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# Mount Holly Chit Chat

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JUNE 2024

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**Church Listings, back page “Who’s Got It Locally?”**  
**Mount Holly Community Association –** Contact [MHCavT@gmail.com](mailto:MHCavT@gmail.com) [www.MHCavT.org](http://www.MHCavT.org)  
**Mount Holly Museum–**Open Jul & Aug Sat & Sun 2-4 pm [www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org](http://www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org) 802-259-2460 [ddevereux@vermontel.net](mailto:ddevereux@vermontel.net)  
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**Town Library:** Sat 9-1 Mon 10-2 Tue 1-5 Wed 2-4, P.O. Box 93, Belmont, VT 05730 Call 802-259-3707  
**Town Office Hours:** Mon. to Thurs. 8:30 am – 4:00 pm Closed Fri-Sun & Holidays Phone 802-259-2391  
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**Town Lister’s Hours:** Tues 10:00 am – 2:00 pm or by appointment 802-259-2391  
**Town Garage: 802-259-3179**  
**Burn Permits:** Call Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward 802-786-3408 or 802-259-2211  
**TRANSFER SITE: Wed. 4 pm – 7 pm & Sat. 8 am – 2 pm**



**JUNE 2024**

Sat	1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Brigham Young, Mormon Leader B. 1801 ~ National Trails Day Est 1993</b>	
Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>US Citizenship Granted to All American Indian’s 1924</b>	
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Sally Priesand, 1<sup>st</sup> Woman Rabbi in USA 1972 ~ Astronaut Edward White 1<sup>st</sup> American to Walk in Space 1965</b>	
	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>VOTE LMHUUSD School Budget- MH Town Office</b>	Polls Open 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
		Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library	<b>Battle of Midway Begins 1942</b> 7:00 pm
		Mount Holly Conservation Commission	7:00 pm
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Mt. Holly PTG Meeting, MH School	<b>First Hot-Air Balloon Flight 1783</b> 6:00 pm
	6 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	<b>D-Day Normandy 1944</b> 7:00 pm
Sat	8 <sup>th</sup>		<b>US Bill of Rights by James Madison 1789</b>
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	9:00 am
		Select Board Meeting, Town Office & Zoom	6:30 pm
	12 <sup>th</sup>	LMHUUS Meeting,	6:00 pm
		ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	7:00 pm
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. Drill, Mt. Holly Fire Station	7:00 pm
	14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Flag Day ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Non-Stop Transatlantic Flight 1919 ~ US Army Est 1775</b>	
Sat	15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Roast Beef Supper, Benefit MHVFD at Odd Fellows Hall</b>	5:00 pm
Sun	16 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Father’s Day</b>
	17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bunker Hill Day 1775 ~ Pan-Am 1<sup>st</sup> Airline For Around-The-World Flights 1947</b>	
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Mason Meeting, Mt Moriah Lodge E. Wallingford	<b>Sally Ride 1<sup>st</sup> US Woman in Space 1983</b> 7:30 pm
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont	<b>Juneteenth</b> 6:30 pm
		Mount Holly Planning Commission, MH Town Office & Via Zoom	7:00 pm
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. Work Detail, Fire Stations	7:00 pm
	21 <sup>st</sup>		<b>Summer Solstice ~ Strawberry Full Moon</b>
Sat	22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Pledge of Allegiance Recognized by Congress 1942 ~ GI Bill Signed into Law 1944</b>	
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	<b>Korean War Began 1950</b> 9:00 am
	26 <sup>th</sup>	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	7:00 pm
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Stations	<b>Helen Keller 1880 ~ PTSD Awareness Day</b> 7:00 pm



<b>Emergency Services</b>			
MH Fire Dept. Chief Bill Austin	910-915-5954	802-259-2700	911
MH Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward	802-786-3408		802-259-2211
Ludlow Ambulance Service	Non-Emergency 802-228-2880		911
Mount Holly Constable	<b>NONE</b>		
MH Animal Control For	Adam Karle	Cell 802-236-3656	
			Poison Control (802) 658-3456
			American Red Cross 802-773-9159
			Game Warden – Tim Carey 802-793-2776 802-773-9101
			Health Officer – Chad Farrar 802-259-3610 802-342-1366
			Vermont State Police 802-773-9101

**Send ARTICLES to:** Diana Garrow, 3379 Shunpike Rd., Mt. Holly, VT 05758 Phone 802-259-2314 or E-Mail to [chitchat@vermontel.net](mailto:chitchat@vermontel.net)

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**June Birthdays:** 1<sup>st</sup>-Torey Surething 4<sup>th</sup>-Johnathan Davis \* Emily Colburn Freedman 5<sup>th</sup>-Diane Perry 6<sup>th</sup>-Jason Turco \* Sandy Bassett 7<sup>th</sup>-Kristin Veysey 8<sup>th</sup>-All Labozzo 9<sup>th</sup>-Barry Gagner \* Mary Ann Farley \* Molly Gagner 10<sup>th</sup>-Jennifer Turco \* Alex & Beth Lee \* Steve Hazelton 11<sup>th</sup>-Amber Nye 13<sup>th</sup>-Dylan Pierro \* David Crossman \* Shannon Labozzo 16<sup>th</sup>-Timothy Garrow \* Zak Delphia 19<sup>th</sup>-Stephanie Bussino (2000) \* Jonny Bassett 20<sup>th</sup>-Andrea Kilroe 21<sup>st</sup>-Emily Jones 22<sup>nd</sup>-Roger Garrow 24<sup>th</sup>-Natalie Brown 29<sup>th</sup>-Helen Graham 30<sup>th</sup>-Ted Garrow

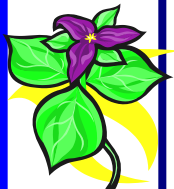


**June Anniversaries:** 12<sup>th</sup>-Clinton & Carol Woolley 14<sup>th</sup>-Mike & Mary Beth Dawley (1969) 18<sup>th</sup>-Bill & Marnie Dassler (1966) \* Susan Dana Bassett & Sandy Bassett 20<sup>th</sup>-Donald & Jean Gates

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](mailto:chitchat@vermontel.net) or call me at 802-259-2314.

## Local Post Office Hours

<b>Mount Holly</b>		<b>802-259-2796</b>
Window	Mon – Fri	8:00 am – 10:00 am
	&	2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
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		7:30 am – 10:30 am
<b>Belmont</b>	<b>Lobby Open 24/7</b>	<b>802-259-2790</b>
Window	Mon – Fri	8:00 am – 12:00 pm
	P.O. Box Mail Available After	10:00 am
	Sat	8:00 am – 10:45 am
<b>East Wallingford</b>		<b>802-259-2829</b>
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
<b>Cuttingsville/Shrewsbury</b>		<b>802-492-3585</b>
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
<b>Ludlow</b>		<b>802-228-7436</b>
Lobby Hours:	Mon – Fri	6:30 am – 5:30 pm
	Sat	6:30 am – 11:00 am
Window Hours:	Mon – Fri	8:30 am – 5:00 pm
	Sat	8:30 am – 10:30 am
Wallingford Post Master – 802-446-2140		



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Monday & Thursday Mornings  
9:00 am  
Odd Fellows Hall  
For Weights and more information  
Call Judy Nevin 802-259-2443



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**Robert C. Gates**

Robert C. Gates, 90, of Belmont who died February 4, 2024 calling hours was held Saturday May 4, 2024 from 1:30 to 4:00pm at Clifford Funeral Home in Rutland. Followed by a funeral service at 4:00pm at the Funeral Home.

**Lee Hillberg**

There will be a service for Lee Hillberg on June 9th at 2:00 P.M. at Lake Ninevah. A sign on Lake Ninevah Road will direct you to the service. Any questions call Paul Nevin at

259-2443.



**Nicola Guerrera**

Nicola Guerrera, 90, died peacefully in his sleep on Tuesday night May 7th, 2024 at his residence in Mount Holly, VT. Nicola was born in Italy on May 1st, 1934 to Donato and Concetta (Mancini) Guerrera. He grew up in Italy and that is where he met and married Giuseppina Guerrera on April 21st, 1957. They later moved to Montreal, Canada in 1960. On May 3rd, 1962, they welcomed their one and only son Bruno Guerrera. Nicola and Giuseppina eventually made their way to the United States in 1970 when they moved with their son to Bridgeport, CT to live closer to Nicola's side of the family. Nicola was a hard worker and a good provider to his family. He always enjoyed working with his hands and had a long career in construction working as a Union laborer. Despite his hard physical job as a manual laborer, Nicola also had a soft, caring side for his family. When Nicola wasn't working, he enjoyed taking care of his garden, making wine, telling funny stories, watching soccer, and playing cards or having a game of Bocce. Nicola retired at the age of 65 in 1999. In 2011, Nicola and Giuseppina decided to move to Mount Holly, VT where their son and daughter-in-law (Linda) lived with their two sons, David and Vincent Guerrera. He lived the remainder of his life in Mount Holly, close to his immediate family. Nicola is survived by his wife Giuseppina of Mount Holly, VT; his son Bruno Guerrera and fiancée Terri Panoushek of Poultney, VT; grandson David Guerrera and longtime girlfriend Mary Sweeney of Medford, MA; grandson Vincent Guerrera and fiancée Tyler Morrison of Portland, OR; former daughter-in-law Linda Marie Roberts and husband Brian of Mount Holly, VT. Calling hours were held from 5 – 6pm on Wednesday, May 15th 2024 at Aldous Funeral Home in Rutland, VT, with services immediately after at 6pm.



**Sandra Unterman Hoeh**

Sandra Unterman Hoeh, 82, of Hanover, New Hampshire and Belmont, Vermont, a former member of the Milwaukee City Council and Administrator at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Dartmouth College, died on May 1, 2024, in Hanover from an acute stroke.

Raised in Brooklyn's Brighton Beach, Sandra was the first of two children to Semah (Zinsher) and Milton (Mickey) Unterman. She attended Manhattan's Little Red Schoolhouse and Elisabeth Irwin High School, where her father taught. When Sandra was in high school, her parents bought a small cabin in Belmont, Vermont, where her parents ultimately retired. Belmont grew to become the center of gravity for Sandra, her immediate and extended family, and they spent most every vacation there.

Sandra earned her bachelor's degree in history and a Phi Beta Kappa key in 1963 from the University of New Hampshire. That year, she married David C. Hoeh, and they had three children, and moved from Hanover, NH to Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1972. Sandra and David divorced in 1983, but maintained many family traditions as their children became adults.

Sandra was active in Democratic Party politics for her entire life. She assisted David and the team that ran Senator Eugene McCarthy's New Hampshire Presidential primary campaign in 1968, and in 1972, Sandra was the Co-Chair of Senator George McGovern's NH primary campaign. In 1976, Sandra was elected Alderman for the Third District in the city of Milwaukee. In her 13 years on the Common Council, Sandra held key leadership roles, including serving as vice-president and chair of the Finance and Personnel Committee. In 1989 Sandra resigned as Alderman to serve as the Sanitation Superintendent for the City of Milwaukee, a position she held from 1989 to 1990. She left the Sanitation Department when she accepted the position of Assistant Chancellor for University Relations at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. In 2003, Hoeh was appointed the Director of Community Relations in the Provost's Office of Dartmouth College, in Hanover, New Hampshire, and concluded her professional career in that role.

In her retirement, Sandra continued supporting local, state, and national Democratic candidate campaigns and was a tireless supporter of peace, women's rights, civil rights, marriage equality and justice. In 2021 Sandra moved to the Kendal at Hanover community, where she organized monthly dinners for her hall mates, hosted parties and dinners in her suite, served on the Kendal leadership Council, and organized visits from political candidates.

Sandra is survived by her three children, Chris (Laurie Bozzi); Jeff (Karen Kringel); Jonathan (Giselle Lederman); her brother, Ronald Unterman (Dottie Finnerty); five grandchildren, Isaac, Lila, Calvin, Claudia, and Elena. A Celebration of Sandy's life will be held at the Unterman property in Belmont, Vermont, on August 17 at 1:00 p.m.

**Notice: All Invited**  
**Mechanicsville Cemetery**  
**Monthly Volunteer Clean Up Schedule**

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month 2024

June 4 <sup>th</sup> , 8 am		Aug 6 <sup>th</sup> , 8 am
July 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 6 pm		Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 am
Sept 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 6 pm		

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**The Museums of Mount Holly to Open on May 25<sup>th</sup>.**

The Mount Holly Community Historical Museum is scheduled to open on Saturdays and Sunday's beginning on May 25<sup>th</sup> through the end of August. The hours are 2 to 4 p.m., or by appointment by calling 802-259-2460 or -2049.

The Will White Blacksmith Shop on Tarbellville Road contains the tool collection, farming equipment, early school items, the post office, and the Surrey that was used to bring people to the village from the railroad stations. Also on display are the creations made by a travelling druggist who was the last person to live in the building.

The Perkins House Museum on the Belmont Village Green holds the family items, elementary school student murals about the railroad history and our state's Terrestrial Fossil, the mammoth tusk, an Estey organ used across the street in the Methodist Church, the museum's albums, a Civil War display, and information about the Chase Toy Factory.

Both buildings date to the 1840s when the village was known as Mechanicsville. Mammoth related items are also offered for sale, and please check the website for special programs.

**VETERANS MONUMENT DONATIONS**

The Veterans Monument is located near the town library in Belmont Village. It was built about 1960 by Robert Morton with donated funds. This was a period when many communities were erecting monuments to recognize those that served. Efforts are now underway to restore the monument.

Carroll Tarbell's book about the History of Mount Holly contains several sections that identify those that served in the military. His book also mentions several that were credited to other towns when they enlisted. The names of those that served in World War 2 are listed on a two-sided panel that is stored at the Mount Holly Community Historical Museum. The Veterans Monument, located near the lower level door of the library in Belmont Village, is in need of repair. After more than six decades of exposure to the elements the top row of stones have become loose. The restoration work will include adding a one-piece stone along the top at an angle to allow moisture to run off.

The town is accepting donations toward the more than \$1500 project. Please make your checks payable to The Town of Mount Holly and mention Veterans Monument in the memo line. Call Dennis at [802-259-2460](tel:802-259-2460) with any questions. Mail checks to Town of Mount Holly, P.O. Box 248, Mount Holly, VT 05758

**Baked Ham Supper**



**Saturday May 25, 2024  
Starting at 5:00 pm**

**Benefit Colfax Lodge #21**

**Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont**

**Baked Ham Supper  
Baked Potato, Vegetables, Rolls  
And Home Baked Pies**



**All You Can Eat - Home Style  
Take Outs Available**

**Adults \$15.00  
Children Under 12 \$8.00  
Children 5 and Under no Charge**

**More Info Call 259-2460**

**Suppers For Mount Holly Organizations**



**Settings Start 5:00 pm  
At**



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



- May 25<sup>th</sup> Colfax Lodge – Baked Ham
- June 15<sup>th</sup> MHVFD - Roast Beef
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Odd Fellows - Chicken BBQ 11:30 am (\$12.00)
- After Town Parade Step off at 11:00 am
- July 27<sup>th</sup> Mt. Moriah Masons - Baked Ham
- Aug 17<sup>th</sup> MHVFD - Baked Ham
- Aug 31<sup>st</sup> Historical Museum - Roast Pork
- Oct 12<sup>th</sup> Colfax Lodge – Baked Ham



**Eat In or Take Out,  
With Take Out meals starting at 4:45 pm  
More Info Call 802-259-2460**

**Mount Holly School Hannaford Helps Schools Program**

There are just a few days left of the 2024 **Hannaford Helps Schools** program! For this last month, make sure everyone knows to support your school at Hannaford! Please redeem your School Dollars before the program ends on **June 1**. Please donate to any participating school using the redemption website below: [redeemcoupon.hannafordhelpschools.com](http://redeemcoupon.hannafordhelpschools.com). We appreciate your partnership! Raye Lin Collins, *Office Manager/Registrar*

**The Writers' Group**

The Writers' Group will meet again at the Mount Holly Library at 2 PM on Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you. [connor@ohio.edu](mailto:connor@ohio.edu)





## REWARD FOR INFORMATION

On Saturday May 11, 2024 at 8:30 am my Boston Terrier was hit on 103 outside of my house. The truck that hit him was a dark Navy-Blue Ford F-150. My husband saw the whole thing happen as he was out with my dogs. One dog was chasing the other dog as dogs do and they ran into the road. My husband was yelling for them to stop but they were being dogs.

The Boston Terrier named Cash was the one hit in the road by this truck. My husband said that this truck could have avoided this dog but he never even tried to miss the dog. The person driving the truck had light hair and was wearing a white baseball hat and after hitting the dog he never stopped, and flipped my husband off when he went by.

What a mother's day I had thanks to this person who is a sorry excuse of a human being and ought to be ashamed of himself. A piece of me died that day on the road with my dog Cash. I would do anything for my dogs. The only time they have ever gotten into the road and this happened because of someone who is heartless.

This person does not know what he has done to my family by taking away something that we adored so much. Cash would never hurt anyone, he liked to make people laugh. He was a special dog and he will be missed tremendously. I would really like to know information on the person driving this vehicle.

I also want to thank Curt and my neighbor's husband for coming out and helping my husband who has a broken leg and was on a scooter. Curt made sure that traffic stayed away from Cash and covered Cash with a blanket from his van. Curt and my neighbor's husband carried Cash off the road with respect and laid him down in the wood line.

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

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

Anyone with any information on the truck that hit my Cash, please call Christine at 802-259-2308. Christine Kimball

### Hooray to All the Volunteers

We're proud to welcome back most of our experienced volunteers, and some new ones for this summer as we kick off the season on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are a very important part of any horsemanship lesson. Their jobs include assisting the riders, horses and the instructor in preparation for the lesson, during the lesson, and taking care of the horses after the lesson.

If anyone is interested in volunteering and missed the orientation on May 11<sup>th</sup>, please contact Janet Upton (email below). We love introducing new folks to the rewards of working with horses and children and can always use extra hands to make this happen. You don't need to be a horse person, but if you would like to learn we will teach you and there are plenty of non-horse related tasks also.

This year we have some new horses with great names. A big black horse names Callahan, a sweet little palomino mare named Alley Cat (pictured); I bet there's a story behind that name, and also another cute little mare named Kahlua who is the color of Kahlua. Also back for another year are Cutie

and Fonda (pictured).

At Rainbow Riding we strive to meet the needs of every individual that participates in our programs, mounted or unmounted. For more information about Rainbow Riding Center and our mission please check out our website: [rainbowridingcenter.org](http://rainbowridingcenter.org) and follow us on Facebook or Instagram @rainbow\_riding\_center. Contact us at [programs@rainbowridingcenter.org](mailto:programs@rainbowridingcenter.org) or 802-236-2483 to inquire about our programs and lessons. For information about opportunities to volunteer with us contact [janetupton@rainbowridingcenter.org](mailto:janetupton@rainbowridingcenter.org).

Volunteers get to know the horses and are shown what they will be doing while assisting during lessons at Rainbow Riding Center's Volunteer Orientation May 11<sup>th</sup>.





# Baked Ham Supper



**Saturday July 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Starting at 5:00 pm**

**Benefit the Mt. Moriah Mason's**

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## MHCA news

Welcome to summertime in the mountains and multiple MHCA events. Hopefully, you can find something for you, your family and or friends to enjoy with us; watch for the summer calendar coming to you soon.

Before we start rambling about our summer events calendar, we want to highlight our first gallery show that happened in May featuring longtime resident, art teacher and previous Board Member - Penelope Lee Coldwell. What a fabulous kick off to our new event: Artists in our Midst - showcasing artists in Mount Holly and surrounding communities. Penny's work was displayed in conjunction with her celebration of life. Her art was donated from community members and the Coldwell family showcasing the breadth of her work as a multidimensional artist. In addition, and in conjunction with the Coldwell family, MHCA has established the Penny Coldwell Community Youth Arts fund, honoring the spirit of Penny's lifelong work. The funding will support Mount Holly youth in artistic pursuits (arts, craft, drama, etc.) and will fund the annual Penny Coldwell award, recognizing a graduating Mount Holly School sixth grader who has demonstrated their artistic passion and creative expression of their unique self in our community. If you would like to donate specifically to this fund, please feel free to write a check and note on the memo section P.C. arts fund or scan the QR code.

We are excited to add this to our list of events for the Mount Holly community.



Look for our membership drive letters in your mailbox at the end of

June/early July. As many chit chat readers know, MHCA is responsible for maintaining the historic building that houses our town library and community center. We just finished replacing all the lower-level windows to improve energy efficiency and usability. We are forever grateful for the support of our members; without you we would not be able to ensure the necessary building upkeep or bring you events through the year to enjoy including the Spring Mud Fling, Music on the Green, the Garden Tour, Mount Holly Day, Cabaret, Cider Days & Artist in our Midst.

We are still looking for a few mountain gardeners to round out our annual Garden Tour event on **July 27th, 9:30-4pm**. If you are interested in sharing your blooms and landscaping creations, please reach out to Leah Knoll [leahknoll@yahoo.com](mailto:leahknoll@yahoo.com). Joining the garden tour just might be the motivation you need to whip those gardens into shape or show off your wild garden beauty.

This month will be the last "meet your Board member series" as we conclude with the last of our current Directors Jennifer Burrows, MHCA's other co-president. Jennifer admits that although she is a flatlander, she feels like she found her tribe when she moved to Mount Holly. When asked about what brought her to Vermont, Jennifer reflected that after vacationing in Vermont for over 20 years she and her partner Stu decided this was the place where they wanted to live. After three years of house hunting from Newfane - St. Johnsbury they landed in Mount Holly, where they settled right in and planted roots deep on the mountain side where they now call home. Three years into their Vermont dream, grandchildren started sprouting in their home state of Ohio; four granddaughters later they decided to split the year between the mountains and the cornfields to relish their roles as Nana and Papi.

Jennifer joined the Board shortly after moving to Vermont "I had never moved before, and I had no idea how I would meet people; joining the Board seemed like a good way to do that". Being involved in the community she lives in is important and evidenced by her volunteering efforts in Vermont and Ohio. She helps at Rainbow Riding and enjoys working community suppers. Back in Ohio she volunteers at Stratford Ecological Center in their greenhouse and

as a guide for farm school. Prior to retirement, she worked in the fields of juvenile justice as a probation officer, followed by mental health/addictions counseling.

When asked about something people may not know about her she was quite for a bit and then shares that she is a first generation American (British parents), she was her sister's 8th birthday present (having been born on the same day), that one of her favorite picnic spots are in graveyards (especially in Vermont), and lastly, and somewhat sheepishly, she admits to carrying around a shovel and duct tape in the back of her car - although she did not want the reason in print so you'll have to ask her why.

And once again, that's the MHCA news for June. We hope you have a wonderful start to your summer!

**1ST ANNUAL**  
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## Conservation Commission Notes

### ENERGY FAIR

Want to save some money? Test drive an electric car or bike? Or both!? Then join us on June 15th at the Community Center, 1-5 pm for the Mount Holly Energy Fair. The purpose of the Fair is to inform our community of the opportunities, technologies, and services available for home energy efficiency and cost savings. There is no charge to attend. A free ticket to the Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department dinner will be given to attendees as well as hourly raffle drawings for special prizes. Jeb Porter & Folk Group will provide entertainment.

There will be exhibits and talks about home energy audits, weatherization, heat pumps, solar energy, electric vehicles, energy rebates, and free LED bulbs. Bring the kids to enjoy some special hands-on energy activities. Sponsors include the State of Vermont, Aubuchon Hardware, Efficiency Vermont, Drive Electric, Green Mountain Power, Same Sun Solar, Net Zero Energy Resources, NeighborWorks, Bensons Chevrolet, Renewable Energy Vermont,



Rutland County Solid Waste District, Tygart Mountain Sports and others.

The Energy Fair is funded by a Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP) mini grant to the MH Conservation Commission from the State of Vermont.

### ASH Borer Mitigation

It's that time of year; the Emerald Ash Borer lurks nearby in Cavendish and Londonderry and its arrival in Mount Holly is just a question of time. However, ash tree CAN be protected. Injecting trees with a pesticide has been found both effective against the ash borer and safe for the surrounding environment. You can watch a demonstration of how this works here:

Read about pesticide safety The Mount Holly Conservation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sw5pC-3Doho&t=52s>.

here: <https://extension.entm.purdue.edu/EAB/PDF/PotentialSideEffectsofEABInsecticidesFAQ.pdf>

Commission, working with the Town, has purchased the pesticide for this use. To obtain the treatment as well as help in using the pesticide please e-mail [mounthollycc@gmail.com](mailto:mounthollycc@gmail.com).

## TREE STUMP GRINDING

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### Star Lake Plant Study

The Arrowood study of plant species, invasive and native, is underway around Star Lake. This data will enable the Conservation Commission and the Town to draw up a best practices management plan for the Lake.

### Plant Swap

If you have done some spring plant dividing, you can bring perennial divisions to the plant swap on May 25 from 10-12 at the Community Center. These will be used to

enhance the Star Lake boating and swimming area. Native perennials preferred.

## Got Bees?



Warmer weather can cause honey bee colonies to Swarm and go

looking for a new home. If you see a big new mass of honeybees (not wasps or hornets) hanging in the open from your house, a tree branch or shrub, or anyplace it might be a honeybee swarm. They are not aggressive and should not be disturbed or harmed! Call me as soon as you see them and I will come by to collect them from your property in Mount Holly, no charge. Call or text Jim at Fenn Farmstead & Gardens at 781-307-0394.



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## MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY NEWS

JUNE 2024

We've been busy getting lots of new books for kids!

This means lots of fun summer reading.

Here is just some of what we have added:

- Waiting in the Wings by Julie Andrews (yes, Mary Poppins)
- Not a Smiley Guy by Polly Horvath
- Oh, Are You Awake? by Bob Shea
- Just Like Milly by Lauren Castillo
- Bunny and Clyde by Megan McDonald
- Cornbread and Poppy For the Win by Matthew Cordell
- Painting the Game by Patricia MacLachan



- Charlie Thorne and the Royal Society by Stuart Gibbs
  - Wind by Erin Hunter
  - The One and Only Family by Katherine Applegate
- Mount Holly Town Library, 26 Maple Hill Road, Belmont, VT 05730 802-259-3707 [mthollylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:mthollylibrary@gmail.com)

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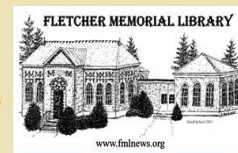
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## Fletcher Memorial Library Adult Summer Reading Raffle June 17<sup>th</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup>

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### Green up Day Thank You

Thank you to all those that helped and participated in Green Up Day this year!

Also thanks to the town crew for their help with the day. Next year May 5 2025.

### May 2024, Trestleboard

**Next Meeting Tuesday 6/18/24 7:30PM**  
**Grand Lodge Communication 6/12/24 9:AM**  
Brothers,

*We have a special guest coming to this meeting, MWGM Paul C. Mosher, who will present Fay Freeman with his 60 year pin. Come out and join us for some good fraternal fellowship.*

*Grand Lodge will hold their Annual Communication on June 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9AM at the Grand Hotel in Killington. Fraternally, David Seward, WM - Buster Seward Sec'y*

Happy Father's Day

**PTG UPDATE:**

- Sat JUNE 1st—5th/6th grade Keewaydin Fundraiser Scrub n' Grub
- TUES JUNE 4th—Don't forget to re-vote on the school budget. Absentee ballots are available at the Town Office or by Calling You can also register to vote the same day you vote!!
- Wed 6/5 PTG MTG School Library & Via Zoom
- SPIRIT WEEK June 10th-13th: We are looking for ideas from our students for an upcoming spirit week. Please reach out with your ideas.

[mthollyptg@gmail.com](mailto:mthollyptg@gmail.com)



# WARNING

## LUDLOW-MOUNT HOLLY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

### PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING

Mount Holly Elementary School  
150 School St, Mount Holly VT 05758

ZOOM: <https://frsu.zoom.us/j/85749600037> Phone: 646-876-9923

Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 6:00pm

The legal voters of Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District, consisting of the towns of Ludlow and Mount Holly, are hereby warned to meet for a Public Informational Hearing on the proposed budget for 2024-2025.

Approved at a Duly Warned Meeting on May 08, 2024.

*Jamie Dickey*  
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 Jamie Dickey (Ludlow)

*David Martin*  
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 David Martin (Mount Holly)

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 (Ludlow)

*K. Tarbell*  
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 Kelly Tarbell (Mount Holly)

### Board of Directors:

*Maria Gambino*  
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 Maria Gambino (Ludlow)

*Julie McKenzie*  
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 Julie McKenzie (Mount Holly)

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 (Ludlow)

*David Venter*  
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 David Venter (Mount Holly)

*Ulla Cook*  
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 Ulla Cook, District Clerk

Received, filed and recorded May 13, 2024

TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY  
 LMHUUSD TOWN MEETING  
 OFFICIAL BALLOT  
 June 4, 2024

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS  
 TO VOTE, MARK AN X IN THE BOX TO THE RIGHT OF YOUR CHOICE

*Sample*

ARTICLE I: Shall the voters of Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District approve the School Board of Directors to expend \$8,812,561.00 which is the amount the school board of directors has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that the proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$12,786.11 per long term weighted (LTW) equalized pupil.

YES  NO

**"COME ONE COME ALL"**

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## Vote Yes on School Budget

To the Editor,

Please vote YES on the Ludlow Mount Holly School Budget on Tuesday, June 4. Unlike some districts, the tax increases in our towns are lower than inflation – about 1.3 % in Ludlow and 3.9% in Mount Holly. These increases have been dramatically reduced since the original budget by the combination of spending reductions and actions of the State legislature.

School administrators have worked to minimize spending while maintaining the excellence of our schools. The biggest increases in our budget are beyond our control. The biggest increase of \$542,016 is our assessment to the TRSU, primarily for special education. The next increase is \$447,856 for tuition for middle and high school students. The third big increase is \$355,117 to our capital reserve fund primarily to replace the Mount Holly boiler. It is on its last legs and if it were to fail next winter, we would have to close the school while awaiting its replacement, undoubtedly at a higher cost. The rest of the budget will decrease by more than \$200,000.

The State determined that the value of our homes and property increased by 13% this year. The

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#### There are many things that frighten a horse:

- The sounds of different road conditions.
- Water puddles or if it's raining.
- Maybe you hit a big pothole with your vehicle.
- Stones on a dirt road – the sound of them hitting your vehicle, or when they fly out from the tires.
- Maybe you are pulling a trailer and the items in it are making loud noises.

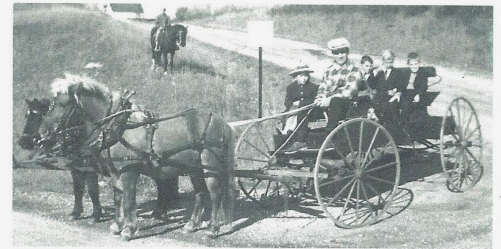
Things like these can cause even the best-trained horse to become afraid and make unexpected movements – SOMETIMES JUMP INTO THE ROADWAY!

**WE SHARE THE SAME ROADS. SO PLEASE PASS THE WORD ON.  
SLOW DOWN AND GIVE A HORSE AND RIDER  
SOME EXTRA ROOM FOR SAFETY.**

**THANK YOU**

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complicated formula for financing schools bases the calculation on what they think our property is really worth instead of the assessed value. As a result, even though our base budget will decrease by 10% our taxes will go up by almost 4%.

Rejecting this budget will not send a message to Montpelier as the legislature has adjourned for the year. All that another rejection would do is force reductions in the number of teachers and support staff in our schools and reduce the quality of our students' education.

Ludlow and Mount Holly have excellent schools with better results than the Vermont average even though we are spending less than the State average per weighted pupil. Please support our students and teachers by voting YES, either in person on Tuesday, June 4 or any time the town office is open before that. David Martin, Ludlow Mount Holly School Board



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## Greetings again from the Vermont Legislature

Both chambers in the Vermont General Assembly have now adjourned for the second half of this biennium. I want to let folks know that I am writing this on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and much remains to be seen in terms of vetoes and final action, but as of today here is what has happened. There is a veto session scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

A final budget of \$8.57 billion was passed on the final day of the session. The Governor has indicated that even though the final number was about \$21 million more than he had wanted, he would either allow it to become law or sign the bill.

There are other bills which passed but which could face a veto by Governor Scott. One of them is the so called Yield bill, H 887. This is the bill that will go a long way in determining what Vermonters will face in property taxes with respect to funding our educational system. The final numbers were: the property dollar equivalent yield shall be \$9,893.00 and the income dollar equivalent yield shall be \$10,110.00. The non-homestead property tax rate shall be \$1.391 per \$100.00 of equalized education property value. What this means is there will be an average statewide property tax increase of 13.8%, thanks in part to a \$25 million buy-down. H.887 also establishes a committee to study options for a long-term solution to Vermont's K-12 funding woes.

As most people are aware, there have already been numerous school budget defeats as some express their frustration with the rising cost of education. Some school districts have had their budget voted down three times as of this writing. The effect of the CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) has yet to be factored in as well.

Another bill that could be vetoed is H 687 which is a 176 page bill which deals generally with Act 250 reform and Housing. While it does advantage certain designated downtown areas and allows for minimal interaction with having to obtain an Act 250 permit, it can, in some cases, make it even more difficult to develop and build housing in other areas of the State. The bill tried to strike a balance between allowing much needed housing in certain areas with the desire to control development in other areas.

H 289 is a bill that would require that most retail electricity providers' annual load be comprised of 100% renewable energy by January 1, 2030. According to the Joint Fiscal Office, "providers that cannot meet the requirements could instead make alternative compliance payments at rates specified in the bill. Unless it meets strict efficiency and greenhouse gas reduction standards, wood biomass electricity generation coming into service after January 1, 2023 would **not** count toward a provider's renewable energy total." The Joint Fiscal Office has also announced that there is considerable uncertainty regarding the overall cost and impact on the State budget. The new estimate is \$857 million. The updated cost of implementing the bill over the 2025 to 2035 period is now \$150 million to \$450 million.

The legislature did make some progress on public safety measures and hopefully when they take effect, the retail theft numbers will go down.

One of the bills for which I could not get good answers on the Senate floor had to do with H 72 which is the "Safe Injection Site" bill. We have set aside \$1.1 million to help set up and fund one of these sites which will be in Burlington. People will be able to make their way to the site and inject or ingest illegal drugs and there will be medical people there to use Naloxone or Narcan as it is commonly called if necessary to prevent an overdose.

There is no age restriction so apparently anyone of any age can go to the site and take drugs. Two of the questions I asked but did not get satisfactory answers were "If someone is on their way to the site with drugs in the car, and they are stopped by law enforcement for a traffic violation and the officer sees the drugs, are they free to continue on their way by telling the officer they are on their way to the site?" The other question was "If someone uses drugs and then drives home and is involved in a fatal accident, is not the State liable since it was State money that set up the site?" I voted NO on this bill and expect that it will be on the list of bills that the Governor will veto.

I will be able to give folks a much clearer idea of what has happened after the veto session in June. If you have questions or comments, you can send them to [bcollamore@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:bcollamore@leg.state.vt.us)

I hope everyone has a safe and happy summer! Sen Brian Collamore, Rutland District

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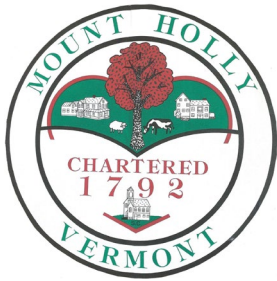
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## Mount Holly Town News

The following Minutes of the Select Board and the Planning Commission are “DRAFT” until approved at their next meeting. NOTE: Most Select Board and Planning Commission meetings are covered by Okemo Valley TV. The videos can be viewed at their website, [www.okemovalley.tv](http://www.okemovalley.tv) Computers with internet access are available at the Town Library. Town emblem and seal designed by Town Clerk Susan Covalla.

### Select Board Meeting Town Office April 25, 2024 4:00 pm

#### MINUTES

Attendance: Mark Turco, Jeff Chase, Diana Garrow, Clinton Woolley, Caitlin Boyle

1. Call to Order at 4:15 pm

2. Transfer Station Employee Interviews: The Select Board interviewed a candidate for the open positions at the Mount Holly Transfer Station.

3. Adjourned at 4:48 pm

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

### Select Board Meeting Town Office April 30, 2024 4:00 pm MINUTES

Attendance: Mark Turco, Jeff Chase, Diana Garrow, Clinton Woolley

1. Call to Order at 4:05 pm.

2. Transfer Station Employee Interviews: The Select Board met to interview a second candidate for the open position at the Mount Holly Transfer Station; the candidate did not show. The Select Board discussed hiring Ken Saccardo, another candidate for the position. Mark Turco made a motion to hire Mr. Saccardo, Jeff Chase seconded; unanimously approved. The Select Board discussed the difficulty of staffing the Transfer Station. The board discussed the possibility of seeking quotes to hire a trash collection and disposal vendor that could collect solid waste in the case of the closure of the Transfer Station. The Select Board will ask the Clerk to add the item to the agenda for the May meeting.

3. Adjourned at 4:40 pm

### Select Board Meeting Town Office May 14, 2024, 6 pm MINUTES

Attendance: Mark Turco (Chair), Jeff Chase, Diana Garrow, Carol A Garrow-Woolley, Caitlin Boyle, Clinton Woolley, David H. Johnson, Dennis Devereux, Stephen Michel, Christine Pratt, Donna Seward, James Seward, June Capron, Zena M. Gates, Barbara Hazelton, Stephen Hazelton, Billy Austin, Andy Tanger, Chad Farrar, Elizabeth Karle, Robert Garrow, Phil Crane

(via Zoom), Katy Crane (via Zoom), Andy Shulz (via Zoom).

1. Call to Order at 6:00 pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the agenda. Jeff Chase noted that the Select Board would add an item entitled “Municipal Planning Grant Update” as 7e.

4. Approval of April 9th, 25th, 30th Minutes. Diana Garrow made a motion to approve the minutes as drafted; Jeff Chase seconded; unanimously approved.

#### 5. Reports

a. Highways & Transfer Station Update - Road Foreman Clinton Woolley noted that notification of state paving grants had not yet been received. He added that he had clarified that the cost of a new truck would include the truck and body and they would accept the trade-in of the old truck, which has historically had a value of \$10,000-15,000. He noted that the Transfer Station has a new employee who seems to be doing well. Road ditching has begun.

i. Seek Quotes for Alternate Solid Waste Collection: Mr. Woolley asked Able Waste Management for a quote; Able responded to ask for some Town figures re: solid waste collection and disposal needs; Mr. Woolley will follow up to pursue the quote.

ii. Mr. Chase asked for an ETA for completion on the highways to be repaired under the FY24 MRGP program (Rim Rock, Summit and Stewart Road S) and for the FY25 MRGP program, in addition to repairs on Shunpike Road (FEMA funded) and Beaver Meadow (FEMA funded). He noted that the Town will need to put its annual RFP out for winter sand as well. Mr. Woolley noted that he would like to purchase manufactured sand going forward. Mr. Chase will work with the Clerk to prepare an RFP for winter sand, for future paving grants, and for Beaver Meadow (FEMA) repairs. Mr. Chase recommended that a schedule be created to prioritize and plan

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

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for repairs to ensure timely completion and proper staffing, and to consider whether any of the work needs to be contracted out. Mr. Turco agreed that a priority list and schedule would be helpful.

**b. Treasurer Monthly Income & Expense Report** - Town Treasurer Elizabeth Karle noted that delinquent tax payments continue to be collected. She drew the Select Board's attention to a new column in the profit and loss statement, which indicates the percentage change between actual and budgeted costs, as well as year-over year costs. Interest collection is more than budgeted. Winter Labor costs are final for this fiscal year. In terms of highway costs, equipment and labor have been substantial costs, but costs are coming in at budgeted amounts overall. The FEMA reimbursement process is continuing and reimbursements are beginning to come in for damage caused during the 2023 July flooding emergency. Additional reimbursements pertaining to the December 2023 flooding event are also in progress.

**i. Review Financial Management Questionnaire.** Jeff Chase made a motion to accept the questionnaire as prepared by the Treasurer; Mark seconded; unanimously approved.

**ii. Review and Approve List of Items Treasurer Can add to Orders:** Mark Turco made a motion to approve the Treasurer to add regular wages, payroll taxes and withholdings, postage, property tax refunds and tax sale items and school advances after annual Select Board review.

**c. Mount Holly Planning Commission Update.** Town Plan was approved by RRPC and Belmont Historical Village Designation was reapproved. A subdivision hearing was heard and there is a pending subdivision hearing as well.

**d. Fire Department Update.** Fire Chief Bill Austin reported that the MHVFD was licensed to provide First Response and will begin to provide First Response (non-transporting) to the Town beginning June 1. He also asked the Select Board to consider granting permission to the MHVFD to sell the former rescue service's ambulance and to use the proceeds to purchase a pickup truck for the department's use. Mr. Turco noted that the first step would be to receive an appraisal; Mr. Austin will proceed with that process. He added that the department will be painting the building in the coming weeks. He asked whether the Select Board would approve the creation of a walkway between the former rescue and fire department building, so as to connect the two buildings and to combine the current two 911 addresses into one address. Ms. Garrow asked Mr. Austin to provide a letter indicating the intentions for the building changes, and Mr. Turco added that a rough sketch of the intended plans should be included with the written material. Stephen Michel suggested that the department inquire as to whether the Ludlow Ambulance Service.

## 6. New Business

**a. Approve Harry's Restaurant Liquor License Renewal:** Mark Turco made a motion to approve the liquor license as applied for; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

**b. Review and Readopt Conflict of Interest Policy:** Jeff Chase made a motion to re-approve the policy as written;

**c. Review Delta Dental Plan Renewal:** The Clerk noted that the premium rates for the dental insurance plan offered to town employees will go up 5.25% in the new fiscal year. Mr. Chase made a motion to approve re-enrollment in the Delta Dental plan at the new annual rates; Mr. Turco seconded; unanimously approved.

**d. Review Road Name Change Request:** Birch Run. Town Clerk Carol Garrow-Woolley noted that the road in question is currently named TH 71 and that a property owner has requested it be named. Ms. Garrow made a motion to change the road name to Birch Run; Ms. Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

**e. Letter of Support for Green Mountain Neighbors** - Andy Tanger: Mr. Tanger sought the Select Board's letter of endorsement for a grant to which he is applying on behalf of Green Mountain Neighbors, which supports aging-in-place resources for older Vermonters.

## 7. Ongoing & Old Business

**a. Review Veterans Monument Quotes.** The Town received two bids. CS Stone Works quoted \$879.85 in materials and up to \$1,040 in labor (to be reduced if time spent is less than 8 hours).

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**b. Re-engage the Sheriff's Office for Speed Enforcement.** Mr. Chase noted that the Sheriff should be contacted to perform speed enforcement; the Clerk will reach out to seek a bid from Sheriff Fox.

**i. Temporary Traffic Control Grants:** The Select Board discussed researching the new state grants for possible application, should the sign and lighting packages be suitable for Mount Holly's needs. The Clerk will complete the research and communicate with the Board re: further action.

**c. Appoint Animal Control Officer:** Mr. Turco made a motion to appoint Adam Karle as the Animal Control Officer; Ms. Garrow seconded; unanimously approved. The Clerk will update the Judicial Bureau to indicate that Mr. Karle will be an issuing officer for the town, as part of his role as ACO.

### Mount Holly Animal Control Officer

The Mount Holly Animal Control Officer is Adam Karle. He handles all calls concerning domesticated and farm animals, including Animal Cruelty concerns. For more information or to make a report please call Cell (802) 236-3656

**d. Discuss New Public Posting Locations:** The Selectboard discussed possible sites for the placement of warnings for public meetings and elections, given that the two post offices are not reliable posting sites due to posting regulations and hours. Jeff Chase made a motion to select the Town Office, the Star Lake bulletin board, and a bulletin board at the exterior of the Mount Holly Post Office for routine postings; when

required for presidential elections, two additional locations will be the Belmont Store and the Mount Holly Library.

**e. Municipal Planning Grant:** Jeff Chase noted that the Town needs to begin work on the housing study that was funded by the FY25 Municipal Planning Grant. He will coordinate with the Treasurer to move forward. Members of the community are invited to express interest in joining the committee to conduct the study.

### 8. Citizen Comments

**a. Dennis Devereux** noted that he confirmed landscaping and maintenance staff for Town cemeteries, and will seek some volunteers from among the 5th and 6th graders at Mount Holly School for additional stone cleaning, etc. He inquired about whether the Select Board would approve a \$900 expense to pay for a necessary tree removal. Jeff Chase made a motion to approve the expense; Mark Turco seconded; unanimously approved.

**b. Bob Garrow** of 929 Packer Road, brought to the attention of the Board a concern regarding his application for a subdivision. He noted that he has experienced an encroachment issue on his property; in the subdivision application process, this issue has arisen as a conflict, and Mr. Garrow had the property surveyed. He is concerned that the Planning Commission has put the subdivision application process on

hold due to the dispute between Mr. Garrow and his neighbor, even though Mr. Garrow is not concerned about the encroachment issue. Andy Schulz noted that the Planning Commission recommended that the subdivision approval process would be smoother if the applicant and neighbors agreed on property lines. Mr. Garow is concerned that the subdivision is being held up, despite the fact that there is an encroachment issue. Mr. Turco noted that a Select Board meeting is not the forum for discussing this complaint; Mr. Garrow noted that he had a follow-up meeting with the Planning Commission on May 15. Mr. Turco indicated that his concerns have been heard and should be brought back to the Planning Commission; he will endeavor to attend the meeting on May 15.

### 9. Announcements

- a. Town Office Closed on Memorial Day
- b. Energy Fair - June 15

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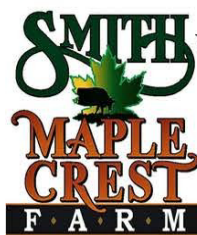
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c. Mr. Turco reminded all town commissions to post and file all meeting minutes within five days of the meeting, per the state's open meeting laws.

### 10. Review & Sign Orders

11. Executive Session: Title 1 V.S.A. S 313(a)

12. Adjourn Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm

**Mount Holly Planning Commission** Town Office & Remote Electronic – Subdivision Public Hearing Wednesday, April 17th, 2024 7:00 P.M.

**Commission Members Present:** Jon McCann (Chair), Jim Seward (Vice Chair), Andrew Seward, Andrew Schulz (Secretary, via Zoom), Stephen Michel Also present: Maurice Turco, Peggy Turco, Carol Garrow-Woolley, Gary Norton, Lori Norton, Tiffany Norton, Christopher Corsones (via Zoom), Robert Johnson (via zoom).

1. Chair called the hearing to order at 6: 31 pm.

2. Chair noted that the hearing was to consider an application for subdivision into 2 lots of a 134 acre property located at 961 Branch Brook Road, owned by Vincent J Turco and Maurice C Turco.

3. Chair outlined the procedure and asked Commissioners to disclose any conflicts of interest or ex parte communications. The Commissioners affirmed that they had none.

4. Chair asked if there were any interested persons (abutting landowners) present. Chair acknowledged Mr Robert Johnson, owner of an abutting property as an interested party. Chair noted no other interested parties were present.

5. Chair noted the documentation presented: the application, and paper and mylar copies of the surveyed property which included all the required information.

6. Chair invited the owners to share any additional information in support of the proposal. None was submitted. Chair asked the Commissioners if they had any questions. Commissioner Andrew Seward noted that all questions had previously been answered.

7. Chair asked Robert Johnson if he had any comments: he stated that he supported and had no objection to the application. Chair asked if any members of the public had comments. None were received. The Clerk confirmed that no written comments had been received.

8. Chair noted that if no further questions or comments were forthcoming, the hearing would be adjourned for a deliberative hearing. Following the deliberative hearing the Commission will issue a written decision.

9. Commissioner Michel moved to close the hearing, seconded by Commissioner Andrew Seward, all approved.

10. Hearing adjourned at 6.42pm. For the Commission, Faith Tempest, Planning Commission Clerk In draft form until approved on 15th May 2024

### Mount Holly Lists Hours

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**Mount Holly Planning Commission** Town Office & Remote Electronic– Regular Meeting Minutes Wednesday, April 17, 2024 7:00 P.M.

**Commission Members Present:** Jon McCann (Chair), Jim Seward (Vice Chair), Andrew Seward, Andrew Schulz (Secretary, via Zoom), Stephen Michel Also present: Robert Garrow, Carol Garrow-Woolley, Gary Norton, Lori Norton, Tiffany Norton, Nic Stark (via Zoom), Robert Garrow

1. Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm 2. Changes to agenda: Chair added an item, setting the date and time for a deliberative session on Turco subdivision.

### 3. Approval of minutes

a. The minutes of the regular meeting held on March 20, 2024, with approved without objection.

### 4. Reports & Announcements

a. Administrative Officer • None.

### b. Planning Commission Chair

• An Act 250 application has been made to the State by Master Plumbing and Heating, for the construction of a mixed use building located at Wright

Construction, Station Road. The State has asked the applicants for more information.

• The Regional Planning Commission noted the discussions in the State Legislature regarding the open meeting law, extending Covid era provisions which may have a significant impact on the workings of the Commission.

### 5. Correspondence

June 2024 Mount Holly Chit Chat Inc



**a. Subdivision proposals:**

**i. Garrow sketch plan review:**

- Chair asked Mr Garrow if there was an update following the previous meeting. Mr Garrow said he had not had any response from the State. Chair asked if there was any progress on the dispute about the boundaries. Mr Garrow stated that 2 surveys had taken place in 1988 and 1990, noting that one or more monuments (set iron pins) had been moved, including one pin that had been set in a stone wall that is no longer there. Others present disputed this. Chair reiterated to Mr Garrow to add his lawyer as a representative in this matter, along with Mr Garrow's surveyor, which would allow the PC to speak to them. Chair noted that the two surveyors whose surveys are recorded in the Town records do appear to agree on the boundaries. Carol Garrow Woolley noted that the deeds do not specify distances to known locations, but asked why this is now an issue. Chair noted that it has become an issue because the Town is being asked to make a quasi-judicial decision which relates to boundaries in the subdivision application.
- Mr Garrow acknowledged he had not personally investigated the location of physical monuments, prompting the Chair to reiterate that the PC need to speak to the surveyor. Mr Garrow also noted that he was not aware of the boundary issue until the last meeting. Chair responded that Mr Garrow's neighbors are present because of concerns about the potential location of an access road, and that Mr Garrow had raised the boundary issue, not his neighbors. Chair sought further clarification from Mr Garrow and his neighbors regarding whether iron pins had been set at the time of the survey, and about other physical features noted on the plan as submitted by Mr Garrow.
- Chair returned the application to Mr Garrow and asked him to re-submit it with his lawyer and surveyor included as his representatives.
- Commissioner Schulz reiterated his advice that the interested parties should get together to resolve this; and asked if had they done so. They confirmed no. Chair had communicated with one of the previous surveyors but heard nothing back. Commissioner Schulz asked for clarification of sizes of the lots; but also suggested that this could be resolved by the interested parties with no difference to the sizes of the lots. Mr Garrow stated his main concern was that in future there may be some complications if there are any discrepancies between the surveys and monuments on the ground. Chair proposed that if a new boundary point was agreed, then it would be recorded as part of the subdivision, which in itself requires a new survey. Mr Garrow could agree that his surveyor identifies the agreed location in the new survey, which would be recorded as part of the process.
- Mr Norton asked if it was a requirement to specify the location of an access as part of the sub-division. Chair confirmed that it was.
- Chair proposed that if the interested parties could come to a written agreement about the boundaries and the potential location of the access road this may be a way to resolve the dispute.
- Chair asked that Mr Garrow provide an update a week before the next PC meeting, including whether any agreements are reached regarding boundaries and access; if no written agreement is reached the PC will ask for the participation of the surveyor. Commissioner Schulz proposed that any agreement should be in a form amenable to recording in the land records.

**ii. Setting Turco sub-division deliberative hearing date/time:** Wednesday 24th April at 7pm

**b. Email / Other:** • None

**6. New Business:**

**a. Health Equity Planning Toolkit** and introduction to Rutland Regional Asset Mapping Project (RAMP), Nic Stark (RRPC): Chair welcomed Mr Stark who made a presentation developed with the Dept of Health. The objective is to increase health and wellbeing through planning. He also introduced the Rutland Regional Asset mapping project which will allow mapping of points of interest and resources in the region for exercise, culture, etc. This responds to information which found that people have limited information on accessible activities outside their home. Mr Stark will share this once there is more data for the PC to comment and will be in touch with the PC to agree a date.

**7. Unfinished Business**

**a. Town Plan adoption – RRPC approval status.** The Mount Holly Town Plan was adopted by the RRPC on April 16th.

**b. Belmont Village Center Designation Renewal status:** the application will be heard by the Vermont Downtown Program on April 22nd. They expect no issues and attendance is not required. Commissioner Michel provided an additional supporting letter from the Mount Holly Museum

**8. Public Comments:** None

**9. Upcoming meetings**

**a. Deliberative session** Wednesday April 24th at 7pm

**b. Regular meeting:** May 15th, 2024 at 7:00 pm

**10. Meeting adjourned** at 8.31 pm. For the Commission, Faith Tempest, Planning Commission Clerk In draft form until approved on May 15, 2024

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- Doolittle Family
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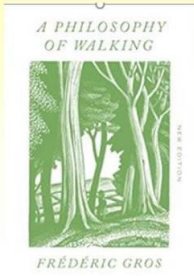


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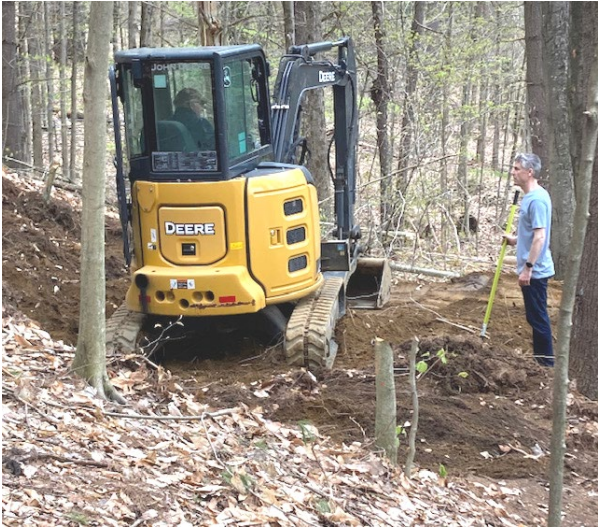
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VMBA is well-known for their impressive volunteer gatherings, and now LAST will host its own Volunteer Days to finish cleaning up the Back 40 trails. With an official Grand Opening and Member Meet/BBQ set for June 15<sup>th</sup>, the Volunteer Clean Up Days will be Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am-12pm and again on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:30am-12pm. Tasks will include raking, lopping roots, moving branches, and some other usual spring clean ups. Any

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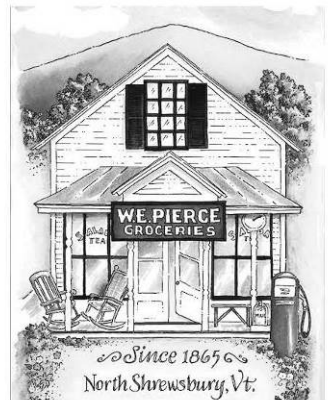
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## Vermont Home Gardener: June Gardening

June brings better gardening weather, what a welcome change! Vermont spring is unpredictable but recent rains have created a great time to get new plants into their garden homes for the summer. Broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, onions, and salad greens have mostly been planted out. It's time for heat loving plants like basil, tomatoes, beans, cucumbers, squash, okra, sweet potatoes, & peppers to be in the ground. Annual flowers like geraniums, petunias, marigolds, nasturtiums, and snapdragons will do well outside now. Early transplanted tomatoes and pepper will do well, but cool nights will slow growth so be patient, they will soon get going!

Transplanting into the garden is a major change for plants and taking some care to minimize the stress will help plants get through transplant shock better and increase their growth. It's also time to start watching for early insect pests, to prune some flowering shrubs, and NOT to fertilize your lawn now.

Whether you grow your own seedlings (Congratulations!) or buy your garden plants, they will need some preparation for the transition into the "real world" outdoors. There are big differences between the comfortable indoors (house or greenhouse) and the tough world outside so plants need a little help to adapt to those harder conditions outside. This process is called "hardening off" and it is easy if you follow a few basic steps.

Hardening off is a necessary transition for plants because they have to adapt to multiple environmental factors at once. In addition to getting direct sunlight outside vs through a window or from artificial lights, they also are dealing with new temperature swings (day to night), wind stress (flexing & dehydration), and varying moisture levels. The best approach is to make sure plants have some time to get used to the different conditions. Think of a winter Vermonter hitting a tropical beach for a whole day in the sun, Not good!

Depending on how you raised the plants indoors, most plants do best with a gradual transition over 10-14 days. Start by putting them outside on warmer, cloudy days (or in a shady spot) for 2, 4, 6, and then 8 hours per day. After 4-5 days they can be placed in direct sunlight for about 4 hours per day for a 2-4 days and then full sun all day and left out overnight for a couple days before transplanting. Keep them moist and protected from strong winds. Here is a good video on hardening off plants at <https://www.almanac.com/video/how-harden-plants>

All this is under optimal circumstances, assuming you have the time. Few people will actually do the whole transition completely so do what you can. Remember too, there is little advantage to getting plants out at the earliest possible date, so a delayed transplant is probably better to minimize transplant shock. Previous articles on "When To Plant" provide some

guidelines.

Before transplanting begins get your soil ready. That does not mean rototilling or turning of soil. It does mean the soil should be drained and as weed-free as possible. You'll never be 100% weed-free so stop trying! I use a broad fork on raised beds which doesn't turn the soil upside down (bad idea) but gently loosens it up without destroying important soil structure or releasing nitrogen into the air (a greenhouse gas). A basic garden fork will also work well, without turning the soil over. Spring is also a good time to work in some mature compost (not fresh manure) to add organic matter and nutrients. Compost is "mature" when you can no longer recognize the original ingredients or it's full of earthworms. The preferable time of day for transplanting is usually late afternoon (after 4 pm) on a calm day (wind dries your plants just as well as your laundry!) or on very cloudy days to reduce dehydration.

Plants are best transplanted in the ground at the same depth as they were in their containers with the except of tomatoes (they go in deeper). Generally, no fertilizer should go in the planting hole but I do put in a small amount (1-2 Tbs/plant) of Phosphate (rock or colloidal phosphate, bone meal, bone char, etc.) since this is the one nutrient that does not move down through the soil to the roots when applied on the surface. Phosphate is slow release and will help young roots grow. Mixed with equal amounts of Azomite (or Green Sand) for micronutrients and your plants are well fed for a full season of growth.

There is a new troublemaker in town. **Jumping worms** have spread across the region and are a serious concern for gardeners. While we tend to think of earthworms as "good guys" in the soil these worms are not and preventing their spread is very important

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right now. Avoid bringing untested soil from other locations into your garden. If you are planting potted perennials (shrubs, fruit bushes, etc.) it is best to remove all soil from the roots first and plant just the bare rooted plants into your soil. Exam the potted soil closely for jumping worms or dispose of it as solid waste, NOT in your garden or surrounding land or forest. A good website to learn about identifying and controlling them is at <https://vtinvasives.org/invasive/jumping-worms>.

Once your plants are in the ground, they'll need plenty of watering immediately and for a week or more afterwards until they become established. This is a great time to offer them some liquid food in the form of [fish emulsion](#) in their water. It's organic and will release gradually so the plants can take it in over time. Also, the fishy smell will repel deer and rabbits if that is a concern. If we get warm sunny weather some shade during the day would be good too. (Think sunscreen) I use [Agribon-19 row cover](#) held up with wire hoops or ½ inch PVC pipe to allow some air flow but it does block the direct sun on tender leaves until they are growing strongly. Anchored cardboard propped up over plants during mid-day will also do the trick over small areas.

Transplanting is complete after some protection is provided against hungry critters that love those tender new plants. I have voles (field mice) that can devour a whole row overnight so I sprinkle generous amounts of MoleMax ([Bonide](#)), a castor bean repellent, along the rows and it seems to keep them away, mostly. Also recommended for deer, rabbits, and voles are products like Shake-Away (mint, rosemary, & cedar), and [Plantskydd](#)

(blood meal) as repellents that are accepted as legally Organic. The row cover used for shade also hides plantings from deer and insect pests so provides a double benefit. Of course, full protection with a combination barrier & electric fence is best, but that will be another topic.

There will usually be a few plant failures, it's hard to get 100% success with anything, so I like to keep a couple spares on reserve to replace those that don't survive. It's nice to have a full row or bed growing. Finally, now that the soil is warmed, it is a good time to apply an organic mulch in order to provide weed suppression, moisture retention, and soil building. Straw is one of the best but lawn clippings will also work. If you use "mulch hay" be prepared to more weeds from the seeds in hay.

**Early pest are appearing.** A couple common pests to watch for now are the familiar slugs & snails that will erupt after June rains. They can devour the leaves of tender young plants but are easily controlled. Regular hand picking and beer traps work well and an environmentally friendly compound made of [Iron Phosphate](#) (Sluggo, Slug Magic, Slug Bait) is very effective. It even provides nutrients in the form of Iron and Phosphate while eliminating those pests.

This is also the time when Cucumber beetles (striped & spotted) can damage young squash and cucumber plants. Hand picking them in the early morning is very effective if done daily. Diatomaceous Earth, Neem oil spray, and yellow sticky traps also work well. The first beetles are the parents of all the next generations so reduce future problems by getting them now.

If you have had trouble with leaf miners, flea beetles, or Colorado potato beetles in the past I advise covering susceptible plants like young squash, cucumbers, beets, chard, etc. with light row cover such as Agribon until the plants are mature enough to outgrow any damage.

**Why is this not a good time to fertilize your lawn?** Despite pressure from the chemical fertilizer retailers to get you to apply early summer fertilizers, this is not the best time to feed your lawn, if there ever is a time when fertilizing grass is a good idea. While applying lime to improve the soil pH in the spring/early summer is a good idea, chemical fertilizers create several issues. Applied now, high Nitrogen fertilizers over stimulate top growth (more mowing!) at the expense of root growth. Strong roots are essential for nutrient and water uptake all season and the grass will suffer come the warmer, drier days of July and August (requiring watering to stay green).

Finally, since chemical fertilizers are manufactured from petroleum and natural gas their application is responsible for greenhouse gas contributing to climate change and have become unreasonably expensive. The solution is simply to let your mulched grass clippings stay on the lawn to recycle nutrients and organic matter, making extra fertilizer unnecessary. If you add shredded fall leaves to your lawn soil in the autumn it will be even better! Jim Corven [mounthollygardener@gmail.com](mailto:mounthollygardener@gmail.com)



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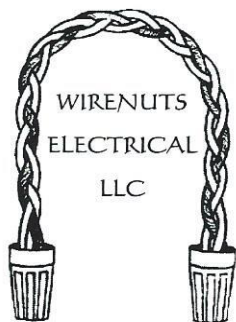
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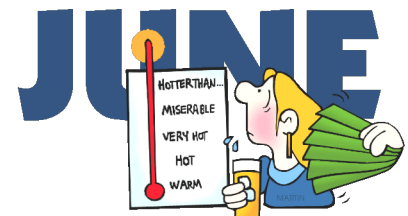
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• Proctorsville	6
• Plymouth	3
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**David Mason,**

David Mason is a part time employee at LAS since 2017. David is a retired physical education teacher but also has a long history of working in the Fire and EMS industry. David was previously a Lieutenant at the Swanzey NH Fire Department and worked in multiple capacities at Diluzio Ambulance Service in Keene NH. In the winter David is a full-time ski patroller at Okemo Mountain Resort. In addition, David works part time for the Cheshire Medical Center Security staff. David is an American Heart Association CPR instructor and teaches many of our first aid, CPR and stop the bleed classes that we do throughout the community.



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