

# Governor previews 'significant' \$8.4 billion budget

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MONTPELIER – With a state government buoyed by more than a \$1 billion in federal funding, Gov. Phil Scott introduced a historic \$8.4 billion state budget Friday that, according to the governor, was “the most significant budget” he had ever presented.

In an address touching on everything from child care and housing to the state’s smallest towns and even immigration, Scott outlined a historically large spending plan that also saw millions set aside in anticipation of bleaker economics as federal funding sunsets and economists warn of a recession.

“We’ve seen incredible growth over the past two years, because the economy has been supercharged by the sheer volume of federal funds,” Scott said, “but we know that’s only temporary, so it’s critical we act now to close the distance between regions and families.”

According to Scott’s administration, the governor’s budget commits \$2.3 billion to the state’s general fund, \$2.1 billion to its education fund and \$335 million to Vermont’s transportation fund, as well as fully funds the state’s pension and retirement obligations.

Among the billions of dollars earmarked under the governor’s budget proposal were more than \$76 million targeting Vermont’s well-known housing shortage, including housing rehabilitation programs and funds for emergency housing, as well as funds for developing “missing middle” homes and to help local municipalities reform their zoning regulations to support housing development.

Maybe the single largest commitment in Scott’s budget proposal, however, related to money he asked the state not to spend. Under his proposed budget, around \$150 million would be set aside to provide the state’s required match for future federal spending programs.

“If we can’t fund it in the future, we will lose out on critical infrastructure funds, or have to cut state programs to find the match,” Scott said. “This is an investment that will inject money and jobs into the economy for the next several years, which we’ll need to sustain state revenue and continue to invest in our priorities.”

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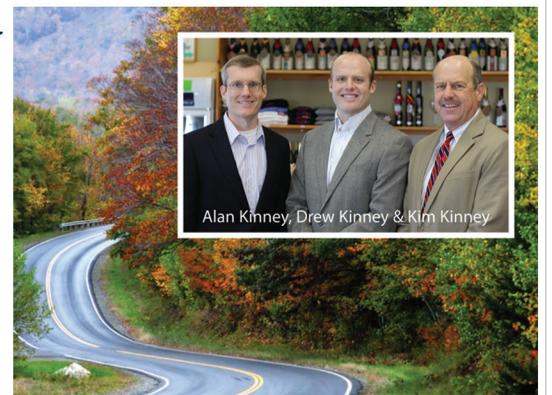
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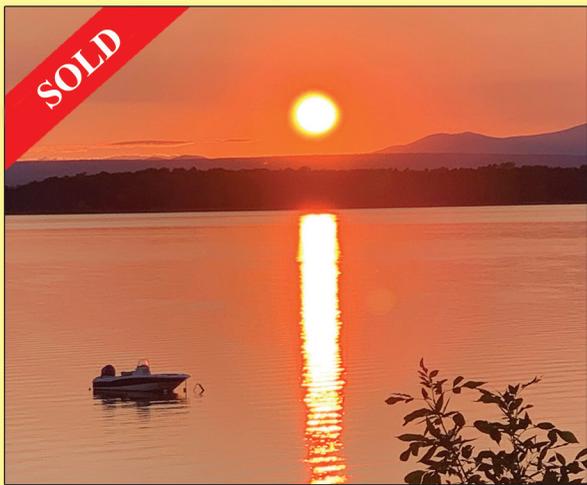


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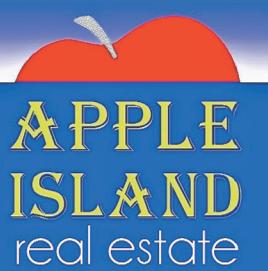
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# South Hero sends zoning articles to March vote after legal review declares articles ‘nonbinding’

By MICHAEL FRETT  
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SOUTH HERO – South Hero officials advanced a pair of articles questioning whether the town should significantly tighten South Hero’s two village zoning districts to a Town Meeting Day ballot, citing advice from the town’s attorney that described the two articles as “advisory.”

South Hero’s selectboard unanimously approved placing both articles on a March ballot, agreeing both votes would be advisory due to advice from South Hero’s town attorney that noted neither article could be binding without planning commission and selectboard hearings required for updating zoning laws.

“As I’ve mentioned previously, it seemed, at least in my review of it, that it was advisory,” David Carter, the chair of South Hero’s selectboard, said Monday evening. “We did get advice from counsel... that it is really advisory, and they have outlined procedures.”

The two articles called for respectively limiting the town’s South Hero village and Keeler Bay zoning districts, where local regulations encourage denser residential and commercial development, to the boundaries of South Hero’s two villages outlined under Vermont’s village center program, a distinct statewide initiative used for supporting redevelopment in Vermont’s historic downtowns and villages.

Currently, zoning districts centered on both the historic South Hero village and Keeler Bay extend beyond their counterparts designated through Vermont’s village center program, with South Hero’s zoning district extending north toward Lake Champlain and south toward the Folsom Community Education Center on South Street, and Keeler Bay’s village extending down a stretch of Route 314.

Beyond these districts in an area marked as South Hero’s “rural residential district,” South Hero’s development regulations generally encourage less dense residential developments and “small-scale” commercial businesses and industry partially through requirements related to a property’s acreage and a building’s distance from nearby roads and neighboring properties.

The two articles asking to thin South Hero’s villages were brought to the town’s selectboard by a petition championed by Joan Falcao and Bob Fireovid, area farmers who have been critical of the size of South Hero’s two village districts, and signed by 113 voters in South Hero, meeting the 5% threshold of registered local voters needed for a petition to be heard by town officials.

According to Fireovid, who spoke during Monday’s selectboard meeting, the “intent” for the two articles were that they would “follow the statute to make them binding articles.”

“The petition was clear in the beginning and the people who signed it were told that we wanted these articles on either the March ballot or in the subsequent ballot,” Fireovid said. “People understood and what they wanted was to be able to vote on rolling back these boundaries and having it be binding.”

In his letter to South Hero’s selectboard, attorney Andrew MacIlwaine wrote that both articles would, under state law referenced in South Hero’s zoning rules, require a hearing and review by the town’s planning commission before being “promptly” submitted to South Hero’s selectboard “with changes only to correct technical deficiencies.” The board would then have 120 days to schedule its own hearing.

Absent that, MacIlwaine, in his letter to South Hero’s selectboard, said the petitioned articles could help inform town officials working on revising South Hero’s town plan or potential changes to zoning regulations, but would otherwise not directly amend South Hero’s development laws.

“While it may provide a vehicle for taking the pulse of town voters on whether such a change is desired... the proposed changes would be nonbinding,” MacIlwaine wrote.

The selectboard first reviewed both articles earlier this month, the first apparent selectboard meeting scheduled after town officials received the articles’ respective petition in December. The petition is addressed to the town’s selectboard rather than its planning commission, something Carter, the board’s chair, noted more than once during Monday’s selectboard meeting.

Proponents of the two articles countered Monday that, had South Hero’s planning commission “promptly” entertained the articles after a petition was submitted to the town in December, South Hero may have met the requirements for the two articles to become binding on a Town Meeting Day ballot.

“If the town had done this properly and followed the statute that said the planning commission would promptly put these articles in the queue, get the public hearings and get all this done, we could’ve gotten this done by March 7,” Fireovid said.

Despite legal guidance recommending the articles be written to note they were only advisory, South Hero’s selectboard agreed Monday they would not be able to change the language of either article when they ultimately appear on a Town Meeting Day ballot. According to officials, writing that the two articles would be “nonbinding” or “advisory” would amount to a substantial change to either article.

“It’s almost editorializing,” Carter said.

Disagreements over South Hero’s village zoning districts have been ongoing for several years now, dating back to at least 2020 when selectboard officials approved significantly overhauling the town’s zoning regulations with updates drafted by South Hero’s planning commission intended to, according to town officials, streamline and clarify development review in Grand Isle County’s southernmost town.

The row over zoning regulations in South Hero prompted a pair of articles passed by town voters last year that required all updates to South Hero’s zoning rules and its town plan, a regularly updated municipal document generally used by Vermont towns to inform town planning and development regulations as well as state programming related to local development, be directly approved by voters.



A small audience listens as South Hero’s planning commission discusses updates to the town’s town plan during a January meeting. Photo by Michael Frett.

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South Hero's planning commission, currently in the throes of revising land use maps in South Hero's town plan to support restricting some denser development in the villages' residential areas, opposes both articles, accusing both of tentatively contributing to "housing discrimination" due to their potential to restrict affordable and middle-income housing construction, according to the commission's chair.

In a letter shared Monday evening, the commission's chair, Sandy Gregg, read a letter describing the efforts to confine the villages to Route 2 corridors as "discriminatory and elitest" due to their asking to "greatly reduce the area in which opportunities now exist for moderate- to low-income individuals and families to purchase a small lot, build an affordable home and work in their community."

"The planning commission is working under the vision the community gave us in the town plan survey, and that is to create opportunities for current residents to thrive and new residents to realize basic human rights such as housing needs," the letter read. "The planning commission finds these two articles to be exclusionary and not at all in keeping with the Town of South Hero's declaration of inclusion."

Speaking with *The Islander* shortly after Monday's meeting, Gregg said the letter had been "compiled" from feedback Gregg had "solicited from planning commissioners individually."

In response, Fireovid, one of the articles' supporters, described the letters as "hateful."

"Why didn't the planning commission discuss this at their last meeting?" Fireovid asked from the audience. "This is a hateful letter."

The letter was signed by Gregg "on behalf of the planning commission." While two other planning commissioners, Michele Gammal and George Harwood, attended Monday's meeting remotely, neither offered any public comments after Gregg shared the commission's letter with the selectboard.

Town officials involved in municipal planning have also said the two articles threatened to derail ongoing discussion by the planning commission to redefine South Hero's village districts by converting the districts' residential areas into "village neighborhoods" where regulations would encourage relatively less dense development patterns commissioners have previously described as being more "suburban."

Those changes, reflected in land use maps featured in South Hero's town plan used to inform future updates to South Hero's zoning laws, have featured prominently in more recent planning commission meetings and stemmed from feedback gleaned during a public planning commission hearing held at the Worthen Library in September.

"If these articles go forward, we're going to have to stop those discussions, because no matter what is decided on village cores and village neighborhoods, a decision approving those two articles will nullify that," Martha Taylor-Varney, South Hero's zoning administrator, said Monday. "Why would we spend all of our time on this if it's not a possibility?"

Taylor-Varney also described those conversations as "good discussions," a statement earning an audible scoff from at least one member of the audience during Monday's selectboard meeting.

In response to statements from town officials about residents having had previous opportunities to comment on plans to redefine South Hero's villages, Falcao said during Monday's meeting that critics like herself had been "cut off" from the planning commission's public debates.

"We've been there, and we've been cut off," Falcao said.

The planning commission has yet to formally define the development regulations advised for South Hero's tentative neighborhood districts. While the commission had initially planned to further discuss its village neighborhoods during a public meeting last week, a separate conversation on an early draft of other revisions to South Hero's town plan instead took up most of the meeting's allotted two hours.

Planners expect South Hero to see at least some development in the coming years. The town is among the largest in the Champlain Islands and directly borders Chittenden County, Vermont's largest county by population and the center of a growing Burlington metropolitan area often described as the Green Mountain State's economic center.

According to a Northwest Regional Planning Commission presentation in September, South Hero would need to accommodate somewhere between 40 and 80 new homes to support a modest population growth expected for Grand Isle County's southernmost town by 2040.

A recent Public Assets Institute report found median housing prices in Grand Isle County to be among the most expensive in Vermont, with the median home price now sitting at \$330,000 following a COVID-19 pandemic-spurred real estate boom. Only in nearby Chittenden County had housing prices climbed higher during the pandemic, according to housing data cited in the Montpelier-based thinktank's report.

South Hero's planning commission have previously said their plans were to have updated land use maps included in a larger town plan update due to come before South Hero voters this summer.

Last updated in 2015, South Hero's current town plan, which is required by state law to be updated every eight years, is scheduled to expire later this year.

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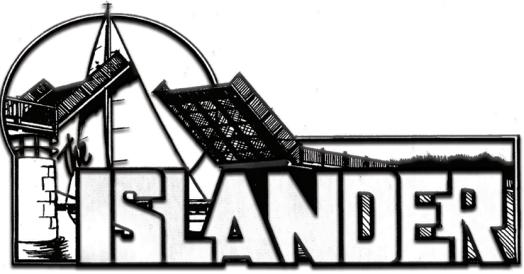
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By Steven Ludwig, GreatIce! Treasurer

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# Island Arts welcomes two new directors

By Katya Wilcox, President, Island Arts

NORTH HERO - Island Arts welcomes Marisa Dallas and Willy Dallas to the board of directors.

Marisa Dallas brings twenty plus years writing experience with diverse publications ranging from "Urban Worms and Rabbits" to articles about personality types. Primarily interested in fiction, one of her short stories is also published in the annual Writers in the Attic anthology by The Cabin, a center for readers and writers in Boise, Idaho. Since moving with her family to Grand Isle, Marisa enjoys being a part of the Burlington Writer's Workshop by volunteering for their book sales. She also participates in their reading and writing workshops. Most recently, Marisa became a manuscript reviewer for the Mud Season Review. Marisa hopes to connect with other writers through her work with Island Arts. She's currently developing her debut historical fiction novel.



Marisa and Willy Dallas are the newest members to the Island Arts board of directors.

Willy Dallas offers a variety of experience in sound, engineering, and music. He has performed in numerous bluegrass bands in Idaho and now plays fiddle with Corner Junction Bluegrass. Willy co-hosted The AM Breakdown, a bluegrass radio show, on Radio Boise KRBX for five years including remote broadcasts, sound support and live rebroadcasts. Working remotely in the semiconductor industry allowed the move to Vermont to be closer to family. Over the last 20 years, Willy has worked in numerous roles including service engineer, process engineer and now senior technologist specializing in memory fabrication. He hopes to bring bluegrass back to the islands through jams, workshops and concerts facilitated by Island Arts.

The Dallas' are interested to learn how they can best serve the island communities through Island Arts. Feel free to contact them at [www.islandarts.org](http://www.islandarts.org).

# Rescue squads train together

By Islander Staff

SOUTH HERO – Members of South Hero and Grand Isle Rescue participated in a Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support Class at the beginning of January at the South Hero Volunteer Fire station. The primarily volunteer run squads continuously train to practice and improve skills to serve residents of the county in cases of sickness and accidents.



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# ‘Not just books’: North Hero youth gathers to advise, ‘hang out’ in local library

By MICHAEL FRETT  
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NORTH HERO – When someone thinks of a library, they might think of full bookshelves and quiet reading spaces. They might think about a computer in the corner or free wi-fi.

While North Hero’s library has books to spare – enough to even stock a regular book sale – it was not the promise of page turners that brought a small group together at the library Tuesday evening.

Instead, it was cookies. “No-bake cookies,” to be exact.

Shane Glerum and Gabby McHugh, both 13-year-olds from North Hero, pressed small “no-bake cookies” onto a steel tray, joking with one another while Glerum debated smuggling the remainder of a half-gallon carton of milk home in his sweatshirt’s front pocket.

For both, Tuesday’s event was a departure from the traditional library experience.

“It’s different from a boring library,” Glerum said. “It’s not just books.”

“No other library we know does it,” McHugh said. “It’s something we’ve always done.”

According to the North Hero Public Library’s director, Caroline Korejko, this contrast was intentional.

“We’ve always felt that this age group was one we don’t see a lot at the library,” Korejko said. “This was something a lot of other libraries would do.”

The library’s strategic plan explicitly calls for ways to make the North Hero Public Library more accessible for teenagers like Glerum and McHugh, a demographic group Korejko said seemed underserved by the small Champlain Islands library.

In 2021, the library convened its first “youth advisory council,” with the hopes of bringing more younger voices into the library to help advise its programming geared toward younger patrons. The group’s work has translated to successful holiday parties at the library and fundraisers supporting St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital, as well as less well-attended events.

The group has remained small ever since its first meeting in 2021, often featuring only Korejko, Glerum and, when her schedule allows for it, McHugh.

The group is open to locals, but as Korejko noted in an earlier email to *The Islander*, “we are a small town, and that comes with small groups.”

While the group maintains its advisory role, however, according to Korejko, it has also become more of a “hang out” for its few regulars, often featuring art projects and activities like making “no-bake cookies,” and outdoor science experiments when the summertime weather allows for it.

“We check-in about programs and such, and get a feel for what kids their age might want,” Korejko said. “We haven’t quite hit that sweet spot yet, but we have fun just doing this.”

For locals like Glerum and McHugh, the smaller weekly gatherings at the library have become a welcome chance to get together outside of school. Both said that they would likely be at home watching television and might not see one another outside of the school were it not for their weekly gatherings.

“It’s a chance to do stuff and get away,” Glerum said. “It’s fun socializing and hanging out with Gabby and Caroline.”

“That’s probably the nicest thing you’ve ever said about me,” McHugh joked



**Gabby McHugh and Shane Glerum, the two teenage members of the North Hero Public Library’s youth advisory board, mold no-bake cookies during a recent activity night at the North Hero library. Photo by Michael Frett.**



**North Hero’s library director Caroline Korejko, center, and library youth advisory board members Shane Glerum and Gabby McHugh pose for a photo during a recent Tuesday evening at North Hero’s library. Photo by Michael Frett.**

before telling *The Islander* that, “in the nicest possible way,” she “didn’t have anything better to do” than spend time at the library.

Regular activity nights have also allowed the library to fill another gap in North Hero, a largely rural town with little for younger residents to do outside of school. The library’s strategic plan explicitly calls for the library to serve as a gathering space for after-school activities and expand its programming available to children and teens, and, according to Korejko, the library was uniquely outfitted to serve that role.

“Outside of school-sponsored events, there’s not a lot for kids this age to do,” Korejko told *The Islander*. “We have the space, we have the resources to offer it, we have the staff to do it, and nobody else around here will do it.”

According to Korejko, the library’s youth advisory group meets every Tuesday evening and is open to anyone between the ages of 11-years-old and 18-years-old.

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Another \$17 million was described by the governor as a "tax relief package," including recurring calls from the governor to end taxes levied on military pensions in Vermont, as well as expanding social security tax exemptions for seniors and the state's earned income tax credit, which Scott called "a highly effective anti-poverty tool."

The governor similarly marked \$10 million to help "stabilize" Vermont's health care system, as well as a \$9.2 million program for addressing mental health and substance abuse issues together, and a further \$10 million intended to expand a program piloted in Bennington that married public safety and human services teams to "reduce violence and drug activity in a lasting way."

"If we get this right, this could be a powerful way to help all communities turn a critical corner," he said.

The governor proposed marking \$12.5 million to further fund Vermont's brownfields program, which funds the cleanup of former industrial sites for future redevelopment.

### Child care

Among the most debated proposals in the governor's budget address related to funding dedicated to expanding child care access in Vermont, which, like much of the wider U.S., faces a significant shortage in both child care providers and accessible child care programming.

The governor's budget proposal commits around \$56 million in ongoing investments to expanding child care access in Vermont, potentially growing the state's annual child care spending to around \$120 million, Scott said in his address on Friday. The funding would stem from ongoing, "sustainable" revenues, according to Scott, rather than new taxes.

Scott similarly proposed to expand access to Vermont's child care subsidies to households making 400% of the federal poverty level, in effect allowing "thousands more kids" access subsidized child care services in the Green Mountain State.

Scott's proposal notably falls short of the \$179 million to \$279 million needed to adequately fund and staff Vermont's child care system and expand access to child care programming, according to a high-profile RAND Corporation report shared with Vermont's legislature earlier this month.

In a statement shared online, Aly Richards, whose organization, Let's Grow Kids, campaigns to expand child care access in Vermont, called the governor's proposal "a jumpstart investment" that still would not meet the state's child care needs.

"This is the year we need to take the courageous step and fully fund a child care system that supports working families, enables our youngest children to thrive, pays early childhood educators adequately, and grows our economy," Richards said. "Partial investments do not truly solve the child care crisis we are facing as a state."

### '... level the playing field'

In his address, Scott echoed a similar call made in his inauguration address earlier this month to focus development on Vermont's rural areas, areas the governor said had been less able to draw down federal funding than more densely populated pockets in the Green Mountain State.

Among the funding initiatives proposed by the governor was a \$3 million program intended to help smaller towns access and manage projects supported by the billions in federal funding allocated to Vermont throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent infrastructure spending packages.

"To help make sure the billions in federal money we've received is benefiting more regions, we're using data to identify towns and villages that don't have the tools to go after state funding, and have missed out because of it," Scott said. "Places like Halifax, Reading, West Fairlee, Sutton, Rupert, Montgomery, Alburgh and many more – they all need our help to level the playing field."

The governor mentioned the program alongside \$3 million he hoped to earmark for the state's Working Lands program, as well as \$3 million intended to help finish the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail stretching from Swanton to St. Johnsbury, and \$10 million for expanding agricultural processing capacity in Vermont.

### '... beacon on a hill'

One of the governor's statements winning the loudest applause Friday stemmed from a comparatively modest funding proposal included in Scott's budget. Near the end of his address Friday, Scott asked for \$4 million to help resettle refugees, immigrants and New Americans in the Green Mountain State.

In a sweeping statement touching on the state's immigration history, Scott told lawmakers the state could "lead the way" in welcoming immigrants, which Scott said the state needed both for the "diversity and culture" they brought, as well as "their ingenuity and labor" and "their hope and optimism."

"With compassion and courage, we can do our part to welcome those bold or desperate enough to leave their lives, and all they've ever know, behind to travel thousands of miles just to live the American dream," Scott said. "Let's do our part here in this 'brave little state' to fulfill our nation's promise and, once more, light the way to that shining city on a hill."

His statement won a standing ovation in the statehouse.

# South Hero foregoes meeting house bond, looking instead to explore moving town offices

By MICHAEL FRETT  
Islander Staff Writer

SOUTH HERO – South Hero officials are walking back a March bond vote supporting renovations to the South Hero Meeting House in favor of a separate article asking whether the town should consider exploring the meeting house as a home for the town’s offices.

On Monday, the town’s selectboard agreed to draft a Town Meeting Day article asking whether South Hero should explore the “feasibility” of moving its offices to a restored South Hero Meeting House after officials were told a bond vote could disqualify the town from some grant programs.

This comes after officials were already talking about halving an initial request for a \$2.4 million bond that would have funded both the meeting house’s restoration as well as a handicap accessible extension with bathrooms, meeting space and an elevator allowing for easier access to the hall’s second floor.

A thinner, \$1.2 million bond would have instead focused on restoring the historic structure itself, according to town officials, leaving a proposed extension to the building for a later phase.

According to David Carter, South Hero’s selectboard chair and the head of a committee fundraising for the South Hero Meeting House’s restoration, conversations with representatives from Vermont’s congressional delegation revealed a positive bond vote may have prevented the town from accessing certain federal grants, leading the committee to walk back talk of a Town Meeting Day bond.

“They did suggest we apply for certain grants before we went for a bond,” Carter said, “which is why I’m not asking for a bond at this time.”

While a prior town survey saw respondents favor the meeting house be restored as both a public gathering and recreational space, and the continued home of Granny’s Attic, a popular charity thrift store, Carter said last week in an interview with *The Islander* that a request related to moving town offices to the South Hero Meeting House reflected more recent conversations about the building’s use.

According to Carter, there had been no recent studies focused on the condition of South Hero’s current home for its town offices, but a “crack” in the building’s northwest corner and more general questions about working conditions in the building had prompted some concerns among some local officials about whether the building could continue hosting the town’s municipal offices.

Several members of the selectboard initially critical of the \$2.4 million bond floated by the board’s chair earlier this month said Monday they supported the move to instead explore potentially housing town offices at the South Hero Meeting House. Selectpersons Ross Brown and Anne Zolotas, who had opposed the previously suggested bond, said Monday they supported exploring the move.

“I’m finding this to be a lot closer to what my vision is and people I’ve spoken to want,” Brown said. “For me, it’s all about finding how we’re going to pay for it, how it’s going to generate money and what’s the whole thing look like in the big picture.”

The selectboard, according to Monday’s vote, plans to have language for a formal article drafted for final approval when it meets again for a special meeting next week.

The South Hero Meeting House, better known by many as South Hero’s Old White Meeting House, dates back to the early 1800s, when it was built as a community church. The building has since functioned as a public meeting house and school, as well as a garage for the town’s highway and fire departments and the longtime home for Granny’s Attic.

More than two centuries of use have taken a toll on the building, however. The meeting house’s eastern wall noticeably buckles over garage bays added when the building was used by the highway department, and restoration efforts have more recently targeted the meeting house’s weathered foundation.

According to Carter, several hundred thousand dollars have been raised to support the building’s restoration between private donations, a federal Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization grant and the \$150,000 in taxpayer funding approved by South Hero voters last year to restore the building’s foundation and stabilize its eastern wall.

A pair of architectural assessments for the town’s Old White Meeting House committee placed the costs for the building’s restoration and its planned handicap-accessible extension at \$2.3 million and \$2.4 million, respectively, with costs likely increasing should officials pursue a phased development instead of a single, one-time construction project.

In an interview Friday, Carter said “value engineering” explored by the Old White Meeting House committee found the removal of the building’s proposed basement could save between \$200,000 and \$300,000, as could restoring the building and adding its new addition in a single construction project rather than stretching construction out over several phases.

It was unclear, however, what deferring to a committee and feasibility study may do to a tentative timeline for the South Hero Meeting House’s restoration. Already, according to Carter, when the committee was initially looking at a bond for funding a 2023 restoration project, there were concerns with being able to find contractors in an environment where many have construction projects booked years in advance.

It was also unclear what impact a feasibility study focused on eventually using the meeting house to host South Hero’s town offices may have on Granny’s Attic’s continued use of the building’s second floor, though Carter insisted again during an interview last week that South Hero “had no intentions of putting the ‘granies’ out of business.”

“This building is worth saving,” Carter told *The Islander*. “For so many towns, these meeting houses and churches are an important part of their villages, and we really have an opportunity to restore our meeting house in our designated village center and do the right thing.”

# ILM hosts two meetings to wrap up annual budget

ISLE LA MOTTE -- The Isle La Motte Selectboard hopes to wrap up work on the proposed town budget this week during a pair of meetings.

A public meeting is planned for 10 a.m. Thursday at the town offices to try to complete work on the municipal budget.

The public is also invited to an informational meeting at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the town offices to comment on the work the Selectboard has done on the proposed budget.

The meetings also are available for the public to attend by way of Zoom.

## GRAND ISLE NEWS

### TOWN OFFICE NEWS

By Melissa Boutin, Town Clerk

### TOWN REPORT

The Town’s annual report and the auditor’s report will be available no later than Feb. 18. Visit [grandislevt.org](http://grandislevt.org) for updates.

### OPEN ELECTED POSITIONS

Town Meeting Day voting will occur on Tuesday, March 7 at the Grand Isle Town Office, 9 Hyde Road from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Available elected positions are: Cemetery Commissioner, 5 year term; Town Constable, 1 year term; Library Trustee, 5 year term; Lister, 3 year term and Selectboard, 2-year and 3 year term. Champlain Islands Unified Union School District open elected positions are: Clerk, 1 year term; Treasurer, 1 year term; Moderator, 1 year term and School District Director, 3-year term.

To run for local office a petition signed by 1% of the voters (18 signatures from registered voters) and a consent of candidate form must be filed with the town clerk by 5 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 30.

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# Tails of the 2022 Annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count

By Heather Kohser

Data compiled by Ken Copenhaver

Both the birders and the birds seemed to revel in the mild temperatures and serene snowscapes on the day of the annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count (CBC). December 18, 2022, was the 36<sup>th</sup> year of our area's count, encompassing the Champlain Islands, St. Albans, Point au Roche, New York, Swanton, and Georgia. In the liminal moments of silent sunrise, the Isle La Motte birding team rejoiced when two Barred Owls called back and forth, "who cooks for you – who cooks for y'all." The birders can count a bird officially by identifying it through sight or sound. Three Barred Owls and one Great Horned Owl were heard, while the smaller Eastern Screech Owls were quiet, a rare miss, heard in 30 other counts. As if wishing each other a good day's sleep, the Barred Owl's mysterious voices carried easily on low winds, through the white-frosted painterly pine forest. The beauty of the day was just beginning.

Sunrise across the Lake Champlain Islands was a glory of pinks, and yellows splashed on a purple cloud canvas. Hungry birds began to emerge after hunkering down in the previous day's storm. A record 65 Tufted Titmice were counted. The jovial acrobatic gray songbirds with distinctive head tufts and large black eyes, are being seen more often, as their range expands northward. They are fall and winter hoarders and can often be seen stripping the shell from a sunflower seed and hiding it in a crevice of bark, an avian meal prep for a leaner day. Previously rare in our area, the striking, Red-Bellied Woodpeckers, set the 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive record with a new high count of 25. Their black and white striped backs, flashy red heads, and shrill rolling "churr" sounds will likely make a bold statement soon, at a forest or feeder near you. Also, with respectable showings, birders saw 65 Downy, 36 Hairy, and 11 Pileated Woodpeckers. A fan favorite, the Eastern Bluebirds, shattered their previous record of 16 counted in 2019. This year, joyous birders spotted 37 of these winter-puffy blue beauties.

Twenty-six birders were in the field this year, while 17 backyard birders intently watched their feeders, spotting 575 Black-Capped Chickadees, 130 Northern Cardinals, 52 American Tree Sparrows and 109 White-breasted Nuthatches. The Red-breasted Nuthatch was missed again this year. Present for 30 previous counts, the tiny tree-clingers with rusty bellies and black eye stripes were also not counted in 2019 and 2021. Soaring into our numbers, were 14 Bald Eagles, steadily representing, after their recent recovery, and removal from the Vermont Endangered Species List. It was a red-letter day for raptors, with 50 Red-tailed Hawks sighted, the second highest count in our history, bested by 58 spotted in 1993. One of the largest birds in North America, they are commonly seen perching on telephone poles or fences looking for their next catch, a mouse, vole, rabbit, or squirrel - their favorite delicacies. American Crows cawed into the count this year at 583 individuals, while their larger corvid relative, the Common Raven, set a record, with 20 seen. To distinguish between them, Ravens are shyer than Crows, and usually not seen in groups, have larger curvier bills, a wedge-shaped tail, and a deeper voice – ye may remember, in days of yore, Poe's Raven croaking, "Nevermore."

With mostly open water, the gregarious Common Goldeneyes performed swimmingly, with a record high 7,265 individuals seen, beating their old record by almost 2000 diving ducks in 2012. Waterfowl numbers overall were nearly double the average of the last five years of the CBC. On the lower side, 308 Canada Geese were counted, as well as 8032 Snow Geese, and a rare find, a single Cackling Goose. With similar coloring to the Canada Goose, its more diminutive size, shorter neck, stubby bill, and high-pitched cackle distinguish it. The Cackling Goose has appeared in only one previous count. Unexpectedly, a new species not counted in our area's CBC before, was spied during count week, an all-black sea duck with an orange-knobbed black bill - a Black Scoter! Also, never counted before in our CBC, a solo Brown Thrasher joined the numbers. Sarah Rosedahl and Ken Copenhaver said they had no doubts on the identity of this unexpected bird sighting, at Alburgh Dunes State Park, reporting, "We both exclaimed Brown Thrasher in unison when we got our binoculars on it!" This bright brown, yellow-eyed showy songster, seen in Vermont in the summer, is known to have more than 2000 different songs - more than any other bird.

The finale of the *Tails* of the 2022 CBC, is the dramatic sighting, first ever in our CBC history, of one Eastern Meadowlark! Dave Capen reports, the medium-sized bird with conspicuous white outer tail feathers was flushed from East Shore Rd in Grand Isle. These bright tail feathers in rapid flight, are used to confuse predators that approach their ground nests. Beth Deimling and Al Crist were not at all confused, shouting out the bird's name at first sight. Once it landed in a snow-



A red-bellied woodpecker was spotted resting at a bird feeder during the 2022 Annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count. Photo courtesy of Terry Marron.



**Grand Isle Sheriff's Dept. log.**  
Jan. 16 - Jan. 21

**Mon., Jan. 16**  
GRAND ISLE  
Citizen Assist (2)  
SOUTH HERO  
Agency Assist  
Citizen Assist (2)

**Tues., Jan. 17**  
ALBURGH  
Crash  
GRAND ISLE  
Agency Assist (2)  
Citizen Assist (3)  
SOUTH HERO  
Property Damage

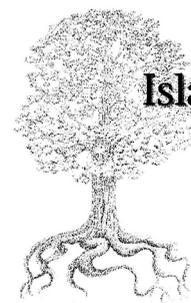
**Wed., Jan. 18**  
ALBURGH  
Citizen Assist  
GRAND ISLE  
Citizen Assist (2)  
Disorderly Conduct  
SOUTH HERO  
Citizen Assist

**Thurs., Jan. 19**  
ALBURGH  
Citizen Assist  
Service of APO  
NORTH HERO  
Welfare Check

**Fri., Jan. 20**  
ALBURGH  
Theft  
NORTH HERO  
Traffic Hazard  
SOUTH HERO  
Motor Vehicle Complaint

**Sat., Jan. 21**  
GRAND ISLE  
Citizen Assist  
Service of APO

less patch of ground, the field marks of yellow breast, dark necklace and long pointed bill could clearly be visualized. Dave noted, "Beth and Al were especially excited, having moved to Vermont from Indiana, where meadowlarks are common during nesting season." All totaled, 25,079 individual birds of 68 species were counted during the island area CBC week. After crunching through the snow, and all the numbers too, Ken Copenhaver says, "Excluding the Snow Geese, 17,047 birds is our highest count since 2011 and about 10% above our 35-year average. This was a nice bump in numbers compared with recent years." If you are interested in participating in a citizen science project that informs conservation decisions, by joining one of our lively CBC birding teams or becoming a feeder watcher, please contact Terry Marron at [tgmarron@comcast.net](mailto:tgmarron@comcast.net).



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by Mike Marland



## top ten

### Most-Searched People in the World: 2022

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2. Will Smith
3. Amber Heard
4. Vladimir Putin
5. Chris Rock
6. Novak Djokovic
7. Anna Sorokin (Delvey)
8. Andrew Tate
9. Rishi Sunak
10. Simon Levey

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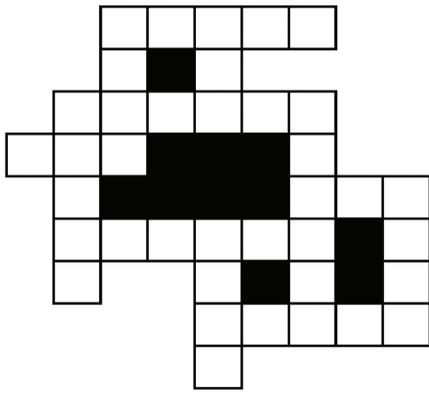
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## FEAR & KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

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- IKL
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- TRU
- PUNTRI
- ♥ EC SPO
- ♥ ELKA



Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥ RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MUSIC: Which band sang the theme song to TV's "Friends"?
2. ANATOMY: What is the only bone in the human body that isn't attached to another bone nearby?
3. LITERATURE: What is the setting for the "Anne of Green Gables" novel series?
4. TELEVISION: Who plays the lead role in the sitcom "Mr. Mayor"?
5. GEOGRAPHY: Where are the Spanish Steps located?
6. HISTORY: How long did the first man in space, Yuri Gagarin, orbit the planet?
7. AD SLOGANS: Which restaurant chain advises customers to "eat fresh"?
8. SCIENCE: What is the only form of energy that can be seen with the human eye?
9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: With which animal do humans share 98.8% of their DNA?
10. MOVIES: Which movie features the famous line, "I see dead people"?

### Answers

1. The Rembrandts ("I'll Be There for You").
2. The hyoid bone.
3. Prince Edward Island.
4. Ted Danson.
5. Rome, Italy.
6. 108 minutes.
7. Subway Restaurants.
8. Light.
9. Chimpanzee.
10. "The Sixth Sense" (1999).

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"Plowing right ahead ..."

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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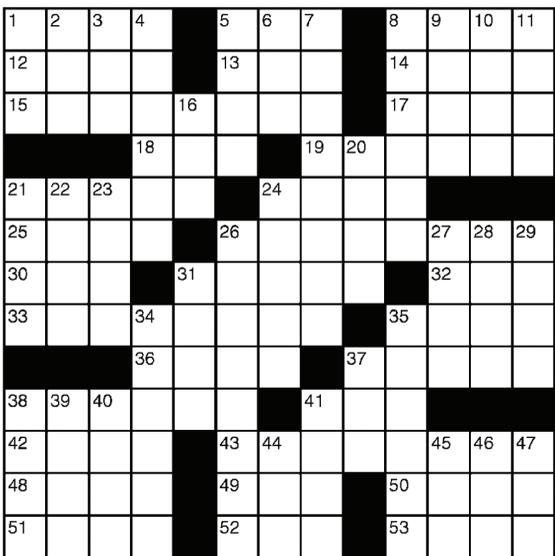
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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Choir voice
- 5 Right angle
- 8 Dallas team, to fans
- 12 Check
- 13 Sheep call
- 14 Out of the storm
- 15 Rub with an emery board, perhaps
- 17 Speck
- 18 Author Fleming
- 19 T-shirt fabric
- 21 Primitive
- 24 Spartan queen
- 25 Hamilton-Burr showdown
- 26 Criticize again and again
- 30 Nabokov novel
- 31 Two-tone cookies
- 32 Ms. Thurman
- 33 Road marker
- 35 Help a crook
- 36 Temporary calm
- 37 Steinway product
- 38 "With any luck"
- 41 Fragrant tree
- 42 2004 on a cornerstone
- 43 Color akin to turquoise



- 48 French river
- 49 Wildebeest
- 50 Cold War initials
- 51 Getz of jazz
- 52 Kenny G's instrument
- 53 Litigates
- 7 Guinevere's lover
- 8 Rum cocktail
- 9 Oodles
- 10 Presidential power
- 11 Penn or Astin
- 16 Calendar box
- 20 Praiseful pieces
- 21 Dutch cheese
- 22 German car name
- 23 Authentic
- 24 "The Sound of Music" teenager
- 26 Drags out
- 27 Hefty horn
- 28 Portent
- 29 Peacekeeping org.
- 31 Piece of work
- 34 Football team
- 35 Boeing rival
- 37 Chart format
- 38 Med. plan options
- 39 Skip
- 40 Tower city
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- 46 Exploit
- 47 Hosp. parts

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### "Pear Blossom"

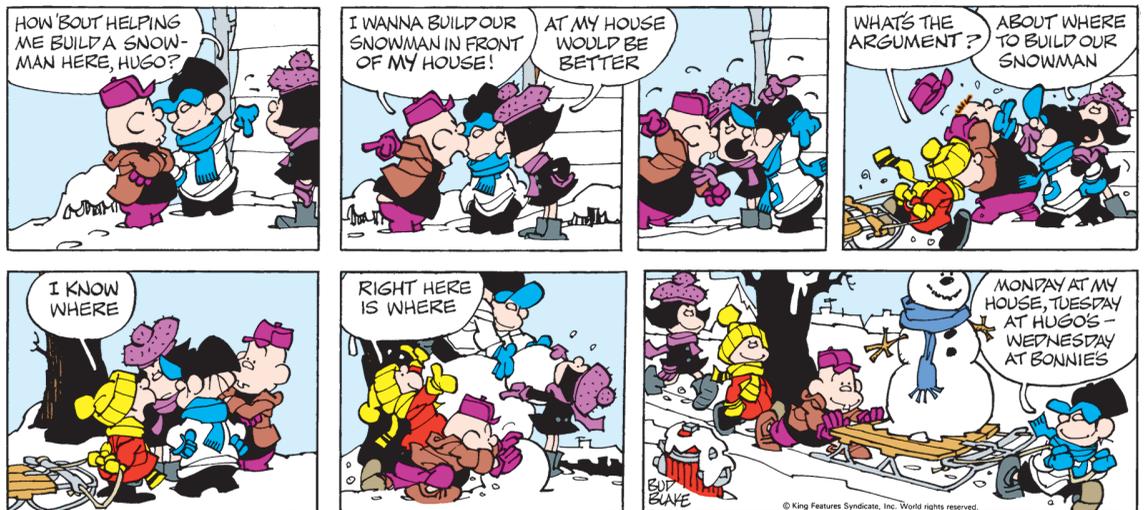
All alone by the veranda railing, teardrops drenching the branches, although her face is unadorned, her old charms remain. Behind the locked gate, on a rainy night, how she is filled with sadness. How differently she looked bathed in golden waves of moonlight, before the darkness fell.

Chinese poet Qian Xuan (1280)

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## TIGER



by BUD BLAKE

Answers on Page 17

# MILTON POLICE LOG

## JAN. 13 - JAN. 19

Between Friday, Jan. 13 and Thursday, Jan. 19, the Milton Police Department arrested 6 people. Officers also issued 10 traffic tickets and 20 warnings.

### Friday, Jan. 13

12:27 a.m. Bombardier Rd, Winter Parking Ban

While on patrol, Ofc. Flynn issued a warning on a vehicle parked on the road, a violation of the winter parking ban.

12:46 p.m. 199 US Route 7 S, Trespass

Ofc. Jones was dispatched to a business on US RT 7 at the request of the business to trespass a subject that had committed previous retail thefts. The subject was located and subsequently trespassed from the business.

### Saturday, Jan. 14

7:41 p.m. Merrill Ln, Assist - Fire Department  
While on patrol, Cpl. Coulombe took note of a sizable unattended fire in the common green area on Merrill Lane. While further investigating the fire, a resident in the area approached with their recycling with the intention of burning the debris. The resident was issued a warning and educated on what items could and could not be burned. Milton Fire arrived on scene to extinguish the fire.

10:26 p.m. Ethan Allen Hwy / Equestrian Ln, Georgia, DUI-Alcohol

While on patrol, Ofc. Flynn initiated a traffic stop for an observed motor vehicle violation. Upon identifying and making contact with the operator, signs of intoxication were noted. The driver did advise they had consumed alcohol prior to driving,

and consented to perform standard field sobriety tests. At the conclusion of the tests, the operator was taken into custody for suspicion of Driving Under the Influence, and will appear in court at a later date.

### Sunday, Jan. 15

3:39 p.m. Main St, Disturbance

Cpl. Porter was dispatched to a residence on Main Street for the report of a disturbance between a landlord and soon-to-be former tenant. Cpl. Porter arrived on scene and was able to de-escalate the argument. Ultimately the former tenant turned over the keys and departed.

8:42 p.m. US Route 2 / Flag Pole, Drugs

While on patrol, Ofc. Schiavo and Det. Noel initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle for an observed motor vehicle violation. Upon identifying the occupants, the passenger was found to be in possession of illegal narcotics. The narcotics were seized and the subject was issued a citation to appear in court.

### Monday, Jan. 16

10:03 a.m. US RT 7, Arrest on Warrant

While on patrol, Cpl. Hendry came upon a subject who was believed to have an active warrant. Dispatch was able to confirm the warrant, and the subject was given a ci-

tation to appear in court.

7:46 p.m. River St / Main St, Traffic Stop

While on patrol, Ofc. Schiavo initiated a traffic stop for an observed motor vehicle violation. Upon making contact with the driver, potential signs of impairment were noted. The driver consented to perform standard field sobriety tests, but was ultimately not found to be impaired. The operator was issued a warning for their erratic operation.

### Tuesday, Jan. 17

1:30 p.m. US Route 7 S, Milton, Retail Theft

Ofc. McQueen was dispatched to a business on US RT 7 with the report of a retail theft. The person of interest was identified and trespassed from the store.

8:37 p.m. US Route 2 / Sandbar, Excessive Speed

While on Patrol, Ofc. Schiavo initiated a traffic stop for an observed motor vehicle violation. The vehicle was observed on radar traveling 76MPH in a marked 45MPH zone. The operator was issued a citation and will appear in court at a later date.

### Wednesday, Jan. 18

8:25 p.m. Ethan Allen Hwy, Georgia, DUI-Alcohol

While on patrol in Georgia, Cpl. Coulombe initiated a traffic stop after observing a vehicle unable to main the lane of travel. When making contact with the operator, signs of intox-

ication were noted. After performing standard field sobriety tests, the driver was taken into custody for suspicion of Driving Under the Influence and will appear in court at a later date.

9:29 p.m. US Route 2 / Sandbar, Arrest on Warrant

Ofc. Flynn was dispatched to the area of US RT2 for a concerned third party report of a person in dark clothing walking on the road. Upon locating and making contact with the individual, it was learned they had two active arrest warrants. The subject was taken into custody for the warrants.

### Thursday, Jan. 19

11:17 a.m. Middle Rd Market, DLS

While on patrol, Sgt. LaFountain initiated a traffic stop for an observed motor vehicle violation. Upon identifying the operator it was learned the driver's license was criminal-ly suspended. The subject will appear in court at a later date.

5:48 p.m. W Milton Rd, Accident - Personal Injury

Sgt. Locke was dispatched to the area of W Milton Road for a car versus pedestrian motor vehicle accident. The pedestrian sustained minor injury to the arm/elbow area and was transported for further evaluation.



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Champlain Islands Food Shelf - DONATIONS ONLY  
Grand Isle Methodist Church  
12 Hyde Rd, Grand Isle  
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Youth Advisory Board  
North Hero Public Library  
3195 US Rte 2, North Hero  
6 p.m.



Playgroup  
North Hero Public Library  
3195 US Rte 2, North Hero  
10 a.m.

Champlain Islands Food Shelf - Food Pick Up Open to all Grand Isle County Residents  
Grand Isle Methodist Church  
12 Hyde Rd, Grand Isle  
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

To list your Weekly Happenings contact The Islander at 802-372-5600 or email [islander@vermontislander.com](mailto:islander@vermontislander.com)  
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**United Methodist Church**

*Isle La Motte ~ North Hero ~ Grand Isle*  
**JANUARY UMC PARISH SCHEDULE**

**JAN. 29**  
**10:30 North Hero**

*Reverend Chico Martin*  
*Parish Office 372-6638*

***Our Lady of the Lake Parish***

*Serving the churches of Alburgh, Grand Isle,  
Isle La Motte & South Hero*

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**St. Rose of Lima, South Hero-**

**Saturday: 4:00 p.m.**

**St. Joseph, Grand Isle- Sunday: 9:00 a.m.**

**St. Amadeus Parish, Alburgh-**

**Sunday: 11:00 a.m.**

*Fr. Joseph Sanderson*

*Tel: St. Amadeus Office 802-796-3481*

*Tel: St. Rose of Lima Office 802-372-4092*

*Website: <https://ourladyofthelake.vermontcatholic.org/>*

*Email: [ourladyofthelakeparish@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:ourladyofthelakeparish@vermontcatholic.org)*

**Congregational Church of South Hero, U.C.C.**

**Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m.**

Nursery for ages 5 & under  
Sunday School

Pastor: Rev. Cordelia Burpee  
24 South St. South Hero, VT 05486  
Tel: 372-4962 • [cchsvt@gmail.com](mailto:cchsvt@gmail.com)  
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**Obituary**

**ROBERT TAPPAN FOLEY**

PHILADELPHIA - Robert Tappan Foley, 92, of Philadelphia, PA and North Hero, VT, died at his home Jan. 16, 2023.



Robert Foley was born, March 20, 1930, in Winter Park, Florida, the son of Sherwood and Eleanor (Tappan) Foley. He grew up in a house next door to The Seminole Hotel on Lake Osceola in Winter Park, which his father owned. He attended Asheville School, Asheville, North Carolina beginning in 1944 and graduated in 1948. Bob entered Haverford College that year and graduated Phi Beta Kappa in 1952. After college he spent two years as a clerk in the US Army where he was stationed at Columbia, SC. He then joined the Philadelphia firm of Towers, Perrin, Forster & Crosby as an actuary. He worked there until he retired in 1982.

His work as an actuary was the beginning of a life-long interest in technology, computers and all things mechanical. It was while working in Philadelphia that he met his future wife Priscilla Rose and on October 13, 1979, they were married at King's Chapel in Boston. He was predeceased by Priscilla who died in 2009.

From the very first year of his life, Bob spent summers at his family's multi-generational home on the shore of Lake Champlain in North Hero, Vermont. There he developed close ties to aunts, uncles and cousins who formed a small family community and lifelong relationships. Bob was at home on the water and knew well the character and history of Lake Champlain. As a young man, he would row out in the lake to take pictures of the steamboat *Ticonderoga*, as it sailed past the family camp.

He had an enduring love of travel that developed at an early age from journeys with his parents and sister Anne. Bob's explorations included extensive travel in Europe, Australia, China, as well as multiple trans-Atlantic crossings on the *Queen Elizabeth* and *Queen Mary 2* when he and Priscilla would visit London for a few weeks of theater and music.

He took special pride in his marriage and he and Priscilla enjoyed entertaining friends and family both in Philadelphia and Vermont. Together their generosity was considerable and they mentored several Philadelphia families who were recent arrivals to the United States from China and Viet Nam. His philanthropy extended to the Philadelphia Orchestra, Island Arts, North Hero, Vermont, the North Hero Historical Society, Shelburne Museum and the Preservation Trust of Vermont.

As anyone who knew him will attest, Bob was modest and self-effacing. He also had a sense of adventure. In his youth he and a group of friends travelled from North Hero down Lake Champlain, the Champlain Canal and the Hudson River to New York City and back, camping along the way. On another occasion he canoed down the Colorado River, through the Grand Canyon and, as he recalled later, by the time he returned his brown hair was bleached blonde by the sun.

He is survived by his sister Anne Doucet, of Jaffrey, New Hampshire, and numerous cousins and

close friends.

His family would like to express particular gratitude to his cousin June Vouriotis, who oversaw his care in recent months and to Hollis McElwain, his cousin by marriage, who provided companionship in Vermont. They would also like to thank the staff at the Barclay, Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia, who provided care and kindness throughout his many years there and particularly during the last months of his life.

A gathering of friends and family will be held in North Hero this summer.

**To place an obituary  
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802-372-5600 or email  
[islander@vermontislander.com](mailto:islander@vermontislander.com)**

The first 200 words and one photo are offered at no charge.

Additional words are offered at \$.10 each.  
Please contact The Islander with questions.

**NORTH HERO  
NEWS**

**NOTICE**

*By Corinn Julow, Town Clerk/Treasurer*

At the Monday, March 20th Select Board meeting appointed officials will be appointed by the Select Board.

A letter of interest must be submitted to the Town Clerk by March 14th to be considered for the following positions:

- Animal Control Officer
- Emergency Management Coordinator
- Tree Warden

Please contact the chair of the respective board or the Town Office if interested in these positions:

- Water Board – 1 position
- Development Review Board – 2 board positions and 2 alternate positions
- Recreation Committee – 3 positions
- Phone – 802-372-6926
- Email - [townclerk@northherovt.com](mailto:townclerk@northherovt.com)
- Mail- PO Box 38, North Hero, VT 05474
- Drop-off - 6441 US Route 2

**ISLE LA  
MOTTE NEWS  
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION MEETING**

*By Sylvia Jensen*

A meeting of the Isle La Motte Community Organization will be held at the Isle La Motte school, 534 School Street on Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023 at 9 a.m. Upcoming 2023 activities will be the topic of discussion.

**TOWN INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

*By Mary LaBrecque*

The Town of Isle La Motte will be having an informational meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28 at the Town Offices at 42 School St Extension. The topic of the meeting will be the selectboard presentation and review of the proposed 2023 Town budget.

# Girls on the Run Vermont seeks volunteer coaches to help lead spring program

*Rachel Desautels, Executive Director, Girls on the Run Vermont*

Girls on the Run Vermont needs coaches! Girls on the Run is a physical activity-based, positive youth development program that inspires students in 3rd through 8th grade to be joyful, healthy, and confident. The ten-week program incorporates movement to empower participants to develop critical life skills, build confidence, cultivate positive connections with peers, manage their emotions, and stand up for themselves and others. Volunteer coaches utilize a curriculum to engage teams of girls in fun, interactive lessons. The spring season begins the week of March 27. Teams meet twice a week for 90 minutes and the program culminates with all teams participating in one of two noncompetitive, celebratory 5K events in Essex and Manchester, VT.

Coaches do not need to be runners! Girls on the Run Vermont (GOTRVT) provides training so volunteers have all of the tools needed to facilitate the season and to have a positive coaching experience. All volunteer coaches must complete a background check. GOTRVT welcomes high school students to volunteer as Junior Coaches. Please visit [www.gotrvt.org/coach](http://www.gotrvt.org/coach) for full details or email [info@girlsontherunvermont.org](mailto:info@girlsontherunvermont.org).

Local locations that are still in need of coaches are:

*Chittenden County:* Malletts Bay School, Milton Elementary. *Grand Isle County:* Alburgh Community Ed Center, Folsom Education & Community Center, Grand Isle Elementary. *Franklin County:* Swanton School.

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# Property Transfers



\*Source Vermont Dept. of Taxes

## January 2023

### COLCHESTER

- Denise A. Myers transferred property at 82 Shetland Ln, 0.59 ac., to Denise A. Myers Living Trust, \$N/A.
- Carol Dougherty transferred property at 74 Lomartire Dr. to Dougherty Family Trust, \$N/A.
- Karen B. & Todd P. Grunewald transferred property at 99 Hawkes Way, 0.94 ac., to Todd P. Grunewald \$N/A.
- Lillian T. Farnham transferred property at 196 Beach Rd, 0.25 ac., to Catherine M. Rush & Francis R. Shea, \$873,000.
- Property at 15 Kellogg Rd, 61.47 ac., was transferred to State of Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife Dept., \$10.
- Property at 37 Hickory Ln was transferred to Trevor Brian Hanbridge Living Trust, \$21,000.
- Melissa A. Mazza transferred property at 209 Lavigne Rd, 0.99 ac., to Samantha L. Abeling & Melissa A. Mazza, \$N/A.
- Louis B. Polish & Deborah S. Schapiro transferred property at 1067 Marble Island Rd, Unit 3 to James F. Potts & Yvonne L. Unger, \$1,015,000.
- Brian A. White transferred property at 58 Heartwood Ln to David A. LaBelle, \$20,700.
- Pamela Rushlow transferred property at 93 Sixth St. to Rebecca D. & Scott E. Carleton, \$35,000.

### MILTON

- Property at 349 Route 7 South

(Building Only) was transferred to Rockwell Ramsey Real Estate Associates LLC, \$1,462,500.

- Lisa Moisan Widowski transferred property at 35 Maplewood Ave., 0.4 ac., to Blair Knowles & Matthew Parisi, \$165,000.
- Property at 24 Mackey St., 0.75 ac., was transferred to Mary Ellen Barsalow-Pitts & Joshua N. Pitts, \$397,000.
- Property at 609 Lake Rd, 365 ac., was transferred to Caffy S. & Dennis C. Roberts, \$606,977.
- Property at 165 Route 7 South, 0.53 ac., was transferred to Heartrich One Partners LLC, \$385,500.
- Ashley L. Caron transferred property at 30 Quarry Ln, 0.69 ac., to Nicholas R. Caron, \$N/A.
- Brenton & Emily Towne transferred property at 75 Hunting Ridge Ln, 0.39 ac., to Allison & Jordan Heath, \$520,000.
- Mark Brault transferred property at Bombardier Rd, 38 ac., to Brault Revocable Living Trust, \$N/A.
- Property at 33 Greenbrook Circle, 0.05 ac., was transferred to Michael T. Cardinal, \$481,800.
- Marchia S. & Robert F. Metivier transferred property at 338 US Route 7, 1 ac., to The Robert and Marchia Metivier Trust, \$N/A.
- Richard A. Parizo transferred property at 222 Bear Trap Rd, 10.05 ac., to The Richard A. Parizo II Trust, \$N/A.
- Property at 8 Stonebridge Rd, 108 ac., was transferred to The Paret Travers Revocable Trust, \$980,000.

•Christine L. & Griffin McDermott transferred property at 21 Kingswood Dr., 0.48 ac., to Susan & Taylor Stryker, \$345,000.

•Darren Eddy transferred property at 218 Railroad St., 0.66 ac., to Kyle Eddy, \$N/A.

•Brian D. & Wendy T. Richard transferred property at 103 Allen Dr., 0.36 ac., to Hilary E. Carter and Brian D., Kevin J. & Wendy T. Richard, \$N/A.

•Marchia S. & Robert F. Metivier transferred property at 3 Almas Place, 2.77 ac., to The Robert and Marchia Metivier Trust, \$N/A.

•Melany S. Burleigh & Tamara A. Duffy transferred property at 79 Herrick Ave., 0.64 ac., to Darren Adams, \$375,000.

### NORTH HERO

•Richard J. Beauchemin transferred property at 444 Butler Island East, 10 ac., to Melissa & Scott Conchieri, \$225,000.

•Amy Jo Caldwell transferred property at 942 Butler Island East, 10 ac., to Daniel W. Larrow, \$100,000.

•Jared S. Keyes transferred property at 681683 Stevens Camp Rd, 2.3 ac., to Jared S. Keyes, Trustee & Song-Mei Chang Keyes, Trustee of the Jared S. Keyes Revocable Trust, \$N/A.

•Property at 1198 Blockhouse Point Rd, 0.37 ac., was transferred to David M. & Jean S. Shea, \$125,000.

•Melinda & Timothy Schmalz transferred property at 226 Poquette Ln, 0.67 ac., to Timothy Schmalz, \$N/A.

•Melinda & Timothy Schmalz trans-

ferred property at 226 Poquette Ln, 3.97 ac., to Melinda & Timothy Schmalz, \$N/A.

### SWANTON

•Property at 2115 Sheldon Rd, 6.2 ac., was transferred to Paul M. & Shaina T. Hanhart, \$391,000.

•Cynthia L. & Gary G. Lussier transferred property at 24 Bushey St., 0.25 ac., to Joshua Adams, \$171,000.

•Betty L. Cheney transferred property at 154 Campbell Bay Rd, 27 ac., to George E. Spear II, \$N/A.

•Betty L. Cheney transferred property at 391 North River St., 125 ac., to George E. Spear II, \$N/A.

•Property at 9 Furman Place, 0.25 ac., was transferred to Green Family Revocable Living Trust, \$N/A.

•Betty L. Cheney transferred property at 255 Champlain St., 3 ac., to George E. Spear II, \$N/A.

•Betty L. Cheney transferred property at Monument Rd, 8 ac., to George E. Spear II, \$N/A.

•George E. Spear II transferred property at 2 Jewett St., 0.42 ac., to Betty L. Cheney, \$N/A.

•George E. Spear II transferred property at 59 First St. to Betty L. Cheney, \$N/A.

•George E. Spear transferred property at 22 Campbell Bay Rd, 5.2 ac., to Betty L. Cheney, \$N/A.



# LEGAL

## Notices

### ALBURGH NOTICE OF TAX SALE

The resident and non-resident owner, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town and Village of Alburgh, in the County of Grand Isle and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes and assessments assessed by such town and village for the tax years 2020 through 2022 remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid upon the following described land in such town and village, to wit:

**Parcel 1:** Being all and the same land and premises conveyed to Katrina Haeger by Warranty Deed of Casavant Properties, LLC dated August 31, 2020 and recorded in Volume 184 at Page 281 of the Town of Alburgh Land Records and being more particularly described as follows:

Being a parcel of land with a single family dwelling thereon located at 43 Milk Street, Alburgh, Vermont and being all and the same land and premises conveyed to Casavant Properties, LLC by Warranty Deed of Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity Inc., dated August 16, 2012 and recorded in Volume 155 at Page 54 of the Town of Alburgh Land Records.

The property is subject to and benefitted by all easements and rights of way of record.

To which deed and to the deeds, records and references therein contained, refer in further aid of this description.

Town of Alburgh Parcel Number: MS0005

**Parcel 2:** Being all and the same land and premises conveyed to Henry Wasilewski by Warranty Deed of Robert Gaudette dated December 21, 2006 and recorded in Volume 130 at Page 80 of the Town of Alburgh Land Records and more particularly described as follows:

Being a parcel of land with buildings and appurtenances thereon containing 6.5 acres, more or less, and now commonly known as 1506 Greenwoods Road, Alburgh, Vermont.

The property is subject to and benefitted by all easements and rights of way of record.

To which deed and to the deeds, records and references therein contained, refer in further aid of this description.

Town of Alburgh Parcel Number: GR261

**Parcel 3:** Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Tellano Corporation by the following two deeds:

1. Warranty Deed of Alan Jarvis dated July 3, 1986 and recorded in Volume 54 at Page 294 of the Town of Alburgh Land Records.

2. Warranty Deed of Alan Jarvis dated November 2, 1987 and recorded in Volume 57 at Page 253 of the Town of Alburgh Land Records.

The property is commonly known as 128 Windmill Point Road, Alburgh, VT.

The property is subject to and benefitted by all easements and rights of way of record.

To which deed and to the deeds, records and references therein contained, refer in further aid of this description.

Town of Alburgh Parcel Number: WM128

And so much of such lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Clerk's Office in the Town of Alburgh, a public place in such town, on the 17th of February, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes and assessments with costs and fees, unless previously paid. Information regarding the amount of taxes due may be obtained through the Tax Collector, Terry A. Tatro, at (802) 796-3468.

DATED at Alburgh, Vermont this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.

/s/ Terry A. Tatro

Terry A. Tatro, Tax Collector for the Town and Village of Alburgh

### Town of Alburgh

Town meeting will be held on Monday, March 6th in the gymnasium of the elementary school. Elections will follow the next day in the bingo hall attached to the town office. Polls will be open from 7am to 7pm.

The following seats with terms will appear on the ballot:

2 Year Selectboard - 3 Year Selectboard - 3 Year Clerk - 3 Year Treasurer - 3 Year Lister - 3 Year Auditor

One-year terms that will be elected are as follows:

Town Moderator - Deed Agent - Constable - Delinquent Tax Collector - Grand Juror

School seats available are as follows:

3 Year School Director - 2 Year School Director - 1 Year School Moderator

Petitions for the seats are available on our website or can be picked up at the town office.

Petitions with signed consent of candidate form must be submitted to the town clerk no later than 5pm on Monday, January 30th. Petitions must contain at least 5% of the voters (Alburgh has 1486 registered voters currently)

### STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT  
CIVIL DIVISION  
GRAND ISLE UNIT  
DOCKET NO: 22-CV-00578

CITIZENS BANK, N.A. F/K/A RBS CITIZENS, N.A.  
PLAINTIFF

VS.

MICHELLE ST. LOUIS A/K/A MICHELLE MARIE ST. LOUIS AND OCCUPANTS RESIDING AT 10 ADAMS SCHOOL ROAD, GRAND ISLE, VT 05458  
DEFENDANT(S)

### NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Michelle St Louis a/k/a Michelle Marie St. Louis, to Charter One, a division of RBS Citizens, N.A., dated June 29, 2010, and recorded in Book 108, at Page 471, of the Town of Grand Isle Land Records, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at February 17, 2023 at 04:00 PM at 10 Adams School Road, Grand Isle, VT 05458 all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

To Wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to MICHELLE MARIE ST. LOUIS by quitclaim deed of KEVIN CHARLES ST. LOUIS dated February 16, 2004 and recorded July 8, 2004 in Book 87, at Page 085 of the Grand Isle Land Records and further described therein.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

The public sale may be adjourned one or more times for a total time not exceeding 30 days, without further court order, and without publication or service of a new notice of sale, by announcement of the new sale date to those present at each adjournment or by posting notice of the adjournment in a conspicuous place at the location of the sale. Terms of Sale: \$10,000.00 to be paid in cash or by certified check by the purchaser at the time of sale, with the balance due at closing. The sale is subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

The Mortgagor is entitled to redeem the premises at any time prior to the sale by paying the full amount due under the mortgage, including the costs and expenses of the sale.

Other terms to be announced at sale

Citizens Bank, N.A. f/k/a RBS Citizens, N.A.

/s/ Caryn L. Connolly

Caryn L. Connolly, Esq. BROCK & SCOTT, PLLC

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Caryn.Connolly@BrockandScott.com

### Saved by the bell

Mauricio Henao parked his car at the base of a hillside on the Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu, CA and got out to answer his cell phone; it saved his life. A few moments later a rockslide -- including a giant boulder -- landed on the car, compressing it in a manner seconds. It happened in the wake of recent torrential rains; the call saved his life, says the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. Henao was succinct when he described it: "I was in the driver's seat, walked out, got a call, ran back inside, came out and the car was just totaled," he told KTLA-TV.

### TOWN OF SOUTH HERO FINAL PUBLIC HEARING FEBRUARY 13, 2023 at 6:00PM SOUTH HERO TOWN OFFICE VCDP Implementation Grant Grant # 07110-IG-2020-South Hero-08

The Town of South Hero received \$730,000 from the State of Vermont for a grant under the Vermont Community Development Program. A public hearing will be held at the South Hero Town Office on Monday, February 13, 2023 at 6:00 pm to obtain the views of citizens on community development, to furnish information concerning the range of community development activities that have been undertaken under this program, and to give affected citizens the opportunity to examine a statement of the use of these funds. The VCDP Funds received have been used to accomplish the following activities:

Construction of Bayview Crossing, 30 units of service-enriched affordable housing for older adults located at 12 Carter Lane, and construction of 1400 linear feet of new water line along Route 2 for the South Hero Fire District #4.

Information on this project may be obtained from and viewed during the hours of Mon-Wed 8:30-12:00 & 1:00-4:30 and Thurs 8:30-12:00 & 1:00-5:00 at South Hero Town Office, on 2/13/2023. Should you require any special accommodations please contact Martha Taylor-Varney at 802-372-5552 to ensure appropriate accommodations are made. For the hearing impaired please call (TTY) #1-800-253-0191.

Legislative Body for the Town of South Hero

### Town of South Hero 2023 Elected Positions To be voted on Tuesday March 7, 2023

**Town Moderator** 1 Year Term, **Select board** 2 year term, **Select board** 3 year term, **Library Trustee** 2 year term, **Library Trustee** 1 year term, **School Director** 2 year term, **School Director** 3 year term, **School Moderator** 1 year term, **Lister** 3 year term, **Cemetery Commissioner** 3 year term

Forms and Petitions may be found at the Town Office or on our website at southherovt.org.

**The deadline for submitting Consent of Candidate Forms and Petitions of Nomination is Monday January 30.**

### PROPOSED STATE RULES

By law, public notice of proposed rules must be given by publication in newspapers of record. The purpose of these notices is to give the public a chance to respond to the proposals. The public notices for administrative rules are now also available online at <https://secure.vermont.gov/SOS/rules/>. The law requires an agency to hold a public hearing on a proposed rule, if requested to do so in writing by 25 persons or an association having at least 25 members.

To make special arrangements for individuals with disabilities or special needs please call or write the contact person listed below as soon as possible.

To obtain further information concerning any scheduled hearing(s), obtain copies of proposed rule(s) or submit comments regarding proposed rule(s), please call or write the contact person listed below. You may also submit comments in writing to the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules, State House, Montpelier, Vermont 05602 (802-828-2231).

Privacy of Consumer Financial and Health Information.

Vermont Proposed Rule: 23P001

AGENCY: Department of Financial Regulation

CONCISE SUMMARY: The Department of Financial Regulation's rule on "Privacy of Consumer Financial and Health Information" establishes limitations on how insurance companies, other entities that offer insurance to Vermont consumers, and insurance agents share consumers' financial and health information. The rule is being amended to modernize and streamline how annual notices identifying these privacy practices are provided to consumers. Instead of delivering an annual privacy notice to consumers individually, entities and agents who meet specific criteria will have the option to provide the notice on their website. This rule amendment will make the requirements for the provision of annual privacy notices consistent with federal law and with similar requirements, established in other rules, for entities regulated by the Banking Division. This rule amendment also makes technical corrections and clarifies what to include in the federal model privacy form should an entity elect to use that form as its privacy notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Karla Nuissl, Department of Financial Regulation, 89 Main Street, Montpelier, VT 05620 Tel: 802-828-2910 Email: Karla.Nuissl@vermont.gov URL: <https://dfr.vermont.gov/about-us/legal-general-counsel/proposed-rules-and-public-comment>. FOR COPIES: Diane Sherman, Department of Financial Regulation, 89 Main Street, Montpelier, VT 05620 Tel: 802-622-4358 Email: [diane.sherman@vermont.gov](mailto:diane.sherman@vermont.gov).



# LEGAL Notices

## Important Annual Notice Regarding Herbicide Use in the Maintenance of Electric Utility Rights-of-Way

The Vermont Public Utility Commission has set forth rules under PUC Rule 3.600 pertaining to the use of herbicides in the maintenance of electric utility rights-of-way (ROW). Each spring, herbicide applications may begin on or after April 1st. These rules afford you important rights and duties. Vermont electric utilities maintain electric line rights-of-way with several methods, including the selective use of herbicides on trees and brush. They also encourage low-growing shrubs and trees which will crowd tall-growing species and, thus, minimize the use of herbicides. Methods of herbicide applications may include stump, stem injection, basal, soil, and foliar. **Only electric utility rights-of-way that have tall-growing tree species with the potential of threatening the electric utility system are treated.**

### If you reside on or own property in Vermont within 1000' of an electric utility right-of-way:

- Sign up to receive written notification** from your local electric utility of plans to apply herbicide on any ROW within 1000' of your property or the property where you reside. Check nearby poles for tags identifying the utility and/or pole number, complete the form below and submit it to your local electric utility by mail before February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to be added to the notification list. If determined to be qualified, you will receive notification from the utility at least 30 days prior to scheduled herbicide application.
- You are responsible to make your local electric utility aware** of the location of any potentially affected water supply, and of any other environmentally sensitive area where herbicide application ought to be avoided.
- Watch and listen for public service announcements** in newspapers and radio ads noting upcoming herbicide applications.
- Check with your local electric utility** regarding the vegetation management cycle near your particular line.
- You have the right** to request, in writing, that the utility refrain from applying herbicides in the process of clearing the right-of-way, and the utility may offer alternatives such as herbicide stump treatment or herbicide stem injections.
- You have the right** to refuse, in writing, the use of herbicides whatsoever at no cost to you if the type of lines in the right-of-way are **distribution lines**, bringing electric service directly to individual customers.
- You have the right** to refuse, in writing, the use of herbicides whatsoever by paying a \$30 administration fee if the type of lines in the right-of-way are **transmission lines** or **sub-transmission lines**, bringing electricity to or between substations.

For more details, or to ask additional questions, please contact your local electric utility, or one of the following:

<b>Vermont Electric Power Company (VELCO)</b> 366 Pinnacle Ridge Rd. Rutland, VT 05701 Attn: Scott Carlson (802) 353-3584	<b>Agency of Agriculture Public Health &amp; Ag. Resource Mgmt</b> 116 State St., Montpelier, VT 05602 1-802-828-2431	<b>Department of Public Service Consumer Affairs &amp; Public Information</b> 112 State St., Montpelier, VT 05620 1-800-622-4496
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Based on the information above, if you believe you qualify to be notified in advance of pending herbicide applications in the rights-of-way, mail the request below to your local electric company before February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Resident/Property Owner Request to be Added to Herbicide Treatment Notification Mailing List	
Name	Town/City of Affected Property
Street Address	Home Phone Number
Town	Work Phone Number
State                      Zip Code	O.K. to use work number?      Yes      No (circle one)
Electric Utility Account Number	Best time to contact you
Affected Property:    Year-Round Residence    Summer Residence    Commercial Property    Water Supply    Organic Farm    Land Other (Circle all that apply)	
Line/Pole Identification: Utility Initials	Pole Numbers
Please fill out this request completely to help us determine if you qualify for herbicide treatment notification. <b>MAIL THIS REQUEST TO YOUR LOCAL ELECTRIC UTILITY AT THE ADDRESS LISTED ABOVE BEFORE FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2023</b>	

# ACADEMIC KUDOS

Fall 2022

## President's List

CLARKSON UNIVERSITY –  
POTSDAM, NY

Emma Faith Sabourin and Jack Duffy Talbot of Grand Isle.

*The student must be enrolled in at least 14 credit hours, of which at least 12 must be for a letter grade and achieve a GPA of 3.800-4.00 for Presidential Scholar.*

SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE UNIVERSITY –  
MANCHESTER, NH

Samantha Thompson and Erin Leon of Alburgh.

Rachael Noel of Colchester.

Jeffrey Maring of Swanton.

*Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List.*

PLYMOUTH STATE UNIVERSITY –  
PLYMOUTH, NH

Trang Tong of Colchester.

Connor Leach of Swanton.

*The student must be enrolled in at least 14 credit hours, of which at least 12 must be for a letter grade and achieve a GPA of 3.800-4.00 for Presidential Scholar.*

## Dean's List

CLARKSON UNIVERSITY –  
POTSDAM, NY

Sebastian Christman Alessi of Colchester.

Aengus Matthew Andrew of Chazy, NY.

Evan Ryan Desautels and Alexander Coburn Hannah of Milton.

Hailey Christine Letourneau of Rouses Point, NY.

Brandon Thomas Pratico of North Hero.

Aiden Karl Surprenant of Mooers, NY.

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SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE UNIVERSITY –  
MANCHESTER, NH

Logan Mock of Colchester.

*Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List.*

SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE –  
SPRINGFIELD, MA

Kaylee Shaw from Milton.

Emily Zambarano from South Hero.

*The student must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded coursework for the term and have a minimum semester grade average of 3.500 for the term.*

## CCHA Presents:

### "The early 20th Century on Valcour Island"

By Helen Nerska, Director,  
Clinton County Historical Society

PLATTSBURGH - Please join the Clinton County Historical Association (CCHA) and the Lake Forest Senior Retirement Community on Tuesday, Jan. 31, at 6:45 p.m., for Roger Harwood's presentation on the early 20th Century life on Valcour Island. See the photos and hear the stories of the long gone community of farmers and camps which thrived on Valcour Island.

Clinton County Historical Association lectures are free and open to the public. This program is funded in part by Clinton County.

Location: 8 Lake Forest Dr, Plattsburgh, NY

## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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## Calendar of Events

### SATURDAY, JAN. 28

- Isle La Motte Community Organization meeting at the Isle La Motte school, 534 School Street, Isle La Motte; 9 a.m.
- The Town of Isle La Motte informational meeting at the Town Offices, 42 School St Extension, Isle La Motte; 10:30 a.m.

### TUESDAY, JAN. 31

- CCHA Presents: "The early 20th Century on Valcour Island" at the Lake Forest Senior Retirement Community, 8 Lake Forest Dr, Plattsburgh, NY; 6:45 p.m.

Free events are printed at no charge.

Please email

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## -EMPLOYMENT-

**Assistant Property Manager - Camp Abnaki** - Join us on the shores of beautiful Lake Champlain! YMCA Camp Abnaki is a 122-year-old residential summer camp in North Hero, Vermont. We have 65 acres with over 40 buildings, some of which are more than 100 years old. Generations of campers return summer after summer to enjoy traditional programming. We also host school groups, weddings, and private functions during the Spring and Fall. We are looking for the right person to join our hard-working crew—someone with a varied skill set that can support the Property Manager in maintaining the grounds and improving facilities. This is a flexible position that could be full or part-time work in the winter months, and full-time in the summer. For more details, including qualifications, generous benefits, and more, see the complete job listing at [gbymca.org/careers](http://gbymca.org/careers), or email Camp Abnaki Director Brian Roy at [broy@gbymca.org](mailto:broy@gbymca.org). 2/8

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## Americanisms



"Exercise is a dirty word. Every time I hear it I wash my mouth out with chocolate."  
— Charles Schulz

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# Annual Colchester Winter Carnival planned for early February

By MIKE DONOGHUE  
Islander Staff Writer

COLCHESTER – The 39th annual Colchester Winter Carnival will feature a wide range of family-friendly activities during the Feb. 3-5 weekend.

Most events this year are inside at Colchester High School with a few like horse drawn hay rides and pony rides planned outside at the school on Saturday, Feb. 4.

Also outside are Mike and Ethan Guillemette, who are back to cook up their internationally known Sugar on Snow with Maple Cotton Candy near the main entrance from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Inside events include the Big Blue Trunk, laser tag with Colchester Paintball, Jolley & Joy the wacky balloon twisters, an inflatable obstacle course, Marc Hughes caricatures, face painting, Henna tattoos, playdough extravaganza, hands-on arts & crafts and Gabe Gratto, the stilt walker will highlight Saturday.

The LCATV Green Screen Room and Sensory Room also will both be available and the Studio 3 Dance Company will perform.

Most of the Saturday events start at 10 a.m. and run until either 2 or 3 p.m.

There will be plenty of food options, starting with the Lions Club pancake breakfast in the cafeteria from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

There also will be a town-wide chili contest for local residents to benefit the Josh Pallotta Fund and Josh's House starting at 10 a.m. with judging at 11 a.m. The top 3 winners will get prizes. Leftovers will be sold to help the two charities.

Food concessions also will be available in the cafeteria from local non-profit organizations.

The lone event on Sunday Feb. 5 is Ice skating with Colchester Police employees from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Leddy Arena in Burlington.

Admission bracelets have increased this year from \$5 per person to \$7 a person. Children ages 2 and under continue to have free admission.

The bracelets are available in advance at Dick Mazza's General Store and Biben's Ace Hardware, both on West Lakeshore Drive, the Burnham Memorial Library on Vermont 2A and the Colchester Parks and Recreation office.

The Winter Carnival Information booth will be selling bracelets on Friday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with Off The Wall Juggling performing the lone event that evening at 7 p.m.

The booth reopens Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.



## GOVERNMENT IN ACTION

Below are upcoming local government meetings based on reports from area towns and schools. Meeting schedules are subject to change. Please check the town or school website for postponements and cancelations.

Board	Day of Week	Occurance	Time
Alburgh Village Trustees	Tuesday	1st	6:30 p.m.
Alburgh Selectboard	Monday	2nd & 4th	6 p.m.
Alburgh School Board	Monday	1st & 3rd	5:30 p.m.
Alburgh Planning Commission	Tuesday	3rd	7 p.m.
Colchester School Board	Tuesday	1st & 3rd	7 p.m.
Colchester DRB	Wednesday	2nd	7 p.m.
Colchester Planning Commission	Tuesday	3rd	7 p.m.
Colchester Selectboard	Tuesday	2nd & 4th	6:30 p.m.
Colchester Library Trustees	Thursday	3rd	4:30 p.m.
Grand Isle DRB	Wednesday	1st & 3rd	6 p.m.
Grand Isle Planning Commission	Tuesday	1st & 3rd	6 p.m.
Grand Isle Selectboard	Monday	1st & 3rd	6 p.m.
Grand Isle Library Trustees*	Monday	2nd	6 p.m.
*Trustees meet in Feb., March, April, June, Aug., Oct., Nov. & Dec.			
Isle La Motte Selectboard	Monday	1st	5 p.m.
Milton Historical Society	Wednesday	1st	7 p.m.
Milton Planning Commission	Tuesday	1st & 3rd	6 p.m.
Milton Selectboard	Monday	1st & 3rd	6 p.m.
Milton School Board	Thursday	2nd & 4th	6 p.m.
Milton DRB	Thursday	2nd & 4th	6 p.m.
North Hero Library Trustees	Tuesday	1st	7 p.m.
North Hero DRB	Thursday	2nd	7 p.m.
North Hero Selectboard	Monday	1st & 3rd	5:15 p.m.
North Hero Planning Commission	Tuesday	4th	7 p.m.
South Hero Planning Commission	Wednesday	1st & 3rd	6 p.m.
South Hero DRB	Wednesday	2nd & 4th	7 p.m.
South Hero School Board	Thursday	3rd	6 p.m.
South Hero Selectboard*	Monday	2nd & 4th	7 p.m.
*The Selectboard may have a joint meeting with the Planning Commission and DRB when there is 5th Monday in the month			
South Hero Conservation Commission	Tuesday	3rd	6:30 p.m.
CIUUSD Board Meeting	Tuesday	1st	6 p.m.
GISU Board Meeting	Tuesday	4th	6:30 p.m.

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### Weekly SUDOKU

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### King Crossword

Answers

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Government boards also are allowed to have special meetings, but must provide public notice at least 48 hours in advance. Emergency meetings, which are rare in Vermont, are allowed with less than 24 hours notice, but must be a crisis situation, like a major flood or a town bridge being wiped out.

Vermont's Open Meeting Law mandates that all boards distribute their agendas ahead of all regular and special meetings to those people that file requests for them each calendar year with the clerk.



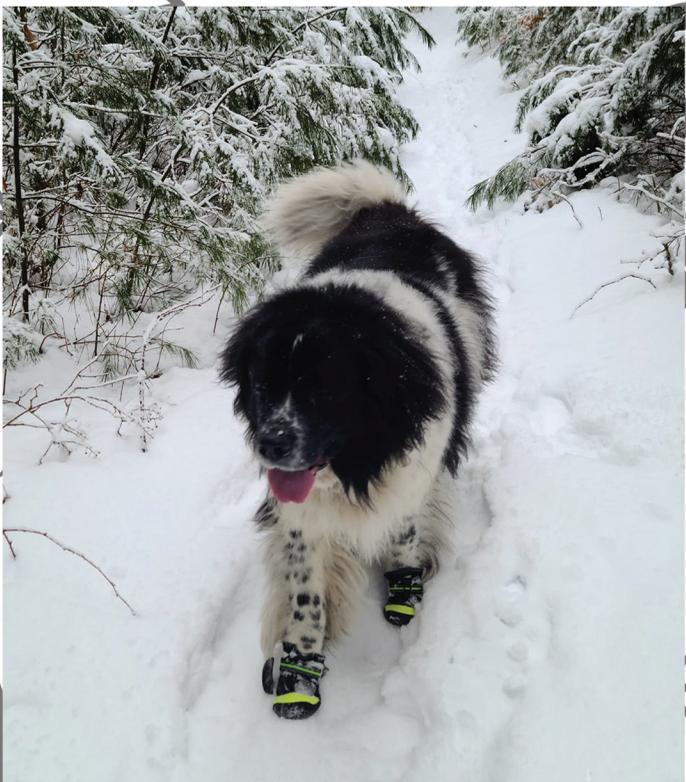
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Django of Isle La Motte.



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Nora the Samoyed at GI State Park.



Puppy Ryah on pause during a recent trek.



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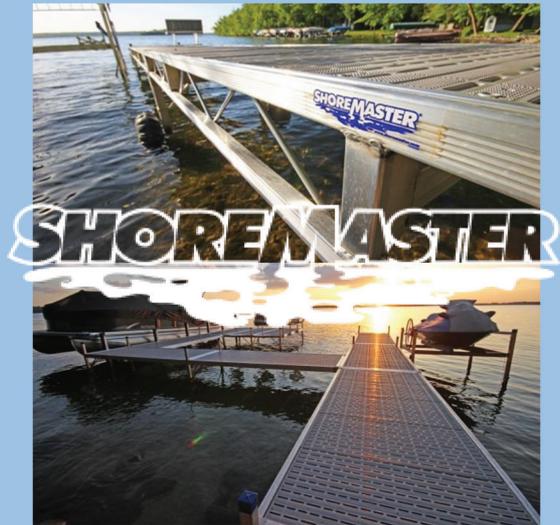
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