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MOUNT HOLLY CHIT CHAT

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

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

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

Town Library: Sat 9-1 Mon 10-2 Tue 1-5 Wed 2-4, Call 802-259-3707 <http://mounthollytownlibrary.wordpress.com>

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

Town Asst. Treasurer's Office Hours: Mon 10:00 am –2:00 pm and by Appointment 802-259-2391

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

Town Garage: 802-259-3179

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

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

September

Aug 30 th	Roast Ham Supper Benefit Historical Museum Odd Fellows Hall	5:00 pm
1 st	Gray Squirrel Season - Black Bear Hunting Season Begins ~ World War II Began 1936 ~ Labor Day	
2 nd	MH Conservation Commission, Town Office V-J Day 1945 Japan Signs Formal Surrender	6:00 pm
3 rd	MH PTG Meeting, MH School	6:00 pm
4 th	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Fire Station	7:00 pm
Sat 6 th	Federal Lands National Cleanup Day Est 1985	
Sun 7 th	Grandparents' Day ~ Full Harvest Moon	
9 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	9:00 am
	Select Board Meeting, Town Office & Zoom	6:00 pm
10 th	LMHUUS Meeting,	
	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	6:00 pm
11 th	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	7:00 pm
Sun 14 th	Star-Spangled Banner written by Francis Scott Key 1814	
15 th	Chit Chat Annual Meeting – Town Office	6:30 pm
16 th	MH Planning Commission, MH Town Office & Via Zoom	6:30 pm
17 th	MH Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont	6:30 pm
	MH Community Association Meeting, Library	7:00 pm
18 th	Fire Dept. work night	7:00 pm
19 th	Operation Uphold Democracy 1994 ~ US Air Force Est 1947	
22 nd	POW/MIA Day	
23 rd	Fall Begins/Autumnal Equinox ~ Rosh Hashanah Begins	
24 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	9:00 am
26 th	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	7:00 pm
	1st Televised Debate Between Presidential Candidates Richard M Nixon & John F Kennedy 1960	
25 th	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	7:00 pm
27 th	Hare, Rabbit, Ruffed Grouse (Partridge) Season Begins	
Sun 28 th	Gold Star Mother's Day	
29 th	VFW Est 1899	



World Suicide Prevention Day

Patriot Day 2002



Emergency Services

MH Fire Dept. Chief Bill Austin 910-915-5954	802-259-2700	911	Poison Control	(802) 658-3456
MH Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward	802-786-3408	802-259-2211	American Red Cross	802-773-9159
Ludlow Ambulance Service Non-Emergency	802-228-2880	911	Game Warden – Tim Carey	802-773-9101
Mount Holly Constable	NONE		Health Officer – Chad Farrar	802-342-1366
MH Animal Control For Adam Karle	Cell 802-236-3656		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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September Birthdays: 2nd-Mark Turco Sr 4th-John Taylor Jr 8th-Sarah Hawkins-Delphia 10th-Felicia Turco Clark * Dustin Miller 12th-Vera Conroy * Charles Conroy 13th-Joe Carrara 14th-Todd Bussino Jr (1983) 19th-Julia Hoeh * Heather Deem (1977) 22nd-Laurel Darling 24th-Eleanor Nowosad * Nicole Lewis 26th-Peter Herbst 29th-Ken Hart (1964) 30th-Eliza Tarbell



September Anniversaries: 3rd-Douglas & Darlene Stocker 6th-Murray & Betty Merlin 14th-Mike & Melinda Pearson (1996) 15th-Richard & Laurel Darling 21st-Daniel & Linda Fitzgibbon * Jane Harrington & Susan Horsman 26th-Benjamin & Amber Taylor

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.

Local Post Office Hours New Phone Numbers

Mount Holly		802-219-1426
Window	Mon – Fri	8:00 am – 10:00 am
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Lobby Hours:	Mon – Fri	8:00 am – 4:45 pm Sat
		7:30 am – 10:30 am
Belmont		1-877-854-7062
Window	Mon – Fri	7:30 am – 9:30 am
	&	2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
	Sat	7:30 am – 10:30 am
Lobby Hours	Mon – Fri	7:30 am – 4:45 pm
East Wallingford		802-245-6403
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		802-230-1996
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	&	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
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
Wallingford Post Master –		802-245-6281



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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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Benson's Chevrolet to Host Annual Trunk or Treat Event

Benson's Chevrolet is excited to announce its annual Trunk or Treat event, a safe and fun Halloween celebration for the entire community.

As a friendly reminder, the event will take place on **Friday, October 31st, 2025, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM** at Benson's Chevrolet in Ludlow, VT.

All are welcome to attend, including children, adults, and even friendly pets dressed in their festive costumes!

Participants can look forward to a variety of decorated trunks offering treats

in a family-friendly atmosphere.

Further details regarding participation and activities will be announced soon.

Event Details:

- **What:** Trunk or Treat
- **When:** Friday, October 31, 2025, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- **Where:** Benson's Chevrolet, Main St., Ludlow, VT
- **Who:** Open to all children, adults, and friendly pets!

Please stay tuned for more information!

Benson's Chevrolet is a proud member of the Okemo Valley communities, committed

to providing exceptional automotive service and supporting local events. Kim Lampert

Mount Holly Transfer Station

SPRING/SUMMER HOURS

WEDNESDAYS, 4 pm to 7 pm

SATURDAYS, 8 am to 2 pm

REMINDER: STICKERS ONLY, NO CASH



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.

And the Winner Is.....

The Mount Holly Community Guild is pleased to announce the winners of the raffle drawn at the Artisan Fair on August 2.

Melanie Mc Atee won the quilt.

Donna Mc Donald won the gardening basket.

The guild wishes to thank the community for its continued support in our fund raising efforts. All the money we raise goes toward scholarships for graduating high school students who wish to continue their educations. The remainder of the money is given to community service organizations. Judy Nevin



Benson's Chevrolet of Ludlow Launches "Drive for Education" School Supply Initiative

Benson's Chevrolet, a cornerstone of the Ludlow community, today announced the launch of its "Drive for Education" initiative, a comprehensive program aimed at supporting local students as they prepare for the 2025-2026 school year. The initiative includes a community-wide school supply drive and a commitment to donate a portion of vehicle sales directly to purchasing essential educational materials.

As students across surrounding towns gear up for the return to classrooms, Benson's Chevrolet is stepping up to ensure they have the necessary resources for a successful academic year.

"At Benson's Chevrolet, we believe in investing in the future of our community, and that starts with our children," said Mike Coutermarsh, Sales Manager of Benson's Chevrolet. "The 'Drive for Education' initiative is our way of giving back and ensuring that every student has the basic tools they need to thrive in school. We're calling on our neighbors to join us in making a real difference."

Community members are invited to drop off new, basic school supplies at Benson's Chevrolet, located at 25 Pond St, Ludlow, VT. Needed items include, but are not limited to: notebooks, pencils, pens, crayons, markers, erasers, folders, glue sticks, scissors, and rulers. Benson's Chevrolet will serve as a central collection point for donations throughout the campaign.

In addition to the public supply drive, Benson's Chevrolet is implementing a special sales incentive to further boost contributions. From August 1st to August 20th, 2025, for every new or pre-owned vehicle purchased at Benson's Chevrolet, the dealership will donate \$25 towards the purchase of school supplies. This direct contribution aims to significantly increase the volume of materials distributed to local students.

The "Drive for Education" initiative underscores Benson's Chevrolet's ongoing commitment to community awareness and giving back. The dealership encourages residents to participate in both the supply drive and to consider their vehicle needs during the specified sales period to maximize the impact on local education.

Benson's Chevrolet is a proud family-owned and operated dealership serving Ludlow, Vermont, and the surrounding communities. Committed to exceptional customer service and community engagement, Benson's Chevrolet offers a wide selection of new and pre-owned Chevrolet vehicles, along with comprehensive service and parts departments. You can contact Kim Lampert at 802-228-4000 if any questions.

Notice: All Invited Mechanicsville Cemetery Monthly Volunteer Clean Up Schedule

1st Thursday of each month 2025

Sept 4th, 6 pm

Oct 2nd, 6 pm

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SEPT. 22nd

is the deadline for entries into the 2025 Mount Holly Calendar Photo Competition!

Entry forms are at the
Mount Holly Town Offices
(5 School St.) or request a
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Anyone can enter the Mount Holly calendar
competition. See entry forms for details. All
proceeds from calendar sales go to support the many
activities of the Mount Holly Community
Association..

Help Keep Us Chatting “Chat-Flash” Style

The *Chit Chat* and *Newsflash* are at the heart of how our community stays informed about meetings, events, and local happenings. Right now, each is run by just one dedicated neighbor — and they could really use a helping hand!

If you enjoy writing, editing, sharing news, or simply want to be more connected with the Mount Holly community, this is a wonderful way to get involved. Even a small contribution of your time can make a big difference in keeping our town informed and connected.

Interested in volunteering? We'd love to hear from you! Please reach out to: chitchat@vermontel.net (Chit Chat) or newsflash@mounthollyvt.org to join in.

MOUNT HOLLY COMMUNITY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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Let's save Mount Holly's venerable Will White Blacksmith Shop Museum

Dear Mount Holly Friends and Neighbors,

The Will White Blacksmith Shop has lost its bearings and desperately needs repair. We need your support to save and preserve this historic building, a cornerstone of our community.

Built in the 19th century, The Will White building functioned as a blacksmith shop from the mid-1800s to the 1930s. Subsequently, it became a tea room operated by his daughter Mildred. This was an informal spot for people to gather and spread the local news. In later years, the building was occupied by J. Warner Edminster, a “traveling druggist” who made his own concoctions, and printed the apothecary labels using a printing press he had acquired.

In 1969 the building became the original Community Historical Museum. In addition to the blacksmith forge and tools, the building houses an extensive collection that includes: apothecary and household items, early Crowley Cheese making equipment, a working

printing press, the 1920s post office boxes used in the village, a beautiful antique surrey (carriage), and a restored sleigh. These and many other items depict the way people lived and worked.

Although significant repairs were done in the 199s, over time the Blacksmith Shop's structural integrity has sustained extensive damage from deficient drainage and flooding in the creek that runs behind it. Using a grant from the Preservation Trust of Vermont, we obtained an engineer's report that highlighted the urgent need for repairs to the deteriorating framework that supports the building.

Based on subsequent estimates, we are seeking to raise \$150,000 to complete this vital restoration project.

This amount will enable us to complete the essential repairs to the foundation, stabilize the building structure, replace the roof, floor and siding, as well as repair windows. This will ensure the long term preservation of our collection and the museum's sustainability. In addition, these repairs will allow us to upgrade the exhibit spaces and improve accessibility.

The Mount Holly Community Historical Museum is a 501(c)3 non-profit all volunteer organization. We encourage everyone to visit our Perkins House and The Will White Blacksmith Shop Museums, and appreciate the significance of these historic buildings and the wonderful collections they contain. To schedule a tour of the museums please call Dennis at 802-259-2460.

MOUNT HOLLY COMMUNITY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Mail Your Tax Deductible Donation To:

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Settings Start 4:45 pm

At

The Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont
All You Can Eat - Served Home Style
Adults - \$15 & Children Under 12 - \$8
Children 5 and Under no charge



Aug 30th Historical Museum – Baked Ham

Oct 11th Colfax Lodge – Baked Ham

Eat In or Take Out,

With Take Out meals starting at 4:45 pm

More Info Call 802-259-2460



Mount Holly Republican Committee Caucus

Thursday September 11th, 2025

6:30 pm

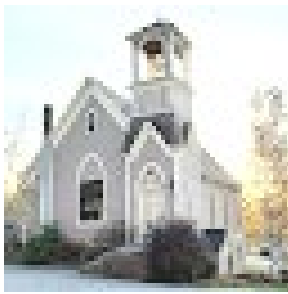
Mount Holly Town Office

The Agenda for this Caucus is as follows:

- I. Election of Town Committee
- II. Election of Officers by the Town Committee
- III. Election of County Committee Members
- IV. Other Business

Please Join Us For This Important Meeting

More Info Call 259-2460



News from Mount Holly Community Association

Oh my gosh say it isn't so...September is upon us. Have you caught signs of fall...a few leaves are beginning to turn. And with the coming of fall new tasks are on the MHCA "to do" list. We hope you enjoyed last month's Music on the Green musicians. Thank you to: Jeb Porter & Friends, Scott Forest, Electrostatic Cats, & Jenny Porter for your musical talents and making summer evenings in our community special. There is nothing like visiting with friends and neighbors, watching kids run around and just be kids, while listening to and singing along with the music; mountain life can be oh so wonderful. Let's take a look at what is coming your way...

Upcoming events:

Last minute reminder about Cabaret August 31st @ 8pm in the Library

Come enjoy some sweet sounds from our favorite musical duo Alexa Fila and Joe Solomon. It's guaranteed to be a wonderful evening enveloped in the sweet sounds of jazz. Save some room for dessert as Board Member Madeleine Fay and her volunteer entourage serve up wine, water, coffee, and homemade delectables!

Last call for Vendors....Cider Days is just around the Corner and we are looking for artists, merchants and crafters. Please contact Jennifer at mhcavt@gmail.com with any questions or to receive an application.

Cider Days

Mark your calendar for our most favorite fall festival **October 11 (10-4) & 12th (noon-4).**

We are as busy as woodland fairies getting everything in place for this fabulous event...apples are being ordered, music is being lined up, merchandise options are being explored, checking all the nuts and bolts on the press and.... of course we are getting ready for the ultimate annual COW PLOP extravaganza. This year's heifer contestants are being carefully vetted for the performance of their life by the Bruce - Anderson cow clan. We hear there might be even some extra furry friends who will come to offer support as our mystery heifer chooses the perfect location to drop a beautiful brown beauty just for you.

Cow Plop

We know you all are anxiously awaiting your opportunity to participate in this ever so fun and important fundraiser. We are finishing up the Cow Plop Raffle Board with 150 squares of opportunity to win win win! Your square purchase of \$10.00 enters you in a raffle for 1 of 3 prize baskets filled with all things Vermont and CASH CASH CASH. It's true the ole saying "ya gotta spend money to make money" and in this case you can even feel really good about it as this year's fund helps with library window restoration.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to make a difference. **Look for the Cow Plop Board soon at the Belmont General Store during the week and weekends at the transfer station.**

Renovation update:

MHCA is moving forward with the renovation of the library's windows. The first phase will begin this fall with replacement of the plexiglass coverings, which are yellowing and in disrepair, with proper storm windows that will provide UV protection and screens for designated windows. The second phase, hopefully to begin in 2026, will address the actual integrity of the windows including sash and hardware repair/replacement and any broken panes. MHCA is exploring grant opportunities that will help defray costs while maintaining the historical significance of the building.

And once again we have filled the page with writings and wonderings from your Mount Holly Community Association. We hope to see you out and about as fall starts its colorful transition. **Thank you for your continued support** and can't wait to wish you Happy Cider Days next month! With that said, we leave you with a thought to ponder: "Nothing is impossible, the word itself says I'M POSSIBLE" - Audrey Hepburn By Jennifer Burrows & Linda Miller

Black River Walking Group



Ludlow Community Center Gym
Weekly on Tuesday's at 9:00 AM
Begins: Tuesday, September 9th

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Black River Memory Café

Support for caregivers and their loved ones living with Dementia or Alzheimer's

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2nd Thursday of each month & 4th Monday of each month

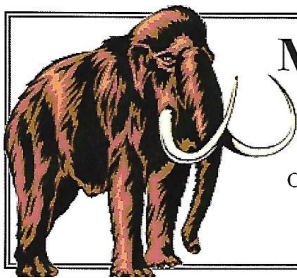
Located at:

The Ludlow United Church
48 Pleasant Street, Ludlow, VT

Meeting times: 11 AM — 1 PM
Free for all to attend, snacks included.

For information contact:
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Indigenous Peoples' Day Weekend

Saturday, October 11 • 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sunday, October 12 • Noon - 4:00 pm

ON THE BELMONT GREEN

Directions: Turn At The Blinking Light At Vermont 103
Cross The Railroad Tracks Go Straight For 2 1/2 Miles To The Green

SPONSORED BY THE MOUNT HOLLY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Our Community Historical Museum Fund Raiser to save the venerable Will White Blacksmith Shop was initiated in the month of July. Letters were sent to Families, Neighbors and Friends in Mount Holly and beyond. A good start is reported, but a good start needs to culminate in a great finish. We urge Mount Holly Community members to continue to send in their generous contributions. There are two ways to donate.

Secure online donations can be made at: GIVE BUTTER -

<https://givebutter.com/HryDbQ>

For mail-donations, make check payable to: MHCHM, P.O. Box 17 - Belmont, VT 05730

For more information, visit the Mount Holly Historical Museum Facebook Page. There you can read the Fund Raiser Letter.

Reminder: The Museum's Ham Dinner Fundraiser will take place at Odd Fellow's Hall on August 30th at 5:00 PM.

Sometimes You Get It Right and Sometimes You Don't

In the photo on the left Harmony measures the length of her stirrups before she gets on her horse. On the right Annabeth didn't quite get it right and her stirrups are just a little long for her so Rainbow instructor Cathy Farman has to do some adjusting.

Reinbow Riding Center just finished a successful summer session. Although we started our season later than usual, riders got in a full six-week session of lessons. Now instructors, volunteers and horses are taking a short vacation before they start the fall season when Rutland area and local school students begin their six-week session of lessons.

At Reinbow Riding Center we strive to meet the needs of every individual that participates in our programs, mounted or unmounted regardless of their



ability to pay. For more information about Reinbow Riding Center and our mission please visit our website: reinbowridingcenter.org and follow us on Facebook or Instagram @reinbow_riding_center and LinkedIn! Contact us at programs@reinbowridingcenter.org or 802-236-2483 to inquire about our programs and lessons. For information about opportunities to volunteer with

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PUBLIC LEGISLATIVE FORUM WITH VERMONT REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP

In 2024 Vermonters elected a gain of 25 new Republicans to the Legislature to hold the line on Property Taxes, stopped the Clean Heat Standard from taking effect with its significant impact on heating fuels, and reign in Montpelier spending and over regulation that is making Vermont unaffordable for Vermont Families. Much more needs to be done.

The Public is invited to meet the Leadership, ask questions and hear about how Republicans are delivering results.

Panelists include:

Lt. Governor John Rodgers

Sen. Scott Beck, Senate Minority Leader

Rep. Pattie McCoy, House Minority Leader

Sen. Brian Collamore, Chair Govt Operations

Rep. Jim Harrison, Vice-Chair Appropriations

Paul Dame, Chairman VTGOP

Rep. Kevin Winter, Ludlow, Mt Holly, Shrewsbury

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Baked Ham Supper

Saturday August 30th, 2025

Starting at 5:00 pm

Benefit The Mount Holly
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Vermont Home Gardener: September Garden Tips

Gardens are now heading into the season finale with harvests of almost everything. Dry weather has been hard on many veggies and flowers but extra mulching and watering can keep plants healthy. This is a good time of year to apply foliar compost tea and your own homemade biofertilizers (see Weeds below). It's also a good time to get a soil test so you know what is needed for next year. Tomatoes, peppers, broccoli, and cabbage will do well if you follow a few basic tips to extend the season and keep them healthy. Late summer pests & diseases are appearing too so be alert.

Soil Testing is a simple and important task we all should do this time of year. Fertilizing your soil without a soil test is like taking medications without knowing what, if anything, is wrong. Bad idea and possibly a waste. The University of Vermont Extension service provides a good soil analysis and recommendations report. Get their simple directions online [here](#), mail in your dry soil sample in a clean plastic bag with \$17 and they will send you the information by email or regular post to make your garden or lawn better.

What to Plant in September? Seeds or transplants of lettuces, arugula, spinach, kale, & radishes will do well. Keep filling those empty spaces!

Late Season Tomato care. August & September conditions generally are good for a plant's growth, but some plant diseases appear now. Plant diseases can't be cured, only prevented and managed. Most important is disease resistant varietal selection, but that's a consideration for January when we select our seeds.

Disease *prevention* is the most effective strategy. Healthy plants can resist pests and diseases and healthy soil is the best way to have strong, healthy plants. Of course, healthy plants are more nutritious to eat, so they contribute to our own

good health too. Homemade compost supplemented with minerals like phosphate, calcium, and potassium, when indicated by a soil test, are a great way to build healthy soil and reduce disease problems.

If your garden plants seem to be losing their vigor (slow growth, yellowed leaves, etc.), it's time to give them a nutritional boost. Foliar (leaf) feeding is quickly ingested and can extend the production of tired tomatoes, summer & winter squash, cucumbers, peppers, and many flowers that have used or lost the nutrients from waterlogged soil. Fish emulsion (available at most garden centers and online as a liquid concentrate) is a great fertilizer, best applied in the morning (when leaf pores, stomata, are open and can take in the food) and when no rain is expected. Spray it on with a sprayer or with a watering can with a sprinkler head. I'm also using fermented plant extracts and [biofertilizers](#) as foliar supplements to provide a balanced nutrient food for plants.

It's also important to regularly remove all diseased or yellowing leaves/branches from plants. An infected leaf can produce millions of spores that quickly spread over the surface of healthy leaves as well as inside the plant via sap. Cut them off and discard away from the garden, not in your compost. Continue to pinch off "suckers" and harvest ripe tomatoes, peppers, cukes, etc. so the plant's strength can go to new fruits.

Finally, tomatoes and peppers are really sub-tropical plants and don't know that winter is coming so they are still trying to grow. Because it takes 50-60 days for a tomato blossom to grow into a ripening fruit, blossoms forming after Sept. 1 will not yield useable tomatoes but will take valuable energy away from the plant. Best practice is to snip off all newly formed blossoms after Sept. 1 to direct more energy into the fruits already on the plant. Also, if your plants have outgrown their supports then cut off the terminal tips to stop excessive growth at the top.

Japanese Beetles continue to emerge from the lawns and are moving onto beans, raspberries, roses, and whatever is available. As I've said before, handpicking works, commercial bag traps do not reduce their numbers. Every adult that you remove from the garden is one less to reproduce for next year. Remember to check for tiny, white spots on the beetle back before killing them. [Winsome fly](#) eggs are a good sign and that beetle is now a host for future beneficial flies. Release it and you will benefit from it next year! Mow your lawns tall (4-6 inches) to reduce beetle breeding for next year. For area control you can apply [Beneficial Nematodes](#) to the lawn to

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reduce the larval (grub) population. This is expensive but is effective for many years.

Cabbage moths (brown or white wings with a black spot) continue mating and laying eggs on cabbages, broccoli, cauliflower, Brussel sprouts, etc. They will hatch into “cabbage worms” that can spoil a great harvest. Covering all Brassicas with [insect netting](#) is a great control. Apply weekly treatments of Bt or Dipel (caterpillar killer) to the plants when rain is not forecast. Bt is a naturally occurring soil bacteria that will stop the caterpillars.

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Raspberry cane borer Adults are small dark slender beetles that insert their eggs into the tops of raspberry or blackberry canes that will appear wilted. Look a couple inches down the cane and if you see 2 dark rings around the stem that is where the borer larvae are growing. Prune the affected part of the cane off, burn it or chop it up and remove it from the area.

Spotted Wing Drosophila (SWD) is a serious new pest of soft fruits (strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, etc.) that probably hasn't appeared locally yet but it's a good idea to keep watching.

Thinking ahead... now is the time to order your **fall bulbs** for October-November planting. If you haven't grown **garlic**, this can be the year you start. Order “seed garlic” from a local farmer or other online sources for late October planting. Supermarket garlic is probably the wrong variety for here and may be chemically treated to inhibit growth so doesn't make good seed.

Get the Weeds! Do not stop weeding now! Weeds are now producing their seeds for next year. Weeding now will yield benefits of reduced work in the future if you remove those plants, or at least the seed heads on top. Do not allow weeds to go to seed in your garden! Use the seed-free weeds as compost or make your own liquid [biofertilizer](#). (see previous article)

Make more Compost! This time of year we have an abundance of ingredients for the compost bins. Garden plants, grass clippings, fruit & veggie scraps, and autumn leaves (soon) all produce the best soil amendments. [Here is a comprehensive website](#) to all things compost.

Read all Vermont Home Gardener articles online at <https://vermonthomegardener.com/>

MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2025

It's September. That means the annual Manhattan Short Film Festival is here! One of the finalists you all enjoyed at our 2024 show, “I Am Not A Robot” won the Academy Award for best short film of 2024.

You have 3 opportunities to see all 10 2025 candidates:

Thursday 9/25 @ 7 pm (opening night)

Saturday 9/27 @ 7 pm

Saturday 10/4 @ 7 pm

We will be having our regular monthly movie as well.

“The Godfather”

Saturday September 13 @ 7 pm

If you are interested in accessing Ebooks and Audiobooks, remember that the library has free access from Vermont State Libraries via the Palace Project. Detailed instructions are available at the library desk.

The library is not taking book donations at this time. We will begin accepting book donations again in May 2026



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Music On The Green

Photo By

Joseph Hammond

Dear Editor,

This Is For All The Lonely People

Some people can't decide which sexual orientation they are. For example, I recently heard a guy say, "What's the one where you like girls and they don't like you back?" It's called "*Lonely*." Let me tell you, not a lot of folks are supportive of lonely people. They're like, "You can be lonely in private. Just don't be flamboyantly lonely in front of people in public. You'll bum us all out." If you're gay you come out of the closet. If you're lonely, you just *stay*. Sometimes, if you're lonely, you hide out in your parent's basement. When you come out as gay, seems like a lot of people are so accepting. "Wow! You are so brave!" When you come out as lonely it's just *sad*. "I just want to let you know I'm very lonely right now." People don't say you're brave. They usually try to end the conversation and move away as soon as possible.

If you come out as lonely to your parents they're usually very supportive. They'll say, "Well, we can't say we weren't suspicious. Ever since you were a li'l kid, we could tell... that no one liked you, but *we love you very much!*"

You recall when gay marriage became legal, but we still live in a society where lonely people can't get married. Right? No marriage equality for Mr. or Ms Lonely *yet*... even if it goes to the Supreme Court, the justices are apt to say, "Sorry, we can't find anyone for *you*. We've actually conferred and the majority opinion of *this* judicial body is that you're actually kinda "icky".

Lonely people are discriminated against and it's virtually impossible to raise awareness for loneliness. You can't have a Lonely Pride Parade. First of all, you aren't proud of it *at all*.

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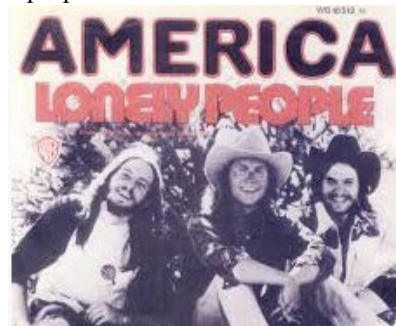
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Secondly, who would come? It would just be *you* alone on the streets waving to nobody. Brings to mind some songs, doesn't it? Nowhere Man, Eleanor Rigby, and as we all know, "One is the loneliest number..."

So, the discrimination is palpable. Can't get married. Do you know what *else* lonely people can't do? Ride in the carpool lane in the city. Yup, carpooling is discrimination against lonely people. It's the "Jim Crow" of the highway. Car pooling even has its own symbol of oppression. It's the diamond symbol. It's been called the swastika for lonely people. It's rude. They picked it to remind lonely people of the diamond on the wedding ring they'll never have to buy.

Okay, we've had a little fun with this, but seriously loneliness can strike any of us at any time. So often it feels like a gut punch, whether temporary or as your permanent "new normal", for various reasons: loss of a spouse from separation, divorce or death. Maybe because of an empty nest, a vacant spot at the table, the loss of friends or attending holidays, weddings or social events *solo* in a new season of life. It can often be felt strongest in a crowd, not just in a nursing home or an empty house. Altho' we all have a basic need for love and security, the Surgeon General has alerted us that loneliness is now at *epidemic* proportions.

Another song, by the group, America, goes, "*This is for all the lonely people thinking that life has passed them by. Don't give up until you drink from the silver cup and ride that highway in the sky.*" I think this song is more relevant today than it was back in 1975. Back then we talked to each other and didn't carry around devices that destroy real connectivity. *Lonely People* was written by the husband-and-wife team of Dan & Catherine Peek as an optimistic answer to the Beatle's *Eleanor Rigby*. The metaphor of the "silver cup", as Dan explained, "It's possible to drink from another's well of experience and be refreshed." Out of solitude can come the cup of salvation. Dan, who became a Christian, would often end concerts with this song and affirm, "Jesus *is* the answer to loneliness." Our Lord dynamically related Himself to this need in



saying, "*I am the good shepherd. I lay down my life for my sheep.*" He cares for you so much that He gave His life for *you*. He assures us, "*I will never leave you nor forsake you.*" As we lean on Him, we can pray that He will bring the right people into our lives and satisfy our need for human connection as He satisfies our soul's thirst for *Him*. Take a drink from that silver cup. PG

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Celebrating Inclusion - A Path Towards a Brighter Future in Vermont

May 9, 2023, Kevin Chu

In 2021, Governor Phil Scott first established the second week of May as Inclusion Week. Annually, the event recognizes that the State of Vermont condemns discrimination in all forms and welcomes all people who want to live, work, and visit Vermont.

The Vermont Declaration of Inclusion is an ongoing grassroots initiative advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion by working with municipalities to recognize and acknowledge inequities and commit to improving by adopting the Declaration for their community.

As of April 23, 2023, 110 towns and cities, home to 65.8% of Vermont's population, have adopted the Declaration of Inclusion.

The Vermont Futures Project took a deeper dive into the data to find the following:

- **71.5%** - Rutland County leads the way with the highest percentage of municipalities adopting the Declaration within their county. Washington County is second at 70% and Lamoille rounds out the top 3 at 63.6%.
- **67% of population growth** - Of the total population growth reported in the Census between 2010 - 2020, two-thirds of it happened in municipalities that support the Declaration.
- **50 over 50** - 50% of counties (17 of 14) have over 50% of their towns and cities adopting the Declaration.
- **66% of housing units** - The 50% of counties with over 50% of municipalities that have adopted the Declaration account for about two-thirds of Vermont's housing stock.

Why It Matters

Vermont is the second oldest and second whitest state in the country. Countless stories have been written about the brain drain phenomenon and the threat of rural decline. About 100,000 Vermonters will reach retirement age in the next decade.

The Declaration of Inclusion says that we want to write a new chapter in Vermont's story and create the conditions for our state to evolve towards a thriving future for all. It's an important symbolic action that embraces difference and dispels the zero-sum myth. From economic, environmental, and equity perspectives, creating welcoming and inclusive communities throughout the state is good for Vermont's future.

REASONS TO ADOPT DECLARATION OF INCLUSION

- Vermont is in competition for businesses. Organizations that come to individual towns and employees to make them grow are vital. The Declaration of Inclusion positions our state to better compete, domestically and internationally.
- Most Vermont towns are losing population and those who remain are aging. Young people get their education and leave the state. New young families are not coming here. In the long run, that's disastrous.
- The Governor and key growth business organizations in Vermont have strongly endorsed the diversity and inclusion initiative. Among them are the Vermont Chamber of Commerce, the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, and the Vermont Council on Rural Development.
- In guiding a town in addressing its various challenges and opportunities, it is increasingly important that town leaders be creative, positive and forward thinking. Including people and demographic trends is a vital part of town leadership's responsibility.
- Adopting a Declaration of Inclusion is an opportunity for towns, whether farming/forestry, tourist or business based, to stand with 140+ Vermont towns that have seen the connection and endorsed the concept that diversity is healthy for any community.
- Vermont Futures, the research arm of the Vermont Chamber of Commerce, in July 2023 reported on the positive, direct connection between growth and diversity. See our website, www.vtdeclarationofinclusion.org. Lastly, there is power when any entity, including Vermont towns, stand together. There is a reason why businesses, and even government and not for profit organizations, advertise and promote their strengths. As a truly unique state, Vermont has a truly unique and powerful opportunity to be seen as.... and reap the benefits of being.... a welcoming state.

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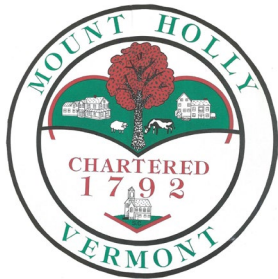


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Mount Holly Town News

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 Special Meeting Mount Holly Town Office July 14th, 2025 4.30pm pm Minutes

Attendance: Mark Turco, Diana Garrow, Jeff Chase (via phone), Faith Tempest, David Johnson, Carol Garrow-Woolley (via phone), Craig Fortier, Maria Fortier, Stephen Michel, Kevin Plew, June Capron, Pat McLaughlin, Phil Leonard, Mary Leonard.

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1. **Call to Order** at 4.35pm
2. **Liquor License application Okemo View Lane:** Mark Turco reported that following the regular Select Board meeting the Clerk had sought clarification from VLCT on this matter. He read the VLCT guidance which confirmed that as long as the

correct procedure is followed for the liquor license application, the Select Board must approve it. In relation to defining the Okemo View Lane property as commercial, this could only be done through zoning. The latter point was reiterated by Diana Garrow. Kevin Plew asked what could be done if there were future events on the site, for example a music festival? Mark Turco responded that there is no reason not to approve the application; he also noted that the Town does have a noise ordinance which would apply to large events. Craig Fortier stated his unhappiness with the late addition of this item to the Select Board regular meeting agenda. Stephen Michel asked if the use of the property for such events triggered Act 250, or what the triggers might be. Faith Tempest, speaking as Administrative Officer, responded that there is an existing conversation between the Act 250 Coordinator and the owner of this property (also the General Store) which would clarify this question. Mark Turco suggested that the Select Board could look at how other towns regulate this type of venue. Diana Garrow made a motion to approve the liquor license application, seconded by Jeff Chase, approved unanimously.

3. **Adjourn** 5.45 pm Respectfully Submitted By Faith Tempest

Select Board Meeting Mount Holly Town Office August 12, 2025 6:00 pm Minutes

Attendance: Mark Turco, Jeff Chase, Diana Garrow, Faith Tempest, Zena Gates, David Johnson, Dennis Devereux, Bob Knight, Christine Pratt, Clinton Woolley, Stephen Michel, Craig Fortier Maria Fortier, June Capron, Barbara Pulling, Norman Cohen, Phil Leonard, Laura Davis, Glenn Davis, Mary Leonard, Carol Garrow Woolley, David Peterson (via Zoom), Liz Karle (via Zoom)

1. **Call to Order** 6.04 pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the agenda:** two additions were made - item 7d VFM DPS Hazard Mitigation Grant Signing (FEMA buyout) and 7f NRCS grant
4. Approval of July 8th, July 14th Minutes: Mark Turco made a clarification on the July 14th minutes which misstated that the Town has a noise ordinance. Diana Garrow moved to accept the July 8th minutes and the July 14th minutes with the correction on the noise ordinance, seconded by Jeff Chase, approved unanimously.

5. Reports

a. **Highway and Transfer Station Update - Clinton Woolley:** The Transfer Station fence has been reinstalled. Several road signs have been stolen and will need to be replaced. Shrewsbury has a 500 gallon tank and sprayer which they no longer need which the Highway Department can use. Mark Turco will find out the price. Lake Ninevah grant funded road improvements are finished, though if there is additional funding left this will be used for surepak. Hortonville Road is now ready for paving and work should start in the coming days. Craig Fortier requested a hidden driveway sign near the entrance to his property on Healdville Road; he also asked if the culvert pipe at end of his driveway could be reviewed since it seems to be damaged. Clinton Woolley will inspect it.

b. **Potential locations for radar speed sign** - Mark Turco noted the need to ensure the sign is well anchored and suggested locations on Belmont Road, Healdville Road, potentially near a residence. Jeff Chase volunteered to assist Clinton Woolley with set up.

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i. **Beaver Meadow Culvert Repair:**

David Peterson of VTrans gave details of the bridge replacement on Rte 155 near Beaver Meadow Road. The new bridge will widen the opening from 16 feet to 40 feet to allow debris to flow through. Work is expected to take place in summer 2026, and Rte 155 will be closed for up to 28 days, with incentives to the contractor to complete sooner. Full road closure will be after 4th July but pre and post construction will involve daily lane closures. The main detour will be marked on State Roads, with an unmarked local detour also available. There are bypass grant funds which can cover additional signs, maintenance or enforcement during road closure. The State Public Information Officer will also ensure information on closures is publicly available.

b. **Town Treasurer Update - Elizabeth Karle.** The tax bills have gone out and payments are coming in, with over \$1m now in the general fund. The first State Aid for Roads has now been received; there were strong Transfer Station sticker sales in July.

c. **Listers' Report - David Johnson**

Mount Holly Listers Hours

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i. **Errors and Omissions – VTrans Co.** The State determined a revised value for VTrans co to update in the Grand List. The Grand List has now been filed with the State.

d. **Planning Commission Update - Jon McCann.** Faith Tempest gave an update on behalf of Jon McCann, noting that two subdivisions have been completed so far this year, with two more applications, and that the first Flood Hazard Area permit has been issued following the Town's bylaw adopted last year.

6. **New Business**

a. **Excess donations for Veterans Memorial renovation:** there is a surplus of \$1005

of donations over work undertaken to renovate the Memorial. Mark Turco proposed using the funds for future repairs, agreed by Jeff Chase and Diana Garrow.

b. **Dog License registrations:** Carol Garrow-Woolley reported 247 dogs registered, 64 unregistered noting that Adam Karle did make follow up calls to some owners. Ms Garrow Woolley asked if the Select Board is going to impound unregistered dogs? She acknowledged Christine Pratt's efforts last year, but asked what approach the Select Board wants to take in the future. Mark Turco proposed an executive session to consider what action to take.

c. **Town Animal Control Officer:** Adam Karle submitted his resignation as Animal Control Officer. Mark Turco moved to accept his resignation, Diana Garrow seconded, approved unanimously. The position will be advertised.

d. **Vermont Declaration of Inclusion:** Norman Cohen and Barbara Newell introduced this item. The declaration is intended to promote Vermont as a welcoming State and has been adopted by 164 Towns adopted including most towns in Rutland County. It is supported by Gov Scott, Chambers of Commerce, and others who wish to attract people to the state to support economic benefits, and can be a tool in the Town's economic development toolkit. Laura Davis asked if this was something which should be put to the Town to vote on? Barbara Newell responded that each Town can decide how to approach this, but it is often a Select Board decision. Mark Turco suggested that this be put on the agenda for discussion at the next regular Select Board meeting, with information circulated beforehand in the Chit Chat, Newsflash and website..

e. **Open and review bids for winter sand:** four bids were received, two for regular sand, two manufactured. For 4 tons, delivered, bids were: Pike industries \$80,220, M and M \$58,050, Casella \$57,780, Wallingford Crushed Stone \$52,060. Clinton Woolley confirmed that manufactured sand worked well, and noted the difference in trucking between Casella and Wallingford

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Crushed Stone which made the bids more comparable. Diana Garrow moved to accept the bid from Casella, seconded by Mark Turco, motion approved (Jeff Chase recused himself).

f. **New Opioid settlement.** The Town has received a new Opioid settlement from Purdue Pharma. Other settlements have recently provided \$810.

7. **Old Business**

a. **Town office Electrical issues:** Faith Tempest reported that one proposal has been received to undertake an assessment of the electrical system, but given the cost additional quotes are being sought.

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this in the Spring and now the ANR permitting is complete. The next step is an RFP with the hope that the work can be completed this year. Jeff Chase will invite bids from a number of entities, and post on the State bid site.

8. **Citizen Comments:** Zena Gates asked if the Transfer Station is stopping taking mattresses. Mark Turco confirmed that these will no longer be accepted due to the cost. Clinton Woolley also reminded residents that the Transfer Station cannot accept air conditioners, refrigerators, and propane tanks. Craig Fortier complained about 2.5 hours of noise from a neighboring wedding and asked that the Select Board look into a noise ordinance or investigate what other Towns do. Other neighbors, Laura Davis and Mary Leonard, echoed Mr Fortier's complaints. Mark Turco agreed to put the issue on the next SB agenda when more information is available on how other Towns deal with this. Dennis Devereux raised concerns about the collapsed concrete abutment in the brook behind the Walter White museum building, part of the old mill. The museum would like to remove it but are having difficulty getting a response from the State: Mr Devereux asked if the Select Board could contact the State authorities. Clinton Woolley pointed out that the Town does not own this, so the Museum and ANR will need to work with the landowner.

9. **Announcements:** Town office closed Labor Day. Property tax 4% discount closing on 28th August.

10. **Review & Sign Orders**

11. **Executive Session:** Title 1 V.S.A. S 313(a)(3) – personnel. Mark Turco moved to go into executive session, seconded by Diana Garrow, approved unanimously.

12. **Adjourn** Respectfully Submitted By Faith Tempest In draft form until approved at the Select Board meeting 9th September

b. **T-Mobile addition to cell tower:** The Town has received notification that T-Mobile has formally submitted its application to the Public Utility Corporation.

c. **Chadburn Lane RFP:** Two bids were received - Mountainview \$23,500 or \$34500 for a better finish; Hawkins not to exceed \$75,000, possibly around \$60-70,000 (but the bid was received late). Jeff Chase noted that FEMA funds have already been allocated for this. Mark Turco moved to award to Mountainview option 2 given proof of appropriate insurance, seconded by Diana Garrow, approved unanimously. Jeff Chase noted that the guardrail may need some work from the Town; the property resident has offered to assist with this.

d. **VFM DPS Hazard Mitigation Grant Signing (FEMA buyout):** Jeff Chase has the grant based on his role as authorized signer. The next step is to arrange the appraisal and lawyer to act for the Town.

e. **Natural Resources Conservation Service grant (Rte 155):** Jeff Chase prepared the survey for

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Board Meeting Mount Holly Town Office 50 School St Mount Holly, VT 05758

August 18th 2025 4:30 pm Minutes

1. Call to Order
2. Highway employee resignation. Mark Turco acknowledged receipt of Dennis Cointreau's resignation from the Town Highway Department. Diana Garrow moved to accept, Mark Turco seconded, approved unanimously. Mark Turco noted with thanks the excellent work done by Mr Cointreau.
3. Dog Licences. Mark Turco made a motion to ask Christine Pratt to take on the role of following up on unlicensed dogs, seconded by Diana Garrow, approved unanimously.
4. Executive Session: Title 1 V.S.A. S 313(a)(3) – personnel. Mark Turco moved to go into executive session, Jeff Chase seconded, approved unanimously.
5. Adjourn 5.15pm

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Mount Holly Planning Commission Town Office & Remote Electronic – Regular Meeting Minutes Tuesday, June 17th 2025 6.30P.M.

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

Also present: Faith Tempest, David Johnson

1. Chair called the meeting to order at 6.32 pm
2. **Changes to agenda:** none
3. **Approval of minutes of meeting of May 20th.** Commissioner Schulz asked for an amendment regarding discussion of the Garrow subdivision: he will share language with the Clerk. Chair asked that the minutes reflect additional comments he had made regarding the situation at Blue Spruce Inn to ensure the minutes form a complete record of what happened during the site visit. Commissioner Schulz asked for specific amendments to the wording to clarify what action the owners have already taken. Chair tabled approval of May 20th meeting minutes until revisions are made.

4. Reports & Announcements

a. Administrative Officer:

- i. **BCRs received from Watson:** Okemo View Lane – 24x44' garage
Nilsen and Doig: Old Tiffany Road – 30x35' garage and 42x24' yoga room
Ahonen: Shunpike Road – replacement of mobile home
Ganzer: Gates Road – 30x42' garage

Commissioner Schulz asked about construction on Sawyer Hill Road. AO will follow up.

- ii. **Patch FHA permit** has been issued and will shortly pass the appeal period and go into full effect. Mr Patch would like to add a concrete parking pad/garage at the same elevation as the building, which may complicate the LOMA process managed by FEMA. Kyle Medash has proposed that the LOMA includes the parking pad but the AO will

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AO linked them to Kyle Medash, who advised on issues relating to quantifying substantial improvements and also advised that the owners should undertake a survey to establish base flood elevation. AO outlined to the Commission the definitions of substantial improvement, requiring information on the value of the property and the costs of improvements over a period of three years. Chair stated that condemnation of the building brings with it an assumption that the building will be destroyed, giving it no value and thus any improvements are substantial, and that the owners of the property will need to show that they are not in violation of the bylaw. Commissioner Michel asserted that the building has inherent value and the improvements undertaken address issues which would reduce its value. Commissioner Schulz noted that the purchase price of the property does not mean there is any value in the structures, since it also includes the land.

Commissioner Andrew Seward suggested that the best course of action is to follow the same process as followed by Marvin Patch (LOMA). AO noted that she has asked the property owners to complete a FHA/RC permit application, which will commence the process to request the owners to prove that they are not in contravention of the bylaw. Chair asked what the position of the Fire Marshall is today. AO had not had the chance to speak to them but will do so. AO also noted that the Fire Marshall's report was written when the property was a public building, which it no longer is. Chair stated that although there is no formal change of use process, his belief was that the status of the structure as a public building would not change according to the Department of Public Safety. Commissioner Schulz noted that if the building is no longer public then the exemption of curing a violation no longer applies. Chair noted that the basis for the bylaw is to ensure that if a building is destroyed it is not rebuilt in the same location and to the same standards. AO confirmed she will revert to the owners asking them to complete the FHA permit application, and proposing a survey to establish the base flood elevation.

b. Planning Commission Chair:

i. Cavendish's new subdivision regulations have been presented to the Select Board. Chair is seeking a copy to facilitate comparison with our subdivision regulations.

contact him to clarify next steps. Chair asked for a synopsis of the BoA permitting process – AO confirmed that the Findings and Decision have been posted following the BoA's public hearing.

iii. **Armstrong camper in FHA:** a certified letter has been returned as undeliverable; possibly with an incorrect address. AO will re-send.

iv. **Belmont General Store:** Following an anonymous report to the Town Clerk expressing concerns about proposals for building out a curb in front of the Post Office and its effect on snow plowing, AO asked Alissa Chronert to update the BCR and give information on site plans. The site plans suggest that the designs are following proposals in the Belmont Village Plan. This may raise questions regarding ownership of the road – an unrecorded survey suggests the Town owns all the property to the edge of the Store. Chair noted that this is an issue for the Select Board. Chair also asked about Act 250 implications, raising questions regarding parking, traffic, snow removal, pedestrian access etc. Chair asked AO to follow up with the Act 250 coordinator on this.

v. **Blue Spruce Inn:** The owners met with the AO. They gave their opinion that the works already undertaken are to rectify the Fire Marshall and Health Officer's violations, and that they have not made substantial improvements, merely cosmetic improvements to make the building habitable. They asserted that these are exemptions in the Town's bylaw.

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6. New Business:

7. Unfinished Business

a. **Subdivision regulations** – Chair will circulate the Cavendish draft sub-division regulations.

b. **Blue Spruce Inn** – no additional information.

8. Public Comments: None

9. Upcoming meetings

a. **Garrows Sub-division Deliberations** – 25th June 2025, 5.30pm

b. **Regular meeting:** July 15th 2025 at 6.30 pm

10. Meeting adjourned 7.55 pm. For the Commission, Faith Tempest, Planning Commission Clerk In draft form until approved on 15th July 2025 A video recording of this meeting can be found at: <https://okemovale.tv/mount-holly-planning-commission-617-4>

Town Office & Remote Electronic – Regular Meeting Minutes Tuesday, July 15th 2025 6.30P.M.

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

Also present: Faith Tempest, Doug Rose

ii. A public enquiry was received asking about zoning issues for campground with a focus on wellness and cannabis consumption. The AO will respond.

5. Correspondence

a. Subdivision proposals

i. **Siegordner:** Regarding the proposal to install a new access to one of the parcels which would require an amendment to previous subdivision permit conditions (PC-2021-03) relating to screening, Chair proposed that the most straightforward way to address this would be a public hearing. This would allow interested parties to make their views known. AO noted that the subdivision application has been submitted along with a color copy of the map which makes clear the location of the proposed access, but also highlighted a future potential subdivision of one of the parcels. AO was asked to clarify with Tyler Siegordner whether he intends to submit an application for the land subdivision as well. Commissioner Michel suggested that all of the subdivision conditions related to screening should be removed. Chair noted that the applicants were not asking for this, and that they are proposing additional screening, along with the access. AO asked what information would be required to ensure the application is complete, given that this is an amendment, rather than a full sub-division application. Chair confirmed that the application, site plan and State Permits would be sufficient, and no additional plats are required.

b. **Email/Other:** none

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regarding amendments of Act 250 permits. In this discussion the Belmont General Store was also mentioned. The Act 250 coordinator will work with the owners in an effort to get them to request a JO.

5. Correspondence

a. Subdivision proposals

i. **Siegordner subdivision permit amendment for PC-2021-03.** Tabled to next meeting given absence of Siegodners.

ii. **Garrow:** The Chair raised this again since deliberations are still not complete and another meeting should be scheduled. The Chair also noted with concern that Mr Garrow mis-represented the nature of a property line agreement between himself and Lori and Gary Norton, which was submitted to the PC as part of supporting documentation for the sub-division. The agreement requires Lori and Gary Norton to lose acreage and consent to boundaries in the sub-division plat, rather than as represented in previous PC discussions that the monumentation on the ground would be used for the boundary lines.

b. **Email/Other:** none

6. New Business:

a. **Rose boundary line adjustment:** Mr Rose bought a 10 acre parcel with a SFR on Old Turnpike Road which abuts an 80 acre lot he already owns. There is a deed restriction on the 10 acre plot prohibiting subdivision. He would like to make a boundary line adjustment of the 10 acre property, adding 9 of the acres to the 80 acre parcel, leaving the SFR on a ~1 acre parcel. Commissioner Schulz asked when the subdivision restriction was added; Mr Rose responded that it was the sale of the property by Charles Garrow in approximately 1987. Chair asked for a specific request from Mr Rose, who asked that the PC allow a BLA leaving an acre lot, although it could be larger depending on the wastewater needs. Chair noted that a subdivision leaving one acre may be difficult to approve, but a BLA may be an option, given that this would make the 80 acre lot larger. Chair noted that previous BLAs have been subject to PC review. Commissioner Schulz stated that the BLA is subject to PC review, citing the example of one recently approved under the PC's authority on sub-divisions. Commissioner Michel noted that there may be a legal solution to remove restrictions which would no doubt be better. Chair stated that a BLA could be reviewed under the sub-division regulations but Mr Rose would need to be comfortable with any issues arising from the deed restrictions. Mr Rose asked if the PC would look positively on a restriction on the deed of a newly created 89 acre lot that there would be no subdivisions. Chair responded that restrictions on future use may help the application, but the next step is for Mr Rose to make a sub-division application.

7. Unfinished Business

a. **Subdivision regulations revision process:** Chair is still waiting for Cavendish to share their draft subdivision regulations.

b. **Blue Spruce Inn:** AO noted that the Fire Marshal has confirmed that since the property is now a privately owned SFR it no longer comes under their jurisdiction. She also reported that the property owners have confirmed they will make a FHA permit application and engage a surveyor to establish the base flood elevation of the property.

8. Public Comments: None

9. Upcoming meetings

a. **Regular meeting:** August 19th 2025 at 6.30 pm

10. **Meeting adjourned 7.36pm.** For the Commission, Faith Tempest, Planning Commission Clerk In draft form until approved on 19th August 2025 A video recording of this meeting can be found at: <https://okemovalee.tv/mount-holly-planning-commission-715-14>



Mount Holly Conservation Trust Update

The **Mount Holly Conservation Trust (MHCT)** is enrolling the new 49-acre parcel of land near the end of Greendale Road, surrounded by the Green Mountain National Forest in the VT Current Use program. The parcel, known as the Breton Parcel, for its prior owners, was on the market and at risk of purchase for development. In order to protect the high-quality wildlife habitat on the parcel, MHCT used our reserves to get the property off the market quickly. Now we need to restore our reserves to be in a position to act quickly the next time an important parcel is on the market. The long-term hope is that it will become part of the Green Mountain National Forest.

The parcel has beautiful woods and wetlands including habitat for beaver, moose, deer, bear and many other species. Our goal in purchasing it is to preserve it for its natural beauty while still allowing public access activities including hunting, fishing, birding, hiking, cross country skiing and snowshoeing.

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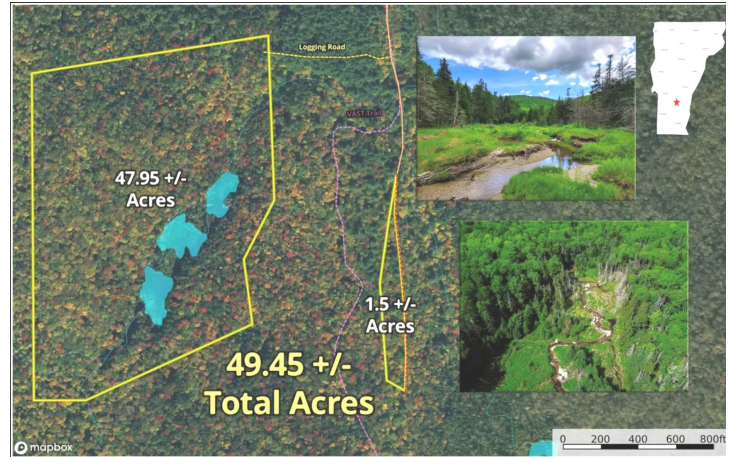
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Notes from the Mount Holly Conservation Commission

The MHCC continues to work on ideas...many provided though our community outreach meetings... to improve access and enjoyability of Star Lake and its beach area. A third bottom barrier was installed this year and plans are afoot to both increase shade and remove trees that reduce open areas for future use in playground and games sites. We also are working on obtaining and installing an ADA approved mat that will increase accessibility for all.

The Commission has been notified that our application for limited mechanical harvesting on Star Lake has been technically reviewed and a draft is now available for

public comments.

To track the status of this project, please view the Environmental Notice Bulletin: <https://enb.vermont.gov/?id=26272>

Public comments regarding this project must be received no later than 9/18/2025. Comments can be mailed or emailed to: Olin Reed^[SEP]Lake and Shoreland Permitting: ^[SEP]Olin.Reed@vermont.gov

In non-lake news, work continues on multi use trails on the old Syria Farm to provide recreation opportunities for walkers, hikers, and horse back riders. As soon as fully marked the Commission will make the exact location and availability of these trails known through the ChitChat and Newsflash.


The Ash Borer Mitigation program is in hibernation for the season, but will be available again next year for landowners who wish to protect their ash trees from this invasive.

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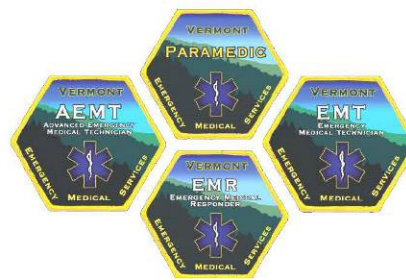


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Ludlow Rotary Celebrate Membership Month for RI

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What is the value of membership in the Ludlow Rotary Club. As LRC President Kevin Barnes noted, "The Ludlow Rotary is building a stronger, more connected community—and we want you in the conversation. Membership opens the door to valuable connections, skill-building opportunities, and the chance to drive meaningful change. Whether you're looking to grow personally, give back, or expand your network, joining is a step toward making your mark."

The Ludlow Rotary is a small club working with big projects to help local, regional and international groups and organizations. The club has been involved in numerous projects to aid those needing assistance. Some examples are:

- Raising funds for flood recovery in the Ludlow area
- Giving over \$275,000 to students for college
- Providing books to elementary school students
- Helping Australia during a disaster by purchasing an ambulance
- Giving donations to students in the Ukraine
- Supporting an orphanage in Africa
- Annually giving funds to local non-profit groups
- RI's world-wide efforts to remove polio and provide clean water

This is just a very brief listing of LRC's activities.

But, Past President George Thomson, commented, "We are a very busy and active group yet we still make sure that everyone enjoys the club and has fun".

Kevin Barnes reminded all club members of the values of the club. He cited the vital roles members play in the exchange of ideas, deciding on projects to implement, working with their local community, and reacting to local and international disasters.

He also added that club members had fun at their meetings, enjoyed picnics, sponsored a duck race and chili cookoff, and had a great Christmas party. "We work hard but find plenty of time to just have fun and companionship".

Those interested in attending a Ludlow Rotary Club meeting to check it out may do so by contacting Kevin Barnes at 802-222-2222 or any Rotarian. They are welcome to our weekly luncheon meeting held on Tuesdays at DJ's Restaurants. Ralph Pace



The Stand Up Shakespeare Company presents ONE FREE PERFORMANCE at the Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site in Plymouth, Vermont on Saturday, August 30th, 2025, 12 Noon

The 2025 annual "Shakespeare Alive! A Bard-Based Variety Show" returns for an all-new, FREE performance. It's a delightful mélange of Bard-based entertainment for all ages! The STAND UP SHAKESPEARE troupe of professional actors and singers from New York City will share its talent, passion and creativity to amuse and amaze with the best of Shakespeare's canon as well as Bard-based skits and songs. And, lo, verily, the show is always FREE! (Although donations are gratefully accepted.)

WHO IS STAND UP SHAKESPEARE? Stand Up Shakespeare is a collective of New York City-based professional actors who have become a veritable Vermont institution over a 25-year period. The beloved troupe travels to Killington and Plymouth each Labor Day weekend to present a new one-hour show made up of comedy, romance, tragedy and history, all based on the works of William Shakespeare.

Where: Union Christian Church, 43 Messer Hill Road, located on the **Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site**, 3780 Route 100 A, Plymouth Notch, VT 05056. The special matinee performance will be held in the 183-year-old Union Christian Church (43 Messer Rd.) with its perfect acoustics making it ideal for Shakespeare performances.

Stay for the 20th Annual **Plymouth Folk and Blues Festival**, which begins at 2:00pm and runs until 5:00pm on Saturday, also Sunday during the same times. This event is also free, with donations appreciated.

For more information about the show and the **Stand Up Shakespeare Company**, contact Kate Konigisor at 917-406-1456 or kkonig@aol.com. Media inquiries contact Joan Pelzer at 917-670-7071 or joan@joanpelzersocial.com

The **Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation** is the official foundation dedicated to preserving and promoting the legacy of America's 30th president. The Foundation was formed in 1960 by a group of Coolidge enthusiasts, including John Coolidge, the president's son. It maintains its offices at the president's birthplace in Plymouth Notch, Vermont. The Foundation seeks to greatly increase Americans' understanding of President Coolidge and the values he promoted.

For more information on the Coolidge Foundation: coolidgefoundation.org; Phone: 802-672-3389

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About The Union Christian Church: The Union Christian Church has been owned and preserved by the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation since 1970. The church features a Carpenter Gothic interior. The Union Christian Church was erected in 1840 as a town meeting house and was formally dedicated as the "Congregational Church Society" in 1842. President Calvin Coolidge, born in 1872, sat in the pew owned by his grandfather until the 1890 renovation. After 1890, the president and his family worshiped in the pew now marked by the American Flag and

Link to Cast Photos and Flyers:

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FOLA Plans More Events This Fall and Winter

FOLA Chairman, Jim Alic, and Program Director, Scott Stearns, have announced a series of planned events for the coming Fall and Winter that will offer a wide variety of entertainment to area audiences.

On Sunday, November 2, at 2 PM, they indicated that a string trio from the Vermont Symphony will appear in Heald Auditorium in Ludlow's Town Hall.

This Sunday matinee will feature classical music played by a trio of classical musicians that promises to feature chamber pieces as well as generally well-known classical works.



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This will be the first Sunday matinee offered by FOLA since 2009.

Stearns indicated that additional events are now in the scheduling phase that are pending dates during this period.

They will include a musical evening planned by FOLA that will include "danceable" music. A new Christmas program will also be presented during the holiday period. Dates on these offerings are pending but will be announced soon.

FOLA is also planning a special program for the younger set. Information on this program will be released sometime this Fall. For further information, check out the website at fola.us or call 802-228-3238.

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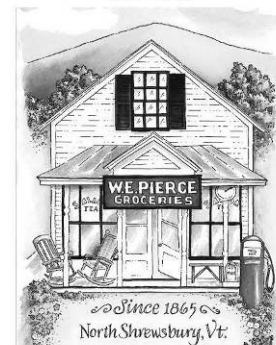
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Than these old hills of Old Vermont.

They say Vermont if rolled out flat
Would equal Illinois in size;
But primaries then would cost so much
The rich might win and not the wise;
Our marble, too, would be soft coal -
A thing that some folks wouldn't want -
I think we'd better let 'em standd,
The solid hills of Old Vermont.

They ain't too green, they ain't too gray,
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They're awful pretty in the Spring.
But prettier in the fiery Fall;
And they're so smooth that you can farm
Clear up to snow-line, if you want,
Which isn't true of any hills
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We'd get the bitter with the sweet,
For Henry Ford might live in town,
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We'd have no gum, we'd have no talc-
The high school girls would come to want -
We'd better leave them 'em be, I guess,
The useful hills of Old Vermont.

The man that doesn't like these hills
Must be tremendous hard to please,
Or have a case of what Fred Wells
Would call the Enosburg disease;
Jest dub me "hill dog" if you will -
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Celebration of Life in Belmont for Betty Jones

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Betty was a lifelong reader, a gifted artist, a talented cook, seamstress, upholsterer, gardener, and home renovator. In her series of homes, Betty painted and wallpapered the walls, made curtains, reupholstered furniture, and renovated antiques. She was a competitive challenger at bridge, Scrabble, Bananagrams and trivia games. Betty stayed up late reading, she woke early and always made her bed first thing. Betty had a talent for homemaking, hosting, cooking, and baking that made family gatherings and holidays incredibly beautiful.

Elizabeth Jones was preceded in death by her parents, and by her husband of thirty-seven years, Robert Martin Jones. She is survived by daughters Christine Elizabeth Segale, Rebecca Susan Jones, and Jacqueline Marie Brown; by grandchildren Indy Rae Jones, Shane, Max and Magdalyn Segale, and Riley and Ginger Brown; great-granddaughter Veda Elizabeth Jones-Cormier

A Celebration of Life will be held at Oddfellows Hall on Saturday, September 27th. Greetings at 4:30, speeches and songs starting at 4:45, a buffet-style supper will follow for all who attend. Please

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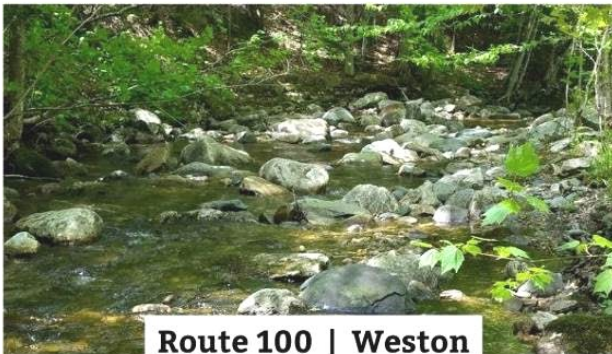
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The walk brings together friends, family and supporters who help send the message that suicide is preventable.

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Check in at 9am. The walk begins at 10am. Join the walk or make a donation to support our team. Here's our team page <https://afspwalks.donordrive.com/participant/3307453>.

For more information contact Charity Eastman at 413-387-3770 at the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Walk With Community Health to End Alzheimer's Saturday, September 27

Join our team - Community Health Walkers - Saturday, September 27th to raise awareness to the fight against Alzheimer's. Registration at Meadow Street Park in Rutland begins at 8:30am, we'll rally together at 9:30am and the walk kicks off at 10am. Come early and learn about Alzheimer's and meet our team and a community that cares.

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