



Mount Holly Chit Chat

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Church Listing on back page "Who's Got It Locally?"

Mount Holly Community Association – Contact MHCavT@gmail.com www.MHCavT.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

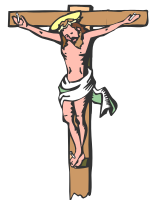
Town Lister Hours: Tuesdays 10:00 am – 2:00 pm and by Appointment 802-259-2391

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

Mar 31 st	Mason Meeting, Mt Moriah Lodge #96 E. Wallingford		7:30 pm
1 st	MH PTG Meeting, MH School	<i>April Fools ~ Passover Begins ~ Full Moss Pink Moon</i>	6:00 pm
2 nd	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station		7:00 pm
3 rd		<i>Good Friday</i>	
Sat 4 th		<i>NATO Est 1949 ~ Martin Luther King Jr Assassinated 1968</i>	
Sun 5 th		<i>Booker T. Washington 1856 ~ Easter</i>	
6 th		<i>Persian Gulf War Ends 1991</i>	
7 th	MH Community Association Meeting, Library	<i>Metris System 1795</i>	7:00 pm
	MH Conservation Commission, MH Town Office		6:00 pm
8 th	LMHUUS Meeting,		6:00 pm
	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		7:00 pm
9 th	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	<i>Civil War Ends 1865 ~ Passover Ends</i>	7:00 pm
Sat 11 th	<i>Jackie Robinson First African-American Major League Baseball Player First Base for Brooklyn Dodger 1947</i>		
		<i>Persian Gulf War Official Cease Fire 1991</i>	
13 th		<i>3rd Pres Thomas Jefferson 1743</i>	
14 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	<i>Pan-American Day 1890</i>	9:00 am
	Select Board Meeting, Town Office & Zoom	<i>Titanic Struck Iceberg 1912</i>	6:00 pm
15 th	MH Town Library Meeting, Library	<i>America's 1st School for Deaf Founded 1817</i>	6:30 pm
	MH Community Association Meeting, Library	<i>Leonardo Da Vinci 1452</i>	7:00 pm
		<i>Titanic Sank 1912 – Tax Day – Purple Up! For Military Kids Day</i>	
16 th	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations	<i>Wilbur Wright 1867</i>	7:00 pm
Sat 18 th		<i>Paul Revere Midnight Ride 1775</i>	
Sun 19 th		<i>Revolutionary War Began 1775</i>	
21 st	MH Planning Commission, MH Town Office & Via Zoom		6:30 pm
22 nd	ODD Fellows Meeting	<i>Easter Seals 1919 ~ Earth Day – Administrative Professionals Day</i>	7:00 pm
23 rd	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	<i>William Shakespeare b&d 1564-1616</i>	7:00 pm
24 th		<i>National Arbor Day 1872</i>	
25 th		<i>Youth Turkey Weekend</i>	
Sun 26 th		<i>John James Audubon 1785</i>	
27 th		<i>18th Pres Ulysses S. Grant 1822</i>	
28 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	<i>5th Pres James Monroe 1758</i>	9:00 am
29 th		<i>Holocaust Remembrance Day Est 1979</i>	
30 th	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations	<i>Vietnam War Ends 1975</i>	7:00 pm



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	802-793-2776
MH Constable	NONE			Health Officer – Chad Farrar	802-259-3610
Animal Control Rutland County Sheriff's Dept.			802-775-8002	Vermont State Police	802-342-1366
					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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April Birthdays: 1st-John Seward 3rd-Samantha Freedman 4th-Carol Pike 5th-Amanda Surething 8th- Bob Garrow * Jeff Carrara 9th-Eliza Hudak * TJ Milks 12th-Jean Palmer * Carlos Bickford * Tobi Macey 14th-Mallary Flanders * Melissa Garrow-Kent 16th-Jamie Carrara 17th-Noah Koponen 18th-Robyn Lewis * Todd Bussino Sr 21st-Alexander Bussino * Melissa Perry 22nd-Kai Lewis 24th-Vincent Turco * Eric Holt Jr * Eric Holt Sr * Beverly Stearns * Randy Hawkins 25th-Jeff Keller 26th-Nicolas Turco * Samantha Norton 27th-Mary Ellen Jacobs * Micah Lewis 28th-Danielle McMahon * Lisa Hendee 29th-Cassie Wilkins * Ian D.F. Miller



April Anniversaries: 12th-Steve & Nicole Lewis (2015) 16th -Dick & Nancy Tilton 18th-Randy & Tammy Hawkins

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

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Mount Holly		1-802-219-1426
Window	Mon – Fri	8:00 am – 10:00 am
	&	2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
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	Sat	7:30 am – 10:30 am
Belmont		1-877-854-7062
Window	Mon – Fri	7:30 am – 9:30 am
	&	2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
	Sat	7:30 am – 10:30 am
Lobby Hours	Mon – Fri	7:30 am – 4:45 pm
East Wallingford		1-802-245-6403
Window	Mon – Fri	7:00 am – 11:00 am
	Sat	7:00 am – 10:00 am
Lobby Hours	Mon – Fri	7:00 am – 4:45 pm
Cuttingsville/Shrewsbury		1-802-230-1996
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	Mon – Fri	7:30 am – 5:00 pm
	Sat	7:30 am – 11:00 am
Ludlow		802-228-7436
Lobby Hours:	Mon – Fri	6:30 am – 5:30 pm
	Sat	6:30 am – 11:00 am
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	Sat	8:30 am – 10:30 am
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MEMBERSHIP IN CORPORATION: Open to all who live, work, or own property in Mount Holly and who make an annual donation of any amount.

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

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Mt. Holly NewsFlash: Mount Holly’s Town email system. Primary attendant is Kevin Plew and backup attendant Stu Berry at stumberry1@gmail.com . Email items to newsflash@mounthollyvt.org www.mthollynewsflash.blogspot.com



Peggy S. Adams

Peggy Sue Adams passed peacefully at home on March 6, 2026, after fighting bouts of cancer and dementia from Alzheimer's. Peggy was born on October 12, 1956, to Alice (Bigelow) and Thomas Neil Husk. She grew up on the Husk family farm in Ferrisburgh. Going to Ferrisburgh Elementary School and Vergennes High School, graduating as Valedictorian in 1974. Peggy's professional career spanned many decades, beginning at Simmonds Precision, Vergennes, in the mid-1970s. From there, she worked for Vermont Research Corp., N. Springfield, then Kalow Technologies, Clarendon, where she worked for 23 years. She finished her career at Allen Adams Shaper Services, phasing out in 2019-2020 due to Alzheimer's. She was a dedicated mother and was passionately devoted to her loved ones. In her pursuit to continually support them, Peggy found herself administering youth

bowling at Rutland Bowlerama and youth baseball in Mount Holly in the 90s and 2000s. Peggy supported Nathan and Allen through all their endeavors. She will be missed by her husband Allen, son Nathan, mother, Alice Husk, sisters Jean Bushey & Mary Lou Harton, brothers George & Tom Husk, daughter-in-law Melissa Bailey, grandson, Sebastian Lennon, stepson Tom Adams, father-in-law Carroll Adams, and many more. A service/celebration of life was held at Shaper Services (174 Innovation Drive, N. Clarendon) on March 21 from 2:00 to 4:00. Burial will be at Gage Cemetery in Ferrisburgh later in the spring, date and time will be announced later.

To all people who work on Chit Chat for Mt. Holly: You have a wonderful publication very informative. Thank you, Betsy Hinckley

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Mount Holly School
PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION
Thursday, May 14, 2026
8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
By Appointment
(802) 259-2392

For children who will be 3 years old on or before August 31, 2026
Please bring the following:
1. A birth certificate
2. All immunization records
3. Residency documentation
4. Complete online pre-registration form

You will be able to see our inside and outside classrooms.
Boots recommended!

Ms. Cristy, Ms. Devin and Ms. Siri will all be on hand to answer questions and provide important information about the program.



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Mount Holly School

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

3:30—4:15 p.m.

By Appointment

(802) 259-2392



For children who will be 5 years old
on or before August 31, 2026

Please bring the following:

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

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



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

Two Open Seats on the Ludlow Mount Holly School Board

The Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District (LMHUUSD) is seeking a Mount Holly Town Resident and a Ludlow Town Resident who are interested in filling current vacancies on the local school board. The successful applicants will serve until Town Meeting Election Day in March 2027. Board meetings are typically held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m., with additional meetings scheduled as needed. Board members may also be asked to participate on committees or take on other responsibilities as part of their service.

Application Deadline: All application materials must be received by 3:00 PM on April 3, 2026.

To apply, please submit your materials to the central office at the address below or email them directly to layne.millington@trsu.org

Your application should include the following:

- A statement of intent explaining your interest in serving on the board
 - A current resume or summary of your qualifications
- Applications may also be mailed to, or dropped off at: Two Rivers Supervisory Union, 609 VT Route 103 South, Ludlow, Vermont 05149

Dear Ludlow-Mount Holly Community,

I want to express my sincere gratitude for your support of our school district's level service budget and for its successful passage. I too feel and recognize the significant challenge the school tax burden

places on all Vermont taxpayers. The current structure for education funding across our state makes it difficult for communities and families, and it is clear that change is needed. We deeply appreciate your commitment to our schools, especially as the legislature struggles to find a fair and sustainable solution to

the ongoing tax burden. Most sincerely,
Layne
Millington,
TRSU
Superintendent

Open Call to Mount Holly Artists

The Mount Holly Community Association is inviting local artists
To participate in the Vermont Crafts Council's
Open Studio Tour as a group.

As part of the Open Studio Tour, participating artists will be able to display their work (for sale or viewing only), talk with visitors about their creative approach and even demonstrate their process, if they wish.

Saturday and Sunday, May 23rd/24th 10-5 in the
Community Center

Contact Zhenia Dickinson Hadar for details at
zhadar@hadarfamily.com.

Let's Celebrate Local Talent and
Community!



Mt. Moriah Lodge #96 March 2026, Trestleboard

Next Meeting Tuesday 03/31 7:30PM

Just a quick reminder to the Brothers coming to the meetings this winter... the water has been shut off. This is our annual meeting, Brothers, let's have a good turnout, [weather permitting].

The district will hold the Sap Bucket Degree again this year on March 28, beginning at 10:30 am, at King Solomon Temple in Bellows Falls. Fraternally, David Seward W.M. - Buster Seward Sec'y



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**REINBOW RIDING CENTER HOSTS
“PANCAKES FOR PONIES” BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER**

On Sunday 4/12/26 at 8:30 am

Reinbow Riding Center, a Rutland County based therapeutic horsemanship center, is hosting a “Pancakes for Ponies” fundraising breakfast at the Mount Holly Community Center (located on the bottom floor of the Mount Holly Community Library, 26 Maple Hill Road, Belmont, VT). This event will take place on Sunday morning April 12th from 8:30 am to 11 am. Funds raised will primarily be used for the care of the horses in our program. As parking is limited, guests are also encouraged to carpool.

The cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for youth (under 16). Guests are encouraged to pre-pay for tickets on Zeffy:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/pancakes-for-ponies>

This will be a wonderful opportunity for members of the community to meet Julia, our new Program Director and Instructor. There will be door prizes and a silent auction as well!

The mission of Reinbow Riding Center is to improve the well-being of individuals with unique physical, emotional and/or cognitive challenges through a customized therapeutic equine experience. Reinbow Riding Center is a 501c3 non-profit organization established in 2008, based in Belmont, Vermont. We strive to meet the needs of every individual that participates in our therapeutic horsemanship programs, mounted or unmounted, regardless of their ability to pay.

Reinbow recently earned a 2026 Platinum Seal of Transparency, the highest level awarded, from CANDID, an independent organization that ranks non-profits. If you are unable to attend this fundraising breakfast and would still like to support the program, to make a contribution please go to: reinbowridingcenter.org/support-us.

For information about opportunities to volunteer with us, you can learn more and apply here: reinbowridingcenter.org/volunteer

You can also show your support by sharing this event, or following us, on all of our social media channels: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1410319103654853>

For more information about Reinbow Riding Center and all our therapeutic horsemanship programs, please visit our website at: reinbowridingcenter.org.

P.O. Box #395, Shrewsbury, VT 05738 (mailing address) 892 Tarbellville Road, Belmont, VT (seasonal riding facility physical address – by appointment only) www.ReinbowRidingCenter.org



Pancakes for Ponies!
April 12th, 2026

Prepay using the QR Code!

Please join us for a fundraiser benefitting the Reinbow Riding Center at the Mount Holly Community Center
Adults \$20/ Kids under 16 \$10
8:30 AM-11 AM
Food, Fun, & Prizes!

Green Mountain Neighbors Monthly Update

Good things continue to happen with Green Mountain Neighbors! We have new volunteers who can help with small jobs around the house.

We have the following ongoing events: Chair Yoga held each Wednesday at 9:30 at the Mount Holly Community Center and Bingo at Wallingford House, 1:30 - 3:30, on the third Monday of each month. Our luncheon this month will be held on Wednesday, March 25, at 12:00 noon at Sugar and Spice.

On Friday, March 20, from 10:30 to 12:00, we will host the coordinator from AARP Vermont Fraud Watch at the Mt. Holly Community Center for a presentation titled "Frauds, Scams, & Con-Artists: Coming to a Computer Near You!" Space is limited, so please call the number below or register on our website if you are interested in attending.

As our membership grows each year, so does our need for more volunteers! We especially need volunteers in the Wallingford area. If you are interested in becoming a member, a supporting member, or exploring volunteering with GMN, please check out our website at greenmountainneighbors.org. You can also call 802-417-2292 and listen to the prompts. We are a 501-C3 organization run entirely by volunteers. We would love to have you participate in our efforts to help our seniors stay in the homes and towns they love as long as they are able.

“Now in my 80’s, membership in GMN has made all the difference in my quality of life. I am more optimistic that I can continue to ‘age in place’ in spite of compromising health issues. With the support and help of wonderful volunteers, many small but essential needs can be met with a simple request. It is so comforting to know this, and gives meaning to the expression ‘it takes a village’. GMN helps those of us of a certain age to remain within our homes and the village community...to enjoy safer and fuller lives.” – Stephanie Stouffer

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Thank you to **Black River Good Neighbor Services** for working with us to make this event possible.

Thursday, April 2, 2026 - 11:00 am to Noon


Ludlow Community Center, 37 Main St., Ludlow, VT 05149

All are invited. No registration necessary.

We’re here to help with what’s important, no matter where life takes you. Explore more topics at mth.com/fianciaeducation.

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Charlie Conroy
 cjconroy@vermontel.net

30+ Years Experience

News from the Mount Holly Community Association

During the transitional season months, one might begin to wonder what is the least liked month of the year? What month receives the most complaints? To find the answer to this daunting question the almighty electronic leader of searches was consulted...."thinking".....and literally "more thinking" showed up on the google search screen. And finally, and also, what had been anticipated from this writer, pops up on the screen..." Based on local consensus and weather patterns, the least liked month in Vermont is often considered to be the period known as Mud Season." The almighty electronic gods apparently do not believe mud season should be spelled with a double D to emphasize the point but why would google consult a local with a special fondness

for the season. Let us take a deep breath, put on your muck boots, and welcome the inevitable Mudd Season and remember that this too shall pass.

Thank you.... Let us not stay in the dull drums over the double D season and instead think about our blessings. This month we would like to give **special thanks to Paul Nevin** who took it upon himself to replace part of the library's entrance ramp that fell victim to the snow plow. Paul, we so appreciate your initiative and community mindedness XO!

We got word that the storm windows for the library have been manufactured, packed up and in the process of being shipped from Ohio. Work will begin, weather permitting as soon as they arrive. We are very excited about the ongoing improvements we are able to make to our historic building. The village of Belmont is known for its classic New England charm and historic architecture, MHCA Board of Directors are proud to help maintain our village's rural beauty. We must also recognize and say THANK YOU to the many folks who participate in our fundraisers and become members of the community association to make projects like this possible.

Upcoming events:

14th Annual Mudd Fling @ the ODD Fellow Hall Saturday, May 2

Doors open at 7, The Better Days Band starts at 8pm. Plan on dancing the night away - ok maybe not the whole night but at least until 10ish, unless the crowd screams for more and then who knows. Come in your muck boots and then change into your dancing shoes and join us for a fun evening of dancing & celebrating the coming of spring. Feel free to bring finger foods to share and BYOB; we will provide water to help keep ya hydrated.

Mudd Fling Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15.00 at the door. You can mail in a check (PO Box 93 Belmont Vt) or pay online by scanning this QR code. We hope to see you there and bring some friends too!



Open Studio weekend - Saturday and Sunday May 23 & 24

Calling all artists - MHCA has been approved to be a part of the Vermont Crafts Council Open Studio Tour. This event is advertised statewide and promotes the visual arts and the artist's process. We are excited to provide an opportunity for local artists to share a space and their work collectively. We currently have six artists who are planning to participate but certainly can accommodate more. For more information, please reach out to Zhenia Hadar (one of MHCA Board's own artists) who is coordinating this event at zhadar@hadarfamily.com.

Garden Tour - Saturday July 25

As always during this time of the year we are looking for gardeners (veggie/fruit and flower are all game) who would like to participate in our annual event. What a wonderful way to show off your hard work and get motivated to clean up your gardens. Gardener's love seeing other gardeners' layouts, swap ideas, or plants, or simply wander through the beauty of mountainous landscapes with friends or for some "me time". Whatever is your want - we want you! Come join this year's event and showcase your efforts to an appreciative audience. For more info, please contact Leah Knoll at leahknoll@yahoo.com

Next on the newsworthy report....

The Board has voted to combine **Mount Holly Day** with an end of the summer cookout with Music on the Green. Ok we recognize change is hard but when we looked at the numbers, last year's impromptu cookout at the end of the Music on the Green series vs how many people have attended the mid-summer Mount Holly Day picnic in the last few years (can you say DWINDLING) spoke for themselves. We also don't want to do things just because that's the way they have always been done; so, we adapt and make changes. This year's celebration of our little mountain town will be on Thursday August 28th starting at 6pm with music on the Green starting at 6:30.

MHCA is exploring a **mystery project** that would enhance the functionality and beauty of our town. As much as we would like to tell you more, we cannot until it has been approved through all the appropriate channels. We have begun conversations with potential partners and are drawing up designs. Once we come to an agreement we can share more - how's that for a little small-town mystery?

Well, as Warner Brothers famous cartoon characters used to say back in the day, "That's all Folks"! We hope you have an adventurous April and find time to treat yourself to a little TLC as well as to pay it forward with some random act of kindness. Thanks for your support, Your dedicated MHCA Board of Directors



Ludlow Rotary Club Welcomes New Owner of the Belmont General Store

The Ludlow Rotary Club recently welcomed Alissa Chronert, the new owner of the Belmont General Store, as a guest speaker at a recent meeting.

Located in the center of Belmont village, the Belmont General Store has been a cornerstone of local life since it was founded in 1843. For generations, the store has served as a gathering place for residents and visitors in this small rural community.

For Alissa, the store represents more than just a business opportunity - it is deeply tied to her own family history.

Her connection to Belmont began in childhood, when her family owned a rustic camp in the area. She fondly recalls spending summers and winters at the cabin, where life was simple: candles provided light, lake water served for bathing, and

buckets of water were used to flush the toilet.

Even after graduating from college and moving to New York City, Alissa returned to Vermont nearly every weekend to enjoy the outdoors and reconnect with the place she loved.

Those memories made a lasting impression and ultimately led her back.

“When the store went on the market in 2020, it really caught my attention,” Alissa said. “It holds so many memories for me, my family, and the people in town. At the time, I was also planning my wedding, so I wondered if I could really take on a general store as well. But it felt like a fun adventure and a great way to give something back to the community, especially since the store had been closed for so long.”

In 2023, Alissa and her husband Michael, a professional triathlete, purchased the property and began an extensive renovation project to restore the historic building.

During the renovation, the couple made several fascinating discoveries hidden within the walls of the old store. Among the finds were newspapers dating back to the late 1800s and an old Coca-Cola machine tucked away between the walls.

Just days after uncovering the machine, a customer walked into the store and shared a childhood memory of buying soda from a Coke machine that once stood there - a moment that reinforced the deep connection many locals have to the building.

Today, the Belmont General Store is once again open seven days a week. The store offers a variety of Vermont-sourced products, along with beer, cider, and wine. A café and deli serve breakfast sandwiches, pastries, coffee, and espresso in the morning, while lunch features a selection of hot and cold sandwiches.

Family connections remain central to the business: Chronert’s brother owns the nearby Mount Holly Beer Company, and her father contributes by baking pastries for the store including what she proudly describes as his particularly delicious croissants.

The store has already become a popular stop for snowmobilers looking for lunch during the winter season. Looking ahead, Alissa said they are exploring the possibility of offering gasoline to better serve traveling snowmobilers.

With the store once again bustling with activity, Alissa hopes it will continue its long tradition as a gathering place for the Belmont community.

Contact any Rotarian if you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Ludlow Rotary Club or attending as a guest at our Tuesday luncheons.

Photo: Rotary President Kevin Barns with Alissa Chronert Owner of Belmont General Store By Lori Wright at loriwright163@fmail.com

Epic Promise Funds Youth Exchange Weekend

The Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) hosted international students who are on a school-year-long youth exchange program in the Northeast for a weekend of skiing, snowboarding, and tubing at Okemo Mountain Resort. The weekend was made possible by a generous grant from Vail Resorts Epic Promise known as the Vail Resorts Epic for Everyone Access & On-Mountain support.

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Local Rotarian and longtime coordinator of the Rotary Youth Exchange program, Jim Rumrill, said "The students had a wonderful time on the mountain. It is one of their favorite weekends every year. Thanks to Vail and Okemo Mountain Resort for their continued support of this great event."

Photo: International exchange students enjoy a weekend of snow sports and camaraderie at Okemo Mountain Resort recently. Brigid Sullivan 802 558-1416



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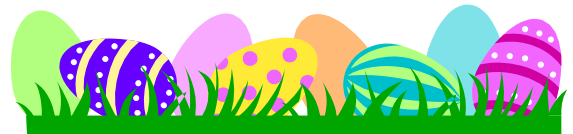
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Two Holidays & a Baby!

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Shop will be **closed** Easter Sunday.

Mother's Day - 5/10/26 - Plenty of thoughtful gifts for the mamas in your life—and we're always happy to wrap them up for you with a complimentary gift wrap.

Baby #2 - Due 5/8/26 - We'll have extra helping hands in the shop starting late April, so no closures expected. I'll be out May-June, back for July 4th weekend.

Can't wait to introduce Little Girl Knudsen this summer ❤️



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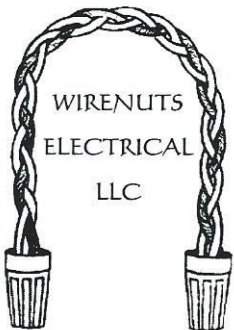
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Town Meeting Update March 2026

Representative Kevin C. Winter (R- Ludlow, Mount Holly & Shrewsbury)

As Pattie McCoy, our Minority Leader stated “Vermonters deserve to be able to live, work raise a family, and retire here without facing an affordability crisis. I am committed to working with Governor Scott and my colleagues on both sides of the isle to make Vermont more affordable and the best place to live.

Overview: The first half of the 2026 legislative session has been busy, with roughly 400 bills filed in the House of Representatives alone. Governor Scott delivered his state of the state address and budget recommendations. He focused on the need for education reform to stop property taxes from skyrocketing and a general fund budget that lives within our means. I support the Governors’ efforts! As always, I welcome your thoughts and feedback on any of these issues we are grappling with. Many of these Bills that would begin to solve our affordability crisis, rather than kicking the can down the road, are held up and blocked in various House Committees. Republicans still don’t have enough House seats to move these practical solutions to the House floor for a vote, stalling any real progress I believe I was elected to support.

Legislative Priorities:

Education Reform: Since the 1990s, Vermont has lost roughly 30,000 students, yet our education structure remains unchanged – with massive overhead, redundant bureaucracy, and inequities across towns. The latest report card from the Agency of Education shows that student performance in Vermont is declining even though our costs are among the highest in USA. Our students deserve an education system built for their future – one that puts outcomes first, not the goals of special interests or status quo. I remain committed to

working with Governor Scott to put our kids first.

Property Taxes: In 2023 and 2024, the average Vermonter faced back-to- back double-digit property tax increases. This is unaffordable, unsustainable, and unacceptable – which is why many Vermonters went to the polls in 2024 to help restore balance in Montpelier. Rest assured that your trust is paying off. Last year, the average property tax increase approved by the Legislature was just 1%, compared to 13.8% the year prior. We also passed a bipartisan education finance reform package that requires the Legislature to continue to work this year on finding a long-term solution to pay for education in Vermont. I realize that savings have yet to show up in our property tax bills, but our work has just begun.

Affordability: This year, numerous pieces of legislation have been introduced to lower cost of living in Vermont, including stabilizing our health insurance market to lower premiums, easing red tape for housing to lower cost; further reducing taxes for all vulnerable populations, such as retirees living on fixed incomes; and much more. I am supportive of all efforts to make Vermont a more affordable place to live, work, raise a family and retire. A root cause challenge is to find substantive ways to attract and retain productive tax paying families.

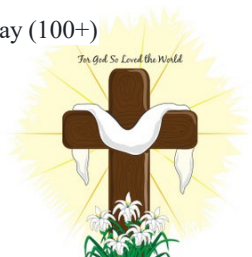
There are a handful of bills I would like to see brought to the floor to be debated and hopefully passed:

- H.585:** reduce health care costs by offering low-cost insurance coverage options
- H.602:** Ease housing “red tape” by simplifying housing rules to increase supply
- H.721:** increase public safety by changing court system (e.g. to restrict sentence reductions for repeat felony offenders or probation violators)
- H.754:** establish a repeat offender statute permitting Vermont State to seek stricter penalties
- H.759:** repeal several tax types and replace with a flat income tax
- H.767:** “pause” multiple climate-change related laws for 8 years
- H.769:** reduce legal risk for parents who choose to allow their children to engage in safe activities
- H.769:** reduce legal risk for parents who choose to allow their children to engage in safe activities **without** supervision
- H.774:** cap education property tax rates for 2027 thru 2029, **at 2026 levels**
- H.778:** require the Division of Emergency Mgt. to develop a plan for each dam that puts people in significant harm’s way (100+)
- H.780:** establish required minimum sentences of incarceration for retail theft and drug trafficking
- H.842:** improve the composition of members of the Commission on Public School Employee Health Board
- H.900:** exempt all social security benefits on Vermont personal income tax
- S.300:** require hospital screenings for fentanyl as part of drug screening for diagnosing patient’s condition
- S.303:** amend requirements on the three-acre storm water discharge permit
- S.304:** declares public policy to encourage sharing of divorced parental rights for the good of our children

Most, probably none of these bills will even get to the floor for debate or a vote.

It’s an honor to serve you in Montpelier and I will continue to look for ways to work with anyone willing to make Vermont safer and more affordable so that we can attract productive families who want to enjoy and keep Vermont beautiful.

May God bless you and may God bless America, Regards, Kevin C. Winter kwinter@leg.state.vt.us 802-245-4190 (Calls or texts are welcome/preferred)



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Greetings again from the Statehouse

We will begin the 11th week of the legislative session by the time you read this. Crossover weeks, where bills from one side must finish and move across to the other chamber, ended on March 20th. The work now begins to shift between chambers and bills take on new shape as they move through additional committees. While there is still time remaining in the process, the continued delay in resolving the education funding debate signals that the path forward may extend beyond the typical 18-week timeline with May 8th intended as the date for adjournment.

The Senate has moved beyond conceptual reform and into a more concrete phase with the release of a proposed statewide map of a restructured education system. The Senate Education Committee's Version 5 map outlines a system organized around 12 larger supervisory unions, each encompassing multiple existing districts and communities. The proposal groups communities into larger regional systems, including Southwest Vermont, Windham South and North, Upper Valley, Rutland Area, Randolph Area, Central Area, Caledonia Area, Lamoille Area, Essex-Orleans Area, and Northwest Area, while also identifying a group of districts that would remain distinct due to geographic, structural, or governance considerations.

The scale of the reorganization is significant. The proposal represents a move toward a smaller number of supervisory unions statewide, consolidation of governance across regions, and a transition that would allow multiple districts to continue operating within each supervisory union during implementation.

In contrast, the House is seemingly centered around a more incremental approach that prioritizes operational efficiency and regional collaboration over immediate structural consolidation.

The latest proposal emerging from House Education calls for expanding the use of Cooperative Educational Service Areas. These entities are designed to allow supervisory unions to work together to deliver shared services, coordinate staffing, and improve program delivery across regions. The House version's goal is to reduce duplication and better utilize existing resources without requiring immediate district consolidation. The proposal also engages more directly with operational issues, including staffing structures, school operations, and school closure processes, which have historically been difficult to address but are increasingly central to cost containment.

I want to continue to point out that nothing has been voted on yet or decided. It is beginning to look like we will not be finished by May 8th.

The next question will be how to pay for the education costs for next year since none of the potential reforms will be in place in time to prevent property tax increases for the next fiscal year. The House Ways and Means Committee has finalized and voted out H.949, the annual yield bill that sets FY2027 education property tax rates. The next step will be to decide what to do with the Governor's proposed \$104.9 million one-time funds which would be used to "buy down" property taxes. If the legislature chooses to spend it all in one year. It would buy down the rate to an average increase of 3.8%. The House committee instead chose to basically split the number into a two-year plan, applying roughly half \$52.45M plus the estimated FY2026 Education Fund surplus of \$22.3M to lower FY27 bills, while reserving the other half to offset FY28 increases. The result will be an estimated **average property tax bill increase of about 7% in FY27**. The bill will now move to House Appropriations and then to the floor. If passed by the House, it would move across to the Senate Finance Committee which can accept the House's plan or change it.

One other major issue this year has been the very loud pushback on Act 181, the Land Use legislation that was vetoed by Governor Scott. The veto was overridden and became law in June of 2024. Discontent with Act 181 stems from rural opposition to new, strict regulations on development, particularly concerning land subdivision and private road construction. While intended to promote smart growth and housing, many rural residents and landowners view it as an infringement on property rights and an impediment to building homes for families. A number of farmers also testified before my Senate Agriculture Committee that there were concerns about the Act. The Senate Appropriations Committee on a 5-0-2 vote advanced S.325, a bill that would make amendments to Act 181 including moving interim exemptions to 2030, delaying the road rule until 2030, and delaying the implementation of tier 3 until July 2028. The bill now

have passed. Among other things, Senate bill 325 would specifically:

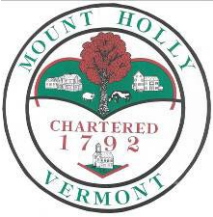
- Extend the effective date for the jurisdictional trigger for the "road rule" to January 1, 2030.
- Extend the implementation of Tier 2 and Tier 3 areas to June 30, 2028.
- Extend the Act 250 exemption for priority housing projects located in or within one-half mile of designated areas with permanent zoning that are served by public sewer or water services or are cited on soils adequate for wastewater disposal from ending January 1, 2027 to 2028.
- Extend Act 250 exemptions for the construction of improvements for on-farm accessory dwellings.

As you can see, there is much work left to do this session. If you have questions or concerns, you can call my landline (773-1365) and leave a message or email me at bcollamore@leg.state.vt.us Regards, State Senator Brian Collamore, Rutland County District

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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.

Town of Mount Holly Annual Meeting Minutes Mount Holly Elementary School 150 School St, Mount Holly, VT 05758 March

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.

2, 2026 at 6 pm

Moderator Andrew Tanger noted that no state legislators were in attendance this year, but that Kevin Winter had provided a written update for residents. Jim Heald led the town in the pledge of allegiance and also asked for a moment of silence in honor of those who had served the town for many years and who passed away in the last year.

Mr. Tanger stated that Robert's Rules are the order of business for the Town Meeting except where Vermont Law takes precedence, and reviewed those rules for attendees. He stated that this is a duly warned Town Meeting, and that polls are open between 10 am and 7 pm on March 4 for voting by Australian Ballot.

Article 1: To elect all Town Officers as the law permits. The moderator asked if any candidates for office wished to speak June Capron spoke in support of her candidacy for Lister.

Article 2: To act on the Town Officer's Report. Roger Garrow made a motion to accept the report; seconded by Francis Devine; accepted unanimously.

Article 3: Town Budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 (General Fund \$452,755; Highway Fund \$584,900; Total \$1,037,655) . **No discussion.**

Article 4: Asset/Equipment Fund \$85,000 for fiscal year 2026-2027. No discussion

Article 5: Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. Operating Budget of \$94,700 for fiscal year 2026-2027 and Vehicle Replacement Fund \$85,000, for a total of \$179,700. Tiffany Austin, Secretary and Treasurer of the Fire Department thanked town residents for their support in the last year, during which the Department had responded to 160 calls consisting of 96 first response and 64 fire calls. Ms Austin asked Town residents to vote in favor of the funding.

Article 6: Mount Holly Town Library. \$12,000. Joe Galbraith, the Mount Holly Town Librarian, thanked the community for its continued support of the Library, and stated that the Town report contains details of 2025 activities. He noted that in 2026 the library will continue its monthly film showings. Mr Galbraith asked Library Board member Katy Crane to speak and she noted the Vermont Readers program which supports access to free copies of specific books for libraries.

Article 7: Mount Holly ChitChat \$2,000. Dennis Devereux, President of the Board of the *Chit Chat*, which also oversees the Newsflash, noted that funding for the *Chit Chat* is partially funded by this annual allocation from the Town, which helps to cover Chit Chat production costs and the hosting costs for the Newsflash. Mr Devereux asked residents to continue their support for the *Chit Chat*.

Article 8: Community and Social Services. \$8,635. No discussion

Article 9: Mount Holly Community Historical Museum \$2,500. Dennis Devereux, thanked residents for their support, noting that it helps to cover operating costs including supporting school visits. He also noted the capital program to fund structural repairs for Blacksmith Shop aiming to raise approximately \$140,000. The museum is applying for additional state grants to support these costs, and has launched a community fundraising effort. He asked the community to vote for this item to fund Museum operating costs.

Article 10: Mount Holly School Afterschool Program. \$6,500. Julie Goraj thanked town residents for their support to this program over many years. She noted that there are currently 49 students, 60% of the student body, enrolled in the after school program which provides social, recreational and other enrichment opportunities for children, including an open library program, STEM activities, tutoring, acting, theater, ceramics and TV. Ms Goraj stated that this program provides a vital service for Mount Holly families and requested the community to continue its support.

Article 11: Exemption of Colefax Lodge #21 Independent Order of Odd Fellows from Town Tax. Dennis Devereux noted that the Lodge does not own land, only the building which is available to residents of the Town during the warmer months of the year. This is one of the last active lodge halls in the State. Steve Hazleton asked if this was a continuation of a previous exemption. Mr Devereux confirmed that it is. Brigid Sullivan asked who owns the land - Mr Devereux responded that the Town owns the land.

Article 12: Shall the Town of Mount Holly Adopt the Vermont Declaration of Inclusion. Phil Crane asked for background on this item. Stephen Michel responded that this is part of an effort by a group of Vermont citizens to encourage all towns to adopt this, which will reiterate actions the Town is already taking. Brigid Sullivan asked if it is required for access to any grants. Mark Turco and Steve Michel stated not to their knowledge.

Article 13: Shall the Town authorize the elimination of the office of Town Auditor. Dennis Devereux stated that Town Auditors often do not have financial backgrounds, with small towns hiring external auditors for financial audit, with the elected Town Auditors main role being to put together the Town Report. Mary Haskell asked who would prepare the report. Diana Garrow responded that a committee would be appointed to do this. Jeff Chase clarified that for many years the Town audit has been and will continue to be undertaken by external auditors.

The Moderator noted that, if there was interest, he would entertain a motion to suspend the Town Informational Meeting rules to discuss issues related to the School Budget. Steve Hazleton moved to suspend the rules, Dave Venter seconded, motion passed. Craig Hutt Vater, Principal of Mount Holly School noted with appreciation the support of the community for the School. Academic performance of the school is high within the State, and there are efforts to raise funds through grants to support additional programs. The School District has set a level service budget this year, but the State's equalization approach means that taxes will still rise due to increasing property values in Mount Holly. Steve Hazleton asked if there is access to a report on the physical condition of the school buildings in LMHUUSD. Mr Hutt Vater said these are in the facilities director reports at the monthly Supervisory Board meetings. He noted that Mount Holly School has a new boiler which has halved heating costs, and a new roof is being installed. Clinton Woolley asked about the School's water system. Mr Hutt Vater noted the PFAS in the school well, and the State has approved funds to install a filter system on a well shared with the Town, but project costs have escalated dramatically to \$1.2m. The State has rejected the continued use of bottled water even though it would be cheaper. Lauren Escott, a teacher at the School noted that the School annual report includes a clear breakdown on how the education tax is calculated and encouraged residents to read it

and to support the budget request.

Article 14: All Other Business. The moderator asked whether there was any other business.

- Dave Venter expressed appreciation for the Highway Department for the great job done this year.

- Peter Collins in relation to Article 12 noted that the Declaration of Independence sets out the principle of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Meeting adjourned at 6.48 pm. Submitted by Faith Tempest, Select Board Clerk Signed,

Diana Garrow Carol A Garrow Woolley Andrew Tanger
Select Board Town Clerk Presiding Official

SELECT BOARD MEETING Town Office, 50 School Street Mount Holly, VT 05758 **March 10, 2026, 6 pm**

Attendance: Mark Turco, Jeff Chase, Diana Garrow, Faith Tempest, Carol Garrow-Woolley, James Seward, Paul Nevin, Zena Gates, Dennis Devereux, Mary Surething, Philippe Crane, Julie Parsells, Isaac Turco, Ron Unterman, Jon McCann.

Via Zoom: Andy Schulz, Phil Leonard, Liz Karle, Donna Seward, Micheal ?, June Capron, Morgan Collins, Jonathan Washburn, jc.

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1. Call to Order 6.00pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Changes and/or additions to the agenda: 911 measuring responsibilities removed; Conservation Commission vacancy added to item 6d; Star Lake Inspection (new item 7a),

Mount Holly Post Office (new item 7c).

4. **Approval of February 10th Minutes:** Diana Garrow moved to approve the minutes, seconded Jeff Chase, approved unanimously.

5. Reorganization

a. **Select Board Chair:** Diana Garrow nominated Mark Turco as Chair, seconded Jeff Chase, approved.

b. **Tree Warden:** Mark Turco nominated Phil Crane, seconded Diana Garrow, approved unanimously.

c. **E911 Coordinator:** Diana Garrow proposed Ann Hansen, seconded Jeff Chase, approved unanimously.

d. **RCSWD Representative & Alternate:** Carol Garrow Woolley asked not to be nominated as alternate. Clinton Woolley confirmed he would continue until another person can be found. Diana Garrow moved to appoint Mr Woolley until a new volunteer could be found, seconded Mark Turco, approved unanimously.

e. **Designated Employer Representative:** Jeff Chase proposed Faith Tempest, seconded Mark Turco, approved unanimously.

f. **Newspaper of Record:** Vermont Journal submitted a request to continue as the paper of record, but Diana Garrow noted that many people do not receive it. Mark Turco, noting that it is not free but more easily available, moved to adopt the Rutland Herald as the paper of record, seconded Diana Garrow, approved unanimously.

g. **Assistant Town Clerk(s):** Jeff Chase moved to appoint Sue Covalla, Diana Garrow, Nancy Connor, and Ann Hansen, seconded Mark Turco, approved.

h. **Assistant Town Treasurer(s):** Jeff Chase proposed to appoint Dawn Augustine and Julie Parsells, seconded Mark Turco, approved unanimously.

i. **Set Day & Time of Regular Meeting:** Mark Turco moved to set the meeting for the second Tuesday of every month at 6 pm, seconded Diana Garrow, approved unanimously.

j. **Set Public Posting Places for Warnings:** Given the closure of the Mount Holly Post Office, Jeff Chase moved to set the public posting places as the Town Office, the Belmont Post Office and the Oddfellows Hall, seconded Mark Turco, approved unanimously.

k. **Designate Signer & Authorization for Orders:** Mark Turco moved to designate Diana Garrow, seconded Jeff Chase, approved.

l. **Reappoint Emergency Management Director (EMD):** Diana Garrow moved to reappoint Jeff Chase, seconded Mark Turco, approved.

m. **Reappoint Rutland Regional Transportation Advisory Committee Rep & Alternate:** Diana Garrow moved to reappoint Clinton Woolley and Jeff Chase, seconded Mark Turco, approved.

n. **Reappoint Rutland Regional Planning Commission Commissioner & Alternate:** Mark Turco moved to reappoint Jessica Metcalf and Jon McCann, seconded Diana Garrow, approved unanimously,

o. **Readopt Town Alcohol and Drug Testing Policy:** Mark Turco proposed readopting the policy unchanged, seconded Diana Garrow, approved unanimously.

p. **Readopt Town Conflict of Interest Policy:** Diana Garrow moved to adopt the Town Conflict of Interest Policy for this year, seconded Mark Turco, approved unanimously.

6. Reports

a. **Highways & Transfer Station Report - Clinton Woolley:** Mr Woolley noted that mud season is here, and the crew is working to keep roads in a reasonable condition. He has received a quote from Cintas to provide and clean uniforms at a price of \$45 per week for uniforms, with other items such as rugs available. Liz Karle noted that this uniform cost is marginally more than currently being spent, but means less washing etc. Mark Turco asked Mr Woolley share the information with Ms Karle and to get a complete proposal for the next meeting. Mr Woolley reported that one of the transfer station attendants will not be able to work on both days. Mark Turco agreed to advertise for a

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All Animal Control issues will be handled by the Rutland County Sheriff's Department. They will handle all calls concerning domesticated and farm animals, including Animal Cruelty concerns. For more information or to make a report please call **802-775-8002**.

Mount Holly Listers Hours

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

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position for the two days, with Jeff Chase noting that if no-one can be found, then alternative approaches to waste collection should be considered.

b. Treasurer Monthly Income & Expense Report - Elizabeth Karle: Ms Karle reported that income and expenses were similar to last month, with the largest expense being the payment to the School. The remaining amount of the paving grant for Hortonville Road has been received. Delinquent tax collection has continued. The other notable expenditure was for tree work, including removal of a tree on Museum property. Dennis Devereux asked what the Museum's contribution would be; Mr Woolley confirmed \$800 to be paid by the Museum and the neighboring property owner to the Town.

c. Listers' Report - Mary Surething: Ms Surething welcomed Tiffany Austin as a newly elected Lister. The listers have asked NEMRC to continue support to reappraisals which they are hoping to get in time to allow the issue of new appraisals and grievance hearings completed by June.

d. Mount Holly Conservation Commission Report - Phil Crane: Mr Crane clarified that the Commission will have two vacancies by the end of the month. He asked for permission for planting at the Star Lake Recreation area, and provided a list of plants at a cost of \$409. Liz Karle responded the Commission may be over its budget but would look into this. Mr Crane asked if the Town would hold donations to support the weed harvesting on the lake, including to pay the operator, and if needed fund repairs. Liz Karle confirmed that it would be possible to hold donations, but the Commission would need to acknowledge donors, and asked the Commission to share a draft letter to be given to donors to agree wording. Jeff Chase noted that any funds would be subject to the Town's procurement policy. Carol Garrow Woolley also asked if the operator would be required to have their own insurance. Mr Crane noted that there are funds left from the MERP grant and proposed to put LED lights in the Town office. Jeff Chase asked for more details to consider what might be possible.

7. New Business

a. Star Lake Dam inspection: The State has asked for permission to access on June 23rd to inspect the dam. Mark Turco moved to give permission, seconded Diana Garrow, approved unanimously.

b. Set Spring/Summer Transfer Station Hours: 29th March last Sunday, April 1st first Wednesday.

c. Mount Holly Post Office: Carol Garrow Woolley asked the Select Board to consider erecting a building as a dedicated post office since it is unclear whether or when the Mount Holly Post Office will reopen. She asked SB to write to USPS, and proposed that a prefabricated building could be put on the cement slab where the former town garage was. Paul Nevin asked if rent would come to the Town. Dennis Devereux asked about getting mail delivered to the Town Office. Mark Turco noted that any such proposal would have to go to a vote. Mark Turco and Jeff Chase agreed to send a letter to the USPS expressing concern about the lack of a PO in the Town and seeking clarity on the USPS plans.

8. Ongoing & Old Business

a. Adopt 2026 Town Road and Bridge Standards: Mark Turco moved to adopt 2026 Town Road and Bridge standards as written. Seconded by Jeff Chase, adopted unanimously.

b. Appointment of Planning Commission member: Mark Turco stated that two candidates had applied for the position, Ron Unterman and David Martin. Mr Turco asked Mr Unterman to speak, and then recited David Martin's letter. Mr Turco noted that both candidates are excellent and each had several letters of support. Jeff Chase asked Ron Unterman if he could work well with current Planning Commission members given recent events, to which Mr Unterman responded that this is one reason why he wants to join the Commission. Mark Turco moved to appoint Ron

Unterman, seconded Diana Garrow, approved unanimously.

c. Appointment of Board of Adjustment alternate member: Mark Turco stated that Julie Parsells has expressed interest. Diana Garrow moved to appoint Ms Parsells, seconded Jeff Chase, approved unanimously.

9. Citizen Comments: Clinton Woolley stated that there are issues with Town Office building access for those with mobility issues. Mark Turco asked that Mr Woolley get quotes for alternative designs.

10. Announcements/Other Business
a. Dog License Registration Deadline April 1.

b. Diana Garrow asked residents to file homestead declarations HS122 Form as soon as possible.

11. Review & Sign Orders

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

13. Adjourned Respectfully Submitted, Faith Tempest

Mount Holly Transfer Station

SPRING/SUMMER HOURS

Begin

WEDNESDAYS, 4 pm to 7 pm

SATURDAYS, 8 am to 2 pm

Last Sunday is March 29th

First Wednesday is April 1st

Closed Sunday April 5th

REMINDER: STICKERS ONLY, NO CASH

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

at the

MOUNT HOLLY TRANSFER STATION

Saturday, April 11th, & June 13th, 2026

8:00 am to 10:00 am only

The following items are typical of the household chemicals collected through the Household Hazardous Waste program. These materials may be dropped off at the scheduled event in Mount Holly or delivered to the HHW Depot at the Rutland County Solid Waste District's Gleason Road Transfer Station. The Gleason Road HHW facility is now open by appointment only. Appointments must be made 24 hours in advance.

Kitchen/Bathroom

Aerosol Cans
Bug Sprays
Floor Care Products
Metal Polish
Furniture Polish
Oven Cleaners
Drain Cleaners
Bathroom Cleaners
Tile Cleaners
Disinfectants
Toilet Bowl Cleaners
Nail Polish Remover
Fluorescent Light Bulbs
Degreasers
Mercury Thermostats
Cooking Oil

Garage/Workshop

Waste Oil
Antifreeze
Gasoline
Brake Fluid
Roofing Tar
Auto Body Repair Pro.
Automatic Trans. Fluid
Other Oils/Cleaners
Paint (Latex, Lead & Oil Based)
Paint Thinner
Paint Stripper
Varnish & Stains
Driveway Sealer
Glues/Adhesives
Grout
Caulk Tubes

Garden/Miscellaneous

Chemical Fertilizer
Fungicides
Herbicides
Rat Poison
Insecticides/Pesticides
Artists' Paints, Mediums
Dry Cleaning Solvents
Fiberglass Epoxy
Gun Cleaning Solvents
Moth Balls
Household Batteries
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Town of Mount Holly Looking for Applicants for The Conservation Commission

The Town of Mount Holly Conservation Commission is looking for applicants to fill two vacant positions. Residents of Mount Holly who wish to submit their interest in serving on the Conservation Commission should write a letter of interest to the Mount Holly Select Board. New members will begin their three-year terms effective immediately upon approval by the Select Board.

Letters of interest may be dropped off at the Town Office at 50 School Street; mailed to PO Box 248, Mount Holly, VT 05758; or emailed to the Select Board at mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com. Mount Holly Selectboard

Town Seeks Transfer Station Attendant

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

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

Send letters of interest to the Select Board at mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com via mail at PO Box 248, Mount Holly, VT 05758; or by delivering a hard copy to the Town Office.

Mount Holly Planning Commission Town Office & Remote Electronic – Regular Meeting Tuesday, February 17, 2026 6:30 PM

Commission members present: Jon McCann, Jim Seward, Andy Schulz (via Zoom), Stephen Michel.

Also present: Faith Tempest, Jason Burt, Ron Unterman, Tim Schaeffer,

Steve McDonald (via Zoom), Maria Huyler (via Zoom), Anne Hamilton (via Zoom), Maria Gilbert (via Zoom), Kate Nadler (via Zoom)

1. **Chair called the meeting to order at 6.30pm**
2. **Changes to agenda: None**
3. **Approval of minutes: January 20th 2026 minutes.** Chair noted two errors and asked for deletion of a statement attributed to him and made a motion to approve the minutes with these corrections, seconded by Commissioner Schulz, approved unanimously. Minutes of December 16th public hearing, Chair moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Seward, approved unanimously.
4. **Reports & Announcements**
 - a. **Administrative Officer**
BCR: Longobardo, Sawyer Hill Road, renovation and extension of a garage.
AO also noted that the Kelley mylar is ready for signature. Chair asked AO to clarify if the Decision and Permit had been recorded.
 - b. **Planning Commission Chair:** Chair noted he will attend a workshop on the Community and Housing Infrastructure Program (CHIP), a State funded program to support housing development through infrastructure investment, and will report back to the Commission.
5. **Development review**
 - a. **Subdivision proposals**
 - i. **Gilbert:** Jason Burt presented the final plat with details on sheet 2 of engineering approaches to wastewater to protect the wetlands. Chair asked for confirmation that the wastewater permit has been issued and recorded; Mr Burt confirmed. A public meeting date was scheduled for 17th March at 5.30pm
 - ii. **McDonald/Huyler/Carney sketch plan review:** Commissioner Schulz noted that he had no personal or financial stake in this issue, but had assisted the owners to buy the property and so would recuse himself from the discussion, but would continue to participate as a member of the public. Steve McDonald had submitted a sketch plan and presented the proposal. Three current owners of a 1.5 acre parcel wish to divide it. Each of the three owners also own three adjacent parcels, and if divided, this would add 0.5 acres to each of the parcels owned by the three individuals. The three owners bought the land to conserve it and do not intend any additional development. Chair asked if there is an instrument to enforce the conditions of no development eg by the Wilderness Community, or through an easement, or are the applicants asking the Planning Commission to put conditions on a subdivision if approved. Mr McDonald responded that the Wilderness Community stipulates only one dwelling per lot, and since each of the three owners already have a residence on each of their lots the conservation issue would be moot. Chair noted two challenges to this, firstly whether to use a Boundary Line Adjustment as the instrument to determine new boundaries? If a BLA is the instrument, it would be appropriate to hold a public hearing ensure that information should be on the record since, while it would not create any new lots it would remove a lot, and the size of the adjustment is significant. Chair proposed that the applicants submit an application, arrange a survey, and a hearing can be held before the PC issues a decision. Commissioner Michel noted that since there is no clear BLA process, we are falling back on the subdivision process. Chair noted that the hearing process has been used in the past, and that the process for extinguishing a building lot, needs to be on the record through a public hearing. Commissioner Michel asked about the covenants of the Wilderness Community. Chair noted that a hearing would allow all parties, including the Wilderness Community, to put their view on the record. Chair asked for the subdivision application to be submitted. AO also noted that a survey would be required. Mr McDonald asked about conditional approval before the survey. AO responded that this was not possible. Mr McDonald asked for clarification of the distinction between the meeting and hearings. Chair outlined the distinction between the process role of the PC and its quasi-judicial role in determining land use changes. Ms Huyler commented that she was in agreement with the proposed way forward.

iii. **Shaeffer BLA:** Mr Schaeffer presented details of his application to make a BLA, following construction of a barn on one of his two adjacent parcels. He wants to move the boundary which would place the barn on one lot, and the house on the other. The shift would be approximately 20 feet, leaving 5 acres on Lot 1 and just over 5 acres on Lot 2. Chair proposed that this is an insignificant change and Commissioners concurred. Commissioner Schulz asked why he wanted the house and garage on two separate lots. Mr Schaeffer said if he wanted to sell lot 1, he could keep the garage on lot 2. Chair proposed that the AO can administratively approve this; Commissioners agreed to this unanimous consent resolution. AO and Chair also clarified that a new mylar will be required and must be recorded.

6. **New business: none.**

7. **Unfinished business**

Adopt VLCT-based Rules of Procedure and Hearing Procedures: Chair had shared an updated draft for each of the procedures based on comments received from Commissioner Michel. Regarding Hearings, Commissioner Michel asked about the wording on conflict of interest. Chair noted that the PC should follow the Town's policy; Commissioner Michel suggested linking the PC rules for hearings to the Town's conflict of interest policy. Chair proposed that it be included by reference in the Rules of Procedure as well, along with confirmation that Commissioners have read it. Commissioners agreed to the proposed revisions to the Rules of Procedure for Hearings. Chair reviewed Commissioner Michel's comments on the Rules of Procedure, including on the Chair's ability to consult with other entities for advice without consulting first with the PC. Commissioner Michel stated that the wording is not specific enough and gives broad authority to the Chair to consult with outside entities. Chair clarified that the wording does not allow the Chair to take any action without the approval of the PC. Commissioner Schulz concurred with this view. Ron Unterman asked why this section was included since it is not in the VLCT draft; he also suggested that the proposed rules may contravene the Open Meeting law. Chair noted that this section makes clear the role of the Chair and its limits. Commissioner Schulz concurred that this makes the Chair role clearer, and limiting the role, or requiring emergency meetings before the Chair could act would prevent the Chair from fulfilling their role. Commissioner Seward noted the difficulty of identifying what constitutes an emergency. Chair reviewed the language as written and noted that it addressed the concerns raised by Commissioner Michel, who in turn accepted that he had no alternative language. On committees, Commissioner Michel stated that the Chair should not be the person to establish a committee without consulting with the PC. Chair noted that this language comes from the VLCT model. There was additional discussion on setting meeting agendas, on the conduct of and participation in hybrid and remote meetings, and posters/signs in the meeting room. Chair proposed, and Commissioners accepted, that when VLCT guidance gives specific language, that language should be used. Commissioner Schulz moved that both sets of rules be approved with the changes noted during the course of the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Michel. Chair opened discussion, Ron Unterman asked to speak. He noted that rules of procedure on the role of the chair are not in the VLCT model and so it is unclear why they are included; he also noted that the requirement to submit email addresses, and check emails set a potentially dangerous precedent; also not in the model is the section on committees so why include it. Mr Unterman stated that if there are issues not in the VLCT model the safest thing is to follow the model exactly. Mr Unterman asked why the deliberations for Hearings are closed meetings, and referred to the Chair's comment at the last PC meeting saying decision on whether these should be open is discretionary, and whether the Commission has formed an opinion on that? Chair responded that it is case by case, giving an example of discussion on public land where there may be value in conducting deliberations in public. Commissioner Michel and Commissioner Seward noted that closed sessions allow members to speak frankly. Chair noted that when not in the model, elements are carried forward from previous versions and the Commission is happy with them. Chair thanked Commissioner Michel for his detailed scrutiny of the draft. Chair called a roll call vote, motion passed unanimously.

a. **Subdivision Regulations revision process:** tabled to next month. Chair was not able to consult with RRPC regarding their support but will ask again.

8. Public comments: Ron Unterman stated he would send comments by email.

9. Upcoming meetings: Public hearing and meeting 17th March. 5.30pm and 6.30pm.

10. Adjournment: 8.52pm Respectfully Submitted By Faith Tempest These minutes are in draft form until approved at the next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting. A video of this meeting is available at: <https://okemovalley.tv/mount-holly-planning-commission-217>

MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY NEWS APRIL 2026



Thank you to everyone for attending our monthly movies, book discussions, and other programs. We are bringing more interesting offerings to you as the year continues. Keep checking here at Chit Chat. Also watch the Newsflash and our Facebook page for announcements.

Our movie for April is "Midnight in Paris", a romantic comedy starring Owen Wilson. From 2011, written and directed by Woody Allen.

**Saturday April 18th at 7 PM
THE LIBRARY BOOK DROP
WILL BE OPEN AGAIN FOR
BOOK RETURNS STARTING
APRIL 1**

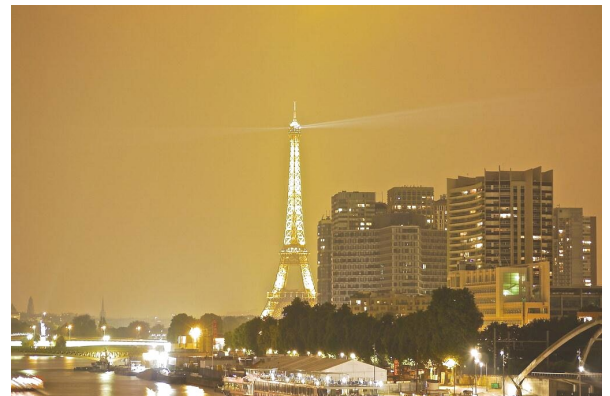
Library Hours

Monday 10-2 Tuesday 1-3 Wednesday 2-4 Saturday 9-1

The library is not taking book donations at this time

We will begin accepting book donations again in May.

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**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
MOUNT HOLLY, VERMONT
MARCH 3, 2026**

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

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

FOR TOWN MODERATOR	FOR SELECTMAN	FOR TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS
1 Year Term Vote for not more than ONE ANDREW TANGER 345 <input type="radio"/>	3 Year Term Vote for not more than ONE JEFFREY T CHASE 352 <input type="radio"/>	1 Year Term Vote for not more than ONE CHERYL LIENHARD 344 <input type="radio"/>
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
FOR TOWN CLERK	FOR CEMETERY COMMISSIONER	FOR LISTER
1 Year Term Vote for not more than ONE CAROL GARROW-WOOLLEY 355 <input type="radio"/>	3 Year Term Vote for not more than ONE <input type="radio"/>	3 Year Term Vote for not more than ONE TIFFANY AUSTIN 168 <input type="radio"/>
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
FOR TOWN TREASURER	FOR DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR	FOR AUDITOR
1 Year Term Vote for not more than ONE ELIZABETH L KARLE 332 <input type="radio"/>	1 Year Term Vote for not more than ONE PETER PERRINO 328 <input type="radio"/>	3 Year Term Vote for not more than ONE LORI NORTON 303 <input type="radio"/>
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>

TOWN ARTICLES

ARTICLE 3. (Town Warning) Does the Town vote the following budget for fiscal year 2026 - 2027 to be raised by tax?

A. General Fund (net)	\$452,755.00	295	YES	<input type="radio"/>
B. Highway Fund (net)	\$584,900.00	87	NO	<input type="radio"/>

ARTICLE 4. (Town Warning) Does the Town vote \$85,000.00 for the Asset/Equipment fund for the fiscal year 2026 - 2027 to be raised by tax?

		302	YES	<input type="radio"/>
		76	NO	<input type="radio"/>

ARTICLE 5. (Town Warning) Does the Town vote to the Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. an operating budget of \$94,700.00 for the 2026 - 2027 fiscal year, and Vehicle Replacement Fund of \$85,000.00 for a total of \$179,700.00 to be raised by tax?

		286	YES	<input type="radio"/>
		92	NO	<input type="radio"/>

ARTICLE 6. (Town Warning) Does the Town vote \$12,000.00 for the Mount Holly Town Library, to be raised by tax?

		284	YES	<input type="radio"/>
		93	NO	<input type="radio"/>

ARTICLE 7. (Town Warning) Does the Town vote \$2,000.00 for the Mount Holly Chit Chat, to be raised by tax?

		263	YES	<input type="radio"/>
		120	NO	<input type="radio"/>

ARTICLES CONTINUED

- Article 8.** (Town Warning) Does the Town vote \$8,635.00 for the Community and Social Services, to be raised by tax?
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|--|--|-----|-----|-----------------------|
| | | 252 | YES | <input type="radio"/> |
| | | 127 | NO | <input type="radio"/> |
- Article 9.** (Town Warning) Does the Town vote \$2,500.00, for Mount Holly Community Historical Museum, to be raised by tax?
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|--|--|-----|-----|-----------------------|
| | | 261 | YES | <input type="radio"/> |
| | | 116 | NO | <input type="radio"/> |
- Article 10.** (Town Warning) Does the Town of Mount Holly vote to fund the Afterschool Program at the Mount Holly School in the amount of \$6,500.00 in FY 2026 - 2027, to maintain state grant funding, to be raised by tax?
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|--|--|-----|-----|-----------------------|
| | | 243 | YES | <input type="radio"/> |
| | | 134 | NO | <input type="radio"/> |
- Article 11.** (Town Warning) Does the Town vote to exempt Colfax Lodge #21 Independent Order of Odd Fellows from Town tax and be responsible for the school portion of taxes to be paid to the State of Vermont for a period of 5 years?
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|--|--|-----|-----|-----------------------|
| | | 255 | YES | <input type="radio"/> |
| | | 115 | NO | <input type="radio"/> |
- Article 12.** (Town Warning) Shall the Town of Mount Holly Adopt the Vermont Declaration of Inclusion which reads: The Town of Mount Holly condemns racism and welcomes all persons, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, age, disability, or socioeconomic status, and wants everyone to feel safe and welcome in our community. As a town, we formally condemn all discrimination in all of its forms, commit to fair and equal treatment of everyone in our community, and will strive to ensure all of our actions, policies, and operating procedures reflect this commitment. The Town of Mount Holly has and will continue to be a place where individuals can live freely and express their opinions.
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| | | 265 | YES | <input type="radio"/> |
| | | 109 | NO | <input type="radio"/> |
- Article 13.** (Town Warning) Shall the town authorize the elimination of the office of Town Auditor, with future audits to be provided by a public accountant licensed in this State in accordance with 17 V.S.A. §2651b(a)
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| | | 291 | YES | <input type="radio"/> |
| | | 74 | NO | <input type="radio"/> |

LUDLOW MOUNT HOLLY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Article 1: Shall the voters of Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District, approve the School Board to expend \$10,455,017.00, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$16,420.98 which is 4.15% higher than per pupil education spending for the current year.

Yes Mon	Ludlow	Mount Holly	
191	160	160	YES <input type="radio"/>
111	214	214	NO <input type="radio"/>

FOR LMHUUSD SCHOOL BOARD	FOR LMHUUSD SCHOOL BOARD	FOR LMHUUSD SCHOOL BOARD
3 Year Term Vote for not more than TWO STEPHEN MICHEL 286 <input type="radio"/>	2 Year Balance of 3 Year Term Vote for not more than ONE BETH MERRILL 280 <input type="radio"/>	3 Year Term Vote for not more than TWO KAITLYN BENSON 286 <input type="radio"/>
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>

RIVER VALLEY TECHNICAL CENTER

Article 1: Shall the voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District approve the sum of three million five hundred thirty-seven thousand, two hundred thirty-eight (\$3,537,238.00) to defray current expenses for the ensuing fiscal and to pay outstanding orders and obligations?

		167	YES	<input type="radio"/>
		188	NO	<input type="radio"/>

68th Annual Ludlow Rotary's Penny Sale Announced for April 25th with Prizes Galore

When "mud season arrives", it's always time for the Ludlow Rotary Club's "cure" for that "ailment". Accordingly, the Ludlow Rotary Club is announcing its 68th annual "Penny Sale" on Saturday, April 25, 2026, in the Ludlow Elementary School's Gymnasium at 6 pm. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.

This will be the 68th edition of this traditional event that features hundreds of prizes donated by area businesses and individuals plus a cash raffle. In addition to the prizes and cash raffle, refreshments will be available.

Three rounds of over 100 prizes for each round can be expected. Tickets for the many prizes offered in each of the three rounds will be \$1 for one or six tickets for \$5.

The cash raffle, normally conducted at the closure of the Penny Sale, will offer the following prizes:

1st Prize is \$500 ~ 2nd Prize is \$250 ~ 3rd Prize is \$150 ~ 4th Prize is \$100 ~ 5th Prize is \$50

Cash raffle tickets are \$2 for one or 3 tickets for \$5.



Rotary Club has awarded over \$175,000 in scholarship awards during the past 25 years. The annual scholarships awarded last year totaled \$9,000 to graduating high school seniors located within the towns of Ludlow, Mount Holly, Plymouth and Cavendish.

This is a major fund-raising effort by the Ludlow Rotary Club, now celebrating its 99th year of community service in the area. Chairing the event are Kim Lampert and Jim Rumrill. Information is also available by calling Kim at 802-228-4000.

Pictured above are members of the Ludlow Rotary Club as they prepared to open the 2025 Penny Sale with some of the hundreds of prizes awaiting the eager audience. The 2026 Penny Sale, scheduled for Saturday, April 25 at 6 PM at the Ludlow Elementary School Gym, will see even more wonderful gifts.

Cash raffle tickets may be purchased from Ludlow Rotary Club members, accessing the club's website at <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/2939>, or by sending a check to LARCF, Inc., PO Box 216, Ludlow, VT 05149. You do not have to be there to win one of these cash raffle prizes but, if you are in attendance, your award is increased by \$25.

Currently, the Ludlow Rotary Club members are soliciting area businesses and individuals for donations that may be in the form of merchandise, gift certificates, or cash.

The proceeds from the Penny Sale help Ludlow Rotary Club underwrite its annual scholarship program for area graduating high school seniors planning advanced educational programs. Through this program, Ludlow



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Community Lunch

Thursday, April 2

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Free of charge, all are welcome

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Black River Good Neighbor Services

RUN FOR YOUR LIFE IT'S MUD SEASON!

You know no one has ever submitted a photo of mud season, in all its gooshiness, to the annual Mount Holly calendar competition. Mmm...if you missed the winter photos how about some mud season photos?



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Notes From the Mount Holly Conservation Commission

With spring creeping ever closer, we anticipate the revival of the Friends of Star Lake so that we can raise funds toward harvesting and other efforts around the lake and park to increase accessibility and improve recreational use. Watch this space.

The Commission is purchasing plants from the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District's Annual Plant Sale, to be planted around the Star Lake recreation area. These native plants will improve water quality and, hopefully, muscle out some of the invasive and aquatic nuisance plants that we struggle to contain.

The Emerald Ash Borer is also creeping ever closer to Mount Holly. But landowners can protect at least their more important ash trees by participating in the MHCC administered program. Home owners may inoculate their own trees and the Commission only asks you to pay for the chemicals you use and a small extra to help with maintaining the injectors. We are hoping to have

volunteers who can help you in the process. If you are interested in learning more or participating in the program contact; mounthollyycc@gmail.com

Bears...here, there and everywhere. As they emerge from their long winter's nap, bird feeders and any food or garbage stored outside will be at risk of very hungry bears looking for a meal. Encounters between bears and humans...and even human property...rarely end well. Especially for the bears. So now is the time to take in bird feeders and secure food storage containers that may tempt them. And remember, your car or truck may seem rugged and powerful, but if there is food left inside, a bear can easily pull it apart and leave a great deal of expensive damage in its wake.

We also still hope to arrange a tour of some local, true harbingers of spring, the fascinating, if ephemeral, vernal pools. Details to follow. Vernal Pool Picture.

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AMERICA

**Mount Holly Independence Day
Parade**
Saturday, July 4th
Downtown Belmont
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Dear Editor,

How Should We View Muslims?



From the “Property of Islam” and ODU shooters to the Boston marathon wanna-be bombers to the synagogue rammings and the de-fanging of the Iranian regime, Islamism is on everyone’s mind. As Christ followers, how are we to view Muslims? Well, the same way we ought to view *all* people as humans created in the image of God, valuable, precious in His sight and therefore precious to *us*. We should treat everyone with respect and winsomely offer them the good news of salvation in Jesus. These suicidal jihadists seem to need Him the *most*.

I detest racism and religious bigotry. There is a growing tendency toward deliberately preventing the facts and full details of Islam to be known and inquired about. This has made it almost impossible to have any discussion whatsoever about Islam without terms such as *bigot racist, Islamophobe, Zionist*, etc being thrown around on national television. Laura and I have had wonderful conversations with Muslims in our travels. One young Egyptian man wrote us a letter after 9/11 saying, “I send you my sadness... We feel as if we were attacked too.”

Not all Arabs are Muslims and not all Muslims are Arabs. I certainly support Israel's right to exist and defend itself. But we shouldn't forget that about 80% of all Christians in Israel are Arabs. It isn't just Jews in Israel we should love, but Arabs, and certainly our Arab brothers and sisters in Christ. Having said that, in our attempts to combat anti-muslim bigotry some people are misrepresenting the truth. We've got to avoid intolerance toward Muslims, or *any* people, but we should honestly recognize that there is considerable hatred for America and Israel, and for Jews and Christians, that is actively cultivated in mosques in various parts of the world. It is not entirely correct to say, as I've often heard, “Islam is a religion of peace, not war; love, not hate.” Islam, (from *salam*, the word for peace) is a religion of a particular *kind* of peace... translated as “surrender” or “submission”, ie- a vanquished soldier laying down his arms in submission. So, the very name, Islam, has militaristic connotations and herein lies the root of radical, ideological Islamism. Messages of this extreme hatred are delivered in certain mosques, even within our own nation, and this, plus internet radicalization, leads to recruiting suicide bombers and other terrorists. Obviously, we shouldn't conclude that *all* Muslims are violent just because *some* are, any more than we would want to be judged as Christians by the behavior of some “so-called”

Christians. But poverty and the hopelessness of many Muslims has allowed their religion to be hijacked by hatred peddlers, such as ISIS and Hezbollah.

By all means let's befriend and defend the civil rights of our Muslim neighbors. But we must also encourage peaceful, moderate Muslims to speak out and take responsibility to counteract the cancer of hatred. We can and should love Muslims, pray for them, and reach out to help them. But we can still believe their religion is false and no amount of sincerity creates truth. It *is* possible to be sincerely wrong. We must embrace tolerance in the right sense, while rejecting the misguided “tolerance” which sees all religious beliefs as equally valid. There are very honest differences between people of different belief systems. We've got to be careful to disagree with grace and respect. Just because we don't believe the same thing doesn't mean we should have an antagonistic attitude toward other people.

An interesting irony arises from the recent conflict. In 538 BC the Persian, Cyrus the Great, came to liberate the Jews held hostage under Babylonian rule. In the last month, over 2000 years later, we've been witnessing the Jews returning the favor, and with U.S. assistance, liberating the Persians from domination by an evil regime. Cyrus's revolutionary policy of altruism, allowing conquered peoples to return to their homelands, was part of God's plan to bring the Jewish hostages back to Jerusalem. Purim is actually a celebration of Persian-Jewish solidarity. Another fascinating sidelight here is that the fastest growing underground church in the world is in *Iran!* In 1979 there were just 500 Christians, but today that number has grown to over 1 million believers thriving under constant threat to their safety. Our prayers for them should also include that their tested faith might rub off on *us* in the comfortable West. *Pastor Glenn*

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☆ Noteworthy to add that several are from Wallingford, and nearby. 🙌🙌

☆ Further, that it's one of the class themes for April's Wallingford University!

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Vermont Home Gardener ~ April (Mud Season) Gardening

When our snow is replaced by slippery mud, it's a sure sign that spring is here! We are now getting just over 12 hours of daylight per day and that stimulates new plant growth. Snow Drops have made their showing and crocuses and daffodils are bursting forth. It makes our gardens irresistible on warmer days but don't be tempted to get too ambitious just yet. There are a few jobs that can be done before working in the soil. Houseplants and indoor sheltered garden plants will benefit from feeding now and some seeds can be planted indoors now. I prefer to use a liquid fish or seaweed fertilizer for its slow release of micronutrients.

Hidden deep in all that decaying leaf litter in your gardens are many overwintering beneficial creatures that need a little more time before they awaken and get to work. Let them have this time and wait until we pass the freezing nights of April before cleaning those beds. It's also important that cold, wet soil not be disturbed yet. Let the water drain out for few more weeks. Even walking across a squishy lawn now is hard on the soil and roots. Still, there are plenty of mud season jobs that can be done now!

What seeds can I plant indoors now? It's still too early to start most garden vegetables but a few will benefit from an early start. If you did start onion seeds when they get over 6 inches tall in the flats prune them back to about 3-5 in. tall to encourage thicker growth and use the trimmings like fresh chives! Onions should get transplanted out before the Summer Equinox (June 20) so they have time to form good bulbs.

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

All seeds need a good soil mix to get a healthy start. Avoid general "potting soil" mixes and use lighter seed starter mixes such as [Vermont Compost](#) Fort Vee or Pro-mix BX or HP. I prefer those made with coconut coir instead of peat moss dug out of ecological vital wetlands. Add a cup of rock phosphate (or bone meal) and ½ cup of azomite or green sand (for micronutrients) to a 5-gallon bucket of dry soil mix to provide your seedlings with the best nutrients for a strong start. Those nutrients will get moved into your garden later along with the transplants and contribute to long-term fertility there too. Moisten and mix thoroughly and let it set for a few hours before putting it into containers for planting. A 5-gallon bucket of dry Pro-mix, for example, will absorb over 2 gallons of water.

No matter what you plant indoors they will need plenty of light to produce healthy starts. A south facing window is good but even that can't provide the 14+ hours of strong light needed to grow indoors. Grow lights on a frame (homemade or purchased) will work for all your starts of garden vegetables and flowers. There are many very easy to build light stand plans online (Instructables.com, Pinterest.com, etc.) made from ¾ inch PVC pipe and they are all very inexpensive. The homemade stand I have (see photo) covers 4 trays and fits on a 6 ft. folding table, but there are smaller models for 1 or 2 trays that might fit your needs and space. You can hang a 2 ft or 4 ft long light fixture and connect it to a timer so they get 14 or more hours of light every day. It's also important that your table is perfectly level so water reaches all plant cells when you put water in the bottom trays to avoid damaging the delicate seedlings.

LED fixtures provide more light than fluorescent and are more efficient but cost more up front. I also strongly recommend that you put electric germination warming mats under your trays for best germination. Cool temperatures during the critical germination phase can be lethal to seedlings. They cost \$25-30 each but will last for years and are a worthwhile investment in your garden. [Erskine's](#) in Chester and Garland's in Rutland have good stocks of seed starting

Composting is one of the most important things any gardener can do. It's great for your soil and plants, keeps climate warming carbon out of the atmosphere, and reduces the organic waste going into landfills.



Fletcher Memorial Library Book Club

Please join us at the Friends of the Fletcher Memorial Library at 88 Main Street Ludlow, VT 05149 on April 9th at 10:30 am for the always lively book discussion of I See You've Called in Dead by John Kenney. Copies available at the front desk. Terry Carter

Ballard-Hobart Post 36 Ludlow

We are pleased to announce for 2026 that we will continue to support our local area youth in providing scholarships for their college/technical school continued education.

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**USDA Rural Development Announces
\$390,558 in Investments
for Maple Syrup Producers in Vermont and
New Hampshire**

This Investment Will Help Producers Market Their Value-Added Maple Syrup Products Locally and Across the Nation

During Maple Weekend, U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Vermont and New Hampshire State Director Patrick Suprunowicz has announced that two maple syrup producers will receive a total of \$390,558 to strengthen their maple syrup businesses.

“These investments are more than just a drop in the bucket, they represent meaningful support for the small businesses at the heart of New Hampshire and Vermont’s maple industry,” said **Suprunowicz**. “During Maple Weekend, I’m proud to announce investments that strengthen our producers, expand their marketing reach, and help ensure our maple businesses continue to grow, innovate, and thrive.”

The investments come in the form of [Value-Added Producer Grants](#):

- **Pumpkin Blossom Farm LLC. has received two grants totaling \$140,558** to provide capital to support the market expansion of lavender-infused products made with premium, New England-grown lavender. Pumpkin Blossom Farm will expand their market by streamlining and improving their manufacturing and shipping processes and by launching an automated digital marketing campaign. Specifically, grant and matching funds will be used for salaries and associated costs for 3 new staff members, purchasing of manufacturing, packaging and shipping supplies, and a targeted, multi-channel digital marketing ad campaign.

- **Runamok Maple LLC. has received a grant in the amount of \$250,000** to support the production and marketing of three new products: Pumpkin Spice Infused Maple Syrup, Vanilla Bean Infused Maple Syrup, and a WhistlePig Rye Whiskey Barrel-aged Maple Syrup Gift Box. These new products will allow Runamok Maple to meet growing demand for their specialty maple products. An estimated three new jobs will be added because of this project.

The USDA Rural Development Value-Added Producer Grant program helps agricultural producers enter into value-added activities related to the processing and marketing of new products. The goals of this program are to generate new products, create and expand marketing opportunities and increase producer income. To learn



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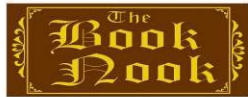
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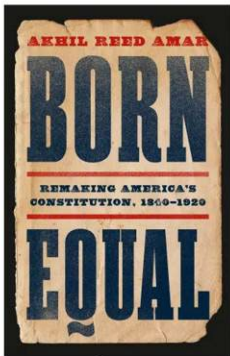
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Renovations Are Underway at Okemo Valley TV

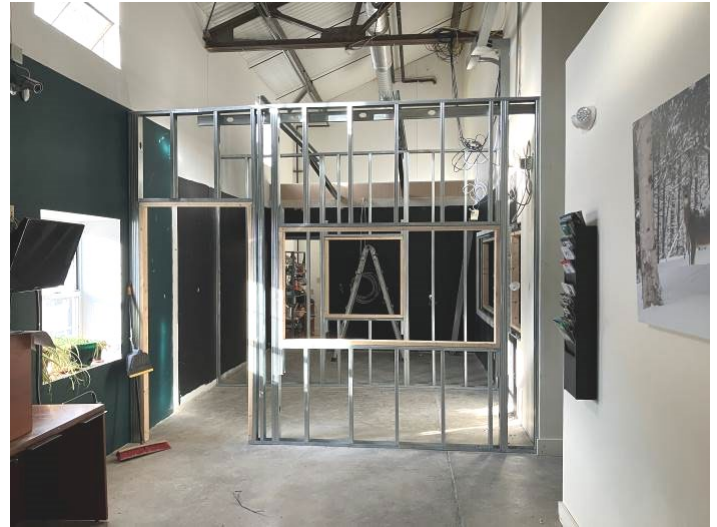
Okemo Valley TV is kicking off its 25th anniversary by expanding its services and a building renovation. The long-awaited work is now underway in its facility in the Ludlow Community Center complex, where the community TV station has been based

for over a decade. The renovations are allowing for the expansion of its services, to include the new community radio station, WLUD, while also providing much-needed partitioning to create new spaces. The new rooms will be used for media editing and sound recording, where users of the facility will be able to better concentrate on their work. The addition of walls, ceilings, and flooring is also helping with energy efficiency improvements.

When the station got its start in 2001 - then known as "LPCTV" - it was based in the Ludlow Elementary School building, where it operated for its first ten years. Then, when the Town of Ludlow purchased the former National Guard Armory property (in 2010), the community TV station was selected as one of the two non-profits to occupy the old "tank barn", along with Black River Good Neighbor Services. This opportunity afforded the station with ample space, along with a wide open floor plan to build out to its specific needs. However, as Executive Director Patrick Cody explains, "as a small non-profit, there are budget constraints, so things have taken time to build it out". For Okemo Valley TV, this has meant that the renovations had to be broken down into small, more manageable phases. Over the years, this phased, piecemeal, approach has led to the completion of the TV studio, a conference & classroom, and control rooms. "Along the way, it's taken some persistence and lots of planning. Careful budgeting and fundraising have been key components", Cody said.

Fundraising on this phase of renovations have included grants from the Vermont Arts Council, the Marro Trust, The Windham Foundation, and Vermont Mutual Insurance Charitable Giving. The station is also seeking charitable donations from local community members who can help support this effort. To date, \$70,000 of the \$90,000 needed is in place. More information about this project and the fundraising effort is available on the station's website at okemovalley.tv/facility-improvements.

The work that is now underway puts nearly all of the finishing touches into place. The highlight is the broadcast and control room for the brand new community radio station WLUD, for which Okemo Valley TV was awarded a license from the FCC, and which will be launched on 93.3 FM in March 2027 (and which in the



nearer future will begin streaming online). The addition of radio allows the organization to expand on the media platforms on which it can share community-based programming. Cody estimates that upon completion, the build-out of the facility will be "90% complete". The current timeline is for their work to be completed by the first week of April. "After that point, we will install carpeting where there is now just a concrete slab, which will make the place more inviting, accommodating, and comfortable. And then we'll have some volunteer work days to paint the new walls", says Cody. The expected re-opening will be during the week of April 20th, after which time Okemo Valley TV & WLUD will host an open house. The remaining 10% of the build-out is tentatively scheduled for late 2026. That scope of work will include upgrades to its HVAC / mechanical system and additional improvements to energy efficiency.

(Photo: The future home for the new community radio station, WLUD, is taking shape. Looking from lobby into control room.)

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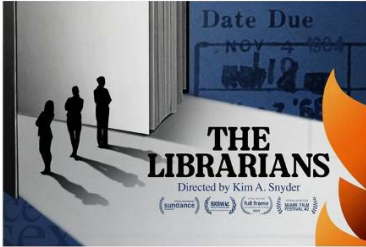


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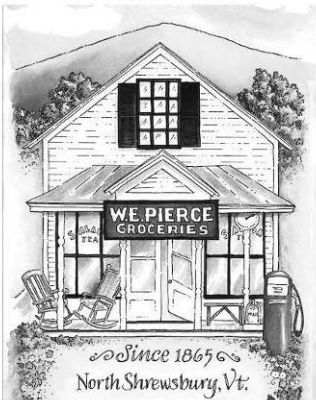


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