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# Mount Holly Chit Chat

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June 2023

**Church Listings, back page "Who's Got It Locally?"**

**Mount Holly Community Association** – Contact [MHCAVT@gmail.com](mailto:MHCAVT@gmail.com)  
**Mount Holly Museum**-Open Jul & Aug Sat & Sun 2-4 pm [www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org](http://www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org) 802-259-2460 [ddevereux@vermontel.net](mailto:ddevereux@vermontel.net)  
**Mt. Holly NewsFlash** Town email sign up at [mthollynewsflash@gmail.com](mailto:mthollynewsflash@gmail.com) Check Out [www.mthollynewsflash.blogspot.com](http://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 10:00 am – 3:00 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:** Wednesday 4 pm – 7 pm & Saturday 8 am – 2 pm

**JUNE**

	1 <sup>st</sup>	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Fire Station	<i>Brigham Young, Mormon Leader B. 1801</i>	7:00 pm
	2 <sup>nd</sup>		<i>US Citizenship Granted to All American Indian's 1924</i>	
Sat	3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Sally Priesand, 1<sup>st</sup> Woman Rabbi in USA 1972 ~ Astronaut Edward White 1<sup>st</sup> American to Walk in Space 1965</i>		
Sun	4 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Battle of Midway Begins 1942 ~ Full Strawberry Moon</i>	
	5 <sup>th</sup>		<i>First Hot-Air Balloon Flight 1783</i>	
	6 <sup>th</sup>	Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library	<i>D-Day Normandy 1944</i>	7:00 pm
		Mount Holly Conservation Commission		7:00 pm
	7 <sup>th</sup>	Mt. Holly PTSA Meeting, MH School		6:00 pm
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	<i>US Bill of Rights by James Madison 1789</i>	7:00 pm
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building		7:00 pm
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		9:00 am
		Select Board Meeting, Town Office & Zoom		6:30 pm
	14 <sup>th</sup>	LMHUUS Meeting,	<i>Flag Day ~ US Army Est 1775</i>	6:00 pm
		ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Non-Stop Transatlantic Flight 1919</i>	7:30 pm
Sat	15 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations		7:00 pm
	17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Roast Beef Supper</b> Benefit MHV Fire Dept Odd Fellows Hall		5:00 pm
		<i>Bunker Hill Day 1775 ~ Pan-Am 1<sup>st</sup> Airline for Around-The-World Flights 1947</i>		
Sun	18 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Sally Ride 1<sup>st</sup> US Woman in Space 1983 ~ Father's Day</i>	
	19 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Juneteenth</i>	
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont	<i>Summer Solstice – Summer Begins</i>	6:30 pm
		Mount Holly Planning Commission, MH Town Office & Via Zoom		7:00 pm
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	<i>Pledge of Allegiance Recognized by Congress 1942</i>	7:00 pm
			<i>GI Bill Signed into Law 1944</i>	
Sun	25 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Korean War Began 1950</i>	
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall	<i>Helen Keller 1880 ~ PTSD Awareness Day</i>	9:00 am
	28 <sup>th</sup>	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		7:00 pm
	29 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations		7:00 pm

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**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	<b>NONE</b>		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](mailto:chitchat@vermontel.net)**

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**June Birthdays:** 1<sup>st</sup>-Torey Surething 4<sup>th</sup>-Johnathan Davis \* Emily Colburn Freedman 5<sup>th</sup>-Diane Perry 6<sup>th</sup>-Jason Turco 7<sup>th</sup>-Kristin Veysey 8<sup>th</sup>-All Labozzo 9<sup>th</sup>-Barry Gagner \* Mary Ann Farley \* Molly Gagner 10<sup>th</sup>-Jennifer Turco \* Alex & Beth Lee \* Steve Hazelton 11<sup>th</sup>-Amber Nye 13<sup>th</sup>-Dylan Pierro \* David Crossman \* Shannon Labozzo 16<sup>th</sup>-Timothy Garrow \* Zak Delphia 19<sup>th</sup>-Stephanie Bussino (2000) 20<sup>th</sup>-Andrea Kilroe 21<sup>st</sup>-Emily Jones 22<sup>nd</sup>-Roger Garrow 24<sup>th</sup>-Natalie Brown 29<sup>th</sup>-Helen Graham 30<sup>th</sup>-Ted Garrow



**June Anniversaries:** 12<sup>th</sup>-Clinton & Carol Woolley 14<sup>th</sup>-Mike & Mary Beth Dawley (1969) 18<sup>th</sup>-Bill & Marnie Dassler (1966) 20<sup>th</sup>-Donald & Jean Gates

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](mailto:chitchat@vermontel.net) or call me at 802-259-2314.

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Window	Mon – Fri 8:00 am – 10:00 am & 2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
Lobby Hours:	Mon – Fri 8:00 am – 4:45 pm Sat 7:30 am – 10:30 am
<b>Belmont</b>	<b>802-259-2790</b>
Window	Mon – Fri 7:30 am – 9:30 am & 2:45 pm – 4:45 pm Sat 7:30 am – 10:30 am
Lobby Hours	Mon – Fri 7:30 am – 4:45 pm
<b>East Wallingford</b>	<b>802-259-2829</b>
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
<b>Cuttingsville/Shrewsbury</b>	<b>802-492-3585</b>
Window Hours	Mon – Fri 7:30 am – 10:30 am & 11:30 am – 2:30 pm Sat 8:00 am – 11:00 am
Lobby Hours	Mon – Fri 7:30 am – 5:00 pm Sat 7:30 am – 11:00 am
<b>Ludlow</b>	<b>802-228-7436</b>
Post Master: Dawn Howlett	
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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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**Mt. Holly NewsFlash:** Mount Holly's Town email system. Primary attendant is Kevin Plew and backup attendant Stu Berry. Email items to [mthollynewsflash@gmail.com](mailto:mthollynewsflash@gmail.com) [www.mthollynewsflash.blogspot.com](http://www.mthollynewsflash.blogspot.com)

Happy Father's Day

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

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month 2023  
June 6, 8 am  
July 5, 6 pm Wed due to holiday  
Aug 1, 8 am  
Sept 5, 6 pm Oct 3, 8 am



**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**

Isn't it amazing that every year, a day is set aside in the month of May for clean civilized people to go around and pick up the trash and debris left on the sides of our roadways by dirty, uncivilized people. This garbage (cans, bottles, plastics, etc...) certainly doesn't grow there, but is actually thrown out of car windows. Imagine that! I'm pretty sure that these "litterbugs" are related to our very own "Junk Yard Folks"! They have a few things uncommon – no respect for others or the environment. If I had my way, I'd make them clean up their own mess that they created. Maybe someday there won't be a need for Green Up Day, but I'm not going to hold my breath waiting! Have a Great Day! Virginia Ward

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**Vermont Home Gardener ~ Grow Better with Raised Beds**

There are many advantages to growing in raised beds and we really should consider them for any garden. Whether you are beginning a new garden or want to improve an established garden, raised beds will make your garden more productive, more convenient, and are less work in the long run (no tilling, ever!).

Raised beds do very well in the hilly, rocky, weedy, cool, wet, northern New England conditions.

While building raised beds will require some extra effort in the beginning, they will save you work later plus all the benefits are well worth the effort. In case you need

convincing, read the full article about the techniques for building raised beds and all their benefits.

**Get the complete article at Vermont Home Gardener and subscribe to free gardening articles all summer.**

**Bone Builders**

Monday & Thursday Mornings  
9:00 am  
Community Room Below Library  
For Weights and more information  
Call Judy Nevin 802-259-2443

**MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY NEWS  
JUNE 2023**



**ALFRED HITCHCOCK AND THE ART OF  
SUSPENSE**

On June 17, 2023 at 2 pm, Rick Winston will be speaking at the Mount Holly Town Library. Hitchcock famously said "Some films are slices of life; mine are slices of cake." Film expert Rick Winston will discuss the evolution of Hitchcock's craft, exploring themes, his relationship with collaborators and his sense of humor no matter how grisly the subject matter. By drawing on 12 film clips starting with his 1925 silent *The Lodger* and classics such as *Notorious* and *Rear Window*. Winston will illuminate the arc of his brilliant career. This presentation is sponsored by Vermont Humanities through its Speakers Bureau program.

Mount Holly Town Library  
26 Maple Hill Road  
Belmont, VT 05730  
802-259-3707  
[mthollylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:mthollylibrary@gmail.com)

**Suppers For Mount Holly Organizations**



**Settings Start 5:00 pm  
At**

**The Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont  
All You Can Eat - Served Home Style  
Adults - \$12 & Children Under 12 - \$6**



- June 17<sup>th</sup> MHVFD - Roast Beef
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Odd Fellows - Chicken BBQ **11:30 am**  
After Town Parade also that day Step off at **11:00 am**
- July 22<sup>nd</sup> Mt. Moriah Masons - Baked Ham
- Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> Historical Museum - Baked Ham
- Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> MHV Rescue Squad - Roast Ham
- Oct 7<sup>th</sup> Colfax Lodge – Roast Pork



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Yale School of Medicine in research on proteins from various projects, including lyme disease, using protein sequencing techniques and mass spectrometry. To balance out what was a very demanding and multi-tasking kinda job Kathy took up pottery. It was a hobby she loved and eventually grew into a thriving business post retirement. When asked about a guilty pleasure - "well it must be a very good caramel such as

## The News From MHCA....

It's hard to decide which season is the best but when summer arrives there seems to be a collective sigh of appreciation for warmer days. The Green Mountains become lush and humans, like all creatures, joyfully emerge to bask and in the sun. Yep summertime is a great season, minus the black flies and ticks - we could do without those pesky insects, right? Summertime also happens to be filled with activities for the Community Association and June is a big preparation month for the upcoming 4th of July parade, the start of Music on the Green in July, and our favorite community picnic Mount Holly Day. Check out our website for dates and details!

On top of that June is when we gear up for our 2023/24 membership drive that happens in July. Getting ready involves A LOT of letter and summer calendar folding, stuffing 1500 envelopes, and attaching address labels. The membership drive is a group effort and is a worthy investment of time and energy in our community, it's what maintains the historic building that houses the library and community center and that is pretty dang important in small towns.

Speaking of membership drive, this month's pick for "Meet your MHCA Board of Directors" was recruited specifically for her administrative skill set to coordinate membership when she was invited to join the Board in 2019. Kathy Stone had no idea that her participation in Bone Builders, an organized community exercise class, would result in her recruitment to the MHCA Board and ultimately take over the helm of our membership drive for the next 3 years. Kathy and her husband Geoff bought property in Mount Holly and began building their home in 2010, in 2014 they became full time residents. They have two dogs Murphy and Zimmer. In her life before Green

Mountains, she worked at the

### \*\*\* 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](mailto:tcg2791@yahoo.com). You may also leave a message with Dennis at 802-259-2460, or at [ddevereux@vermontel.net](mailto:ddevereux@vermontel.net).

Big Picture Farm goat milk caramels". Check out Kathy's pottery online at [stonecreekworkshops.com](http://stonecreekworkshops.com), you can also find her wares right down in Cuttingsville at the Stewart Maple Shop or many of the festivals around the state (including our own Cider Days in October).

And if the American author Garrison Keillor lived in Mount Holly he would say - well that's the news from Star Lake "where the women are strong, the men are good looking, and children are above average".



Mount Holly School

## PRESCHOOL 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.



## ATTENTION MOUNT HOLLY GARDENERS!

May I plant a seed?

As you are envisioning your garden,  
please consider participating in

The 16<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 2023

For more information, contact Leah Knoll

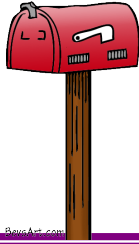
259-4137 or [leahknoll@yahoo.com](mailto:leahknoll@yahoo.com)





## IT'S MAILBOX FIX-UP TIME!

Dear Postal Patron,  
Spring is here and it may entail fixing your mailboxes from the Hazards of winter. We at the post offices like to have the boxes at a height of 46"-50" from the ground to the bottom of the box. If you find that your existing box is below that, we would appreciate it if you could raise it. Also if your mailbox is leaning back please fix it to stand up straight.  
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swag. Board members have tickets in the Mt. Holly area. You can also Venmo us at @MountHolly-Snowflyers for a ticket. Additional info can be found on our website also. Club treasurer, Claire Poulin can help you via email also. She can be reached at [Claire.s.poulin@gmail.com](mailto:Claire.s.poulin@gmail.com).

Other big club news is that we will be hosting a Golf Tournament benefiting the Mt. Holly Rescue Squad and Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department on Friday, September 22, 2023. The event will be held at Fox Run in Ludlow. Event will start at 1:00 p.m. Registration team forms are available online at [www.mounthollysnowflyers.org](http://www.mounthollysnowflyers.org). We're hoping some of our local businesses might also consider sponsoring this event. Sponsorship forms can also be found online. Come out and have fun and help support our local emergency services at the same time!

As always, we have a variety of clothing and apparel for sale. Items can be found on our website.

Please check our website or Facebook page for more event details and club meeting dates.

We would like to thank our landowners who help support the club by allowing access to your land to ride. A special thank you to our volunteers who assist the club when asked. Mount Holly Snow Flyers, Kim Lampert, Secretary



## DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!

### IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SAVE ASH TREES

Even if you didn't make our meeting, the Emerald Ash Borer is coming to kill your ash trees. The Mount Holly Conservation Commission (MHCC) still wants to help you save some of them. Here's another opportunity to be part of 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 or \$4.00 per injection.
- 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. A short video demonstration is available: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sw5pC-3Doho>.
- **IF YOU MISSED THE MEETING ON MAY 14, AND ARE STILL INTERESTED, PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO US SO WE CAN GET YOU IN OUR PLANNING.** Please indicate the number trees and the typical diameter at breast height so we can ball park what is needed. Also let us know if you would like help.
- Interested persons even those not ready to commit, please contact the MHCC at: [mounthollycc@gmail.com](mailto:mounthollycc@gmail.com). We will send you our instructions, answer questions, etc.

## Mount Holly Snow Flyers

The snow has left our area and we've had some exceptional weather the past week. Spring has arrived! And just because the snow has gone does not mean that our club stops working. Summer and fall can be extremely busy for clubs.

Our club has a bridge near the Shrewsbury side of our trail system that we are working with the state for construction dates. This will be the club's largest trail improvement for the summer. In the fall we will have a trail work bee day and BBQ to prep for the winter conditions. Some of our trails make great hiking paths for the summer months for those who enjoy the outdoor life.

Currently our club is holding a raffle to help repair our groomer. Our groomer decided to call it quits near RTE 100 towards the end of March. Our Tucker is now at the repair facility being repaired. This repair will cost our club \$34K to bring home. The cash raffle a.k.a. **Resurrect our Groomer for 2024** is \$25 per ticket. Only 400 tickets will be sold. The drawing for this raffle will be held at Cider Days in October in Belmont. First prize is \$2000, second prize is \$750, third prize is \$250, fourth prize is a 2024 TMA and fifth prize is Snow Flyers

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### That Smile Says It All!

It's official. Rainbow Riding Center in Belmont is open and welcoming riders from schools all over Rutland County (including Shrewsbury and Mt. Holly), Ludlow, Cavendish and Springfield too. But you don't have to be a student, everyone is welcome to apply wherever they are from. And it's not limited to just riders. Therapeutic Horsemanship comes in many forms and if you just want to come for lessons in groundwork, grooming or just plain being in the presence of these wonderful, empathetic animals, give us a call and let's talk. hill below the ring at Stone Wall Farm/Rainbow Riding Center, Tarbelville Road, Belmont. Thank you.

For more information, please visit our new website: [rainbowridingcenter.org](http://rainbowridingcenter.org) and follow us on Facebook or Instagram @rainbow\_riding\_center. Contact us at [programs@rainbowridingcenter.org](mailto: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](mailto:janetupton@rainbowridingcenter.org).

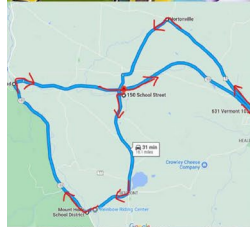
### Giant Hogweed

We have significant amounts of the highly toxic and invasive Giant Hogweed along many of our secondary roads. Contact with Hogweed can cause severe burns and blindness. Please familiarize yourself, and especially children with identifying and avoiding contact with this plant. More info at: <https://vtinvasives.org/invasive/giant-hogweed>



Giant hogweed can grow to 14 feet or more

Giant hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*) is a VERY LARGE, invasive plant that can cause painful burns and permanent scarring. Brushing against or breaking the plant releases the sap that, combined with sunlight and moisture, can cause a severe burn within 24 to 48 hours.



Line the streets to show your support!

Route will start at school at 6:30, left on Belmont Rd, right on Tarbellville, right on Rt. 155, right on Rt. 103, left on Shunpike Rd, left on Hortonville Rd, and back to school. Line up to cheer as the graduating class passes by!



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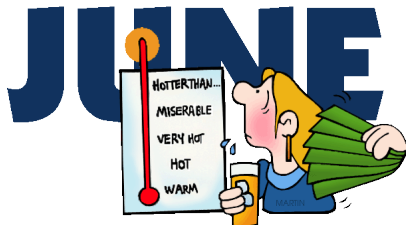


## Mount Holly Write's Group

The Writers' Group will meet again at the Mount Holly Library on Monday June 5<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM. We are continuing to work with memoir. Please bring a sample with you. Thank you. [connor@ohio.edu](mailto:connor@ohio.edu) Joan Connor

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Mount Holly School

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3. Residency documentation
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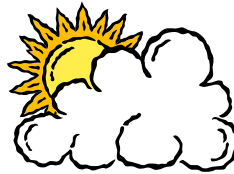
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## Notes from The Mount Holly Conservation Commission.

The MHCC had a very busy month in May.

An interested group of students and teachers at the Mount Holly School used their digital notebooks in a hands-on training session with Conservation Commissioner Jim Corven. They discussed using the iNaturalist and Seek apps to identify and register plants, animals, & fungi for the Mount Holly Biodiversity project and how to contribute to our community's environmental conservation efforts. After classroom introduction and training everyone headed outside to see what they could see, identify and share. <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/mount-holly-biodiversity>

Members David Martin and Phil Crane organized a meeting for interested home owners to explain and facilitate the available treatment for protecting their ash trees against

the Emerald Ash Borer. While not a program for trees in the forest, this treatment plan is available to anyone wishing to try and save individual trees on their property. For more information contact; [mounthollycc@gmail.com](mailto:mounthollycc@gmail.com)

And lastly, in association with Farm and Wilderness Conservation, the MHCC presented Michael Lewis Smith, MS, Botanist and Ecologist, who gave a talk on aquatic plants and their place in the ecosystems of Vermont lakes and ponds, including Star Lake. His explanation of the life cycle of lily pads and shields and the roles they and other such plants play in overall lake health, and the support they provide for a myriad of living creatures from humans to moose to ducks to fish was illuminating and instructive This information will help to inform the Commission as we discuss actions that might be taken to facilitate swimming and boating in Star Lake.

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By: 365greetings.com

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T-Teaches you right things and to do no wrong  
H-His counsels are my songs  
E-Ever firm in imparting his ideals and principles  
R-Ready to catch me each time I fall

My father was, is and always will be,  
An impeccable stature of heroism and cavalry;  
He never fails to show his love for me,  
His arms are my shelter and felicity.

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In times of stress and strife  
A true friend we can turn to  
When times are good or bad  
One of our greatest blessings,  
The man that we call Dad





# LOL

**When was the last time you saw an elderly woman pushing a tiny baby in a stroller down the hall to her room in the nursing home?** Fat chance. There is a reason they don't let older women have infants. Mainly because they'll forget where they put them down. You laugh, but there is a verse in Genesis(21:6) that says, "God has blessed me with laughter, and all who get the news will laugh with me." Our youngest son and his bride of 11 years just announced to us the birth of our first granddaughter. She's close by in Chittenden and joins three grandsons on the West Coast. She will be a girl who'll never have to worry about someone else in the world having her same name: *Veery Sheree Davis!* She's already brought lots of laughter into our lives.



Isn't laughter amazing? We could never have just thought it up; it wasn't our idea. It *was* and *is* given to us by God. He knew we would need it to get through life. Pain is inevitable, but misery is optional. He knows our struggles and hardships, in fact, He *shared* them in His 33 years here on earth and he knows how it feels to cry ("Jesus wept") and yet also to let out a good belly laugh. Laughter is a gift. It's mental jogging.

If you don't think God has a sense of humor, tomorrow go to Walmart and look at people or just look in the mirror at your morning face. I usually look like I fell out of the Ugly Tree and hit every branch on the way down. When we can't find anything to laugh at we can always laugh at ourselves... or our troubles. In those moments we let go of our prideful pretensions and come back down to sanity.

Laughter's beauty is the surprise and revelation of our own foolishness.

Then, too, all you have to do is to look at the *creatures* God has made. We recently spent over half an hour with a group at the Seattle Zoo laughing at the antics of a family of gorillas. The outrageous otters and playful penguins were likewise a source of delight. Then just think of the laughable oddities called duck-billed platypuses, looking as though they were designed by a committee. And don't you wonder what God was thinking when He created the crazy, stretched neck and unusual patterning of the giraffe? Have you ever marveled at all the mammals that live in the ocean and chuckled (think *Finding Nemo*) at the clownfish, cowfish and billions of other unusual creatures often unobserved by human eyes? And that's not even mentioning the long-legged birds that can't fly, elephant seals or "wrinkle dogs." God's sense of humor is evident everywhere: and because we're created in His image, we too have the joy of laughter.

The first time we encounter the word *laughter* in the Bible is in that story of the two post- octogenarians, Abraham and Sarah. God promised them a child: "A son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir." And God said, "Look up at the night sky. Can you count the stars?... so shall your offspring be." Sarah looked down at her wrinkled, shriveled tummy and had a belly laugh. An improbable promise? A celestial joke? No, when Sarah finally did give birth at *ninety*, Abraham named their son Isaac, which means "laughter." What a punchline! The joke was on *them*. As Sarah exclaimed, "God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me." It blew her geriatric stockings off to think she could nurse a child at her age! God transformed her skeptical laughter, when she'd heard that she would give birth, into the laughter of sheer joy. Can you think of a time in your life when finding humor, even in a most difficult time, helped enormously?

Thank God for the gift of laughter. It's a bit like changing a baby's diaper. It doesn't permanently solve anything, but it makes things bearable for a while. Pastor Glenn

## Solid Waste Stickers ORDER FORM

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

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

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**Mount Holly Chit Chat news about the store**

We are thrilled to reopen The Belmont General Store soon and provide again to the town and community as the store has for over 182 years!

We have plans on improving and updating the store, which would include updates to equipment, making it much more energy efficient and getting solar panels to provide electricity! Although there is a lot to do to take care of our store, this won't hold us back from opening as soon as we can. Therefore, our plan is to open in phases and keep it smaller in the beginning, then begin expanding once necessary updates have been done. Our first phase will include coffee, breakfast items, to-go sandwiches, eggs, dairy

products, frozen meats, beer and wine, snacks and we're excited to announce we're getting the soft serve ice cream back! Phase two would include opening the deli and providing more food options.

A little bit about the new owner, my name is Alissa Tilly, and I bought the store with my Fiancé, Michael. I grew up coming to Belmont my whole life and am excited to get married at the Village Baptist Church this summer and move into one of the apartments above the store. My Fiancé Michael also grew up coming to Vermont with his family and enjoys cycling around all the hills leading up to Belmont and all over Vermont. He competes in triathlon and cycling races across the country, and we'll be traveling to Finland this summer where he'll compete in his 7th Ironman 70.3 World Championship. My dad is the brains behind all the future updates and improvements to the store, he's been doing this for 30+ years and is passionate about making things more beautiful. I hope you've enjoyed the flowers and new flags that have been put up at the store!

To ensure the store is meeting our community's needs we are looking for your help to make it even better than before. There is a suggestion box in front of the post office, you can also go to [TheBelmontGeneralStore.com](http://TheBelmontGeneralStore.com) and fill out a survey to help us! You can also reach out to me directly, my email is [alissa@thebelmontgeneralstore.com](mailto:alissa@thebelmontgeneralstore.com) and phone number is 203-550-0181.

This Thursday May 25<sup>th</sup> I will be at the Community Center in the Belmont Library, 26 Maple Hill Road at 7PM. Would love to introduce myself in person, share my ideas further and hear from anyone that can make it! I hope to see many there.

Additionally, we will be looking for individuals to work at the store. If you are interested or know anyone that is, please send me an email or call me. There is more information listed on the store's website, [TheBelmontGeneralStore.com](http://TheBelmontGeneralStore.com). Also, if you wish to be a vendor please reach out to me as well.

We look forward to continuing to serve the town of Mount Holly and to provide to the local community, while also creating a welcoming place to attract tourists and other fellow Vermonters to enjoy our town and beautiful store!



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June 24, 2023	🍯 Monthly Craft Night: Lilac Honey Infusion
July 22, 2023	🌱 Monthly Craft Night: Succulent Pots
August 12, 2023	🌸 Monthly Craft Night: Drying Flowers Using Silica Gel
September 9, 2023	🌿 Monthly Craft Night: Spa in the Garden

**Details can be found on Facebook under "Wally's Corner Events".**  
**Generally each event is 4pm-5:30pm @ Wally's Corner Store**



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## State Representative Ludlow, Mount Holly, Shrewsbury

Notes from the legislature.

We have officially adjourned, at least for the month. On the process, I'll note that we adjourn as soon as we've passed the budget, so after a long day floor debate on Friday, May 12th we passed the budget, received closing remarks from House party leaders and the Governor, and adjourned at 11:30pm.

As I said last month while almost everyone agrees on about 98% of the spending in the budget we passed, there are strong disagreements on that other 2% and we fully expect the Governor to veto it so we'll have to go back to sort that out in June. I stand by the work we did in the budget and otherwise. We passed multiple major bills that make substantial investments to address some of the most pressing issues in our district and around the state, and we did so with broad, tri-partisan support. While the budget was more divisive and mostly party-line, the major housing bill passed the House 135-11 and the childcare bill passed 118-27.

I'll dive more into the Housing bill next month, but the broad strokes are some temporary, some permanent relaxing of Act 250 permitting requirements, some changes in municipal zoning requirements for towns that have zoning and a lot of different housing programs to benefit groups of Vermonters at various income levels. Although because we generally appropriate money in the budget, the Senate took the major investments out of these programs and they will only go forward after we pass a budget.

The childcare bill was a bigger one for me personally. I have somewhat mixed emotions because I continue to think there is an elephant in the room we failed to address which is over-regulation. We all want safe and affordable childcare, but I think the state demands a lot from providers and that may be driving providers underground or keeping them from registering with the state in the first place. This bill does not address that issue. The bill restructures the Childcare Financial Assistance Program run by the state to pay providers based on enrollment instead of attendance, so their pay is more consistent, and increases eligibility for that assistance and the payments they receive, lowering expected copays from parents. It includes a payroll tax increase to pay for this of 0.44%,

75% of which will be paid by employers and 25% by employees, so 0.33% and 0.11% respectively. If you make \$30,000/year, this amounts to an increase of \$33/year paid by you, \$99/year paid by your employer. The bill also includes a study about increasing preschools to full time for 4-year olds. I personally do not like that idea so am glad to see a study first, I worry that such a move would only further destabilize our home-based providers and make it harder for them to earn a living.

I intend to once again write a bigger, longer recap of all the bills passed but plan to wait and see what the Governor vetoes first (and what vetoes we are able to override). As always please reach out about this or anything else anytime, I do ask that you call/text my phone or reach out to my new email address as opposed to any other, I just get too much spam on all others.

Logan Nicoll, State Representative Ludlow, Mount Holly, Shrewsbury, [RepLoganNicoll@gmail.com](mailto:RepLoganNicoll@gmail.com) 802-345-8430

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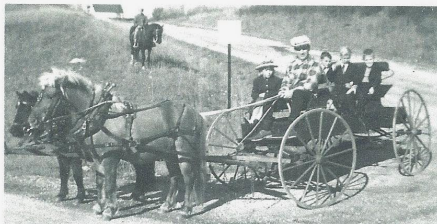
- The sounds of different road conditions.
- Water puddles or if it's raining.
- Maybe you hit a big pothole with your vehicle.
- Stones on a dirt road – the sound of them hitting your vehicle, or when they fly out from the tires.
- Maybe you are pulling a trailer and the items in it are making loud noises.

Things like these can cause even the best-trained horse to become afraid and make unexpected movements – SOMETIMES JUMP INTO THE ROADWAY!

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# COLLAMORE'S NOTES FROM THE STATE HOUSE

By: Senator Brian Collamore



The legislature adjourned on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. We will be back for a veto session starting on June 20<sup>th</sup>. It is still not clear which bills the Governor will veto. Here are some highlights from my point of view from the session just concluded:

**S.100/housing bill:** This bill did get targeted Act 250 reforms and exemptions that will encourage housing, without additional Act 250 criteria that makes it harder to develop and is a good step.

**H.452/Apprenticeship Statute Rewrite:** In addition to workforce investments in the budget, the Legislature rewrote the apprenticeship statute in the waning days that will make it easier for the apprentices and their employers.

**There was no movement this year on Paid Family Leave.** We thus avoided a PFML mandate and further tax, which will give the administration more time to implement a voluntary option that is more cost effective than what was put on the table this session and could be scaled over time if desired.

## ATTENTION ALL DOG OWNERS

If you own a dog and have not yet registered with the Town of Mount Holly you must do so as soon as possible – **IT'S THE STATE LAW** You will need a **current Rabies Certificate**.

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and S.89 which deal with criminal defendants who are not guilty by reason of insanity, or not competent to stand trial. And S.138, which will enhance safety in our schools.

**However, here are some concerning facts about the session:**

The budget grows by **13%**. This year's budget is the largest in the history of Vermont at \$8.5 billion. Some of the increase was in one time money, but of even more concern is some of it includes base funding which will need to depend on continuing revenue from existing taxes or new taxes. I honestly believe there was no need to increase taxes or fees. We had at one time a surplus of around \$300 million, a lot of that from ARPA funding. All of that is gone and has been spent. We have been warned by more than one economist that there are dark fiscal clouds on the horizon and those same economists have predicted 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.

On top of the budget, when everything is fully implemented that was passed this year, the cumulative impact of childcare, DMV fees (in the budget), school meals, clean heat standard (using conservative math), and OPR fees will raise \$325m. Doing simple math, this will increase the total cost of living per household by at least \$1,239. DMV made a point of saying they did not need nor were they requesting any fee increases. Nonetheless, they went up 20%.

AND, the Legislature put forward a pay increase for itself which will be approximately \$5m when fully implemented. We could exempt the income tax on military pensions for less. I voted NO on the pay increase.

There are several other controversial bills heading to the Governor's desk: S.6, which completely changes the standards for law enforcement

tactics for obtaining confessions; H.126 which

establishes goals of conserving 30% of the land in Vermont by 2030 and 50% by 2050 including private property.

In addition, there is a bill to allow rank choice voting in Burlington and 16- and 17-year-old voting in Brattleboro.

If constituents have concerns or questions for me, you can email me at [bcollamore@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:bcollamore@leg.state.vt.us)

It may take a few days to get back to folks. I am going to be away for the rest of May and until the veto session on June 20<sup>th</sup>, but I will return any emails.



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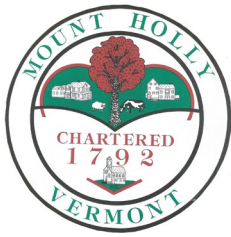
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## Mount Holly Town News

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.okemovalleytv](http://www.okemovalleytv) Computers with internet access are available at the Town Library.

### Select Board Meeting Town Office May 9, 2023, 6:30 pm MINUTES

**Present:** Caitlin Boyle, Jeff Chase, Phillippe Crane (via Zoom), Dennis Devereux, Diana Garrow, Carol Garrow-Woolley, Zena M. Gates, David H. Johnson, Elizabeth Karle, Stephen Michel, Kevin Plew, Patti Plew, Christine Pratt, James Seward, Brigid Sullivan, Laura Swartz, Faith Tempest, Mark Turco, Clinton Woolley.

**1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the agenda.** There are three additions: confirmation of FY24 snow plowing charges for the towns of Wallingford and Plymouth; a Grand List filing extension; and approval of items the Treasurer can add to weekly orders without prior Select Board approval.

**4. Approval of March 21st and April 11th Minutes.** Diana Garrow made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Mark Turco seconded; unanimously approved.

**5. Reports**

**a. Highways & Transfer Station Update.** Road Foreman Clinton Woolley noted that the town is grading this week; ditching will begin next week. He asked that if residents have electronics to recycle at the transfer station, to please hold for now,

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as the pick-up has been delayed.

**b. Treasurer Monthly Income & Expense Report:** Treasurer Elizabeth Karle noted that there is no change in the Town's cash position. The bill from the Department of Education has come in and will be paid prior to the June 1 deadline. The Town also received the state emergency road repair grant for the Branch Brook Road repair. The bill has not yet been received for the transfer station, so there is no update there. The next audit, for the FY22, will begin in June. Ms. Karle also thanked the town for membership in VLCT, which offered a helpful training for town Treasurers last week.

**c. Mount Holly Planning Commission Update**

**i. Appoint Administrative Officer:** Jeff Chase made a motion to hire Faith Tempest as the new Administrative Officer and the Planning Commission Clerk, for a three-year term beginning May 9, 2023; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved. Select Board Meeting Town Office May 9, 2023, 6:30 pm

**ii. Proposals for Land Records Preservation (Volumes 1-10):** Jon McCann, Planning Commission Chair, and Carol Garrow-Woolley, Town Clerk, recommended preserving those town records that are in need of preservation due to fading and deterioration. The total cost is \$0.40/page for scanning and \$30/hour for indexing. For the first set of priority books, expected costs are quoted at ~\$7,000 for scanning and storage; for all the books requiring preservation, expected costs are quoted at \$17,000. Jeff Chase made a motion to go forward with a proposal to preserve all remaining records in need of preservation, at a cost of no more than \$17,000, with costs split between remaining ARPA funds and the Town's Record Fund.

**d. Mount Holly Conservation Commission Update:** Phil Crane noted that an Ash Borer Mitigation meeting for town residents will be held May 14 at 4 pm, in the Community Room at the Town Library. There will also be a presentation on "Exploring Vermont's Aquatic Plants," May 17 at 6 pm, at the Odd Fellows Hall, presented by Michael Lew-Smith at Arrowood Foundation. This will provide insight into the potential evolution of Star Lake as well as invasive plant mitigation options. In addition, a recent visit to Star Lake by Alison Marchione, the Lake Shore Co-ordinator at the Vermont DEC, resulted in several recommendations: 1) to spread stone or gravel on the approach to the boat launch access on Lake Street; 2) to do additional planting along the top of the Lake Street embankment, where there is erosion; 3) to mitigate invasive phragmites on the Lake Street embankment.

**e. Animal Control Officer / Town Clerk Update on Dog Licenses:** Ms. Garrow-Woolley noted that there are currently 335 previously registered dogs in town, of which 214 were re-registered, in accordance with state law, as of May 9. Animal Control Officer Laura Swartz-Hoc contacted a list of 21 individuals with previously registered dogs who did not re-register this year; of these, 13 were contacted; and 7 unable to contact. Dog owners with dogs that have not yet been registered at the Town Office are asked to do so at their earliest opportunity.

**6. New Business a. Reappoint Emergency Management Director (EMD):** Mark Turco made a motion to reappoint Jeff Chase as EMD;

Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved. Jeff Chase made a motion to reappoint Russ Garrow as Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC); Mark Turco seconded; unanimously approved. Select Board Meeting Town Office May 9, 2023, 6:30 pm

**b. Reappoint Rutland Regional Transportation Advisory Committee Alternate:** Diana Garrow made a motion to reappoint Jeff Chase as the RRRTAC alternate; Mark Turco seconded; unanimously approved. **c. Review & Readopt Conflict of Interest Policy:** Mark

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

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### Mount Holly Animal Control Officer

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### Mount Holly Listers Hours

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# ROAST BEEF SUPPER

Saturday, June 17, 2023

At the Odd Fellows Hall

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Starting at 5:00pm

Benefit

Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department

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Turco made a motion to readopt the Conflict of Interest Policy; Jeff Chase seconded; unanimously approved.

**d. Adopt Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP):** Jeff Chase made a motion to adopt the LEMP for the upcoming year; Mark Turco seconded; unanimously approved.

**e. Review Delta Dental Plan Renewal:** Mark Turco made a motion to renew the dental plan as is; Jeff Chase seconded; unanimously approved.

**f. Discuss Town Loader Purchase:** Mark Turco noted that the current Town loader needs approximately \$30K in repairs; Mr. Woolley sought quotes for new loaders, from CAT, John Deere and Volvo. CAT's quote is \$170,500; John Deere is \$169,700; Volvo is \$191,995. All numbers take into account each vendor's trade-in offer for the existing loader. Ms. Karle noted that the Town's Equipment /Asset Fund currently has \$137,602. Mr. Woolley noted that he is leaning toward the John Deere, due to local availability of replacement parts. Mr. Chase recommended looking into financing options. Former Town Treasurer David Johnson noted that a lease-purchase is the cleanest option for purchasing. Mr. Chase recommended comparing CAT's lease-purchase option against John Deere's option prior to a Select Board's decision.

**g. Certification of Compliance for Town Road and Bridge Standards:** Diana Garrow made a motion to adopt the certification of compliance; Jeff Chase seconded; unanimously approved.

**h. Adopt Proposed Amendments to Flood Hazard & River Corridor Bylaw:** The Select Board received one letter of opposition to the proposed bylaw amendments from resident William Greene. Ms. Garrow noted that she also received two verbal remarks of opposition from Town residents. Brigid Sullivan noted that the Town received approximately 28 letters of support for the proposed amendments; since then, all property owners in town have been notified by mail of the proposed amendments. Mr. Turco noted that he also received some verbal remarks of opposition. Mr. Chase and Mr. McCann noted that the proposed amendments would not affect property owners' flood insurance, as it only updates regulations regarding river corridors, and does not affect special flood hazard regions. Mr. McCann also noted that existing structures would not be affected by the new regulations, and that new structures can be approved pending town review, if such review

is sought. Mr. Chase noted that if we had a million dollar washout due to a storm or flooding event, it would Select Board Meeting Town Office May 9, 2023, 6:30 pm be a \$50,000 additional cost to the Town if the Town did not adopt the amendments. Kevin Plew noted that the stream on his property is substantial, but does not appear on the river corridor map, which indicates that the streams and rivers affected by the amendments are substantially sized, and are not smaller brooks. Jeff Chase noted that as EMD, and as grant writer for the Highway Department, he would be in support of the proposed amendments. Mr. Chase made a motion to adopt the proposed amendments to the current bylaw based on those considerations; Diana Garrow seconded; Mark Turco opposed. Ms. Garrow noted that the public has the right to bring a petition before the amended bylaw takes effect if it so wishes.

**i. Town Snowplowing Charges:** Jeff Chase made a motion to bill the towns of Plymouth and Wallingford as budgeted in the FY24 Town Budget; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

**j. Grand List Extension:** Town Lister David Johnson noted that the listers are seeking an extension to file the Grand List. Mark Turco made a motion to seek the extension; Jeff Chase seconded; unanimously approved.

**k. List of Items Treasurer Can Add to Orders Without Prior Select Board Approval:** Mark Turco made a motion to accept the list of items as proposed; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

## 7. Ongoing & Old Business

**a. Junk Ordinance Revision:** Select Board Clerk Caitlin Boyle submitted amendments to the current Junk Ordinance to strengthen the ordinance's enforcement and penalties clauses, in accordance with VLCT recommendations; Mark Turco made a motion to adopt it as amended; Jeff Chase seconded; unanimously approved. The Clerk will post and publish the amended ordinance per state statutes regarding ordinance adoption.

**b. Re-engage Sheriff's Office for Speed Enforcement:** Jeff Chase will re-engage the Sheriff's Office for continuing enforcement.

**c. AED Update:** Delivery of AEDs are expected by the end of the month.

**d. Packer Cemetery Bid:** Mark Turco made a motion to accept the bid from Craig Russell for Packer Cemetery mowing; Jeff Chase seconded; unanimously approved.

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## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL HEALTH & BENEFITS FAIR



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Ludlow Parks and Recreation • Rainbow Riding Center • VT Senior Medicare Patrol  
Medicare Fraud & Abuse Info • Visiting Nurse and Hospice of VT/NH  
Vermont Garden Network (Community Gardening) with  
Free seeds for planting and seedlings to bring home  
Foxy Fund Pet Food Assistance • Tai Chi Demonstration by Tai Chi Vermont  
Fraud Prevention & Home Safety by Windsor County Sheriff's Department & Ludlow Police Dept  
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**CLOSED**  
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**Closed Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**  
In Observance of  
**Memorial Day**  
**Closed Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**  
In Observance of  
**Juneteenth**

**e. Beach Signage:** Mark Turco noted that the Town will purchase a sign to advise residents to carry out their own garbage from Star Lake Beach.

**8. Citizen Comments**

**a. Traffic Speed Concern - 196 Roger Hill Road.** Mr. Turco recommended that the homeowner expressing the concern post her own sign to advise drivers to slow Select Board Meeting Town Office May 9, 2023, 6:30 pm down for children; the Town will also add Roger Hill Road to its enforcement list for the Sheriff's office. The Select Board Clerk will reply to the homeowner.

**b. Culvert Concern - 144 Chalet Drive.** Mr. Woolley noted that the culvert on this property was put in by the previous homeowners, and is not in the Town right-of-way. He noted that the culvert is plugged because the previous owners put stones in the culvert; these can be removed by the current homeowner to remedy the homeowner's concerns.

**c.** Kevin Plew noted that he has a concern regarding a three-day party advertised by the Mount Holly Beer Company during Memorial Day Weekend. The Town Clerk confirmed that no festival permit application to the Division of Liquor Control has yet been received by the Town regarding the event. Mr. Turco noted that the Select Board Clerk will reach out to the business owners to ask about their plans for the event, and provide information regarding the need for liquor permits. The Select Board Clerk will also invite the business owners to a special Select Board meeting to discuss the event.

**d.** Ms. Garrow-Woolley noted that Green Mountain Power has been in touch with the Town regarding a request for three-phase power to Belmont Village and off of Healdville Road. Neither the Clerk nor Select Board was previously aware of the request.

**e.** Jon McCann noted that improvements may have been made, under previous ownership, to the Belmont Store apartments, without the filing of a building registration; this failure to seek registration may be a violation of state water permits. **9. Announcements a.** The Town Office will be closed on Memorial Day.

**b.** May 16 is the date of the revote on the school budget; the revote is the result of a typo on the original ballot. The vote will take place at the Town Office.

**10. Review & Sign Orders**

**11. Executive Session: Title 1 V.S.A. S 313(a)(3) – personnel (if needed).** Jeff Chase made a motion to go into Executive Session regarding a personnel matter.

**12. Adjourned at 8:42 pm.**

**Special Select Board Meeting Mount Holly Town Office May 11, 2023, 5:00 pm**

**Attendance:** Billy Austin, Caitlin Boyle, Jeff Chase, Philippe Crane, Katy Crane, Donna DeAngelis, Craig Fortier, Maria Fortier, Diana Garrow, Carol A. Garrow-Woolley, James Heald, Robert Herbst, Jane Hill, Emily Clifford Jackson, David Johnson, Millicent R. Johnson, Jon McCann, Donna McDonald, Joseph McDonald, Stephen Michel, Barbara Pallotte, Patti Plew, Kevin Plew, Christine Pratt, Rhonda E. Rivers, James Seward, Brigid Sullivan, Andy Tanger, Marcy Tanger, Daniel Tilly, Mark Turco, Ron Unterman, Laura Watson, Rick Watson.

**1. Call to order at 5:02 pm.**

**2. Considerations of any changes or additions to the agenda. None.**

**3. Discuss Mount Holly Beer Company (MHBC) Plans for Memorial Day Weekend Event:** Mr. Daniel Tilly, owner of the Mount Holly Beer Company, indicated that he was planning to host an event over Memorial Day Weekend for the local residents and community, and that he did not anticipate more than 20 attendees.

**Mark Turco** noted that the Select Board has concerns—and has received concerns from members of the community—regarding the possibility of a multi-day event hosted by the Mount Holly Beer Company on Memorial Day Weekend.

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE REGULATING OUTDOOR STORAGE OF JUNK AND JUNK VEHICLES IN THE TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY**

WHEREAS, the Town of Mount Holly has, by authority granted in 24 V.S.A. §§ 19811 et seq., 2246 and 2291, the powers to adopt, amend, repeal and enforce ordinances, and to manage and regulate outdoor storage of junk and junk motor vehicles within its boundaries; NOW THEREFORE, to protect the public health, safety and well being and to promote the responsible use of resources and protection of the environment, the Select Board of the Town of Mount Holly hereby adopts an amended ordinance to regulate outdoor storage of junk and junk motor vehicles.

The principal provisions of the amended ordinance include requirements regarding placement, discard, or abandonment of junk and junk vehicles; requirements regarding operation of a junkyard; and enforcement procedures and penalties for violations of the ordinance. The amended ordinance makes minor adjustments to the existing ordinance adopted in 2006, including adjustments to penalties associated with ordinance violations.

**The full amended ordinance contains the following key articles:**

1. Definitions
2. Requirements
3. Enforcement and Penalties
4. Additional Provisions for Junk Motor Vehicles
5. Severability
6. Effective Date

The amended ordinance was adopted on May 9, 2023, at a Regular Select Board Meeting, and will become effective 60 days after its adoption by the Select Board unless voters of the town petition for a permissive referendum in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 1973.

Mount Holly voters are hereby advised that an ordinance or rule adopted by a municipality may be disapproved by a vote of a majority of the qualified voters of the municipality voting on the question at an annual or special meeting duly warned for the purpose, pursuant to a petition signed and submitted in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 1973. Such a petition for a vote on the question of disapproving an ordinance or rule shall be signed by not less than five per cent of the qualified voters of the municipality, and presented to the legislative body or the clerk of the municipality within 44 days following the date of adoption of the ordinance or rule by the legislative body.

Town Holly residents may review the full text of the ordinance at the Mount Holly Town Office, Mount Holly Post Office, Belmont Post Office, Mount Holly Library, and Belmont Store, as well as at [www.mounthollyvt.org](http://www.mounthollyvt.org).

**Questions may also be submitted to the Mount Holly Select Board at [mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com](mailto:mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com), via mail at P.O. Box 248 Mount Holly, VT 05758, or by calling (802) 259-2391.**



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he planned to have two porta-potties on site. He noted that he could keep cars off site if necessary, by shuttling attendees back and forth with a Sprinter van, to and from a property his family owns near the Crowley fields. Special Select Board Meeting Mount Holly Town Office May 11, 2023 5:00 pm

**Mr. Kevin Plew** noted that he believed the right-of-way off of the property in question is for residents only, and not for guests. He added that he does not believe that Belmont Village is a good site for an event.

**Mrs. Kathy Crane** noted that she was not interested in Belmont becoming a site for a beer festival, and noted that many other residents felt similarly.

**Mr. Ron Unterman** noted that the event sounded like an event that would attract more than 20 people, and needed further logistical planning. He said he understood what Mr. Tilly would like to do, but felt there needed to be more foresight and consideration of logistical challenges, including parking.

**Mr. Plew** noted that the MHBC's social media following is substantial and does not indicate a small gathering. He reaffirmed that he supports the MHBC and the idea of an event, but does not support it in the way it was being conceived by Mr. Tilly.

**Bob Herbst** asked whether the SB needs to issue an approval for the event to take place. Select Board Chair Mark Turco noted that the Select Board does need to approve a "festival permit" from the state liquor control agency in order for the event to take place as described.

**Millicent Johnson** asked whether private property owners are required to secure a permit if they serve alcohol on a private property. The Select Board Clerk noted that the state does not require a permit for alcohol served at a private property. Mr. Tilly would be required to have a permit because he is a beer wholesaler planning a public event at which the beer would be served.

**Mr. Plew** reiterated that the area in which Mr. Tilly planned to host the party is conducive to a large gathering, rather than a private party.

**Stephen Michel** asked whether the MHBC has liability insurance.

**Donna DeAngelis** asked whether Mr. Tilly would be liable if there was property damage or personal injury as a result of the event. Mr. Tilly noted that he believed he had an ethical obligation in this case, and that he does have insurance, but was not aware of the specifics of his liability policy.


**Mr. Unterman** asked whether anything else aside from beer will be served. Mr. Tilly said beer and water are the only beverages that will be served, and that mention of a "full tiki

Mr. Turco expressed specific questions regarding the company's failure to adequately enforce event boundaries and monitor alcohol consumption during its event at Cider Days in October 2022. He provided photo documentation of instances in which attendees at Mr. Tilly's most recent event did not adequately contain guests within a designated boundary. Mr. Turco further explained the requirements of a festival liquor permit, which include rules regarding event size, boundaries, admission fees, maximum serving sizes, etc.

#### 4. Questions:

**Ms. Rhonda Rivers** asked about parking plans and bathroom facilities, and about what recourse the Select Board may have if requirements of an issued festival permit were not met.


**Mr. Billy Austin**, Fire Chief of Mount Holly Fire Department, expressed a concern that parking would block the street; he noted that passage must be available for the Fire Department trucks and apparatus. **Mr. Tilly** noted that



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## DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY

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### STATE BUILDING PERMITS REQUIRED

**Independent of the towns planning and zoning requirements, The owner, or a designated representative, of a building or premises shall obtain a state construction permit before beginning any new construction, addition, alteration, modification, renovation, demolition, or installation of fixed building equipment within a public building as defined by state statute 20 V.S.A. § 2730 and the Vermont Fire and Building Safety Code.**



**Public Building Definition**— In its simplest terms, a public building can be defined as any building in the State of Vermont with the exception of single-family owner-occupied homes, registered home daycares, and some agricultural buildings. Some examples of structures that are considered public buildings are:

Apartment buildings	One- and Two-family Rentals	Hotels / Motels	Businesses
Inns and B&B's	Ski houses	Store / Retail buildings	Repair Garages
Restaurants / Bars	Schools	Storage buildings	
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- 2) Fill out a State DFS Construction Permit Application form in its entirety, and submit it to the DFS regional office with the required permit fee and above-mentioned plans and specifications
- 3) The project will be reviewed by division staff and work can commence on the proposed project once the applicant receives a plan review letter and permit poster back in the mail.
- 4) It is always important to consult with your local town office to ensure compliance with any required local permits.

#### ADDITIONAL STATE PERMIT AND LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

The Division of Fire Safety Permit Applications and Trade Licenses, Certification and Renewals are Now Available Online at [www.firesafety.vermont.gov](http://www.firesafety.vermont.gov)

	State Construction Permit	State Electrical		State Plumbing	
		Permit	License	Permit	License
<b>Required</b>					
Single Family Owner-Occupied	No	No	No	Yes*	Yes*
All Public Buildings Excluding One- and Two-family Rentals	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
One- and Two-Family Rentals	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

\* Permit ONLY required for those on Public Water and/or Sewer. Those on private systems are not required to obtain a state permit.

For additional information regarding permitting requirements, safety codes or to obtain information out more about additional programs and services offered by the division, please contact your regional Division of Fire Safety office.



bar” on event promotions were intended to be “tongue-and-cheek.” Special Select Board Meeting Mount Holly Town Office May 11, 2023 5:00 pm

**Mr. Chase** noted that Mr. Tilly did not appear to have done sufficient planning for the event, and that, out of respect to the town and the time of the Select Board, more planning would have been appropriate in this instance. He added that the Town supports MHBC, but that planning for events needs to be done in a respectful way for the community. Mr. Chase advised Mr. Tilly to put more thought into his plans going forward.

**Ms. Carol Garrow-Woolley, Town Clerk**, noted that she looked up Mr. Tilly’s permit on the state liquor control board’s portal, and that the permit has not been accepted as of yet; it is a “draft permit,” i.e. not yet available for Town approval. Because the state requires permits to be filed at least 15 days prior to the event, she noted that the event could not be approved in time.

**Mr. Tilly** apologized for causing frustration and indicated that he was not aware of community concerns. **Mr. Unterman** reiterated that the Town supports Mr. Tilly’s business but recommended that messaging be put out on social media to indicate that the event would not be able to take place in Mount Holly.

**Mr. Turco** affirmed that the Town supports the business, but that this process was surprising to the Town and offered too short notice for the necessary planning and approvals.

**Mr. Joe McDonald** asked whether Mr. Tilly would message his social media followers to identify changes to the event; Mr. Tilly indicated that he would move the venue for his event to take place outside of Mount Holly, and that he would update his marketing. **The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.**

**Mount Holly Planning Commission Town Office & Remote Electronic – Regular Meeting Minutes Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.**

## Belmont Septic Design



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### Administrative Officer for Mount Holly

The Select Board appointed Faith Tempest as the Town’s Administrative Officer at the May 9<sup>th</sup> Select Board meeting. The role of the AO is to ensure that when residents undertake new construction, renovations or alterations, they follow Mount Holly’s Town land use-related regulations and bylaws. Faith will be in the Town Office every Tuesday morning between 10 and 11 am, or by appointment. She can be contacted by email at [administrative.officer@mounthollyvt.org](mailto:administrative.officer@mounthollyvt.org).

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

Also present: Faith Tempest (Clerk)

1. Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm
2. Changes to agenda: None
3. Approval of minutes
  - a. The minutes of the special meeting held on May 3rd, 2023 and the regular meeting held on April 19th, 2023 were approved unanimously.
4. Reports & Announcements
  - a. Welcome New Administrative Officer Faith Tempest
    - i. Chair welcomed Faith Tempest. In remarks Faith noted that her initial focus will be on ensuring town residents are aware of BCR requirements and she will follow up where needed to ensure that Listers have adequate information. Commissioner Sullivan suggested publicizing in the Chit Chat. Faith noted she will do this periodically.
    - b. Planning Commission Chair
      - i. Chair noted that the Select Board voted on May 9th to approve the Flood Hazard Area and River Corridor Bylaw.
      - ii. Chair noted the community workshop to be held on May 24th to discuss planning issues raised in the community survey as part of the Municipal Planning Grant.
      - iii. Chair noted that the State has confirmed that Belmont village is in the State Historic Register.
  5. Correspondence
    - a. Subdivision proposals: None.
    - b. Building Construction Registrations:
      - i. Longobordo 143 Sawyer Hill Road. Raising exterior wall to Increase useable space.
      - ii. Graham 2706 Rte 103 South. Metal car port
      - iii. Curtis/ Curtis-Murphy 4041 Rte 155. Finish attic, adding skylights to primary bedroom.

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### GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORT



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# REMINDER TO REGISTER YOUR DOG AT THE TOWN OFFICE

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Please visit the Town Office to register your dog.

You must present a current rabies vaccination certificate. Licenses are good for one year. If your previously licensed dog has passed away, please also notify the Town Office at (802) 259-2391.

**Residents who have not licensed their dogs are subject to fines.**

c. Wastewater system and potable water supply permits: Chair asked AO to ensure that wastewater permits are shared by the Town Clerk with the Planning Commission.

d. Email / Other:

i. The new owner of Belmont General Store emailed the Chair asking for information on tax credits and other grants. Chair responded that there are credits available based on the Village center historic designation, but that the designation will expire unless the town plan is approved in 2024.

ii. Chair received an email from the Conservation Commission offering to help with the town plan. Chair noted that given the advanced stage of the plan the main role may be to review the draft. Commissioner Sullivan suggested they advise on how best to protect scenic roads and trees (for protection of views); Commissioner Andrew Seward proposed they provide information on the Ash tree inventory which may facilitate grants to address the issue; Commissioner Schulz suggested information on Star Lake. Chair will communicate with them, impressing on them the need for a quick response.

6. New Business: None

7. Unfinished Business

a. Research Station Road Bridge status and Star Lake Recreation Area rules:(Andrew Seward):

i. Commissioner Andrew Seward was not able to find any additional information about the Station Road Bridge closure. Chair will consult with Ethan Pepin (Regional transportation planner).

ii. Regarding Star Lake Commissioner Andrew Seward has so far been unable to find information related to Star Lake Recreation Area rules, (which state that the recreation area is only for Town residents). Chair encouraged further discussion with the Town Clerk and

looking in the Town Proceedings; Commissioner Jim Seward suggested speaking to David Johnson. Chair noted the associated issue of whether there could be reciprocal arrangements with other towns' resident only facilities.

b. Town Plan

i. Utilities and Facilities: Chair spoke to VELCO about additional uses for the radio tower on Okemo, e.g. as a dispatch back up site and also whether VELCO allows or prohibits the use of right of ways for recreation. No clear response as yet.

ii. Commissioner Sullivan noted that the points regarding battery backup for broadband don't make clear whose responsibility this is. Chair noted that this is a suggestion, and the Town should encourage it for reasons of public safety, but ultimately it is a resident's responsibility. Chair agreed to revise the text.

iii. Government: Chair noted that this section needs more work.

iv. Emergency Management: Chair has sent to Jeff Chase (EMD) this section for review.

v. Other potential inputs could be provided by Green Mountain Neighbors (Chair has shared draft); Commissioner Sullivan noted that the Museum may have additional information (Chair will ask Stephen Michel); Commissioner Andrew Seward noted the Conservation Commission may have ideas on bicycle and pedestrian trails.

vi. Commissioner Andrew Seward noted that a wastewater system is proposed, but there is no information on funding, including running costs. He also noted that there is no suggestion on funding for the Mechanicsville Aqueduct. The Chair noted that there are many possible models to fund such systems but those decisions are yet to be made.

vii. Preservation: Commissioner Andrew Seward asked about the purpose of listing scenic areas - is it to protect views? Chair confirmed that it is, but particularly in the context of Act 250. Commissioner Sullivan noted that there could be more detail on specific actions e.g. plant screening etc.

viii. Historic areas: Chair noted a long list, but with little information and no proposed action. Commissioner Sullivan suggested that the Museum may be able to contribute on this. Chair noted that it is important to include historical sites not only to protect them if there's an Act 250 proposal, but also to facilitate access to preservation grants.

8. Public Comments: None

9. Upcoming meetings

a. Special meeting: 7th June 7:00pm (1st Wednesday)

b. Regular meeting: 21st June at 7:00 pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday)

10. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm. For the Commission, Faith Tempest, Planning Commission Clerk In draft form until approved on June 21st, 2023

## TOWN SEEKS TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANT

The Town of Mount seeks a transfer station attendant to serve as an occasional back-up employee when the Town's regular attendants are unavailable.

Candidates should be able to lift up to 50 pounds; provide friendly support to guests; and to be available on short notice during Transfer Station hours.

Send letters of interest to the Select Board at [mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com](mailto:mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com); via mail at PO Box 247, Mount Holly, VT 05758; or by delivering a hard copy to the Town Office.

### Planning any new construction, alterations or renovations?

Mount Holly has a Building Construction Ordinance which ensures that the Town's Listers have correct and timely information on new construction in Town. If you are planning any new construction, or any construction which increases living space in an existing building, **you must complete a [Building Construction Registration Form](#)**, available on the Mount Holly website, or in hard copy at the Town Office. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Faith Tempest, the Administrative Officer, who holds hours in the Town Office on Tuesdays at 10-11am or by appointment. Faith can be contacted by email at [administrative.officer@mounthollyvt.org](mailto:administrative.officer@mounthollyvt.org).





## Ludlow Rotary Hears from Nick Sheehan, VT 911 Dispatch Call Center

Nick Sheehan addressed the Ludlow Rotary Club at their May 2 meeting at DJ's Restaurant. As a VT 911 Dispatch Call Center Operator, he is responsible for taking emergency calls from around the state and correctly routing them to the State police, local police and fire departments, and emergency medical services (EMS). All dispatch centers in the state are capable of communicating state wide.

Nick does have a reference book to follow protocol and guide him on any call he might receive. After 6 years on the job, he no longer needs to use the reference manual. After routing a call to the appropriate entity, dispatchers stay on the phone with the caller to try to get more information for the responding agency, calm the caller down and give appropriate emergency instructions. When asked whether he

had ever had to deliver a baby on a call, Nick replied that is one thing he has not done yet in his 13 years as a public servant. He originally trained as a state police officer prior to moving to dispatch.


Ludlow Rotarians found the 911 protocols to be interesting. Nick reported the 911 recording starts before a call is answered and keeps recording until after hang up. There are about 3,000 calls/month in Westminster where Nick is stationed. Location of cell towers directs the calls to the appropriate dispatch center. All calls are queued to get distributed to the next available dispatcher statewide. The caller location is determined by mobile phone or land line location with land line being the most accurate. VOIT (voice over internet) calls are the most inaccurate and therefore a problem. Modem service in Vermont is an issue. Dispatchers can connect to other agencies in 30 seconds. Since Ludlow has its own dispatch, they transfer calls directly to Ludlow.

Nick's most memorable call was for a lost child who the parents found under the ice in their swimming pool. He was able to talk them through life saving CPR. The most frequent calls are from the elderly, calling in a non-emergency situation. Often, they are lonely with no family. He transfers them to 211, Vermont community resource specialists ready to connect people with a wide variety of help.

In response to a question, Nick feels Artificial Intelligence may have a positive impact on dispatch if it could show live video of the scene which would help first responders prepare before they arrive on site.

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 above, Nick Sheehan addressed a recent Ludlow Rotary Club meeting. Brigid Sullivan



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## Rotary “Penny Sale” Major Success

The Ludlow Rotary Club’s (LRC) 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Penny Sale on April 29 was a “total and complete success” according to Kim Lampert, LRC event chairperson. “We had a full house that was bidding on over \$20,000 worth of goods donated by area businesses and individuals.”

During the multiple rounds of gift awards, Lampert noted that the audience was very active

in purchasing tickets for each round’s awards.

She praised the many businesses and individuals who provided the hundreds of gifts for the Penny Sale. “Without their continued support this fundraiser would not have been possible”, she added. She especially thanked Benson’s Chevrolet, Cota & Cota, Mary Meyer’s Corporation, Ludlow Electric, and the Vermont Journal for the “extra level of support” they provided for the Penny Sale.

At the conclusion of the event, raffle tickets winners were selected. They included:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize, \$500 (plus \$25 for being at the event) – Lisa Hagy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, \$250 (plus \$25 for being at the event) – Scott Walder
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize, \$150 (plus \$25 for being at the event) – Kathy Heald
- 4<sup>th</sup> Prize, \$100 – Bob Lambert
- 5<sup>th</sup> Prize, \$50 (plus \$25 for being at the event) – Gloria Dawson



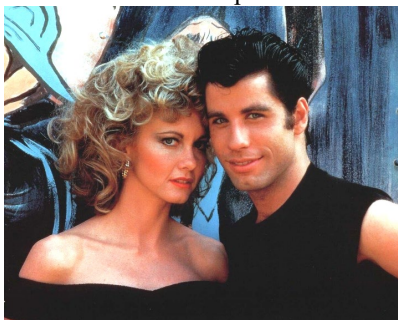
The proceeds from the Penny Sale are a major portion of the annual scholarships the LRC awards to area graduating high school students.

Lampert summarized her feelings about the success of the Penny Sale noting “It’s always fun seeing people gather at this event from year-to-year. Hope to see you next year for our 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Penny Sale, held on the last Saturday in April.” She also expressed her gratitude for the support provided by all the members of the Ludlow Rotary Club.

Just to indicate the community support for the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Ludlow Rotary Club’s Penny Sale, the above photo provides clear evidence of the size of the audience attending this year’s event.

### Raffle ticket winners

Pictured above are the four winners of the raffle ticket draw at the Ludlow Rotary Club’s recent Penny Sale. In addition to the award each of them received \$25 just for being at the event. From left to right, they are Lisa Nagy-\$500; Jim Rumrill, LRC President; Scott Walder-\$250; Gloria Dawson-\$50; Kathy Heald-\$150; and Kim Lampert, LRC Treasurer. Ralph Pace



### “Grease” Is FOLA’s Next Movie, Saturday, May 27

On Saturday, May 27 at 7 pm in the Heald Auditorium at Ludlow’s Town Hall, FOLA will offer the classic movie, “Grease”.

Grease is a 1978 American musical romantic comedy film directed by Randal Kleiser (in his feature directorial debut) from a screenplay by Bronté Woodard and an adaptation by Allan Carr, based on the stage musical of the same name by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey. The film depicts the lives of greaser Danny Zuko (John Travolta) and Australian transfer student Sandy Olsson (Olivia Newton-John), who develop an attraction for each other during a summer romance.

The story, smoothed out and set in Southern California, involves a greaser named Danny (Travolta) who has a sweet summertime romance with Sandy, an Australian girl (Olivia Newton-John; making her character Australian was easier than coaching her American accent). When summer ends, they part forever, they think, only to find themselves at the same school, where Danny's tough-guy image makes it hard for him to acknowledge the squeaky-clean Sandy.

The film re-creates a 1950s that exists mostly in idyllic memory. There are hot rods, malt shops, school dances, songs from the original Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey musical, and new songs written to fit the characters.

Film critic Roger Ebert noted, “The musical is being revived not because it is invaluable, but because it contains an invaluable cultural icon: the singing, dancing performance of John Travolta. It is now clear that, slumps or not, comebacks or not, Travolta is an important and enduring movie star whose presence can redeem even a compromised "Grease." “

The movie is open to everyone and is free; donations are appreciated. Water is offered by the United Church of Ludlow. For information, call (802) 228-3238 and [www.fola.us](http://www.fola.us). Doors open at 6:30 pm.

Pictured above are John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John, starring in the musical, “Grease”, in the Ludlow Town Hall auditorium Saturday, May 27 at 7 pm. Ralph Pace





## Antique Tractors & Equipment Will Be Featured at the 2023 Best of Vermont Summer Festival

The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce is adding a new feature to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual **Best of Vermont Summer Festival** this year which celebrates everything about summer in Vermont. Dan Moore of Barker Farm will now be showcasing his Antique Tractors & Vintage Machines! Barker Farm is known for hosting their annual Autumn Roundup show in Ludlow in September. This is a showcase of Vermont made engines & machinery including working exhibits from the 1900s. Dan will be bringing some of his antique tractors and equipment to the Best of Vermont Summer Festival for the first time this year!

The Best of VT Summer Festival takes place on **Saturday, August 26** from 12 noon - 7 pm and **Sunday, August 27** from 10 am - 4 pm at Okemo Field on Route 103 in Ludlow. Use of the field was generously donated again by Lead Sponsor Okemo Mountain/Vail Resorts. This festival invites locals, new residents,

second homeowners, and visitors to enjoy specialty foods; wine, spirits & brew tastings; artisan products; fine art; live music; ag demos; children's activities; and more! The Best of Vermont Summer Festival is also promoted throughout the Okemo Valley region, the state of Vermont, New England and the Northeast.

**William Raveis Vermont Properties** of Ludlow is the festival Presenting Sponsor again this year. Other sponsors are in process and will continue to be listed on the chamber's special festival web: <https://www.yourplaceinvermont.com/best-of-vermont-summer-festival>. The chamber's festival committee is still seeking additional sponsors, vendors, and volunteers. Sponsor and vendor forms are available on the festival website page. To learn more, to go:

- **Sponsoring:** <https://www.yourplaceinvermont.com/sponsorships>
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Discounts will be given to participating Okemo Valley Chamber Members and returning vendors will also be given preferential locations. Sponsors or vendors who are not yet members of the Okemo Valley Chamber who are interested may join online HERE: <https://www.yourplaceinvermont.com/online-application>. Volunteers are needed for the festival committee as well as for festival set up, breakdown and during the event.

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 VT Scenic Route 100 Byway surrounded by Okemo, Ascutney & Magic Mountains. OVRCC provides advocacy, support, and unified regional marketing to promote and enhance businesses in the region as well as the four-season economy.



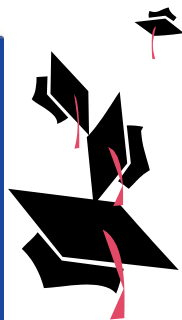
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## Vermont Home Gardener ~ Grow Better with Raised Beds

There are many advantages to growing in raised beds and we really should consider them for any garden. Whether you are beginning a new garden or wish to improve an established garden, raised beds will make your garden more productive, more convenient, and are less work in the long run (no tilling, ever!). Raised beds do very well in the hilly, rocky, weedy, cool, wet, northern New England conditions.

**Raised Beds.** While building raised beds will require some extra effort in the beginning, they will save you work later plus all the benefits are well worth the effort. In case you need convincing, here is a summary of the specific benefits:

- Deeper soil for better root growth (bigger, healthier plants)
- Better drainage in wet, clayey soils
- Faster soil warming in the spring
- Efficient use of your planting space (grow more in limited areas)
- Reduced soil erosion on slopes
- Improved soil structure and aeration
- No need to ever rototill, dig, or plow the garden (earthworms do that work) Creates an attractive garden appearance
- High raised beds are more accessible (less bending)

Building raised beds is work, but there are several techniques that you can choose from to suit your preferences and circumstances. Here are a couple ideas. Since you should never step on the raised beds be sure they are no wider than *twice* your arm's reach, usually about 4-5 feet across. Raised beds can be as long or as short as you wish!

My favorite way to establish a new bed on top of lawn or a field is without any tilling or sod removal. Simply mow or weed whack the grass or weeds as short as possible (less than 1 inch, if possible) in the area you have designated for your new bed(s). Cover that shaved ground with corrugated cardboard or 10 layers of newspaper and then spread compost/soil mixture (50:50) on top of the bed. No side walls are necessary, and you should make your bed 6-12 inches deep. Few weeds can penetrate that paper barrier from below and after the grass or weeds die they will become part of your valuable soil organic matter. Worms and beneficial microbes will flourish, and the bed will become one with the ground over the first summer after the cardboard or paper has decayed.

The new raised bed can be planted with seeds or transplants on the same day it is made! If you're doing multiple beds leave a walkway space of about 2-3 ft between each bed. Walkways can be mowed grass or covered with newspaper and wood chips. Depending on the size of the mature plants, you can plant 1 to 4 rows lengthwise in each bed or you can use the productive [Square Foot Garden](#) method to organize your bed. Remember that you NEVER step on the bed so the soil will remain loose. No rototilling or digging will be necessary, ever. Weeds will be more controllable, and the bed only needs added compost annually to keep its depth and fertility.

If your garden area is relatively small or you prefer an organized look then bed walls work well. You can buy ready-made kits for beds from sources like Vermont's own [Gardeners' Supply](#) that are easy to set up but are expensive. You can build your own bed walls from lumber, concrete blocks, or stones. There are corner

anchors using [concrete corner forms](#) made just for this purpose. They are solid, stackable, and inexpensive. Do not use older pressure treated lumber or old railroad ties as the preservatives may leach out into your soil and contaminate your plants and food over time. Cedar is a very durable wood to use but expensive. Locally available Locust is very good because it lasts longer (5-10 years) while fir and pine are also useable but have a shorter life (3-5 years) in contact with moist soil. I've had success with 2" x 12" locust but 2" x 8" or 2" x 10" will work. Lumber usually comes in 8 ft lengths so raised beds that are 4 ft wide and 8 ft long or 4 ft wide by 4 ft long avoid wasted lumber.

It's not necessary to line the beds with a plastic weed barrier but if you have a problem with voles (not moles) you can line the bottom of the bed with ¼ inch wire mesh ("hardware cloth") folded up and stapled to the wooden sides to keep them from sneaking in from below. Fill the beds with a 50:50 mixture of topsoil and compost and you're ready to plant. There are several good DIY videos and [instructions online](#) if you want some building help.

A second approach is to first half-fill the bed boxes (or the open beds described previously) with old rotting logs (that old firewood you never used), branches, and/or wood chips before filling with compost/soil. This provides height and bulk to the beds plus a slow release of organic matter and nutrients for several years. Do not use black locust or black walnut, they are toxic to other plants and decay too slowly. This technique is originally from Germany and is called "[Hugelkultur](#)".

**What to Plant now?** Dandelion and forsythia blossoms are a signal that it's warm enough to plant peas, onion sets, carrots, beets, and greens (leaf lettuce, kale, spinach, etc.) outside. Avoid putting any mulch around your new garden plantings right now as the soil is still cool and still needs more sunshine to warm up.

**Looking for more Lawn & Gardening information?** The [University of Vermont \(UVM\) Extension Master Gardeners](#) are available to answer questions from gardeners in Vermont on a broad range of home horticulture topics including soil bed preparation and planting; vegetable and fruit gardening; annuals and perennials; backyard composting; sustainable lawn care; plant diseases and integrated pest management, among others. Volunteers will answer calls on the Master Gardener Helpline from 9 a.m.-noon, Thursdays through October. Call (802) 656-5421. They also take online written questions at the above link. The online form includes an option for providing up to three photos. Gardeners also are encouraged to use the online system to submit photos of plants damaged by insects and diseases.

**Soil tests** for home gardens are available through the UVM Agricultural and Environmental Testing Lab. For information, visit [https://pss.uvm.edu/ag\\_testing](https://pss.uvm.edu/ag_testing).

**No Mow May** is a campaign to support early spring pollinators and amphibians. As the first pollinators emerge there are limited food sources available and our lawns become a very important source of nectar and pollen, if we let it happen. Delayed mowing will allow dandelions to flower along with numerous other small wildflowers (violets, clovers, etc.) that will support pollinators at a critical time. The added grass height also allows early movement of tree frogs and salamanders without getting chopped up in the grass! Grass grows fast in May so it might be a challenge to not mow at all but you can raise the mower blades higher (I use 4+ inches) and even establish some summer sanctuaries of No Mowing areas in your yard. Every little bit will help.

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## Fletcher Memorial Library Awarded \$75,000

May 22, 2023 – The Preservation Trust of Vermont announced today a Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization grant of \$75,000 to the 1901 Fletcher Memorial Library for the restoration of the interior features and finishes.

Long recognized as one of Vermont’s architectural gems, the 1901 building was modeled after the Winchester School in England and features oak paneling and trim, and exquisite marble work in its walls, circulation desk, floor, ceiling, and staircase.

“On behalf of the Board of Trustees at Fletcher Memorial Library, Ludlow, VT I am thrilled and most appreciative of our library being awarded a Bruhn Grant by PTV. This grant will enable the library to move forward on the restoration of our magnificent spiral marble staircase and inlaid marble floors,” says Jill Tofferi, Director. “We cannot wait to have our library restored to its full 1901 glory for the continued use by the communities we serve.”

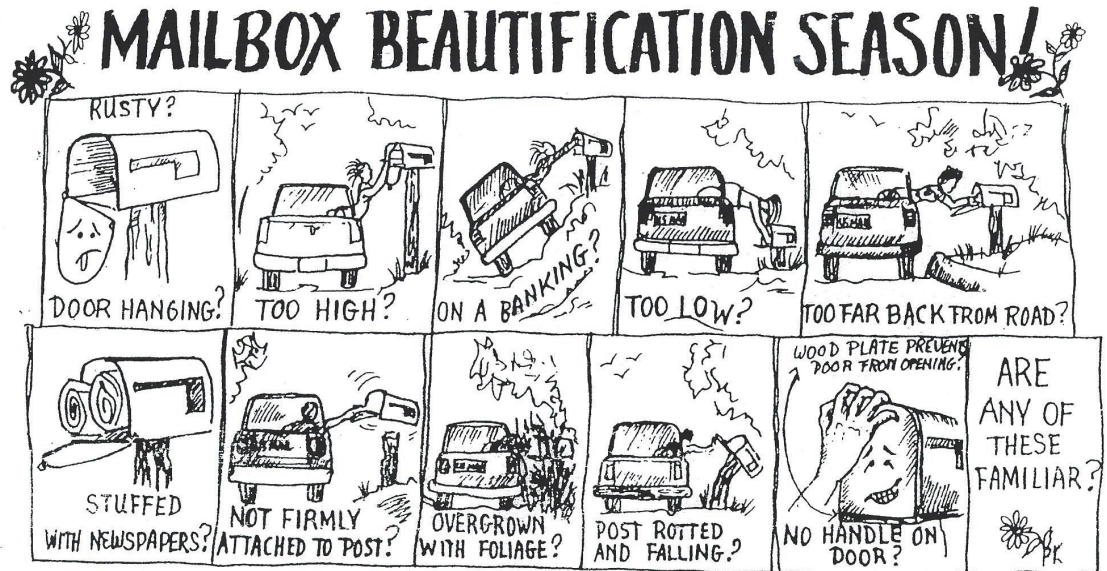
When complete, the restored elements will mean that the library can continue to serve the public offering not only library services, but also community rooms for personal, public and nonprofit organizations to meet or hold programs during and after hours, and 24/7 open internet connection.

“The Preservation Trust of Vermont, in partnership with the National Park Service, is excited to support projects such as the Fletcher Memorial Library that preserve and revitalize Vermont’s rural communities,” said Ben Doyle, PTV president. “We congratulate the community champions who are leading this work and thank Senator Sanders, Senator Welch, and Congresswoman Balint for their support of this wonderful program. We would also like to acknowledge former Senator Leahy, for his work in

establishing this important national program and proposing that it be named after his good friend, and former PTV President, the late Paul Bruhn.”

The Fletcher Memorial Library project and the Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant program are supported by the Historic Preservation Fund administered by the National Park Service, Department of the Interior. The program supports the preservation and restoration of buildings and community gathering spaces of economic and social significance in rural communities with fewer than 7500 residents. Additional recipients of the Bruhn Historic Revitalization subgrants include the Miss Bellows Falls Diner, Braintree Hill Meetinghouse, the New Haven Junction Depot, the Gray Building in Northfield, the Pittsfield Village Farm, and the HH Mower General Store in Sheldon. The grants range from \$50,000 to \$100,000 and will be used toward structural repairs, roof replacement, window restoration, exterior work, restoration of significant interior finishes, and code improvements.

“These grants will provide meaningful support to preserve historic sites in rural communities throughout Vermont. Each recipient represents a unique facet of our history and, thanks to support from the Preservation Trust of Vermont, will remain protected and preserved into the future,” said Sen. Sanders, Sen. Welch, and Rep. Balint. “We are honored to have helped bring this funding home to Vermont and look forward to seeing the role these historic community sites will play for generations to come.” Jill Tofferi, 802-228-8921 [fmlibrary@comcast.net](mailto:fmlibrary@comcast.net)



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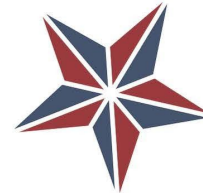
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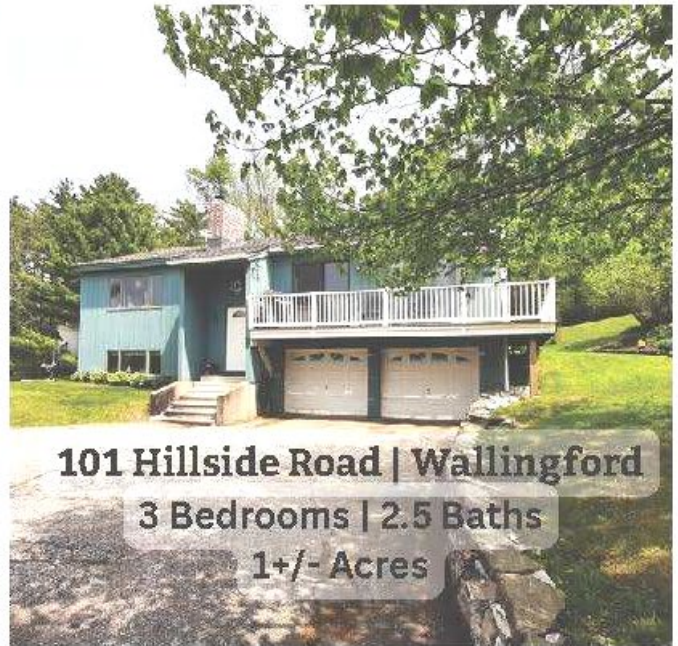


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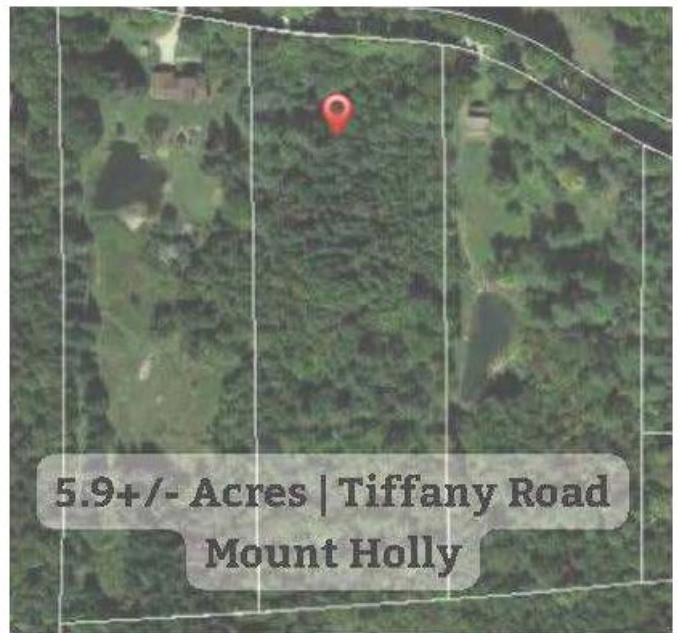
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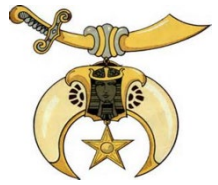
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AW Carpentry-Remodeling\*Building\*Local Affordable Lumber 802-259-3699

## Burn Permits

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

## Catering – Restaurants – Stores

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

## Church Listings

Annunciation, Ludlow, Mass Sat 4:30 pm, Sun 8 an & 10 am  
 Rev Thomas Mosher [abvmludlow@comcast.net](mailto:abvmludlow@comcast.net) 802-228-3451  
 Belmont Village Baptist Church-Worship 9:30am, Coffee Hour 10:30  
[vbch.weebly.com](http://vbch.weebly.com) Jeremiah Johnson 802-259-2386  
 E. Wallingford Baptist – PS 9:15-10:00 am SS 10 am, Worship 11 am  
 Pastor Kevin Miner 802-259-2831  
 First Baptist Church, Wallingford, SS 11am Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm  
 Pastor Dave Bentley 802-446-2020  
 Lighthouse Independent Baptist Church, Rutland SS 11am & 3pm  
 Until May 11am & 6pm 802-779-0300  
 Ludlow Baptist Church, 9:30 am SS, 10:30 am Music Fellowship,  
 11 am WS, 6:30 pm Evening PS, Wed 6:30 pm PM & BS  
 Pastor Jerry Scheumann [jfscheumann@gmail.com](mailto:jfscheumann@gmail.com) 603-439-0803  
 Rutland Jewish Center [office@rutlandjewishcenter.org](mailto:office@rutlandjewishcenter.org)  
 Rabbi Shemtov [rabbishemtov@rutlandjewishcenter.org](mailto:rabbishemtov@rutlandjewishcenter.org) 802-773-3455  
 St. Patrick's, Wallingford, Mass Sun 11 am  
 Rev Msgr Bernard Bourgeois [christthekingprsh@gmail.com](mailto:christthekingprsh@gmail.com) 802-446-2161  
 Wilderness Friends Meeting (Quaker) Sundays 10 am  
 Shrewsbury Library, Cuttingsville 802-259-2803

## Electrical Services

Wirenuts Electrical LLC [bbates@vermontel.net](mailto:bbates@vermontel.net) 802-353-4376 802-492-3406

## Equipment For Hire & Snow Moving

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

## Farm Fresh Products

Mt. Holly Dairy-Aire Farm Raw Milk, Fresh Eggs, Baked Goods 802-259-2386  
 Plew Farm (meat, eggs, maple) [www.plewfarm.com](http://www.plewfarm.com) 802-259-2250  
 1966 Healdville Rd, Mt. Holly

Smith Maple Crest Farm LLC, Grassfed Beef & VT Maple 802-492-2151  
 2450 Lincoln Hill Rd, Shrewsbury, VT 05738 [www.Smithmaplecrestfarm.com](http://www.Smithmaplecrestfarm.com)  
 Sugar Hill Berry Farm [www.sugarhillberryfarm.com](http://www.sugarhillberryfarm.com) 802-259-2155

## Fire Warden

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

## Firewood

Flanders Firewood Cut Split Delivered 802-259-2147  
[Flanders.excavating@gmail.com](mailto:Flanders.excavating@gmail.com)

## Food Shelf

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

## Funeral Homes

Clifford Funeral Home 802-773-3010

## Garden & Landscape, Lawn Mowing

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

## Garage Mechanical

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

## General Contractors

Wright Construction Company [info@wrightconstruction.com](mailto:info@wrightconstruction.com) 802-259-2094  
 Ted Stryhas Builder Inc. 802-228-7327

## Health & Community Health Care Providers

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

## Home Management Services

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

## Maple Syrup

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

## Marketing & Promotional Services

Express Copy Inc., Don Reiser H 802-259-2722 802-362-0501  
[print@expresscopyinc.com](mailto:print@expresscopyinc.com)

## Masonry

Farrand Masonry –Angus Farrand [farrandmasonry@gmail.com](mailto:farrandmasonry@gmail.com) 802-417-1657

## Metal Fabrication

Wayne Jones Metal [www.waynejonesmetal.com](http://www.waynejonesmetal.com) 802-259-2521

## Mount Holly Email

Kevin Plew – [mthollynewsflash@gmail.com](mailto:mthollynewsflash@gmail.com) 802-259-2250

## Painters

Beardmore Painting [beardmorepainting802@gmail.com](mailto:beardmorepainting802@gmail.com) 802-353-9493  
 MRS Unlimited Visions LLC Interior/Exterior Painting –Melissa 802-259-3989

## Plumbing & Heating

Master Plumbing & Heating Inc. 802-975-0369  
[masterplumbingheating@gmail.com](mailto:masterplumbingheating@gmail.com)  
 Tailored Plumbing [tailoredplumbingheating@gmail.com](mailto:tailoredplumbingheating@gmail.com) 802-417-1647

## Real Estate Sales

Coldwell Banker Lifestyles, 802-228-5678  
 John Napier [jinapier@cblifestylesre.com](mailto:jinapier@cblifestylesre.com) 860-559-9334  
 Cummings & Co. Lisa Kelley [lisa@cummingsvt.com](mailto:lisa@cummingsvt.com) 802-345-6581  
 Engel & Volkers, Okemo - Woodstock Gail Beardmore 802-975-0338  
[Gail.Beardmore@evusa.com](mailto:Gail.Beardmore@evusa.com) (Mobile) 802-236-5431  
 eXp Realty Sue Starr-Adams [susan.starr-adams@exprealty.com](mailto:susan.starr-adams@exprealty.com) 802-236-8028  
 Kelley Real Estate, Don Eatmon, Owner/Broker Office 802-228-5333  
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 Bella Gambino [Maria@KelleyRealEstate.com](mailto:Maria@KelleyRealEstate.com) Call or Text 631-523-1050  
[www.KelleyRealEstate.com](http://www.KelleyRealEstate.com) [www.OkemoValley.com](http://www.OkemoValley.com)

## Roofing

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

## Security

Countryside Alarms – Mike Blais [www.countrysidealarms.com](http://www.countrysidealarms.com) 802-259-2213

## Septic System Design

Belmont Septic Design – Kevin Hollebeek C 802-733-2561 H 802-259-3898  
[kevin@belmontseptic.com](mailto:kevin@belmontseptic.com)

## Therapeutic Riding

Rienbow Riding Center Home 802-259-2282 Barn 802-236-2483

## Tree Services

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

## Volunteer Services

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

## Woodworking, Cabinets & Furniture

Chesters Custom Woodworking [cw@vermontel.net](mailto:cw@vermontel.net) 802-259-3232  
[www.chesterscustomwoodworking.com](http://www.chesterscustomwoodworking.com)



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