



Mount Holly Chit Chat

50/2

April 2024

PC Administrator Office Hours: Tues 2-3 pm or by Appointment 802-259-2391 administrative.orricer@mounthollyvt.org

Church Listing on back page “Who’s Got It Locally?”

Mount Holly Community Association – Contact MHCAVT@gmail.com

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

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

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TRANSFER SITE: Sat. 8 am-2 pm & Sun. 9 am-12 pm ~ Summer Hours Start ~ Last Sun Apr 7th -Wed Apr 10, 4pm-7pm

	1 st		<i>All Fools’ Day</i>	
	2 nd	MH Snow Flyers Meeting, Poulin Residence, 798 Hortonville Rd & Via Zoom		7:00 pm
		Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library	<i>World Autism Day</i>	7:00 pm
		Mount Holly Conservation Commission	<i>Hans Christian Anderson 1805</i>	7:00 pm
	3 rd	Mt. Holly PTSA Meeting, MH School	<i>Washington Irving 1856</i>	6:00 pm
	4 th	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Fire Station	<i>NATO Est 1949</i>	7:00 pm
			<i>Martin Luther King Jr Assassinated 1968</i>	
			<i>Booker T Washington 1856</i>	
Sat	6 th		<i>Persian Gulf War Ends 1991</i>	
Sun	7 th		<i>Metris System 1795</i>	
	9 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	<i>Civil War Ends 1865</i>	9:00 am
		Select Board Meeting, Town Office & Zoom		6:00 pm
	10 th	LMHUUS Meeting,		6:00 pm
		ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		7:00 pm
	11 th	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	<i>Persian Gulf War Official Cease Fire 1991</i>	7:00 pm
			<i>Jackie Robinson First African-American Major League Baseball Player First Base for Brooklyn Dodger 1947</i>	
Sat	13 th		<i>Trout Season Opens ~ 3rd Pres Thomas Jefferson 1743</i>	
Sun	14 th		<i>Pan-American Day 1890 ~ Titanic Struck Iceberg 1912</i>	
	15 th		<i>America’s First School for Deaf Founded 1817 ~ Leonardo Da Vinci 1452 ~ Tax Day</i>	
			<i>Titanic Sank 1912</i>	
			<i>Wilbur Wright 1867</i>	
	16 th			
	17 th	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont		6:30 pm
		Mount Holly Planning Commission, MH Town Office & Via Zoom		7:00 pm
	18 th	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations	<i>Paul Revere Midnight Ride 1775</i>	7:00 pm
	19 th		<i>Revolutionary War Began 1775</i>	
	22 nd		<i>Passover Begins ~ “Easter Seals” 1919 ~ Earth Day</i>	
	23 rd	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	<i>Full Pink Moon</i>	9:00 am
		Mason Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge, E. Wallingford	<i>William Shakespeare b&d 1564-1616</i>	7:30 pm
	24 th	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	<i>Administrative Professionals Day</i>	7:00 pm
	25 th	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station		7:00 pm
	26 th		<i>John James Audubon 1785 ~ National Arbor Day 1872</i>	
Sat	27 th		<i>Youth Turkey Weekend Start ~ 18th Pres Ulysses S. Grant 1822</i>	
Sun	28 th		<i>Youth Turkey Weekend Ends ~ 5th Pres James Monroe 1758</i>	
	29 th		<i>Holocaust Remembrance Day Est 1979</i>	
	30 th		<i>Vietnam War Ends 1975 ~ Passover Ends</i>	



Emergency Services

MH Fire Dept. Chief Bill Austin	910-915-5954	802-259-27700	911	Poison Control	(802) 658-3456
MH Fire Warden – Jim Seward	802-786-3408		802-259-2211	American Red Cross	802-773-9159
Ludlow Ambulance Service Non-Emergency	802-228-2880		911	Game Warden – Tim Carey	802-773-9101
MH Constable	NONE			Health Officer – Chad Farrar	802-342-1366
MH Animal Control	Cell text only 802-		H 802-	Vermont State Police	802-773-9101

Send ARTICLES to: Diana Garrow, 3379 Shunpike Rd., Mt. Holly, VT 05758 Phone 802-259-2314 or E-Mail to chitchat@vermontel.net
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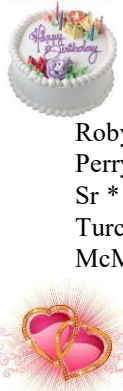
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April Birthdays: 1st-John Seward 3rd-Samantha Freedman 4th-Carol Pike 5th-Amanda Surething 8th- Bob Garrow * Jeff Carrara 9th-Eliza Hudak * TJ Milks 12th-Jean Palmer * Carlos Bickford * Tobi Macey 14th-Mallary Flanders * Melissa Garrow-Kent 16th-Jamie Carrara 17th-Noah Koponen 18th-Robyn Lewis * Todd Bussino Sr 21st-Alexander Bussino * Melissa Perry 22nd-Kai Lewis 24th-Vincent Turco * Eric Holt Jr * Eric Holt Sr * Beverly Stearns * Randy Hawkins 25th-Jeff Keller 26th-Nicolas Turco * Samantha Norton 27th-Mary Ellen Jacobs 28th-Danielle McMahon * Lisa Hendee 29th-Cassie Wilkins * Ian D.F. Miller

April Anniversaries: 15th-Steve & Nicole Lewis (2015) 16th-Dick & Nancy Tilton 18th-Randy & Tammy Hawkins

If you would like to add or remove yours or a family members birthday and or anniversary from the list please send the information to me at the above address or e-mail me at chitchat@vermontel.net or call me at 802-259-2314.



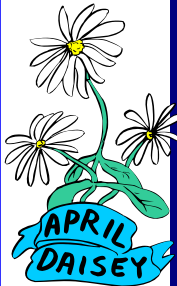
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Mount Holly 802-259-2796
Window Mon – Fri 8:00 am – 10:00 am
& 2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
Sat 7:30 am – 10:30 am
Lobby Hours: Mon – Fri 8:00 am – 4:45 pm
Belmont Lobby Open 24/7 802-259-2790
Window Mon – Fri 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
P.O. Box Mail Available After 10:00 am
Sat 8:00 am – 10:45 am

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

Cuttingsville/Shrewsbury 802-492-3585
Window Hours Mon – Fri 7:30 am – 10:30 am
& 11:30 am – 2:30 pm
Sat 8:00 am – 11:00 am
Lobby Hours Mon – Fri 7:30 am – 5:00 pm
Sat 7:30 am – 11:00 am

Ludlow 802-228-7436
Post Master: Dawn Howlett
Lobby Hours: Mon – Fri 6:30 am – 5:30 pm
Sat 6:30 am – 11:00 am
Window Hours: Mon – Fri 8:30 am – 5:00 pm
Sat 8:30 am – 10:30 am
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MEMBERSHIP IN CORPORATION: Open to all who live, work, or own property in Mount Holly and who make an annual donation of any amount.

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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Join us in community to
celebrate the life of
Penelope (Penny) Coldwell

Saturday, May 18th at 4 o'clock
Odd Fellows Hall in Belmont, Vermont
•ceremony & potluck supper
•live music and dancing
*in the spirit of community, please BYOB and
bring a dish to share!*

Mount Holly, Vermont and John Charles of San Francisco, California; and three grandchildren, Bene Adams, Kyril Adams and Jessica Lawrence and a great granddaughter who is expected in April of this year. She was pre-deceased by her father, Robert Cram, mother, Nellie (Wrisley) Cram and a sister, Martha Birdsall.
Arrangements for a memorial are pending.

TOWN CEMETERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for a few volunteers to mow or trim in our town cemeteries. Most are small and no longer active, so nice and quiet. Towns are required to provide some maintenance, so they need to be trimmed about 3 times between June and October. The only town cemetery currently being used is the Packer Cemetery that recently came over to the town. The large Mechanicsville Cemetery in Belmont is a private association.

MOUNT HOLLY TRANSFER STATION

SPRING/SUMMER HOURS

Begin

WEDNESDAYS, 4 pm to 7 pm

SATURDAYS, 8 am to 2 pm

Last Sunday is April 7th
First Wednesday is April 10th
Closed Sunday April 14th

REMINDER: STICKERS ONLY, NO CASH

William H. Johnson

William H. Johnson, 73, of Belmont died Thursday March 14, 2024 at Rutland Regional Medical Center. He was born in Bennington October 28, 1950 the son of Harold and Dorothy (Jacob) Johnson. William was a self-employed auto and heavy equipment mechanic and for twenty-eight years he was employed by Okemo Mountain Resort. He enjoyed his horses, mules, his dog and riding his motorcycle. Surviving are his wife Patricia (Coleman) Johnson of Belmont, two step-sons, Marshal Raymond of West Rutland and Jeremy Raymond of Rutland and close friends, Steve and Cathy Flanders of Belmont. There are no services planned at this time. Arrangements are under the direction of Clifford Funeral Home in Rutland



Joyce Marie (Cram) Rullan

Joyce Marie (Cram) Rullan died at the age of 81 on November 21, 2023 at her home in Wallkill, New York. She was born in Vergennes, Vermont at the William Coty farmhouse on February 20th, 1942. She was the daughter of Robert and Nellie (Wrisley) Cram.

In the late 1050's, she attended the one room Hemingway School House on South Hill in Ludlow, Vermont. She attended Wallkill High School in Wallkill, New York.

She worked for EPCO Inc. in Wallkill, NY for 35 years as a finisher for soldering transformer coils for IBM and the Government. She was a homemaker and was very good at hand crafts and especially drawing portraits. She was a member of the Mid-Hudson Church in Wallkill where she started a swap shed and worked at the food pantry.

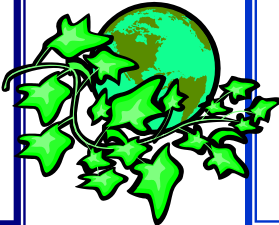
Survivors include her husband of 56 years, Jaime; a daughter, Debra Adams (Keith) of Charlotte, North Carolina, and a son, Jaime Rullan II of Wallkill, NY; two sisters, Mary Nortunen of Mount Holly, Vermont and Betty Jean Cram of Wallkill, NY; two brothers, Robert Cram of

Notice: All Invited
Mechanicsville Cemetery
Monthly Volunteer Clean Up Schedule

1st Tuesday of each month 2024

May 7 th , 6 pm		June 4 th , 8 am
July 2 nd , 6 pm		Aug 6 th , 8 am
Sept 3 rd , 6 pm		Oct 1 st , 8 am

If interested, please contact me with a message at 802-259-2460 or ddevereux@vermontel.net for a site visit. Mount Holly Town Cemetery Commissioners: Dennis Devereux, Paul Nevin, Chet Gates, Jr.



Bone Builders
Monday & Thursday Mornings
9:00 am
Mount Holly Community Center
For Weights and more information
Call Judy Nevin 802-259-2443

March 2024, Trestleboard Mt. Moriah Lodge #96
Sap Bucket Degree Saturday 4/06 10:30 AM ~ Next meeting Tuesday 4/23 7:30PM



Brothers,

We will be installing our officers for the ensuing year at this meeting. PGM's George Deblon and Earl Washburn will be the installing officers.

July 27th will be our Ham dinner fundraising date this year. That has been changed from the 20th that was reported in last month's Trestleboard.. I know it's early to be talking about a dinner in July, but the Odd Fellows are lining up available dinner dates for the year. Hilary Sweezyhurst will be the chef again this year.

The Sap Bucket Degree will be on Saturday April 6th at King Solomon Lodge #45 in Bellows Falls beginning at 10:30 AM for the first section, 12PM lunch @ \$20 per person, followed by the second section beginning at 1PM.. Fraternaly, Dennis Start, WM - Buster Seward, Sec'y

NOTICE DOG OWNERS

All dogs must be licensed by Monday April 1st, 2024. If your dog is no longer living please call the town clerk at 802-259-2391 so she can remove them from the list.

The registration fee is as listed below until April 1st.

Male or Female Neutered or Spayed - \$11.00 per dog
Male or Female Unneutered or Un-Spayed - \$15.00 per dog

Registration Fee will increase after April 1st, 2024, to:

Male or Female Neutered or Spayed - \$13.00 per dog
Male or Female Unneutered or Un-Spayed \$19.00 per dog

Please use registration form provided here fill out with your information and mail to the town office using the following address.



Make Checks payable to:

Town of Mount Holly
P.O. Box 248
Mount Holly, VT 05758



Save the Date!

Mount St. Joseph Academy will be hosting its Annual Live & Silent Auction IN PERSON this year! Please join us on Saturday April 27, 2024 from 6 pm -10 pm in the Martin McDonough Gymnasium at Mount St. Joseph Academy. Tickets are \$15 presale per person/ \$20 at the Door, with a cash bar available (21 and older only); light Hors d'oeuvres; 50/50; and plenty of time to dance! You are able to purchase tickets through the Development Office at [802-775-0151](tel:802-775-0151) ~ Ext. 2015 or via Email to Carly Ward at cward@msjvermont.org. If you are interested, auction item donations are still being accepted, please use the above contacts to do so. We look forward to seeing you there!

With sincere appreciation, Carly Ward MSJ Director of Development & Alumni Relations <https://www.msjvermont.org>.

ANIMAL LICENSE

Town of Mount Holly, Vermont

NO.

THIS CERTIFIES that _____, the undersigned, is the owner or keeper.

of an animal kept at _____

_____ Telephone: _____

and described as follows: **NAME** _____ **AGE** _____ **YRS** _____ **MOS**

SIZE: _____ **SEX:** _____ **COLOR:** _____ **BREED:** _____

AND IS THE ANIMAL DESCRIBED IN **EXPIRATION**
RABIES VACCINATION CERTIFICATE NO: _____ **DATE:** _____

DATED: _____ SIGNATURE OF
OWNER OR KEEPER: _____

In reliance on the above certificate and the payment fee of \$ _____ the animal above described is licensed for the period ending _____.

DATED: _____ MOUNT HOLLY TOWN CLERK

Dogs and Hybrids must wear a collar with license tag attached thereto.

A Thank You Letter to Trip and Debbie

My first memory of Harry's is hearing from my dad that a guy from Block Island was going to open a Thai restaurant in Roger Scully's old bar and, according to my dad, the new restaurant was "never going to make it." (Dad was always the optimist). 35 years later, this entire community is mourning the loss of our neighborhood restaurant while at the same time toasting Trip and Debbie in their retirement. In doing so, we are cherishing decades of memories that have shaped each of us. Harry's was a physical place, but it was so much more than that. I want to share some of my memories of this amazing place and the loving people who shaped 35 of the 42 years of my life.

My dad and Rodney Cole were hired to install the necessary septic system as part of Trip's purchase from Roger Scully. After Harry's was up and running, Trip hired my mom as a waitress. This was great news for Trip and mom and terrible news for me and my brother. Now, Eric and I had to eat dad's fried cube steak and onions multiple times a week. Yes, you read that correctly, fried cube steak and onions. He would throw everything in the cast iron pan and, regardless of the color the food started, it all took on the same brown hue by the time it made it to the plates. This is the same guy who was adamant that no one in our small town was going to appreciate Thai food. Joke's on you, dad.

My mom made incredible friendships with the other women who worked at Harry's. They supported each other while raising kids in a remote and small community. They laughed together while working long hours to feed so many of us. When I was 13, and after years of begging, Trip finally agreed to give me my first and favorite job. I guess it was technically my second job since I babysat for Trip's kids, Anna and Adrian, before landing my dream job. Babysitting was not my calling – but working with the amazing people at Harry's was. I bussed tables at Harry's from 1995 to 2000. I grew up so much in those years. I had the privilege of working with and learning from Debbie, Vera Conroy, Maryanne Gagner, and Karen Sachey. These women were smart, strong, beautiful, and hilariously funny. They were my first and most important role models.

Harry's created a space for our community to connect and share phenomenal food. So many of us were in pictures under the glass on the tables in the bar. The kids from Mt. Holly got to see their art on the menus. Trip and Debbie hired kids from throughout the community to bus tables and wash dishes. Those jobs kept so many of us out of trouble and instilled in us a work ethic that has served us well.

Many of us grew up and moved away from home. I left for college in Colorado 24 years ago and still live near the (non-green) mountains. However, during my annual pilgrimages back to my childhood home, I *always* made time for dinner at Harry's. There are some highs and lows of life that can only be properly celebrated/survived with a hug from Debbie and Trip's pad thai. Danny Meyer might have been referencing Harry's when he wrote: "A great restaurant is one that just makes you feel like you're not sure whether you went out or you came home and confuses you." Harry's was synonymous with coming home for many.

Trip and Debbie gave so much to this community. Over the last 35 years they cooked for us, celebrated with us, mourned with us, and created a community space that cannot be replaced. Trip and Debbie touched so many of our lives in the most important ways. I know I am not alone in expressing my utmost gratitude for Trip, Debbie, and Harry's.

Trip and Debbie, I hope you both appreciate the impact you have made on this community. You gave to us in a way we can never give back. You left your mark on all of us, one plate at a time.

I hope you both enjoy your well-earned retirement and find time to honor your contributions to this community in your new free time. I have one parting piece of advice – when mom and dad invite you over for dinner, just make sure dad isn't cooking his "famous" fried cube steak and onions. Jamie (Ludwig) Cotter

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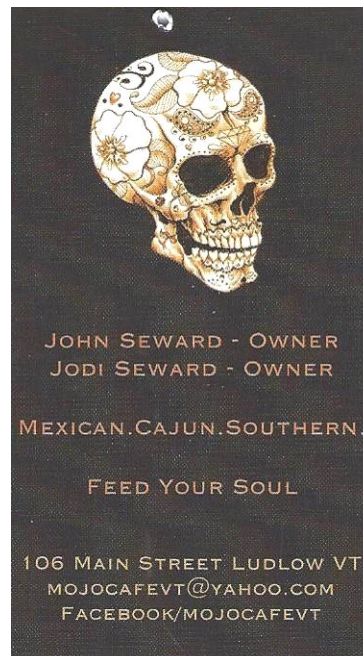
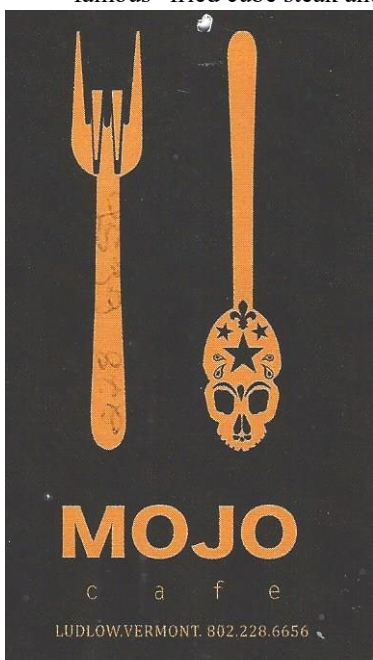
Mojo Café Reopens

We are very happy to be open in our new location at 145 Main Street in the Mill Building at the former Café at Delight location. We are back to our normal hours, Tuesday through Saturday 4 ppm-9 pm. Our online menu is live at 2 pm on the days we are open and can be found at

mojocafevt.com

mojocafevt@yahoo.com

[FaceBook/MOJO CafeVT](https://www.facebook.com/MOJO CafeVT)



BUSTING THE MYTHS

"YOUR TAXES WILL GO UP 20%"

FALSE

THE SCHOOL BUDGET IS NOT THE BOND.

VOTING 'NO' ON THE SCHOOL BUDGET:

- MEANS LOSING TEACHERS & STAFF
- GUTS OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS
- DEVASTATES OUR CHILDREN
- DEMORALIZES OUR COMMUNITY

VOTING 'YES' ON THE SCHOOL BUDGET:

- UTILIZES STATE (NOT LOCAL) MONEY
- PROTECTS ALL OF OUR CHILDREN'S BEST INTERESTS
- SUPPORTS A STRONGER COMMUNITY

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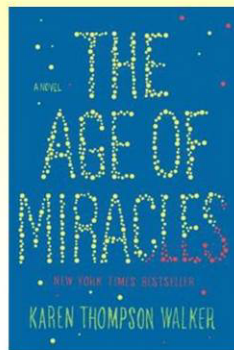
Fletcher Memorial Library

The Friends Book Club will meet on Wednesday, 4/10, at 6PM at Fletcher Memorial Library. We are reading *The Age of Miracles* by Karen Thompson Walker.

The Age of Miracles is a beautiful novel of catastrophe and survival, growth and change, the story of Julia and her family as they struggle to live in an extraordinary time. Karen Thompson Walker gives us a breathtaking story of people finding ways to go on, in an ever-evolving world. Copies of the book are available at Fletcher Memorial Library.

This book was chosen to complement the upcoming Solar Eclipse! If you are in need of eclipse glasses, please stop by the library.

"Friends" of Fletcher Memorial Library Present



The Age of Miracles

By Karen Thompson Walker
Book Discussion on Wed 4/10 @ 6PM

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Copies Available

Please Join Us
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802-228-8921



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Ludlow, VT



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**Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> @ 10am**  
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Meet in the garage driveway

**101 eggs**  
**50 eggs with prizes inside**  
**50 dyed hard-boiled eggs**  
**One "golden" egg**

Enjoy complimentary hot chocolate  
Please pre-register at pierce's



**\*\*\* Hall Rental in Belmont \*\*\***

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## MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY NEWS

APRIL 2024



### Welcome to Mud Season!

Remember that we are going to witness a total eclipse of the Sun on April 8th. Get ready by making sure your eyes are protected when viewing. You can do this by picking up your pair of eclipse viewing glasses at the Mount Holly Town Library. First come, first served, limited to 4 pairs per family.

### Some of the new titles at the Library:

Once There Was by Kiyash Monsef

Never Too Late by Danielle Steel

After Annie by Anna Quindlen

The Atlas Maneuver by Steve Berry

The Hunter by Tana French

Manhattan Short Film Festival past finalists vols 7 & 8 (DVD)

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Belmont, VT 05730

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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. Mount Holly Snow Flyers, Kim Lampert, Secretary

## Mount Holly Snow Flyers

Our hopes are high . . . for a snowier 2024-25 season. As we move from one season and onto the next our club volunteers will work behind the scenes. Our trail system is always a high priority and we will assess the trails after mud season; the fifth season for Vermont!

Our club will be holding a 2024-25 TMA raffle soon. For just \$10 you can be entered into the drawing to win a TMA. We hope you will purchase a ticket or two. Proceeds will benefit the club groomer operations.

Our new club groomer arrived just as most of our trails shut down due to the lack of snow. We were able to take "Ziggy" for a test drive. Rest assured Ziggy is all tucked away for the next couple seasons and will be ready to go next winter. We wanted to sincerely thank the Shrewsbury Sno Birds for helping groom this past season. It is good to have a great neighboring snowmobile club that will assist when need be.

We will be hosting our golf outing on Friday, September 27, 2024. Mark your calendars now for this date! We hope to make this an annual event for our club and its members.


We are also planning a landowner's BBQ for the fall. Stay tuned! As always, we sincerely appreciate all landowners and their willingness to work with our club and know that it is a privilege to ride on your land; not a given right.

Our club continues to sell clothing apparel. Visit us online for options.

Follow us on Facebook. Our website is: [www.mounthollysnowflyers.org](http://www.mounthollysnowflyers.org).

Our next club meeting is Tuesday, April 2, 2024. Our club meets on the first Tuesday of the month. Zoom options are available. Please consider joining in





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Mount Holly School

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Wednesday, May 29, 2024  
3:00—4:00 p.m.  
By Appointment  
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For children who will be 5 years old  
on or before August 31, 2024

Please bring the following:

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

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



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

## News from MHCA

April - whaaaaaat ... we know questioning minds want to know what happened to the March edition of the MHCA news; well unfortunately we had some technical difficulties and the news never made it to the Chit Chat inbox. What a disappointment for our readers and for that we apologize! We were able to send it out to those on our membership list and posted it March 1st in the Newsflash but it's not the same as reading it in the Chit Chat now is it? But enough said, mom always said don't cry over spilled milk - so we move on to April.

And how we love April (mud season - not so much), April for MHCA means it's time to dust off your dancing shoes or just hose down the dancing boots because it's the **SPRING MUD FLING DANCE!** Start training now so you won't be out of breath when you get your boogie on **Saturday April 20th; the fun starts at 7pm and will end at 11pm.** "Tickets" can be purchased for **\$12.00 prior to the event or at the door for \$15.00.** We have advanced in our technological abilities and for those who are inclined can scan the QR code at the bottom of this article or on our website [www.mhcavt.org](http://www.mhcavt.org) to pay electronically for your dance ticket OR you may pay via check or cash. If you prefer to pay in advance (via check) please have your envelope postmarked no later than Monday April 15th. Send it to MHCA PO Box 93, Belmont VT, 05730. We are thrilled to have Carlos Ocasio and his Vermont based band - Frydaddy, who have been performing original and classic blues, soul, & rock-n-roll for decades, headlining our event. You know this is some serious 'get your groove on' dance music. We believe this will be the best one yet, so come on out and join us, we can't wait to see you there!

As avid chit chat readers know we have been highlighting our Board Members so you can get to know us. This month we'd like to introduce our newest board member and local artist Zhenia Hadar. Zhenia says "community doesn't just happen, it takes effort and involvement" and, with some contemplation about her life in Mount Holly, she decided to join the MHCA Board as her way to help create and nurture a sense of community. Zhenia has lived in Vermont for 15 years, initially being drawn for skiing and having her two children, now adults, participate in Okemo ski school. And, as it happens with many, she fell in love with our little green mountain state and decided to put down some roots.

Zhenia divides her work life into two categories: work of the brain and work of the heart. She has spent time in the corporate world in public relations, teaching at a Montessori school, raising children, and then going back to school to become a licensed professional counselor. When you meet her you'll just have a feeling that she is someone who would be really easy to talk with. Some of you may know Zhenia from her artwork, she has participated in Cider Days and last year she displayed her now famous work 'The Men of Mount Holly' portrait of Kevin and Pete. It was Zhenia's first try at portrait work and boy was it a hit! Mostly she is inspired by the landscape of Mount Holly, "it's always about trying to capture the joy I feel". It was surprising to learn that she developed her painting by watching A LOT of U Tube videos. When asked about a guilty pleasure, Zhenia paused and thoughtfully replied "I don't know if I subscribe to guilt"; which lends itself towards some worthy contemplation. We always end our interviews with something most people don't know about you...turns out her midwestern parents named her Zhenia (a russian name) not because of any heritage but just in case there was ever a Russian invasion things might go better for her. Now that was some forward thinking parenting. We look forward to Zhenia's participation on the Board!

**A couple of additional newsworthy notes...**  
*First - We have been kicking around the idea of how we might showcase our various Mount Holly artists by having special gallery showings at the community center. This May we will kick off our first such event in honor of Penny Coldwell. You can find additional details in this edition of the chit chat in a separate AD entitled *1st Annual Mount Holly Art Show.**

### A couple of additional newsworthy notes...

*Secondly - it's that time to start gathering up events listing for the summer community calendar. If you or your organization would like to be listed on the summer calendar please send us the event and date for July or August. The calendar will be sent out with our 2024/25 membership mailing in June.*

MHCA Board of Directors would like to say thank you to our membership for their support of our 2023/24 membership drive! As of last month we had 50 new members and 143 ongoing members who generously support our mission and help us maintain the historic building that houses our community center and town library. We are extraordinarily fortunate to live in a part of the world that values community based activities and believes in helping take care of each other.

And that our friends is the news from MHCA. Take a moment each day to think about a few things you are grateful for and find something that brings joy to your world; it will make a difference to your soul and will ripple out into the universe. Have a great month!



Mount Holly School

### PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Friday, May 31, 2024  
8:15 a.m.—3:00 p.m.  
By Appointment  
(802) 259-2392

For children who will be 3 years old on or before August 31, 2024

Please bring the following:

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

You will be able to see our inside and outside classrooms.  
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Ms. Jenna, Ms. Devin and Ms. Siri will all be on hand to answer questions and provide important information about the program.



## Save the Date

The Mount Holly Conservation Trust is pleased to announce the dedication of the new Doolittle Family Wildlife Refuge on May 31 at 2:00 PM. The parcel is in Mount Holly and Weston with frontage on Route 100 between Route 155 and Ludlow. Watch for details in the May Chit Chat and plan to join the celebration.



## Notes From the Mount Holly Conservation Commission

SAVE the Date! The Mount Holly Conservation Commission is organizing a community **Energy Fair** for **Saturday, June 15** and we would like to invite you to join us to learn about the latest in home energy efficiency and conservation. The event will take place at the Mount Holly Community Center from noon until 5:00 pm and there is no charge to attend. There will be presentations about the newest rebates on heat pumps, weatherization & insulation, solar systems, electric cars, and home appliances. Exhibits of energy saving technologies for your home will be on display and you can speak with the experts about **how to save money**

and lower energy costs. We have plans for presentations by Efficiency Vermont, Drive Electric, Green Mountain Power, Same Sun Solar, and other energy organizations and businesses (home energy audits, weatherization, etc.). Watch the Newsflash and the ChitChat for more details!

In collaboration with the Mount Holly Conservation Trust, there will be a comprehensive ecological study conducted of Star Lake by Arrowwood Environment this summer to learn about the current state of the lake and environmental trends. This information will be critical for developing a long-term management plan for Star Lake. Funding for the study is provided by the Mount Holly Conservation Trust.

Longer days and warmer temperatures are the perfect time for people to get

outside and make their own observations of Mount Holly's local flora and fauna, including the new birds arriving almost daily and wild flower shoots popping up everywhere. And all those sightings, via a simple phone app, can provide data for the Mount Holly Biodiversity Project. <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/mount-holly-biodiversity>.

The Biodiversity project is sponsored by the Mount Holly Conservation Trust and the Mount Holly Conservation Commission.

But people aren't the only ones emerging from the winter dens. So are black bears. Very hungry black bears. This is the time to take down bird feeders. Feeders are 'hors d'oeuvres' on a pole for the bears. And human/bear interactions rarely end well - for either party.

## Solid Waste Stickers

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14 years of age to work with the horses. Students and others can participate and get credit for community service requirements. There are also many non-equine activities that you can participate in too.

Come see what we're all about, what you might do as a volunteer, and join us if you'd like to have a good time in the company of beautiful horses, a dedicated staff of instructors; and children and adults that know just how cool this program really is!

For more information about opportunities to volunteer or if you are interested but cannot attend, please contact [janetupton@rainbowridingcenter.org](mailto:janetupton@rainbowridingcenter.org).

## ATTENTION MOUNT HOLLY GARDENERS! May I plant a seed?

As you are envisioning your garden,  
please consider participating in  
The 17<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, July 27<sup>th</sup> 2024

For more information, contact Leah Knoll  
908-256-3912 or  
[leahknoll@yahoo.com](mailto:leahknoll@yahoo.com)



## Looking for a New Experience? Something Different This Summer?

You can help us bring joy to kids and adults and have fun doing it! Rainbow Riding Center is gearing up for this year's season and we need volunteers to help us bring the generosity of horses and their ability to help children and adults relax and learn to as many individuals as we can.

If you are looking for a new experience, Rainbow might just be the place for you. Please visit us on Saturday, May 11, at 10 a.m. when we hold our Annual Volunteer Orientation at Stone Wall Farm, 892 Tarbellville Road in Belmont. Everyone is welcome to attend and learn about our program.

You don't need to know anything about horses. We will introduce you. As long as you can walk alongside a rider in case they need a steadying hand and are willing to learn, you'll fit right in. You must be



## A VERY BIG THANK YOU

*Rainbow Riding would like to extend a very big THANK YOU to everyone that has been dropping off their returnable cans and bottles in our shed at the Mt. Holly Transfer Station. The funds have been very helpful to the organization. Over the years we have used the funds to pay for First Aid training for all staff and volunteers, educational aids and supplies, and equipment. These funds also allowed us to trailer our darling Cutie horse (seen above) to a school during Covid, hopefully brightening up their day and giving them some relief from the pandemic. Most recently we bought CPR training equipment and paid for One of our volunteers to recertify her teaching credentials enabling her to give volunteers and staff CPR training. You are a very generous Community.*

*Thank you also to the Town of Mt. Holly for allowing us to do this.*



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### The Mt. Holly Man Who Made Mud a Minor Matter

**Some people are Rhodes Scholars. Horatio was a Roads Scholar.** As we are reminded this time of year, there was a time when *mud* trapped horse-drawn vehicles, bicycles and early autos. Believe it or not, the man who changed all that came from here. “The Father of Good Roads”, Horatio Earle, was born on a farm in N.E. Mt. Holly on Valentine’s Day in 1855 and he attended school here and graduated from Black River Academy. He married twice: 1st to his Plymouth sweetheart who died 7 mos. after their son’s birth & Earle’s 2nd wife predeceased him by 15 mos. He took night classes in drafting before taking charge of two iron foundries and also served as a traveling salesman for farm implements. In 1888, Earle moved his family west to

Michigan and at once showed his VT training by taking an active interest in politics and in highway improvements. He eventually served a term as state senator but his major accomplishment of building thousands of miles of improved highways occurred while he was Michigan’s 1st Highway Commissioner. In 1909 he oversaw the construction of the 1st mile of paved concrete highway in the world making Woodward Ave in Detroit a tourist attraction.

Early in life, as a Methodist, Earle set as his motto: “A happy man is he that causes others to be happy” and swore to let *that* govern his future. He likewise vowed to conquer “the Mighty Monarch Mud, who rules the road to the exclusion of everyone.” Earle burst onto the national stage in 1901 when he proposed a national network of interstate highways connecting all the state capitals. If Dwight David “Ike” Eisenhower was the father of the U.S. interstate system, Earle was *like* Ike, *before* Ike.



Under the leadership of Horatio Earle, Detroit’s Woodward Avenue became the first rural U.S. public road to have a portion (one mile) paved with concrete. The concrete section of the road, as shown in this painting by Carl Rakeman, was opened to the public on July 4, 1909.

This man from beyond Sawyer Hill was a cyclist who credited bicyclers for the push to improve muddy roads. In 1906, he

nominated a fellow cyclist to join him on the local highway board, Edward Hines, who, inspired by seeing milk running out of a leaky wagon, invented the *painted centerline*. Coincidentally, the Wayne County Road Board also included one of the architects of the changes to come. His name was Henry Ford.

Although appreciative of the several monuments erected to him for his highway work, “Good Roads Earle” stated, “The monument I prize most is not measured by its height, but its *length* in miles.” *My* mind pictures another monument: the Empty Tomb. The psalmist says, “He lifted me out of the miry clay... and set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.” This has the idea of instability, of feet slipping and in danger of falling. By His resurrection, Jesus delivered us from the slippery slope of the ruts which would leave us stuck. He changes every life He touches *forever*. The Savior reached into our muddy pit and lifted us out by His grace. The Lord doesn’t just save you and deliver you, He also has a plan for you that gives direction to the rest of your life. The man from Mt. Holly may have become the “Father of Good Roads”, but the Man from Galilee became the “Father of the *Best* Road” when He promised, “I am the *Way*, the Truth and the Life.” *Pastor Glenn*



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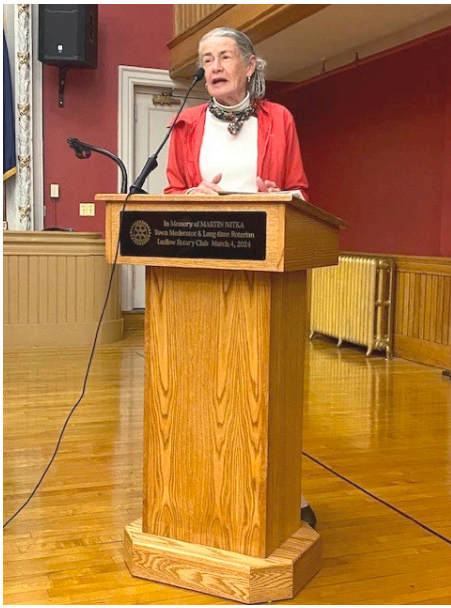
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## Ludlow Rotary Donates Lectern to Town in Memory of Martin Nitka

Just prior to the start of the Town of Ludlow Annual Meeting on March 4, 2024, Tom Ray, Ludlow Rotary Club President, and past president Jim Rumrill, presented to the Town a new lectern in memory of long-time, Town Moderator, Ludlow Rotarian and respected attorney, Martin Nitka, who passed away last year. Nitka was affectionately known around Town as Marty.

Marty who was involved in numerous organizations in town including over twenty years as the Treasurer of the Fletcher Farm Foundation received the club's Community Service Award in 2023.

Jim Rumrill recognized Marty's appreciation and respect for local level democracy, always being careful, as town moderator, to let people have their appropriate say on matters concerning the town. He was instrumental in many of the Rotary projects that impact the community still to this day.

Tom noted that it was a pleasure to have Alice Nitka, Marty's spouse, in attendance at the meeting. Town residents and selectmen were delighted to witness this gesture made in remembrance of the Town's beloved citizen. Brigid Sullivan Photo by G. Thomson

Alice Nitka acknowledges Marty's contributions

### TWO SEWING BY HAZEL HALL

The Wind is sewing with needles of rain.  
 With shining needles of rain  
 It stitches into the thin  
 Cloth of earth. In,  
 In, in, in.  
*Oh, the wind has often sewed with me.  
 One, two, three.*

Spring must have fine things  
 To wear like other springs.  
 Of silken green the grass must be  
 Embroidered. *One and two and three.*  
 Then every crocus must be made  
 So subtly as to seem afraid  
 Of lifting color from the ground;  
 And after crocuses the round  
 Heads of tulips, and all the fair  
 Intricate garb that Spring will wear.  
 The wind must sew with needles of rain,  
 With shining needles of rain,  
 Stitching into the thin  
 Cloth of earth, in,  
 In, in, in,  
 For all the springs of futurity.  
*One, two, three.*



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## Greetings From Vermont Statehouse

By Brian Collamore

Greetings again from the Vermont Statehouse. Much has happened since the last issue of Chit Chat. I will focus on my main and continuing concern with the Legislature's seemingly endless appetite for spending and for the necessary new taxes and fees needed to feed that appetite.

House bills 829 and 880 were passed out of the House Ways and Means Committee last week (on March 21, 2024) by a vote of 8-4 which intends to add three new taxes. The four Republican members of the committee all voted no. The legislative intent of the bills is "to raise \$900 million dollars from the General Fund over fiscal years 2026 through 2034 to fund programs that advance a long-term solution to Vermont's housing shortage."

The new taxes will include an increase in the Property Transfer Tax. Currently, regardless of the selling price of a property, a 1.25% tax is charged by the state. This bill will change that so that any property over \$600,000 will now be charged 3.25%.

The other change in tax policy will affect those who have an AGI (Adjusted Gross Income) of over \$500,000.00. These Vermonters will now pay \$35,829.00 in State Income Tax PLUS 11.75% of the amount over \$500,000.00. This is the so-called Wealth Tax.

The third change in taxes will affect corporations. Vermont currently applies an 8.5% marginal tax rate on corporate net income. Effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, this bill will increase that rate to 10%.

At the time of this writing, the bills had not been passed on the House floor. If both get approval there, they will move to the Senate side. I will **not** be supporting either bill.

The Budget Adjustment Act was signed into law by the Governor on March 13<sup>th</sup>. This bill included a date by which those who were receiving vouchers for the hotel/motel program had to vacate those facilities unless they could be certified with a disability. The state set up 4 temporary shelters

for those who were exiting the program. One was in Rutland and had only a high of 4 people taking advantage of it. All of those shelters have now been closed.

S 18, a bill which would ban tobacco products and e liquids passed on the Senate floor, 18-11. The bill originated in the Senate and the vote on this was whether to concur with some changes that were made in the House. This bill will potentially face a veto from the Governor. I did **not** support the bill because I believe it takes away the right of an adult to make his or her own choices regarding these products.

Nearly a third of school budgets across the state were voted down on Town Meeting Day. Following a year with a 20% increase in DMV fees, a \$100 million payroll tax, and a looming property tax increase of more than \$200 million and as yet unknown costs for the Clean Heat Standard bill, it appears people are increasingly concerned about the continuing rise in education costs. School boards in those towns who had budgets defeated will have to decide the best way forward. If a school district does not have a budget approved by July 1<sup>st</sup>, the previous budget will be in place.

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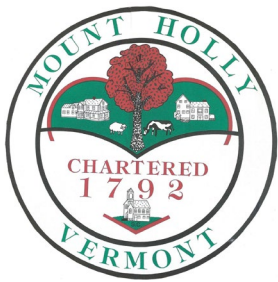
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## Mount Holly Town News

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

### Select Board Meeting Town Office, 50 School Street, Mount Holly, VT 05758 MARCH 13, 2024 6:30 pm

**Attendance:** Mark Turco, Diana Garrow, Jeff Chase, Caitlin Boyle, Carol A Garrow-Woolley, Clinton Woolley, Dennis Devereux, David Johnson, Christinne Pratt, Lori Norton, Gary Norton, Tiffany Norton, Andy Tanger, Marcy Tanger, Stephen Michel, Philippe Crane (Zoom); Donald Patch (Zoom), Lisa Patch (Zoom), Donna Seward (Zoom), James Seward (Zoom), Jon McCann (Zoom), June Capron

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

**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.**

#### MINUTES

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the agenda.

The Clerk noted that there were also annual forms to sign for VTrans Funding.

**4. Approval of October 10 Minutes** Correction and February 13 Minutes. Diana Garrow made a motion to approve both sets of minutes as corrected/submitted; Mark Turco seconded; unanimously approved.

#### 5. Reorganization

**a. Select Board Chair:** Ms. Garrow made a motion to reappoint Mark Turco; Mr. Chase seconded; unanimously approved.

**b. Tree Warden:** Mr. Chase made a motion to reappoint Phil Crane as Tree Warden; Mark Turco seconded; unanimously approved.

**c. E911 Coordinator:** Mark Turco made a motion to reappoint Carol A. Garrow-Woolley; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

**d. 911 Measuring Responsibilities:** Mark Turco confirmed that this is delegated to the Board of Listers.

**e. RCSWD Representative & Alternate:** Mark Turco made a motion to reappoint Chad Farrar as the representative and Clinton Woolley as the alternate; Jeff Chase seconded; unanimously approved.

**f. Designated Employee Representative:** Jeff Chase made a motion to reappoint Caitlin Boyle; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

**g. Newspaper of Record:** Mark Turco made a motion to re-designate the Vermont Journal as the newspaper of record; Jeff Chase seconded; unanimously approved.

**h. Assistant Town Clerk:** Mr. Chase made a motion to reappoint Diana Garrow, Nancy Connor and Susan Covalla; Mr. Turco seconded; unanimously approved.

**i. Assistant Town Treasurer:** Mark Turco made a motion to reappoint David Johnson; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

**j. Set Day & Time of Regular Select Board Meeting:** Mr. Chase made a motion to keep the meeting times as the second Tuesday of the month, but to change the time to 6:00 pm; Ms. Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

**k. Name Two Public Posting Places for Public Notices:** Mr. Chase made a motion to select the Mount Holly Post Office (on Town-owned outdoor bulletin board affixed to Vermont Hydroponics Store) and Belmont Post Office; Mark Turco seconded; unanimously approved.

**l. Signer for SB Orders and Authorizations:** Jeff Chase made a motion to reappoint Diana Garrow; Mark Turco seconded; unanimously approved.

#### 6. Reports

**a. Highways & Transfer Station Report** - Clinton Woolley noted that the Town may want to switch to using manufactured sand on its roads to reduce clay content. **i. Review VTrans Paving and Structure Grant Applications.** The Board discussed submitting the grant application as drafted. The paving grant, if received, would be applied to Hortonville Road and the structures grant to Perry Road.

**b. Treasurer Monthly Income & Expense Report** - Elizabeth Karle was absent from the meeting due to illness; in her place, Assistant Treasurer David Johnson noted that an item of note is that the Town received its annual reappraisal payment of ~\$10,400.

**i. Review RH Smith Audit Proposal.** Ms. Garrow made a motion to accept the agreement as drafted; Mark Turco seconded; unanimously approved.

**ii. Review Vermont Bond Bank Decision Re: MCRF Loan.** Ms. Karle noted in an email to the board that the decision was disappointing; the Bond Bank offered the town a \$100,000 loan, rather than the \$575,000 the Town requested. Mr. Turco made a motion to accept the loan agreement as presented; Ms. Garrow seconded; unanimously approved. The Select Board agreed to sign the loan paperwork prior to the March 22 deadline.

**c. Listers' Report** - David Johnson noted that the Listers are scheduling inspections, weather permitting. **i. Review and Sign NEMRC Reappraisal Agreement.** Ms. Garrow made a motion to

accept the agreement as drafted; Mr. Turco seconded; unanimously approved.

**d. Mount Holly Planning Commission Update.** Jon McCann noted that the Town Plan was approved by the state and was submitted to the regional planning commission; they will hold a hearing on April 6th and the expectation is that the plan will be approved. The next step is for the Planning Commission to renew the historic village designation.

**7. New Business a. Set Spring/Summer Transfer Station Hours.** The Select Board agreed to set the hours to begin Wednesday, April 10. The last Sunday hours will be April 7.

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**b. Approve Chit Chat 50th Anniversary Resolution.** Mr. Turco made a motion to approve the resolution with one typo corrected; Mr. Chase seconded; unanimously approved.

**c. Discuss Mowing Bids.** Cemetery Commissioner Dennis Devereux noted he would post an appeal for mowing at the cemeteries. The clerk will post a request for bids for cemetery mowing.

**d. Sign VTrans Annual Forms.** The Select Board will sign and submit the required annual forms. 8. Ongoing & Old Business

**a. Review Draft Lease for Former Rescue Building.** The Select Board reviewed the draft lease reviewed by the Town attorney. Mr. Turco invited public questions and comment. Hearing none, Mr. Chase made a motion to accept and sign the lease as drafted; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

**b. Sign Farm & Wilderness/Ninevah Foundation Easement Letter.** Mark Turco signed the letter as drafted; the Board had previously discussed and approved the contents of the letter at the February meeting.

**c. Appoint Authorized Signer for NRCS EWP 5041 Storm Repair Grant.** Mr Turco made a motion to reappoint Ms. Garrow; unanimously approved. 9. Citizen Comments

#### 10. Announcements/Other Business

**a.** The annual rabies clinic is on March 23 and dog registration will take place on that date as well.

**b.** The deadline for registering dogs is April 1.

**c.** The Clerk noted that a Rutland County victim's advocate was seeking Town input regarding recommended restitution in the State vs. Nicholas Turco case. Mr. Turco

recused himself from the discussion. Mr. Chase and Ms. Garrow commented that they would like to seek restitution in the form of Mr. N. Turco's repayment of all damage and expenses incurred, as well as participation in a state program for restitution/community service.

#### 11. Review & Sign Orders

**12. Executive Session:** Title 1 V.S.A. S 313. None.

**13. Adjourned** at 7:31 pm. Respectfully Submitted, Caitlin Boyle

#### Planning Commission - Town Office & Remote Electronic – Regular Meeting Minutes Wednesday, Feb 21, 2024 7:00 P.M.

**Commission Members Present:** Jon McCann (Chair), Jim Seward (Vice Chair), Andrew Seward, Andrew Schulz (via Zoom), Stephen Michel

**Also present:** Faith Tempest (Clerk), David Johnson, Robert Garrow, Vincent Turco, Peggy Turco, Maurice Turco, Christopher Corsones (via Zoom)

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 regular meeting held on January 17<sup>th</sup> 2024, with a correction to the date of the meeting, were approved unanimously.

#### 4. Reports & Announcements

##### **a. Administrative Officer**

**i. Wastewater permits:** three wastewater permits have been received

- **Howlett**, Old Turnpike Road, replacement of existing failed system

- **Bavaro and Albert**, Gates Road South, proposed 4 bedroom single family residence

- **Cole**, Cole Road, amendment of existing permit to construct a new single-family residence on a lot with a previously approved SFR.

##### **b. Planning Commission Chair**

**i. No new points**

#### 5. Correspondence

#### **a. Subdivision proposals:**

##### **i. Garrow sketch plan review**

- Mr. Garrow is proposing to subdivide a 76-acre property (06c1040.00) on Old Turnpike Road (near Packer Road) into three lots, one of approximately 50 acres, one of about 11 acres and one of about 7 acres. There is currently a house on the property with a septic system. The survey has not yet been completed. Power is accessible to all sites. Mr. Garrow said he has no plans for future construction, and does not want to go to the trouble and expense of designing a wastewater system when he has no idea what future owners of the new lots may want to build. Chair noted that it is good that the boundaries of the proposed lots follow existing stone walls. Commissioner Schulz asked about access – lot 1 has access by a deeded right-of-way, lots 2 and 3 have frontage on Old Turnpike Road and will need highway access permits. Chair asked if Mr. Garrow has approached the State for wastewater permits; Mr. Garrow has not and offered his view that under section D.1.b of the Town Sub-

## 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.

This is a paid position.

Roles include enforcing the Town's dog ordinance; conducting investigations; responding to animal complaints; supporting the Town's dog census, and coordinating with the Town Health Officer and Town Clerk.

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

Interested candidates should send a letter of interest to the Select Board (information below).

#### CONTACT:

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PO Box 248, Mount Holly, VT 05758

### Mount Holly Listers Hours

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



### Mount Holly Town Office

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**Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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## TOWN SEEKS TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANT

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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.

b. **Email / Other:**

i. None.

6. **New Business:**

a. **Belmont Village Center Designation renewal:** Chair has not found a specific application form but there is a list of documents to be submitted to the State, including the minutes of the Select Board Meeting when it was resolved to renew the Designation, along with a cover letter. Chair will prepare a cover letter; the PC Clerk will obtain a copy of the SB meeting minutes that document the resolution to renew. Chair will share a draft cover letter to be reviewed at the next meeting. Commissioner Michel asked about refining or changing the boundaries of the designated village area. Chair noted that changing the boundaries would require a new application which is a much more intensive process than a renewal and so proposed keeping the boundaries as is. All agreed.

7. **Unfinished Business**

a. **Town Plan adoption** – Report and next steps: the Town Plan was adopted at the last SB meeting with some changes but the final document has not yet been shared with the PC. The PC Clerk is working with the SB Clerk to get the final copy. The next step is for the PC to update the Report with a description of the changes. Both the Report and Plan will then be submitted to the RRPC for review. As soon as the final Plan document is received, the Chair proposed that either he or the PC Clerk will forward it to RRPC.

8. **Public Comments:** None

9. **Upcoming meetings**

a. **Regular meeting:** 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7:00 pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday)

10. **Meeting adjourned** at 8:26 pm. For the Commission, Faith Tempest, Planning Commission Clerk  
In draft form until approved on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

division Regulations all that is required is a survey of new boundaries. Commissioner Schulz noted that any subdivision must also conform to State requirements which require either a WW permit or a deferral of permit. Mr. Garrow said he had tried to contact ANR but had no response. Chair asked the AO to facilitate a response from ANR to clarify to Mr. Garrow what was required. Chair proposed putting the issue on the agenda for the next meeting. All agreed.

### ii. Turco sketch plan review

Vincent Turco and Maurice Turco are proposing to subdivide a 134-acre property on Branch Brook Road into two lots, one of approximately 45 acres and one of approximately 89 acres. There are two existing single family residences on the property, with a recorded wastewater permit for each residence (WW-1-3785). There is existing access to both lots and power is accessible. Chair asked if there was a full boundary survey of the boundary available. Maurice and Vincent Turco confirmed that there was, but it was not recorded; Chair asked if Vincent Turco would be willing to provide a copy to the Town for its records. Vincent Turco agreed. The Commission agreed that, as presented, this would be a minor subdivision. Commission went through the sub-division checklist and requested the following changes be made to the plat: insert the sizes of each lot alongside the total size of the subdivision, insert lot identifiers (based on WW permit), insert owner's address and surveyor's address in title block, all existing buildings and structures, the stream running through the property where it is widest and indicating where it crosses the road. The surveyor is ready to complete the final plat, but the Chair proposed that the applicants present the revised plan at the next regular meeting to ensure that it is complete. If the plan is complete at the next meeting the Commission agreed they will schedule a public hearing for the following month.



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## 2024 Frank Dressler Scholarships open to applicants

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

as successful. Rain or shine, Frank was there to support his team.

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

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

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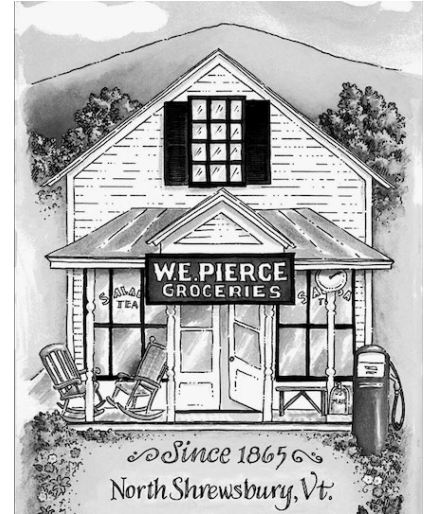
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information for the Frank Dressler Scholarship are available by contacting: Lisa Schmidt at 228-7690 or via email at [noah@tds.net](mailto:noah@tds.net); or Sherri Geimer at 259-3800 or [sgeimer@gmail.com](mailto:sgeimer@gmail.com).

Application deadline is May 1 and winner(s) will be announced in June.

Those wishing to make a contribution to the Frank Dressler Scholarship Fund are encouraged. Donations made out to "BRAM" may be sent to: Frank Dressler Scholarship Fund c/o Black River Academy Museum, PO Box 73, Ludlow, VT 05149.





**Okemo Valley Celebrates the Grand Re-Opening of Mojo Cafe in their New Location**

The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to announce the grand re-opening of Mojo Cafe, a beloved locally owned modern Mex-Orleans restaurant in Ludlow, VT. Mojo Cafe offers a flavorful fusion of Mexican and New Orleans cuisine. Rebuilding after the 2023 flood, which required them to find a new location, they have now opened their doors at 145 Main Street. The team has been working diligently to be able to return and everyone is so excited to welcome them back to town.

The ribbon cutting event marked a significant milestone for Mojo Cafe and signifies the strength, heart, and commitment of local businesses throughout the region who were affected by the floods of 2023. At the ribbon cutting, Owners John and Jodi Seward celebrated with their long-standing team members, Jake Mailhiot and Richard Kachmar. Chamber Executive Director Carol Lighthall holding the ribbon on the left and Assistant Chamber Director Leah Kriebel on the right.

Mojo Cafe is your ticket to a unique and delicious dining experience with an amazing menu, offering burritos, po boys, tacos a la carte, craft beers, and so much more! For both loyal customers and new guests, it's a place you won't want to miss! Stop by Tuesday through Saturday (doors open at 4pm) to dine in or order take-out online (same day pre-orders can be placed beginning at 2pm for take-out). Come hungry and leave happy! Phot by Donald Dill article by Leah Kriebel



**Ludlow Rotary Speaker Describes Return of a New Farmers Market**

Emma Wright, the new Director of the Ludlow Farmers Market (LFM), spoke to a recent meeting of the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) discussing the changes made to the market's location, date of operation, and organization.

Wright, formerly of Idaho where she was involved in farmer's markets, indicated that the return of the LFM will feature a new location, new date of operation, and reduced rates for vendors for the entire season.

Previously, the market had been located on the lawn in front of Okemo Mountain School. Wright felt that this was not the best location, believing it was not in the center of the

village. A new site is now being considered which may require the approval of the Ludlow Board of Trustees. But she indicated that the location would be in the center of the village to make it available to more walk-in customers.

As for the date and time of the market, which previously was on a Friday afternoon, Wright said the new market will operate on Sunday morning to allow greater foot traffic access to it.

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lowered from that previously charged. Previous vendor charges were in the \$400-450 range; the new rates will not exceed \$150.

A new policy will be implemented requiring all products sold at the market to be Vermont-grown or Vermont-made.

Wright indicated that the new Board of Directors for LFM has been extremely supportive of all these changes. She added that, as the new Director, she would be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the market. Previously, Board members frequently had to serve this function due to the lack of a manager.

Pictured is Emma Wright, Director of the Ludlow Farmers Market, as she speaks to members of the Ludlow Rotary Club and photo by Kevin Barnes. Ralph Pace [ralphpace@gmail.com](mailto:ralphpace@gmail.com)



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- **Please report your bear encounters to Vermont Fish & Wildlife.** These reports allow us to help you prevent future bear incidents. They also give us information to help all Vermonters better coexist with bears:
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Following these steps can save bears' lives, and help protect you, your neighbors, and your property. Please do your part to be a good neighbor and help keep Vermont's bears wild!

If you have questions, contact the Vermont Fish and Wildlife department at 802-828-1000, or [fwinformation@vermont.gov](mailto:fwinformation@vermont.gov)

## Okemo Valley Celebrates Grand Opening of Yeah Wine Shop in Lamere Square

The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce recently celebrated the grand opening of Yeah Wine Shop, a natural wine store, in Lamere Square in Ludlow, Vermont. The ribbon cutting event was accompanied by a wonderful wine tasting afternoon. Yeah Wine Shop has a vast variety of natural wines made both locally as well as from around the world. Stop by to browse their unique selection of natural wines with both big and subtle flavors.

For the ribbon cutting ceremony, Karen Kraut, Owner, and



Eric Kraut cut the ribbon together with Chamber Executive Director Carol Lighthall holding the ribbon on the left and Assistant Chamber Director Leah Kriebel on the right. Photo by Donald Dill

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remarks, "Brattleboro has been a great community to have been a part of the past 11 years, and we are very appreciative of the support from the town and the local patrons." DiBernardo notes that, while GVCC had hoped to continue at their current location, she understands the need to make room for the Retreat Farm. GVCC does not rule out a return to Brattleboro, but for now, the focus is on getting established in their new location on Route 103, just east of downtown Ludlow.

Grafton Village Cheese CEO Curt Alpeter also expressed his appreciation for the loyal following that DiBernardo and her

## Grafton Village Cheese Announces Move of its Retail Store to the Okemo Valley

The Grafton Village Cheese Company (GVCC), a subsidiary of The Windham Foundation, announces the move of its retail store and cut and wrap operation from Brattleboro to the Okemo Valley. A long-time fixture at 400 Linden Street in Brattleboro, the Company lost its lease when the building was sold to Retreat Farm in late 2022.

The Company found it challenging to find an adequate space for both the retail store and the cut and wrap operation around Brattleboro, hence the move. Store manager Sherry DiBernardo



cheese monger team have built in Brattleboro. Alpeter comments "The Company faced tough decisions after Covid, including the downsizing and streamlining of our operations. Most of our cheese is now being produced at the main plant in Grafton. The move to Okemo Valley is another piece of the restructuring and revisioning for the Company. Alpeter continues, "I am excited that we have the opportunity to put down roots in another vibrant community and we look forward to our Brattleboro customers visiting us at our new location. I do hope for some kind of a retail presence again in Brattleboro."

The new retail store location is 2568 VT Route 103, Proctorsville.

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**Kevin Hollebeek**

The Company plans a soft opening at its new location on March 9th, from 10am to 6pm. Regular operations will continue 7 days a week 10am to 6pm. Customers will find the same great selection of artisan cheeses, accompaniments and gifts the Brattleboro shop offered, and as always, free cheese tasting!

### About the Windham Foundation

Headquartered in Grafton, Vermont, the Windham Foundation is an operating foundation engaged in philanthropic, charitable, and educational activities. Since its inception in 1963, its mission has been to promote the vitality of Grafton and Vermont's rural communities through its philanthropic and educational programs. Its subsidiaries, the Grafton Village Cheese Co. and the Grafton Inn, contribute to these endeavors as mission-driven businesses. By Leah Kriebler

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## Vermont Home Gardener: April Gardening

April showers bring May (and June) Flowers. Snow drops have been showing for a few weeks and daffodils are soon to blossom. This means we gardeners have lots to do to get the season started. Along with early pruning and planting there is the necessary clean-up and garden preparations. In this article we will cover details of these renewing tasks and offer a couple reminders about why we garden.

Mostly we garden because we enjoy growing plants for flowers and for food. It is a genuine satisfaction to bring in food & flowers that you grew yourself. My suggestion is that you do this mostly using organic practices. Perhaps you also buy organic foods when you can. If you feel that organic foods tend to be too expensive to buy all the time, you might like to watch this short (3 minute) [video published by PBS](#) on the true cost of organic foods (and, why is cheaper factory food so cheap!?!). This is a very brief introduction to the important issue of what food really costs and well worth thinking about when you make food purchase choices. Please feel free to send in your thoughts!

Late March through mid-April is the best time to start peppers (sweet or hot), tomatoes, and cabbage. Broccoli, cauliflower and many annual flowers (zinnias, snapdragons, cosmos, marigold, etc.) seeds can be started in mid to late April. Johnny's has a very good [seed starting calculator](#) online that covers every vegetable and flower you might plant. You simply enter your spring frost free date (I use May 22 in Mount Holly) and the table tells you when to start the seeds and when to transplant them. [Here is a good video](#) about starting your own seeds. Remember to label every container you plant, including the variety, so you know what's what at transplant time.

### Spring Pruning

**What can I do outside now?** When the snow is gone use the nicer days to your advantage and get your pruning and cleanup done.

Pruning is best done while woody plants are still dormant, before their buds swell (usually about mid-April). In general, prune out all dead, diseased or damaged stems and branches. Make your pruning cuts of side branches close to the main stem, just outside the enlarged "collar" or just outside lateral buds so they can grow new branches. This is a great time to manage shape & size by cutting off those drooping or too long branches and downward growing branches. [UVM Extension has helpful videos online](#) to show the basics of good pruning practices. A few of my own suggestions:

**Raspberries & Blackberries** – cut out all the old canes that fruited last season plus any short, spindly canes at ground level. Also, you can cut back young canes to 5-6 ft. to reduce floppiness or excessive height. If you have an everbearing variety that tried to bear a second fall crop you should cut those canes down just below the lowest fruit bunches as they won't repeat fruiting on that top area.

**Blueberries** – cut out any dead or damaged branches. In mature bushes (over 5 years old) select a mix of young and mature healthy branches to leave and thin out over-crowded branches to allow sunlight and air flow through the bush. This year's flower buds are already set on blueberries so don't shorten saved stems or you may remove this season's berries.

**Apple & Pears** – remove all dead or damaged branches and any "suckers" (branches that grow straight up from the main trunk or side branches. Remove branches that cross, grow downward or head centrally. After pruning, apply a dormant oil spray covering all surfaces well (especially the buds) from the ground up to the top to smother over-wintering pest insect eggs. Do this on a calm day when the temperature is above 40. We'll repeat this application after the leaf buds swell and again after they just open but *before* blossoms open to get most of the larvae hiding in the bark and buds.

**Hydrangeas** – in Mount Holly we mostly have smooth or panicle hydrangeas that bloom on new wood. (Big white blossoms) They don't require pruning, but you'll get bigger blossoms if you cut all of last year's canes back to the ground. I leave a number of strong young canes (straight and gray colored) for early greening and to provide support for new canes that will grow.

Do not prune forsythia, rhododendron, spiraeas, clethras, viburnums, or lilacs until after they have finished blossoming (except to remove dead or damaged branches). Their flower buds are already present on last year's wood and pruning them now would remove this year's blossoms!

**Lawns** - Despite the commercial push for chemical lawn fertilizers and weed killers in the spring, this is not the best time to feed your lawn. Spring fertilization stimulates top growth (more mowing!) at the expense of root growth. This results in overgrowth early in the season and a lawn that will require extra watering in late summer. Spring is a good time to apply limestone if your soil pH is lower than 6.5. This prepares your soil for fall feeding, which stimulates strong root growth and healthier grass.

**Composting** is always a good idea and one of the most important things any gardener can do. Compost is good for your soil and plants, keeps climate warming carbon out of the atmosphere, and reduces the waste volume going to landfills.

Questions or Comments? Contact Jim Corven

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### Invitation to exhibit at the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual

### Mount Holly Art Show

Calling all local artists and craftspeople. The Mount Holly Community Association is planning an exhibition at the Mount Holly Community Center, to take place 18-26 May in honor of the late Penny Coldwell.

Paintings, drawings, sculptures, quilts, and other craft items are all welcome, reflecting the diversity of Penny Coldwell's creative interests. Exhibitors should plan to bring their pieces on 15 May, and to retrieve them 26-28 May.

If you are interested in exhibiting, please submit via email before 5 May to MHCA Board Member Alex Yuster at [Alexandra.yuster@gmail.com](mailto:Alexandra.yuster@gmail.com) a photo of the piece, a description of its dimensions best contact number to reach you

Exhibitors who wish to include a reflection related to Penny and/or the submitted work may provide a write up of 100 words or less, which will be displayed alongside your piece. Please also feel free to write to Alex with any questions you may have.

## OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING MOUNT HOLLY, VERMONT MARCH 5, 2024

### INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- Use BLACK Pen to fill in the oval. DO NOT USE PENCIL.
- To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, fill in the oval to the right of the name of that person.
- To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval to the right of the write-in line. Please use block letters and stay within the box provided for write-ins.
- Do not vote for more candidates than the "VOTE for NOT MORE THAN #" for an office.
- If you make a mistake, tear, or deface the ballot, return it to an election official and obtain another ballot. DO NOT ERASE.

|                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>FOR TOWN MODERATOR</b><br>1 Year Term<br>Vote for not more than ONE<br><b>ANDREW TANGER</b> 469 ●<br>(Write-in) ○       | <b>FOR CEMETERY COMMISSIONER</b><br>3 Year Term<br>Vote for not more than ONE<br><b>PAUL NEVIN</b> 490 ●<br>(Write-in) ○        | <b>FOR AUDITOR</b><br>3 Year Term<br>Vote for not more than ONE<br><b>CHRISTINE PRATT</b> 469 ●<br>(Write-in) ○                              |
| <b>FOR TOWN CLERK</b><br>1 Year Term<br>Vote for not more than ONE<br><b>CAROL GARROW-WOLLEY</b> ●<br>(Write-in) 497 ○     | <b>FOR DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR</b><br>1 Year Term<br>Vote for not more than ONE<br><b>PETER PERRINO</b> 457 ●<br>(Write-in) ○  | <b>FOR LMHUUSD SCHOOL BOARD</b><br>3 Year Term<br>Vote for not more than TWO<br><b>KELLY TARBELL</b> MOUNT HOLLY ●<br>(Write-in) 462 ○       |
| <b>FOR TOWN TREASURER</b><br>1 Year Term<br>Vote for not more than ONE<br><b>ELIZABETH L L KARLE</b> ●<br>(Write-in) 469 ○ | <b>FOR TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS</b><br>1 Year Term<br>Vote for not more than ONE<br><b>DAVID H JOHNSON</b> 473 ●<br>(Write-in) ○ | <b>FOR LMHUUSD SCHOOL BOARD</b><br>1 Year Balance of 3 Year Term<br>Vote for not more than ONE<br><b>MARIA GAMBINO</b> 405 ●<br>(Write-in) ○ |
| <b>FOR SELECTMAN</b><br>3 Year Term<br>Vote for not more than ONE<br><b>MARK TURCO</b> 480 ●<br>(Write-in) ○               | <b>FOR LISTER</b><br>3 Year Term<br>Vote for not more than ONE<br><b>ANN HANSEN</b> 442 ●<br>(Write-in) ○                       |                                                                                                                                              |

### TOWN ARTICLES

**Article 3.** (Town Warning) Does the Town vote the following budget for fiscal year 2024 - 2025 to be raised by tax?

|                              |              |     |       |
|------------------------------|--------------|-----|-------|
| <b>A. General Fund (net)</b> | \$539,690.00 | 375 | YES ● |
|                              |              | 135 | NO ○  |
| <b>B. Highway Fund (net)</b> | \$460,700.00 | 422 | YES ● |
|                              |              | 89  | NO ○  |

**Article 4.** (Town Warning) Does the Town vote \$75,000.00 for the Asset/Equipment fund for the fiscal year 2024 - 2025 to be raised by tax?

|  |     |       |
|--|-----|-------|
|  | 377 | YES ● |
|  | 125 | NO ○  |

**Article 5.** (Town Warning) Does the Town vote to the Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. an operating budget of \$84,600.00 for the 2024 - 2025 fiscal year, and Vehicle Replacement Fund of \$65,000.00 for a total of \$149,600.00 to be raised by tax?

|  |     |       |
|--|-----|-------|
|  | 389 | YES ● |
|  | 126 | NO ○  |

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT



# Ballot Results

## ARTICLES CONTINUED

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |     |     |                                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|----------------------------------|
| <b>Article 6.</b> (Town Warning) Does the Town vote <b>\$12,000.00</b> for the <b>Mount Holly Town Library</b> , to be raised by tax?                                                                                                            | 337 | YES | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 179 | NO  | <input type="radio"/>            |
| <b>Article 7.</b> (Town Warning) Does the Town vote <b>\$2,000.00</b> for the <b>Mount Holly Chit Chat</b> , to be raised by tax?                                                                                                                | 412 | YES | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 100 | NO  | <input type="radio"/>            |
| <b>Article 8.</b> (Town Warning) Does the Town vote <b>\$8,635.00</b> for the <b>Community and Social Services</b> , to be raised by tax?                                                                                                        | 329 | YES | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 180 | NO  | <input type="radio"/>            |
| <b>Article 9.</b> (Town Warning) Does the Town vote <b>\$2,500.00</b> , for <b>Mount Holly Community Historical Museum</b> , to be raised by tax?                                                                                                | 347 | YES | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 161 | NO  | <input type="radio"/>            |
| <b>Article 10.</b> (Town Warning) Does the Town of Mount Holly vote to fund the <b>Afterschool Program at the Mount Holly School</b> in the amount of <b>\$6,500.00</b> in FY 2024 - 2025, to maintain state grant funding, to be raised by tax? | 348 | YES | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 164 | NO  | <input type="radio"/>            |
| <b>Article 11.</b> (Town Warning) Shall the Town of Mount Holly increase the <b>Select Board</b> from 3 to 5 members, with each additional Member to serve 2 - year terms (pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2650 (Australian Ballot)                      | 191 | YES | <input type="radio"/>            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 313 | NO  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |

## LUDLOW MOUNT HOLLY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Article 1:** Shall the voters of Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District approve the School Board of Directors to expend **\$9,134,520.00** which is the amount the school board of directors has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that the proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of **\$13,287.45** per Long Term Weighted equalized pupil.

|  |     |     |                                  |
|--|-----|-----|----------------------------------|
|  | 223 | YES | <input type="radio"/>            |
|  | 290 | NO  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |

**Article 1:** Shall general obligation bonds or notes of Ludlow Mount Holly Unified Union School District in an amount not to exceed Nine Million Two Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand Forty-Five Dollars (\$9,268,045), subject to reduction from the application of available state and federal grants-in-aid and reserves, be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of making certain public school building improvements, namely the (1) Ludlow Elementary School building upgrades (\$5,056,181), and (2) Mount Holly School building upgrades (\$4,211,864), the aggregate cost of such improvements estimated to be Nine Million Two Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand Forty-Five Dollars (\$9,268,045).

State funds may not be available at the time this project is otherwise eligible to receive state school construction aid. The District is responsible for all costs incurred in connection with any borrowing done in anticipation of the receipt of school construction aid.

|  |     |                               |                                  |
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|  | 165 | IF IN FAVOR OF THE BOND ISSUE | <input type="radio"/>            |
|  | 333 | IF OPPOSED TO THE BOND ISSUE  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |

## RIVER VALLEY TECHNICAL CENTER

**Article 1:** Shall the voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District approve the sum of **three million, two hundred seventy nine thousand two hundred seventeen dollars (\$3,279,217)** to defray current expenses for the ensuing fiscal year and to pay outstanding orders and obligations?

|  |     |     |                                  |
|--|-----|-----|----------------------------------|
|  | 224 | YES | <input type="radio"/>            |
|  | 270 | NO  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |

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| Democrat Ballots   | 177  |
| Republican Ballots | 316  |
| Total Ballots      | 1017 |



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**Ludlow Ambulance Service**  
**February 1, 2024 – February 29, 2024**

**Total Calls**

**February 2024:** 90 Calls      **February 2023-** 102 Calls  
**Ambulance Calls**                      **February 2024**

- Ludlow 76
- Cavendish 4
- Proctorsville 2
- Plymouth 3
- Mount Holly 5
- Chester
- Shrewsbury
- Andover
- Reading
- Weston
- Londonderry
- Springfield Hospital/ Springfield
- Rutland Hospital
- Mount Ascutney Hospital
- Mutual Aid received

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 Dartmouth  
 Landing Zone  
 Mount Ascutney  
 Rutland Hospital 4  
 No Transports/Stand by Coverage 23  
 Gill Home  
 Cheshire Medical Center  
 Home  
 Valley Regional Hospital

**Ludlow Ambulance Service Fun Facts:**

Ludlow Ambulance Service has a current roster of 26 dedicated EMS professionals. Of the 26, four are licensed at the paramedic level, five at the Advanced EMT level, eleven EMTs, and six VEFRs. A VEFR is a Vermont Emergency First Responder, this is our newest certification level which we began implementing in the fall of 2023. This certification is the fastest to obtain and we have partnered with both Okemo Ski Patrol and Proctorsville Fire Department to cross train their members in obtaining this certification to be able to use them in peak times. We are excited to have partnerships with local entities and continue to strengthen relationships with all of our area departments so programs like this continue to succeed.

**Meet the Members:**

**David Norton, Advanced EMT**

David started with LAS in the early 2000s as a volunteer, prior to LAS being a full-time department. After a brief leave Dave returned to work with us as a full time AEMT in 2020. He also has experience working as a phlebotomist at Springfield Hospital and Rutland Regional Medical Center. Dave is a local to the Ludlow area and you may recognize him as the owner of the Cavendish Canine Camp in Cavendish prior to it closing a few years ago.



**Asher Clark, AEMT**

Asher was hired as a full time AEMT in the fall of 2023. He has previous EMS experience working for Winchester Ambulance in New Hampshire and Rescue Inc. in Brattleboro. Asher is currently enrolled in a paramedic



program through EMT Academy in Chicopee, MA with an expected completion date of September 2024.

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Contact your Community Health primary care provider or care manager for more information about the Farmacy Project. Call the Patient Access Center at 802-779-9169 or read more about the Farmacy Project on VFFC's website at [https://www.vermontfarmersfoodcenter.org/farmacy\\_project](https://www.vermontfarmersfoodcenter.org/farmacy_project)

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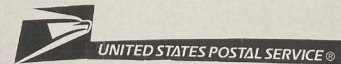
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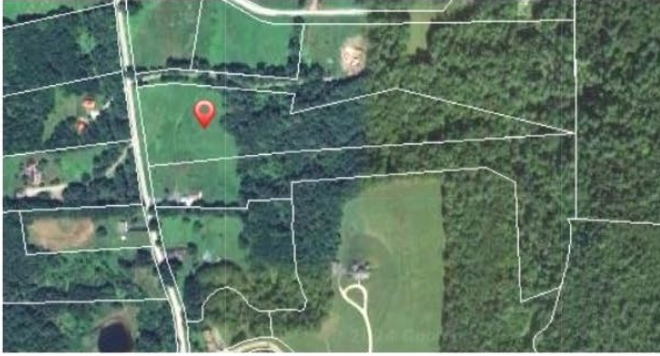
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