

EAST MONTPELIER SIGNPOST

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NORMA RAYMOND: "COMMITMENT" IS HER WORD

The "walking dictionary" is seated in the sun with a tea cup at her elbow and a dictionary in her lap. She tells me that it's never very far from her. "I like words," says Norma Raymond. There is a quiet ruffle of thin pages as Norma determines how to spell "bazaar," as in Christmas Bazaar (she was right without looking; I didn't have a clue).

It was the pile of little girl socks, newly sewn and glinting with tiny plastic beads, on her dining room table that led us on this search. I asked, indicating the socks, "Grandchildren?" But Norma said: "Christmas Bazaar." "For your church?" I asked. And Norma tells me about her 53 years of service to the Montpelier Unitarian Church. "I've held every office you could hold—oh, fundraising, treasurer, secretary. I had the reputation of making the best ham loaf luncheon in town for many years," says Norma.

But there is something beyond volunteerism here, something palpable but unstated in her serious account, that leaves the

sense of deep spiritualism.

She turns her wide gaze towards the range of eastern hills which her living room commands, but you feel she's looking within. "That church is a wonderful community. They have done wonderful things for people. They have done wonderful things for me." Her attention turns. There is something she wants me to see, and when I see it, it makes me want to understand this surprising woman even more. "People should be able to get a simple, dignified funeral," Norma quietly asserts, "affordably." She has handed me a brochure for the Memorial Society of Vermont and is telling me of this organization that helps families beat the high costs of burial. She serves as the Society's vice-president, and her sense of mission is compelling. She is drawn by the idea of helping people avoid financial exploitation, particularly when they are bereaved and vulnerable.

Norma is so matter-of-fact that it's a little hard to remember that not everyone spends free time in humanitarian service. Before we are done talking I have learned of her four years on the school board, three years on the East Montpelier Bicentennial Committee, and ongoing volunteer work in Ann Parker's classroom at the elementary school. I wonder what else is in store.

I'm not disappointed. The Norma who reveals herself next is the Norma that many in town think of first. For the last decade, East Montpelier's collector of delinquent taxes has been this soft-spoken, white haired, genteel lady. "Oh, people who pay their taxes on time like me very much," Norma says, laughing. "Those who don't sometimes have trouble coping with me. But I've developed wonderful friendships with some people who've just had a little trouble paying." You can tell that Norma is motivated in this job by a desire to help. "I try to work with people individually. Sometimes people just need help in making a budget. Anything's all right, whatever they can pay. Ten dollars a week is all right if they're trying. People thank me afterwards." Of course delinquent tax collecting has its





tract of land all around Iroquois Lake (formerly Hinesburg Pond) that her grandfather once owned. Other photos show Norma with her handsome and sharp-eyed dad at his 97th birthday last year, loving shots of red-headed grandchildren, and photos of her two homes, in their various stages, on Towne Hill.

We are both reluctant to conclude. I feel I've already eaten a rich, many course meal when Norma brings out, almost shyly, a book. It's titled and dedicated: "To Dear Old Vermont. Where I was born and have always lived. To which I owe so much. I dedicate this story of my life." Here is 16 year old Norma, about to spring from life in Montpelier High School, bursting with optimism and awe for the world. There are family photos and postcards from the 1939 New York World's Fair. There are her predictions for a life of inquiry, purpose and exploration. And here is grown-up Norma, fifty-five years into the future, sitting in her sun-warmed room with the vitality of her own energies pulsing from every project spread around her. Her dedication is as strong as ever.

Ellen David-Friedman

Ellen lives on Brazier Road and works for the National Education Association.

rougher sides: "I've had some threats too. Oh yes, I've had to get some help a few times. But, you know, my work for Selective Service during the Viet Nam days surely helped me know what to do in threatening situations." Selective Service? Viet Nam? Now where is this life story headed?

I am feeling just a little anxious. Norma Raymond is over 70 and a life-long Vermonter. I came to Vermont 25 years ago, on the wave of the counter-culture, fiercely anti-war. But we plunge in. I learn quickly that she has always worked. She says it was economic necessity, but I sense it was an abundance of energy as well that led her through many years of work - first for National Life, before her sons Brad and Greg were born, and then for Washington Electric Co-op between 1953 and 1962.

After that, she tells me, during virtually the entire Viet Nam war, "I was supervisor for all the draft boards, in every county, for the whole state. It was terrible. If the boys went to Goddard, they'd register right here in Montpelier. Arlo Guthrie's brother had to register here. When he came to appeal, he brought his whole family. We registered one of the Von Trapp boys. We registered Billy Kidd, the skier. We had some bad times. One boy came in waving a machete...I think he must have been on drugs. I remember a big brute from Marlboro College, outside Brattleboro, threatening to wreck the place. I had to call for help." I carefully consider where to head. "But Norma," I ask, "What did you think about all of this at the time?" Her response is immediate and direct: "I hated the war. I didn't believe in it myself. But," she continues, "I had taken an oath to uphold my duties." I watch her calm, strong face, and can see the currents of thought flowing behind it. This is a considerable person I'm encountering.

I'm beginning to feel an expanded pride as one of Norma's neighbors. Certainly she has made herself beloved on the Towne Hill-Brazier Road access - with heavenly baked goods at our neighborhood pot-lucks, kernels of local history that amaze us (one day she showed up with her collection of tax bills for the last twenty years), and stories of decidedly ungrandmotherly adventures, like the trip in a Cessna two-seater she won at a church auction two summers back.

She sparkles with mischievous delight at her own audacity as she brings out photos from the trip: folding green pastures and woods that are our own neighborhood, the home in Hinesburg where her aunt lived for 80 years, and the vast

U-32 SPECIAL MEETING

Voters attending the special U-32 District meeting November 22 made two very important decisions. First, they voted to do all the U-32 business in the future, including action on budgets, by Australian ballot. Second, they decided that balloting would take place in each of the five towns on Town Meeting Day.

This means that candidates for clerk, treasurer, and auditor will have to be nominated by petition well in advance of Town Meeting Day. In past years the district meeting was held in mid-February, when the annual budget was explained and discussed prior to a vote. This year it is expected that one or more informational meetings will be held to acquaint voters with budget information.

In the past, citizens in each town have known when they went to Town Meeting how much the town's U-32 assessment would be. Under the new system, this information won't be available ahead of time.

U-32 FORUM OFFERED

"Gender Equity in the Curriculum" will be discussed on Thursday, January 19, from 7-9 p.m. in the U-32 cafeteria. A short video will be shown, "Shark's Tank," on how it feels to be female in a physics class, followed by small-group discussions with faculty and students. Everyone in the community is invited to come. Call Patty Roya or Judith Aiken at U-32, 229-0321, if you have questions.



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Jean Cate

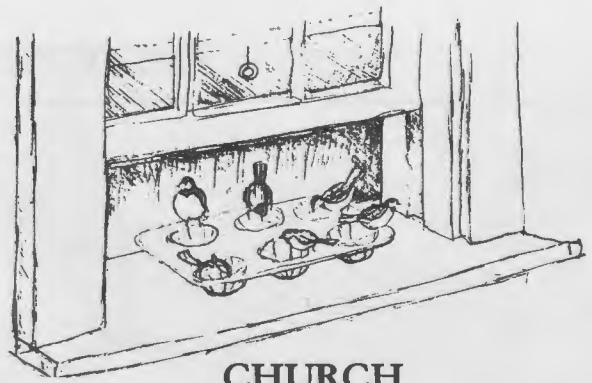
My favorite weather of the year for writing a Signpost essay is today, with the first snow of the season sparkling like a million jewels in the sunlight and the familiar backyard transformed into a Christmas card scene. Even the fiercest winter hater would be melted by the beauty of the outdoors today.

What is it about winter that fascinates us? Or even weather in general? It must be our wild swings of winter and summer which make weather watching such a consuming passion. Remember the remarkable fall just past? Week after week of balmy weather and the leaves on the trees well past the normal blow-away. And more sunshine and moonlight than usual. Would this be the year without winter? Such folly! Today we woke up to normal weather and as you read this, winter will be well established with its world of storm warnings, perilous driveways, and spectacular beauty.

I muse about Vermonters and their relationship to the seasons, winter in particular. To hear the winter grumblers, Vermont would be abandoned for warmer places if we could afford the choice. Don't believe it. Winter challenges us; it fascinates us; it invites a creative display of boots, sports equipment, and snow tires. We hang on snow reports and storm warnings. In a fine essay written by Paul Gillies about our earliest settlers and their avid reading habits, winter was even credited for early Vermont's high literacy rate! Whatever else, we can't ignore it.

It seems to me that the four seasons in Vermont can't be viewed separately. What makes spring so sweet is how much we've missed it, and summer, the apex of the thermometer's swing, gives us lush months to grow our harvest before autumn's frosts arrive. So why winter? The warmer months could never be as glorious if they filled the entire year. Winter is a more private time when we focus on families, neighbors, communities. Perhaps we're more reflective in winter. We get things done. These seasonal changes give us Vermonters what is lacking in some places: the intense varieties of weather each of which makes us welcome the next season with such joy.

So whether you are excited and challenged by winter or merely endure it, think about its role in the cycle of the year. Make the most of it. It can change tomorrow.



CHURCH CHIMES Old Brick Church Old Meeting House

Koffee Klatches are held on the first Monday of each month at the Old Brick Church from 9:30-11 a.m. The next one is on January 2 and everyone in the community is welcome to join in and visit with neighbors.

The Annual Meeting of the Old Meeting House will be held on January 11, and the Annual Meeting of the Old Brick Church will be held January 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Reverend Hamilton Coe Throckmorton will be leaving the parish to become the Senior Pastor for a United Church of Christ congregation in Barrington, Rhode Island. He and Mary and their children, Alexander and Taylor, will be moving in mid-February. A committee is choosing an interim pastor to serve for the next year or so.

Members of the churches performed "Amahl and the Night Visitors" during the Advent season, with a portion of the proceeds being donated to the local food shelf.

Members also assisted the Dept. of Social & Rehabilitative Services in providing Christmas gifts for a number of children under its care.

LISTERS' PROGRESS

The reappraisal of all real property in East Montpelier for the 1995 tax year is proceeding on schedule. Thus far the area from the County Road west has been covered. The Listers will soon be working in the area between Center Road and Towne Hill Road and hope to finish this area during December and January.

As previously noted, the Listers cannot make appointments unless absolutely necessary, due to time constraints. They report fine cooperation at the more than 250 properties already visited.

Work on the reappraisal has shown that the State figure of 72.5% of fair market value for a home with six acres or less is generally accurate. The goal is to assess all properties at 100% of fair market value for 1995.

If anyone has any questions on the reappraisal, please call the Town Clerk's office (223-3313), and your call will be returned by the Listers, who are: Rosie Cueto, Jim Goodall, and Steve Sinclair.



THE TOWN WEATHERVANE

THE SELECTBOARD

Allan Couch, Edie Miller, Frank Pratt

September 21

► Met in executive session to interview three candidates for the vacant position on the road crew.

September 27

► Met with Calais Selectboard to discuss fire department. Agreed to jointly apply for funding for new fire truck through Vermont Agency of Transportation. Calais will pay 1/3 and East Montpelier 2/3.

September 28

► Mr. Bjornlund reported that the federal judge affirmed decision of the magistrate in dismissing suit of Duhamel v. East Montpelier, awarding damages of \$500 to Town. Mr. Duhamel has appealed case further.

► Met with Mrs. Raymond re: delinquent taxes. She reported several problems. Some have been turned over to attorney Gloria Rice for tax sale. Voted to ask Listers to look at Rus & Co. *Sign Here* to confirm where property is and to determine if grand list correction is in order.

► Road crew position offered to Anthony Williams subject to standard benefits and probationary period.

► Voted to confirm a direct order for a new 1000 gallon above-ground fuel tank for town garage.

► Tom Brazier requested some improvements to the Class 3 portion of Brazier Road from just past his barns to beyond Class 4 section, which is a big mud hole. He is willing to donate gravel from his property. Selectboard will review the fall work schedule with road foreman to see if this is possible.

► Voted to arrange for new piers and footings to alleviate the heaving of the handicap ramp at the town office.

October 12

► Public hearing on proposed traffic ordinance. Several people attended.

► Public hearing on proposed ordinance regulating the disposal of

solid waste. Selectboard has received several complaints about illegal dumping and needs some local control over the problem. After much discussion, agreed to form a study committee to prepare a revised draft based on comments from public hearing.

► Richard Wiswall complaint re: dog bite. Dog owner Randy Lavin agreed to keep dog muzzled and on a leash.

► Statewide board implementing enhanced 911 calling system has asked each town to establish "locatable" addresses to replace rural route numbers which do not indicate the location of the property. Will ask EMFD to designate a contact person for this program.

► Received a memo from state officials regarding plans for replacement of the "singing" bridge on Route 14 in North Montpelier.

October 24

Heard from Vt. Land Trust (VLT) representative and Brian Lusignan of Conservation Fund Advisory Committee about proposal to preserve a portion of the Sparrow Farm on North Street. The Committee has reviewed the application and recommended the Selectboard approve the use of \$31,000 from the Conservation Fund for the project. Will warn a public hearing.

► Approved use of the town's mapping data for VLT to use in updating its maps of protected lands.

November 7

► Voted to approve purchase of new chain saw for road crew.

► Approved request of Recreation Committee for road crew to haul sand and topsoil from McCullough's pit to skating rink at school.

► Denied request from U-32 International Club for a coin drop on Route 2 in the Village because of safety and liability issues.

► Public hearing on proposal to use \$31,000 from Conservation Fund for the Sparrow Farm project. Many residents commented on the project. There was discussion about the impact of this project on the Town's tax base, minimal compared to impacts of development. Rosie Cueto estimated combined impact of all the restricted land in town (1,330 acres) is about \$20 per year on a \$100,000 house. Voted to approve the use of the \$31,000 from the fund for the Sparrow Farm with four conditions including that there would be public access along all identified trails. Hunters could use the trails to access hunting areas.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Chair: Ed Blackwell

October 6

► Met to discuss zoning regulations.

October 20

► Public hearing on Potter subdivision. Unable to approve, no quorum.

November 3

► Approved final plat subdivision for Potter application.

► Approved sketch plan review for Louis and Norma Raymond subdivision.

► Approved change of use permit for Cheryl Potter to sell antiques, yarn, and used furniture; and additional signs painted on the building approved.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

On November 30 Jon Winston, Elliott Morse, and Bill George traveled to the Emergency One Fire Apparatus plant in Ocala, Florida, for the final inspection on Engine 4, the Department's new pumper/tanker. Delivery was made December 10 when members and factory representatives conducted acceptance testing. The month of December will be a hectic one for EMFD, as members will have to be trained and the engine equipped before being placed into service. Members of the community are invited to stop at Station One on Templeton Road to view the new engine.

Bill George has recently returned from a two week stay at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Md., where he and 25 other fire service instructors from throughout the United States were taught the latest in instructional methodology. This is the first of three courses developed by the Academy to improve fire service instruction.

The men and women of EMFD and Auxiliary would like to thank the citizens of East Montpelier and Calais for their continued support.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

LEAP is again on the EMES calendar for the five Wednesdays starting January 4. Each week from 1:30 to 3, school children will put aside regular classes to share in mini-courses in such varied subjects as Pottery, Puzzles, Skiing, Model Airplane Making, Yearbook Photography, and lots more. Courses are led by volunteers and staff. Organizer Ginny Burley could still use help (229-0826).

Another creative program will be underway at EMES early in the new year. "Odyssey of the Mind" is part of an international program which young people may choose, with goals of stimulating creative thinking and problem solving.



FOUR CORNERS SCHOOLHOUSE ASSOCIATION

Co-Presidents: Ginny Burley & Ruth Frost

At our meeting of November 16, Don Donnelly resigned as president. Ginny Burley and Ruth Frost were elected as co-presidents for the remainder of the fiscal year.

As of November 1st, the new heating system was installed and working well. The complete cost was covered by donations from many residents whose support is much appreciated. Maintenance work is now being done on the bathroom window and walls and should be completed soon.

The Hallowe'en party, organized by Ginny Burley, was very well attended. The Cub Scouts, under the guidance of Rose Riley and Lois Lusignan, sponsored the Spook House this year.

There will be a Travelogue on Sunday, February 5, at 4 p.m. Carolyn and Andy Shapiro will share their experiences in Israel.

To use the schoolhouse, please call Marion Codling at 223-2058.

News for the next Signpost
due February 1 to
Janice Waterman,
RR 1, Box 4330,
Montpelier, VT 05602,
223-5826.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Chair: Jeff Cueto

October 24

► Public hearing on CV Landfill change-of-use permit to operate a municipal solid waste transfer station. Heard from representatives of CV Landfill and Casella Waste Management. Reviewed general and specific standards. Recessed hearing until November 14 for deliberative session.

► Mr. Noyes of the Creamery/Home Center on Rt. 2 had requested a meeting but did not show up. Since there are some apparent violations, agreed to send a letter of violation.

► Voted Jeff Cueto to remain Chair and Karen Saudek Vice-Chair.

GULLY JUMPERS

President: Sandy Woodbeck

East Montpelier Gully Jumpers are working to get the trails ready for snowmobilers and XC Skiers. Membership dues are \$6.00 per year, and everyone who uses the trails, whether by machine or cross-country skis, is encouraged to join.

Applications are available at Dudley's, Benoit's, Race & Custom, or by mail c/o Henry Murray, P.O. Box 75, East Montpelier, VT 05651. Your membership helps offset the cost of maintaining the trails and grooming equipment and the landowner appreciation dinner. For snowmobilers, VAST membership is \$25.00 per year.



SNOW-SLIPS



★ The Town Office has been decorated with poinsettias from Legare's Farm Market of East Montpelier, a garland for the office from Morse's Farm on the County Road, a wreath for the front door from the Bragg Farm Sugar House & Gift Shop on Route 14, and trees from Carver Tree Farm on County Road.

★ The window in the lobby has been changed to "Thoughts of Christmas." Conrad Ormsbee and Marilyn Piro have been gathering items to display. If anyone has anything historical or aged that they wouldn't mind loaning for the display, please let them know. Usually these items are East Montpelier related and of great interest to everyone.

★ Take Note! The third edition of East Montpelier Cemeteries is now available in the Town Clerk's office. Researched by Ellen C. Hill, Bob and Lois Webster, and Pauline Coburn, it is a rich historical and genealogical resource for our town. Price: \$8.25.

★ AN UPDATE: Last issue reported on efforts to bring a Community Artist-in-Residence to East Montpelier. The plan is moving smoothly. Heidimarie Heiss-Holmes heads the planning group which should be ready to involve more community members soon. Questions? Call 235-1227.

★ 250 East Montpelier students currently attend U-32 Jr.-Sr. High School, 141 boys and 109 girls. Each of the six classes of East Montpelier students has more boys enrolled than girls.

★ Bill George is recuperating from major surgery. Hope he's doing well and can enjoy that fine new fire engine soon.

★ Put on your soft-soles and join in the contra dancing to be held at the Elementary School. Remember last year? We had great fun right-and-lefting and swinging that opposite corner. Watch for the date to be set in February, and bring the whole family. The only cost is a donation to help pay for the band.

THE SIGNPOST THANKS THESE SPECIAL SUPPORTERS

Marion Codling
Fred & Joyce Jacek
Bradford & Ruth Lane
Eva G. Pierce &
William K. Pratt
Alban & Margaret Richey
Doris Washburn
Lisa Wernhoff &
Michelle Curren
Richard & Joyce Wolkomir

MILESTONES

(Received by the Town Clerk by December 1)

BIRTHS

- ♥ Henry Morison Guion born to Abigail Dane Faulkner and Hobard Gibson Guion, Jr. on November 1.
- ♥ Cody Allen Laurendeau born to Tammy Lyn LaClair and Brent Allen Laurendeau on September 13.
- ♥ Samantha May Lowe born to Tracy Lynn May and Randy Albert Lowe on August 30.
- ♥ Sara Christine Hartson born to Cheryl Coburn Hartson and James Hartson of Montpelier on November 8, grandson of David and Pauline Coburn.
- ♥ Christopher Steven Tosi born to Tracy Tosi and Steven Tosi of Waterville, Maine, on November 25, grandson of Donald and Sylvia Tosi.

MARRIAGES

- ♥ William Brooks Morrison and Jayne M. Ollin on September 19, 1994.
- ♥ Larry L. Holt and Sandra K. Smith on October 8, 1994.
- ♥ Kristopher Ranger Hammer and Nancy Wright Chickering on October 5, 1994.

PASSINGS

- Richard Lee Ormsbee on October 26; husband of Jean Ormsbee and brother of Conrad Ormsbee and Marilyn Piro.
- Louise Y. Keller on October 4; mother of Marcia Guilmette.
- James R. Wright on September 21; husband of Mabel (Chris) Wright.
- Alfred A. Rouelle on October 12; husband of Hazel Rouelle.
- Loretta Copping on November 1; mother of Richard Copping. Although she lived in Barre at the time of her death, she had lived in East Montpelier for over 70 years.

LAND TRANSFERS

- Roy & Harriet Haggett to Carolyn Ursula Jones & Seth William Sherman; 10.32 acres and dwelling on Haggett Road.
- Charles & Christine Jensen to Herbert & Denise Pearl; mobile home in Sandy Pines.
- Thomas & Theresa Knickerbocker to Robert Andrew Barrett; 17.6 acres on County Road.
- Christopher Pratt, Peter Pratt, & Vera Pratt to Charles Karparis & Jeanne Casella; 3.5 acres on Cherry Tree Hill.

TOWN MEETING DAY POTLUCK LUNCH

Plan to bring a favorite dish to Town Meeting this year, and we'll set to and enjoy each other's cooking during the lunch break potluck. Now don't forget, and if you have any questions or want to help, give Jean Cate a call at 223-2951.

NORTH COUNTRY CREDIT UNION: HOME GROWN

One of the unique aspects for a town the size of East Montpelier, which not many small towns have, is access to its own home-grown financial institution. The North Country Credit Union had its start in the hamlet of Adamant as an offshoot of the Adamant Co-op Store, known, of course, as the Adamant Credit Union.

When it was founded in 1942, one needed to own shares in the store to be eligible to join the Credit Union. Both were formed to serve the community as a nonprofit entity providing townspeople with financial services and store goods. Service was more efficient, friendlier and, hopefully, cheaper to members. And I'm sure that over the years many loans were extended that would have given a "city" banker heartburn. But that is what the sense of a community co-op is all about.

The Adamant Credit Union was the first such cooperative to be registered as a state credit union. Many others have followed. It went through a painful period that led to the merger with the General Electric Credit Union in 1991. And now it's better, stronger, and more diversified than ever.

North Country is a separate entity from G.E. and currently has four offices--two in Burlington, one in Lyndonville and our own on Rt. 14. Currently in the East Montpelier branch there are almost \$6,000,000 in assets, quite a jump from the \$3,000,000 in assets when they merged with G.E. in 1991. Also, at the time of the merger there were about 2200 members. Now there are almost 3100 and growing.

With the merger, North Country could avail itself of a wider range of financial services and processing capabilities than would have been available to a credit union its size. The list is a long one: savings accounts, checking, mortgages, home equity loans, installment loans, car loans, money market funds, CDs, VISA cards, IRAs, ATM machines, and 24-hour access to account information!

As a member-owned non profit, North Country offers many rates that are slightly more favorable than competing banks offer. All this and accounts are insured up to \$100,000



through the National Credit Union Association, which is more stable than many F.D.I.C. insured banks.

Another advantage of our North Country office is that the only requirement for membership is to be a resident of Washington or Lamoille County. Many other credit unions are only open to certain employees or groups.

Currently the East Montpelier branch is managed by town resident Lorna Swann. "This office is great," Lorna says, "We have a brand new building, a great location, a drive-through and 24-hour ATM access." The three other employees who help her "mind the store" are



Debbie Croteau and Linda Lamberton

Debbie Croteau, Linda Lamberton, and Ron Routhier.

Swann, who used to work at a commercial bank, "looks forward to coming to work everyday, especially since we know almost all our customers by name and really enjoy the personal touch."

Being a local member-owned credit union also requires more than just the employees. For many years, John Hall and Dean Shattuck gave their services and input as board members. Currently, John Mekkleson is on the board. The four offices of North Country represent about 10,000 members and \$31,000,000 in assets. All of the data processing is done at the headquarters on Shelburne Road in Burlington.

Another fact Lorna is proud of is the number of people who stay members even when they leave the state. "Once a member, always a member," Swann says. "It's funny how many retirees who live in Arizona or Florida still go out of their way to do business here, with us!" Like Vermont cheese, maple syrup, and the change of seasons perhaps, there is a little bit of this special place folks just don't want to leave behind.

If you're on Route 14 south heading toward Barre, you ought to stop in -- it's quite a big thing for such a small town!

Jeff Green

Jeff lives on the Trail Road off Snow Hill Road.

COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR

Selectboard	2nd & 4th Wednesday	7:15	Town Office
Planning Commission	1st & 3rd Thursday	7:30	"
Zoning Board of Adjustment	2nd & 4th Monday	7:30	"
Conservation Fund Advisory Comm.	2nd Thursday	7:30	"
Volunteer Fire Department	Every Tuesday	7:00	Fire Station, Templeton Rd.
U-32 School Board	2nd Tuesday & 4th Wednesday	7:30	U-32
Elementary School Board	1st Thursday	6:30	Elementary School
Town Clerk's Office Hours	Monday-Thursday: 9-5, Friday: 9-12		Town Office
Zoning Administrator	Tuesday & Thursday	1:00-2:30,	Town Office
Four Corners Schoolhouse Ass'n.	3rd Wednesday	7:30	Four Corners Schoolhouse

Meeting times are subject to change

EVENTS CALENDAR

Wednesday, Jan. 11, 7:30	OMH Annual Meeting	Old Meeting House
Thursday, Jan. 19, 7:00	Forum on Gender Equity	U-32
Monday, Jan. 23, 7:30	OBC Annual Meeting	Old Brick Church
Thursday, Jan. 26	Petitions for Warning Articles Due	Town Office
Monday, Jan. 30	Nominating Petitions for Officers Due	Town Office
Sunday, Feb. 5	Warning for Town Meeting Posted	Town Office
Sunday, Feb. 5, 4:00	Travelogue on Israel	4-Corners Schoolhouse
Wednesday, Feb. 15	Absentee Ballots Available	Town Office
Saturday, Feb. 18, 10-12	Voter Registration for Town Meeting	Town Office
Saturday Feb. 25	Town Reports Mailed and/or Warning Published	
Thursday, Mar. 2	Town Forum/Australian Ballot	
	Informational Meeting	EMES
Tuesday, Mar. 7	TOWN MEETING	EMES

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