



MOUNT HOLLY CHIT CHAT

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December 2023

Administrator Office Hours: Tues 10-11 am or by Appointment 802-259-2391 administrative.orricer@mounthollyvt.org

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		<i>Rosa Parks Bus Boycott 1955</i>	
Sat	2 nd	<i>Special Education Day</i>	
	5 th	<i>AFL-CIO Founded 1955</i>	6:30 pm
		MH Snow Flyers Meeting	7:00 pm
		Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library	7:00 pm
		Mount Holly Conservation Commission	6:00 pm
	6 th	Mt. Holly PTSA Meeting, Mt. Holly School	7:00 pm
	7 th	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	<i>Hanukkah ~ Pearl Harbor Day 1941</i>
	8 th		<i>Soviet Union Dissolved 1991</i>
	11 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	<i>UNICEF Founding 1946</i>
	12 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	7:00 pm
		Select Board Meeting, Town Office & Zoom	9:00 am
	13 th	LMHUUS Meeting,	6:30 pm
		ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	6:00 pm
	14 th	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	7:00 pm
	15 th		7:00 pm
		<i>Alexandre Eiffel 1832 ~ Bill of Rights Day 1791 ~ Hanukkah Ends</i>	
Sat	16 th	<i>Ludwig van Beethoven 1770 ~ Battle of The Bulge Began 1944 ~ The Boston Tea Party 1773</i>	
Sun	17 th	<i>Wright Brother's 1st Powered Flight Kitty Hawk, NC 1903 ~ Operation Just Cause 1989</i>	
	18 th	<i>13th Amendment Abolishes Slavery 1865</i>	
	20 th	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont	<i>US Space Force 2019</i>
		Mount Holly Planning Commission, MH Town Office & Via Zoom	6:30 pm
	21 st	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations	7:00 pm
		<i>Winter Solstice ~ Landing of The Mayflower 1620</i>	7:00 pm
Sun	24 th	<i>Kit Carson 1809 ~ USAF Began Strikes of Laos 1964 ~ Christmas Eve</i>	
	25 th		<i>Christmas</i>
	26 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	<i>Boxing Day ~ Kwanzaa Begins</i>
	27 th	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	<i>Full Cold Moon</i>
		<i>George Cayley father of Aerodynamics 1773 ~ Louis Pasteur 1822</i>	9:00 am
	28 th	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	7:00 pm
Sun	31 st	<i>Panama Canal Turned Over to Republic of Panama 1999 ~ Republic of Panama Assumes control of Panama Canal 1999 ~ Official End of WWII 1946 ~ New Year's Eve</i>	



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Send ARTICLES to: Diana Garrow, 3379 Shunpike Rd., Mt. Holly, VT 05758 Phone 802-259-2314 or E-Mail to chitchat@vermontel.net Check out Mt. Holly Web Site www.mounthollyvt.org

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December Anniversaries: 11th-Joe & Donna McDonald (1976)

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

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News from MHCA

We hope you have had a good year as we come into the last month of 2023. We are thankful as we round out this year for many things. The Board members LOVE this community and are so thankful for the many volunteers and participants in our events. We hope we offer interesting and fun events that folks want to attend and are happy to entertain new ideas if you have suggestions. We received some great feedback about Cider Days and will continue to incorporate ways we



can improve how events function.

This month we have two holiday celebrations! We will be partnering with the Belmont Village Baptist Church for the lighting of the holiday tree and once again host a visit with Santa so he may visit the yougin's who hope for a sighting of the jolly ole man. **The date and time will be announced in the newsflash and posted on our website mhcavt.org.** We are also partnering with the Snow Flyers Club and the Mount Holly's Volunteer Fire Department to bring you the New Year's Eve fireworks, a long time tradition of the Club's and one we want to see continue as a unique aspect of our community. This year the Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department has offered to be command central for our special light show. It is just another demonstration of how people come together to continue traditions that have become part of the fabric of our community and we are excited to be a part of it!

We also heard the winners for the Mount Holly Calendar have been announced...scour the chit chat pages for the special announcement to find out who gets their picture in the 2025 calendar! Thank you Craig Thomkinson for all your hard work and countless hours putting together the gallery exhibit, making public voting possible, managing advertising, and keeping calendars in stocked. You ROCK!

We are half way thru our membership drive and are thankful and extremely appreciative of our members. As you may know our membership drive supports maintaining the historic building that houses our town library and community center. The community center has been well utilized this year by many organizations, groups, and individuals; we are glad we can provide these opportunities for gathering. This past month we continued to work on building improvements and had tuck pointing done to shore up the foundation. On our list for next spring is external painting touch up and some necessary carpentry work. Our new boiler has required a few minor adjustments but it is keeping temperatures comfortable inside as they have been dropping outside. Come join one of the many activities going at the community center with Bone Builders, Community Guild, Yoga with Tish, or Mixed Media Mindful Art Journaling classes with Linden. For more information on dates and times contact mhcavt@gmail.com.

Lastly, this month in "meet your Board of Directors series" we would like to introduce Gene Jennings - a larger than life guy who joined our Board 4 years ago. Gene has lived in Vermont for 42 years after a brief stint in the South Bronx of NYC where he was born. Since moving here he has never looked back. He owned his own business in Burlington, a salon by the name of Indigo on Burlington's waterfront; he actually commuted for a while from Mount Holly to Burlington before he hung up the commute and made a new work life locally with some friends he went to school with. Eventually he went out on his own becoming a one man traveling stylist extraordinaire. Something you might not know about Gene (but could totally imagine it if you know him because he would be great at it) is that he was a flight attendant back in the day.

When Gene was asked to join the Board, he was asked what would he change, he said he wanted to bring us to the forefront technologically speaking and to get us more involved in our community. Well...since then he has participated on the committee that helped develop our website, suggested the renewal of the welcome wagon concept that morphed into a welcome letter for all new residents, encouraged our involvement in the food shelf during Covid, has co-renovated the MHCA food station at Cider Days, and continues to ask "how else can we support our community"? Have you seen this man in action? He is the Mr. Energizer Bunny of ideas!

But Gene's real love, besides his husband Fred, is being a parent. Gene and Fred, became foster parents a few years ago and have provided a home for 5 boys. Their current son, Jacob, has been with them for 2 ½ years and has joined Gene & Fred in volunteering for MHCA events; this year Jacob even sold artwork at Cider Days. Gene and Fred are truly gifted parents for adolescent boys - a very hard to place population. After considering their options of how they could incorporate children into their lives and learning about the significant need for foster parents during COVID Gene said he thought "If not me, then who would help these children in need?" And that was the beginning of their journey. Gene is kind of like a "mother hen" with his boys...attentive, protective, providing guidance, encouragement, and teaching the young men about the importance of responsibilities, commitments and honesty. "I tell them I love them a lot - it's important for them to know they are loved and that they belong". And that my chit chat readers is how this man rolls. He has big energy, lots of love, and is an ambassador for the Mount Holly community.

And there we have it, news from the MHCA. Stay warm, be kind, and enjoy the festivities December brings!

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The annual Cider Days event was a great success. The downpours on Saturday were not welcoming but overall, we had a great turnout and our basket raffle was as popular as ever! Proceeds from Cider Days will benefit the New Year's Eve firework hosted by the Mount Holly Fire Department. We are fortunate to sponsor the firework display at Star Lake the area and sure hope you can join us for this event!

Our big cash raffle "Save our Groomer '24" winners were drawn at Cider Days. 1st place went to Stacey Larrabee for \$2000; 2nd prize went to Andrew Leever for \$750 and 3rd prize went to Apache for \$250. We appreciate everyone who purchased a ticket for the club groomer. Repair expenses alone are costly as well as the ever-rising cost of fuel



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We sincerely appreciate all of our landowners and your willingness to work with our club and know that it is a privilege to ride on your land; not a given right. Some landowners may see us out and about checking and clearing trails from now until it snows. Trails will open December 15, 2023; pending snow! We are all hoping this winter is better to all of the winter enthusiasts compared to last winter.

As always, our clothing apparel is always available online. You can view the merchandise online and purchase also directly online as well. Do not forget to get your Snow Flyer snow stake! We have custom snowmobile rider stakes and a Mount Holly generic one for those who may not be a rider. We will make a pick-up arrangement for your snow stake from a club member in the Mt. Holly area; we unfortunately are unable to mail these items due to the size of the stake. Get your snow stake before they are all gone!

Our club signboard will be on display once again this year featuring many local businesses within the surrounding area. The signboard can be found at RD 76. It's a good place to stop for a rest and check out the sponsors who help support our club. We welcome new sponsors at any time. If interested, you can email us at mounthollysnowflyers@gmail.com.

Follow us on Facebook. Our website is: www.mounthollysnowflyers.org. Our club meets on the first Tuesday of the month. Zoom options are available. Please consider joining in on one of our meetings to see what is going on! It takes many volunteers to be successful and we are fortunate to have many helpers in our club.

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Mount Holly Snow Flyers

We've finally had our first frost here in the Mount Holly area and it has continued for several days now!

We have held several club workday events clearing our trail system and debrushing lots of area. We wish to thank everyone who has helped on these weekends. A special thank you to Mike Garrity for his time and equipment in fixing trails around the 155 area. A special thank you to Bob Beardmore for also donating his time and equipment to trail work.

Our club was recently awarded a grant from Ski-Doo Snow Pass (@SkiDoo #SkiDooPASS) that will help repair the expensive trail flood damage we experienced in July of 2023. We are appreciative of this grant.

Hall Rental in Belmont

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

for the groomer.

TMA's are now on sale until December 15, 2023. Please choose the Mount Holly Snow Flyers as your club. By supporting our club, we can have such events like ride-in BBQ's, scholarship program, community civic donations and other local project support. TMA rates will increase after December 15, 2023. All TMA's are purchased online through www.vtvast.org.

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Once there was a Snowman
He stood outside my door
He thought he'd like to come inside
And run around my Floor;
He thought he'd like to warm himself
By the Firelight red;
He thought he'd like to climb up,
On my big soft bed.
So he called the North Wind,
"Help me now I pray.
I'm completely Frozen,
Standing here all day."
So the North Wind came along
And blew him in the door,
And now there's nothing left of him
But a puddle on the Floor!
Anonymous
Submitted by Virginia Ward
"Merry Christmas"

The Writers' Group with Joan Connor

The Writers' Group will meet again at the Mount Holly Library on Monday, December 4th at 1 P.M.. Thank you. connor@ohio.edu

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day & New Year's Mass Schedule & Services

St. Patrick's in Wallingford

4:00 pm Christmas Eve December 24th
11:00 am Christmas Day December 25th

&

Christ The King in Rutland

4:00 pm & 7:00 pm Christmas Eve December 24th
7:30 am & 9:30 am Christmas Day December 25th
9:00 am New Year's Day January 1st

&

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Ludlow

4:30 pm Christmas Eve
9:00 am Christmas Day
4:30 pm New Year's Eve
9:00 am New Year's Day



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Twas The Night Before Christmas

Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that St Nicholas soon would be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds, While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads. And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap, Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below. When, what to my wondering eyes should appear, But a miniature sleigh, and eight tinny reindeer.

With a little old driver, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St Nick. More rapid than eagles his coursers they came, And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name!

"Now Dasher! Now, Dancer! Now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! On, Cupid! On, on Donner and Blitzen! To the top of the porch! To the top of the wall! Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky. So up to the house-top the coursers they flew, With the sleigh full of Toys, and St Nicholas too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof The prancing and pawing of each little hoof. As I drew in my head, and was turning around, Down the chimney St Nicholas

came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot, And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot. He had flung on his back, And he looked like a peddler, just opening his pack.

His eyes-how they twinkled! His dimples how merry! His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry! His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow, And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow.

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath. He had a broad face and a little round belly, That shook when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly!

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf, And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself! A wink of his eye and a twist of his head, Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, And filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk. And laying his finger aside of his nose, And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose!

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle, And away they all flew like the down of a thistle. But I heard him exclaim, 'ere he drove out of sight, "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"

Clement Clarke Moore Miniature Biography

Clement Clarke Moore (1799 - 1863) came from a prominent family and his father Benjamin Moore was the Bishop of New York who was famous for officiating at the inauguration of George Washington. The tradition of reading Twas the night before Christmas poem on Christmas Eve is now a Worldwide institution and tradition.

Clement Clarke Moore (1779 - 1863) wrote the poem Twas the night before Christmas also called "A Visit from St. Nicholas" in 1822. It is now the tradition in many American families to read the poem every Christmas Eve. The poem 'Twas the night before

Christmas' has redefined our image of Christmas and Santa Claus. Prior to the creation of the story of 'Twas the night before Christmas' St. Nicholas, the patron saint of children, had never been associated with a sleigh or reindeers!

Clement Moore, the author of the poem Twas the night before Christmas, was a reticent man and it is believed that a family friend, Miss H. Butler, sent a copy of the poem to the New York Sentinel who published the poem. The condition of publication was that the author of Twas the night before Christmas was to remain anonymous.

The first publication date was 23rd December 1823 and it was an immediate success. It was not until 1844 that Clement Clarke Moore claimed ownership when the work was included in a book of his poetry.





ESBR Grateful for Fall 2023 Community Expeditions

The Expeditionary School at Black River is grateful to share that this school year has been quite an exciting community exploration thus far. As the school year was set to begin, the focus was determined to delve into all the workings of the community. This included visiting and/or speaking with different departments within the Town, including the Water Treatment Facility, Dam Sites, and the Ludlow Transfer Station, all of which were able to offer unique perspectives on how the town was affected by the July flooding. ESBR even went so far as visiting the Springfield Dam early in the school year on what turned into a beautiful sunny afternoon. Students also spoke with our Town Manager, Brendan McNamara (pictured here with an ESBR student), which offered further clarification on the effects of the flooding on the community and the progress of rebuilding the Town. Furthermore, students also interviewed various organizations that support the Town, such as Black River Action Team, Black River Good Neighbor Services, and Okemo Valley TV.

Students also partook in several fundraising exchanges. Throughout last spring and over the summer, Aubuchon's advertised the opportunity for patrons to round up their bill and the extra change would be donated to ESBR. The final tally would be matched by Aubuchon's for a double donation. A couple students were able to venture to the hardware store and organize a photo op with a large presentation check (a la Publishers Clearing House!) for a total of \$2,447.54. ESBR made sure to pay it forward as well, donating \$1,000 share to the Black River Good Neighbor Services' Flood Relief following a successful Chicken BBQ in August with the amazing support of the Ludlow Legion, raising just over \$2000 to split with BRGNS. Students were present at BRGNS for the donation and later reflected in their journals on the importance of BRGNS and the support they provide for the community. As one student explained, it was "to help them give back to the community even more and to help the community after the flood."


ESBR continues to be awed by this community. For such a small and quaint town, it is tremendous how many groups, organizations, and departments make up this area. The ability to allow students to explore these various factions first hand and the flexibility to put weight to this as an educational opportunity is the foundation of what the Expeditionary School means. ESBR is forever grateful and looks forward to future expeditions around town. Lastly, stay tuned for updates on ESBR's Giving Tuesday 2023 Fundraising Campaign. It takes a village!

Further information on ESBR is available at esblackriver.org. If you would like to learn more about the school or get involved, please contact Gary Blodgett, Chair of the Board, at gblodgett@esblackriver.org or 802-558-3147. Giving Tuesday 2023 Link is available at the Expeditionary Committee Facebook Page. Donations can be made on the ESBR website or by mailing a check to P.O. Box 485, Ludlow, VT 05149.



Chit Chat Deadline For January Issue

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2023 MOUNT HOLLY CALENDAR CONTEST RESULTS

Cider Days 2023 came and went in a flash. Unlike most Cider Days of the past the weather decided not to cooperate this year. On Saturday came the rains, replaced Saturday night by strong winds. These in turn took down some tents, including the Mount Holly Library's book sale tent.

But the weather didn't seem to dampen the spirits of vendors, volunteers or even the general public. A lot of people came and a lot of people voted for the photos they wanted to see in the next Mount Holly Calendar. A little over 250 to be (almost) exact.

Okay, enough of the retro weather report. Most of the photo entries this year came from Mount Holly itself (no surprise there) but one came from someone who lives in Los Angeles. Since this person spent the summer in Mount Holly it's safe to say that the bear in his photo is a wild Mount Holly resident, not one from Los Angeles, though we know there are a lot of wild residents in LA.

As always, the quality of all of the 60 entries this year made the choosing of just 16 for the calendar a major challenge for the public. So, in order of the photographer's last names, here are the 16 photos that received the most votes on Cider Days weekend and which will make up the 2025 Mount Holly Calendar. Which photo will go on which page of the calendar? Well, you'll have to buy a 2025 calendar to find out.



**The Faces of the Mount Holly School
by Jo Bania**



"The Last Drop" by Dori Beardsley



"Calmness After a Storm" by Teresa Bolalek



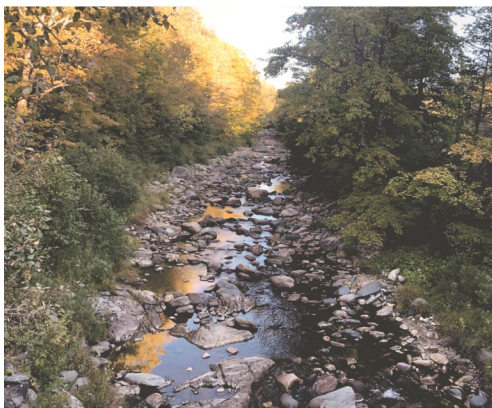
**"Plew Farm Syrup Makes
the Grade" by Tracie Burns**



"Reflections" by Emily Clifford



"Orange Sunset" by Madeleine Fay



"Golden Days" by Tom Gates



"Spring Visitors" by Barbara Ludwig



**"We're Ready For One Closeup"
by Sue Presson**



"Blue & White" by Patricia Salner



"Doggy Wonderland" by Renee Sarmento



"The Rogue" by Jacob Strunk



"Minga's Daisies"
by Craig Tomkinson



"Cider Days" by Tracey Urbani



"Evening Light Over Frost Hill"
by Alison Weintraub

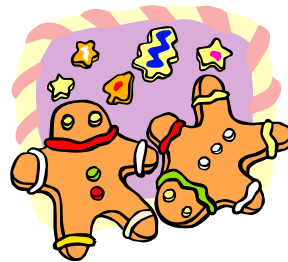
A gigantic "thanks" to all the photographers who entered the competition this year. We hope to see more of your work next year.



"Out For A Stroll" by Brian Wortman

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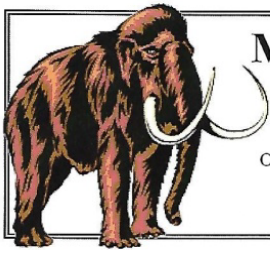
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THE LIVE AUCTION WILL BEGIN AT 5:30 PM

Last year the Mount Holly Community came out in full force to celebrate together for the first time in three years a night of community support for our Historical Museum. Tasty food and good drinks accompanied a lively auction of various gifts supplied by generous merchants from Rutland, Windsor and Bennington counties along with talented local artists and crafts people.

Those donating last year were Alex McCallum, Aubuchon Hardware, Benson Chevrolet, Carol Devine, Carol Serravezza, Cindy Hincheliff, Community Guild, Cookster, Crowley Cheese, D. Lasser, Dottie Stanley, Fox Run Properties consisting of Mr. Darcy's, Sam's Steakhouse, Off the Rails, Calcuttas, Alta, and Fox Run Golf Club, Green Mountain Sugar House, Harry's Cafe, Home Style Hotel, JK Adams, Judy Nevin, June Capron, Kelley Real Estate, LaValley Building Supply, Lynn Anderson, Madeline Fey, Maggie Blane, Maria Fortier, Master Plumbing & Heating, Mr. Twitter's, Okemo Mountain Resort, Pat LaBella, Penny Coldwell, Robin Eatmon, Plew Farm, Water Wheel Quilt Shop, Restoration Barbecue, Riverside Veterinary Clinic, Singleton's, Stemwinder, Stephanie Smith, Stephanie Stouffer Design, Sue Covalla, Susie Hamilton, Thrive Center, Trish Venter, VT Sport & Fitness, Wine & Cheese Depot, Yankee Paint.

Some of the treasured items auctioned last year were donated by people in the Mount Holly Community. We would like to invite the Community to contribute this year as well. However, we would ask that careful consideration be given to your contribution. If you have an item in workable condition or a treasure without chips or dents, something you would comfortably display in your home, we would be grateful to receive your item and happy to include it in our auction fundraiser.

Arrangements will be made to pick up your item at your convenience up until Wednesday, November 22nd, by calling Carol Serravezza at 802-259-2785 or June Capron at 802-259-3473.

This year we will offer another lively community gathering with an evening of wonderful surprises and creative items. Start your Holiday shopping at "The Festival of Lights!"



The Legend of Roaring Camp

Roaring Camp was the wildest mining camp of the Old West - a 24-hour town with no sheriff. Old Sal was the only woman in town. She died during the delivery of a baby with no one knowing who the father was. But the miners stepped up. The baby became the camp's baby. One minor kept the little guy in his cabin, in a box lined with rags.



The miners quickly decided the baby needed something better, so one of them rode to Sacramento to buy a rosewood cradle which they lined with those rags. But rags wouldn't do in such a nice cradle, so the next man to go to Sacramento brought back some beautiful lace to replace the rags. It was shortly after that when the miners began to notice how dirty the floor looked in the cabin underneath that cradle. They all pitched in to clean the floor - for the first time in anyone's memory. Suddenly, the walls and the ceiling looked very dirty next to that clean floor, so the miners washed down the entire cabin.

Of course, babies need to sleep, and no baby could sleep in the din of Roaring Camp. So, totally contrary to their name, they declared several hours of *quiet* a day so the little guy could sleep. It began to be quiet, even during the night hours when Roaring Camp was used to "roaring" the loudest. The fighting and drunkenness began to dissipate.

As the baby began to grow, the miners took him to work with them and left him in a hastily constructed "play yard" by the entrance to the mine. But it didn't take long for them to realize that a dingy, dirty mine entrance was no place for a little baby so they planted flowers there and the entrance to the mine became a *garden!* And the rumor was that Sutter's Store was beginning to display merchandise that had never been seen there before: mirrors, shirts, razors, and *soap.*

The baby had come - and the baby *changed everything!*

Two thousand years ago, this *world* was a Roaring Camp. Every other person in Rome was a slave. Thousands cheered as humans were killed by animals and by each other, and they called it entertainment. They thought baby girls were worth so little that they left them in clay jars on street corners to die. But then the Baby of Bethlehem came... *and the baby changed... everything!*

Inside every one of us is a personal Roaring Camp, full of untamed feelings, restlessness and pain. The lifelong storm in our hearts is because of our sinful, selfish running of our own lives. The Baby of Bethlehem came to rescue us - by dying on the cross to pay for our sin, kill our selfishness and make possible peace with our God. When He comes into a life, he changes *everything!* Finally there is *peace* in the Roaring Camp in your soul. *Pastor Glenn Davis*

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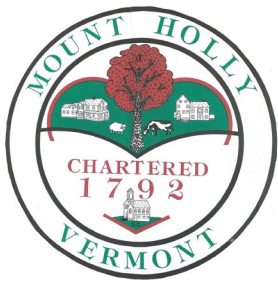


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Mount Holly Town News

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

Select Board Meeting Mount Holly Town Office November 14, 2022 6:30 pm

Attendance: Diana Garrow, Mark Turco, Jeff Chase, Andy Shulz, Jon McCann, Russ Garrow, Joan Garrow, Megan Litwhiler, Christine Pratt, Carol A Garrow-Wooley, Clinton Woolley, Billy Austin, Elizabeth Karle, Zena M. Gates, David Johnson, Dennis Devereux, Stephen Michel, James Seward, Donna Seward, Phil Crane, Caitlin Boyle, Phil Turco, Steven Hazelton, Barbara Hazelton

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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1. **Call 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: the purchase of highway department radios; consideration of position for transfer station attendant; and the addition of a junk ordinance complaint.

4. **Approval of October 10, and October 26, 2023 Minutes.** Diana Garrow made a motion to approve the minutes as drafted; Mark Turco seconded; unanimously approved.

5. **Reports**

a. **Highways & Transfer Station Update.** Road Foreman Clinton Woolley noted that the Summit Road Box Culvert project has been completed and guardrails installed. He noted that the Town should begin to look for another truck, as the 2014 Western Star is needing a lot of expensive repairs. Fuller Sand and Gravel has completed the paving work on Belmont Road. At the transfer station, Mr. Woolley noted that residents need to comply with the posted signs, particularly regarding the scrap wood and scrap metal piles. Mr. Turco noted that the Town may need to implement a “see attendant first” policy before disposing of materials in the scrap wood and scrap metal piles, as has been done in the past. He noted that violations at the transfer station could result in high fines from the state, and ultimately, closure of the Transfer Station. Ms. Garrow noted that a resident had inquired about whether Class Four roads must be maintained by the Town. Mr. Turco noted that the Town does not have a policy of maintaining or repairing Class Four roads at this time. Ms. Garrow noted that the property owner who is inquiring may be able to apply for FEMA reimbursements for Class Four road damage that was incurred during the July floods. Mr. Chase noted that he wanted to verify that the Select Board has no objections to the G&N Excavation work at the Summit Road site. The Select Board had no objections that would derail payment of the final invoice.

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b. **Town Treasurer Update.**

i. **Monthly Income and Expenses Report:** Ms. Karle noted that the Town has continued to receive the majority of the tax payments over the course of October; the tax delinquency process has begun for taxpayers who have not paid by November 1. This rate is low at 5%, which is comparable to past years. She noted that the Town received an advance quarterly payment of state aid for the

roads, as

it did last month, and that the Town has begun to purchase winter salt and sand. Ms. Karle further noted that the 2014 Western Star repair costs have been \$8,000 this year to date. Hauling for solid waste is slightly over budget to date, but due to seasonal variations, this is not of concern. The biggest unanticipated expense for the year is from flooding and storm damage; the Town has realized \$397,000 in expenses thus far. As of October 31, the disaster inventory has been completed with FEMA; there are estimates of \$1.6 million dollars of flood-related damage in the Town, almost all road-related.

ii. **Municipal Equipment Loan Fund Update:** The Town applied for this loan for the new loader; the state is doing due diligence and will notify the Town in December.

iii. **E-Payments for Future:** Ms. Karle noted that

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there are some minor upcoming changes in the processing of ACH and other electronic payments; the Town will not incur costs due to these changes.

iv. **Budget Requests for FY2025:** Ms. Karle reminded the community that social service requests and other budgetary requests to be put before the town at Town Meeting Day should be submitted.

v. Mr. Turco asked what was remaining in the vehicle replacement fund for the highway department; Ms. Karle noted this amount is \$170,000.

c. **Mount Holly Planning Commission Update:** Ms. Garrow noted that there are two seats whose terms are due to expire in November, and that to allow more time for candidates to apply for appointment or reappointment to these seats, she is recommending that the term be extended until December. Mr. McCann noted that the final requisition for the FY23 MPG and it was accepted; the grant has been officially closed and satisfied all requirements. Mr. McCann also submitted the FY24 MPG application; the Town can expect a decision this month. He noted that the Town Plan hearing is set for November 15, at 6:00 pm, at the Town Office.

i. **Two Seat Term Extensions to December 12:** Ms. Garrow made a motion to extend the term of the current members by one month, until December 12. Mr. Turco seconded; unanimously approved.

ii. **Town Plan Update:** Regarding the draft Town Plan, Mr. Turco asked whether there was a change to the Town's Class Four Road policy. Mr. Chase noted that work to create a Class Four Road policy was begun about 18 months ago; a formal policy has not been adopted by the Town. Mr. Johnson noted that the current draft language is worded in such a way that it

Mount Holly Town Auditors Request For The Town Report

Mount Holly Town Auditors are requesting of all organizations who **submit articles and or budgets for the Mount Holly Town Report** to have your articles typed single spaced and mailed or dropped off or e-mailed to: mthollyauditors@gmail.com or to the Town Office no later than **January 3rd, 2023**. Anything received after that date will not appear in the Town Report. All articles mail to the Town Office at the following address: **Mount Holly Town Office, Attn: Auditors, P.O. Box 248, Mt. Holly, VT 05758**

If you have any pictures of your organization or the Town of MT Holly that have occurred in town this past year and wish to have them included in the Town Report, please send them to us for our consideration. We can scan the photo and return it to you. For more information, call the town office and leave a message for one of the Auditors. Thank You, The Mount Holly Town Auditors

SELECT BOARD SEEKS ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

The Mount Holly Select Board seeks an Animal Control Officer to serve the remainder of the current FY23 term.

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A full job description can be found at the Town Office.

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for. Mr. Turco made a motion to purchase the radios at the quoted fees, including installation costs; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

b. **Consideration of Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department Use of MHVRS Building:** Fire Chief Billy Austin noted that the Fire Department has decided to work toward providing a first response team to respond to local 911 calls in collaboration with the Ludlow Ambulance Service. He also noted that two EMS providers who were formerly members of the Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Service have joined the Fire Department, which enhances the ability of the Fire Department to serve as first responders; additional members will be trained in first response as well. Mr. Austin noted that given these

sounds as though the Town is be responsible for Class Four Road maintenance and should be clarified.

d. **Mount Holly Conservation Commission Update:**

i. Mr. Crane noted that the Planning Commission has one open seat and one interested candidate, Megan Litwhiler. Ms. Litwhiler shared that she has a background in ecology and is interested in supporting the Town through the Conservation Commission. Mr. Turco made a motion to appoint Megan Litwhiler to the Conservation Commission for a term of three years; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

ii. Ms. Garrow also requested that the Conservation Commission provide an updated list of members and their terms, and that it be sure to provide its monthly meeting minutes to the Town Clerk for reference in the Town Office.

iii. Mr. Crane noted that the MHCC is interested in applying to three grants on behalf of the Town, for conservation-related work. These grants would be for solid waste diversion activities; ash borer control; and invasive species control, respectively. The Select Board Clerk also inquired about whether the MHCC would be completing the Aquatic Nuisance Control Permit Annual Reporting Reminder; Mr. Crane indicated that Phil Leonard would complete this report.

6. **New Business**

a. **Purchase of Highway Department Radios:** Mr. Woolley noted that he has received a quote for the annual cost of new radios for the Highway Department; the quote is \$3,132 before installation. The current radios are not working effectively; the Town highway crew has been using personal cell phones due to radio failure. Ms. Karle noted that there is a purchased equipment line item in the budget for \$3,500, which is not currently spoken

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PLANNING COMMISSION OPENINGS

The Mount Holly Select Board encourages candidates to submit letters of interest for two Planning Commission seats to be filled in December 2023.

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developments, the Fire Department would be very interested in being able to use the former MHVRS building for Fire Department activities. Mr. Turco noted that the Town would wait until the 30 days' "notification of ~~cler~~" period was over regarding the MHVRS's lease agreement, and would then make a decision regarding the Fire Department's use of the building.

c. **ARPA Funds Allocation for "Provision of Government Services":** Ms. Garrow made a motion to utilize the Town's remaining ARPA funds for "provision of government services;" Mark Turco seconded; unanimously approved.

d. **Generator Grant:** Mr. Chase noted that the Town's FY 2023 State Homeland Security Grant Program application was approved; this grant will cover the purchase of a new generator.

e. **2024 Rutland Regional Emergency Management Committee (REMC) Appointments:** Mr Turco made a motion to reappoint Jeff Chase as Emergency Management Director and Jon McCann as Emergency Services Representative for 2024. Mr. Turco thanked Mr. Chase for his service as EMD thus far.

f. **Transfer Station Attendant:** Mr. Turco noted that he'd like to investigate the cost of hiring a third transfer station attendant, to determine whether there is room in the budget for that position. The Select Board Clerk noted that the Board has received some input that a third attendant may help with user compliance, particularly at the scrap metal pile and scrap wood pile. Ms. Karle noted that last-minute coverage incurs overtime costs for the Town, as fill-in attendants are usually town highway workers, who have already worked a full week. She will prepare a report on potential hiring costs and benefits.

7. Ongoing & Old Business

a. **Updates Regarding EMS in Mount Holly:** The LAS is currently covering EMS in Mount Holly; the Select Board is awaiting a draft contract to review.

b. **Decision Re: Solid Waste Bids.** Mr. Chase recused himself, since he is employed by a corporation that is connected to one of the bidders. Ms. Garrow made a motion to continue with waste collection and disposal services from Casella Waste Systems; Mr. Turco seconded; unanimously approved.

c. **Junk Ordinance Complaints:** A resident of Station Road has made complaints regarding two properties on Station Road that the residents believe to be in violation of the junk ordinance. Mr. Turco noted that the Select Board clerk should issue a letter of notification regarding the violation, and that he would make a visit to the property owners. Mr. Dennis Devereux noted that there are additional properties on Route 155 and Shunpike Road that are also in violation of the ordinance. Mr. Turco instructed the Select Board Clerk to issue new letters of notification to all properties.

8. Citizen Comments

9. Announcements/Other Business

a. Town Office Closed at noon on November 22 and all day on November 23 for Thanksgiving.

10. Review & Sign Orders

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

12. Adjourn at 7:41 pm. Respectfully Submitted, Caitlin Boyle, Selectboard Clerk



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Planning Commission Town Office & Remote Electronic – Regular Meeting 20th September, 2023 7:00 P.M.

Commission members present: Jon McCann (Chair), Andrew Seward, Brigid Sullivan, Jim Seward.

Also present: Faith Tempest (Clerk), Dave Tilly, Kevin Plew, Patti Plew, Stephen Michel, Craig Fortier, Maria Fortier

1. Chair called the meeting to order at 7.01pm
2. **Changes to agenda:** Chair proposed moving public comments to item 5. Approved unanimously.
3. **Approval of minutes:** the minutes of the Special meeting held on Sept 6th and of the Regular meeting of August 16th were approved unanimously.
4. **Reports & Announcements**
 - a. **Administrative Officer:**
 - i. **BCRs were received from:**





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Board regarding the question of how (semi-permanent or permanent) campers might be regulated. Chair noted that all the known examples are rooted in zoning regulations and since Mount Holly does not have zoning this would not be a possible option at this time. Other ordinances relating to nuisance or noise may be applicable if adopted, but would not have specific reference to campers. The main concern of the Select Board seems to be taxation; they gave no clear direction on next steps, but they will need to take the issue forward. Chair shared with the Select Board the PC's resolution on a municipal planning grant for a housing study but the Select Board opted not to take action yet.; VLCT has confirmed that any regulation of Short Term Rentals would need a housing needs study as a starting point (the Select Board has shown interest in such regulation). Ludlow has a housing needs study underway, and the RRPC just completed one at a regional level. Chair will gather more information and will make another proposal at the next SB meeting in the hopes of meeting the deadline for this year's grants. The Belmont Village Plan is proceeding, with some comments already made; it should be finalized within the next two weeks. Chair reported that the Select Board has given approval for a VEM flood buyout for one property in town.

5. Public comments:

a. Maria Fortier spoke about the pavilion on Okemo View Lane adjacent to her property. It had been proposed to hold a fundraiser concert on the property which raised concerns because she and other neighbors thought it was to be used only for family weddings. Although the fundraiser was moved, neighbors wanted to express concerns about the future use of the land, specifically that it should not become a commercial venture. A statement prepared by Mary Leonard on behalf of neighbors was submitted to the PC (see attached).

Maria Fortier asked to be informed by the Tilly family of the future plans for the site.

Since Dave Tilly was present, Chair asked him if it would be possible to meet that request; Mr Tilly agreed. Chair also noted that neighbors are not discussing their concerns with the Tillys before raising them at public meetings.

Kevin Plew asked at what point there would be a change from private to commercial venue. Commissioner Andrew Seward noted that since there is no zoning, the State would need to determine this. Kevin Plew then asked how does the state know? The AO reported that following an email from Kevin Plew raising concerns about the concert she had sought opinions from the NRB District Coordinator (Act 250 questions), the DEC (wastewater issues), and the Fire Marshall (State Permit issues).



Chair noted that there is little the PC can do if there are no conditions attached to land use regulations within the purview of the Town, specifically subdivision regulations, since there is no other regulation of land use. He noted the State may act based on the facts. Commissioner Sullivan noted that any member of the public can call the State. Chair noted that if there are local laws or ordinances these may require landowners to meet State requirements, but there are no relevant ones in this case. Commissioner Jim Seward noted that there is a requirement for a permit for fireworks. Stephen Michel noted that there may be a public health issue if there are insufficient wastewater facilities and thus the Public Health Officer could limit participation.

Maria Fortier also noted access issues on the private road which provides a limited right of way to the pavilion. Dave Tilly responded that there is no commercial use of the site, and that all landowners had rights of way.

b. Following discussions at the Special meeting of 6th September, Dave Tilly presented plans and details of proposals for the Belmont General Store and post office, identifying Store property boundaries. The proposals for the building include ensuring

1. Siegordner, Jack Frost Lane (Rte 155), Chair noted adjoining landowner concerns regarding use of the lot for commercial purposes. He also noted that there were certain conditions on the approved subdivision. The AO proposed a site visit.

2. **Anderson 3492 Rte 155:** construction of a 20x24' shed

ii. **Wastewater permits issued for:**

1. **Belmont General Store:** permit provides for the same activities as that issued in 2001 (store with 4 seats, post office, a one bedroom apt and 2 bedroom apt), plus cider washing facilities with wastewater to be disposed of off-site.

b. **Planning Commission Chair:**

Chair had provided a response from VLCT to the Select



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ADA access to both the Store and the Post Office, providing better access for post office vehicles to the building, and installing a diesel tank in the Store basement. There would be some adjustment to the footprint of the building but it would still be within the Store property boundaries. Mr. Tilly said the proposals would also allow the installation of a stop sign at the corner of Belmont Road and Tarbellville Road should the town agree to that. Mr. Tilly asked who he should discuss these proposals with beyond the PC.

Chair proposed sharing the drawings with Michael Allen who is putting the Belmont Village Plan together. He also suggested that the Select Board may also be interested in seeing the proposals, given the transportation and possible parking issues. Mr. Tilly was asked to submit a new BCR since the footprint of the building would be changed. The AO noted that it was the property owner's

responsibility to ensure that all State permit requirements were met.

- 6. Correspondence
 - a. Subdivision proposals: none
 - b. Email / Other: none
- 7. New business
 - a. Update BCR form: the Chair had circulated proposed changes to the BCR form which make clearer the property owner's responsibility to meet state requirements. Commissioner Sullivan moved to approve the updated form, seconded by the Chair, approved unanimously.
- 8. Unfinished business
 - a. Update "Information for Homeowners" guide. Chair had circulated an updated draft. Members of the Select Board had asked for clearer guidance on the local ordinances. Commissioner Andrew Seward



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suggested it could be further improved, but it was agreed that it could be used as is for the time being.



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- b. Town Plan:
 - i. Approve draft for public hearing: given further comments received from RRPC, this item was postponed.
 - ii. Schedule public hearing: this is not yet possible given the need for further changes to the draft Plan.
 - iii. Revisions to Town Plan: Chair had made changes in response to comments and guidance from RRPC. Commissioner Schulz had proposed revisions via email. An outstanding issue is the scale and type of economic growth and where such activity is expected to happen or not happen. Chair asked PC members for thoughts on how this could be defined and in the meantime will propose text. Chair noted that one issue not mentioned in the Town Plan is the reappraisal being undertaken now; Commissioner Sullivan said that this is not appropriate for the Town Plan. Chair stated that the effects of the reappraisal on economic development are significant and thus it should

be included. Chair noted that more information is required on housing. There is some information on long term rentals. A discussion on how to address issues of affordable housing followed, including how to address long term housing needs through regulation of short-term rentals. Chair noted that the need to address comments and the requirements for review and approval mean that it will not complete as soon as hoped, and an additional special meeting will be needed next month.

- iv. Chair proposed that the PC should aim to have a public hearing by 15th November (regular meeting)
- 9. Upcoming meetings: Next special meeting October 4th 2023, 7.00pm next regular meeting October 18th 2023, 7.00pm.
- 10. Chair adjourned the meeting at 9.31pm For the Commission, Faith Tempest, Planning Commission Clerk

Planning Commission Town Office & Remote Electronic – Special Work Meeting Minutes October 4th, 2023, 6:00 P.M.

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

Also Present: Faith Tempest, Stephen Michel

1. Chair called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.
2. **Changes to agenda:** Chair added two items to the agenda: (i) to approve a report for neighboring municipalities and the State regarding the Town Plan; (ii) to agree the required print materials for the Town Plan hearing.

3. **Unfinished business**

a. **Town Plan**

i. Approve draft for public hearing: Chair noted that if the draft Town Plan is approved, it can be shared with neighboring municipalities and the State, which will start the 30 day notice period for a public hearing. Commissioner Sullivan asked who has to receive a copy. Chair confirmed that it should be shared with Planning Commissions of abutting municipalities (or the Town Clerk), the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), and the Executive Director of the Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC). Following the public hearing a final draft will be prepared before going to the Select Board for another hearing. Chair gave an overview of all changes to the draft made since the September regular meeting. The majority of the changes were made to satisfy the statutory requirements as communicated by the RRPC. Some language had been updated to ensure that the Plan is robust enough to ensure that State Act 250 proceedings take account of the Town's views. Other changes reflected more specificity. Chair shared final versions of the Town Plan maps along with an additional map of the village center which he proposed adding. The village center map shows the current village center designation boundary which may or may not be revised during the upcoming renewal. Commissioner Schulz moved to approve the draft Town Plan and issue notice of the hearing. Commissioner Sullivan seconded. Motion passed.

ii. **Approve report for neighboring municipalities and State authorities:** along with the draft Town Plan, a requirement of the Statute (24 V.S.A. § 4382) is to provide a summary report of the Town Plan to Planning Commission chairs of abutting municipalities, the Executive Director of RRPC, and DHCD. Chair had circulated a copy of this report to PC members in advance of the meeting. Commissioner Schulz endorsed the report prepared by the Chair, and also proposed that a short FAQ about the Plan be prepared in advance of the hearing. Commissioner Sullivan moved to approve the report, seconded by Commissioner Andrew Seward, motion approved unanimously. [Commissioner Schulz left the meeting].

iii. **Schedule public hearing:** Chair had circulated a proposed notice with a date of 15th November at 6 pm. Commissioner Andrew Seward proposed holding the hearing in the Town Office to take advantage of the AV facilities. Chair proposed that the hearing should be an hour with the possibility of running into the time of the regular PC meeting.

Commissioner Andrew Seward moved to hold the public hearing on Nov 15th at 6 pm, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan. Motion carried unanimously.

iv. **Agree on print materials or other written materials for the public hearing:** Chair has asked the RRPC if they can produce large size maps at no cost for the hearing, but is still awaiting a response. Chair proposed waiting until the next meeting to decide if copies of all maps should be made if RRPC cannot provide them for free. Chair proposed printing 10 copies of the plan itself. Commissioner Sullivan suggested outsourcing this. Commissioner Andrew Seward asked if it would be helpful for RRPC to come to the public hearing, particularly to clarify any of the statutory or regulatory requirements. Chair will ask Logan Soloman if he can attend.

4. **Public comments:** Alison Weintraub had commented that an FAQ would be helpful to clarify why the Town Plan is being updated and what is being done (see item 3.a.ii above). Stephen Michel asked about providing links to electronic copies of the maps. Chair confirmed they are on the Mount Holly town website, and will be in the Town Office in large format once approved.

5. **Upcoming meetings:** Regular Planning Commission Meeting 18th October

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6. Meeting adjourned at 8:46pm. For the Commission, Faith Tempest (Clerk)

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

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

Also present: Faith Tempest (Clerk), Alissa Tilly, Mike Shanahan

1. Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm
2. Changes to agenda: Chair noted that the agenda item BCR update was mistakenly held over from the last meeting, but had been resolved and so will remove this from the agenda.

3. Approval of minutes

a. The minutes of the regular meeting held on September 20th and the Special Meeting held on 4th October were approved unanimously.

4. Reports & Announcements

a. Administrative Officer

i. **BCR for Siegardner Jack Frost Lane:** The parcel in question had previously been sub-divided and because of changes from a major to minor subdivision, along with incorrect details on this and earlier BCR forms, there was some uncertainty regarding boundaries and what WW permits were applicable. AO made a site visit and reviewed WW permits and subdivision history. She confirmed that the proposed construction is compliant with the State issued wastewater permit and subdivision conditions including the stream buffer.

ii. **“Crowley Fields”, Healdville Road:** Following a request by Craig Fortier, District NRB Coordinator Quin Mann has issued a jurisdictional opinion noting that activities on this property do not trigger Act 250. Commissioner Schulz asked for clarification about whether this was based on current activity; AO confirmed that it is.

b. Planning Commission Chair

i. **Mount Holly Rescue Squad:** the Select Board has received notice that the Rescue Squad will be dissolved at the end of October and will hold a special meeting on October 26 to discuss the future of EMS. The Commission should review the proposed Town Plan to consider what amendments may need to be made.

ii. The Town Plan Hearing on November 15 has been properly warned and all the relevant authorities have confirmed receipt.

iii. **The 2022 Municipal Planning Grant** is being completed, with a final report on the Belmont Village Plan to come out shortly. The last item related to this is to send a mailer to gauge interest in a community septic system. The Chair shared a copy of the mailer for comments. If there is little interest in a community septic system, it is unlikely to move ahead. Commissioner Sullivan asked if there was interest in such systems in other parts of the town, say Tarbellville (beyond the village) would they be able to add to this system? The Chair noted that potential funding is mainly for village centers so it may be difficult to fund. Commissioner Schulz asked if the survey could be returned anonymously and at the same time allow for monitoring of responses. He noted that people may be unwilling to admit to having a failing septic if this information is not confidential. The Chair will consider how to address this, including having an electronic return option.

iv. A 2024 MPG application has been approved by the Select Board. The State is emphasizing housing this year, and it is in the Town Plan to undertake a housing study which could be funded by an MPG. Town Treasurer Liz Karle has offered to help with the application.

5. Correspondence

a. **Subdivision proposals:** None.

6. Unfinished Business

a. Town Plan

i. **Fact sheet for hearing:** The Chair and Commissioner Schulz have put together a fact sheet which is more succinct than the report for neighboring municipalities. Chair proposed reading it

at the hearing. The notice has appeared in the Vermont Journal and been posted in the relevant physical locations.

ii. **Printed materials for hearing:** Chair confirmed that RRPC will print maps and he will try to get them to produce all 9. Ultimately, after adoption, we may need to print high quality ones. For the hearing, the maps should be on display. Chair will get more copies of the Plan made at Staples (based on a quote for cost of 10 copies of the Plan for public and 6 for PC members). There are copies of the Town Plan in the Town office for public neighboring towns to review. Chair asked the Clerk to make



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copies of the FAQ available. Commissioner Schulz made a motion to authorize the Chair or Clerk to arrange for maps to be printed at Staples if RRPC cannot print all of them. Motion approved unanimously.

7. **Public Comments:** None
8. **Upcoming meetings**
 - a. **Regular meeting:** 15th November 2023 following the public hearing.
9. Meeting adjourned at 7.45pm. For the Commission, Faith Tempest, Planning Commission Clerk



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What a beautiful and serene setting inside and out! Many attending lunch recalled the previous usages of the facility including the original Hole #1 of the old Fox Run Golf Course. To fully and correctly explain this wonderful facility and program the following is from the Divided Sky web site. Divided Sky is located in Ludlow, VT - open to all. Good Luck and Thank



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Picture top right: Ludlow Rotarians held their Nov. 7 meeting at Divided Sky Residential Recovery Retreat. From left: Mary Crowley, Melanie Gulde (Divided Sky director), Tom Ray (Ludlow Rotary pres.) Frank



Heald and Susan Starr-Adams.

Picture bottom right: Divided Sky Foundation director Melanie Gulde explains the program tenets of Recovery, Community and Connection.

Ludlow Rotary Honors Revered Teacher Heidi Baitz

At their October 24th meeting the Ludlow Rotary Club surprised Ludlow Elementary's long time 6th grade teacher, Heidi Baitz, by presenting her with its annual Vocational Service Award. Baitz, who retired in June, thought she was going to a craft show with her sister at the United Church of Ludlow. She arrived to find the Ludlow Rotary Club meeting where she was the honored guest. Her husband, Mike Normyle was there waiting as well.

Rotary's Past President Jim Rumrill emceed the awards ceremony listing many of Baitz's outstanding contributions during her 38 year career at Ludlow Elementary School. Heidi coached 6th grade teams for Odyssey of the Mind for many years, qualifying for Worlds two times. She worked with parents and students to fundraise for field trips to Boston and Washington, D.C. Rumrill and Bruce Schmidt shared tributes from former students to Mrs. Baitz, crediting her for setting them on the road to success.

Mrs. Baitz always made sure the students were involved in community service, helping them understand the importance of it. Sharon Bixby spoke about Baitz's role in her students' developing permanent exhibits at Black River Academy Museum,

including historic downtown Ludlow, and the Floods of 2011 compared to 1927. Baitz was the epitome of a comprehensive educator, according to former Town Manager Frank Heald who added that "if you searched Wikipedia for "Educator", the definition would read Heidi Baitz."

Given the chance to speak at the end, Heidi stated that she loved her job, which made it so wonderful to work for so many years with Ludlow's students and their families. She was presented with flowers as well as the Vocational Service Award.

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.

Photo by Kim Lampert pictured Heidi Baitz receives Vocational Service Award from Rotary's Past President Jim Rumrill. By Brigid Sullivan

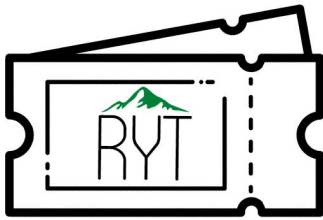


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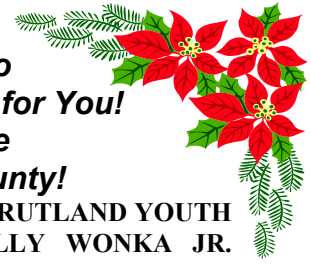
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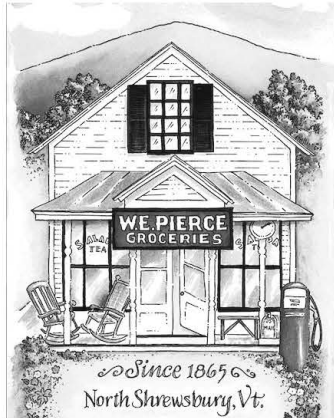
In Roald Dahl's *Willy Wonka JR.*, a world-famous reclusive candy man named Willy Wonka announces that he will offer the tour of the lifetime through his secret chocolate factory to five children who find a golden ticket in one of his world-famous candy bars. One ticket-holder will also win a lifetime supply of chocolate. Against all odds, an impoverished but sweet-natured boy named Charlie Bucket wins a golden ticket. He and his fellow tour members — the spoiled-rotten Veruca Salt, gluttonous Augustus Gloop, gum-chewing Violet Beauregarde and television junkie Mike Teavee — spend a day traveling with the mysterious and marvelous Willy Wonka and his crew of Oompa Loompas through the fantastical factory. The children encounter marvelous sights and tastes along the way, including giant nut-selecting squirrels, fizzy lifting drinks, Everlasting Gobstoppers, and a chocolate river. But each stop proves to be a test, as only one can go on to win the Wonka prize.

Roald Dahl's *Willy Wonka JR.* is adapted for the stage by Leslie Bricusse and Timothy Allen McDonald. The show features lyrics and music by Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley, including beloved songs "The Candy Man," "I Want It Now!", and "Pure Imagination" from the classic film *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*.

Rutland will have its own tour of Willy Wonka's secret factory when Rutland Youth Theatre presents Roald Dahl's *Willy Wonka JR.* on December 8th at 7pm and December 9th at 2PM and 7PM at Paramount Theatre, 30 Center Street, Rutland, Vermont. Golden tickets are \$15 + tax/fees for Adults and \$10 + tax/fees for children under 18 and Seniors 65+. For more information please call the Box Office at (802) 775-0570 or visit <https://www.paramountvt.org/event/rutland-youth-theatre-presents-willy-wonka-jr/>.

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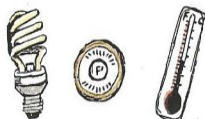


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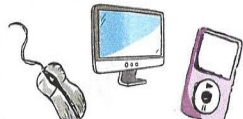
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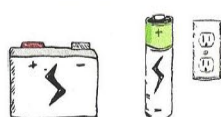


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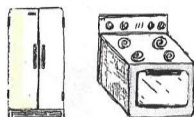
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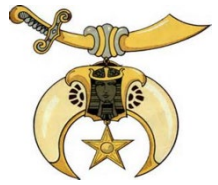
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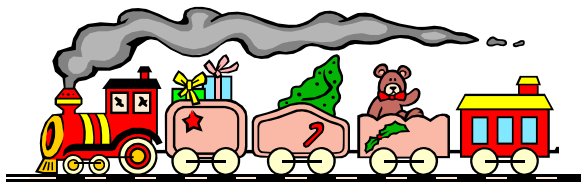
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