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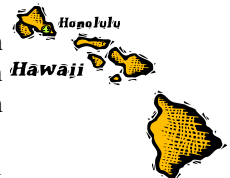
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August 2024

**PC Administrator Office Hours:** Tues 2 –3 pm or by Appointment 802-259-2391 [administrative.orriger@mounthollyvt.org](mailto:administrative.orriger@mounthollyvt.org)  
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**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**



1 <sup>st</sup>	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Fire Station ~ Joseph Priestly Discovers Oxygen 1774 ~ Moby Dick, Author Herman Melville b 1819	Francis Scott Key b 1779	7:00 pm
3 <sup>rd</sup>		Christopher Columbus set Sail with Nina, Pinta & Santa Maria 1492	
4 <sup>th</sup>		Louis Armstrong 1901 ~ Us Coast Guard Est 1790	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library	Alfred Lord Tennyson 1809	7:00 pm
	Mount Holly Conservation Commission	1 <sup>st</sup> Atomic Bomb Dropped on Hiroshima 1945	7:00 pm
7 <sup>th</sup>	Mt. Holly PTG Meeting, MH School	Purple Heart Medal Est 1782	6:00 pm
	US Satellite Explorer VI Transmits 1 <sup>st</sup> pictures of earth from Space 1959 ~ Mata Hari, Margaret Gertrude Zelle 1876		
8 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station		7:00 pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	The Berlin Wall Built 1961	9:00 am
14 <sup>th</sup>	Select Board Meeting, Town Office	Annie Oakley b 1860 ~ Alfred Hitchcock b 1899	6:00 pm
	LMHUUS Meeting,	Japan Surrendered Ending WWII 1945 V-J Day	6:00 pm
	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	Social Security Act est 1935	7:30 pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>VOTE Primary Election</b> , MH Town Office	Polls Open 10:00 am -	7:00 pm
	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations	Panama Canal Opened 1914	7:00 pm
	Woodstock Began 1969 ~ Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte b 1769		
16 <sup>th</sup>		Battle of Bennington, VT 1777 ~ Great Klondike Gold Rush 1896	
17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Baked Ham Supper</b> , MHVFD Odd Fellows Hall		5:00 pm
19 <sup>th</sup>		Orville Wright Aviation Pioneer 1871 ~ Full Sturgeon Moon	
20 <sup>th</sup>		1 <sup>st</sup> Telegram Sent Around The World in 16.5 minutes 1911	
21 <sup>st</sup>	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont	Hawaii Becomes 50 <sup>th</sup> State 1959	6:30 pm
	Mount Holly Planning Commission, MH Town Office & Via Zoom		7:00 pm
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station		7:00 pm
26 <sup>th</sup>		Women’s Suffrage 1920	
27 <sup>th</sup>	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		9:00 am
		Mother Teresa, Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu b 1910	
28 <sup>th</sup>	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		7:00 pm
29 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations	Oliver Wendell Holmes 1809	7:00 pm
31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Roast Pork Supper</b> , Historical Museum Odd Fellows Hall		5:00 pm
	Princess Diana d 1997 ~ Thomas Edison Secures Patent for Kinetograph Movie Camera 1897		



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Ludlow Ambulance Service Non-Emergency	802-228-2880	911	Game Warden – Tim Carey	802-793-2776
Mount Holly Constable	<b>NONE</b>		Health Officer – Chad Farrar	802-259-3610
MH Animal Control For Adam Karle		Cell 802-236-3656	Vermont State Police	802-773-9101

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**August Anniversaries:** 1<sup>st</sup>-Shari & Al Lewis 9<sup>th</sup>-Jim & Donna Seward \* Chuck & Jean Palmer 12<sup>th</sup>-Ted & Sue Crawford \* Barbara & Steve Hazelton 15<sup>th</sup>-Alec & Joan McCallum 20<sup>th</sup>-Donald & Lisa Patch \* Lars & Tina Anderson \* Keith & Kelsey Hawkins (2016) 21<sup>st</sup>-Russ & Joan Garrow 25<sup>th</sup>-Diane & Paul Deegan 28<sup>th</sup>-Stuart & Alyssa Yamartino

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**East Wallingford 802-259-2829**  
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 Sat 7:00 am – 10:00 am  
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 Window Hours Mon – Fri 7:30 am – 10:30 am  
 & 11:30 am – 2:30 pm  
 Sat 8:00 am – 11:00 am  
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### Michael James Martin

Michael James Martin 53, died at his residence on June 15, 2024.

He was born November 23, 1970 in Rutland, the son of Jon A. Martin and Deanna (Parker) Martin.

Michael attended Mill River High School. After high school he worked for many years in the logging industry and excavation business.

He loved nature and being outside in the woods. He enjoyed working and tinkering on anything mechanical and was very handy. He was an avid music fan, especially for classic rock, and enjoyed sharing tunes with friends and family, often quoting and singing lyrics. He was very loyal and had a wonderful sense of humor and was loved dearly by all his friends and family.

He is survived by his father, Jon A. Martin, of Lakeland, FL; his sister, Michelle Martin Shaw of West Chester, PA; by his nieces, Alyssa and Brooke Shaw; by his uncles, Gary Martin and David Parker and his aunt, Fran Parker. Also, by his faithful four legged companion, Buggs.

He was predeceased by his mother, Deanna Ettori; by his brother, Steven Martin; and by his wives, Gabrielle and Betsy.

A Celebration of life will be held on Sunday, July 14, 2024 at the Odd Fellows hall in Belmont from 1-3pm.

Memorial contributions may be made to Regional Ambulance Service at 275 Stratton Road, Rutland, VT 05701, or to the Rutland County Humane Society at 765 Stevens Road, Pittsford, VT 05763.

### Francis W. "Franny" Kennett Jr



Francis W. "Franny" Kennett Jr., 88, died on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at the Jack Byrne Center in Lebanon, N.H. He was born July 25, 1934, in Montgomery, Vt., the son of Francis Sr. and Louise (Lavender) Kennett. He graduated high school in Iowa.

Franny was a building contractor, owning and operating construction, concrete, and masonry businesses in the area for many years.

He enjoyed building, hunting, riding motorcycles, and camping.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years Etta (Gates) Kennett; two daughters Vickie Hood (Don) and Tamra Howe (Mike); stepson Bruce Tucker Jr. (Carla); siblings Robert Kennett, Cathy Kennett, and Gary Kennett; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was predeceased by his parents; one son Ronald F. Kennett; and by his siblings Carol, Diane, Betty, Juanita, Debbie, Clifford and Andy.

A private burial will be held at a later date. Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt., is assisting with arrangements.

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

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month 2024  
 Aug 6<sup>th</sup>, 8 am  
 Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6 pm                      Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, 8 am



### Lisa LaPre

Lisa (Vanasse) LaPre, 81, of Rutland, passed away peacefully on July 7, 2024, surrounded by her loving family who cherished every moment with her. Lisa was born on October 23, 1942 in Quebec, Canada, into a family of 13 children. She was the 9th child to bring happiness to Oscar and Bernadette (Richard) Vanasse. Lisa was educated at Ayer's Cliff in Canada. She opted for a childcare course at the St. Vincent de Paul Sherbrooke Hospital working with newborn babies. She graduated from nursing school in 1961 and served several years until her retirement at Rutland Region Medical Center. Lisa married her first and only love, Raoul LaPre on December 26, 1961. They lived in Florida for several years then returned to Vermont. Lisa was a devoted mother to her children and they will find comfort in knowing that Lisa's legacy lives on through the lessons she taught them, the love she shared, and the memories they will cherish forever. Survivors include her husband of 62 years, Raoul LaPre; sons Claude "C.R." LaPre and wife Diane of NH

and Joseph "Lee Roy" LaPre and wife Linda of Rutland; daughter Lynn DiPietro and husband Eddie of NH; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren who were precious to Lisa and her pride and joy. "Nous t'aimons maintenant, pour toujours et toujours jusqu' à ce que nous nous revoyions." A memorial service and will be held on Saturday July 27, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at Christ the King Church in Rutland. A celebration of life will follow in the parish hall. Officiating will be Father Xavier Raj. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Raoul LaPre at 9 Billings Mobile Manor, Rutland, VT 05701. Arrangements are under the direction of Clifford Funeral Home. Lisa & Raoul LaPre did reside in Mount Holly and Shrewsbury. They were long time parishioners of the former St. Mary's, Our Mother of Mercy Church here in Mount Holly.

**Celebration of Life -- 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.

A Celebration of Sandy's life will be held at the Unterman property at **3101 Healdville Road, Belmont, on Saturday, August 17 at 1:00 p.m.**





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### The Writers' Group

The Writers' Group will meet again at the Mount Holly Library on Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM. No particular focus. [connor@ohio.edu](mailto:connor@ohio.edu) Joan Connor

### Thank You

Joan Connor wishes to thank Green Mountain Neighbors, specifically Teresa, Steve, and Abe, for their help with the porch stormers. You are awesome.

### COLFAX LODGE OFFERS THANKS

The members of Colfax lodge #21 appreciate the community support for our July 4<sup>th</sup> parade and barbecue. We are

especially grateful to the Kelley family and their crew for cooking up a great barbecue, the Jeb Porter and Friends band, and to Cota and Cota for providing the grill.

Our member Don Eatmon always comes through setting up a great parade. Without the ongoing support for the

barbecue and community suppers we could not keep the Odd Fellows Hall open and available.

### \*\*\* 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).

### 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



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



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# GREEN MOUNTAIN NEIGHBORS

MOUNT HOLLY • SHREWSBURY • WALLINGFORD

How is it that it's already *August* ??? Where is the time going . . . ?

Speaking of time and its passage, maybe you would like to consider joining Green Mountain Neighbors *before* you actually need it for transportation or help getting a project done around the house. As with many things, waiting could mean it's too late, or at best inconvenient. Think about needing a sudden medical appointment, or you are working on a project and realize you need an extra hand. These things can happen at any time! Also, as a member you can expand your social circle through member-based events –purely for fun, or educational – and we can offer transportation to those events by volunteers.

**Green Mountain Neighbors** is 501C3 non-profit organization run totally by volunteers for the towns of Mount Holly, Shrewsbury and Wallingford. We're not just about services, though that's a very important aspect. We also sponsor events. Already we've had two sessions with Master Gardener Jim Corven, sharing his expertise and answering a wide array of questions. We're planning a series of walks in each of our towns to share our local knowledge with residents of the other towns. These will be fun ways to get to know other GMN members outside our borders.

Remember, we do not want to discourage anyone from becoming a member. GMN has a small pool of dollars to subsidize a fee waiver and we recently applied for a grant to create a little larger pool of dollars. Don't be afraid to ask. And we need both members and volunteers to make this work.

See our website at <https://greenmountainneighbors.org> or call us at 802-417-2292.

**We're open and ready to serve you! Contact Us Today!**

~ Submitted by Kathy Leber

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

## MOUNT HOLLY DAY

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## Mount Holly Republican Caucus

Tuesday July 30, 2024  
6:30 pm

Mount Holly Town Office

To nominate Justices of Peace  
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## MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY NEWS

### August 2024

Summer is slipping by. Read below to mark the dates of some upcoming offerings at your library:

- Sunday August 19th at 2 pm. Join us as Mount Holly resident and author Paul Warren reads from his book “University Follies: Jewish Roots in a Jesuit University”. A tale about a Boston Dean’s move from East Coast to West Coast.
- Another Mount Holly author, Joan Connor, will be giving us a reading from her latest works as well. Date and time TBA.
- Manhattan

Short Film Festival is just around the corner! Dates and times: Thursday Sept. 26 7pm, Monday Sept. 30 7 pm, Saturday October 5 7 pm. All 10 of this years finalists will be shown at each showing. 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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# MUSIC ON THE GREEN

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JULY 25 - SHAKY PINES WITH CARA WHITE-WOODS  
 AUG 1 - BUNTY STATION - OHIO BAND  
 AUG 8 - JAMIE WARD, MR. PIANO MAN  
 AUG 15 - LIZ REEDY  
 AUG 22 - ELECTROSTATIC CATS  
 AUG 29 - JEB AND FRIENDS

\*(In case of rain, concert will be held in the Mount Holly Community Center. Our Thanks to the Village Baptist Church for use of the Green.)



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### Reinbow Riding Center

July 4<sup>th</sup> certainly ushered in a period of firecracker hot weather, but riders and horses instructors and volunteers took it in stride and dressed for the occasion. We also spent time on cool trail rides, and gave the horses water baths to cool them down after lessons.

Reinbow finished up the spring/summer program season in July with a packed schedule that began with Rutland high school students in May and finished with riders of all ages throughout the months of June and July. Everyone will now get a well-earned break until we start the planning and programming work for our next season.

At Reinbow Riding we strive to meet the needs of every individual that





## The News From MHCA

Is it really the end of summer already? So glad the heat wave has finally broken, not sure mountain living is supposed to include air-conditioning or the desire to have it....yet here we are. And on the year plus anniversary of the flooding, we can be thankful we missed the storm that affected many other towns. Weather, it sure gives us plenty to contemplate.

Since the chit chat comes out a wee bit before the first of the month, we are going to remind those early readers that **The Garden Tour is scheduled for July 27th from 9:30-4pm.** We have a lovely lineup of mountain gardens. This year's tour is dedicated to Philip Blyskal. He was an

### Calling all Bakers!

- Drop off Sunday August 11th 10-12 am at Oddfellows
- All flavors welcome; pie must be fully homemade – crust & filling
- 1 pie per entrant
- To register and for more info, email [alexandra.yuster@gmail.com](mailto:alexandra.yuster@gmail.com)

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Mount Holly Day  
Pie Contest  
August 11th, 2024



**SEPT. 23rd**  
is the deadline for entries into the 2024 Mount Holly Calendar Photo Competition!

Entry forms are at the Mount Holly Town Offices (5 School St.) or ask for them online at [mhcavt@gmail.com](mailto:mhcavt@gmail.com) or [mthollyphotos@gmail.com](mailto:mthollyphotos@gmail.com)

Anyone, resident or non-resident, can enter up to three photos of Mount Holly into the annual Calendar Photo Competition. See entry forms for all details. The competition is an activity of the Mount Holly Community Association (MHCA) and all proceeds from calendar sales go to support the many activities of the MHCA.

exceptional gardener and one of the favorite gardens on our tour (picture the barn with stain glass windows in Belmont) who recently passed away. You can read more about Philip when you purchase your ticket and get a tour map with an insert about his garden legacy here in Belmont. Tickets can be purchased at the Mount Holly Library the day of the tour, your \$15.00 ticket also qualifies you for one of three garden themed raffle prizes including:

- A hanging flower basket
- Three floral pillows from studio of Leah Kaspar Knoll
- Mount Holly gift basket (featuring donations from Plew Farm, Crowley Cheese, handmade coffee mug from Kathy Stone of Stone Creek Pottery, and freshly roasted coffee from Mount Holly Beer Co.)

This month's music on the green line up is sure to meet your musical fancy and round out the summer with some hootin' & hollerin' and hopefully some dancing by young and old alike. Come join us **Thursdays at 6:30pm** on the church green for:

August 1 Bunty Station      August 8 Jamie Ward ~ Mr. Piano Man  
August 15 Liz Ready      August 22 Electrostatic  
August 29 Jeb & Friends

We know you have been wondering ... did I miss Mount Holly Day this year? No, you did not! Mount Holly Day was moved to August as a way to spread out our events. Come join us **Sunday, August 11th from Noon - 3pm at Star Lake.** MHCA will be providing hamburgers, hot dogs & drinks. We ask you to bring a dish to share with your friends and neighbors. Family games will also be happening to celebrate the tradition of a little friendly competition. And back for the second year we are having the **PIE CONTEST**, oh yeah! So come all ye bakers and bring your best pie to the contest. Look for the ad in the chit chat for additional details. We are also **in need of 6 volunteer judges**, it's a tough job but someone has to taste all those pies. If you are interested in lending your tastebuds to our annual event please reach out to Alex at [alexandra.yuster@gmail.com](mailto:alexandra.yuster@gmail.com). Our judges will be smelling, tasting and determining the best looking pies you bring to the table. Our winners will be rewarded with special prizes as our way of saying thanks and well done!

We also are having our **Annual Meeting Wednesday, August 14th at 7pm** in the community center. We will be having refreshments prior to the meeting at 6:30; please join us, we would love to chat with you and listen to any feedback you might have for MHCA and its future direction. The meeting will start promptly at 7 and include an overview of our last year's activities.

On the horizon we have Cabaret' scheduled for **Sunday September 1st at 8pm** in the library. Bringing you the New York jazz club sound to our little town, Alexa Fila and Joe Solomon who bridge both the Big Apple and our mountain village will entertain you for an evening of smooth jazz. It's just too sweet to describe. Beverages and desserts will be offered.

And that our friends is the news from your MHCA. Stay hydrated, spread kindness, and be the best version of yourself. Hope to see you soon!

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## Mount Holly Conservation Commission Notes

### Star Lake: Past, Present, Future.

**Then** - Star Lake was created at some point prior to 1797, when the village of Belmont was known as Mechanicsville. A stream ran through a low meadow in the village and local landowner Abraham Jackson built the first dam. The result was known as Jackson Pond. The outflow from the lake powered the local toy factory. By 1911, Mechanicsville was renamed Belmont, and the pond became known as Star Lake.

A series of dams succeeded the original one, with the most recent one dating to 2015. A large bequest to the town, bolstered by additional funds raised locally, made it possible to replace a condemned dam and thus save Star Lake for Mount Holly. An organization called Friends of Star Lake guided and supported substantial efforts to enhance Star Lake beginning about the year 2000.

**Now:** Though generations of local residents and visitors enjoyed swimming, boating and fishing at Star Lake in the fondly remembered past, as the artificial Lake works to return to its natural state as a wetland, today it is overrun with both invasive and native aquatic weeds.



**How did it get that way?** Decades....centuries... of agricultural and fertilizer run off have fed into Star Lake creating the perfect growing medium for both native and invasive species. And, it is important to realize, the run off comes, not just from properties immediately adjacent to the Lake, but also via the small streams that feed into it, bringing yet more nutrients and runoff to the Lake which, also, over time, reduced its depth and in turn, increased sunlight that reaches the bottom, further encouraging weed growth.

**What the Town and its residents can and cannot do:** The State of Vermont regards Star Lake as a manmade lake that is reverting to a wetland. Also, though the water lilies are not local to Star Lake, (apparently, they were introduced by someone, no doubt well intentioned, who thought they would be a welcome addition.), they ARE native to Vermont, and the state will no longer allow herbicide treatment, including that which has been successful in other larger, naturally formed lakes in Vermont. It MAY be possible

to utilize mechanical harvesting again in part of the lake. Hand-pulling of weeds is allowed and can be done again but requires substantial community involvement. Virtually any other weed control project needs state approval.

**What has been done.** The MHCC has coordinated the placement of bottom barriers near the recreation area. Commission members and volunteers have worked to hand pull invasive weeds as well as planting species that help prevent further runoff onto the beach area. We have recommended the Town test the water on a weekly basis and even more frequently after heavy rains.

Additionally, there is an extensive species data collection program being run by Arrowwood Environmental and funded by the Mount Holly Conservation Trust. The results and that information will allow for a more comprehensive management plan for the Lake. Community members can contribute by reporting their species sightings to the Mount Holly Biodiversity Project (<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/mount-holly-biodiversity>).

And perhaps most importantly, residents can also contribute their time; volunteering on projects to keep the water by the beach and in the immediate recreation area as clear as possible. The MHCC hopes to be able to create a monthly sign up for residents to help out on clean-up projects.

No matter how it *looks* now, Star Lake remains an invaluable habitat for plants and animals as well as providing important flood control to the town. Whether it can remain *more* than that, providing recreational opportunities for residents and visitors, is up to all of us.

**Energy Fair Update** on June 15; The Fair paid for tickets for 59 participants who then enjoyed a community dinner at the IOOF Hall. This generated a total contribution to the Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department of \$885! Funding came from a State of Vermont Municipal Energy Resilience Program mini-grant.

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We need you ...Gather your friends and form a team or meet new friends when we pair you up with other players. Enjoy a great meal, win prizes and support snowmobiling in Vermont. Use the attached player form to reserve your spot while available. You can also register online at <http://www.mounthollysnowflyers.org/player-registration-form.html>

Please consider purchasing a Tee Sign or making a **donation** to sponsor your business or favorite charity. Players and attendees will be from the entire northeast so exposure will be perfect for promoting your local business and in neighboring states. Tee Signs are only \$75.00 and will include social media coverage, links on our website and printed promotions in all tournament advertising. Don't delay, deadline for Tee Sign registration is September 1<sup>st</sup>. We are looking for any and all types of donations we can use for a gift bag, raffles and prizes. Attached is a copy of the sponsor/donation form with registration and payment information. Or complete and purchase online at <http://www.mounthollysnowflyers.org/golf-sponsor-form.html>.



Even if you don't play golf, would you like to volunteer to help at the tournament? We are looking for help with set-up, registration, raffle sales, etc. Please contact us if you can help with preparations before or during the event.

Additional information is on our website [www.mounthollysnowflyers.org](http://www.mounthollysnowflyers.org). You can also email us at [mounthollysnowflyers@gmail.com](mailto:mounthollysnowflyers@gmail.com).

We hope you will consider sponsoring and attending this fun event before the snow starts to fly! We will see you in September. Mount Holly Snow Flyers, [www.mounthollysnowflyers.org](http://www.mounthollysnowflyers.org) [mounthollysnowflyers@gmail.com](mailto:mounthollysnowflyers@gmail.com)

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## Vermont Home Gardener August Gardening

### Pest Alerts.

**Japanese Beetles** continue to emerge from the lawns and are moving onto beans, raspberries, roses, and whatever is available. As I've said before, handpicking works, commercial bag traps do not reduce their numbers. Every adult that you remove from the garden is one less to reproduce for next year. Mow your lawns tall (4-6 inches) to reduce their breeding for next year. For area control you can apply [Beneficial Nematodes](#) to the lawn to reduce the larval (grub) population. This is expensive but is effective for many years.

**Cabbage moths** (brown or white wings with a black spot) continue mating and laying eggs on cabbages, broccoli, cauliflower, Brussel sprouts, etc. They will hatch into "cabbage worms" that can spoil a great harvest. Snag the flying adults with a butterfly net (and crush them) and apply weekly treatments of Bt or Dipel (caterpillar killer) to the plants when rain is not forecast. Bt is a naturally occurring soil bacteria that will stop the caterpillars and is harmless to us.

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

**Earwigs** are beneficial predators of pest insects but also like to chew leaves and flowers. If you find too many small holes or eaten leaves & blossoms (dahlias) apply some Diatomaceous Earth (DE) on plants showing damage after each rain. DE is made from fossilized diatoms (no chemicals) that is like microscopic broken glass to crawling pests such as slugs, snails, earwigs, and ants.

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

**Remember to compost** your food and yard waste for the best garden fertilizer and to make your compost tea. Concerned about bears? Here are some good tips from the [Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department](#).

## Roast Pork Supper

Saturday August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024



Starting at 5:00 pm

**Benefit the Mount Holly Historical Museum**

**Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont**

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Saturday July 27<sup>th</sup>

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**Baked Ham Supper**

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## Reflections On An Attempted Assassination

**Sat. July 13th marks the end** of the longest span between domestic assassination attempts of US presidents and candidates. **Andrew Jackson's** would-be assassin (1835) had both pistols misfire. **Lincoln** (1865) - just days after victory at Appomattox, (Gen. Grant canceled that evening) the 16th President was mortally wounded. **Garfield** (1881) - lingered for almost 3 months from a groin wound infected by probing fingers of his physicians. (Vermont Chester Arthur replaced him!) **McKinley** (1901)- an anarchist shot him twice in the abdomen, concealing his gun in a handkerchief. The crowd almost killed the assassin but McKinley called them off. *His* replacement? Teddy **Roosevelt** (1912) - the would-be assassin's bullet was slowed by a steel-reinforced eyeglass case and a 50 page speech stuffed inside his jacket pocket which he then delivered and survived. **FDR** (1933)-an immigrant missed,wounded 5 & killed Chicago's mayor. **JFK** (1963) - was shot once in the back and once in the head. The assassin was shot dead 2 days later by a nightclub owner. **RFK** (1968) - was shot 3 times by a 24 yr- old Palestinian & lived only 24 hours. **G. Ford** (1975) - survived 2 attempts to kill him, both by females, 17 days apart. **Reagan** (1981) - hit by ricochet bullet was "right on the margin of death" before surgery and later came to believe that God had spared his life "for a chosen mission." So, we've had a 43 year hiatus since, "Honey, I forgot to duck."

While the frequency of that violent history may be surprising, it doesn't diminish the horrific and evil nature of shootings, in general, in our country. Nor does it diminish the tremendous loss felt by the family of Corey Comperatore, who "threw himself over his family members to shield them". A former fire chief, Corey was also, according to his daughter, "The best dad a girl could ever ask for. My sister and I never needed for anything. You call, he would answer... He would talk and make friends with anyone, which he was doing all day (at the rally) and loved every minute of it. He was a man of God, loved Jesus fiercely, and also looked after our church and members of our family."

Political violence offers a false sense of meaning, a twisted quest for human glory. Political assassins are often well aware of how lasting this kind of notoriety can be. "People will remember my name." (Notice no names were mentioned above.) Christians hold that God is not the author of evil which is rooted in human longing and desires. Human fallenness doesn't change with the times but at certain times in world history it can gain expression in political violence seeking meaning and recognition.

The question that could be asked is, "Why did God save Trump by a turn of the head and allow Corey to take a bullet to the head protecting his family?" We have to admit that some things are known only to God. Christians believe in the Providence of God which extends to every moment of history, not just to the seemingly exceptional ones. The world is never outside of His control, even when the outcome isn't what we'd hoped for. For example, the fog that enabled the Dunkirk rescue was providential for the British, the Germans & the entire world.

Yet, Christians also understand man's moral responsibility and the meaningfulness of human actions. If no sovereign God exists, then life and all that happens is random and meaningless. If everything is predetermined, either by "nature" or by some heartless deity, we can't expect better behavior from ourselves or others. Our actions have meaning and consequences and our loving Creator is overseeing it all. He *knows* what will happen but He does not *cause* it.

So we can say, God graciously spared the former president & the shooter's actions were evil and yes, Corey's protection of his family was heroic. We can also, truthfully and meaningfully judge the words & actions of ourselves, our leaders & our media in response to this tragedy. We can pray that, having survived this attempt on his life, Trump will be humbled, grateful to God & will gain a sense of responsibility, rather than entitlement. Likewise we pray for healing for two survivors & God's comfort to rest on the Comperatore family & for His church to surround them. This family has experienced the despicable nature of evil, but also knows that Jesus died to solve the problem of evil. Those who willingly respond receive God's gift of love, grace & forgiveness. It's futile to speculate about the *origin* of evil. The problem we face is the *fact* of evil within all of us. The only solution to our individual struggle with evil is God's solution, Jesus. *Pastor Glenn*

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All calendar profits go to support the many activities of the Mount Holly Community Association.

Here you can write a note to yourself to buy the calendar:

## Meet Kevin C. Winter

Kevin C. Winter is a Ludlow resident of 25 years and a 2024 candidate for the Vermont House of Representatives for the Ludlow, Mt. Holly and Shrewsbury district.

Kevin was born in St. Louis, Missouri, is the oldest of four children and by the age of four had moved 4 times following his father's career with IBM. Kevin enjoyed his high school years working part time and was a "jack of all sports" (except basketball). After high school he graduated from Alfred University with a BS in Engineering and enjoyed exhilarating success in his 45 year career in corporate Manufacturing and Sales for GE, UTC, Teco-Westinghouse, Airgas, Kalow and others and also understands the hardships and challenges of lack of work during times of economic downturns.

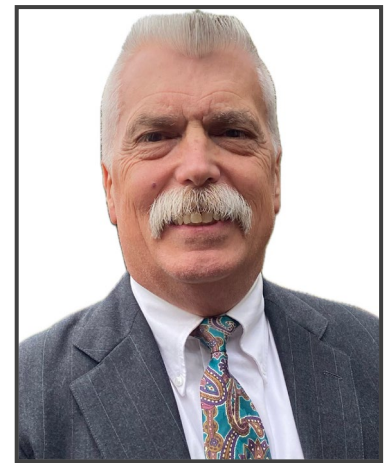
Kevin is now retired and happily married 42 years, has three successful adult children and seven grandchildren. Earlier in their lives two of Kevin's sons were addicted to opioids and are now clean and sober many years through rehabilitation and free by God's Grace. They are now productive and loving husbands.

Kevin was on a NY school board for 11 years when his children were young, and is an Elder in his local church for over 20 years now.

Kevin's unique life experiences have equipped him to understand the economic needs of all Vermonters including businesses and those struggling to make ends meet. He has keen personal insight into how to help Vermonters with the current drug addiction crisis and a solid understanding of school funding and operations to tackle Vermont's failing educational system.

Kevin is a constitutional originalist and wants to preserve individual liberties embodied especially in the 1st and 2nd Amendments, and will bring balance back to the Legislature on the excessive taxes and financial burdens on Vermonters that

have been created by the current Democratic Super Majority in Montpelier. Call or text Kevin Winter at 802-245-4190 email [kewinter5783@gmail.com](mailto:kewinter5783@gmail.com)



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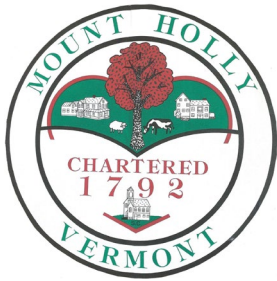
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## Mount Holly Town News

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

### Select Board Meeting, Town Office July 16, 2024 6:00 pm

Attendees: Mark Turco (Chair), Diana Garrow, Jeff Chase,

Carol Garrow-Woolley, Clinton

Woolley, Elizabeth Karle, Bill Austin, Paul Barton, Gary Norton, Lori Norton, Chris

Pratt, Zena Gates, Tim Morton, Bob Brandt. Via Zoom: David Martin, Andy Schulz,

Adam Karle, Donna Seward.

1. Call to Order at 6:00 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the agenda. Mark

**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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Turco noted that the Board would add a new item regarding the Junk Ordinance and a new item regarding Animal Control.

4. **Approval of June 11 and June 19 minutes.** Diana Garrow made a motion to approve as drafted; Jeff Chase seconded; unanimously approved.

### 5. Reports

a. **Highways & Transfer Station Report - Clinton Woolley.** Mr. Woolley recommended that the Town consider maintaining Ninevah Road through the winter season, as requested by the postal service. He approximated the cost to bring the road up to the appropriate standard to be ~\$7,000. He also noted that repairs would commence on Greendale Bridge; the Town will allow access via the town road. The Town received a structures grant to install the Sawyer Hill box culvert, and will open bids for the Shunpike Road shim and overlay scope of work on July 30 at 4 pm, at a special meeting. Mr. Woolley noted that the e-waste pickup is complete at the Transfer Station, and that Casella will deliver a metal container for metal scrap. Mr. Chase discussed progress on the Shunpike culvert replacement (estimated completion in two weeks); Stewart Lane (completion due in September to meet requirements of MRGP grant); and Beaver Meadow (the Town is seeking bids for engineering).

b. **Treasurer’s Report - Elizabeth Karle.** Ms. Karle reported that the Town has received its first FEMA cash payment for reimbursement of damages incurred during the July 2023 flooding events. The Town budget is at a \$317,000 deficit at the end of the fiscal year, but given that the Town incurred more than \$500,000 in disaster recovery expenses, this deficit is moderate. Ms. Karle noted that the Town has continued to receive interest income, and that solid waste label revenues are over-budget, which offsets the costs of running the Transfer Station.

c. **Fire Department Update - Bill Austin.** Mr. Austin reported that while the Fire Department now has a first response team and uses the ambulance for those services, he would like to remind residents that the Department does not perform transport; all ambulance transport is done by the Ludlow Ambulance Service. He added that the Department now has a boat and can perform boat rescues as needed. He also noted that he would like to clarify the Town’s policy on fireworks displays. The Clerk noted per state law, fireworks are illegal in Vermont and all private displays are also illegal. An exception is public displays presented by trained professionals and permitted at least 15 days in advance by

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the local Fire Chief/Department. Mr. Turco noted that the Clerk could ask VLCT for guidance on drafting a local policy to help communicate the state law to residents.

d. **Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation - Okemo State Forest - Tim Morton.** Mr. Morton discussed the State’s plan to remove ash trees in the Okemo State Forest near Healdville, in anticipation of emerald ash borer infestation, which is predicted to reach Mount Holly and to destroy 99% of ash trees. The mitigation effort is focused on the areas of the forest that are used for sugaring and that are near hiking, VAST and Catamount trails.

### 6. New Business

a. **Sign Municipal Mitigation Grants in Aid FY25.** The board signed the \$17,750 grant agreement; work must be complete by September 30, 2025.

b. **Sign Promissory Note: Municipal Equipment Loan Fund.** The board signed the promissory note for the 5-year, \$110,000 loan.

c. **Establish FY’25 Tax Rate.** Town Treasurer Elizabeth Karle discussed the

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state tax rate and budget calculations that allow her to arrive at a proposed tax rate. In order to fund the Town's voter-approved budget, the Town will need to set a tax municipal rate of .4063. Ms. Garrow made a motion to approve the tax rate as proposed; Jeff Chase seconded; unanimously approved.

d. **Appoint New REMC.** The board discussed appointing Fire Chief Bill Austin as the new REMC. Mr. Turco made a motion to approve the appointment; Mr. Chase seconded; unanimously approved.

e. **Appoint Board of Adjustment Representatives.** The board received letters of interest from one current representative and two current alternates. The board unanimously re-appointed Christine Pratt as BOA representatives, for three-year terms, and David Johnson and Dennis Devereux as BOA alternates, for a three-year term.

f. **Discuss Transfer Station Employee Hours.** The Clerk recommended discussing the specifics in the Executive Session given that it involved particulars of employee compensation.

### 7. Ongoing & Old Business

a. Discuss Formation of a Recreation Committee - David Martin. The Board discussed the Mount Holly Conservation Commission's recommendation that it form a recreation committee, as proposed in the Town Plan. Mr. Chase and Ms. Garrow noted that the committee should only be formed if there was sufficient interest in participation. The Clerk suggested that Mr. Martin draft a short description of the committee members' proposed role, and that she could disseminate that posting to gauge interest. Mr. Turco noted that if there were sufficient interest in serving on the committee, the Board would form it; if not, the Board would table the request. Mr. Martin agreed to draft a description for the Clerk.

b. **Dog Licensing Census Update.** This item was omitted.

c. **Animal Control.** The Board reported that it was in receipt of a report from Animal Control Officer Adam Karle; it thanked Mr. Karle for his work and reporting. Mr. Austin and Ms. Norton noted that one of the calls listed on the ACO's report involved their neighbor's dog, which she and her family had observed being vicious. The Clerk noted that the Town's dog ordinance outlines procedures for reporting and evaluating vicious dogs, and fining and ticketing residents with such dogs. Mr. Turco noted that a report of the dog's vicious behavior should be provided to the Town's ACO and Town Health Officer, so that they can take the appropriate action per the ordinance.

d. **Junk Ordinance.** Mr. Turco reported that the Board had received notification that several properties on Route 155 were in violation of the Junk Ordinance. He noted that he would provide the physical addresses to the Clerk so she could send letters to the respective property owners.

### 8. Citizen Comments

a. Zena Gates noted that some nearby towns have noise ordinances that commence in the evening and are strongly enforced.

### 9. Announcements

- a. Green Up Coordinator Needed
- b. Transfer Station Attendant Needed

### 10. Review & Sign Orders

11. **Executive Session: Title 1 V.S.A. S 313(a)(3) – personnel: Employee Reviews**

12. **Adjourned at 8:30 pm.**

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April 17<sup>th</sup> 2024 were approved without objection.

#### 4. Reports & Announcements

##### a. Administrative Officer. BCRs received:

o Passmore 24 Tarbellville Road, renovation including new dormer o Rizza 3241 Shunpike Road, finishing garage, adding heat o Garrow 1250 Maple Hill Road, 54x48 new garage o Towne 1814 Rte 103, 12x28 deck o Porter 150 Bowlsville Road South, 36x48 workshop/dwelling. A WW permit was issued for this in 2022

o Rasmus 1503 Belmont Road, 34x40 new garage o Filskov 805 Frost Hill Road, 30x40 addition to existing residence o BL Capital Holdings 3395 Old Turnpike Road, 70x30 new residence. No WW permit issued yet, but the landowner is working with a septic engineer on this.

b. Planning Commission Chair: The Belmont Village designation has been approved by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

o Act 250 application for new construction at 31 Station Road. The State is still seeking further information before the application is considered complete.

#### 5. Correspondence

##### a. Subdivision proposals:

###### i. Garrow sketch plan review:

o The Chair noted he was not able to attend the Select Board meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup> but understood this matter was discussed there. He asked Mr. Garrow to outline what happened. Mr. Garrow responded that he asked the Select Board to ensure that subdivision applications clearly stated that the first step was to approach ANR and that the Town subdivision regulations were outdated. He also added that he objected to being required to relinquish a portion of his property to make the application process go smoothly. He stated that there are encroachments that he has known about for years and chose not to confront anyone about. He further stated that he does not see why the encroachment should have any bearing on his subdivision application. Finally, he also asserted that a commissioner had insisted that he get another wastewater permit, which is unnecessary since the state has swept everything under their guidelines.

o Chair noted that one of the reasons why the state's permit navigator results are required as part of the subdivision application is to avoid the very situation that Mr. Garrow raised, where he is confused about what permits are

required. Chair noted that the subdivision application form Mr. Garrow completed was an old one and asked where Mr. Garrow had received it. Mr. Garrow stated at first that he didn't, but then said that he picked up the subdivision package in the town office. Then he said that his surveyor, the engineering firm that he had hired, had filled out the form and submitted it.

o Chair also explained that the deferral provisions of the permit process are not obsolete, that in fact the permit he got from the state contains the deferral language.

o Chair took exception to Mr. Garrow publicly criticizing a single Commissioner, as he had done at the Select Board meeting. In

Town of Mount Holly Planning Commission Town Office & Remote Electronic – Regular Meeting Minutes Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 7:00 pm

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

Also present: Faith Tempest, Robert Garrow, Carol Garrow-Woolley, Gary Norton, Lori Norton, Tiffany Norton, Nic Stark, Billy Austin, Vincent Turco, Peggy Turco

1. Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

2. Changes to agenda: None

3. Approval of minutes

a. The minutes of the regular meeting held on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and the public hearing on the Turco subdivision held on

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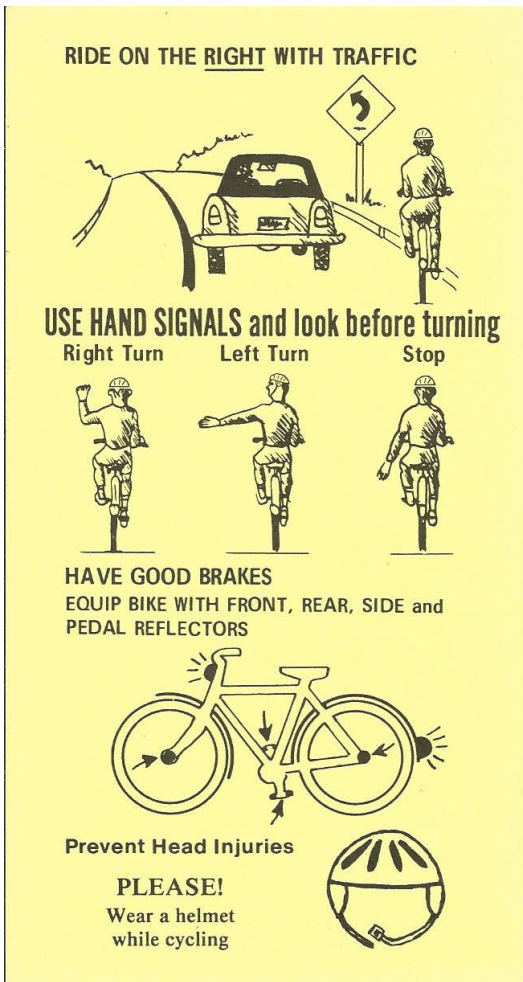
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fact, the entire Commission was and is in agreement on each of the suggestions made to him last month, and those suggestions offered several options for resolving the boundary line conflict with his neighbors so that the application could move forward. However, the Chair emphasized that the Commission did not tell him what to do or make any demands on what he needed to do. He had told this Commission that his neighbors had violated the law by moving survey monuments, and the Commissioners unanimously agreed that that was an obstacle to moving forward with the application because the Commission would not accept a new survey for recording where there is so much dispute about it.

o The Chair asked Mr. Garrow if he was aware of an Act 250 permit on the property. Mr. Garrow confirmed he was aware, and the Chair asked if he was aware that the Act 250 jurisdiction is ongoing? Mr. Garrow replied that his contractor was supposed to be delving into getting a release from that. The Chair asked Mr. Garrow whether he had ever disclosed before now that his property is subject to Act 250, and Mr. Garrow replied that only the building, not the property is subject to Act 250. The Chair informed Mr. Garrow that he is incorrect, that his entire acreage is subject to Act 250 jurisdiction. Mr. Garrow stated he was not aware of that.

o Chair asked for an update on the status of the boundary dispute. Mr. Garrow noted that boundaries are as noted in the deeds in the Town records.



o The Chair noted that the Commission had received a set of updated plats that seemed to have been modified to resolve the boundary line dispute, but during the meeting, Mr. Garrow removed them from consideration by the Commission. The Chair asked Mr. Garrow to confirm that the Commission no longer had any sketch plan before them. Mr. Garrow confirmed, and the Chair asked if there is a reason. Mr. Garrow expressed confusion because he thought he was being required to start all over again. The Chair explained that the Commission does need him to complete the correct application form, but it also needs plats and surveys. Mr. Garrow explained that he is withdrawing the survey because he talked with his counsel and he felt he would be relinquishing his right to enforce his boundaries. The Chair reiterated that Mr. Garrow is not being required to take part in a boundary line adjustment with his neighbors, but that the Commission is not comfortable moving forward until the boundary line issue is resolved.

o The Chair summarized that at this juncture the Commission has no plats for this application, and that the correct form needs to be filled out.

o The Chair next noted that the Commission had received an email from the Act 250 coordinator for this district, and that the Chair's reading of it is that a subdivision of Mr. Garrow's property may not move forward until there is an amendment to the existing Act 250 permit. The Commissioners agreed with the Chair's understanding of the correspondence.

o Chair said that the Commission would accept Mr. Garrow's statement that he was not aware that his property was subject to Act 250 jurisdiction. Mr. Garrow stated that he was not, but that his contractor had referenced it and so had the woman he spoke with at ANR's Rutland office, and they had said that all that was necessary was some application.

o The Chair concluded by saying that Mr. Garrow will fill out the correct application form, and the Commission will wait to hear back from either him or his surveyor when the form is completed, and that the Commission will be a party to the

Act 250 amendment process.

o Mr. Garrow then asked whether the Commission's clerk would provide the form, and she replied that she would. Mr. Garrow then added that he had no part in completing the original form, that the company he hired did all of that. [Mr. Garrow then left the meeting before the discussion concluded.]

o The Chair noted that a wetlands permit also may be required before any access road could be constructed through the wetlands area where the neighbors' water source is.

b. **Email / Other:**

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also provided more specific information to Mr. Stark, who will share his next draft with the Planning Commission for comments.

7. **Unfinished Business**
  - a. **Belmont Village Center Designation Renewal status: renewed.**
8. **Public Comments: None**
9. **Upcoming meetings**
  - a. **Regular meeting: June 19th, 2024 at 7:00 pm**
10. **Meeting adjourned at 8.17 pm. For the Commission, Faith Tempest, Planning Commission Clerk In draft form until approved on June 19th, 2024**

**Town of Mount Holly Planning Commission Town Office & Remote Electronic – Regular Meeting Minutes Wednesday, June 19th, 2024 7:00 P.M.**

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

**Also present:** Faith Tempest, Gary Norton, Lori Norton, Tiffany Norton, Hunter Cole, Dawn Cole

o Although not on the agenda, Vincent and Peggy Turco were present and asked about the status of their subdivision application. Chair gave an update, noting that the applicants should expect to receive the decision shortly.

6. **New Business:**

a. **Rutland Regional Asset Mapping Project (RAMP), Nic Stark (RRPC):** Mr. Stark brought a draft map of Cultural, Recreational and Historical assets in Mount Holly which he had prepared using publicly available data. Chair noted that the Recreation Map, and the Utilities and Facilities maps which had been prepared for the Town Plan would provide useful information and that he would share electronically with Mr. Stark. Commissioners

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1. Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm
2. **Changes to agenda:** The Garrow sub-division sketch plan review is tabled following a request from Mr. Garrow’s attorney. Chair added in its place discussion of a response to a letter received from Mr. Garrow’s lawyer.
3. **Approval of minutes**
  - a. The minutes of the regular meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024 were approved without objection.
4. **Reports & Announcements**
  - a. **Administrative Officer**
    - **BCRs received from:**
      - o Olson, Alpine Drive, 8x16 dropped barn o Buongiovanni, Rte 155, 17x24 camp o Gnome, Healdville Road, 7.5x6 shed o Stevens,

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o **Patch, Greenstand Road,** new house construction on existing foundation; there is a discussion with Mr. Patch regarding whether he requires a FHA/RC permit. The District Floodplain manager has been consulted.

• **Birch Run (off Healdville Road):** potentially significant construction on this property has been brought to the AO’s attention. She will ask the owners to complete a BCR and take any further action as necessary.

b. **Planning Commission Chair**

• **Legislative update:** the new open meeting law passed with implications relating to posting of videos of the PC’s meetings and requirements for annual training of Chairs of Committees.

• **Act 250 update** also passed, including a new trigger of long roads and driveways and relaxation of some rules in village centers to encourage more housing development.

5. **Correspondence**

a. **Subdivision proposals:**

i. **Cole sketch plan review**

• The proposal is for subdivision of a single parcel on Cole

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Road to create 3 new parcels. Two sketch maps were submitted, one prepared in 2012 but not pursued, alongside one prepared for the 2024 proposed subdivision. Upon discussion it became clear that the more recent plan does not show the full extent of the existing single parcel or the proposed configuration of lots. Commissioner Schulz noted that the Commission will need a single plat of the entire property with the proposed lot configuration. Chair confirmed that the PC will need a plat which meets the details identified in the minor sub-division regulation checklist. Chair asked if new construction would be undertaken. Mr. Cole noted a new 24x32 SFR on new lot 3 on the map, and that a wastewater permit has already been issued. Chair stated that if a full and complete plat is available at the next meeting, then the PC could likely move to a hearing at that point. ii. Garrow subdivision status

- Chair noted that the sketch plan review was withdrawn at the request of the applicant.
- The Commission had received a letter from Christopher Corsones, attorney acting for Mr. Garrow, and Commissioner Schulz noted that there were some mis-statements in the letter. Even though an attorney other than Mr. Corsones is listed on the subdivision application as Mr. Garrow's attorney, Commissioner Schulz proposed that the Commission provide a response directly to Mr. Corsones and noted that he had shared a proposed response in advance of the meeting.

- Commissioner Michel asked that the response note that

discussions have been ongoing since February. Commissioner Schulz agreed and also suggested that the letter should note that it reflects the views of all the Commissioners.

- Commissioner Michel moved that the draft reflects the views of all the Commissioners, Commissioner Andrew Seward seconded, motion approved. Commissioner Schulz suggested the response should come from the Chair. Chair agreed.

**b. Email / Other:**

- FEMA had communicated with the Select Board and Planning Commission regarding the process of updating flood hazard maps over the coming years.

6. **New Business:** none
7. **Unfinished Business:** none
8. **Public Comments:** None
9. Upcoming meetings

**a. Regular meeting:** July 17th, 2024 at 7:00 pm

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The show is directed by Weston's own Executive Artistic Director, **Susanna Gellert**, whose previous Weston directing credits include **SINGIN' IN THE RAIN** (2023), **HAIR** (2022), **RING OF FIRE** (2021), and **THE FANTASTICKS** (2019). Prior to leading Weston, Gellert was Associate Producer and Director of the Studio at New York's acclaimed Theatre for a

New Audience, producing award-winning productions of Thornton Wilder's **THE SKIN OF OUR TEETH** and Branden Jacobs-Jenkins's **AN OCTOROON**.

Says Gellert, "I am so excited to bring PIPPIN, a classic of the modern musical era, to life in Walker Farm. It's a heartfelt, enchanting story with a magical blend of music and dance, adventure and passion, comedy and drama, all brought together through a timeless story of one person's desire to live a life of purpose. Our incredible team of actors, designers, and theater makers have embraced the heart and soul of this much-loved musical, infusing it with new energy that will make our imaginations soar."

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**Michael Cassara**, CSA (with over 500 film and theater credits) casts the show. Weston welcomes **Rixey Terry** (Regional credits include: JOSEPH [...] DREAMCOAT, BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY, and 42nd STREET, among others) to the stage as Pippin. Young Company alum **Tomias Robinson** (At Weston: HAIR, SHREK: THE MUSICAL) returns as The Leading Player, and **David Bonanno** (over 50 Weston productions, with other credits including the original Broadway company of THE LIGHT IN THE PIAZZA, the Chicago companies of RAGTIME, and the National Tour of I LOVE YOU, YOU'RE PERFECT, NOW CHANGE, among others) returns as Charlemagne. **Spencer Dean** (Regional credits include: CHESS, THE DROWSY CHAPERONE, and SINGIN' IN THE RAIN) makes his Weston debut as Lewis, as does **Courtney Arango** (Pre-Broadway: BOOP: THE BETTY BOOP MUSICAL, National Tour: JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR 50th ANNIVERSARY TOUR, Most recent: A CHORUS LINE, among other credits) as Fastrada. With an extra special drumroll, Weston announces the return of its matriarch **Barbara Lloyd** as Berthe, whose many Weston performances over the years include OKLAHOMA, THE GLASS MENAGERIE, and the WTC's 1987 production of PIPPIN, where she also played the role of Berthe. **Jessie Lawyer** (at Weston: SINGIN' IN THE RAIN, other fave credits including THE GOODBYE GIRL Off-Broadway, and WEST SIDE STORY) returns to Weston as the Dance Captain, and **Alia Munsch** (Off-Broadway: SPANDEX: THE MUSICAL. Regional, International, and National Tours: MOTOWN THE MUSICAL, and INTO THE WOODS, among others) makes her Weston debut as Catherine. Rising Maple Street School 6th grader, **Liv Scott** (with experience at Little Yellow House Studio, American Dance Training Camp, Dorset Players, and performances for communities across Southern VT) and rising Maple Street School 5th grader, **Brooklyn Pergament** (active member of the Dorset Players, winner of Favorite Youth Role for the 23-24 season, with other credits including THE TORTOISE AND THE HARE and A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS among others) make their Weston debuts doubling in the role of **Thea**. Weston's **2024 Young Company** composes the ensemble, fresh off their tour of JUNIE B. JONES: THE MUSICAL.

Returning to Weston for this production are Music Director **Larry Pressgrove** (most recently at Weston: SINGIN' IN THE RAIN, with other Broadway credits including the Tony-nominated [TITLE OF SHOW], and DISASTER!) and **Jeremy Yaddaw** (THE LIGHTNING THIEF: PERCY JACKSON MUSICAL (drum book originator), 35MM, and THE DISAPPEARING MAN is the Music Coordinator. **Felicity Stiverson** (with Broadway and National Tour performing credits, and choreo credits including THE FAIRY QUEEN, THE CUNNING LITTLE VIXEN, and ORPHEUS IN THE UNDERWORLD) returns to Weston to choreograph the show's legendary numbers. Weston alum **Frank J. Oliva** (recent work including world premieres and new productions with Ars Nova, Geva Theatre, and The Shed, among other theatres) is the Set Designer, and **Jessica Crawford** returns (THE FAIRY QUEEN, NOVEMBER, and LORDES, among others) as Costume Designer. Seasoned Weston creative **Scott Zielinski** (credits include hundreds of productions of theater, dance, and opera throughout the world) returns as Light Designer and **Charles Coes** (COMEDY OF ERRORS, BEAUTIFUL LADY, GOLDEN SHIELD) joins the creative team as Sound Designer.

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## The Best of Vermont Summer Festival Unveils Exciting Musical Lineup for 2024

[Ludlow, Vermont] - The Best of Vermont Summer Festival is thrilled to announce the talented musicians and artists set to take the stage at this year's festival on August 24-25, 2024. Celebrating

the essence of summer in Vermont, the festival promises a delightful showcase of the state's finest offerings, including handcrafted artisan products, local cheeses, maple treats, ice cream, craft beverages, Vermont specialty foods, woodwork, fine art, agriculture demos, kids' activities, antique tractor displays, and much more.

Now in its 4th year, the annual festival will feature an impressive 5-act musical lineup, blending folk, funk, pop, rock, country, bluegrass, and soul. Kicking off the musical performances on Saturday, August 24th, the Bear Mountain Boys will serenade the audience with their acoustic trio performance, followed by the Rustie Bus Band and the enchanting Celtic tunes of Gypsy Reel.



the Best of  
**VERMONT**  
Summer Festival

AUG 24-25, 2024

SAT: 12PM-7PM | SUN: 10AM-4PM

Sunday, August 25th, promises to be another musical treat with performances by the talented Ida Mae Specker, Brooks Hubbard, and Jay Nash. Ida Mae Specker, a 3rd generation fiddle player, will set the tone for the morning, followed by a wonderful afternoon with musical duo Brooks Hubbard and Jay Nash, nationally touring artists from the Northeast.

The Best of Vermont Summer Festival, located at Okemo Field (Bixby Field), offers a picturesque setting in the green mountains for two days of outdoor music along with delicious culinary tastes in the dining tent, food trucks, lots to explore in the artisan tent, and over 100 festival vendors. Attendees can also enjoy a refreshing drink at the beer garden while listening to music and exploring the incredible expansive selection of local vendors, showcasing the best that Vermont has to offer.

For more information, visit: [www.yourplaceinvermont.com/best-of-vermont-summer-festival/](http://www.yourplaceinvermont.com/best-of-vermont-summer-festival/)

The Best of Vermont Summer Festival is hosted by Okemo Valley Chamber of Commerce along with presenting sponsor Mary W. Davis Realtor & Associates and many partners throughout the region: Cota & Cota, Engel & Volkers Okemo, Meiomni Wines, Okemo Mountain Resort, Brewfest Beverage Co., AV Innovations, Inside Edge Rentals at Okemo, One Credit Union, William Raveis Vermont Properties, The Vermont Country Store, Berkshire Bank, LaValley Building Supply, Master Plumbing & Heating, Inc. and Diamond Point Wealth Partners.

The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit, member-driven association and the voice of 300+ businesses and the communities of 12 Towns & Villages in South Central Vermont along the VT Scenic Route 100 Byway surrounded by Okemo, Ascutney & Magic Mountains. OVRCC provides advocacy,

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## Vermont Home Gardener August Gardening

After the welcome rains of July, gardens are in full maturity and producing an abundance of veggies, herbs, flowers, and weeds. Soon we'll harvest potatoes, onions, carrots, beets, and more. It's the reward that a hard-working gardener deserves and should enjoy this time of year. Proper harvesting is key to successful production, and the more you pick the more you get! Leaving blossoms or fruits on plants to get over-ripe or go to seed tells the plant its job is done and to stop production. Keep "deadheading" your geraniums, marigolds, calendula, snapdragons, petunias, & zinnias so they will provide more blossoms instead of seeds (unless you want the seeds for next year). Of course, abundance can become a burden too, unless we have some good ways to deal with it. Let's look at what to plant in August, weeding, what to do with too many zucchinis, tomatoes, cucumbers, etc., and some pests that are out there now.

**What to plant in August?** As plants come out of the garden there might be some open space where we can plant late crops to get another harvest. Carrots, radishes, and beets can still be planted for a nice fall crop. Also, continue planting your favorite salad greens (leaf lettuce, mesclun mix, spinach, arugula, etc.). If you add a little extra compost or organic fertilizer, mulch, and keep them watered they will grow well and won't bolt as the days get shorter.

**Weeds** (definition: a good plant in the wrong place) are enjoying the growing season too. While most garden plants are big enough to compete with young weeds, there is one extremely important reason to control weeds: Seeds! Even if you decide to let some weeds have their way in your garden, *do not allow them to flower and go to seed*. Those seeds will be next year's weeds and you can eliminate them now. In fact, most weed seeds can stay dormant in the soil for several years and accumulate for future seasons. Deadheading and discarding weed tops is a great investment in your future garden!

**Tomatoes:** As you harvest tomatoes, continue to prune off any yellowing lower branches to get rid of older leaves that are no longer feeding the plant and are prone to infection from the soil. Keep your plants upright with supports. Prune away side shoots (suckers) to open plants up for ventilation and sunshine penetration (disease control). Apply weekly preventative sprays through August to inhibit diseases from getting started. Once infected, it isn't possible to cure the disease, only to remove it by pruning off infected parts. Weekly applications of [compost tea](#), [Serenade](#), fungicidal copper, or sulfur powder are all good organic practices to prevent diseases from getting started in the humid days of August. I prefer to alternate between spray applications using a different one each week. I also include foliar fish fertilizer (liquid emulsion) as a supplemental foliar fertilizer to keep plants extra healthy so they can resist diseases. Compost tea has become a popular practice based on numerous university studies that have confirmed its effectiveness. Here's a short [DIY video](#) to help you get started making your own tea.

**Too many tomatoes?** After you've eaten, canned and given away much of your bounty what can you do with the rest? Freeze them whole! It's very simple and works well for your winter sauces. Simply put whole, uncut tomatoes, especially Roma/pasta types into freezer bags, label and freeze. (no blanching is necessary). When you defrost them in a colander the juice drains out (drink it!) and the skin will slip off.

**Garlic Harvest & Storage.** Most garlic has been harvested by now but just in case... Dig garlic with a garden fork, don't pull the plants out. Brush off soil from around the roots and set out in the sun for a couple days to thoroughly dry the skins and roots. Next set or hang them in a shaded, well-ventilated area to "cure" for several weeks, until the stems are *completely* dry. Then you can cut off the

**Zucchini abundance** is not a problem! Zucchini stuffed, fritters, raw in salads, relish, and zucchini breads are great. But there's more... Zucchini soup! We always make gallons of zucchini soup to freeze as an excellent vegetable broth for all kinds of delicious winter soups. Try this favorite recipe, I know you will like it:

**Too many Cucumbers?** Cukes are less versatile than zucchini or summer squash but still have possibilities. [Natural pickling](#) with Kosher or sea salt is a great way to preserve them for months. A very simple way to keep them for a few weeks, ready to eat, follows this easy recipe:

## Zucchini Soup

*You can decrease or increase all the amounts (depending on the ingredients you have) just keep the ratios similar. The basic soup is delicious as is but even better when you add any leftovers, shredded cheese, ham, prosciutto, chicken, vegies...pretty much anything cooked you have handy. Be adventurous!*

- 7 lbs (6-7 medium) zucchini trimmed, peeled and cut into chunks
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 3 Tbsp butter
- 2 lbs onions, chopped
- 4 large garlic cloves, chopped
- 4 Tbsp flour
- 6 cups water or stock
- 2 Tbsp kosher salt (omit if using salted stock)

1. In a large stockpot (8 qt) heat oil and butter over medium heat.
  2. Add onions and cook until golden brown.
  3. Add garlic and cook just until softened (about 1 minute)
  4. Add the flour to make a thick, chunky paste.
  5. Add the liquid to the paste in increments stirring constantly to achieve a smooth sauce.
  6. Add the zucchini and cover the pot.
  7. Reduce heat to low and simmer for at least 1 hour or until zucchini is very tender.
  8. Enjoy the soup as is or puree with a stick blender or food processor for a creamy, velvety texture.
  9. Freeze in reusable juice bottles or milk jugs or chill.
  10. Before serving add your choice of herbs, meat, shredded cheese, cooked vegies, leftovers.
  11. Heat in microwave or on a burner till piping hot.
- Makes 1 gallon

## Refrigerator Cucumber Pickles

- 2 cups thinly sliced cucumbers (unpeeled or peeled)
- 1 cup water
- 1/3 cup white or apple cider vinegar
- 2 Tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt (optional)

Dissolve the salt & sugar into the water-vinegar liquid. Add the sliced cukes and refrigerate. Eat immediately or let them develop more flavor overnight. Dress them with yogurt or sour cream for some extra appeal. Simple!

## Escape the Stresses of Life – READ

Reading is a great escape from the stressors of daily life. “It can help with anxiety and takes you out of the present moment because you become lost in the story,” said Laurel Reed-Becksted, MA, LCMHC, a Community Health Behavioral Health psychotherapist. “It can help build empathy because it puts you in a safe place to experience things and, physically, it will help decrease your heart rate.”

“It’s a great escape from daily life,” said Reed-Becksted. “You get to have adventures.”

And adventures are what the [Rutland Free Library](#) is all about. “Our summer reading club theme this year, and it’s a national one most libraries use, is ‘Adventure Starts at the Library,’” said Randal Smathers, director of the Rutland Free Library.

“If you get your child into a reading club or program and they read through the summer, they’re going to be about a full grade ahead of kids who don’t read over the summer when they go back to school in September,” he said. “Summer reading club is fun. We get kids excited and we do all sorts of activities – some of them are STEM and some are STEAM. And the reason to put all that work in is it really makes a difference for kids in their ability to handle the school year.”

During summer break, children forget some of what they learned in class. “Kids who are in reading clubs are ready to start learning new information almost immediately,” Smathers added. And kids who are not in reading clubs sometimes spend weeks getting back up to speed in the classroom.

### Reading at Bedtime Helps You Sleep Better

Reading a book at bedtime is a healthy bedtime ritual for everyone, not just for kids. It can help you fall asleep faster and, also can help you sleep longer. And even if it’s not bedtime, reading has been shown to have very positive physical and mental impact reducing depression, stress and anxiety.

“It’s something that I encourage my clients to do, especially when I have clients who are struggling to sleep,” Reed-Becksted said. “I suggest that they read for half an hour before bed. Put your phone away, put your electronics away, and read before you go to sleep. It helps transition you from waking to relaxing and now it’s time to go to sleep. It also lowers your heart rate; it regulates your breathing because you’re not focusing on those anxious feelings.”

### A World of Resources at the Library

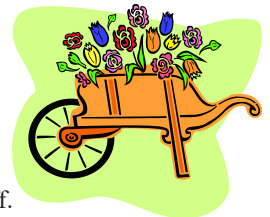
“We’re really trying to remove barriers for people who might not have a lot of resources, for people who might need a mental health break,” Smathers said. “We’re working really hard to knock down those barriers so that everybody can feel welcome to come and use the library.”

“We had a woman who was in real serious economic difficulties who had essentially been placed in Rutland because she had lost her housing and there was a hotel room here,” Smathers said. She borrowed a computer from the library for an online job interview; the library provided the space and equipment for a video conference call; printed out a form she needed to sign; and shared social service contact information for help with finding food, healthcare and housing support.

“She really used almost everything we’re set up to provide in terms of social services, and that includes that we have air conditioning when it’s hot and we have heat when it’s cold. And that’s really a starting point for some folks,” he said.

### The library provides a world of resources and opportunities.

- You don’t have to live in Rutland to use the library.
- There are regular print, large print and audio books.
- Libraries make it easy for people who are in need to be able to use the resources.
- Rutland has a book sale twice a month.
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- Rutland and other libraries provide late fee forgiveness.

“We serve Rutland City, Rutland Town, Mendon, Tinmouth and Ira, as these are the towns that pay taxes toward our upkeep and so receive library cards at no extra charge,” Smathers said.

Whether you want to read on a device or want to listen to a book in the garden, in the car or at the beach, downloadable books are hugely popular. “Especially in the summertime, people are downloading audiobooks. Our audiobook lending is up something like, 13% a year the last four years running,” he said.





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Celebrate 20 years with Community Health during National Health Center Week, August 4-10, "Powering Communities Through Caring Connections."

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### Diabetes Support Group Meets 2nd Wednesday in August

Meeting the second Wednesday of every month, the Diabetes Support Group meets is a no-lecture, patient-driven meeting, a place to share your challenges and successes. Medication management, continuous glucose monitoring, the new GLP1 drugs, meal planning and exercise options are ongoing conversations among those who attend.

Community Health and Rutland Regional Medical Center's Diabetes & Endocrinology Center have joined together to organize the monthly program in two different locations at two different times:

- 1-2pm in Rutland at the Rutland Diabetes & Endocrinology Center
- 5-6pm in Castleton at Castleton Community Health

Contact our diabetes educators or your Community Health primary care provider or call (802) 779-9169 for more information.

### Do you have Community Health Portal Power?

August 7, 9am- 4pm learn about PORTAL POWER at our primary care clinics in Brandon, Castleton, Mettowee, Rutland and Shorewell. Find out how the Portal can help you take charge of your health. Staff will be available to answer your questions and help you set up your own Patient Portal.

The Community Health Patient Portal provides secure online access to portions of your medical record and is an easy way to communicate with your providers. With the portal you can:

- Send and receive non-urgent messages
- Request appointments
- Request medication refills
- View test results
- Print your medical record
- Notify your provider of changes in your insurance or contact information
- Review and pay your bill



Ask your provider or check online for more information about setting up your Community Health patient portal <https://www.chcrr.org/patient-portal/> It's easy and convenient! For more information call (802) 779-9169.

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#### Also Check

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To see all daily emails of the NewsFlash compiled in one place for all community news and events.

Kevin Plew is the primary NewsFlash attendant and Stu Berry is backup attendant at [stuberry1@gmail.com](mailto:stuberry1@gmail.com)

**Mount Holly Chit Chat Inc.**, 3379 Shunpike Rd., Mount Holly, VT 05758

The Mount Holly Chit Chat, a membership organization, has been incorporated as a non-profit organization in the State of Vermont, dedicated to providing all members of the Mount Holly community with information on Town events and issues. Membership is open to anyone who lives in, works in, or owns property in Mount Holly and who has made an annual membership donation. Membership donations help bring the Chit Chat to you every month.

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