p.m.
By Appointment
(802) 259-2392

For children who will be 5 years old on or before August 31, 2023

Please bring the following:

1. A birth certificate
2. All immunization records
3. Residency documentation
4. Complete online pre-registration form

Families are invited to meet with Mrs. Craver and hear all about what kindergarten has to offer.

Students currently enrolled in the MHS preschool program will not need to register again for Kindergarten.

parents that are already paying taxes for education, but which doesn't follow their students at this point. We have also received some recent financial support from local homeowners who want to see the school succeed. Thanks go out to these people who see the value of having an innovative and local school choice for our town. If you would like to see us get through this period with more financial stability, please let me know at gblodgett@esblackriver.org

On another exciting note, ESBR is honored to host some great camps this summer on site. Recently we announced two separate science camps that will be held here at the school for middle and high school students this summer. We are now also elated to announce that several separate Art Camps for middle and high school students will be hosted at ESBR this summer as well! The science camps will be conducted by NHAS and are great STEM camps for students wanting to have hands-on science and math experiences with some excellent science leaders. The creative art courses are being instructed by our own art instructor and artist, Piper Strong. Please check out these learning opportunities and forward them to anyone you believe might be interested. You can find the links to both the Science and Arts Camps and what they offer at our website: [Expeditionary School at Black River \(esblackriver.org\)](http://Expeditionary School at Black River (esblackriver.org)) as well as information about available scholarships for any student learner who may need them for the camps. Thanks For Being Interested in ESBR, Gary Blodgett, ESBR Board Chairperson

News from MHCA...

"In the spring I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours" - Mark Twain

Welcome to May! Adios April. As the weather is warming the MHCA Board is turning our focus towards music, food, and gardens; all of which highlight certain summer events on the community calendar. This year, as promised, we will have our first **Spring Plant Swap**. The date has yet to be finalized but it will happen towards the end of May so watch the newsflash for the announcements and scope out what plants you might want to swap. Swapping is not mandatory - you may just want to buy a few plants or thin out your own stock, either way we hope to see you there.

Last month you may recall a brief quiz about the community association. Here are your answers:

1. MHCA was founded in 1978 (holy buckets that's 45 years ago!)
2. How many Directors are on the Board - 12. We would love to have 1-2 more...interested?
3. Can you name 4 Board members? Did you?

Thinking about our Board members...how many of you like those little brightly colored chocolate candies with the double m's imprinted on them; they are so popular they even have some rather funny commercials personalizing the little guys. Well, here on the MHCA Board, we have our own version of these lovable and colorful characters. Meet Madeleine Fay and Mary Alberty, long time MHCA Board members who LOVE living in our community (and said so repeatedly when interviewed). Madeleine and Mary have a strong desire to contribute to their communities and, as a result, joined the MHCA Board as a way to be a part of things and help build community among friends and neighbors. Both made their pilgrimage to Vermont, as many of us have, by turning visits to the Green Mountains to a place to put roots down. Despite being flatlanders they are true ambassadors of Mount Holly!

Fun Facts about Madeline:

Madeleine has been on the MHCA Board for "a long time - close to 15 years" and currently serves as our Treasurer, coordinator for Cabaret, and Cider Days apple crisp baker extraordinaire. Before she retired she was a practicing endocrinologist in Massachusetts and Vermont; now she volunteers as a doctor in Rutland's Free Clinic. Madeleine has three grown children. She enjoys art, hiking, and her guilty pleasure is ice cream. Having just had both hips replaced this past year she is now ready to return to golfing and tennis. She hosts a weekly pickleball game, is never without her fur baby Rudi, and is excitedly anticipating being a grandmother this month. You may not even realize you have seen her driving around town; our Madeleine is as unique as her charcoal Subaru with gold polka dots.

Fun Facts about Mary:

Mary has been on the Board for 10 years and coordinates the Spring Mud Fling and Music on the Green. She is a Social Worker with a long history of working with kids and families throughout her career; currently she works for the Department of Children and Family Services. Mary has three adult children and five grandchildren; she also fostered kids when her children were young. Mary volunteers for the Snow Flyers snowmobile club and fundraises for their NYE fireworks on Star Lake. Camping on the

Islands of Lake George is her favorite place to be, that and anywhere in the Caribbean. You might not know that Mary built her own house and lived without running water or electricity for six years as she bartered for building; during the first six months she lived in a tent on her land with two small children until winter came and they could move into the foundation of the house. In a previous life she had a nine month teepee residency. That's our Mary - a resourceful non-traditional kinda gal.

Hope you enjoyed meeting MHCA's M&M's. Have a great May - we'll catch up again next month.



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misleading, focus on pieces that were removed at earlier stages in the legislative process or focus on things that were proposed but never added at different stages. This bill is complicated, but the impetus for it is simple. Most of us, including my household, rely on propane, heating oil, kerosene or other heating fuel that is subject to price swings beyond our control. My household uses ~100 gallons of propane per month in the winter, we use it primarily for hot water, but also supplemental/backup heat on the below-zero days. In April 2021, I paid \$2.49/gallon for propane, in April 2022, \$3.52/gallon and in April 2023, \$2.69/gallon. That \$100 may not sound like much to some, but it's hard for us. The purpose of this bill is to **create a plan** to help Vermonters use less of these fuels, mostly through weatherization or installing new heating technologies, things that are financially out of reach for many Vermonters. But this bill **does not** implement any tax or fee. At different times, opponents have suggested this bill includes a 70 cent tax on heating fuels, but that is misleading. The purpose of the bill again is to design a plan and study what fee would be necessary for that plan. But the bill is designed for the legislature to have to weigh in again before any such tax/fee could go into effect. The fact is that these heating fuels are finite resources, we will run out of them, and their prices will continue to fluctuate wildly. Vermonters will be better served if they do not have to rely on them and can transition to more stable fuels for heat. This bill is a first step in that direction.

Quickly on the budget. I've just seen a lot in the press about the Governor chiding the legislature on the budget and I want to add some context and quick thoughts. I think it's important and lost in the back and forth that everyone agrees on about 98% of the spending. The major differences come in right now because the Governor would like us to set aside a certain amount of money that we don't need until next year or the year after to secure matching federal funds. Instead of doing that, the legislature is proposing to invest more in childcare and standing up our proposed paid leave program. He doesn't support those investments and would like us to save that money instead. We have full faith that we will be able to find the monies to secure those matching funds next session, even making these investments now. That is the major difference between us at the moment.

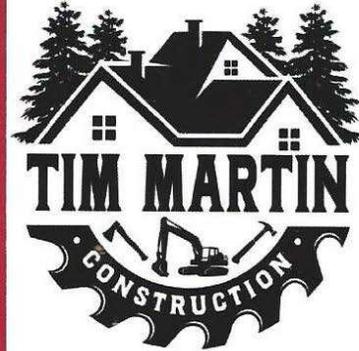
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Logan Nicoll, State Representative, Ludlow, Mount Holly, Shrewsbury, RepLoganNicoll@gmail.com 802-345-8430

State Representative, Ludlow, Mount Holly & Shrewsbury

Hello from Montpelier. We just passed S.5, "The Affordable Heat Act", the House is proposing some amendments from the version the Senate passed, so now the bodies need to negotiate the difference between those two versions. But I have little doubt the bill will pass this session in some form. I want to talk about that bill and about the budget, because as I often say in these articles, the budget continues to be the most substantive thing we will do up here and is the most overlooked or otherwise subject to a lot of misinformation.

First on S.5. This bill has changed A LOT in its path through the state house. Some of the coverage and talking points have been



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MOUNT HOLLY REVOTE ON LMHUUSD BUDGET

In the ballot for the March 7 vote on the Ludlow Mount Holly Unified Union School District Budget, the town of Mount Holly accidentally inserted last year's budget number (\$7,412,147) rather than this year's (\$7,668,103.00). Mount Holly needs to conduct another vote to correct that error. (Ludlow included the correct number on their ballot and thus does not need to have another vote.)

On May 16, the voters of Mount Holly are asked to come to the town office to cast their vote:

Voting By Australian Ballot
MOUNT HOLLY TOWN OFFICE

Tuesday, May 16, 2023
10:00am to 7:00pm

The legal voters of Mount Holly, as members of the Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District, are hereby warned to meet at Mount Holly Town Office on Tuesday, the 16th day of May, between the hours of 10:00 am to 7:00 pm for the purpose of revoting by Australian ballot the proposed fiscal year 2023-2024 school budget. The business to be transacted is as follows:

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.

Approved at a Duly Warned Meeting on April 12, 2023.
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PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP MUNICIPAL PLANNING GRANT

The Mount Holly MPG (Municipal Planning Grant) Working Group will be hosting a **Public Informational Workshop** on **Wednesday, May 24th at 5:30 pm** at the Community Center in Belmont Village.

The purpose of this workshop will be to present the results and findings of the recently completed 2022 Community Vision Survey, and lead a discussion on the issues, potential solutions and conceptual ideas which could improve our community. All residents, property and business owners are invited!

Community Center

Mount Holly Town Library
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May 24th
5:30pm-8:30pm

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This project is funded by a Municipal Planning Grant awarded by the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development.

This planning work is being funded in part by a Municipal Planning Grant from the State of Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development. For more information, visit: www.mounthollyvt.org/planning-commission/municipal-planning-grant/ We hope to see you there, Mount Holly MPG Working Group



LUDLOW-MOUNT HOLLY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023

OFFICIAL BALLOT

ARTICLE 1:

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YES _____

NO _____

May 2023 Mount Holly Chit Chat Inc

Public Meeting - Municipal Planning Grant

All are invited to provide input on the municipal planning grant with a current focus on ensuring the viability of the Belmont village area for years to come.

The Mount Holly MPG (Municipal Planning Grant) Working Group will be hosting a **Public Informational Workshop** on **Wednesday, May 24th at 5:30 pm** at the **Community Center** in Belmont Village. This workshop is being held to solicit public input on the Belmont Village Plan currently under early development. The event will be facilitated by Regrowth Planning, our planning consultant who will assist with developing the plan.

This workshop will present the results and findings of the recently completed 2022 Community Vision Survey and lead a discussion on the issues, potential solutions, and conceptual ideas that could improve the village center. Potential topics of discussion are likely to include business and economic development, water and sewer needs, protection of local water resources, tourism, parking, pedestrian sidewalks and trails, and visual enhancements to the village such as landscaping and signage. The public input collected at this meeting will be used to help draft the Belmont Village Center Plan, anticipated to be completed by the end of this summer.

A second public meeting—anticipated to be held in June or July—will present the draft ideas and recommendations of the master plan and solicit additional public comment before it is finalized. All residents, property, and business owners are invited and encouraged to attend these meetings to learn about this planning process and provide important input on the future of the village.

The Community Center is located in the lower level basement of the Mount Holly Town Library, at 26 Maple Hill Road in Belmont, VT.

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COLLAMORE'S NOTES FROM THE STATE HOUSE

By: Senator Brian Collamore



House budget

Since I wrote last, the House has passed a budget which increases the State General Fund budget over last year by 12% and spends over \$60 million more in ongoing base expenditures than the budget proposed by the Governor.

The House budget also took out the set asides in the original budget and spent that money on new programs. Here is how this works: Would you take \$1 out of your savings account, if someone immediately would give you anywhere from \$3 to \$12 back? I think most Vermonters would consider that a no-brainer. But the House budget proposal risks the loss of millions of dollars in federal infrastructure grants. Vermont must provide matching funds – in cash – to leverage these grants. But the House budget spends the total of these surplus monies for current needs, leaving nothing to leverage for the future.

“The governor’s budget proposed setting aside \$352 million for water infrastructure improvements and \$341.5 million for transportation improvements. For water projects alone, this investment would achieve a 12-to-1 match. Put another way, for every \$1 we use, we would receive \$12 from the federal government. That seems like a very sound fiscal decision to me. Furthermore, economists for both the Legislature and the administration are predicting the state’s general fund revenues will drop nearly 9% in the fiscal year that begins July 1, a drop that would outpace even the 2009 downturn during the Great Recession.

The House budget is now being considered by the Senate Appropriations Committee, and I am hopeful will restore the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) reserve and Capital Expenditure Cash Fund (CECF) transfer to bolster Vermont’s infrastructure.

Heating bill

Senate bill 5, also called the “Affordable Heating Act” by some, has passed out of the House Committee on Environment and Energy after making a substantial change to the “check back” provision. It seems headed for a committee of conference to iron out differences, but the Governor has indicated he will veto the bill unless there is a clear path to send the entire issue of the mechanics of this bill back to committees of jurisdiction in both chambers and a vote by the General Assembly before anything can happen.

Housing

Vermont house prices have had the 3rd highest increase of any state, up nearly 17% in one year. The average house price in Vermont is now \$386,000. Vermont is poised to spend over \$250 million dollars on housing. But there is disagreement about proposed revisions to Act 250 which has stalled things.

State College System

According to VT Digger, “Vermont State University president Parwinder Grewal is out after less than a year on the job. Grewal resigned Friday for personal reasons. The move comes months before the consolidated university was set to launch, amid backlash over plans to convert the library for the three combined colleges to a primarily digital space.

With Grewal’s departure, the plan to move the library online has been shelved. Both announcements came at a Friday meeting of the Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees. Plans to scale back athletic programs are also being reconsidered following Grewal’s exit.”

I have been a vocal critic of the decisions and introduced a bill to stop it. Sponsored by over half of the Senate, I believe it had some effect on the latest decision by the Board of Trustees. There are still many unanswered questions about the increase in positions and salaries in the Chancellor’s Office, so this is not the end of the story. More to come.

If you want to reach me, email me at bcollamore@leg.state.vt.us Sen Brian Collamore

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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.

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.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FLOOD HAZARD & RIVER CORRIDOR BYLAW – Town Office, 50 School Street, Mount Holly, VT 05758 – March 29, 2023 at 6:30 pm

1. Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm.
2. Mark Turco asked attendees to share questions, comments and concerns about the proposed Flood Hazard & River Corridor Bylaw, available for review here. A Fact Sheet regarding the proposed amendments and impacts on property owners is available here.
 - a. Resident Dennis Devereux asked whether all flood plains are already mapped by the state; Kyle Medash confirmed that they are.

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- b. Select Board Chair Mark Turco asked whether the proposed amendments to the bylaw would impact landowners. Mr. Medash confirmed that the amended bylaw does require that landowners seek permission from the local Administrative Officer (AO) to build structures larger than 500 square feet within the river corridor (where mapped by the state) or within a 50’ setback from the top bank (where not mapped). Other uses of river corridor land (parking, agriculture, e.g.) are not affected, nor are smaller outbuildings such as garages or structures without inhabitants. Mr. Medash explained that the intention is to keep major property investments out of the river corridor so that if the river rises or needs more room to meander, property owners are giving it the room it needs to adjust or change course, a phenomenon referred to as “dynamic equilibrium.”

- c. Resident Stephen Michel asked how the process of permitting works. Mr. Medash explained that a property owner will apply for a permit at the Town Office and submit to the Mount Holly AO; the AO will seek any necessary

guidance from Mr. Medash in order to make a permitting decision and will return an answer to the property owner. Mr. Medash noted that flood plain regulations are already in effect in Mount Holly (since 2008); this proposed bylaw only amends regulations concerning river corridor areas.

- d. Rutland Regional Planning Commission Senior Planner Barbara Noyes Pulling noted that adopting the amended bylaw would allow Mount Holly to receive more state funding in the event of a flood disaster declaration for the county. If adopted, the Town would 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.

- e. Resident Chris Pratt asked how many property owners are affected by the amended bylaw. Planning Commission Chair Jon McCann noted that there are approximately a few dozen structures currently affected by the river corridor amendments. He noted that the exact number of parcels affected by the bylaw amendment was difficult for him to determine, but that he, Andy Schulz and Brigid Sullivan contacted more than 50 landowners with properties near river

corridors to explain the amendments and to solicit feedback. None had any concerns about its adoption.

- f. Ms. Noyes Pulling noted that the Regional Planning Commission can pull data to determine the exact landowners affected by the amended bylaw, based on E911 and GIS data.

- g. Mr. Medash added that while the amendments will affect some individual landowners and what they can do on their land, it also saves taxpayers money in the big picture, as the regulations ensure that landowners are taking flood pressure off roads, taking structures out of the river corridor, ensuring that emergency services are not strained and generally protecting

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- h. Stephen Michel asked whether the flood plain and river corridor maps can be amended if warranted. Mr. Medash confirmed that on-the-ground surveying can amend “desktop”

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measurements if the data on the map is found to be inaccurate.

i. Select Board Clerk Caitlin Boyle noted that 23 letters of support were received from town residents and others regarding the proposed amendment, including letters of support from the ANR/Department of Environmental Conservation and the District Ranger for US Forest Service.

j. Mr. Turco noted that he would like all landowners to be notified directly of the proposed amendment before the Select Board makes a vote regarding adoption.

k. Mr. Devereux noted that there is an option for landowners to appeal the AO's decision if a requested permit for construction in a river corridor is not granted; Jon McCann confirmed that any action can be appealed to the town's Board of Adjustment.

l. Mr. McCann further noted that in Mount Holly, most river corridors are not in densely settled areas; most are in the woods, as historically people have had the good sense not to build in river corridors.

m. Mr. Medash reiterated that property owners who are concerned about restrictions on their activities in river corridors can take comfort in the fact that there are many exemptions provided for in the bylaw, including exemptions for agriculture, accessory dwelling units, parking, and other situations.

n. Ms. Noyes Pulling reiterated that most Select Boards considering similar bylaw amendments are basing their decision primarily on the bylaw's provision of increased eligibility for state funding in the event of a disaster.

o. The Select Board agreed to notify all town residents of the amended bylaw via direct mailings, in addition to continued posting of the amended bylaw at the town post offices, Town Office, and on the Town website. Property owners will have 30 days from receipt of the mailing to make comments or ask questions.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm. Respectfully submitted, Caitlin Boyle, Select Board Clerk

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Select Board Meeting, Town Office April 11, 2023 at 6:30 pm

Attendees: Mark Turco, Diana Garrow, Jeff Chase, Caitlin Boyle, Clinton Woolley, Chad Farrar, Dennis Devereux, Jim Seward, Stephen Michel, Chris Pratt, Jim Luckett (via Zoom), David Johnson, Jon McCann, Phil Crane, Les Deyette, Brigid Sullivan (Zoom), Jim Luckett (Zoom), Zena Gates, Andy Shulz.

1. Call to Order: Jeff Chase was unable to attend; the Select Board proceeded on items that did not require Board action.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the agenda. The Select Board Clerk noted that an item should be added regarding repairs for the town office.

4. Approval of March 21st Minutes. Tabled until next meeting.

5. Reports

a. Highways & Transfer Station Update: Road Foreman Clinton Wooley noted that the Highway Department has begun grading, though the ground is still frozen. Mr. Woolley submitted three proposals for a new loader. He reminded the Select Board that the Transfer Station could use another part-time attendant for part-time hours in an on-call situation.

b. Treasurer Monthly Income & Expense Report: The Town received the annual state reappraisal funds and the Equalized Education Grand List funds (EEGL). Treasurer Elizabeth Karle noted that the town has earned about \$900 in interest this month. Solid Waste Labels are on track to be slightly under-budget if current trends continue. The Town is a bit over-budget on town truck repairs.

c. Mount Holly Planning Commission Update: Jon McCann noted that most planning commission members attended the March 29 meeting

regarding the new flood hazard and river corridor bylaw. He added that he will be attending two upcoming VLCT workshops: one on energy efficiency for municipal buildings and one regarding open meeting laws. i. Appoint Administrative Officer: The Board will table the decision. ii. Proposals for Land Records Preservation (Volumes 1-10). Mr. McCann noted that the Town is due to digitally preserve its early record books (volumes 1-10), which are deteriorating. The Board will table the decision. d. Mount Holly Conservation Commission Update: Commission member Phil Crane noted that the Commission seeks Select Board input on a proposal to purchase ~3 dozen injectors and the required chemical needed to protect Ash trees from the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). If approved, the Commission will lend the injectors to landowners and provide the chemicals

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at cost so the landowners can treat their trees themselves. Mr. McCann noted that an inventory of ash trees should be done to best prepare for the EAB crisis. Mr. Clinton noted that there is a very large number of ash trees in the Town right-of-way. 6. New Business

a. **Review Opioids Settlement Agreement:** The Board noted that the Town would continue to participate as it has done.

b. **Reappoint EMD:** Tabled.

c. **Reappoint Rutland Regional Transportation Advisory Committee Alternative:** Tabled.

d. **Review Conflict of Interest Policy:** Tabled.

e. **Review Rutland Regional Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement:** Tabled.

f. **Submit Comments for State Hazard Mitigation Plan:** Tabled.

g. **Sign Contract for Municipal Planning Grant:** Tabled for special meeting.

h. **Approve New Computer Purchase - Treasurer's Office:** Tabled.

i. **Property Request re: 2676 Sawyer Hill Road:** Mr. Luckett would like the Select Board's permission to place electrical lines under Sawyer Hill Road to provide power to his property. Mr. Turco noted that there are specific criteria that property owners need to meet, but that the Select Board and Road Foreman do not foresee an issue from the Town's perspective. Mr. Woolley noted that he can provide the road cut surface policy requirements to Mr. Luckett, alongside the permit. The Select Board Clerk will send the policy.

j. **Town Office Repairs:** The Select Board will reach out for quotes for exterior building repairs and for replacement of fluorescent bulbs.

7. Ongoing & Old Business

a. **Junk Ordinance Complaints:** The Select Board received a complaint from Greg Buck regarding a property that he believes is violating the Junk Ordinance. The Select Board noted that they will continue to contact the property owner and tenant.

b. **Revision of Junk Ordinance:** The Select Board Clerk received guidance from VLCT regarding

guidance for an updated ordinance. The Clerk will provide a draft for review at the next monthly meeting.

8. Citizen Comments:

a. The Select Board Clerk noted that the Select Board received two letters from residents expressing concerns about the possibility of the Belmont Store becoming a bar, due to the possible concerns regarding parking, noise, etc. Residents expressing concerns are Jane Hill and Margaret Glezen

b. Dennis Devereux noted that tree maintenance will be performed prior to volunteer clean-up work at Green Cemetery.

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.

9. Announcements

10. Review & Sign Orders

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

12. Adjourn – Respectfully Submitted, Caitlin Boyle, Select Board Clerk

Select Board Emergency Meeting Town Office April 17, 2022, 11:00 am

Attendees: Mark Turco, Diana Garrow, Jeff Chase, Caitlin Boyle, Elizabeth Karle

Call to Order: Mark Turco called an emergency meeting to order to resolve an urgent personnel question.

Personnel Update. The Select Board and Treasurer Elizabeth Karle discussed a personnel compensation item. Mark made a motion to resolve the employee compensation item. Diana seconded; unanimously approved.

Personnel Policy Amendment: The Select Board discussed a minor amendment to the town personnel policy. Diana made a motion to amend the personnel policy; Jeff seconded; unanimously approved.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement: In consideration of a signing deadline, the Select Board reviewed the RRPC Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement. Jeff Chase made a motion to approve the agreement as written; Diana seconded; unanimously approved.
Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

Planning Commission, Town Office & Remote Electronic – Regular Meeting Minutes Wednesday March 15, 2023 7:00 P.M.

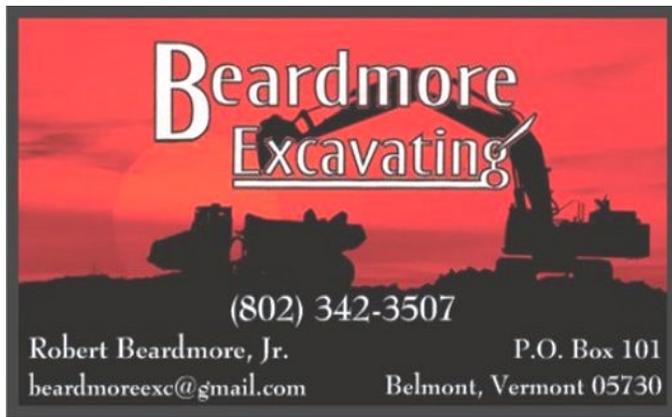
Commission Members Present: Jon McCann (Chair), Jim Seward (Vice Chair), Andrew Schulz, Brigid Sullivan, Andrew Seward,

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Also Present: Renee Sarmento (Clerk), Stephen Michel, Ethan Pepin

1. Chair called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.
2. Changes to agenda: none.
3. Approval of minutes
 - a. February 15th regular meeting minutes and March 1st special meeting minutes were approved as distributed.
4. Reports & Announcements
 - a. Administrative Officer: none
 - b. Planning Commission Chair
 - i. Chair stated he went to training for Permit Navigator on 2/22. Permit specialists are now called Community Assistants. State wants people to start using permit navigator instead of contacting them. They reinforced that permit navigator results should be part of town permit

applications. Confirmed that river corridors and flood hazard mapping is included. Chair gave state suggestion to add contact information for municipal officials on the permit navigator report. People who do not have access to the internet will need assistance.

ii. Other trainings: VLCT is holding an open meeting law training. If Commissioners would like to participate let Chair know. Chair stated members from all boards might wish to attend. Chair will let Select Board know. (4/19 at 10am) Stephen Michel asked that the Chair forward the link to him for the Board of Adjustment.

iii. Chair had a conversation with Ed Bove - what if any influence town might have on energy siting such as wind and solar. Without an enhanced energy plan there is not a lot we can do. We can identify areas in the plan that have value to the town that should limit development in general but not exclude energy projects specifically. Separately, there are a number of towns around Mount Holly putting controls on short term B&Bs due to their impact on affordable housing and other disruptions. There was interest in this reflected in the recent town-wide survey. There are a couple tools to consider. Will get into more detail at a later time.

5. Correspondence
 - a. Subdivision proposals: None
 - b. Building Construction Registrations: None
 - c. Wastewater system and potable water supply permits: None
 - d. Email / Other: None.
6. New business
7. Unfinished business
 - a. Town Plan: Transportation Plan (guest Ethan Pepin)
 - i. Ethan sent around a draft via email and brought paper copies to the meeting.
 - ii. Ethan touched on things added to the last draft. This included review of the Traffic Volume and Safety section.
 - iii. Public Transit - Ethan had a conversation with The Bus. Almost 5% of riders are coming from Mount Holly. 90% boarding are heading East (Ludlow-Okemo) and 10% heading West (Rutland). Question of why most of the use is at the Healdville stop and not the Belmont stop. This could be a lack of parking and safety at the Belmont stop. Commissioner A. Seward stated it could also be due to the presence of seasonal rentals close to the Healdville stop, such as in Mount Holly Heights. He confirmed that Harry's parking lot is part of the state highway right of way, and is public.
 - iv. Parking - need to find the piece of land to do it on. If a state-owned parking lot is already there, it may be an option. Commissioner A. Seward also suggested the possibility of a lifelong lease of property as it is difficult to get the state to sell land. Stephen Michel brought up the suggestion of school bus drop off and how there was no safe place. Stephen stated a park-and-ride would be a logical place for a school bus stop. Chair noted a park-and-ride near three-phase power would make it easier to install an EV Charger.
 - v. Scenic byways - Ethan did work to find out what scenic byways mean and if it is feasible to designate VT-103 through Mount Holly. Ethan stated in the past there was a large pot of money for scenic byways, for putting up signage and making it an attraction/pamphlets & web posting. Priorities have shifted and money has disappeared, so there is not a lot of money that designating a scenic byway would get you. VT-100 byway system has a number of sections that extend off that, including VT-103 through Ludlow. It could be simple to have 103 in Mount Holly added. Council would need to meet and vote to designate. Commissioner Schulz asked about the upside of designation. Ethan said the benefit would be any kind of guide about the town/marketing and could be picked up by travel writers.
 - vi. Ethan reviewed the need for a Highway Access Policy – the town will need a formal policy adopted by the Select Board.
 - vii. Chair suggested adding a reference to the new traffic ordinance.
 - viii. Ethan will get back to the Commission on ownership of the bridges. The Chair will have another conversation with Martina Barnes - US Forest Service district ranger.

8. Public Comments:

a. Stephen Michel stated he feels that in the publicity for the proposed flood hazard and river corridors bylaw the claim of a 40% increase of funds received by the town is in error. Commissioner Andrew Seward and Commissioner Andrew Schulz clarified that a 40% increase is what ERAF will pay and is a correct representation. Stephen stated the annual report said something contrary. Commissioner Schulz read aloud the fact sheet the Commission prepared, which described a 40% increase in state funding. The Chair read aloud what was actually included in the annual report, which said the same thing. Stephen said something different was put into the Chit Chat. Chair reminded Stephen that the Select Board put that into the Chit Chat but to his knowledge it copied the same text. Chair explained ERAF and the matching process. Mr. Michel withdrew his comment.

9. Upcoming meetings



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LUDLOW-MOUNT HOLLY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
MAY 16, 2023**

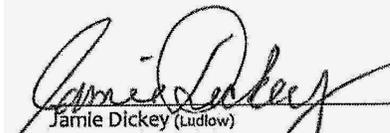
**Voting By Australian Ballot
MOUNT HOLLY TOWN OFFICE
Tuesday, May 16, 2023
10:00am to 7:00pm**

The legal voters of Mount Holly, as members of the Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District, are hereby warned to meet at Mount Holly Town Office on Tuesday, the 16th day of May, between the hours of 10:00 am to 7:00 pm for the purpose of revoting by Australian ballot the proposed fiscal year 2023-2024 school budget. The business to be transacted is as follows:

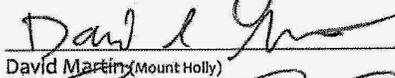
Article I: Shall the voters of Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District approve the School Board of Directors to expend \$7,668,103.00, which is the amount the school board of directors has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that the proposed budget, if approved,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

Approved at a Duly Warned Meeting on April 12, 2023.

Board of Directors:

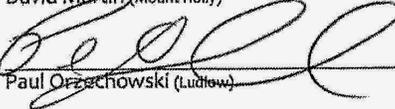


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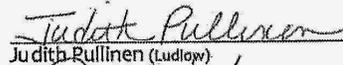


David Martin (Mount Holly)

Julie McKenzie (Mount Holly)

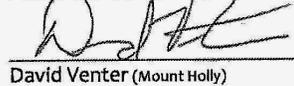


Paul Orzechowski (Ludlow)



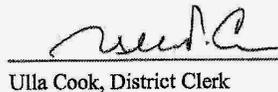
Judith Pullinen (Ludlow)

Kelly Tarbell (Mount Holly)



David Venter (Mount Holly)

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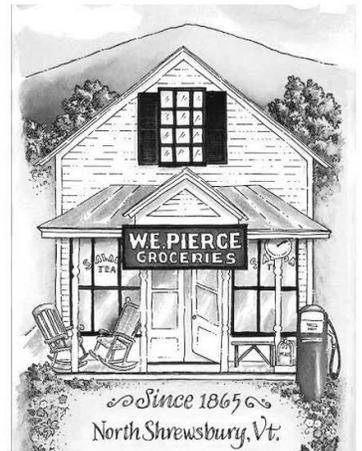


Ulla Cook, District Clerk

Select Board Hearing - March 29th at 6:30pm, Kyle Medash and Chair will be present, Commissioners are welcome to attend.

- a. Special Meeting - April 5th at 7:00pm (land use)
- b. Regular meeting - April 19th at 7:00 pm (3rd Wednesday)
- 10. Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm For the Commission, Renee Sarmento, Planning Commission Clerk.

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Mount Holly School
150 School St, Mount Holly, VT
ZOOM: <https://trsu.zoom.us/j/88323323565> Phone: 646-876-9923
Tuesday, May 09, 2023 at 6:00pm**

The legal voters of Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District, consisting of the town of Mount Holly, are hereby warned to meet for a Public Informational Hearing on the proposed budget for 2023-2024.



Backyard Burning Reminders Released

With spring cleaning underway in some parts of the state, the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) wants to remind and encourage Vermonters to follow a few guidelines for on-premise or backyard open burning.

“Burning materials from spring cleanup can release harmful pollution that can impact neighboring properties,” said DEC Commissioner John Beling. “By following these guidelines, Vermonters can help reduce air pollution, avoid nuisance impacts, and protect human and environmental health.”

On-premise or backyard burning of brush, deadwood, or tree cuttings collected from normal property maintenance is allowed under the Vermont Air Pollution Control Regulations, as long as no public or private nuisance, such as excessive smoke, is created. Use these guidelines during backyard burning:

- Allow green materials to dry before burning.
- Consider the wind speed and direction before burning.
- Ensure that the fire burns hot.
- Check the [Fire Danger Forecast](#) from Forests, Parks and Recreation and postpone burning during periods of elevated fire danger.
- Check the [Air Quality Forecast](#) and postpone burning if atmospheric conditions are not favorable to disperse the smoke.
- Obtain a local burn permit from your [Town Fire Warden](#).

“Our best suggestion is to avoid burning altogether and let the materials decompose naturally,” said John Wakefield, the DEC’s Compliance Section Chief for the Air Quality and Climate Division.

Find tips on what to do with excess leaves, grass, and wood – such as composting and brush piles – from the [Waste Management and Prevention Division](#) <https://dec.vermont.gov/waste-management/solid/materials-mgmt/grass-leaves-and-wood>

Learn more about open burning in Vermont from the [Air Quality and Climate Division](#) <https://dec.vermont.gov/air-quality/compliance/open-burning/backyard-burning> **Contact:** John Wakefield, Air Quality and Climate Compliance Section Chief, Department of Environmental Conservation, 802-279-5674, John.Wakefield@vermont.gov



Ludlow Rotary Club’s Annual Penny Sale

This is it! THE local Mud Season event is arriving on April 29, 2023! For the 65th time the Ludlow Rotary Club’s Annual Penny Sale is upon us! You do not want to miss the fun!

The 65th Annual Penny Sale on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at the Ludlow Elementary School Gym will begin at 6:00 promptly!

We will have over 300 prizes on display of which many could very well end up in your possession! You can see some of the items donated by our local businesses at the prize window on Main Street at DJ’s Restaurant. Admission is free! Refreshments will be available.

Our cash raffle will conclude the evening! Top prize is \$500 cash and you do not need to be present to win. Should you be in the building an additional \$25 will be added to the winning ticket! Raffle tickets may be purchased online at www.ludlowrotary.com.

This annual event of the Ludlow Rotary Club supports our scholarship program. Over the past two decades we have awarded local graduating seniors over \$235,000 in scholarships to pursue higher education.

The Ludlow Rotary Club is active locally and internationally. We strive to promote peace and good will. Meetings are held on Tuesdays at DJ’s in Ludlow from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. New members are welcome. Any questions, please call Kim at 228-4000 or Jim at 228-8866.

Thank you to all our local businesses who are so generous with their donations. This event is successful due to our many businesses! Maple syrup, ski passes, garden equipment, fishing poles, cash, restaurant gift cards and too much more to name has been donated to this event.

If this is your first or 65th time attending, we are looking forward to seeing you for this **Mud Season** event!

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When to Plant?

We're finally in the time of year when we can plant some things into the ground. Some seeds can go in early, other seeds & plants need to wait for warmer days. How do we know what to plant when? In April and early May most soil is still too wet to dig or till unless you have raised beds. Let's look at several ways to help determine when it's best to plant seeds or put out transplants. Also, a few words about the benefits of not mowing lawns in May and what good are wasps.

Frost Free Dates. Most plants can't take a real "frost" (happens when the air is still) or "freeze" (happens when there is a breeze) so they need to go in after danger has passed. That is tricky since we can't be sure what the weather might bring but we do know the average dates based on years of historical weather records. At higher elevations like Mount Holly that safe date is about May 30 and at lower elevations of Wallingford, Shrewsbury, or Ludlow that is about May 24. These are averages and best guesses, not absolute rules! Remember that unless you are a competitive gardener it's not important that your plants go in on the earliest dates possible. If you would like recommendations for specific plants, then you can use one of several online guides or printed tables for our area.

The [University of Vermont Extension/Master Gardeners](#) program has a excellent website that includes planting schedules based on agricultural zones plus details about spacing, depth, number of seeds. This website is very extensive and has many links to good resources for all kinds of gardening information. This should be your basic Go To place for reliable information. Note that depending on your exact location, we are in either zone 4 (higher) or 5 (lower elevation).

[Johnny's Seeds](#) has a calculator that uses your zip code/hardiness zone and to tell you when to start seeds indoors and the earliest dates to transplant outside by plant. They also have a great calculator for repeating or succession plantings so you can plan for harvests throughout the growing season. Enjoy salad greens, beans, etc. all summer long instead of getting overwhelmed in July and then having none. Yes, we can grow salad greens all summer long!

The [Old Farmers' Almanac](#) has a similar table plus they include planting by the moon information. An added feature of the Almanac is that clicking on the name of the plant opens a growing guide for that specific plant. Very convenient.

An old fashioned "natural" way to determine local planting dates is based on observing nature's signals yourself. ("You can see a lot by observing", Yogi Berra) I first encountered this practice among the Mayan farmers in Central America where they use natural events as signals to determine when to clear land, when to burn, when to plant, and when to expect pests. We can do something similar by using our own local natural events for an indication of when to plant. Scientists refer to these chronological events as Phenology. Here is a list of suggestions that you can use in your garden, wherever you are located:

Earliest times to plant...	Is when...
Peas & onion sets	forsythia or daffodils begin blossoming
Lettuce, beets, carrots, spinach	first lilac leaves, dandelions in bloom
Transplant broccoli, cauliflower, kohlraabi, cabbage	dandelions in full bloom
Potatoes	dandelions in full bloom
Beans, cukes, squash	lilacs in peak bloom
Tomatoes	lily of the valley blooming or apple blossoms
Corn	oak leaves are dime size (young)
Peppers, melons, eggplants	irises in full bloom

Using these planning tools can take the guesswork out of planting and make gardening more productive and enjoyable. I tend to be conservative and plant a little later than the earliest dates. Delayed planting of squash and cucumbers, for example, can also avoid the main hatching of cucumber beetles and thereby reduces pest damage.

A great new conservation idea is called "No Mow May" let the pollinators play. The idea is very simple and makes sense. Avoid mowing your lawn in the month of May so that those early wildflowers (dandelions, clover, etc.) can blossom and provide vital nectar for pollinators. These flowers are the first available major food for many wild pollinators, including honeybees and bumblebees, and gives them a spring boost. It also gives you a valid excuse to delay mowing! If you like this idea, you can extend the benefits by mowing less lawn all summer and converting some areas to pollinator gardens. After May when I find a patch of later flowering plants in the lawn I avoid mowing there until they have finished blossoming. At the very least, raise your mower blades to 4-5 inches to mow higher. That results in healthier grass with deeper roots too. More information is available at the [Vermont Agency of Agriculture](#) website.

A word in support of wasps. Did you know that wasps are one of your best allies in garden pest prevention? Wasps are beneficial predators and play a vital role in keeping leaf eating bugs under control. The really good news is that fewer than 2% of wasps are the stinging "social wasps"-that we avoid (yellow jackets, paper wasps, bald-faced hornets). These are the wasps that build (and protect!) their nests in the ground or hanging above ground and will sting if threatened. Unless they are located near human activity, wasps should be appreciated for their benefits at keeping nature in balance.

Of course, honeybees and bumble bees are also critical for plants as pollinators but are not predators of other insects. Bees are not aggressive and rarely will sting unless directly threatened. How can you tell the difference? Bees are hairy, wasps are not.

Early spring is the time to watch for nest building near your home. If you quickly remove new small nests and they will move elsewhere. There is no need to kill them with poisons! Most importantly, 98% of all wasp species will not sting you but will provide great insect control around your home and garden. They are even believed to attack Emerald Ash Borer, a new serious tree pest in Vermont. Encourage their presence with small flowering plants such as fleabane, Queen Ann's Lace, asters, mints, milkweeds, tickseed (Coreopsis), goldenrod, white clover, and boneset.

Compost happens. Remember to keep improving your soil with homemade compost.



Okemo Valley Visitor Kiosk Updated

The front side of the Okemo Valley Regional Visitor Center Information Kiosk in Ludlow was recently unveiled with a ribbon cutting ceremony with some of the sponsors. It features a map of Okemo Valley within the state of Vermont, *Okemo Valley Magazine*, and the new Okemo Valley app.

Sponsors were organized in these categories:

LODGING: Jackson Gore Inn at Okemo, Echo Lake Inn, Timber Inn Motel, Inn at Water's Edge, Javic Mountain Retreat

FOOD: Fox Run Hospitality, Coleman Brook Tavern at Jackson Gore, Echo Lake Inn, Green Mountain Sugar House, TPW Coffee Bar

SERVICES: Fox Run Golf Club – Weddings & Events, Smokeshire Design, Engel & Volkers – Okemo, Four Season's Sotheby's International Realty – Okemo, William Raveis Vermont Properties

ATTRACTIONS: Okemo Mountain Resort, President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, Weston Theater, Crowley Cheese, Fox Run Golf Club

The updated back of the Okemo Valley Regional Visitor Center Kiosk includes regional events, the Vermont Scenic Route 100 Byway, and the Discovery Map for the region. This back side of the kiosk was sponsored by **William Raveis Vermont Properties**.

Thank you to **Awesome Graphics** for the new Kiosk, **Dreamtree Graphics** for the Kiosk design work, and **Images by Donald Dill** for the ribbon cutting ceremony photo.

The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit, member-driven association and the voice of 300+ businesses and the communities of 12 towns & villages in South Central Vermont along the Scenic Route 100 Byway, surrounded by Okemo, Ascutney & Magic mountains. OVRCC includes the communities of Andover, Baltimore, Cavendish, Chester, Grafton, Londonderry, Ludlow, Mount Holly, Plymouth, Shrewsbury, Weathersfield, & Weston. OVRCC provides advocacy, support, and unified regional marketing to promote and enhance businesses in the region, as well as the four-season economy.



Rutland County Solid Waste District

2023 Extended Outreach Project

Through a USDA - Rural Development Grant and letters of support from each of our member towns, the Rutland County Solid Waste District created an approved project to increase recycling and compost rates using outreach and educational community engagements. The project works to align the knowledge base within 12 rural communities within the district with new laws, practices, and innovative tools where proficiency is needed to be efficient and successful when managing solid waste. The District's mission is to reduce reliance on landfills through waste reduction, reuse, and recycling programs.

Time Frame:

1. Provide a Pre-Survey; Meeting with Selectboard, Project Advisory Teams (PAT), Transfer Station Employee, Clerk, Highway Department Member, active and concerned citizens that know the community, pastor, etc. (April)
2. Send engagement materials and events opportunities to each household. Individual or group Outreach events will take approx. 30 min. (May-June-July)
3. Provide a Post-Survey; Meeting with Selectboard, Project Advisory Teams (PAT) and present the project evaluation and analysis. (Aug-Sep)



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Brian Sales, Outreach Coordinator – ext 206





Spring Community Events

Check out our spring event in may. Free and open to all with registration. Click on the link to use the QR codes to sign-up. Hope to see you there!

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Workshop

Japanese Knotweed

Monday May 15th | 6:00PM-7:30PM
Farm & Wilderness Camps Plymouth, VT



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Workshop

Garlic Mustard

Monday May 22nd | 6:00PM-7:30PM
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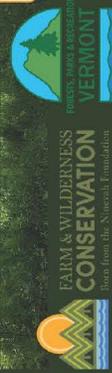
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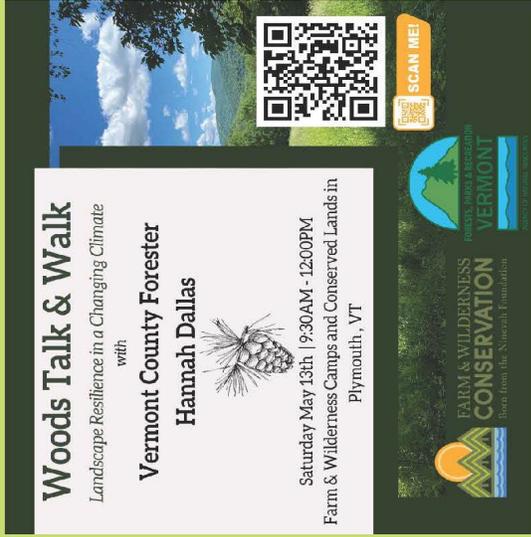
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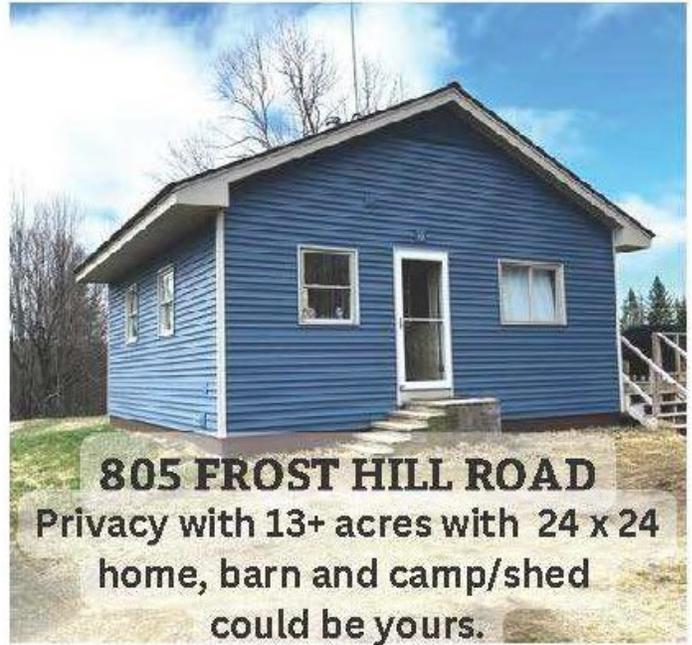


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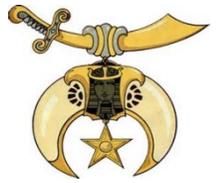
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Welcome to the NewsFlash.

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