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Rockingham discusses Town Plan, animal control, brownfields

BY PAULA BENSON
The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Rockingham Selectboard held a public hearing at the town hall in Bellows Falls on Tuesday, July 23, at 6 p.m., to discuss the Town Plan with Rockingham residents.

Board Chair Rick Cowan called the hearing “a key opportunity for community members to share their input and perspectives on the future development of our town.”

Cowan asked Planning Commission Chair Deborah Wright to help respond to residents’ questions and comments. Wright reported that all members of the commission were in attendance either in person or via Zoom, and any one of them could help clarify the details of the plan, having carefully dissected the 129-page document section by section.

There was some discussion of land use regulations and zoning bylaws, and board member Elijah Zimmer remarked that he would like to see no further commercial development along Atkinson Street, prompting board member John Dunbar to reply, “The Town Plan is suggesting that we should think about ways in the future to address the needs of our town. The zoning bylaws are the rules and regulations that are in place to keep certain things out that we don’t want, like a big box store. The town has existed with some commercial and residential on that street for hundreds of years, so to say no more commercial on that street, I don’t think addresses what our Town Plan is trying to achieve.”

Planning commission member Dalila Hall explained, “The important thing to remember with the Town Plan is, it is [an aspirational document] that is revisited every eight years.”

The issue regarding timely posting of town meeting minutes was raised, and town manager Scott Pickup expressed the challenge the town faces, not having a dedicated person responsible for that duty. Pickup acknowledged the problem – that by neglecting to post minutes within five days of a meeting, the town was not compliant with state statute – but discussion around a possible solution was inconclusive. Pickup said he would “work on it” and report back to the board.

The board approved several appointments, including adopting the letter of interest from the tree committee, consisting of six volunteer members,

the appointments of Remy Walker as alternate to the development review board, and Mike Stack to the Rockingham Energy Committee (REC).

Bellows Falls’ new animal control officer, Diana Jones, was at the meeting, and told the board that the tier one training she had researched would cost \$500. Additionally, the board discussed an increase in compensation for the position, citing Jones’ report that she had handled more than 50 calls relating to animal control received since May.

Cowan mentioned that the other option for response would be the sheriff, which would cost more.

Jones stated that her current compensation of \$200 per month was “not enough. I’m not just doing the job itself,” Jones explained, “I am also trying to put together our processes and procedures, [and] updating our ordinances, which haven’t been updated for a long time.”

Ultimately, it was agreed that Jones would provide the board with more data at the Sept. 3 selectboard meeting.

Pickup updated the board on some of the 22 active brownfields sites throughout Bellows Falls and Rockingham, currently in various stages of assessment through funding offered by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) program. Those properties included 66 Atkinson Street in Bellows Falls, and the current home of the Bellows Falls Bike Project at the corner of Henry and Atkinson streets.

Also mentioned by Pickup were the Adams Grist Mill Museum, owned by Bellows Falls Historical Society, which is currently in Phase II of its site assessment, and the Bridge Street parking lot prospective development.

Regarding the parking lot redevelopment, Fox told the meeting, “News should be released shortly.”

Pickup called the project “long-term,” commenting that it is still likely a couple of years off. The town will need to hire a qualified environmental consultant to handle the management and proper containment of contaminated soil during construction.

Regarding the train station project, Pickup said that since the last selectboard meeting in June, a letter was sent from the DEC to VTrans, the current owner of the property. Based on recent envi-

ronmental testing, DEC outlined a series of steps that would need to be followed in any cleanup effort of the location, to adopt a Corrective Action Plan (CAP). The issue is hazardous vapors coming up from the basement.

Pickup detailed the funding sources involved and expressed how complex the coordination of so many different partners has been and will continue to be, as the project moves through phases, and the town considers purchasing the building.

Board member Bonnie North remarked, “The town will only go as far as we have money to spend on this project, but we will lose funding that we have secured if we do not move forward.”

Pickup told the board that, if the town does not purchase the train station, “I don’t get the sense that Vermont Rail [will put] the money and energy into this building that we are looking at investing. Then, I don’t know what the future of that building would be.” He added that the train station is on the national registry and has a significant history within the community.

Zimmer commented, “I think we’ve all got our eyes wide open, and we understand the implications.”

The next selectboard meeting will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 13, at 6 p.m.

Rockingham celebrates Vermont Vines’ new tasting room

BY PAULA BENSON
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ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – On Saturday, July 27, from 12-6 p.m., Stacy and Chuck Harriman welcomed a steady influx of boisterous visitors to the official grand opening of the new tasting room at their vineyard, Vermont Vines in Rockingham. A perfect summer day in Vermont, sunny with a light breeze, invited people to gather outside on the deck, or under a large tent where tables and chairs were set up.

Music from John Sullivan complimented the peaceful setting, as he performed mellow classics from Tom Petty, Paul Simon, and other crowd-pleasers.

In addition to the Harriman’s variety of red and white wines and farm-fresh charcuterie boards offered inside the tasting room, Craig and Jess Goodman from Goodman’s American Pie in Ludlow were set up outside, serving pizza from their famous wood-burning beehive oven truck. Their signature honey apple pizza seemed to pair well with Vermont Vines’ St. Pepin medium-bodied white wine.

The beautiful, 34-acre property, three acres planted, is located at 275 Williams Road, between Rockingham Road and the Williams River. The Harrimans purchased the place in 2008, after Stacy saw that the property was for sale. In 2010,



The newly remodeled tasting room at Vermont Vines. PHOTO BY PAULA BENSON

they planted 1,200 grapevines.

Their two boys were young at the time, recalled Stacy. “I was taking a back road bringing the kids to daycare, and I saw the for-sale sign and called Chuck to tell him. We were the first to make an offer.”

Now, their sons, – Reese, 18, and Cameron, almost 21 – have grown up helping around the vineyard, and continue to be part of the family business. Cameron was with his father behind the bar on Saturday during the wine tasting, dispensing information about the varieties of wine they make.

As the name suggests, the wine is 100% grown and produced in Vermont. Stacy expressed her gratitude for Northeastern Vine Supply, a nursery in Pawlet, owned by Andy and India Farmer. The Farmers are some of the leaders in the relatively new industry of cold climate grape growing, a market that didn’t exist 20 years ago.

Viticulture, the science

of growing grapevines, has developed new technology to produce cold-hardy grape varieties that can survive and thrive in Vermont’s climate. The Farmers began Northeastern Vine Supply to help winemakers get started and teach them how to continue to see success.

They have been working with the Harrimans since they started making wine in their basement at home.

Long-time residents of the area, Chuck grew up in Chester, and Stacy was born and raised in Springfield. They feel excited about continuing to expand their vineyard operations, providing a welcoming place for locals and visitors alike to visit, relax, catch up with friends, and enjoy the gorgeous Vermont vistas and Vermont-grown wines. The vineyard can also be booked for weddings and other events, and Stacy said they plan to add a section of regional and Vermont products for sale. Seems the local family is just getting started.

Third year of Rotary Food Distribution Program underway

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – For the third year, The Rotary Club of Springfield has implemented a Rotary Youth Weekend Food Distribution Program to help fight child hunger in Springfield.

According to Springfield Rotary Club Past President Karen Longo, 54,000 students in Vermont participate in the school lunch program. During the summer, 75% of these children will potentially struggle with food insecurity and hunger. The most at-risk children for food insecurity are also the ones who are most affected by the achievement gap, and poor academic and athletic outcomes that can have lifelong effects.

Currently, some of the children attending the YMCA summer camp rely on the food pro-

gram for most of their nutrition during the week,” Longo explained. “These supports do not exist over the weekend, so the Rotary Club of Springfield established the Rotary Youth Weekend Food Distribution Program for campers.”

“The Rotary Club prepares shopping bags filled with high protein, low sugar foods every Thursday evening, and delivers them to the camp on Friday mornings,” Longo said. “The bags are sent home discreetly with the camp-



Springfield Rotary Club Past President Karen Longo chairs the Rotary Youth Weekend Food Distribution Program. PHOTO PROVIDED

ers on Fridays to ensure they are well fed over the weekend, and can come in Monday mornings, ready to

hike, swim, and learn.” So far, close to 100 shopping bags were distributed that contained water, fruits, a jar of peanut butter, crackers, veggie sticks, cheese crackers, noodles, fruit snacks, smart popcorn, carrots, pudding, hand sanitizer, and utensils.

The Springfield Rotary Club will continue to support the Rotary Youth Weekend Food Distribution Program until the end of August.

The Rotary Club of Springfield, founded in 1927, is an active community service club of more than 40 members who engage in community and human service projects both locally and internationally. For more information, visit www.springfieldvtrotary.org.

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Springfield Rotary Club third annual Butterfly Release fundraiser

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Rotary Club of Springfield, Vt., is hosting its third annual live Butterfly Release fundraiser on Friday, Aug. 23. Donors can purchase a butterfly to release in support of Rotary's community service projects.

According to Springfield Rotary Club Past President Karen Longo, the butterfly release is to remember and celebrate with families those who have passed away. "For the past two years, we released over 400 butterflies while raising close to \$4,000 for local community projects," explained Longo. "This fundraiser creates a way to remember and honor our friends and family."

"We are encouraging donors to release butterflies in remembrance of a loved one, or in celebration of

a loved one," Longo said. "All the butterflies that will be released will be of the painted lady variety, which is a natural species to the area."

The butterflies can be purchased each Friday at the Concerts at the Comtu, or through a Springfield Rotary Club member until Aug. 16, in order to be listed in the remembrance booklet. At the last concert, on Aug. 23, the butterflies will be released as the names of those being remembered are read. In the event of rain, the butterflies will be released the next day, at 12 p.m.

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and internationally. For more information, or to download the butterfly order form, visit www.springfieldvtrotary.org.

Kurn Hattin welcomes new principal

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Kurn Hattin Homes for Children (KHH) is pleased to announce Amanda Tyrrell as the new principal.

Tyrrell brings significant experience in both teaching and leader-

ship in the Vermont public school system. Her background includes a Bachelor of Arts summa cum laude in elementary education, and an Master of Education in school leadership. Most recently she served as acting principal at Elm Hill School in Springfield, Vt.

"Kurn Hattin's approach to education reflects my passions for authentic, hands-on learning, place-based education, and social-emotional development," says Tyrrell, adding, "I have always found tremendous satisfaction in helping students who come from families facing hardship or adversity develop strategies for their own success."

As a leader, Tyrrell firmly believes in collaboration and shared decision-making with faculty, staff, and students, saying it is important to encourage children to acquire some intrinsic motivation and take ownership of their educational paths. She says she chose to move from teaching into administration so that she could have a positive impact on all the students in a school, not just the ones in her classroom.

"There needs to be trust among all parties," says Tyrrell. "In my experience, the best way to develop that trust is through open conversations about what works well and what can be improved." She sees her role as helping

to guide the development of sustainable advancements.

"I had always heard amazing things about Kurn Hattin," says Tyrrell, who has had several former students attend the school. "The people here do wonderful, important work." She hopes to become a positive addition to those efforts, and help children thrive intellectually, socially, and emotionally.

Tyrrell, who is a mother of three, has been active as a team coach in soccer and basketball, a volunteer for the Boy Scouts and a number of area churches, as well as a volunteer for the Ludlow and Cavendish flood recovery efforts. She is also an accomplished musician who received a scholarship to the University of Arkansas to pursue a vocal major, with piano and clarinet as part of her studies.

She lives and works on the family's small farm with her husband Dan, whose family has deep roots in Vermont.

Tyrrell is looking forward to bringing that spirit of collaboration to her role as school principal at the Kurn Hattin Homes for Children. "Everyone here has been incredibly welcoming," she says. "I am truly looking forward to building a strong sense of community that is focused on providing an excellent and equitable education for every child we serve."



Senior center celebration

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On July 18, the Bellows Falls Area Senior Center held a celebration for those 90 years and older. Guests enjoyed a roast pork dinner, cake, ice cream, and catching up with dear friends.

Left to right: Bill O'Connor, Margaret Larivee, Glenn Richardson, Dick Gay, and Rita Hinds (seated). PHOTO PROVIDED

"Food Margins" at Springfield Library

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Tuesday, Aug. 6, at 6 p.m., Springfield Town Library welcomes author Cathy Stanton for her presentation on her book "Food Margins: Lessons from an Unlikely Grocer."

"An anthropologist walks into a grocery store..." No, that's not the start of a joke, it's the true story of how Cathy Stanton came to be

involved in the effort to save a small-town food co-op in central Massachusetts, and what she discovered there about why it's so hard – yet so important – to make real changes in how and where we get our food.

Stanton's new book "Food Margins: Lessons from an Unlikely Grocer" tells this local and personal story as part of the longer history

of the modern food system and present-day struggles for equity and sustainability. Her presentation will share her learning, and invite discussion about audience members' own experiences and questions about all the ways that grocery shopping connects us to the world around us.

A romance novelist turned anthropologist

turned avocational grocer, Cathy Stanton teaches anthropology and environmental studies at Tufts University in Boston. She lives in rural north-central Massachusetts, the setting for "Food Margins," published by the University of Massachusetts Press in spring 2024. Stanton has previously written widely about historic sites and industrial history, and has been a consultant for the National Park Service and several museums and historic sites, particularly focusing on food and farm history.

This event is free and open to the public. To sign up for a reminder, visit our website, www.springfield-townlibrary.org/calendar.

Springfield Community Chorus new director

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Community Chorus is excited to announce that Patty Meyer will be joining us as our new director, starting in our upcoming fall season. Rehearsals for the holiday concert start on Sept. 9, watch for announcements.

Patty Meyer is a choral conductor, pianist, flutist, and music educator located in Brattleboro, Vt. She earned her bachelor's degree in liberal arts with a focus on piano performance from Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, and her master's degree in choral, general, and instrumental music education from Boston University. Patty has taught music, coached musicians, and performed in ensembles throughout the Brattleboro area for the past 23 years. She lives with her husband in Guilford, Vt., and enjoys gardening, hiking, skiing, and their cats and dog.

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I didn't know...part 2

BY RON PATCH

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Last week I wrote about Zadock Thompson's 1842 "History of Vermont." You may recall I wrote about panthers recorded in Zadock's history. To his history, I added what I knew about the 1867 Perkinsville and 1881 Barnard panthers. The 1881 panther was the last panther killed in Vermont.

Do you remember a grade school field trip to Montpelier, to visit the Vermont Historical Society Museum? I remember the Barnard panther, as does Ted Spaulding. Do you?

In 1853, Thompson published "Thompson's Vermont Appendix 1853."

This is basically a reprint of his 1842 book, but with additions and new discoveries. He records the coming of the railroad and the magnetic telegraph. I also found another panther history. Thompson examined this

panther and documented it in detail. The list grows.

"PANTHER, or CATA-MOUNT

"Felis concolor. - Linnaeus
"Description. - Color of the face, head and all the upper parts of the body dark gray, slightly brushed with red. Interior of the ears, under side of the body and tail, and inner side of the legs grayish ash; between the hind legs and beneath the tail tawny white. Exterior of the ears, bottoms of the feet and extremity of the tail black.

"Also a black patch on each side of the nose, from which the whiskers proceed, and the two connected by a brownish band over the nose. Chin, lower lip and part of the upper lip clear white. Nose naked, of a brownish copper color, and narrowly margined with white hairs. Whiskers 2 1/2 inches long, white, intermingled with a few black hairs.

"Eyes oblique, with a whitish spot above and a little in

front of each, and a smaller one below. Irises orange. Claws completely retractile, one inch long, very strong and sharp, of a pearly white color, having a blood red tinge on the under side near the base.

"Teeth all clear white, perfectly sound, exhibiting no marks or wear. Incisors small, outer ones largest. Canines conical and strong, projecting 1.1 inch beyond the gum. The carnivorous molars project 3/4 of an inch. Posterior molars in the upper jaw not fully developed. The weight of the specimen before me, which is a male, is 86 pounds.

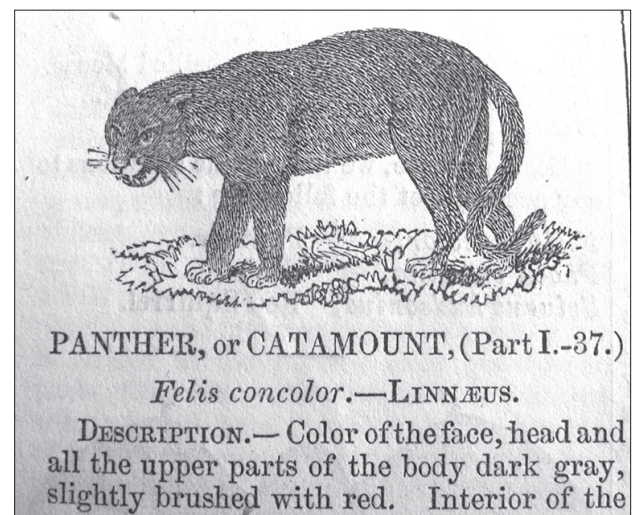
"Length, from the nose to the root of the tail, 48 inches. Length of the tail (vertebrae 29.5, skin and hair beyond 1.5) 31. Total length 79 in., or 6ft. 7 in. Length of facial line, from nose to occiput, 10. Width of the head between the ears, posteriorly, 4.5, anteriorly 6, between the eyes 2.5. Height of the rounded ear 3.5. Length of

the humerus 8, fore-arm 9, thigh 11, leg 12. Circumference of the wrist 7.5, fore paw 7.5, ankle 6, hind foot 7. Height at shoulders 26, at the rump 27. Girth of neck 16 inches, just behind the fore legs 27 inches.

"History. - The panther here described, was caught on the western slope of the Green Mountains, in the town of Manchester, Bennington county, on the 5th day of February, 1850. It was taken by a Mr. Burritt, in a trap set for a bear.

"It was purchased by the Hon. L. Sargeant and a few others in Manchester, who, with a public spirit and zeal for the advancement of science truly commendable and worthy of imitation, presented it to the Museum of the University of Vermont, where its skin and skeleton are now preserved.

"In taking off the skin, the head, neck and inner sides of the fore legs were found very much filled with Hedge-Hog quills, which, in many cases,



An illustration of a panther, one of 200 illustrations in Thompson's book.

PHOTO BY RON PATCH

had passed entirely through the skin and were deeply embedded in the flesh. [Author's note: I have a quill story.]

"The teeth of this Panther were all perfectly sound and white, showing no marks or wear, and as the posterior molars in the upper jaw were not fully developed, there can be no doubt that it was a young animal, probably about two years old.

"The Panther, above described, is the last and the only one which has been, to

my knowledge, killed in Vermont for many years; and as the animal is now exceedingly scarce, and there may never be another obtained, within the state for any of our museums, I have thought it advisable to be thus minute in its description and history, notwithstanding the full general account in Part 1 - p. 37."

This week's old saying is about a gossip: "A dog that will bring a bone will carry a bone."

Dark side of folklore

REGION - Join acclaimed authors Eileen Charbonneau, Eileen O'Finlan, and Jane Willan for a spirited look at the darker sides of Old and New World folklore on Aug. 8 and 9.

Eileen Charbonneau's novel, "Spectral Evidence," relates the escape to Canada made by the family children when Mary and Philip English are accused of witchcraft during the Salem hysteria of 1692. "Witch hunts happen in periods of change, and are born out of fear," Charbonneau discovered.

For Eileen O'Finlan, writing "The Folklorist" brought her home to her Vermont roots. Her novel explores the less well-known history of the New England Vampire Panic of the 1830s, through the eyes of a young scholar of the 1970s with a family connection. "Stories of the undead coming back to harm the living are quite old in Europe," O'Finlan explains.

O'Finlan also found fear to be a great motivator in her study of how whole communities of New England tried to fight the surge of tuberculosis (then known as consumption) by resorting to Old World practices. These gruesome deeds were based on the superstition that the already dead were coming back to feed off living rela-

tives.

Jane Willan divides her time between composing sermons and dreaming up murder. The author's goal is for her novels to do more than entertain, but also "reflect on the nature of faith, resilience, and rebirth." Jane will be discussing her book "The Shadow of Death."

Together Charbonneau, O'Finlan, and Willan offer a free talk about the fascination with witches, vampires, and murder.

The authors will be speaking at the Rockingham Library, 65 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls, on Thursday, Aug. 8, at 6:30 p.m.; and at the Springfield Library, 43 Main Street in Springfield, on Friday, Aug. 9, at 1 p.m. For more information, please call, email, or stop by either of these libraries.

Benson's Chevrolet Classic Movie Night

LUDLOW, Vt. - Benson's Chevrolet is excited to announce a free community event, "Movie Night Under the Stars," on Thursday, Aug. 1, at 8:30 p.m. The dealership will transform its outdoor space into a drive-in theater experience, featuring the iconic 1986 action drama "Top Gun." Top Gun is a thrilling film that captured the hearts of millions with its high-flying aerial stunts, memorable characters, and iconic soundtrack. The movie follows the story of Pete "Maverick" Mitchell, a daring young naval aviator who pushes the limits in training at the prestigious Top Gun Fighter Weapons School.

"We're thrilled to

bring our community together for a night of fun and nostalgia," said Geroje Benson Jr., owner of Benson's Chevrolet.

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the opportunity, please contact Lauren Skaskiw at 802-417-6895 or email plymouthschoolhouse@gmail.com.

YARD SALE

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Church yard sale Saturday, Aug. 3, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 4, from 12-2 p.m. Quality baby and children's clothes, toys, and misc. items. On Route 5 across from Roadway Inn.

BALTIMORE, Vt. – Town Wide Yard Sale Saturday, Aug. 3, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Rain or shine. Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/events/8051097661606928

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Multifamily yard sale Aug. 2-4, at 88 Atkinson Street, Bellows Falls. Anyone can set up.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Estate sale Aug. 2-4, from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. at 604 French Meadow Road.

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AUG. 2 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – First Friday Supper will be held at the First Baptist Church, 9 Church Street, on Aug. 2. The menu will be a chicken, hamburger, and hot dog barbecue, potato salad, green salad, dessert, and a beverage. Vegetarian and gluten-free options will be available. Serving from 5-6:30 p.m. For takeout, call 802-463-3220 before 5 p.m. There is a small suggested donation, net proceeds to benefit the Comtois Family Scholarship Fund.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – The Charlestown Senior Center announces the "Boys from '69" has been rescheduled to Friday, Aug. 2, at the senior center. We appreciate your understanding for the date change, and we hope to see you here. The time is 6:30-8 p.m. Please remember your lawn chairs, and don't forget, food will be on sale. Thank you for supporting our center.

AUG. 3 – BELMONT, Vt. – The Mount Holly Community Guild Bazaar will be held on Saturday, Aug. 3, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., at the Odd Fellows Hall in Belmont. There will be hand-crafted items for sale, to raise money for community service organizations and scholarships for graduating high school seniors. A raffle will be drawn at 2 pm., and lunch will be served.

AUG. 4 – LUDLOW, Vt. – Gerry Grimo and the East Bay Jazz Ensemble will be playing live music on Sunday, Aug. 4, from 6:30-8 p.m., at Veteran's Memorial Park in Ludlow. The rain venue is the Ludlow Town Hall. For more information, visit www.ludlowtwparksandrec.com.

AUG. 8 – LUDLOW, Vt. – The Back River Academy Museum invites the community of Ludlow and residents of the Black River Valley to attend their upcoming event, "Old Time Stories of Ludlow and the Black River Valley," on Thursday, Aug. 8, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. This is a casual event, campfire style, listening to a variety of stories from neighbors from years ago. Marshmallows will be toasted, s'mores served, and campfire songs sung, with live music by Springfield ukulele players. Everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

AUG. 11 – LUDLOW, Vt. – Rick Redington and the Luv will be playing live music on Sunday, Aug. 11, from 6:30-8 p.m., at Veteran's Memorial Park in Ludlow. The rain venue is the Ludlow Town Hall. For more information, visit www.ludlowtwparksandrec.com.

SUNDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Bellows Falls Loyal Order of Moose will be hosting a community breakfast on the first and third Sunday

of every month downstairs at the Bellows Falls Moose Lodge, 59 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls, from 8-10 a.m. All you can eat for a minimal cost.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Meet on Depot Street in downtown Ludlow every Sunday through Oct. 13, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., to shop at our vibrant farmers market. Find a variety of local produce each week, along with fresh baked goods, handmade crafts and gifts, cold beverages, live music, and more. We can't wait to see you for fresh food, community, and fun.

MONDAYS – PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – On Mondays at 6:15 p.m., join Mikayla for a yoga class. Contact Lori Wright at 603-401-8123 or visit www.dgbodyworks.com for more information. Private classes are available.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Zumba classes, Mondays at 9:30 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. All fitness levels welcome. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Aquatic Aerobics, Mondays at 10:35 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

TUESDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Come check out TOPS – Take Off Pounds Sensibly. We are a nonjudgmental, affordable, and supportive weight loss group. The first visit is free. We are taking Covid precautions so a mask is required while attending the meeting. All are welcome; youth must be at least 9 to attend and have parental permission. Meetings are every Tuesday at 25 Cherry Hill in Bellows Falls. Weigh-ins start at 5:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Knitting Together, every Wednesday, 1-3 p.m., at

Village Square Booksellers, knitting hats and mittens for our school kids. We provide yarn, some direction, and an enjoyable visit. Acrylic yarn donations are always welcome. For more information, contact Caroline at 802-463-4653.

THURSDAYS – TYSON, Vt. – The Tyson Ladies Aid Library Association meets the first Thursday of each month, typically at the Tyson Library. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. and meetings start at noon. New potential members are always welcome. Please call Janine Norman at 802-228-8764 for more information or to verify meeting location.

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Support group for parents of pregnancy and infant loss on the first Thursday of the month, from 6-7 p.m., at Springfield Area Parent Child Center, 6 Main Street in North Springfield. For details or to register, email dominiquer@sapcc-vt.org or call 802-886-5242 ext. 258.

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – On Thursdays at 6 p.m., join Lori Wright for a yoga class. Contact Lori Wright at 603-401-8123 or visit www.dgbodyworks.com for more information. Private classes are available.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Certified instructor Helena Wu will teach tai chi classes every Thursday, from 9-10 a.m., at the Black River Valley Senior Center, 10 High Street in Ludlow. Classes are free, and are limited to 10 participants. Registration is required. For more information, contact the Senior Center at 802-228-7421, or Helena Wu at 802-289-7369.

SATURDAYS – LUDLOW, Vt. – Zumba classes, Saturdays at 9 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. All fitness levels welcome. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

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William W. Brown Jr., 1939-2024

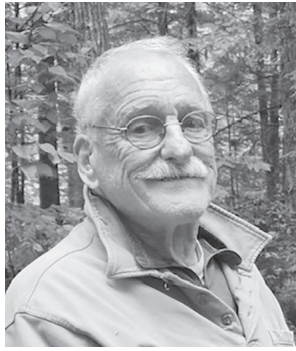
GRAFTON, Vt. – Bill Brown, lovingly called “BB” by many, passed away peacefully June 27, 2024.

Bill was born Jan. 17, 1939, the child of William Weston Brown and Alice Doyle Pratt Brown of Middlebury, Conn. He attended schools in Middlebury and Waterbury through the fourth grade, then transferred to The Fessenden School in West Newton, Mass., for fifth through eighth grade. He graduated high school from the Dublin School in Dublin, N.H.

While at Dublin, two of Bill’s passions were developed: skiing and working with wood. He spent a summer there helping to clear ski trails and build a ski jump run. He became a skilled skier and carried that love throughout his life, becoming an instructor at Bromley as a member of the Silver Griffins. Bill was also a talented musician, singing and playing guitar in Boston coffeehouses in the 60s. He also loved motorcycles, and his motorcycle families the Red Knights and MOV.

As well as forestry, wood-working also became a passion of Bill’s. While living in Boston he took on many carpentry jobs, and over a lifetime became a master carpenter. He built houses, and also enjoyed fine furniture crafting.

Bill’s grandfather Hayden Weston Brown bought several tracts of property in Grafton, Vt., during the early 1940s, acquiring about 1,000 acres up on and around Kidder Hill. There he built a house out of natural fieldstone, and dedicated much of his time to mapping, clearing trails and small roads, and hunting. Bill spent summers there helping his grandfather, thereby developing his love of the woods. After his grandfather passed away, Bill acquired the house and built a large shop and studio which enabled him to further enjoy Kidder Hill, and he had lived there ever since. The remainder of the property was donated by Hayden Brown to the town of Grafton under the management of the Grafton Improvement Association for the betterment of the town.



William W. Brown Jr., 1939-2024.

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BB loved Grafton, and dedicated much of his time, talents, and energy to the community. He was a lifelong member of the Grafton Improvement Association as president emeritus. Bill was also a member of the Grafton Fire Department, and served as the Grafton Forest Fire Warden.

Bill was predeceased by his daughter Liza (Elizabeth Brinkerhoff Brown Loring), his grandson Derek John Loring, and older brother Hayden William Brown II. He is survived by his long-time partner Marvie Campbell of Bartonville, Vt.; his daughter Ruhamah Rugg Brown of Woolwich, Maine; his grandson Max (Maximilian Parish Brown) and his sister Sherring Brown Burke of Powell, Wyo.; a niece; two nephews; several grandnieces and grandnephews; and three great-grandsons.

Bill adored his grandson Max, wife Katherine, and great-grandsons Maximilian Brown II, Hayden Brown, and Gavin Brown of Wilmot, N.H.

BB was kind and generous, and although he could be stubborn, he enjoyed people and loved helping whenever he could.

There will be a Celebration of Bill’s Life in Grafton, in September.

William T. Elio, 2024

WESTON, Vt. – William T. Elio, 83, of Weston, Vt., and Murrells Inlet, S.C., passed away on July 25, in his home, surrounded by his wife of 47 years, two children, and faithful four-legged companion Jackson.

Bill was born in LaPaz, Bolivia, schooled at The Grange School in Santiago, Chile, and New Mexico Military Institute in Deming, N.M., and graduated from The University of Colorado in Boulder. He then began his lifelong career in aviation. He spent 26 years with Pan American, where he was based at JFK, San Juan, Lagos, Nairobi, Miami, NYC, Rio, Caracas, and London. Knowing Pan Am was failing, he accepted a position with Continental Airlines in Houston. Eventually,

the family moved to their home in Weston, where he and his wife owned The Bookmonger in Stratton Village, and both children graduated from Burr and Burton Seminary, as it was then known.

Ultimately, the smell of kerosene called him again to join Spirit Airlines in New York and Fort Lauderdale. He ended his career with Broward County Aviation Department, retiring to Jupiter, Fla., Hobe Sound, Fla., and Murrells Inlet, S.C., but always maintaining his beloved Vermont home where he chose to pass. He is survived by his wife Samantha; daughter Erin Elio Patel of Greenlawn, N.Y.; son Liam of Weston, Vt.; and adored grandchildren Edith and Zavian Patel.

Gloria Leven Celebration of Life

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Join us for a celebration of Gloria Ann Leven’s life on Saturday, Aug. 10, from 12-3 p.m., at the Levens’ beloved property, 244 Densmore Road, Cavendish, Vt.

At 1 p.m., we will gather by her gardens to spread her ashes and say a few words in her honor. In keeping with her relaxed and spontaneous approach to life, this will otherwise be a casual event, so come when you can, enjoy a cold lemonade and light refreshments, and share your memories and thoughts of her.

RSVP to Andrew Leven by calling 802-226-7783,



Gloria Leven.

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Village Trustees 2024 Tuesday – September 3, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. Public Hearing Notice Hybrid Meeting - Heald Auditorium/Zoom

Village of Ludlow Zoning & Flood Hazard Regulation amendments Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §4441 and §4444, notice is hereby given of a public hearing by Ludlow’s Village Trustees to hear comments regarding proposed amendments to the Ludlow Zoning & Flood Hazard Regulations, including the zoning map. The public hearing will take place on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, beginning at 5:30 pm.

You may attend the Public Hearing in-person at the following address:
Ludlow Town Hall
37 Depot Street
Ludlow, Vermont 05149

Or via Zoom Link:
Trustees Public Hearing to Adopt New Zoning Regulations - September 3, 2024
Meeting ID: 984 2249 8745
Passcode: 045593

Comments regarding the proposed amendments to the Ludlow Zoning & Flood Hazard Regulations and the zoning map may be submitted verbally at the Public Hearing. Written comments may also be submitted via email to Brendan McNamara, Ludlow’s Town Manager at tmanager@tds.net or Terry Carter, Ludlow’s Planning Commission Chair at tmgcarter@gmail.com.

Statement of purpose:

The purpose of the proposed amendments to the Village of Ludlow Zoning & Flood Hazard Regulations, including the zoning map, is to:

- implement both the 2019 Municipal Plan and Act 47 (the HOME Act);
 - further village revitalization by facilitating commerce in the Residential-Commercial district;
 - make it easier to permit additional housing of various types, including affordable housing and senior housing, throughout the village;
 - comply with the provisions of 24 VSA §4412, 4413 and 4414.
- Please see the Planning Commission’s report on the amendments for more detailed information on the town website.

Geographic areas affected:

Portions of these amendments apply to all areas of the Village.

List of section headings affected:

- The following new sections were added to the Ludlow Zoning & Flood Hazard Regulations:
- Section 255, Administrative Review
 - Section 290, Affordability Requirements
 - Section 425, Village Residential-2 (new zoning district)

In addition, amendments are proposed which modify the following sections of the Ludlow Zoning & Flood Hazard Regulations:

- In Article 1, Section 140
- In Article 2, Sections 220, 221, 221.5, 224, 226, 227, 260, 260.3, 270.5, 280, and 290.
- In Article 4, Section 410, 420, new section 425 and 430 (including supplemental standards for outside dining and curbside pick-up).
- In Article 5, Section 510.1, 510.3, 520.2 (eliminated), 520.3, 520.8, 530.1, 530.3, and 540, 540.3, 540.4, 540.5, 540.6, 550, 550.1 and new section 550.9
- In Article 6, Section 660.
- In Article 7, a number of new definitions were added, definitions that aren’t used in the document were eliminated, and many existing definitions were revised.
- Minor clarifications and corrections were made throughout the document.

The full text of the amendments to the Village of Ludlow Zoning and Flood Hazard Regulations, including the revised zoning map and the Planning Commission’s report, are available online at <https://www.ludlow.vt.us> The proposed amendments and report can also be reviewed in hard copy format in the Town Clerk’s Office in the Ludlow Town Hall located at 37 Depot Street, Ludlow, VT 05149.

Russell E. Pickering, 1939-2024

WALPOLE, N.H. – Russell E. Pickering, 84, passed away July 17, 2024, at his home in Drewsville, surrounded by his family. Russell was born Dec. 24, 1939, in Bellows Falls, Vt., the son of Jesse D. and Marjorie (Jennison) Pickering. He attended Walpole High School, and graduated valedictorian of the Class of 1957. Russell married the love of his life, Phyllis A. Adams, on Sept. 10, 1960, in Walpole. He received a Bachelor of Education from Plymouth Teachers College in 1962, and his master’s degree from the University of Oregon in 1988.

Russell’s career as a high school physical education teacher and coach began in 1961, and included stints at Orford High School and Mount Greylock Regional High School. He spent the majority of his career at Bellows Falls Union High School (1971-2005). Following his retirement from teaching, Russell spent many more years coaching, including at Fall Mountain Regional High School and Monadnock Regional High School. In the summers he ran a

basketball skills camp at his home in Drewsville, “GID.”

Russell was predeceased by his wife Phyllis. He is survived by his children Tony Pickering, Terry and her husband Kenneth Hodgdon, Tom and his wife Karen Pickering, and Tyler Pickering. He is also survived by his five grandchildren Nicole, Aaron, Jason, Katherine, and Brianna; two great-granddaughters, his brother and two sisters; as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A Celebration of the Life of Russell Pickering will be held at the Walpole Elementary School on Saturday, Aug. 3, 2024, beginning at 10 a.m. Dressing in team colors or casual dress is encouraged.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Walpole Elementary School, 8 Bemis Lane, Walpole, NH 03608. Please indicate that the donation is being made in Russell Pickering’s memory.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster Street, Bellows Falls, Vt.

The surviving siblings of Francis Clark, who is currently buried in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Ludlow, Vermont, have requested the exhumation of his remains for the purpose of reburial in his parents, Allen and Rachel Clark’s, cemetery plot in the same cemetery. Descendants of Francis, the Ludlow Cemetery Commissioner or other municipal authority responsible for the cemetery may object to the proposed exhumation by filing a complaint with the Windsor County Probate Division.

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*Paid for by Cris Ericson
Chester, Vt.*

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

Kevin was born in St. Louis, Mo., is the oldest of four children, and by the age of four had moved four 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 Bachelor of Science in engineering, and enjoyed exhilarating success in his 45-year career in corporate manufacturing and sales for GE, UTC, Teco-Westinghouse, Airgas, Kalow, and



Kevin Winter.

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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 New York 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 kept 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.

See **KEVIN** on Page 7

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Comtu Falls Corporation

Project No. P-7888-024

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TENDERED FOR FILING WITH THE COMMISSION AND SOLICITING ADDITIONAL STUDY REQUESTS AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE FOR RELICENSING AND A DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF FINAL AMENDMENTS

(July 11, 2024)

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

- Type of Application: Subsequent Minor License
- Project No.: 7888-024
- Date filed: June 27, 2024
- Applicant: Comtu Falls Corporation (Comtu Corporation)
- Name of Project: Comtu Falls Hydroelectric Project
- Location: On the Black River in Windsor County, Vermont.
- Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. §§ 791(a) - 825(r)
- Applicant Contacts: Celeste Fay, Director Regulatory Affairs, Comtu Falls Corporation, P.O. Box 7580, Boulder, CO 80306; (413) 262-9466; email at celeste@gravityrenewables.com; or Jonathon Petrillo, VP Business Development, Comtu Falls Corporation, P.O. Box 7580, Boulder, CO 80306; (413) 262-9466; email at jon@gravityrenewables.com.
- FERC Contact: Nathan Tatum at 202-502-8838, or nathan.tatum@ferc.gov.
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l. Deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status: August 26, 2024.

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m. The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

n. The Comtu Project consists of the following: (1) a 4-foot-high, 128-foot-long concrete gravity dam (Comtu Falls Dam) topped with 2-foot-high wooden flashboards with a crest elevation of 394.4 feet North American Vertical Datum of 1988 at the top of the flashboards; (2) a 0.4-acre impoundment; (3) an intake structure on the west side of the dam equipped with a trashrack with 1.5-inch clear bar spacing and a slide gate; (4) a 6-foot-high, 6-foot wide, 65-foot-long reinforced concrete penstock; (5) a powerhouse with one Kaplan turbine generator unit with an authorized installed capacity of 460 kilowatts; (6) a 0.6/4.61 kilovolt (kV), 300 kilo-volt-amperes transformer; (7) a 20-foot-long, 4.16-kV transmission line; and (8) appurtenant facilities.

Comtu Corporation operates the project in a run-of-river mode using an automatic pond level control system to regulate turbine operation, such that outflow from the project approximates inflow. The current license requires Comtu Corporation to release a continuous minimum flow of 4 cubic feet per second or inflow, whichever is less, over the project dam and to release all inflow over the dam when inflow is less than 44 cubic feet per second. The project had an average annual generation of 2,340 megawatt-hours between 2011 and 2020.

The current license also requires Comtu Corporation to provide downstream fish passage at the project from April 1 to June 15. Comtu Corporation operates a downstream fish passage facility consisting of a 3-foot-wide, 2-foot-deep notch in the spillway that discharges to a concrete plunge pool.

Comtu Corporation proposes to continue operating the project in a run-of-river mode. Comtu Corporation also proposes to: (1) increase the current year-round 0.5-inch aesthetic flow over the spillway to 1 inch or 10 cfs; (2) operate the existing downstream fish passage facility from April 1 to June 15 and from September 15 to November 15; and (3) develop a flow management and monitoring plan.

o. Copies of the application may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document (P-7888). For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call tollfree, (866) 208-3676 or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

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p. Procedural schedule and final amendments: The application will be processed according to the following preliminary schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

MILESTONE	TARGET DATE
Issue Deficiency Letter (if necessary)	August 2024
Request for Additional Information	August 2024
Issue Acceptance Letter	December 2024
Issue Scoping Document 1 for comments	December 2024
Request Additional Information (if necessary)	January 2025
Issue Scoping Document 2 (if necessary)	March 2025

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Acting Secretary

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Factory Falls, Inc.

Project No. 9650-036

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TENDERED FOR FILING WITH THE COMMISSION AND SOLICITING ADDITIONAL STUDY REQUESTS AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE FOR RELICENSING AND A DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF FINAL AMENDMENTS

(July 11, 2024)

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- Type of Application: Subsequent Minor License
- Project No.: 9650-036
- Date filed: June 28, 2024
- Applicant: Factory Falls, Inc. (Factory Falls)
- Name of Project: Gilman Dam Hydroelectric Project
- Location: On the Black River, Windsor County, Vermont.
- Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. §§ 791(a) - 825(r)
- Applicant Contact: William Handly, Factory Falls, Inc., 286 South Street, Springfield, Vermont, 05156; Phone at (802) 885-5360 or email at bhandly@vermontel.net.
- FERC Contact: Erin Kimsey at (202) 502-8621, or erin.kimsey@ferc.gov.
- Cooperating agencies: Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item l below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. See, 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).
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l. Deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status: August 27, 2024.

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m. The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

n. The existing Gilman Dam Project consists of the following: (1) a 190-foot-long, 7-foot-high concrete gravity dam (Gilman Dam) that includes a spillway with a crest elevation of 421 feet mean sea level (msl); (2) an impoundment with a surface area of 1.0 acre at an elevation of 421 feet msl; (3) an intake structure equipped with a headgate and trashrack with 1.5-inch clear bar spacing; (4) a 175-foot-long, 6-foot-diameter penstock; (5) a 40-foot-long, 50-foot-wide, brick and concrete powerhouse with a Vertical Francis turbine-generator unit with an authorized installed capacity of 125 kilowatts; (6) a 50-foot-long tailrace; (7) a 0.6 kilovolt (kV) generator lead; (8) a 0.6/4.16 kV step-up transformer; (9) a 4.16 kV transmission line; (10) a downstream fish passage facility for Atlantic Salmon; and (11) appurtenant facilities.

The current license requires Factory Falls to operate the project in instantaneous run-of-river mode, so that flow in the Black River, as measured immediately downstream from the project tailrace, approximates the instantaneous sum of the inflow to the project impoundment. The current license also requires Factory Falls to release a minimum flow of 9 cubic feet per second (cfs) over the spillway or through the fish passage facility during passage season, and 40 cfs in an uncontrolled bypass channel on the west side of the dam, and to operate the downstream fish passage from April 1 through June 15. The project has an average annual generation of 550 megawatt-hours.

Factory Falls propose to continue operating the project in a run-of-river mode. Factory Falls also propose to increase the minimum flow over the spillway from 9 cfs to 10 cfs by maintaining the impoundment 1 inch above the spillway crest.

o. Copies of the application may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document (P-9650). For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call tollfree, (866) 208-3676 or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Acting Secretary

LEGAL NOTICES

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KEVIN

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Kevin is a constitutional originalist and wants to preserve individual liberties embodied especially in the First and Second 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 supermajority in Montpelier.

Call or text Kevin at 802-245-4190, or email him at kcwint5783@gmail.com and "tell him what you think."

Paid for by the Kevin C. Winter Campaign for Vermont Legislature

Chamber's 52nd annual Hackers Tournament

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The 52nd annual Hackers Tournament was held at the Crown Point Country Club on July 11, with 17 teams participating. The rain held off, the weather was wonderful, and the atmosphere was even better, making for a day of fun and humor.

Congratulations to our first-place winners. The net score winners were the Black River Produce team of Jay Kerner, Justin Lewis, Richard Cutia, and Brenden Nicholas. The gross score winners were the Cannatrol team of Richard Marasa, Geri Marasa, Jane Sandelman, and Christina Graves.

We want to give a big thank you to our major



Golfers gather for the annual Hackers Tournament.

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sponsors this year. Thank you to Ford of Claremont for being our hole-in-one sponsor. Unfortunately, no one sank a hole-in-one on hole 18 this year to take home a new car,

but be sure to sign up next year for another shot. Jerry Farnum from State Farm sponsored our putting contest for a chance at \$5,000 cash, again no winner, but a great competition. Cla-

remont Savings Bank sponsored the longest drive competition, our winners of which were Christina Graves and Erik Forbes.

Thank you to BRUNT for sponsoring the beverage cart, and VTEL for sponsoring the banquet.

Thank you to our sponsors who made up our swag bag this year, John Landry with WCFR sponsored the bags, Cannatrol sponsored the towels, and North Star Health sponsored the water bottles.

We are also grateful to our hole sponsors, we could not run this event without your

support. Hole sponsors were Richard's Group, Willow Farm, Springfield Area Parent Child Center, Servpro, Dragonfly Designs, HB Energy Solutions, Cooper Fox, and Great Northern Liquidation.

As always, Crown Point provided a beautiful setting for the tournament and delicious food. Thanks go to Kristen Cook, as well as the course and kitchen staff for helping us put on a great event.

Also, a big thank you goes out to the following who helped put the event together: Cas Krupinsky, Hacker chairman; Mike Schmitt, chamber board president; Polly Blais and Taylor Drinker, chamber staff; and all of the volunteers for their dedication and hard work.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Lovejoy Tool Company Inc.

Project No. 9649-020

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TENDERED FOR FILING WITH THE COMMISSION AND SOLICITING ADDITIONAL STUDY REQUESTS AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE FOR RELICENSING AND A DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF FINAL AMENDMENTS

(July 11, 2024)

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- a. Type of Application: Subsequent Minor License
 - b. Project No.: 9649-020
 - c. Date filed: June 28, 2024
 - d. Applicant: Lovejoy Tool Company Inc. (Lovejoy Company)
 - e. Name of Project: Lovejoy Dam Hydroelectric Project
 - f. Location: On the Black River, Windsor County, Vermont.
 - g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. §§ 791(a) - 825(r)
 - h. Applicant Contact: Todd Priestley, Lovejoy Tool Company, Inc., 133 Main Street, Springfield, Vermont, 05156; Phone at (800) 843-8376 or email at todd.priestley@lovejoy-tool.com.
 - i. FERC Contact: Erin Kimsey at (202) 502-8621, or erin.kimsey@ferc.gov.
 - j. Cooperating agencies: Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item l below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. See, 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).
 - k. Pursuant to section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 C.F.R. of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the application, and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.
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- m. The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.
 - n. The existing Lovejoy Dam Project consists of the following: (1) a 150-foot-long, 15 foot-high concrete gravity dam (Lovejoy Dam) that includes a spillway with 1-foot-high flashboards with a crest elevation of 345 feet mean sea level (msl) at top of the flashboards; (2) an impoundment with a surface area of 3.6 acres at an elevation of 345 feet msl; (3) an intake structure equipped with a headgate and trashrack with 1.5 inch clear bar spacing; (4) a 15-foot-long, 4-foot-wide, 8-foot-deep concrete penstock; (5) a 40-foot-long, 18-foot-wide, brick and concrete powerhouse with two Vertical Francis turbine-generator unit with a total authorized installed capacity of 150 kilowatts; (6) a 36-foot-long tailrace; (7) two 0.6 kilovolt (kV) generator leads; (8) a 0.6/4.16 kV step-up transformer; (9) a 100-foot-long 4.16 kV transmission line; (10) a downstream fish passage facility for Atlantic Salmon; and (11) appurtenant facilities.
- The current license requires Lovejoy Company to operate the project in instantaneous run-of-river mode, so that flow in the Black River, as measured immediately downstream from the project tailrace, approximates the instantaneous sum of the inflow to the project impoundment. The current license also request Lovejoy Company to release a minimum flow of 4 cubic feet per second (cfs) over the dam spillway or through the fish passage facility during passage season, and operate the downstream fish passage facility from April 1 through June 15 with an attraction flow of 20 cfs plus the 4 cfs minimum flow. The project has an average annual generation of 500 megawatt-hours.

Lovejoy Tool Company Inc is not proposing any changes to project facilities or operation.

- o. Copies of the application may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document (P-9649). For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call tollfree, (866) 208-3676 or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

One Hundred River Street, LLC

Project No. 9648-020

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- a. Type of Application: Subsequent Minor License
 - b. Project No.: 9648-020
 - c. Date filed: June 28, 2024
 - d. Applicant: One Hundred River Street, LLC (River Street)
 - e. Name of Project: Fellows Dam Hydroelectric Project
 - f. Location: On the Black River, Windsor County, Vermont.
 - g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. §§ 791(a) - 825(r)
 - h. Applicant Contact: Richard Genderson, One Hundred River Street, LLC, 300 Massachusetts Avenue NE, Washington, DC 20002; Phone at (202) 543-9300 or email rick@cellar.com.
 - i. FERC Contact: John Baummer at (202) 502-6837, or john.baummer@ferc.gov.
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- m. The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.
 - n. The existing Fellows Dam Project consists of the following: (1) a 200-foot-long, 10 foot-high concrete dam (Fellows Dam) with a crest elevation of 435 feet mean sea level (msl); (2) an impoundment with a surface area of 21 acres and a storage capacity of 106 acre-feet at an elevation of 435 feet msl; (3) an intake structure equipped with an inclined trashrack with 1.5-inch clear bar spacing; (4) a 4-foot by 8-foot, 30-foot-long reinforced concrete open flume; (5) a powerhouse with a Francis turbine-generator unit with an authorized installed capacity of 150 kilowatts; (6) a 0.60 kilovolt (kV) generator lead; (7) a 0.60/4.16-kV transformer; (8) a 0.6-kV, 100-foot-long transmission line; and (9) appurtenant facilities.
- The current license requires River Street to operate the project in a run-of-river mode and to release a minimum flow of 6 cubic feet per second (cfs) or inflow, whichever is less, over the spillway for the protection of fish and wildlife resources in the Black River. The project has an average annual generation of 500 megawatt-hours.
- The current license also requires River Street to provide downstream fish passage at the project from April 1 to June 15. River Street operates a downstream fish passage facility consisting of a 36-inch-wide weir installed in the spillway adjacent to the existing trashrack, a fish collection box, and an 18-inch diameter steel sluice pipe that discharges to a natural plunge pool at the toe of the dam.
- River Street proposes to continue operating the project in a run-of-river mode. River Street also proposes to: (1) increase the current year-round minimum flow release over the spillway from 0.5 inch (6 cfs) to 1 inch; (2) operate the existing downstream fish passage facility in the fall; and (3) develop a flow management, monitoring, and maintenance plan.
- o. Copies of the application may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document (P-9648). For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call tollfree, (866) 208-3676 or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).
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health center week

Celebrate National Health Center Week, Aug. 4-10

REGION – North Star Health is excited to celebrate National Health Center Week (NHCW), taking place Aug. 4-10. The annual event highlights the essential role community health centers play in improving public health and advancing health equity. Health centers represent the nation's largest primary care network, serving 31.5 million patients nationwide.

We use this event to recognize our amazing patients, community partners, and dedicated staff. If you visit one of our health centers during NHCW you'll receive some extra goodies to take home as a token of our thanks for choosing North Star for your health care needs. Call your local health center or log in to your patient portal to make an appointment.

North Star Health will be celebrating National Health Center Week with a theme of "Powering Communities through Caring Connections."

Aug. 7 is Patient Appreciation Day, a day to honor our patients and give them thanks for choosing us for their health care needs. Small tokens of our thanks will be provided to patients with appointments all week long.

We have adjusted the operating hours at our Ludlow Health Center walk-in. The hours are now Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., closed on Saturday and Sunday.

Springfield Food Co-op donates to Adult Day Services



Food Co-op staff and Sue Pollard, director of Springfield Adult Day Services.

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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – During the June Change for Change Program, the Springfield Food Co-op chose Springfield Hospital's Adult Day Services as the charity to support. The Food Co-op invites its customers to round up their change to the next dollar to donate the change to support local community-based organizations. This program has been going on since November 2021.

"I am humbled by the generosity of the customers and staff from the Food Co-op, and thrilled with the donation of \$700 to the Adult Day Services," says Sue Pollard, director of Adult Day Services. "We are proud of the services we provide to

our clients, and donations such as these allow us to continue our work. Thank you," continued Pollard.

Springfield Area Adult Day Services offers an affordable program which participants refer to as "a home away from home." We help adults over the age of 18 facing the challenges associated with aging and disability, frailty, isolation, and physical or cognitive impairment. We offer a cost-effective program. Our program includes a variety of health, social, and supportive services to help participants enhance wellness and maintain independence. We are accepting new participants, and for more information, call Pollard at 802-885-9881.

Parent Child Center Network hires first director –



Ellen Amstutz. PHOTO PROVIDED

REGION – The Vermont Parent Child Center Network (VPCCN) has hired their first director, Ellen Amstutz, MSW, PhD.

Amstutz' extensive career has been devoted to mission-driven social services for those most in need, including families with children. She brings a range of management, leadership, collaboration, and strategic planning skills with a proven track record of providing effective, strength-based services, and advocating for equitable government policies.

"I have been seeking to pivot my career to Vermont, where I have enjoyed having a home for over 30 years, and now spend increasing amounts of time as a hybrid remote/in-person worker [based out of New York City]...I am excited about the role of network director and how my skills and experience can build upon the network's goal of strengthening services for children and families across the state of Vermont."

The Vermont Parent Child Center Network (VPCCN) serves as a connecting entity that provides leadership, advocacy, and collaboration to support all 15 parent child centers across the state of Vermont. The VPCCN has been strategically developing their structure for several years with the goal to strengthen their impact through the parent child centers with a shared vision, philosophy, and purpose through the delivery of their eight core services: parent education, family support, home visits, early childhood services, on-site concrete family supports, play groups, community development, and information and referral. For more information, please visit www.vtparentchildcenternetwork.org.

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Parade is at 10 a.m. Booths will be offering homemade pies, jewelry, T-shirts, White Elephant items, fried dough and cotton candy, popcorn, ice cream, lunch foods, books, bingo, plants, pictures and frames, kids' games, face painting, and toys, plus there will be pony

rides, live music, and more. Come and enjoy the festivities. This free, all-day, family-friendly event, now in its 74th year, will be held rain or shine. Visit www.gracecottage.org or call 802-365-9109 for more information.

HCRS clarification on police social work program

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS), southeastern Vermont's nonprofit community mental health service provider, wishes to clarify recent changes in our police social work (PSW) program as reported in the Brattleboro Reformer on July 18. The article contained several inaccuracies and lacked context regarding the recent reallocation of resources within the program. Firstly, we want to emphasize HCRS' continued commitment to the Bellows Falls community. Our decision to adjust the hours of our social worker in Bellows Falls was based on a thorough assessment of the needs across all the communities we serve. This decision was made in consultation with the chief of police, who facilitated collaboration with the town manager and village trustees to explore opportunities for expanding the program back to full-time.

Health for the police social work program is specifically earmarked to address mental health needs. It is our responsibility to allocate these resources where they are most needed at any given time. This approach ensures that all the communities we serve, including Bellows Falls, receive appropriate and timely mental health support. HCRS' PSW program remains robust, with dedicated staff serving in various capacities across Windham and Windsor counties. Similar programs are successfully operating in Rutland, Washington, and Chittenden counties, each tailored to meet the unique needs of their respective communities. We are actively exploring additional funding opportunities to expand and enhance the police social work program in Bellows Falls and beyond. During our recent meetings with representatives of the Village

of Bellows Falls, we have discussed potential grant sources and the importance of involving local and state representatives in securing sustainable funding for these vital services. We appreciate the community's understanding and continued support as we navigate these changes. HCRS remains committed to providing essential mental health services, and ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all residents in our service areas.

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HCRS welcomes new staff

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS), southeastern Vermont's community mental health agency, is pleased to announce the appointment of 29 new professionals from the month of June, whose talents will augment HCRS' services across Windham and Windsor counties.

Springfield; Elizabeth Parker, DSP community in Springfield; Gilian Milner, residential specialist in Bellows Falls; Ashley Hubbard, behavior interventionist in Springfield; Justin Crockett, mobile crisis peer support advocate in Brattleboro; Zory Smith-Midownik, resi-

dential specialist in Woodstock; Devan DeStellano, behavioral interventionist in Hartford; Liem Berman, clinician II in Springfield; Margot Potter, STP counselor in Brattleboro; Nicolette Brown, residential specialist in Woodstock; Anne Marie Schneller, behavioral interventionist in Hartford; Angie Wright, DSP community in Windsor; Brett Jasinski, DSP employment in Springfield; Alexander Merseal, community outreach specialist in White River Junction; Bianca Severance, community outreach specialist in White River Junction; Derek Krym, nursing services in Springfield; Lenore W. Bresnick, teacher at Kindle Farm School; Ava Cutler, classroom assistant at Kindle Farm School; Mel-lany J. Harrington, teacher at Kindle Farm School; Dani R. Hutchins-Martin,

community outreach specialist in Springfield; Justin Jones, intern at Kindle Farm School; Jason L. Lovett, classroom assistant at Kindle Farm School; Albert W. Mitton III, teacher at Kindle Farm School; Asmahan N. Yunis-Oginga, residential specialist in Bellows Falls. These new hires will support the nonprofit agency's team of more than 500 staff providing comprehensive mental health, substance use, and developmental disability programs, which serve more than 4,000 people annually across southeastern Vermont.

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The reduction in hours for our Bellows Falls PSW staff member, Barbara Parizo, was not a reflection of the diminished importance or effectiveness of the program in Bellows Falls. Rather, it was a necessary step to address urgent mental health needs in other areas within our service region. Currently, Parizo continues to dedicate her expertise and commitment to the Bellows Falls community three days a week, and also extends her valuable support to the Windsor Police Department. The funding HCRS receives from the Vermont Department of Mental

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Rockingham Old Home Days festivities

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce (GFRCC) presents the 47th Rockingham Old Home Days, Friday – Sunday, Aug. 2-4. There will be special events each day at the Waypoint Center, featuring the annual fireworks.

Friday, Aug. 2 –

The Fish Ladder will be

open from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Learn about the Connecticut River watershed and the regional ecology, and take a peek beneath the waters in this immersive experience.

Ice cream sundae bar, from 5-6:30 p.m., at the First Baptist Church.

Family Carnival featuring food and games, from 6-9 p.m., at Rockingham Recre-

ation.

Saturday, Aug. 3 –

The Fish Ladder will be open from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Learn about the Connecticut River watershed and the regional ecology, and take a peek beneath the waters in this immersive experience.

Grammy Kitty's House Show will take place at 12:45 p.m.

Bellows Falls in Time, a guided tour with Sam, at 1 p.m.

Touch-a-Truck from 1-4 p.m.

Dari Joy's ice cream eating contest and Athens Pizza eating contest at 1:30 p.m.

Walk the Rock with Besty

at 2 p.m.

Bilbo bike from 3-6 p.m.

Fireworks show, starting at 9:30 p.m.

Live music at the Waypoint Center will feature The Milkhouse Heaters at 1 p.m., Intercept at 2:30 p.m., and MV19 at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 4 –

The 118th Rockingham Meeting House Pilgrimage, from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

For more information, call GFRCC at 802-

463-4280, email info@gfrcc.org, or visit www.grfcc.org.



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The Rockingham Meeting House in 1911. PHOTO PROVIDED

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in Rockingham, Vt. The Meeting House was built between 1787 and 1801, and was originally used for both congregational church meetings as well as civic and governmental meetings. Church services ceased in 1839, but Town Meetings continued to be held in it until 1869.

The Rockingham Meeting House is set on a parcel of land that it shares with the town's original burial ground, whose oldest marked graves date to 1776. Meeting House Road is the location of Rockingham's original town center laid out after the French and Indian War ended in 1763.

The building is a large two-story timber-frame structure with a granite foundation. The main entrance is flanked by pilasters and topped by an entablature and triangular pediment. Enclosed two-story gable-roofed stairwell extends from the each side of the building, with a similarly decorated south-facing entrance. The main entrance opens into a central hallway, through a floor filled with box pews to the pulpit area, which features the original sounding board. The second-

floor gallery, which wraps around three sides of the building, is also lined with box pews. The elevated pulpit area is 7 feet wide and is accessed by stairs on its left side. The pulpit is one of the few unoriginal elements of the building, having been restored in 1906.

Discussion around the construction of a meeting-house began in 1771 and culminated in the construction of a building at this site in 1774. That building remained in use until the construction of this one, which was approved by the town meeting in 1787. Documentation is unclear about when the building was completed: the first recorded Town Meeting was held in this building in 1792, at which time it was not complete. The town in that year approved use of the building by local Christian congregations for services.

The various church congregations built their own buildings over the ensuing years, with the original congregational group ending its services in 1838. The building continued to be used for Town Meetings until a new town hall was constructed in Bellows Falls in 1869. The original pulpit was removed about 1850, and most of the original benches lining the pulpit area were removed. Although the building was vacant for many years, its exterior was maintained. The interior was subjected to vandalism and the theft of artifacts, including door hardware and hand-cut nails.

After being unused for many years, it was restored by the town in 1906 and the first Old Home Day and Pilgrimage to the Meeting House was held in August 1907. It narrowly escaped the fire, which burned much of the adjacent Rockingham Village on April 14, 1908.

The building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979 and was declared a National Historic Landmark in 2000. It is an extremely well-preserved example of a "second period" colonial meeting house, in which the principal entrance, in which the long wall and is placed in a setting reminiscent of how it would have appeared at the time of its construction. Its landmark designation includes the building, cemetery, and receiving tomb.

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Rockingham Old House Awards open Aug. 3

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. — Kicking off the Aug. 3-4 Old Home Days and the Meeting House Pilgrimage weekend, nominations are open for Rockingham Old House Awards 2024.

“Inaugurated by the Bellows Falls Historical Society 27 years ago, the Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission carries the baton to celebrate with property owners their ongoing restoration and renewal of historic homes and commercial buildings,” said John Leppman, Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission chair. The awards program is sponsored by the commission.

There are multiple award categories and multiple awardees. Categories include awards for best private residence, commercial building, and apartment

building. “Since its start in 1997, owners of over 180 homes and commercial buildings have been honored for conservation of their properties,” noted commission coordinator Walter Wallace.

Eligible properties are older homes that have been renovated, painted, or otherwise enhanced on the exterior, usually in the past five years. Properties must be located within the Town of Rockingham, including the villages of Bellows Falls and Saxtons River, the hamlets of Bartonville, Cambridgeport, and Brockways Mills, and the town’s rural areas. To qualify, properties must



The Webb House.

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The doorway of the Knight House.

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be at least 50 years old, and may be residential or commercial.

Nominations may be made by sending an email to clg@rockbf.org, or writing

to Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission Coordinator, Town of Rockingham, P.O. Box 370, Bellows Falls, VT 05101. All nomi-

nations should include the property’s address and, if possible, the owner’s name.

Nomination forms can be found at www.rockbf.org/historic-preservation-commission.

The deadline for nominations will close on Labor Day Monday. Awards will be announced in early October, with a presentation ceremony later that month at the Meeting House in Old Rockingham Village.

The Old House Awards program is supported in part through funding from the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation and the National Park Service through the Certified Local Government program.

Our Rockingham community

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. — The Town of Rockingham is located in southeastern Vermont on the banks of the Connecticut River. In population and in its impact on the region, it is the second largest community in Windham County. About 40 square miles in area, Rockingham is predominantly rural and forested, but also includes densely settled residential neighborhoods, commercial centers, and several industrial areas.

Many residents live within two incorporated villages, Bellows Falls and Saxtons River. Others live in or near the small hamlets of Bartonville, Brockways Mills, and Cambridgeport. All of the town’s settlements are located on the Connecticut River or one of two tributaries to the Connecticut, the Williams and Saxtons Rivers.

The balance of the town not included in the geographic areas listed above is referred to as Rural Rockingham.

Rockingham Town

Until about 1825, the now-quiet hamlet near the Meeting House was the

principal village of the town in business and inhabitants, and the town offices were located there. The settlement took form at the base of the small hill where the town meeting houses were located. Development in Bellows Falls in the 19th century shifted the focus of the town, and a fire in 1909 destroyed the stores and post office. The Rockingham Meeting House, constructed 1787-1801, is now operated by the town as a museum. It has been declared a National Historic Landmark.

Indigenous people inhabited the Connecticut River Valley for some 10,000 years. It is believed that for several thousand years they gathered here at the Great Falls on the Connecticut to harvest migrating salmon and shad. The first European settlers tried to establish homesteads in this area during the first half of the 1700s, when the land was still occupied by Native Americans, the Abenaki, who joined the French in conducting a war against English intruders. Bedrock near the Great Falls retain stone carvings known as petroglyphs that are be-

lieved to have been created by Abenaki at least 300 years ago or more, during a period when their villages and burial grounds were set out here on the banks of the Connecticut in present-day Vermont and New Hampshire.

Rockingham was char-

tered in 1753 by Benning Wentworth, the colonial governor sitting in Portsmouth, N.H. Since then, a selectboard whose members are elected by registered voters of the town has governed it. After the conclusion of the French and Indian War in 1763,

settlement began in earnest. Many new inhabitants came from previous homes in Massachusetts and Connecticut. They cleared land and established homesteads scattered throughout the town. The Rockingham Meeting House was erected in roughly the geographic

center of the town in the hamlet that still bears the name of Rockingham. However, industrial and commercial development after the Civil War produced a concentration of population and activity in Bellows Falls, where it remains today.

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Because of weather changes, there may be a last-minute date change. Please allow for scheduling flexibility.

You will need a digital camera (DSLR or mirrorless, no point-and-shoots), a wide angle lens, tripod, and headlamp. Please wear long pants and bring bug spray. Optional equipment, but beneficial if available, is a star tracker mount.

You will be given contact information for Sanders so that full arrangements can be made directly with him. The cost is discounted for VAULT members. Please register by Thursday, Aug. 1.

This workshop is limited to a minimum of four and maximum of 10 participants.

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Gerry Grimo and the East Bay Jazz Ensemble –

LUDLOW, Vt. – Gerry Grimo and the East Bay Jazz Ensemble will be playing live music on Sunday, Aug. 4, from 6:30-8 p.m., at Veteran's Memorial Park in Ludlow, or at the Ludlow Town Hall in case of rain. Gerry Grimo and the East Bay Jazz Ensemble has a performing history dating back to its founding in Rhode Island in 1976. Its musical ensemble style is reminiscent of the classic dance bands and show bands of the mid-20th century. In fact, many of the ensemble's musical arrangements of the swing, blues, R&B, vocal, and jazz classics in its repertoire come from that time period.

East Bay Jazz continues to perform throughout New England with a core of musicians that live in New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island under the direction and management of Gerry Grimo of Windsor, Vt.

Grimo was born and raised in Rhode Island, but has been a part of the music and arts scene in the Upper Valley since settling in Vermont in 1988. Grimo is

treasurer for North Country Community Theatre in Lebanon, N.H. He is also the regular organist and music minister for St. Anthony's Church in White River Junction, Vt., and St. Francis Church in Windsor, Vt., and performs regularly with his band, East Bay Jazz, and as a freelance keyboardist, accordionist, and bassist in local area musical theater productions.

Grimo's business career included over 35 years in the banking industry, most recently as a VP-compliance officer for Mascoma Bank in White River Junction, Vt.

Springfield Community Band final Hartness concert

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Community Band will present a concert on Tuesday, Aug. 6, at 7:30 p.m., at the Hartness House, 109 Front Street, Springfield, Vt.

This will be the band's final Hartness House concert of the summer – although the rained out Children's Concert has been rescheduled for Aug. 13, at 6:15 p.m., at the Common Park,

located across from the Summer Hill Cemetery in Springfield.

As the season winds down, the band thanks the proprietors and staff of the historic Hartness House for making their very beautiful inn and event tent available as a concert venue, and for so readily accommodating the band's every request.

Many thanks also go to our wonderful and loyal

audience, whose enthusiasm lights up every concert evening and makes it all fun.

For this special concert, the band will be playing those pieces in the repertoire that are band member favorites. Will your favorites make the list? Come out and see.

As always, food and drink will be available for purchase.

Bear Mountain Boys

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – The Bear Mountain Boys, a lively group of local musicians known for their unique fusion of rock classics and contemporary music, will continue the Wednesday evening summer concert series on Aug. 7, at 6 p.m., on the Svec Memorial Green in Proctorsville.

This dynamic group wins over audiences with spirited acoustic performances and infectious energy. Patrick Ross on guitar, Bob Kennedy on mandolin, and David Ladd on stand-up bass all contribute vocal har-

mony to melt your face off with jams and classics.

Whether they are covering timeless hits or debuting some of the latest tunes, everybody is guaranteed to have a rollicking good time.

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In case of inclement weather, the concert will be moved to the Proctorsville Fire Hall at 513 Main Street. Please watch the Cavendish Community and Conservation Association's Facebook page for further announcements. For more information, email cavendishcommunityconservation@gmail.com.

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The Emily Margaret Band

PUTNEY, Vt. – Twilight Music continues its 21st Twilight on the Tavern

Lawn series of bluegrass, folk, rock, world beat, jazz, pop, and zydeco summer concerts on Sunday, Aug. 4, with The Emily Margaret Band. All concerts begin at 6 p.m., in downtown Putney, on the Putney Tavern lawn – bring a lawn chair or blanket – or at Next Stage, at 15 Kimball Hill, in case of rain. Copresented with Next Stage Arts Project, the series is sponsored by the Town of Putney, The Mockingbird Tavern, Rod's, and many other Putney-area businesses and organizations. The concerts are free, donations are accepted, and food will be available. For more information, call 802-387-5772 or visit www.

twilightmusic.org.

The Emily Margaret Band merges R&B and jazz into an evocative journey inspired by Hiatus Kaiyote, Amy Winehouse, and Lianne La Havas. This dynamic teen quartet features vocalist and guitarist Emily Margaret, whose expressive delivery and introspective lyrics deeply resonate with listeners; Adam Acker on keys, who brings intricate textures and emotive melodies; Lewis Wells on bass, who anchors their sound with a natural groove and intuitive feel; and drummer Lucas Majer, who infuses their rhythms with a sophisticated blend of dynamics and precision. Together, the quartet crafts intricate melodies and infectious grooves, blending original compositions exploring human experiences with soulful renditions of classics by Amy Winehouse, Stevie Wonder, Norah Jones, and Bill Withers.

Men's chorus returns for 2024 concert tour

REGION – The Northeast Men's Summer Chorus is pleased to announce its return to perform at local churches in Keene, Acworth, and Chester during the Aug. 8-10 weekend.

The chorus sings a variety of numbers in four-part harmony in the tradition of the Yankee Male Chorus, which sang in southern Vermont and New Hampshire for 65 years. Selections are taken from musical theater, vintage pop, rock, country, spirituals, hymns, and patriotic genres.

This year we'll be singing "God Bless America," "My Special Angel," "There is Nothing Like a Dame" from "South Pacific," and "Sweet Caroline" with audience participation, among others. It will be a very enjoyable evening.

The chorus eagerly accepts local singers to their group. They offer a program for high school and college singers to earn a stipend/scholarship for their participation, starting at \$250 for first-year singers. Choral singing experience is helpful. Community service credit may also be possible. Youth are accepted right up to and including the first concert day. Practice occurs at on Aug. 8, at 1 p.m. Community members and youth are encouraged to look into this opportunity, as commitment is small and rewards are great.

The chorus is conducted by Michael Wright, conductor of the Catskill Glee Club in Catskill, N.Y., and accompanied by Kate Butterfield, retired choral

director at Keene Middle School in Keene, N.H. Singers hail from Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey.

All concerts are free and open to the public. On Thursday, Aug. 8, the first performance will be presented at the Keene United Church of Christ, at 23 Central Square in Keene. Friday and Saturday night concerts will be at the Acworth Community Church on Turkey Shoot Road in Acworth, N.H., and the Chester Baptist Church at 162 Main Street in Chester, Vt., respectively. All concerts begin at 7 p.m. There is no admission charge. A freewill offering to be contributed to charity or defray the costs of the hosting church will be collected.

For further information, visit the chorus website at www.singingvacation.org, or their Facebook page @ttbnortheast. You may also email lambert323@gmail.com, or call 802-463-2271.



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