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January 2026

Mount Holly Chit Chat

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Mount Holly Community Association – Contact MHCASVT@gmail.com www.MHCASVT.org

Mount Holly Museum-Open Jul & Aug Sat & Sun 2-4pm 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. & 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 Hours: Tuesdays 10:00 am – 2:00 pm and 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: Sat. 8 am – 2 pm & Sun. 9 am – 12 pm

1st Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Fire Station **New Year's Day ~ Ellis Island Opens 1892** 7:00 pm

Emancipation Proclamation Issued by Pres. Lincoln 1863

Full Wolf Moon

Sat 3rd

6th MH Conservation Commission, MH Town Office

Pan Am Airway Plane Completes First Around-The-World Trip by a Commercial Aircraft **New York, NY 1942**

MH Snow Flyers meeting Via Zoom

6:00 pm

6:00 pm

6:00 pm

7:00 pm



7th

MH PTG Meeting, MH School

7:00 pm

8th

Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station



Sat 10th

Bobcat Hunting begins ~ 1st Meeting of The United Nations General Assembly 1946

Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont

9:00 am

13th

Select Board Meeting, Town Office & Zoom

6:00 pm

14th

LMHUS Meeting,

6:00 pm

ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont

7:00 pm

15th

Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations

7:00 pm

16th

Persian Gulf War Begins 1991

Benjamin Franklin 1706 – Operation Desert Storm Began 1991

17th

Robert E Lee 1807 ~ Martin Luther King Jr's Day – Elementary School Teacher Day

19th

MH Planning Commission, MH Town Office & Via Zoom

6:00 pm

20th

M H Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont

Wilderness Society Est 1935

6:00 pm

21st

MH Community Association Meeting, Library

7:00 pm

22nd

Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station

7:00 pm

23rd

Briton Elizabeth Blackwell 1st Woman to Receive MD Degree in USA 1849

National Pie Day 1986 Celebrates Crisco's 75th Anniversary of Serving Foods To Families Everywhere

American Airlines First Scheduled Transcontinental Flight 1959

Sun 25th

Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont

Vietnam War Ends 1973

9:00 am

27th

ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont

7:00 pm

28th

Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations

7:00 pm

29th

Free Ice Fishing Day

7:00 pm

31st

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
Animal Control Rutland County Sheriff's Dept.		802-775-8002	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 Check out Mt. Holly Web Site www.mounthollyvt.org

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January Birthdays: 4th-Jamie Ludwig Cotter 6th-Seth Rosen 8th-Andrew Flanders * Dannielle Bussino 11th-John Ryea (1983) 17th-Lori Cole * Robert Keen 19th-Rick Ludwig * Benjamin Taylor * Lisa Bussino (1962) 20th-Eric Ludwig 23rd-Thomas Osbourne * Jeff Columb 27th-Hannah Teter 28th-Chris Lombardi * Jahnava Jenkins 30th-Brian Keen 31st-Jennifer Parker * Cole Tarbell * Tiffany Taylor



January Anniversaries 15th-Kyle & Nancy Perry 24th-Armand & Debby Bernagozzi

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
	&	2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
Lobby Hours:		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		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		7:00 am – 4:45 pm
Cuttingsville/Shrewsbury		802-230-1996
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		7:30 am – 5:00 pm
	Sat	7:30 am – 11:00 am
Ludlow		802-228-7436
Lobby Hours:		6:30 am – 5:30 pm
	Sat	6:30 am – 11:00 am
Window Hours:		8:30 am – 5:00 pm
	Sat	8:30 am – 10:30 am
Wallingford Post Master		– 802-245-6281



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PHOTOS: Color photos of events are required as they look great on the Town website.

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William E. Olney

William Earl Olney, better known as Bill, Billy, Coach, Mr. Olney, Grampy, the Big O, 83, of Shrewsbury, VT, passed away on December 5, 2025, at the Gill Odd Fellows Home in Ludlow, VT, following a long illness. He was born on September 20, 1942, in Springfield, VT, the son of Earl and Rachel (Crowley) Olney. He was a graduate of Black River High School, class of 1960, and Castleton State College, class of 1973. Bill married Linda M. Sanderson on December 17, 1966. They lived in Shrewsbury, VT, their entire married lives. Wintering for many years in Palmetto, FL, at Piney Point. He taught physical and driver's education at Mill River Union High School from its opening in 1975 until his retirement in 2000. While there, he also coached the baseball team for 11 years and was named Coach of the Year in 1986. Bill also had jobs at G.E. in Ludlow, VT, worked construction, taught driver's education at many area high schools, and spent summers painting houses. Mr. Olney served in the United States Air Force from 1963-1966. While enlisted, he led the Travis Air Force Base of Enfield, CA, to the Military Airport Transport Championships as a fastpitch softball pitcher. Bill dedicated his life to teaching and coaching softball. He began pitching back in 1955 on his father's softball team in Mt. Holly, VT. Over his 40-year career, he pitched for several state championships in both Vermont and New Hampshire. In 1994, he was honored by the American Softball Association as a first-team All-American. In 1975, Bill began teaching fast-pitch softball under his business name, The Olney Way, and continued until a few years ago. He taught young women from over 50 high schools in New England and New York. Many of his students went on to pitch for state championship teams and pursue collegiate careers. He also worked with pitching staffs from 10 colleges and was the pitching coach at Dartmouth College for 13 years. He then ended his collegiate career as a pitching coach at Castleton University. In 2008 he was inducted into the Castleton State College Athletic Hall of Fame. The State of Vermont House of Representatives awarded a house concurrent resolution honoring William Olney for his accomplishments as a softball player and coach. Besides an amazing career in softball, he had many other athletic accomplishments including, basketball, table tennis, and badminton, as many former students can attest to. Bill influenced many people both young and old, and was known throughout his life for his patience, kindness, and humor. Many fondly remember his Silas and Effie jokes. For many years, he sported a U-R-OUT license plate that he then placed on his golf cart in Florida. He leaves a tremendous void in those who loved and knew him. Survivors include his wife of almost 59 years; two daughters, Kimberly Olney Young (Matt) of Tinmouth, VT, Shannon Olney Collins (Dan) of Shrewsbury, VT; a sister Betty Merlin (Murray) of Mt. Holly, VT; five grandchildren, Chelsea Young (Troy), Chad Young (Gabby), Riley, Dylan and Keenan Collins, many nieces, nephews and close friends. He also leaves behind his beloved dog Bailey. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Southside Steakhouse in Rutland, VT, on Sunday, December 14, 2025, at 1:00 PM. Burial will take place in the spring at Northam Cemetery in Shrewsbury, VT. There will be no calling hours. Arrangements are with the Aldous Funeral Home.. Memorial contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department.



Raoul La Pre November 4, 1935 – December 3, 2025

Rutland- Raoul LaPre, 90, died peacefully in his home on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, surrounded by his family .He will be very well missed and loved by his family. His passion was riding motorcycles and fixing cars.



Heidi-Jo Dunnigan 1970-2025

Our sweet Heidi-Jo, lived life to the fullest, waking up laughing or smiling from ear to ear, eager to greet each day. Heidi-Jo Dunnigan, 55 Winter Haven, Florida, passed peacefully at home, surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Mt. Holly, Vermont October 16, 1970 to Edward M. Dunnigan Sr. and Dorothy Crockett Dunnigan, whose life-long dedication and loving care allowed her to live life so fully and happily. Heidi-Jo loved watching her favorite videos, floating in the pool, taking walks in her wheel-chair being pushed by her mother who was always her constant companion going to New Smyrna Beach, balloons, cupcakes and strawberry and vanilla milkshakes. She will be remembered for her big smiles, hardy laugh, being happy with the simplest of things and her enthusiasm. We will miss her every day. Her memory, her strength, her fight and her hope will live on in our hearts forever. Heidi-Jo was preceded in death by Edward M.

Dunnigan Sr, (Father), loving Grandmother Olive Viccaro Crockett, loving Auntie M. Elaine Crockett Howland, and other beloved family members. She is survived by Dorothy Crockett Dunnigan (Mother) of Winter Haven, Florida, Edward M. Dunnigan Jr. (Beverly) (Brother) of Lincolnton, Georgia, Sandra Dunnigan Stephens (Craig) (Sister) of Winter Haven, Florida, Bryer Dunnigan (Kate) (Nephew) of Coxsackie, New York, Mayson Dunnigan (Nephew) of Riverview, Florida, Damion Dunnigan, Malechi Dunnigan, Eli Dunnigan, Grace Elizabeth Dunnigan, Mackenzie Rose Dunnigan (Great Nephews and Nieces). Pictured right brother Eddie with sister Heidi at 17 years old.



Morgan Walker Brown

Morgan Walker Brown died peacefully surrounded by love on Tuesday December 16th. A person of enduring determination and wise compassion, to the very end he used his prose and his voice to advocate for people in need. Morgan inspired many to follow in his example of empathy, kindness, and compassion.

Among the many hats that Morgan wore, he was primarily a writer and activist in the Montpelier community. In recent years, he even began to show up around the community in a Santa suit to bring a smile and joy to those often forgotten in his role of Wandering Santa; this role had started as a small act of love for his visiting granddaughter and blossomed into a much larger deed as he subsequently brought holiday cheer to homeless encampments during the coldest months. His poetry was read aloud in press conferences and by legislators in the State House. Most importantly he presented it as a tool to advocate for people to have shelter and housing.

Morgan spent many years experiencing homelessness in the latter half of his life. He was never afraid to push people to truly understand disability justice. Even while unsheltered, he never missed an opportunity to advocate for those who had less than he did. He spent his days

surrounded by those in suits and tidy haircuts advocating for change, sticking out intentionally to draw attention to his cause. Morgan was not paid for this work; it was not a job but a calling in every sense of the word. It was who he was and was in every stitch of his being.

After decades of experiencing homelessness, he found what he recently referred to as his “forever home,” which brought him stability, real community and deep friendships. He lived his life out in a small studio apartment that was “enough” for him. He had longed for all of this while he lived unsheltered and worked his whole life for all people to have the privilege of a place to call home. In the end of his life he was clear that he had found peace.

Morgan leaves behind his beloved cat Cleopatra whom he adopted from the Central Vermont Humane Society 11 years ago. She lives up to her name as the Queen of his house. She brought him so much comfort and love, especially in the final year of his life in which she bestowed upon him strength and the ability to bear his trials with grace and dignity. She was most definitely his heart.

He is survived by his siblings Alison Lawson and Jeff Hackett, his two children Justin Brown and Alex Grey, his daughter-in-law Rina Brown, and his beloved granddaughter Kirana Brown.

And also, by his many friends, his beloved community, and those who have not yet found home.

There is no better way to represent his wishes except in his own words. Morgan asked for all of us left behind to bring his empathy, love and compassion into all aspects of our lives. His challenge to us is to care for those who are experiencing homelessness; to fight for humane policies that treat all people like fellow human beings, every single day.

In 2021 he wrote this poem while there was a twenty-seven-night protest on the statehouse steps to keep people sheltered:

**In Lieu of Flowers
(Remember and Care for the Living)**

For those living unhoused,
abandoned to the streets,
left to live in the woods,
underneath bridges,
sleep in dumpsters and the like;
it is far too late to think of,
remember fondly, send flowers
or otherwise honor and memorialize them
after they have languished and died from lying wet,
frozen, alone and forgotten,
due to deliberate indifference
as well as from a lack
of sufficient caring and empathy

Morgan Brown fought for people, he represented people, and he showed up for people. In his final days, he asked that his legacy be carried on in all of us. Let us show up as he would have. In his own words, let us care for and remember the living each time we think of him. Morgan asked that donations in his honor be made to End Homelessness Vermont and Another Way - Checks can be made out to: End Homelessness Vermont, 1205 North Avenue Suite 13, Burlington VT, 05408 Or you can donate online at: <https://www.endhomelessnessvt.org/donate.html> OR Another Way, PO Box 506 Montpelier VT 05601 Or you can donate online at: <https://www.anotherwayvt.org/> A memorial service will be held at a later date.



David H. Johnson

It is with a very heavy heart I tell you our beloved David Johnson the pillar of our community has passed away unexpectedly December 18th, 2025 at his home.

He was born August 2nd, 1955 to Hubert and Lucille (Bumps) Johnson being their only child. He grew up in Mount Holly, attended Mount Holly Elementary School and going on to graduate from Wallingford High School. He loved going to basketball games at Mill River High School as well as soccer games there too.

He loved to bet a certain person to win in the Big Brother and Survivor TV shows and would win on occasions. He also loved to play bingo.

David also loved farming and raised beef cows for many years and only David would do special names for each cow according to the first alphabet of the mother's name. He knew each cows' grandparents down the line.

He was Secretary and Treasurer of many organizations, Mount Moriah Lodge #96 (the Masons), Colfax Lodge #21 (Odd Fellows), Mt. Holly Sno*Drifters, Mt. Holly Volunteer Fire Department, and maybe a few other's I haven't listed or know of. He worked as Assistant Treasurer under Fred Speth and when Fred retired in the late 1980's early 1990's David ran for Treasurer and won. From then to 2023 he served as town treasurer over 30 years. When a new Treasurer was elected David stayed on as her Assistant Treasurer. He was training another Assistant Treasurer.

He also served as town Lister and was a fountain of knowledge we relied on time and time again. He knew all the tax maps and loved to walk the boundary lines of some properties to get a feel for the land. He could tell you where many of stonewalls were.

David was a Justice of the Peace for over 30 years and was a member of Mount Holly Republican Committee. David was a man of many hats.

One of his first jobs was working for Keyser Gulf Service Station as their bookkeeper and other bookkeeping jobs before and during being Town Treasurer. He also helped many folks doing their tax returns each year and made sure the notice went out to file your homestead tax form to receive a tax break with your income for property taxes. We all will miss his reminders to be sure this or that will need to be paid. He helped me learn how to do the Selectboard orders. I could go on and on and still not tell all about him. He was a very good friend and I will miss not seeing him Monday mornings or any other day at the Town Office. May God Bless You!

David is survived by many cousins and many close friends.

Calling hours will be Friday January 2nd, 2026 between 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm and a Masonic Service at 6:00 pm at Aldous Funeral Home in Rutland, VT. A burial service will be held Thursday May 21st, 2026 at Maple Grove Cemetery in East Wallingford, VT. Donations may be made in David's memory to Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 114, Mount Holly, VT 05758





Ludlow Rotary Awards Grant to Mount Holly Elementary School

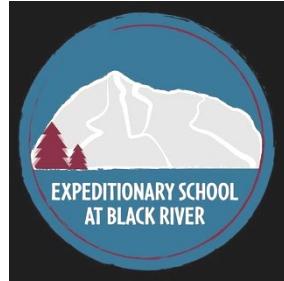
The Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) awarded the Mount Holly Elementary School a check in the amount of \$3,000.

The School's music program was the beneficiary of a Rotary grant to purchase risers for concerts, plays or other events. Previously, the school had to bring risers from Ludlow Elementary School for concerts.

As shown in the photo, LRC President Elect, Brigid Sullivan, presented the check to Mount Holly Music Teacher Mary Barron, and Principal Craig Hutt Vater. Photo by Tom Ray.

"This represents the long-term policy of both the LRC and Rotary International to support the educational needs of public schools," commented Sullivan. She added that projects like the risers are

complemented by LRC's distribution of books to elementary schools and individual students as well as scholarships to graduating high school seniors planning to attend college. By Brigid Sullivan



Good afternoon everyone, we hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with dear friends and family!

We know this is a busy time of year with a lot going on, so we are beyond grateful for the time you take to allow us to share our updates and reach out in regards to our Annual Giving Tuesday/End of Year Campaign. ESBR continues to receive educational tuition dollars from the State as an official Independent School option for Choice Town families, and several families from non-choice towns have tuitioned their students to ESBR for its unique learning opportunity. With all this in mind, fundraising is still a vital factor in ESBR's ability to provide the best experience for our students.

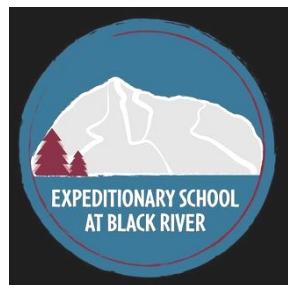
Therefore, we humbly ask that you consider supporting our annual Giving Tuesday/End of Year Campaign 2025! Funds go directly to education, and as the 6th year of operation nears its halfway mark, helps ESBR acquire further resources, programs, and passionate professional instructors to assist students on their expeditionary learning journey. Expeditionary Learning studies topics in depth and utilizes the community as an extension of learning. In turn, as the forefront of our Mission, ESBR educates students to be intellectually curious, resourceful, and confident in themselves for a life of personal fulfillment and civic engagement, thus being contributing members of their community. The School continues to grow and started with 22 students this school year, a significant jump in enrollment after only a few years in operation. Students this year have even started their own local news vlog, which can be viewed on the ESBR website: <https://www.esblackriver.org/ludlow-news>. We are so impressed with their creativity and hope you will join us in supporting their projects!

*Please note that due to delays ESBR's 501C3 Status is currently being updated; donations can still be made and accepted, but Tax Exempt acknowledgement for any current donations will be delayed. ESBR is working hard to update its Non-profit status and understands if supporters wish to wait. We appreciate everyone's support and patience. For those who wish to contribute regardless to this local educational endeavor donations can be made via the esblackriver.org website or mail: P.O. Box 485 Ludlow, VT. 05149 and as always thank you to everyone, ESBR is beyond grateful this Giving Season and all year round. If you would like to learn more about the school or get involved, please contact Patrick Pullinen, Chair of the Board, at ppullinen@esblackriver.org or Michael Kell mkell@esblackriver.org as our wonderful Head of School.

Our sincere apologies for any difficulties with the online payment feature! We are working to get this sorted out. In the meantime, we are still running the Giving Tuesday/End of Year 2025 Campaign, checks can be mailed to the ESBR post office address at P.O. Box 485 Ludlow, Vermont 05149 or the ESBR 43 Main Street address in Ludlow. This is still the giving season and a local school in this community deserves all the support possible. We are so inspired by the students and their families who are a part of the ESBR experience. Students continue to innovate new projects and endeavors, while parents have rallied to form a parent group. For anyone who missed it, students this year started a "Ludlow News" vlog, which can be viewed here: [Ludlow News!](#) Where their creativity and individual personalities really shine.

Thank you for your patience and support, we hope to have the online payment link sorted out soon. Best, ESBR Board of Directors





Good morning, and thank you to our supporters who have recognized the positive impact ESBR makes for our students, families, and community and have already donated to our End of Year Giving Campaign 2025. We know that during this time of year there are many organizations reaching out for help. It's hard to decide where to send your support. We are just one little local non-profit organization that is trying to make a difference in our local community. Any amount that is donated is so very much appreciated and put to use locally for local students. Please read below for one family's positive experience and appreciation for ESBR.

"Coming from a homeschool environment for K-8 one never really knows how a student will adjust to a classroom environment. My student selected ESBR based on his observation experience and has thrived adjusting to the academic expectations, making friends, getting involved in afterschool activities, and extracurricular activities. My student has grown in being able to recognize how he learns best and articulating to administer his needs and obstacles, along with identifying alternatives. ESBR is a great fit for my student and our family."

We are so grateful for this family being a part of ESBR and sharing their story. This is just one of many great experiences with families at ESBR. Thank you again to these families as well as all of our supporters; the best way to donate is to send a check to ESBR, P.O. Box 485 Ludlow, Vermont 05149. We will share more updates and inspiring stories; in the meantime, we hope everyone is enjoying their winter. Best, ESBR Board of Trustees

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MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY NEWS

JANUARY 2026

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

AS OF JANUARY 1, 2026, THE LIBRARY IS ADOPTING "WINTER HOURS" THEY ARE:

MONDAY 10-2 TUESDAY 1-3
WEDNESDAY 2-4 SATURDAY 9-1

THE LIBRARY BOOK DROP IS CLOSED FOR THE WINTER. PLEASE
RETURN MATERIAL INSIDE

What's Going on at the Library: MOVIE

- Saturday January 17, 2026. "The Manchurian Candidate" with Frank Sinatra, Janet Lee, Angela Lansbury, Lawrence Harvey. A cold war thriller!!

LIBRARY HOURS 12/24/25 - 1/5/26:

The library will be closed from Wednesday December 24, 2025 - Sunday January 4, 2026.

We will reopen for regular hours on Monday January 5, 2026 at 10 AM

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

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Bone Builders

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

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may also leave a message with Dennis at
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News from the Mount Holly Community Association

Happy New Year and all that jazz!

Hopefully everyone had a great holiday. Our holiday event gathering was small but mighty. Our community treasure, Barbara Pallotta, was joined on stage by Santa as she read Twas the Night Before Christmas. Santa brought gifts for the children while we provided refreshments for all. We are forever thankful to The Mount Holly Fire Department (MHFD) in helping Santa make this special stop since his reindeer team was sequestered for rest in preparation for their world tour. What is a community without everyone's help in making things come together? THANK YOU, Mrs. Pallotta, our devine Santa, and MHFD! ☺



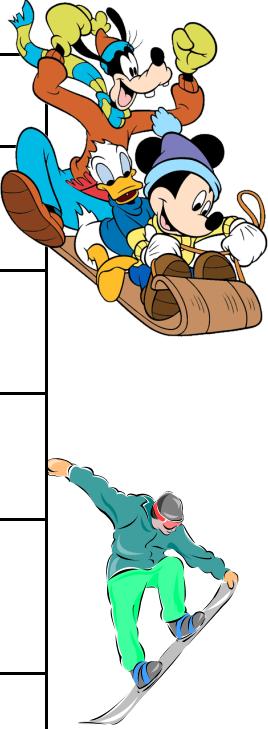
Winter is the time MHCA reverts to planning time in preparation of the year's events to come. We already have some new ideas brewing and will keep you posted. In the meantime, the community center is very busy with activities that you are welcome to join in on. Please note if you have not attended a class/gathering before, it is suggested you reach out to the contact person to make sure the class is happening that week due to weather or an earlier arrangement to cancel class.

Group

Time

Contact

Bone Builders senior exercise class	Monday & Thursdays 9-10am	Judy Nevin jbnevin@gmail.com
Chair Yoga Gentle stretch, flexibility, balance & strength focus	Wednesdays 9:30-10:30am	Suzanne Converse suzan@suzanyoga.com
Community Guild Art/crafting gathering bring your own project	2cd & 4th Tuesdays 9:30am-12:30pm	Judy Nevin jbnevin@gmail.com
Art with Zhena Open art studio time Bring your own materials	2cd & 4th Wednesdays 6-8pm	Zhena Hadar zhadar@hadarfamiliy.com
Folk Club Informal musical gathering Bring your instrument or come sing along	Mondays 6:30-8:30pm	Claudine claudbanjo@gmail.com
Green Mountain Neighbors Non-profit community organization focused on "aging in place"	2nd Wed. of the month 2:30-4pm	Kathy Leber kleber@vermontel.net greenmountainneighbors.org
Makers get together art/crafting gathering bring your own project	Thursdays 6-8pm	MaryJane Rando maryjrando@gmail.com
Yoga with Tish yoga/resistance/mobility training	Saturdays at 9am	Tish Galley galleytish@gmail.com



HAPPY NEW YEAR

If you would like to start a group or have an event you need space for, please reach out to us at mhcavt@gmail.com to make rental arrangements. Members of MHCA can rent the room for \$15.00 hr., non-member rates are \$25.00hr, non-profit group rentals can use the room at no-charge!

We are half way through our membership drive and are well on our way to meeting our annual goal of \$12,000.00. Our continued THANKS to those of you who choose to financially support the Mount Holly Community Association! Partnering with us means that we have a home for our town library, a community meeting space, and services that are necessary for operational maintenance for our historic building - **we simply could not do this without your generous support.** Your MHCA Board of Directors feels privileged to live in and be involved in such a wonderful community, THANK YOU! ☺

Over the past two years, in our effort to help you get to know your MHCA Board of Directors, we began introducing individuals who volunteer to serve on the Board. Kicking off



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realtor led them to an appointment that afternoon and WHA -LA their life was irrevocably changed. It is a similar story for most of our Board members...how they arrived at choosing Vermont to become their home, not necessarily in one day, but the draw that our community has for some people; it seems to choose us.

Although Gwen has spent most of her working life in the technology industry managing projects and portfolios, that was not where she started. [Imagine a brief interlude of dramatic music and a curtain rising] ...Gwen was (still is a bit dramatic if truth be told) an actor. She went to school for acting, was involved in the premier Actors Theater of Louisville, did the New York City Scene and worked Diners, Drive in's and Dives as has been the trajectory for most actors up and coming, in order to make a living, and then back to Minneapolis to try acting there . The move into technology was somewhat accidental and was to be a brief diversion to make ends meet until she found a good acting gig.... but, as it turns out, it was something she really loved and became her career. When asked about her stint in "the land down under" and why that was important, Gwen talked about the only way we humans can learn to get along is to better understand people from all over the world; we need to listen and learn from each other.

Gwen chose to join the Board as a way to meet people and serve her community. Starting out as she called "a some timer" (aka part timer), Gwen felt like Vermont was her place for her weekend respite from a busy career with little time to get to know people or get involved. When her work became remote, during the pandemic, she decided to move to Vermont fulltime, invited her husband to do the same but lovingly shared she was going with or without him, and so began her community involvement. Gwen has been a valuable and committed member since that time. It's funny how life evolves and circles back around. Last year Gwen

was asked to join the Weston Playhouse Board of Trustees, taking her back to her love of acting. So now MHCA shares her with the Weston Board of Trustees, lucky for us she loves her community and acting and has found a way to serve both passions, it's a win, win for Gwen and us!

When Gwen was asked if there was anything else she thought important to share, she paused and with emotion in her voice, she began to talk about the importance of community and what it meant to her..."after Phillippe's sickness and death I understood how blessed I was living here. All kinds of people came to our aid and helped in so many, many ways. I can't thank them enough; that's why I put his celebration of life in the chit chat so everybody could come who touched our lives and so I could say thank you". THAT, my

friends,...is what our community is about. Gwen summarized her reason to join the board was about three things: camaraderie, commitment, and love for Vermont; but she continued on to share that the surprise factor of joining was friendship!

Thank you for taking the time to read the MHCA news for January. We hope to entertain and inform you through our monthly chit chat contribution. If you are considering a new year's resolution, we'd like to encourage you to invest in your community through volunteering in whatever form suits you. The Mount Holly community has a rich history of volunteerism which is what makes it a great place to live. You make a difference when you offer service to others! Until next month be well, do good work, and spread kindness wherever you go. Jennifer Burrows & Linda Miller

2026 we would like to highlight the one and only Gwen Gaustch. Gwen has been on our Board for 5 years and had a roundabout way of getting here, as have many of our volunteer Board Members. Hailing from Wisconsin and having lived in a variety of States and even Australia for a minute, Gwen discovered Vermont via the slopes of Killington. She reflected that Vermont was similar to Wisconsin but with higher mountains and she and her now departed and beloved husband, Phillippe, started to visit Vermont in every season for their respite from working life. As their love for each other and the Green Mountains grew they decided, while they sat dining at the Hatchery, that the MLS listing for a house in Belmont posted in the window looked interesting - "so why not take a look while they were in town". A quick phone call to the

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December 14th 10a-11am: Snowglobe Magic

Join us for a festive, hands-on snowglobe workshop filled with creativity, sparkle, and holiday cheer! A fun and cozy activity for kids, adults, and anyone who loves a little winter magic. **RSVP via email or Facebook**

Extended Holiday Hours: Open Daily 12/10-12/24

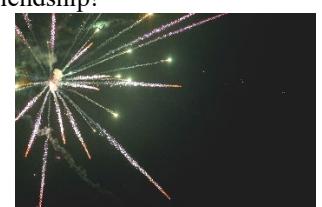
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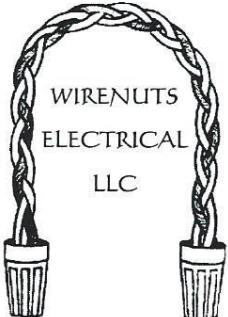
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Date: Friday, January 30th

Time: 1PM

Location: Fletcher Memorial Library

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Updates from the Greeter Program at Lake Ninevah

Thank you to everyone in the towns of Plymouth and Mount Holly for supporting another successful year of the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program for both Woodward Reservoir and Lake Ninevah! This was the 6th year for this program at Woodward Reservoir and the 24th year for Lake Ninevah. Both programs continue to be supported with funding, training, and resources from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Aquatic Nuisance Control Grant-in-Aid funds and matching funds from Farm & Wilderness Conservation. Thank you to the staff from the Town of Plymouth, the Town of Mount Holly, and members of the Mount Holly Conservation Commission for coordination efforts with Farm & Wilderness Conservation so that we can continue to receive this important grant funding to support the program.

This summer, the program greeted over 2,238 boaters entering and leaving the water from public access areas for Woodward Reservoir and Lake Ninevah. Boat checks are part of the "Clean, Drain, Dry" initiative in preventing hitchhiking non-native invasive plants and animals. Arrowwood Environmental completed an annual aquatic plant survey for Lake Ninevah in September. Unfortunately, the survey crew found several small populations of Eurasian Watermilfoil growing in Lake Ninevah, highlighting just how important these measures are in stopping the spread as early as possible. Once the plants were identified, Farm & Wilderness Conservation initiated our Early Detection and Rapid Response plan in collaboration with the State of Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. Divers removed the existing populations of Eurasian Watermilfoil in the fall of 2025, and we will continue to monitor the sites for regrowth this coming spring and summer. We intend to apply for permits from the Agency of Natural Resources which will allow us to install bottom barriers during the 2026 growing season.

Greeter and survey programs are the key to early detection and awareness to mitigate the spread of invasive plants and animals that can harm the health of local lakes and ponds. These programs helped to eradicate two Eurasian Watermilfoil infestations in Lake Ninevah in the last two decades. Please be assured that Farm & Wilderness Conservation has the staff and resources, thanks in part to the generous support of our community, to deal with this in a very effective manner. We are committed to ensuring Lake Ninevah is free of Eurasian Watermilfoil and other aquatic invasives. You can reach out to Elisabeth at conservation@farmandwilderness.org if you have questions about the work being done.

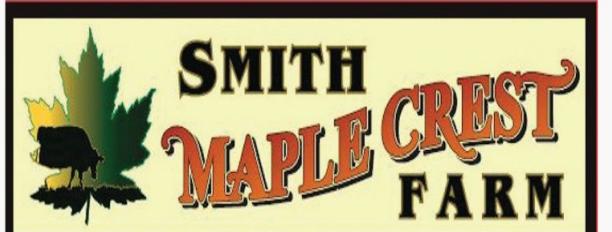
THANK YOU:

The Museum Board sends a hearty thank you for the generosity of the many area merchants, local talented artisans and to Community members who gave lovely items for the Festival of Lights. It was a successful event! We are grateful also for the wonderful support from our town Community coming to share in the spirit of the evening! Your presence and generosity makes for a successful event, and in turn the Museum continues to enrich Mount Holly living! We all are in this together.



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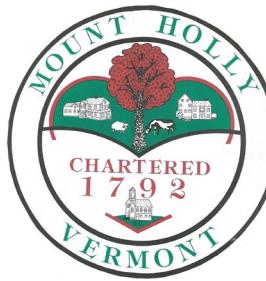
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Mount Holly Town News

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

Select Board Meeting Mount Holly Town Office December 9th, 2025 6:00 pm MINUTES

Attendance: Mark Turco, Jeff Chase, Diana Garrow, Faith Tempest, Clinton Woolley, Liz Karle, Jon McCann, Roger Garrow, June Capron, Stephen Michel, Christine Pratt, James Seward, Zena Gates, Fra Devine, Abe Leber, Kathy Leber, Ron Unterman, David Johnson, Dennis Devereux, Barbara and Steve Hazleton (via Zoom), Leah Knoll (via Zoom), Mark Knoll (via Zoom), Andy Schulz (via Zoom), Christine Boudreau (via zoom).

Regular Select Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm in the Town Office. Items to be included on the Agenda are due by Noon the Wednesday before the meeting.

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4. Approval of November 11th meeting minutes. Diana Garrow moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mark Turco, approved unanimously.

5. Reports

a. Highway and Transfer Station Update - Clinton Woolley. After a two year wait, the new truck has arrived. A resident has reported a damaged maple tree in the town's right of way on Johnson Lane and Branch Brook Road. It is located close to power lines and requires a crane to remove it. Mark Turco asked if Green Mountain Power might deal with this. Mr Woolley will follow up with GMP; if they will not deal with it he will seek quotes from tree companies. The Transfer Station warming hut has now been insulated.

b. Town Treasurer Update - Elizabeth Karle. Taxes still unpaid are now delinquent and collection efforts have started. On the income side, interest earnings, at approximately \$40,000, are well above projections, other income is generally in line with expectations. Expenses, including salaries, are generally as budgeted, although the delayed arrival of the new truck required further repairs to the old truck, bringing vehicle maintenance over budget. Stephen Michel asked how the salary expenditure is in line with the budget if the road crew is one person short. Mark Turco responded that Les Deyette has stepped in to help the road crew part time and thanked him for this.

c. Planning Commission Update - Jon McCann. Subdivisions are keeping the PC busy. Mr McCann took VLCT training on upcoming changes to Act 250, specifically the "road rule", and Tier 3 designation which is intended to avoid fragmentation of areas of natural resources. He has asked that the State uses the Town's maps when they finalise the Tier 3 designation. He attended Cavendish PC to see how they are approaching the adoption of new subdivision regulations. Mr McCann will attend the Okemo long range management plan meeting on 16th December. Ron Unterman raised again his comment from the last SB meeting that the PC is adversarial, based on his experience at the last PC meeting. Whilst the PC adopted rules of procedure which state that the General Store this was not the case. Mr Unterman noted that Commissioner Andy Schulz had sent information to the Act 250 Coordinator in regards to her jurisdictional opinion on whether the Store is subject to Act 250. Mr Schulz responded to Mr Unterman during the PC meeting that he had acted as an individual but Mr Unterman stated that the Act 250 Coordinator included the email in evidence from the "Town of Mount Holly". Mr Unterman asserted that Mr Schulz's email was designed to push the State into acting, which is beyond the scope of the Planning Commission and is not supportive of businesses in our town. Mr Unterman asked the Select Board to determine if Mr Schulz had violated the open meeting law or any rules regarding ex parte communications. Mr McCann responded, stating that Mr Unterman's comments contained misinformation: the actions of Mr Schulz were agreed by unanimous resolution of the PC to provide information to the State which the Store owner had not provided of their own volition. Mr McCann noted that all residents in the Town must follow the rules, but some people feel they have the privilege to ignore rules. Mr McCann responded on the issue of the open meeting law that two members of a five person board are able to discuss business without contravening the law; since there was no public hearing or other proceeding there was no possibility of ex parte communications. Mr McCann stated that it is inappropriate to attack an individual member of the Commission, and that he as Chair takes responsibility for the actions of the Commission. Mr McCann concluded by stating that the issue at hand, Act 250, is determined by the State, and the JO has settled the

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Commission acts as one, in relation to the Belmont Commission. Andy Schulz had sent information to the Act 250 Coordinator in regards to her jurisdictional opinion on whether the Store is subject to Act 250. Mr Schulz responded to Mr Unterman during the PC meeting that he had acted as an individual but Mr Unterman stated that the Act 250 Coordinator included the email in evidence from the "Town of Mount Holly". Mr Unterman asserted that Mr Schulz's email was designed to push the State into acting, which is beyond the scope of the Planning Commission and is not supportive of businesses in our town. Mr Unterman asked the Select Board to determine if Mr Schulz had violated the open meeting law or any rules regarding ex parte communications. Mr McCann responded, stating that Mr Unterman's comments contained misinformation: the actions of Mr Schulz were agreed by unanimous resolution of the PC to provide information to the State which the Store owner had not provided of their own volition. Mr McCann noted that all residents in the Town must follow the rules, but some people feel they have the privilege to ignore rules. Mr McCann responded on the issue of the open meeting law that two members of a five person board are able to discuss business without contravening the law; since there was no public hearing or other proceeding there was no possibility of ex parte communications. Mr McCann stated that it is inappropriate to attack an individual member of the Commission, and that he as Chair takes responsibility for the actions of the Commission. Mr McCann concluded by stating that the issue at hand, Act 250, is determined by the State, and the JO has settled the



1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the agenda: Mark Turco added an item - update on dog licenses (5d)

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question. Kathy Leber asked for the record to note that Mr McCann's comment about privileged people was inherently biased; Abe Leber also stated that there is a division which separates the "privileged" people from others and that is awful. Mark Turco responded that we are all one community. Stephen Michel suggested to the Select Board that they review all of the evidence considered in the Act 250 Coordinator's decision.

d. Dog licenses: Faith Tempest confirmed that the two dog owners who received letters requesting they register their dogs still have not done so. Mark Turco requested that the ACO be asked to issue tickets. Mr Turco also noted complaints regarding dogs on Shunpike Road, for which the ACO has issued tickets. He has also received complaints of junk on Shunpike Road, and asked the Select Board Clerk to send a letter to the resident concerned.

a. Two-way radio communication - Highway Dept and Ludlow and Mount Holly Schools: this would loop both road crews and schools into the same radio system. Mark Turco asked Clinton Woolley if he had any concerns. Mr Woolley asked about the technical details and whether this would incur any expense for the Town. Jeff Chase noted this is a frequency programming issue and Steve Josslyn of Central Vermont Communications stated that there would be no cost if the work is done in Highway Department vehicles at the same time as it is done at the School. Select Board members gave their blessing to this as long as there is no cost to the Town.

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stated he is happy to lead and asked for authorization to speak on behalf of the SB. Jeff Chase said he would try to attend.

b. Municipal Planning Grant Housing Study - Status and Draft Report Review: Upcoming Housing Study Public Mtg and Comment collection in January 2026. The report has been drafted and will be shared through various channels. The grant has been extended to the end of April, and a public consultation will be held on January 27th at 6pm, with the final report prepared for the February or March Select Board meeting.

8. Citizen Comments: Ron Unterman thanked the Ludlow Rescue Squad for the prompt arrival to a medical emergency. Mark Turco noted other examples and appreciated the excellent job the Ludlow Rescue Squad is doing.

Mount Holly Town Office Will be CLOSED the following dates:

Monday, December 24th, 2018 For Christmas Eve
Tuesday, December 25th, 2018 For Christmas

Monday, December 31st, 2018 For New Years Eve
Tuesday, January 1st, 2019 For New Years Day

Monday, January 21st, 2019 for Martin Luther King's Jr. Day

a. Speed limit on section of Rte 155: inputs to Traffic Committee Meeting on Dec 10th: Mark Knoll stated that the traffic engineer's report recommended against any changes in the speed limit, but noted they do take into account the views of town residents and encouraged those who are interested to attend. Mark

7. Old Business

a. Set Budget Workshop Meeting Date and Time: first week of January - 6th Jan at 4pm. Mark Turco noted that TRSU have offered to provide information to the SB regarding issues related to budgets for education in the upcoming year. **c. Set Town Meeting Date and Time:** March 2nd 6pm, voting on the 3rd.



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9. Announcements

a. Town Office Closures: December 24th and December 25th; closed at noon on December 31st, and all day January 1st New Year's Day

b. Dog Licensing Renewal Begins January 1

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



Mount Holly Town Auditors Request

Mount Holly Town Auditors are requesting of all organizations who submit articles and or budgets for the Mount Holly Town Report to have your articles typed single spaced and mailed or dropped off or e-mailed to: mthollyauditors@gmail.com to the Town Office no later than January 7, 2026. All articles mail to the Town Office at the following address: Mount Holly Town Office, Attn: Auditors, P.O. Box 248, Mt. Holly, VT 05758

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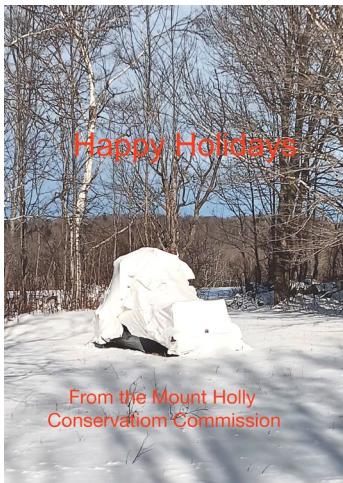
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lbs. Must be able to drive equipment for prolonged periods of time that include darkness and challenging weather conditions. Must adhere to all federal drug and alcohol testing requirements.

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The Town of Mount Holly is an equal opportunity employer. Benefits include paid time off, health and dental ins., uniforms, and VMERS pension eligibility. Applications due August 31, 2025. Contact Town of Mount Holly Selectboard at 802-259-2391 or mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com Full job description and application available at Town Office 50 School St., Mount Holly, VT 05758 or www.mounthollyvt.org/announcements-bulletin-board/



From the Mount Holly
Conservation Commission

Town of Mount Holly Seeks Highway Maintenance Worker

Looking for a full time Highway Maintenance Worker with a positive attitude and strong work ethic. Will work under the guidance of Highway Foreman.

Responsibilities includes plowing and sanding roads, repairing roads and drainage systems, roadside mowing, brush and tree removal, sign install and flagging. Expected to perform daily safety inspections, maintenance and repairs on equipment.

Qualifications, must have high school diploma or GED. Looking for a minimum of 2 years of relevant experience. Must have a valid CDL A or B driver's license and clean driving record.

Physical and Mental Demands include frequently lifting of 50-100

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POSTING OF YOUR LAND

Update on Land Posting. Your registration with the State of Vermont is good for the year it is issued, not for the one year from the date it is issued. If you want your land posted for the full year, you should register in January. This appears to be a new interpretation by the Fish & Wildlife Department.

From the Mount Holly Conservation Commission

Hmmmm, what is lurking beneath the white tarp off the Healdville Rd? Maybe it is Santa's Sleigh, ready and waiting for its reindeer and its big night.



Or, maybe, it is something almost as exciting! The brand new mechanical weed harvester, designed and built by Robert Mojeski. Thanks to a permit applied for and received by the MHCC, next spring it will be on the water at Star Lake helping to rid the beach and boat launch areas of nuisance weeds. (Thanks to Ron Unterman and Dottie Finnerty for providing the storage area.)

FOLA Prepares for Holiday Season With Special Christmas Program

In anticipation of Christmas, FOLA (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium) has arranged a special program to highlight both the festive and spiritual meaning of Christmas on Saturday, December 13 at 7 PM in the Heald Auditorium of Ludlow Town Hall.

The program, entitled "A Christmas Wassail", will involve the Gypsy Reel and author Jon Clinch will be featured in this evening of holiday songs and stories.

The Gypsy Reel will feature Camille Parker on mandolin, Claudine Langille on banjo, Graham Parker on fiddle. According to Parker, the audience will be treated to "modern Christmas favorites, beloved carols, traditional Celtic instrumentals, and



a few unexpected surprises.

Special guest, Jon Clinch, will share a favorite passage or two from Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol and his own Marley, just to make sure you leave full of good cheer.

FOLA Chairman, Jim Alic, added that "everyone should mark this on their calendar to get into the holiday spirit, especially the younger folks."

Pictured above are, left to right, Claudine Langille, Jon Clinch, Camille Parker, and Graham Parker part of the entertainers who will be providing music and readings at FOLA's Dec. 13 Christmas program in the Heald Auditorium at Ludlow Town Hall. Ralph Pace



January 2026 Mount Holly Chit Chat Inc.



Mount Holly Housing Needs Assessment and Action Plan

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETING

The town received a municipal planning grant from Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development last year to perform a Housing Needs Assessment and compile a action plan. A Housing Needs Assessment is a process to understand the current housing issues - which types of housing are most needed and who in the community needs them most - and proposes solutions for the Town and local stakeholders to alleviate these issues. We have been working with a planning consultant, SE Group, to perform the assessment and draft a plan. A action plan has been drafted and is available for review. A link to the housing assessment and draft action plan can be found on the town website:

<https://www.mounthollyvt.org/announcements/>

or <https://tinyurl.com/3ytwy3d7>

Printed draft action plans will also be available at the town office.



In January we will be holding a public meeting to discuss and provide a overview of the draft action plan and collect public comments. Comments can also be emailed to planningcomm@mounthollyvt.org or sent in writing to town office. Comments due by 2/1/2026. The plan will be finalized in February.

Housing Needs Assessment & Action Plan

PUBLIC MEETING DATE:

January 27, 2026 @ 6 PM in the Town Office and online at

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89818026866?pwd=xwibjwtsQRZ5LraGbAcMCOMFesA1fP.1> If prompted use the passcode 604824

A Winter Delight!

The moon is SO BRIGHT and the sky is SO CLEAR
The cold bites your nose
And makes your eye tear
No flashlights are needed
As the yard is so light
It's beautiful eerie
A winter delight!
By Mary Surething

TAKE TIME

Take time to WORK
It is the Price of Success

Take time to THINK
It is the Source of Power

Take time to PLAY
It is the Secret of Perpetual Youth

Take time to READ
It is the Fountain of Wisdom

Take time to WORSHIP
It is the Highway to Reverence

Take time to be FRIENDLY
It is the Road to Happiness

Take time to LAUGH
It is the Music of the Soul

Take time to DREAM
It is hitching your Wagon to a Star

Take time to LIVE

Fill not your hearts with pain and sorrow, but remember me in every tomorrow. Remember the joy, the laughter, the smiles, I've only gone to rest a little while. Although my leaving causes pain and grief, my going has eased my hurt and given me relief. So dry your eyes and remember me, not as I am now, but as I used to be. Because I will remember you all and look on with a smile. Understand, in your hearts, I've only gone to rest a little while. As long as I have the love of each of you, I can live my life in the hearts of all of you.

Town of Mount Holly Planning Commission Town Office & Remote Electronic – Regular Meeting Minutes Tuesday, Oct 21 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, Ron Unterman, Lisa Kelley, (via Zoom) John Wagner, Kaitlyn Golden

1. Chair called the meeting to order at 6.48 pm

2. Changes to agenda: none

3. Approval of minutes of meeting of September 16th 2025. Commissioner Andrew Seward moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Michel. Approved unanimously.



4. Reports & Announcements

a. Administrative Officer:

i. BCRs received from:

Patch, Greenstand Road: 36'x28' house

Martin, Rte 103 South: 28x42' milking parlor and milk house. AO contacted Mr Martin to ask him for details of the specific location. Mr Martin confirmed the location is in the river corridor. He was combative and did not give the AO the chance to explain how this should be handled through a FHA/RC permit application. AO will send a letter to Mr Martin outlining the process.

ii. Garrow subdivision: the fire pond easement has been recorded, but there is a question from Mr Garrow's lawyer regarding the timing of the access easements also requested; the municipal permit has not yet been recorded, and so the mylars are not yet signed by the PC. The Chair confirmed that the access easement to Parcel 4 is not required before signing the mylars once the municipal permit is recorded, however the access easement would be required before any sale of the parcel. Commissioners agreed with this approach. AO will respond to Mr Garrow and his lawyer to clarify the process.

iii. Sawyer Hill Road highway access: a Town Highway permit has been issued to Rifleman Ranch LLC for an access to the parcel at the junction of Sawyer Hill Road and Rte 103 formerly owned by Trip and Debbie Pearce. AO conducted a site visit and confirmed the access is not in the portion of the parcel which is in the river corridor. No further information or BCR has been received.

b. Planning Commission Chair: none

5. Correspondence

a. Subdivision proposals

i. Wagner sketch plan review: Commissioner Schulz recused himself due to his personal relationship to the applicants. Kaitlyn Golden presented the proposal, a three acre parcel to be subdivided by two siblings into two parcels. No construction is proposed and there is an existing permitted waste water system which serves the two residences on the parcel. Chair noted that the parcel spans Plymouth, although the larger portion is in Mount Holly. Ms Golden proposed working with Mount Holly first but the Chair asked the applicants to consult with the Town of Plymouth. Chair asked if the stone wall defining the town line still exists, Ms Golden confirmed it does. Ms Golden noted that some of the requirements noted in the subdivision checklist are not usually on a boundary survey, and the surveyor does not want to add details which would make it an engineering drawing. Chair clarified that there may be some points which may not need to be on the plat and reviewed the checklist. Items still required were noted: the survey should reference earlier surveys and/or subdivisions relied upon to prepare the survey; reference to the date of creation of the parcel through earlier subdivision; clarification of the names/ numbering of the blocks (which may come from the earlier subdivision); the correct date on the survey; and addition of a signature block for the PC. In the discussion it emerged that the WW permit was not recorded, which the Chair asked to be done. Chair also asked that the applicants get a statement from Plymouth that they have no objection to the subdivision. PC agreed to schedule a public hearing for November 18th at 5.30 pm.

ii. Gregory Kelley subdivision: Lisa Kelley stated that the parcel was surveyed in 2023 and recorded with a proposed subdivision in it. Chair noted the recorded survey depicts a subdivision boundary not yet approved by the PC. The applicant intends to subdivide a 54 acre parcel into two equally sized parcels, one for each of his brothers. Chair asked about the class 4 road running alongside the parcel and whether there is any intention to improve it. Ms Kelley responded that the intention was to develop an access road within the property which would be a shared drive and be more private than improving the class 4 road; the deed will include easement language on shared access and utilities. A residence will be built on one parcel, though it is not clear that the other parcel would be developed. Ms Kelley noted that there are no wetlands or culverts. The Chair noted that in an attempt to create two equal parcels the proposed subdivision line is not well defined by existing features. Chair asked about WW permits. Ms Kelley responded that no permits have been sought yet and there has not been any perc testing. Chair stated that a decision to be made is whether to include language on deferral of ww permits in the deed or to seek a permit now. Ms Kelley noted the cost of doing this before property is theirs. Chair reviewed additional requirements to be shown on the survey: contours; a signature block for the PC; the revision date; the access from the town highway to be shown; and the proposed internal access to be included. Chair also noted that the applicant should seek a Town Highway permit from the Roads Foreman. Chair asked the applicant to ensure that all parcel ids are correctly identified on the application, and all abutters listed, including those on the other side of town highways. Commissioner Schulz asked if this would be a gift, which has different requirements, including less detail on issues such as access and wastewater. Ms Kelley confirmed that it will be a gift. Chair confirmed that even if it is a gift, a survey meeting the criteria noted would be required. Chair asked commissioners to review the gift exception in the regulations, and requested Ms Kelley to come back to the PC once the updated survey is completed.

b. Email/Other: none



6. New Business: none

7. Unfinished Business

a. Subdivision regulations: Chair had still not heard back from Cavendish and RRPC are only able to provide limited support. Chair proposed that the Commission could do the update without this assistance.

8. Public Comments: None

9. Upcoming meetings

a. Siegordner Sub-division Deliberations: Tuesday 28th Oct 6pm

b. Wagner Public hearing: 18th Nov 5.30 pm

c. Regular meeting: 18th Nov at 6.30 pm



10. Meeting adjourned 8.15pm. For the Commission, Faith Tempest, Planning Commission Clerk

In draft form until approved at the next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting. A video recording of this meeting can be found at: <https://okemovalley.tv/mount-holly-planningcommission->

Town of Mount Holly Planning Commission Town Office & Remote Electronic – Public Hearing October 21 2025 6.00P.M.

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

Also present: Faith Tempest, David Johnson, David Cooper, Ron Unterman, Christine Boudreau (via Zoom), Ed Burgess (via Zoom), Bruce Pacquette (via Zoom), Marie Pacquette (via Zoom), Alaire Siegordner (via Zoom).

1. Chair called the hearing to order at 6.02 pm
2. Chair outlined the purpose of the hearing, to review an application for an amendment to subdivision conditions set out in PC-2021-03, installation of an access road from Rte 155.
3. Applicant Tyler Siegordner was represented by David Cooper, as confirmed by Alaire Siegordner following a question by Commissioner Schulz who noted that Mr Cooper was not listed on the application.
4. Chair asked PC members to disclose any conflicts of interest or ex parte communications. None were declared.
5. Chair asked interested parties to identify themselves. Marie and Bruce Pacquette, Christine Boudreau and Ed Burgess asked to be identified as interested parties as abutting landowners, Chair confirmed their status as interested parties.
6. Chair asked the applicant to present the proposal to the Planning Commission: Alaire Siegordner explained the applicants' intention is to install an access drive on Rte 155 to a duplex residence to allow family members to utilize the duplex. She noted VTrans has issued a permit for this. Chair asked for clarification as to whether the duplex is the applicants' current dwelling: Ms Siegordner confirmed they are living in the duplex whilst waiting for completion of their home on the property. Chair also asked if the proposal would lead to any increase in the graveled area; Ms Siegordner confirmed that there would be no increase. Chair asked if it was the applicants' intention to retain or to sell the duplex. Ms Siegordner stated they are not proposing to sell it.
7. Chair reviewed the information submitted: the VTrans permit, and an access site plan. Chair confirmed that there is no new survey, noting that the recorded survey (2021) does not show the location of the proposed new driveway. Mr Cooper stated the approximate location of 100' from the existing entrance. Chair noted it can be said to be ~150' from the middle of the existing access road. AO also noted the 2021 subdivision findings and conditions as key information to be considered in deciding the application.
8. Mr Cooper stated that although the submitted site plan does contain information suggesting the intent to undertake a subdivision of the parcel concerned, this was not a specific request to the Commission at present. Commissioner Schulz asked Ms Siegordner if there is a pending application for a subdivision at this time; Ms Siegordner responded that there is no subdivision application. Chair noted that the 2021 decision would require amendment to its conditions to allow the proposed access. Mr Cooper submitted an additional map without the putative subdivision included, but Chair proposed that the site plan appended to the State Permit be used in the application.
9. Chair asked Commissioners for comments. Commissioner Michel noted that the application is before the Commission due to conditions in the original subdivision, and questioned whether the conditions should be maintained. Commissioner Schulz asked where the contractor's shop is in relation to the septic trenches noted in the 2021 plat; Ms Siegordner responded that the septic design was revised and moved closer to the duplex. AO confirmed that the revised WW design was permitted, and had been clarified at the time the BCR was submitted for construction of the house. Chair noted that the WW permit history is incorrect on the application but that the PC could revise that.
10. Chair asked interested parties to comment: Mr and Ms Pacquette asked which drive will be used for access to the new property (to be occupied by the applicants). Ms Siegordner confirmed it will be Jack Frost Lane. Ms Pacquette asked if the new access is approved whether a vegetative buffer will be maintained. Ms Siegordner confirmed it would. Chair noted a discussion on the site in June during which Mr Siegordner indicated his intention to improve the buffer between the shop and the duplex, and to increase planting along Rte 155. Ms Pacquette asked if the duplex is used as a short-term rental would this require changes to the WW permit? Ms Siegordner stated that the applicants have no intention of renting commercially, with the duplex being used by family members. Ms Boudreau asked if a future sub-division would be allowed? Ms Siegordner stated that sub-division is not part of their current plans but she could not say it will never happen. Chair noted that there are limits on further subdivision in the year following a subdivision, but there is nothing statutorily to prevent it. Ms Pacquette responded that they would prefer not to see the parcels further sub-divided. Chair asked the interested parties if they would like to see the original conditions on buffering and

protection of the stream (requested by them), be continued; all confirmed they want to keep those conditions. All interested parties also confirmed they were happy with the proposed curved driveway and limited sight of the duplex.

11. Commissioner Michel withdrew his comment about the need for conditions given the support of interested parties, and noted that any future changes to the parcel which are counter to the conditions would require an additional sub-division amendment application. Mr Cooper and Ms Siegordner confirmed their understanding that the conditions remain.

12. Chair adjourned the hearing at 6.43 pm. For the Commission, Faith Tempest, Planning Commission Clerk

Planning Commission Town Office & Remote Electronic – Regular Meeting Tuesday, November 18, 2025 6:30 P.M.

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

Also present: Faith Tempest, Ron Unterman, David Johnson, Lisa Kelley



1. Chair called the meeting to order at 6.35pm.

2. **Changes to agenda:** none

3. **Approval of minutes:** Andrew Seward made a motion to accept the minutes of the public hearing on 21st October and the regular meeting of 21st October, seconded Jim Seward, approved unanimously.

4. Reorganization

a. **Election of officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, Recording Secretary):** Chair suggested a slate of the same candidates as held office in the previous year (Chair Jon McCann, Vice Chair Jim Seward, Recording Secretary Andy Schulz. Commissioner Andrew Seward moved to accept the slate, seconded by Commissioner McCann, approved unanimously.

b. **Re-adopt Rules of Procedure and Conflict of Interest Policy:** Chair noted two changes in the rules: updating the meeting time and date, and the date of adoption of the new version of the rules. Commissioner Andrew Seward voted to adopt the amended rules and conflict of interest policy, seconded by Commissioner McCann. Commissioner Michel asked which statutes set out the rules regarding open meeting laws and executive session, and for clarification of when the chair can represent the Commission and how a Commissioner would indicate their variance or disagreement with a Commission Decision. Chair responded that this is through votes of the Commission, and that the wording may predate the current Commission, which moves as one body. Chair called the vote, approved unanimously.

5. Reports & Announcements

a. Administrative Officer:

i. **Armstrong, Tarbellville Road:** the second attempt to contact Mr Armstrong was returned, so it is unclear what the next steps are in ensuring removal of the camper in the flood hazard area on the property if Mr Armstrong has not been notified. Commissioner Schulz suggested using some approach (eg Fedex) which shows that the letter has been delivered.

ii. **Garrow subdivision:** all documents have been recorded and there is now a contract for the sale of 929 Packer Road but the mylar has not yet been signed. Chair asked the AO to follow up to ensure that the requirement has been met that Mr Garrow disclose all relevant information to any purchaser, and that the requirements on an access easement are also met.

iii. **JO on Belmont General Store:** The Act 250 Coordinator has determined that no Act 250 permit is required at this stage. Commissioner Michel stated that he has questions and will review the representations made, especially regarding emails from Commissioner Schulz to the Coordinator and whether they were sent as an individual or as a member of the PC. Commissioner Schulz stated he sent the email as an individual. Chair asked PC members to review the decision and its supporting evidence and if there are any concerns about the representations, to bring them to the next meeting and consider whether the PC should make an appeal of the decision. Chair noted his own questions regarding the BLA and its conditions, the timing of opening of the store, and the timing of the acquisition of the meadow parcel. n. Ron Unterman asked about the rules of procedure which say that the commission moves as one and whether the email from Commissioner Schulz could have been interpreted by the Coordinator as coming from the Planning Commission, in which case is this a violation of the open meeting law. Chair responded that Commissioner Schulz action was not based on a decision by the Commission, but agreed that the email does not state that it was written as an individual. Commissioner Schulz stated that he was copied on communications by the Coordinator and he responded with facts as he observed them, which may not have been considered by the Coordinator. Mr Unterman asked that PC members make clear in such communications whether they are acting on their own behalf or as PC members. Chair noted that on at least two occasions the PC discussed questions regarding the General Store, and Commissioner Schulz's role in the BLA decision. Chair noted that transparency is vital, both on the part of the Commission and by town residents coming to the Commission, and committed to continuing this. Commissioner Schulz restated that his email was intended to provide factual information to the Coordinator which she may not have been aware of, and even if considered as acting on the part of the Commission this would not be a violation of the open meeting law (given a five person Commission), but he took Mr Unterman's comment to heart and stated that he will in future make clear when he is acting on his own behalf. Chair noted that if communication by individuals is portrayed as being on behalf of the commission, the Commission has voted to clarify facts to the State, for example disclosing to the Coordinator the BLA (which had not been disclosed by the property owner). Mr Unterman noted that Commissioner Schulz's email contained egregious information which may have been amended if it had been reviewed by the Commission. Commissioner Michel asked if the PC members could have access to the PC official email account. Chair responded that he forwards all emails to PC members.

b. **Planning Commission Chair:** Chair reported that he had received questions from a potential purchaser of 929 Packer Road (already discussed under AO report).

6. Correspondence

a. Subdivision proposals

i. **Kelley:** Lisa Kelley submitted a revised survey in response to the PC's request including a correction to abutter information, clarity on access points, and on the detail of the proposed division between the parcels. There was still a question of correct ownership of the parcel on the survey, which Ms Kelley will have corrected. Chair noted that since this is a gift from the current owner to family members, he understands the reticence of those family members to meet the requirements for full designs (eg of septic, water, access) if they do not own the property. The regulations do allow exceptions to these requirements in the case of such gifts. Chair reviewed the wording of the regulations which would allow a subdivision based on a survey at this stage, but no future development without the design elements being in place. At the time that the new owners are clear of the plans then a further subdivision application would be needed to allow future construction, effectively going through the process twice. Chair moved treat the subdivision as a gift, approved unanimously. Chair proposed that the costs be met through a single payment of \$400 if the applicant comes back within a year with the full proposals. A date of 16th December was agreed for the public hearing at which the final plat/ mylar should be available.

b. **Email / Other:** none

7. **New Business:** none.

8. **Unfinished business:**

a. **The Housing Needs Assessment and Action Plan** is nearing completion with a draft to be sent in January for the PC to give feedback. SE Group would like to give a presentation in January at the PC meeting (possibly jointly with the Select Board).

b. **Subdivision regulations:** Chair will try again to get an editable copy of the proposed subdivision regulations from Cavendish. Commissioner Michel asked for review of the BCR ordinance. Chair noted that reviewing the ordinance was possibly outside the authority of the PC, so could only be done as advisory action to the Select Board. There is a question regarding who has the authority to develop a new ordinance. Chair proposed to deal with sub-division issue first, then consider this.

9. **Public comments:** None

10. **Upcoming meetings:**

a. **Deliberation meeting for Wagner subdivision (closed):** November 25th 6pm

b. Public Hearing for Kelley subdivision: December 16th 5.30 pm

c. **Regular Planning Commission Meeting:** December 16th 6.30pm

d. **Public meeting on the Housing Needs Assessment and Action Plan:** January (date tbd).

11. **Adjournment:** 8.15pm



Planning Commission Town Office & Remote Electronic – Public Hearing November 18 2025 6.00P.M.

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

Also present: Faith Tempest, Kaitlyn Golden, David Johnson, Johnny Wagner (via Zoom), David Ernst (via Zoom)

1. Chair called the hearing to order at 5.30pm

2. Chair outlined the purpose of the hearing to consider an application for a minor subdivision application 2025-02, 300 Hasting Lane, a 3 acre lot to be divided into 2 parcels

3. Chair noted that Commissioner Schulz has recused himself from the decision due to his personal friendship with the applicant.

4. Chair asked Planning Commissioners of any conflicts of interest or ex parte communications. None were declared.

5. Chair asked interested parties to identify themselves. David Ernst asked to be recognized as an abutting landowner. Chair recognized Mr Ernst as an interested party.

6. Chair invited the applicant speak. Kate Golden, acting for the applicant, presented a survey map which had been updated since the sketch plan review, showing the proposed subdivision into two parcels each with a single-family residence and access to the lake. There are no plans for any change to existing septic arrangements. Both lots will share rights to the access and to the wastewater system. Ms Golden confirmed that the WW permits are recorded and correct. She also noted that there are no changes proposed in the portion of the parcel located in the Town of Plymouth. Also presented were details of the earlier sub-division which created non-contiguous parcel numbers. Johnny Wagner added that this is an estate planning exercise to allow his father to divide the property between Mr Wagner and his sister. The survey sets out the subject of future utility easements to facilitate shared access to the property and its water and septic infrastructure.

7. The Plymouth Select Board declined to comment; the Plymouth assessor's office had confirmed they have no objection.

8. Chair reviewed the information submitted: the previous subdivision plat, email from Ms Golden outlining the waste water history, letter from listers in Plymouth, the current ww permit, final plat, and additional engineering plan showing septic and water arrangements.

9. Chair reviewed the minutes of the last meeting to ensure that all changes had been made to the plat. Chair asked if there is any objection to preserving the stone wall as the Town line boundary, Mr Wagner confirmed that it would not be changed and he had no objection to maintaining it, but also noted that there is a section which was removed prior to the family's purchase. Commissioner Michel asked why the stone wall should be preserved? Chair responded that it has historical importance as the Town Line, and the Town Plan supports preservation. Additional updates to the survey have been added, including the correct date, signature block, and reference to earlier surveys and subdivisions. Chair raised a question about a deeded access to a Town road: lister David Johnson confirmed that none of Hasting Lane is a town road, and the Chair confirmed that parcel 3c will need a deeded access to a town road. Mr Wagner responded that the existing deed has this access.

10. Chair asked if Commissioners had any comments. None were made.

11. Chair asked Mr Ernst as an interested party if he had any questions or statements. He noted that his family has good relations with the Wagners which he hopes will continue, and that he had no objection to this proposal.

12. Commissioner Michel moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Jim Seward. Meeting adjourned at 6.04 pm. For the Commission, Faith Tempest, Planning Commission Clerk

A video recording of this hearing can be found at: <https://okemovalley.tv/mt-holly-planning-commission-1118>

January Gardening

Despite the winter season there's plenty to keep a gardener occupied. If you haven't ordered your garden seeds yet, start by listing seeds leftover from last year. Look at the short list of local seed companies that I list in the full article (or any others that you like). Browse online catalogs from the comfort of home. Don't delay, the best varieties sell out early. In this article I suggest a few winter tips and easy-to-do ideas that will make the coming garden season more productive. If you can't wait and want to grow something in mid-winter, consider micro-greens or sprouts to have freshly grown salad greens right now.

Winter Garden Tips...

- Repurpose your **Christmas tree**. Most Christmas trees are down but can still be useful. If you cut or bought locally cut off the boughs and use them for winter mulch protection. The boughs can be laid over perennials, providing some additional protection from desiccating winds. Place the boughs right on the snow over where the plants are. Alternatively, if you put the whole tree near small trees or bushes it will provide great winter shelter for small birds on cold windy nights. Do not burn your tree in your wood stove, the resins can produce a fire hazard in your chimney.

- **What can I grow in Vermont winters?** Seed sprouts are very easy, tasty, and a nutritious addition to salads, sandwiches, or as a side dish. [Here](#) is a quick video to help you get started with a homemade sprouter. I use a simple Bioset sprouting tray from Johnny's Seeds that keeps fresh sprouts coming in but there are several other types available online. Seeds for sprouting are offered online by [High Mowing Seeds](#), [Johnny's Seeds](#), and many other seed companies. The most common seeds used for sprouting include alfalfa, mung beans, broccoli, radish, kale, etc. Mixes of these are available and provide great flavor and nutritional diversity.

- There are many good seed sources nationwide but if you prefer to buy locally, as I do, here are some suggestions.

[High Mowing Seed Company](#) - Vermont based, all organic seeds, great selection.

[FEDCO Seeds](#) - based in Maine, good seeds, supplies, & tools, lower prices.

[Johnny's Selected Seeds](#) - based in Maine, organic & non-organic seeds, huge selection

[Vermont Bean Seed Company](#) – beans, vegetables, fruits, and more.

[Vermont Wildflower Farm](#) – wildflowers, perennials, bulbs, and veggies.

[Maine Potato Lady](#) - specialize in potatoes & onions

- **Caring for Poinsettias.** Remove the decorative pot cover to allow drainage. Place your plant in a location with bright light (6 hours/day, or more) and temperatures between 60-70°F. Allow poinsettias to dry between watering but not wilt. The plant is ready to be watered when the soil is dry to the touch and, when the pot and plant are lifted, it will feel relatively light. One of the most common issues with poinsettias is root rot, so avoid overwatering by letting the soil dry out thoroughly in between waterings. Given favorable conditions the colorful flowers (bracts) will retain their color through the winter and the plant will grow over summer to become a flowering plant again next winter.

- **Too early to fertilize.** House plants can begin to look very tired and weak at this time of year but resist the temptation to give them fertilizer. It's best to not stimulate new upper growth until daylength gets longer and plants can grow stronger. If your plants have become too tall or lanky due to low light levels, they can be pruned back now in preparation for the new grow phase that will begin when daylength gets over 10 hours/day (late Feb.). Don't be shy with your pruning shears. Removing 30-50% of the tops will stimulate the roots to re-grow strong new shoots for the spring. Even outdoor plants brought indoors like geraniums, fuchsia, petunias, and begonias will respond well to this pruning.

- **Got Bugs?** Inspect your indoor plants regularly for any signs of small bugs such as [aphids](#) or [white flies](#). They get started slowly but can built up fast when tender new growth (triggered by fertilization) appears on the plants. Both can be easily removed with finger wiping & squishing or with a cool (not cold!) shower while the plant is held sideways. After the plant leaves have dried apply [insecticidal soap spray](#) or [neem oil](#) weekly. Spray all the plant leaves, top and bottom, to control them. Do this spraying in the shower or bathtub to avoid getting soap residues on your windows or furniture. *Amazing Fact:* Baby aphids are *born pregnant* so they increase in numbers very fast so repeated treatments every week or two may be essential. Got [scale](#)? Scrape off the hard adults with your fingernail and then wipe the whole leaves off with an alcohol soaked cloth to get rid of any young "crawlers". If you find a leaf heavily covered with scales cut it off and dispose of outdoors.

- **Birdhouses** can serve as temporary shelters during winter storms. Leave last summer's nesting materials inside to provide some comfort for birds seeking refuge. Clean them out thoroughly after the last winter storms have passed.

- Young **fruit trees and shrubs** become winter food for hungry deer and rabbits so now is a good time to apply a repellent such as [Deer Away](#), [Plantskydd](#), or your own homemade [deer repellent](#) to the smaller branches and stems. Be sure to coat the tips completely and re-apply every 4 weeks to prevent deer and rabbits from chewing tender new stems and tips. A visual inspection now will help prepare for pruning that we do in January-February.

- **De-icers** can damage nearby plants from runoff. Most deicers are salts, some worse than others. Sodium & Calcium chloride are the most toxic to plants. Potassium chloride and magnesium chloride have less potential to damage plants, but it is still possible, especially with overuse. Use as little as possible for safety. Calcium magnesium acetate (CMA) is another option that is often used in environmentally sensitive areas. Consider using plain sand that improves traction instead of salts for melting.

- **Keep on Composting!** No reason to stop now. Bears should be hibernating! Sure, the compost pile/bin is frozen solid, but so what? Keep adding your kitchen scraps (egg shells, coffee grounds, paper napkins, etc.) so that come spring your compost will be well fed and ready to become active.

"Hang in there, within 4 weeks the maple sap will be flowing. Within 6 weeks, the earliest migratory birds will begin to arrive. Within 8 weeks, the early spring wildflowers will emerge from the Earth. You will feel the warm sun on your face again." ~ Nick Stow



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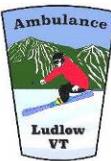
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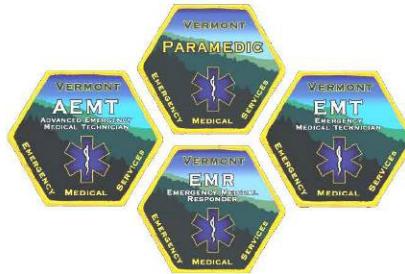


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Builders Wanted

We undoubtedly first learned it in kindergarten: If you don't have something nice to say, don't say it." We all get ourselves into trouble with our tongues. But now we have social media which, more often than not, is simply a forum to say not so nice things about people and places by memes and by *any* means (usually *very* mean!)

Now obviously this saying can be abused to stifle creativity and any respectful dialogue. But why, as you scroll down the comment section, is it filled with not just opinions but the foulest, sarcastic vitriol imaginable? There is an ancient principle for mindful communication that goes: "Before you speak (or tweet), ask yourself: Is it True? Is it Necessary? Is it Kind?" That principle applies to every type of individual from the President to the podcaster, to the peon, to you and to me. Words have power and should be used only when they improve upon the silence. Toward that end, my dear dad would often quote this poem, in its entirety, by Edgar Guest.

I watched them tearing a building down, a gang of men in a busy town.

With a ho-heave-ho and a lusty yell. They swung a beam and a side wall fell.

I asked the foreman, "Are these men skilled? And the men you'd hire if you had to build?"

He gave a laugh and said, "no indeed? Just common labor is all I need."

"I can easily wreck in a day or two what builders have taken a year to do?"

*And I thought to myself as I went my way,
Which of these roles have I tried to play?*

Am I a builder who works with care,

Measuring life by the rule and square?

*Am I shaping my deeds to a well-made plan,
Patiently doing the best I can?*

Or am I a wrecker, who walks the town,

Content with the labor of tearing down?

Wreckers in life are exceptionally good at discouraging. Demoralizing and Deprecating. And destroying. They know how to ruin friendships. Wreck homes. And undermine with sometimes a subtle word. Oftentimes it's an overt action, some juicy gossip, an unfounded charge or conspiracy theory. Or maybe just a critical spirit that finds fault with everything and everyone.

Builders, on the other hand, are skilled at encouraging. Edifying. Enlightening. Energizing. And elevating others. They know how to bring a smile to your face. Lift your spirit. Warm your heart. Put a spring in your step. Their friendships are closer. Their homes are happier. You feel bolstered by their very presence. They know how to say a good and timely word, offer a helping hand and sow seeds of faith, hope and love.

Building up and edifying ought to be the desire and work of each of us. The ancients built edifices to last. Some cathedrals took hundreds of years to construct. We still admire their magnificence and craftsmanship today. St. Paul's inspired plea to the first century believers was, "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up." The question for each of us to ask is this: What am I leaving behind? A lovely cathedral or a hurtful pile of rubble? Pastor Glenn

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

& New Year's

Mass Schedule & Services

St. Patrick's in Wallingford

4:00 pm Christmas Eve December 24th

10:00 am Christmas Day December 25th

&

Christ The King in Rutland

4:00 pm & 7:00 pm Christmas Eve December 24th

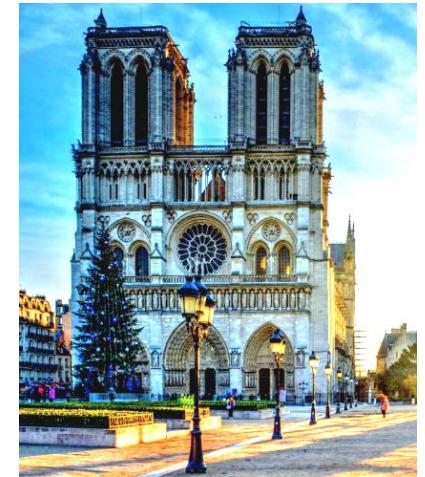
7:30 am & 9:30 am Christmas Day December 25th

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Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Ludlow

4:30 pm Christmas Eve

9:00 am Christmas Day





Okemo Valley Holiday Train Celebrates Generosity & The Season of Giving

The Okemo Valley Holiday Train is once again bringing joy, connection, and holiday magic to the community, Okemo Valley and beyond - special thanks to the dedication of nearly fifty volunteers and the generosity of nine Reindeer Sponsors. Together, they are making this cherished tradition a beacon of kindness during the Season of Giving.

From festive decorations to warm smiles, volunteers are the heart of the Holiday Train.

Their commitment to serving others creates unforgettable experiences for riders and ensures that every journey is filled with cheer. This year, their efforts are especially meaningful as the train hosts "Secret Santa" rides, offering families and individuals in need a chance to celebrate the holidays with wonder and delight.

The Reindeer Sponsors—Migras Talc, Mary W. Davis, Down to the Roots, Diamond Point Wealth Partners, Vermont Country Store, Heritage Family Credit Union, HB Energy Solutions, Okemo Mountain Resort, and Green Mountain Sign & Graphics—underwrote the Secret Santa train rides, ensuring that the magic of the season reaches those who need it most. Their generosity demonstrates the power of community partnerships and the spirit of giving that defines the Okemo Valley.

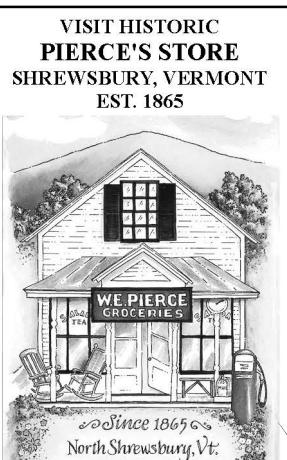
Special thanks are also extended to the Chester-Andover Family Center and Black River Good Neighbors, whose collaboration has been essential in identifying families and individuals who benefit from the Secret Santa rides. Together, these organizations embody the true meaning of the holidays: compassion, community, and care for one another.

"Our volunteers and sponsors embody the true spirit of the season—giving selflessly for the joy it brings to others," said Carol Lighthall, Okemo Valley Chamber of Commerce. "With the support of our Reindeer Sponsors and community partners, we are able to extend that joy to those who need it most."

☒ Limited tickets remain available for Sunday's Holiday Train rides. Community members are encouraged to reserve their seats soon to be part of this festive tradition.

☒ Volunteers are still being recruited as train elves on Sunday, especially for the afternoon runs and the final cleanup at 6:00 PM. Those interested in spreading holiday cheer and lending a hand are warmly invited to join the team.

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- **Community Health Primary Care** (<https://www.cherr.org>) is for illness, wellness visits, monitoring chronic health conditions and following up from hospital visits.
- **Community Health Express Care** (<https://www.cherr.org/services/#express-care>) offers primary care for minor injuries or illnesses after hours, on weekends, or when your primary care provider is unavailable. Express Care Castleton and Rutland are open 8am-8pm daily.
- **Emergency Department** is the best place to go when illnesses or injuries are more severe or life threatening. Call 911 for critical situations.

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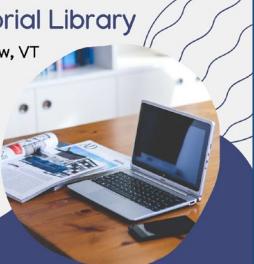
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Tips for Staying Healthy in Winter from Community Health

Viruses pass more easily from person to person indoors, and cold, dry air may weaken resistance. Colds, flu and other respiratory illnesses are more common in colder months. Prevention includes proper handwashing and updating your covid and flu vaccinations.

It's a good time to check with your Community Health primary care provider about vaccines and which ones you and your family need to update. Vaccines aren't just for children. Seniors should ask about shingles, tetanus, flu, RSV, covid and pneumonia vaccines.

Learn more about vaccines <https://www.cherr.org/service/vaccines/>. Talk to your provider for more information, send them a message through the Patient Portal or call 802-779-9169.

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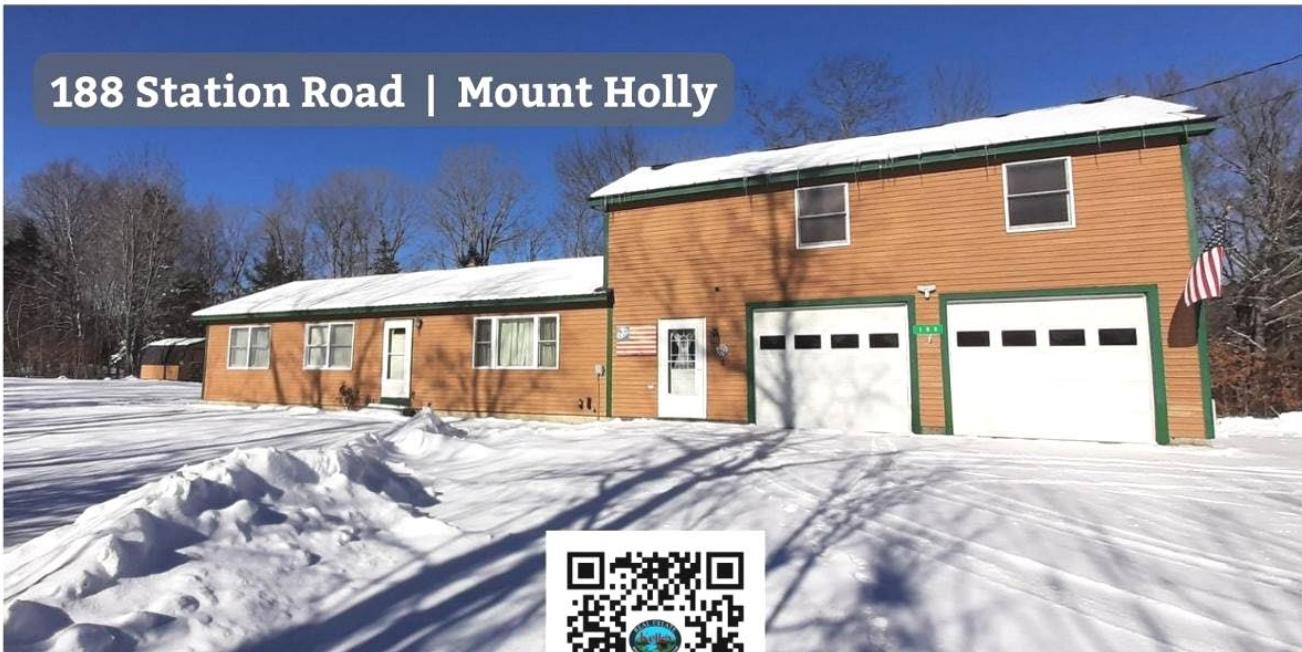
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