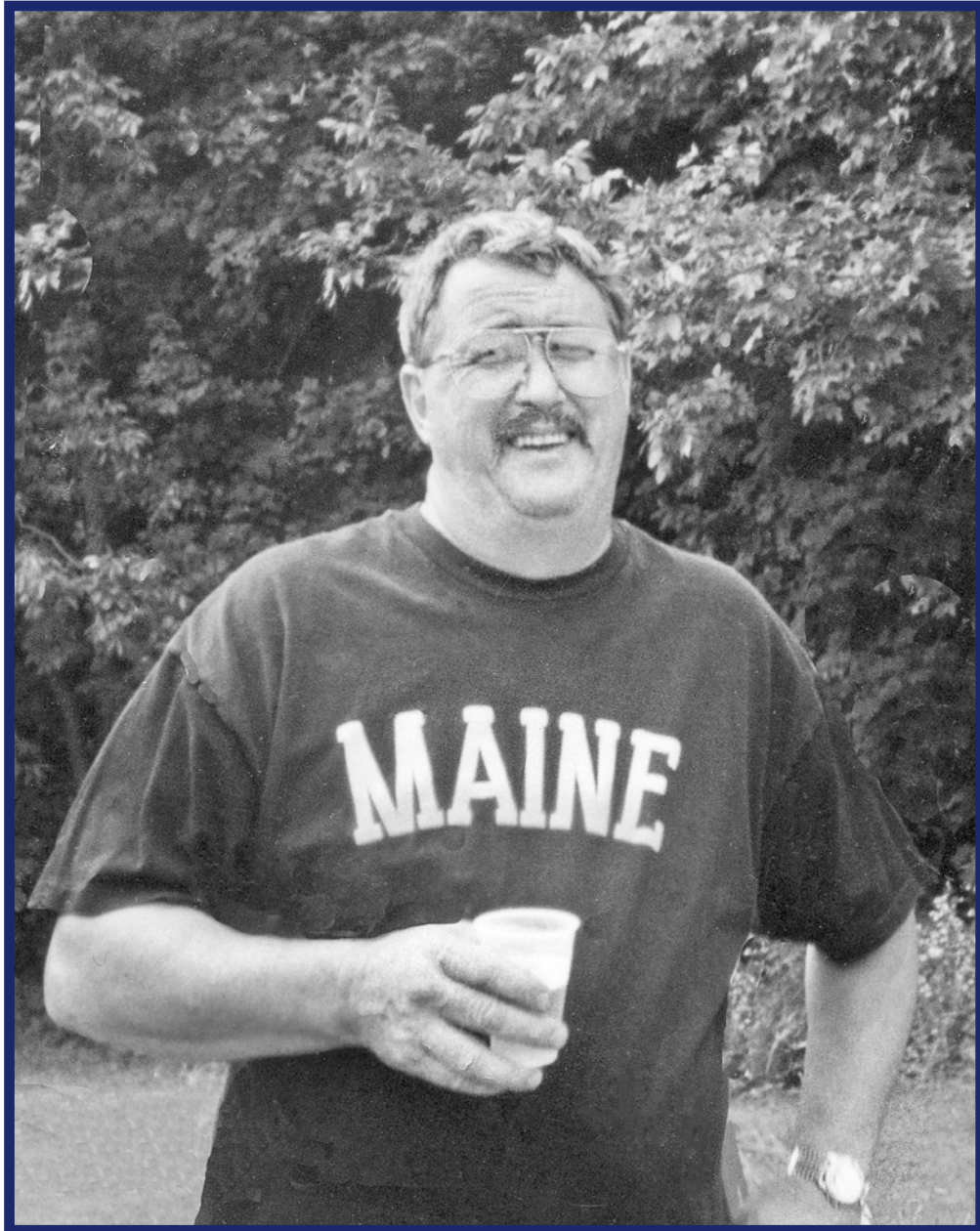


The Town of Middletown Springs VERMONT



**Annual Report
of the Town Officers
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015**

ON THE COVER

Jim Dudley

The 2015 Annual Report of the Town of Middletown Springs is dedicated in memory of James 'Jim' Dudley. While Jim was most recently known to Middletowners as the bolsterous, fun-loving 'Dump Master' at the Transfer Station, in previous years he had also served on the local Fire Department, worked for the Town on the highway crew, and in younger days formed and managed the Sunday afternoon Town baseball team.

Jim's ancestry has deep roots here in Town, as witnessed by the old family farm and namesake Dudley Hill Road. After retiring from Irving Oil, Jim enjoyed maple sugaring, vegetable farming, and interacting with townspeople. Beneath that loud and gruff exterior was a very kind and forgiving soul.

While we mourn Jim's sudden and unexpected passing on October 3, 2015, we are grateful to have enjoyed his lively banter and gentle spirit that made an event out of 'taking out the trash'!

Town of Middletown Springs
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**Town of Middletown Springs
2015 TOWN OFFICERS**

Moderator:	1 Year	2016	Raymond Lamberton
Town Clerk:	3 Years	2018	Laura Ann Castle
Town Treasurer:	3 Years	2018	Jennifer Talke Munyak
School Treasurer	3 Years	2018	Jennifer Talke Munyak
Town Agent	1 Year	2016	Vacant
First Constable	1 Year	2016	James Reed
Tax Collector:	3 Years	2018	Laura Ann Castle
School District Clerk:	3 Years	2018	Vacant
School Moderator:	1 Year	2016	Raymond Lamberton

Selectmen:

Michael Lamson	3 Years	2016
Shirley Moyer	2 Years	2016
Terry Redfield	2 Years	2017
Herb Childress	3 Years	2017
James Webber	3 Years	2018

School Directors:

Clarence Haynes	3 Years	2016
Meredith Morgan	2 Years	2016
Sarah Haley	3 Years	2017
Christopher Smid	2 Years	2017
Jannelle Carr	3 Years	2018

Road Commissioner:

William Reed	3 Years	2018
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Listers:

Patricia Hemenway	3 Years	2016
Randolph Kniffin	3 Years	2017
Sally Achey	3 Years	2018

Auditors:

Juanita Burch-Clay	3 Years	2016
James Georg	2 Years	2017
Vacant	2 Years	2017

Library Trustees:

Jennifer Talke Munyak	3 Years	2016
Lois Dansereau	3 Years	2017
Patricia McWilliams	3 Years	2017
Kristal Hier	3 Years	2018
Alida Tabell	3 Years	2018

Town Grand Juror:

David Munyak	1 Year	2016
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Trustee of Copeland Church Fund:

Daniel McKeen	1 Year	2016
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Trustee of Copeland Cemetery Fund:

Alice Hoisington	1 Year	2016
Alida Tarbell	1 Year	2016

Trustee of Louis Fund & Other Public Monies:

John Arseneault	1 Year	2016*
Gene Bertsche	3 Years	2017
Alice Hoisington	3 Years	2018

*Unexpired 3 Year Term

Town of Middletown Springs

2015 TOWN OFFICERS

Planning Commission:

Maureen McCormack	2 Years	2016
Thomas Hurcomb	4 Years	2017
John Arsenault	3 Years	2018

Justices of the Peace: (Elected November 4, 2014)

Nance Dean
 Patricia Hemenway
 Martha Heitkamp
 Leslie Silver
 Nora Rubinstein

APPOINTMENTS

Fire Warden:

James Reed* 5 Years 2018

* Jason Cook resigned James Reed appointed to fill out remaining term.

Fence Viewer:

Robin Chesnut-Tangerman 2016

Tree Warden:

Terry Redfield 2016

Health Officer:

Carl Haynes 3 Years 2018

Service Officer:

Ellen Secord 2016

Emergency Management Director:

Tara Kelly 2016

Rutland Regional Transportation Council:

Carl Haynes 2016

Town Representative to Rutland Regional Planning Commission:

John Arsenault
 Thomas Hurcomb

Town Representatives to Rutland County Joint Municipal Survey Committee (Solid Waste Alliance Communities):

Michael Lamson
 Herbert Childress

Conservation Commission:

Lisa Thornton	4 Years	2017
Kathy Doyle	3 Years	2016
Hilary Solomon	4 Years	2017
Iris Worland	1 Year	2016
Elizabeth Cooper	4 Years	2018

Trustees Copeland Milk Fund:

Terry Redfield	3 Years	2018
Rodney Tarbell	2 Years	2016
Carl Haynes	3 Years	2017



Sullivan Woods

Pulling honeysuckle and barberry at Sullivan Woods is a great way to enjoy time in the woods with your neighbors, get some exercise and help maintain habitat for plants and animals.

Photo by Hilary Solomon.

**Town of Middletown Springs
NOTICES**

Meeting Calendar

Select Board	2nd and 4th Thursday of the month	7:00 p.m.	Town Clerk's Office
School Board	3rd Thursday of the month	7:00 p.m.	School House
Planning Commission	1st Monday of the month	4:00 p.m.	Town Clerk's Office
Volunteer Fire Dept.	Last Tuesday of the month	7:30 p.m.	Fire House
Conservation Comm.	4th Tuesday of the month	7:00 p.m.	Library
Library Trustees	4th Week of the month as warned		Library
Building Committee	1st Wednesday & 3rd Thursday of the month	7:00 p.m.	Historical Soc. Bldg.

Town Clerk Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday: 9 a.m. to Noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday: 9 a.m. to Noon
Telephone: 235-2220
Email Address: middletown@vermontel.net

Quarterly Taxes Due

For the remainder of FY 15/16:

Q3 - March 15, 2016

Q4 - June 15, 2016

For FY 16/17:

Q1 - September 15, 2016

Q2 - December 15, 2016

Q3 - March 15, 2017

Q4 - June 15, 2017

Emergency Numbers

For Fire, Rescue Squad/Ambulance/State Police call **911**
You also may continue to use the emergency 7-digit numbers:

Fire Department: 235-2300

Rescue Squad/Ambulance: 287-9510

State Police: 773-9101

RABIES ALERT

Rabies is a disease that can kill animals and people.



* Vermont law requires rabies shots for all CATS and DOGS.
* Rabies shots help protect pets and pet owners from rabies.
* Enjoy wildlife from a safe distance. Remember, rabid animals have been found in all Vermont counties.



Questions? Call the Vermont Rabies Hotline
1-800-4-RABIES (472-2437)

Vermont Department of Health • Health Surveillance Division
P.O. Box 70, Burlington, VT 05402 • 863-7260 or 1-800-640-4374

RABIES CLINIC

Saturday, March 12, 2016
Middletown Springs Fire Hall
1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
\$8 per animal

Dr. Scott MacLachlan
Poultney Veterinary Services

Town Clerk will be available to
issue licenses before the April 1 deadline.

Town of Middletown Springs NOTICES

Transfer Station Hours

"Fort Dumpster", located on Fire House Lane, is open for trash disposal and Zero-Sort recycling every Monday and Saturday from 6 a.m. to 12 noon. The trash "Pay-As-You-Throw" Policy requires a punch card (price - \$20.00) that is good for 10 thirty gallon bags of trash or 20 small (15 gallon) bags. Cards can be purchased at the Town Clerk's Office, Fort Dumpster or Grant's Village Store. The Zero-Sort recycling is FREE for recycling products. Electronics may be recycled anytime during regular Fort Dumpster hours at no charge. We also collect and recycle small household batteries (less than 9 lbs.) at no charge at Fort Dumpster.

Oversize Trash & Metal Collection Days

The dumpster is located at 577 West Street. Furniture, toys, small amounts of construction and demolition items are acceptable. NO CONTRACTORS, please. Hours are on two Saturdays from 6 a.m. until noon on the following days for BOTH Oversize Trash and Metal. NEW this year: Fee of \$5 per vehicle load will be charged for large trash with this exception: Green-Up Day will be free. Metals are collected for free.

Saturday, May 7, 2016 (Green Up Day)
Saturday, October 1, 2016

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Saturdays

April 9, 2016	Rutland Town	8:00 - 11:30 a.m.
	Chittenden	Noon - 3:00 p.m.
April 16, 2016	Pawlet	8:00 - 9:30 a.m.
	Middletown Springs	10:30 a.m. - Noon
April 23, 2016	Tinmouth	8:00 - 10:00 a.m.
	Fair Haven	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
September 10, 2016	Shrewsbury	12:30 - 3:30 p.m.
September 17, 2016	Benson	8:00 - 9:30 a.m.
	Sudbury	10:30 a.m. - Noon
	Fair Haven	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
September 24, 2016	Rutland Town	8:00 - 11:30 a.m.

FREE SERVICE TO: Residents of the Solid Waste Alliance Communities (SWAC) Towns ONLY - Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, **Middletown Springs**, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, and West Haven. As a resident of SWAC, you may attend ANY of the events listed above, not just the one scheduled for your town. Residents of these communities may also drop off their household hazardous waste at the Gleason Road Hazardous Waste Depot during normal operating hours. Please call John at 770-1333 for more information. PROOF OF RESIDENCY REQUIRED!!!

Act 148 - Universal Recycling Law Timeline

July 1, 2014

- Transfer stations must accept residential recyclables at no separate charge.
- Generators of more than 104 tons/year of food wastes must send those materials to a composting facility if one exists within 20 miles.

July 1, 2015

- Residential trash must be charged based on volume or weight.
- Recyclables are banned from landfills.
- Transfer stations must accept leaf and yard waste.
- Haulers and transfer stations must offer residential recycling at no separate charge.
- Recycling containers must be provided in all publicly owned spaces where trash cans are located.
- Generators of more than 52 tons/year of food

wastes must send those materials to a composting facility if one exists within 20 miles.

July 1, 2016

- Leaf and yard waste and clean wood are banned from landfills Haulers must offer leaf and yard debris collection.
- Generators of more than 26 tons/year of food wastes must send those materials to a composting facility if one exists within 20 miles.

July 1, 2017

- Transfer stations must accept food scraps. Haulers must offer food scrap collection.
- Generators of more than 18 tons/year of food wastes must send those materials to a composting facility if one exists within 20 miles.

July 1, 2020

- Food scraps are banned from landfills. The 20 mile limit no longer applies.

**Town of Middletown Springs
VITAL RECORDS**

BIRTHS

Date of Birth	Place	Name of Child	Parents
February 28, 2015	Rutland	Arianna Kathleen Bouchard	Jackson Louis Bouchard Amanda Lynn Morris
March 17, 2015	Rutland	Natalie Ann-Marie Gonthier	Michael Lee Gonthier Nicole Lee Gilmond
July 8, 2015	Middlebury	Tilia Rose Brosnan	Tamzen Elizabeth Owens Hakan Owens Brosnan
July 28, 2015	Middlebury	Juna Rae Borodenko	Lauren McCoy Borodenko Chris William Borodenko
August 1, 2015	Burlington	Hudson Charles Kramer	Brittany Lawson Stilwell Keith Anthony McNeal
November 23, 2012	Rutland	Lillybella Marshall Dickerson	Jody Kay Methvin Jon Willis Dickerson
December 17, 2015	Rutland	Olivia Wilde Simpson	Cassandra Allen Simpson Daryl Edwards Simpson

DEATHS

Date of Death	Name	Age	Place of Death
January 1, 2015	Natalie A. Casco	68	Middletown Springs
July 19, 2015	Elizabeth Williams Cooper	77	Middletown Springs
October 3, 2015	James Michael Dudley	69	Lebanon, NH
October 4, 2015	Janice Marie Leffingwell	67	Rutland, VT

MARRIAGES

Date	Spouse	Place of Marriage
June 20, 2015	Alyssa Lynn Garabedian Ryan Alfred Hansen	Brandon
August 8, 2015	Kaysi Kamm Dean Mason Thomas Owens	Middletown Springs
October 31, 2015	Aura Joy Smith-Pliner Matthew Robert Maisey	Middletown Springs

Town of Middletown Springs SELECTBOARD REPORT

The year of 2015 has been another challenging and rewarding year for the Select Board. We completed the implementation of Personnel and Purchasing policies and ordered a new Freightliner dump/plow truck to provide better service to the residents of Middletown Springs. This new truck will arrive early this year, replacing the oldest red IH 7400; thanks to prior planning and foresight of previous Boards, this equipment may be purchased outright by the Town with no additional need for borrowing. We continue to fund Capital improvements and we hope to be able to replace our aging backhoe very soon as well.

The Select Board welcomed Glen Moyer back to the Transfer Station following the sudden and unexpected loss of our dear friend and 'DumpMaster', Jim Dudley.

The Highway Department successfully assisted in the completion of a concrete box culvert structure on the upper reaches of North Street, and secured an additional Better Back Roads grant for construction and design improvements to White's Corner of Coy Hill Road. Special thanks to Bill Reed for the Town crews' oversight and participation in these highway improvement projects, which were constructed and funded at no additional expense to the Town.

We continue to be grateful for the service of a dedicated cadre of Building Committee members and other volunteers led by David Munyak who have assisted in many ways to the 'greening up' and beautification improvements to the corner property. As the Building Committee continues work on the design of our future town center, the Board remains confident that we will all be proud and well served by the new Municipal Center Facility when it is constructed and completed on this site.

The Select Board is keenly aware of the tax burden placed upon our fellow citizens, and have worked very hard this year to contain costs while still providing the appropriate levels of services that Middletowners have come to expect and demand.

Many significant challenges are still ahead, however, such as the need for permanent solutions for the Transfer Station and Town Garage facilities. We remain optimistic that 2016 will be another productive and successful year, and we welcome and encourage public participation and engagement. Regular Select Board meetings are scheduled the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 7:00 PM at the Town Office.

Respectfully,

Herb Childress Mike Lamson Shirley Moyer Terry Redfield James Webber

Town of Middletown Springs TOWN CLERK REPORT

Dog License Report

We had 149 dogs registered this year. All dogs (6) months or older at the time of registration do need a Rabies certificate signed by a Veterinarian. Dogs 6 months or older must be licensed on or before April 1st of each year. After April 1st there is an increase of 50%.

The fee for a neutered male or spayed female is \$8.00

The fee for a non neutered male or female is \$12.00

The 2016 licenses are now available at the Town Clerk's Office.

Town of Middletown Springs
REPORT OF THE AUDITORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 - 2015 (FY15)

We, the Auditors of the Town of Middletown Springs, Vermont, have audited the accompanying statements of the Town as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015 as listed in the table of contents of the annual report and available prior to this report. These financial statements are the responsibility of the town officers. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with 24 V.S.A. 1681-1684, which, among other things, requires that we examine and adjust the accounts of all town and town school district officers and all other persons authorized by law to draw orders on the town treasurer.

Our objectives were to (1) validate the correctness of the town and school district accounts, (2) detect fraud or errors in these accounts, and (3) verify the financial condition and results of operations of the town and school district as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015.

To accomplish these objectives, we obtained an understanding of the operation of the town's government, including internal controls over financial transactions. Among other actions, we did the following: We reviewed how restricted funds are invested.

- We reviewed reporting of town trust funds.
- We reviewed and tested various financial operations and responsibilities of the town, including accounts payable, payroll, and taxes.
- We monitored reconciliation of accounts.
- We reviewed handling of board orders and documentation of changes.
- We attended certain Select Board meetings and reported to the Select Board on auditors' actions, concerns, and recommendations.

Actions Taken FY15:

Funds: We continued to encourage officers of the town trust funds to improve documentation of investment decisions and use a clear template for annual reporting.

- The Trustees of Public Monies are documenting and reporting meetings, decisions, and actions appropriately.
- The 2014 report of the Copeland Church Fund has been reviewed and is accurate.
- The Copeland Cemetery Fund did not respond to auditor requests for information.
- We have no new information or documentation from the Copeland Milk Fund.

Policies: We continued to urge the Select Board to review, develop, and adopt policies and procedures to improve the functioning, efficiency and transparency of town operations. In June 2014 we formally made a number of recommendations, including:

- That the job descriptions of the road commissioner and road foreman be reviewed and revised.
 - The Select Board reported that it was working on a personnel policy as of 6/12/14. A new personnel policy was approved on 2/26/15.
- That the road policy and amendments be reviewed and updated for clarity and consistency.
 - We see no progress in this area.
- That the policy binder include a table of contents, to make looking up policies possible.
 - The binder has tabs, but still no table of contents.
- That the town policies be available to the public via the town website.
 - The policies are not currently online.
- That the development of a policy for purchasing and bidding be a top priority.
 - The Select Board reported it was currently working on a purchasing and contracting policy as of 6/12/14. A new purchasing and contracting policy is dated 10/22/15 but not signed as of 12/29/15.

Audit: In FY14, we recommended that the town plan for a professional forensic audit every 5 years, budgeting \$5000 annually. In March 2014, the town voted to establish a reserve fund and put aside \$5000 towards this purpose. However this was neither included in the FY15 budget nor as a separate item to approve. A measure to spend \$25,000 in FY15 was presented instead, without consulting the auditors, and this measure was rejected by the voters.

Accounting:

- We participated in reconciliation of accounts with the town treasurer on an irregular basis.
- We suggested that new procedures for board orders and changes in fund allocation be adopted to document the changes and show how funds are moved from one account code to another.

Town of Middletown Springs REPORT OF THE AUDITORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 - 2015 (FY15) continued...

Priorities: Town auditors may focus on different aspects of the town finances each year, as part of a rotating review of the overall system. Given the size of the auditing task, each year we examine some areas more deeply and give less attention to others. Once again, an in-depth review of the school budget and the grand list was postponed. Future priorities will be set depending on auditor availability.

Hours: In FY15, the auditors together put in over 100 hours of work. 22 hours were paid from the town budget, and well over 80 hours were volunteered. As of March 2015, there have been two auditors, with the third position left unfilled.

Findings:

In our opinion, the financial statements we have examined are a fair representation of the financial position of the Town of Middletown Springs as of June 30, 2015, and the results of its operation for the year then ended. These findings are based on documents relative to FY15 received as of December 28, 2015.

Concerns and Recommendations:

General Policies and Procedures:

Recommendations:

- As in the FY13 and FY14 reports, the auditors recommend that the town officers make it a priority to develop a policies and procedures handbook based on best practices, as modeled by the VLCT. We suggest the Select Board continue to review old policies and adopt new policies regularly throughout the year based on the most relevant and/or urgent needs.
 - We recommend that the Road Policy be reviewed and updated. There is a 1999 Road Policy, and then there are revisions, addenda, amendments, notices and related policies (from 1999, 2001, 2003, 2006, 2012, 2015.) A review and organization of the relevant road policies would help in management of our resources.
- As in the FY13 and FY14 reports, we continue to recommend that new town officers read and sign off on their understanding of town policies.

Investment of Restricted Funds: Some of our town funds currently receive no interest, and others receive minimal interest. Of over \$500,000 in restricted funds, we earned \$360 in interest in FY15.

- We recommend that the treasurer be given authority, with permission of the Select Board and following Vermont law, to invest town funds for better returns.

Trust Funds:

- As in the FY13 and FY14 reports, we recommend that all town trust funds use a standardized template for their annual reporting.
- As in the FY13 and FY14 reports, we recommend that the Trustees and/or the Select Board obtain a legal opinion as to the proper interpretation of the Copeland Milk Fund grant intentions, as modified, before the next distribution from the Fund.
- As in the FY14 report, we recommend that the trust funds explore the possibility of changing to a fiscal year, to line up with the town budget, so all town entities run on the same fiscal year. Based on the difficulties that the trust funds have in meeting the current annual report deadlines, aligning fiscal years seems sensible.
- We remind all trust funds to post minutes and other information on the town website.
 - Trustees of Public Funds have documents posted. The other funds do not have pages on the website as of this report, and we have requested that they be added.

External Auditing:

- Because the town auditors are not professional auditors, regular review of the town's financial well-being should be done by an external agency. We continue to recommend that at least \$5000 be put into the town budget annually, in a restricted fund, for an outside audit to be done at least once every five years.

Respectfully approved and submitted by Auditors *J. Burch-Clay* and *J. Georg*, on December 29, 2015.

**Town of Middletown Springs
DELINQUENT TAX BREAKDOWN**

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015

	Tax Year 2005	Tax Year 2006	Tax Year 2007	Tax Year 2008	Tax Year 2009	Tax Year 2010	Tax Year 2011	Tax Year 2012	Tax Year 2013	Tax Year 2014	Tax Year 2015
Taxes Assessed	\$1,227,740	\$1,384,162	\$1,493,350	\$1,489,702	\$1,645,827	\$1,867,576	\$1,842,698	\$1,841,969	\$1,932,678	\$1,969,734	\$1,875,698
Abatements &											
Adjustments	(1,477)	(3,829)	(2,654)	1,644	(3,751)	(3,118)	(1,614)	(591)	(494)	(11,147)	
Received in FY 2005	1,189,673										
Received in FY 2006	34,270	1,355,570									
Received in FY 2007	1,066	22,005	1,444,977								
Received in FY 2008	1,191	2,692	38,390	1,453,246							
Received in FY 2009			37,606	33,632	1,590,803						
Received in FY 2010			34	2,226	36,913	1,804,149					
Received in FY 2011			621	1,432	12,572	49,362	1,785,061				
Received in FY 2012						5,675	26,024	1,790,212			
Received in FY 2013				681	1,643	5,073	9,778	23,040	1,870,104		
Received in FY 2014						34	17,178	26,169	55,930	1,919,825	
Received in FY 2015							2,368		504	7,586	1,826,415
Delinquency As of June 30, 2015	63	66	129	129	146	165	675	1,957	5,646	31,176	49,283
Grand Total Delinquent Taxes (Principal Only) as of June 30, 2015											89,435

Delinquent Tax List Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015

TH06-240-L00 Archer, Genevieve
TH09-300-000 Bemis, Justin
TH08-260-000 Bradley, Darin & Melanie
TH1W-220-000 Bush, Christine

TH1W-540-000 Carter, Sarah
TH1W-532-000 Carter, Robert & Sarah
TH02-668-000 Grayson, Nancy H. Trust
TH1W-014-000 Gustin, Jessalyn

TH21-164-000 Miller, Jr., Richard
TH10-149-000 Molodeski, Larry
TH08-173-000 Turco, Christopher

Town of Middletown Springs 2015 GRAND LIST ABSTRACT

(Taxable properties only - State and Non-tax status properties are not listed below)

REAL ESTATE Category/Code	Parcel Count	Municipal Listed Value	Homestead Ed Listed Value	Non-Resi Ed. Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value
Residential I R1	137	23,379,700	16,728,000	6,651,700	23,379,700
Residential II R2	202	55,302,400	37,207,200	18,095,200	55,302,400
Mobile Homes-U MHU	8	97,600	71,800	25,800	97,600
Mobile Homes-L MHL	18	1,999,300	942,500	1,056,800	1,999,300
Seasonal I S1	5	223,200	0	223,200	223,200
Seasonal II S2	29	3,834,200	364,000	3,470,200	3,834,200
Commercial C	7	1,149,500	0	1,149,500	1,149,500
Commercial Apts CA	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial I	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities-E UE	1	1,518,700	0	1,518,700	1,518,700
Utilities-O UO	0	0	0	0	0
Farm F	7	3,431,500	1,521,000	1,910,500	3,431,500
Other O	0	0	0	0	0
Woodland W	5	464,000	0	464,000	464,000
Miscellaneous M	59	3,480,600	0	3,480,600	3,480,600
TOTAL LISTED REAL	478	94,880,700	56,83,500	38,046,200	94,880,700
P.P. Cable	1	518,853	0	518,853	518,853
P.P. Equipment	0	0	0	0	0
P.P. Inventory	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL LISTED P.P.	1	518,853	0	518,853	518,853
TOTAL LISTED VALUE		95,399,553	56,834,500	38,565,053	95,399,553
EXEMPTIONS					
Veterans 10K	0/0	0	0	0	0
Veterans >10K	0	0	0	0	0
Total Veterans	0	0	0	0	0
P.P. Contracts	1	518,853	0	0	0
Contract Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0
Grandfathered	1/1	256,600	0	256,600	256,600
Non-Apprv(voted)	0/0	0	0	0	0
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0	0	0	0
Total Contracts	2/1	775,453	0	256,600	256,600
Current Use	66/66	6,783,924	2,305,899	4,478,025	6,783,924
Special Exemptions	0	0	0	0	0
Partial Statutory	0/0	0	0	0	0
Sub-total Exemptions		7,559,377	2,305,899	4,734,625	7,040,524
Total Exemptions		7,559,377	2,305,899	4,734,625	7,040,524
TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST		878,401.76			
TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST			545,286.01	338,304.28	883,590.29
NON-TAX	13 NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411				

Town of Middletown Springs
TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET
Year Ending June 30, 2015

ASSETS

Cash - unrestricted	\$ 72,675
Cash - restricted	503,227
Delinquent taxes receivable (principal only)	89,435

TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 665,337</u>
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LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Payroll taxes/retirement payable	\$ 4,126	
Property tax credits payable	1,730	
Total Liabilities		\$ 5,856

Fund Balance - unrestricted	156,254	
Fund Balance - restricted	503,227	
Total fund balance		\$ 659,481

TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 665,337</u>
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STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED
Principal Only
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015

2015 GRAND LIST	\$87,614,976
1% of Grand List	876,150

		<u>Allocation</u>	
Town Tax Rate	0.2770	242,693	
Highway Tax Rate	0.2465	215,971	
School Tax Rates:			
Resident	1.6657	913,199	
Non-Resident	1.4946	474,355	
 Total Taxes Assessed			 1,875,698
Abatements & Adjustments			0
Less: Current Year Taxes Collected			1,826,415

Current Year Taxes Receivable as of June 30, 2015	\$49,283
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Town of Middletown Springs

TREASURER'S REPORT

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SUPPORTING SCHEDULE OF RESTRICTED FUND CASH FLOW FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015

	Equipment	Paving	Recycling	Reserve for Reappraisal	Highway Surplus	Municipal Facilities Highway	Municipal Facilities Town	Cemetery	Record Surcharge	Record Preservation	Conservation Commission	Computer Technology	Audit Reserve	Bridge	Total
Balance as of June 30, 2014	123,340	55,186	425	47,770	82,845	43,971	63,123	5,640	6,837	16,277	147	1,647	0	15,777	462,983
Receipts															
Interest	179	79	1	73		4	8							16	360
Record Surcharge Budget Balance										2,426					2,426
Bridge Reserve Budget Balance														1,000	1,000
Sander Sale	1,610														1,610
Corner Property Budget Balance							42,096								42,096
Audit Reserve Balance													5,000		5,000
Lister Reappraisal				4,248											4,248
Lister Education State of Vermont				388											388
Highway Surplus															0
Record Preserv Budget Balance															0
Cemetery Budget Balance								559							559
Capital Imprvmnt Budget Balance	31,000														31,000
Equipment Financing Budget															0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	32,789	79	1	4,708	0	4	42,104	559	0	2,426	0	0	5,000	1,016	88,686
Expenditures															
Corner Property Clay Point							4,100								4,100
Lister Expenses				26											26
Lister Appraisal				1,509											1,509
Reappraisal CAMA fee				478											478
Highway Surplus					42,330										42,330
Total Expenditures	0	0	0	2,012	42,330	0	4,100	0		0	0	0	0	0	48,442
Balance as of June 30, 2015	156,129	55,265	425	50,466	40,515	43,975	101,127	6,198	6,837	18,703	147	1,647	5,000	16,793	503,227

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**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

REVENUES	2014-2015 Budget	2014-2015 Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Taxes			
Current Taxes Assessed/Received	1,875,697.65	1,826,414.67	-49,282.98
School \$ from Town	1,096,778.40	1,096,778.40	0.00
Town Taxes - Current	458,664.25	411,470.27	-47,193.98
Other Revenues			
State of Vermont - Highway	47,000.00	49,140.00	2,140.00
State of Vermont - Current Use	35,000.00	41,900.00	6,900.00
State of Vermont - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Licenses & Permits	8,500.00	6,062.57	-2,437.43
Delinquent Tax	0.00	21,561.96	0.00
Interest on Delinquent taxes	7,000.00	4,012.65	-2,987.35
Recycling Receipts	0.00	-275.85	-275.85
Penalties on Delinquent taxes	5,000.00	2,151.89	-2,848.11
Reimbursements	0.00	-9.86	-9.86
Copeland Milk Fund - receipts	7,500.00	6,000.00	-1,500.00
Cramton Fund - receipts	2,000.00	2,247.77	247.77
Interest	200.00	296.06	96.06
Tax Sale Attorney Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00	-65.66	-65.66
Transfer Station Fees	15,000.00	15,244.21	244.21
Total OTHER Revenue	127,200.00	148,266.00	21,066.00
TOTAL REVENUE (Net taxes plus Other)	585,864.25	559,736.27	-26,127.98
EXPENDITURES			
General Government			
Salary - Auditors (\$15/hour)	1,000.00	266.25	733.75
Salary - Town Clerk	26,000.00	26,000.09	-0.09
Salary - Town Treasurer	13,200.00	13,200.00	0.00
Salary - Delinquent Tax Collector	3,600.00	3,600.00	0.00
Salary - Selectboard	3,200.00	3,200.00	0.00
Salary - Constable	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Salary - Animal Control Officer	500.00	0.00	500.00
Salary - Listers	10,000.00	7,477.56	2,522.44
Salary - Law Enforcement	500.00	0.00	500.00
Salary - Assistant Town Clerk	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Salary - Assistant Town Treasurer	800.00	0.00	800.00
Payroll Taxes	7,600.00	5,428.92	2,171.08
Lister Expenses	0.00	436.00	-436.00
Clerical	1,200.00	600.00	600.00
Computer Technology	2,000.00	3,233.91	-1,233.91
Elections	3,500.00	3,336.52	163.48
Planning Commission	0.00	19.60	-19.60
Street Lights	6,000.00	5,807.76	192.24

Town of Middletown Springs
TREASURER'S REPORT

**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

	2014-2015 Budget	2014-2015 Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
EXPENDITURES continued...			
Telephone	2,000.00	2,534.55	-534.55
Office Rent	5,100.00	5,100.00	0.00
Town Office Security	600.00	409.19	190.81
Office Supplies	2,500.00	2,130.36	369.64
Copier Expense	1,200.00	892.34	307.66
Town Report	2,000.00	3,527.00	-1,527.00
Middletown Magnet	2,800.00	2,799.96	0.04
Solid Waste - Contract	42,000.00	26,096.82	15,903.18
Solid Waste - Wages	0.00	12,493.00	-12,493.00
Solid Waste - Other	0.00	1,194.84	-1,194.84
Solid Waste - Electric	0.00	1,518.08	-1,518.08
Insurance - Property & Casualty	18,500.00	15,443.54	3,056.46
Insurance-Unemployment	1,500.00	512.00	988.00
Insurance - Workmen's Comp.	8,000.00	10,731.46	-2,731.46
Legal	10,000.00	9,860.60	139.40
Postage	2,000.00	1,254.97	745.03
Interest Expense	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
VLCT - Dues	1,688.00	1,688.00	0.00
Planning Commission Dues	900.00	900.00	0.00
Record Preservation	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Rutland County Tax	7,000.00	6,063.59	936.41
Old Cemetery	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
Library	16,300.00	16,300.00	0.00
Public Notices	900.00	425.62	474.38
Bank Charges	0.00	4.00	-4.00
Education/Conferences	900.00	595.00	305.00
Mileage	200.00	96.32	103.68
Tax Map Updates	1,000.00	1,720.00	-720.00
Website Maintenance	200.00	102.99	97.01
Office Maintenance	200.00	90.00	110.00
Solid Waste Plan	1,800.00	1,147.30	652.70
(\$49747.96 moved to reserve 6/30/14)	50,000.00	50,000.25	-0.25
Corner Property Purchase Payment	27,184.00	27,197.94	-13.94
Audit Reserve	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	1,000.00	2,341.64	-1,341.64
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	302,072.00	288,278.00	13,794.00
Dues/Organizations			
Poultney Rescue Squad	4,300.00	4,300.00	0.00
First Response	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Rutland Area Visiting Nurses Assn.	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00

Town of Middletown Springs
TREASURER'S REPORT

**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

	2014-2015 Budget	2014-2015 Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Dues/Organizations continued...			
Rutland Area Community Service	867.00	867.00	0.00
Southwestern VT Council on Aging	750.00	750.00	0.00
Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council	200.00	200.00	0.00
Center for Independent Living	100.00	100.00	0.00
Poultney Little League	400.00	400.00	0.00
Regional Ambulance Service	412.00	412.00	0.00
M.S. Volunteer Fire Dept.	70,000.00	70,000.00	0.00
Vermont Green Up	50.00	50.00	0.00
Rutland Cnty. Women's Network/Shelter	100.00	100.00	0.00
Rutland County Humane Society	125.00	125.00	0.00
Poultney/Mettowee Watershed	500.00	500.00	0.00
R.S.V.P.	200.00	200.00	0.00
Neighbor Works	400.00	400.00	0.00
VT Assn of Blind	300.00	300.00	0.00
Rutland CO Parent/Child Center	600.00	600.00	0.00
ARC	500.00	500.00	0.00
Vermont RCDC	100.00	100.00	0.00
American Red Cross	250.00	250.00	0.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	84,654.00	84,654.00	0.00
Highway			
Payroll Class II	2,000.00	404.72	1,595.28
Payroll Class III	36,000.00	26,788.94	9,211.06
Payroll Maintenance	5,000.00	8,235.99	-3,235.99
Payroll Winter II	3,000.00	2,555.97	444.03
Payroll Winter III	23,000.00	20,448.53	2,551.47
Payroll Winter Maintenance	4,000.00	9,745.14	-5,745.14
Payroll Administrative	2,000.00	4,302.88	-2,302.88
Payroll Vacation	0.00	1,613.20	-1,613.20
Payroll Building Maintenance & Grounds	1,000.00	2,577.61	-1,577.61
Payroll Comp Used	0.00	423.95	-423.95
Payroll Holiday	0.00	1,993.60	-1,993.60
Payroll Tax	7,000.00	6,201.83	798.17
VMERS	2,500.00	2,655.75	-155.75
Insurance - Health	12,000.00	12,850.96	-850.96
Road Commissioner	3,000.00	2,712.51	287.49
Traffic Control	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Garage - Rent	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Garage - Electric	350.00	445.00	-95.00
Garage - Heat	2,500.00	2,883.46	-383.46
Garage - Phone	400.00	543.70	-143.70

Town of Middletown Springs
TREASURER'S REPORT

**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

	2014-2015 Budget	2014-2015 Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Highway Expenditures continued...			
Gravel - Bank run	8,000.00	6,517.00	1,483.00
Gravel - Processed	17,000.00	17,056.00	-56.00
Riprap	5,000.00	1,323.00	3,677.00
Road Fabric	2,500.00	706.67	1,793.33
Street Signage	2,000.00	57.43	1,942.57
Culverts	5,000.00	3,025.00	1,975.00
Repairs/Parts - Grader	5,000.00	5,057.82	-57.82
Repairs/Parts - 1 Ton GMC 2012	1,500.00	2,048.73	-548.73
Repairs/Parts - 2003 Red Dump Truck	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
Repairs/Parts 7600 International	4,000.00	2,482.31	1,517.69
Repairs/Parts/Other	1,000.00	15.70	984.30
Repairs/Parts - Backhoe	4,000.00	5,312.54	-1,312.54
Repairs/Parts/Purchase - Small Equipment	2,000.00	2,988.74	-988.74
Sander/Plow - International Truck	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Sander/Plow - 1 Ton Truck 2005	1,000.00	1,620.13	-620.13
Sander/Plow 7600 International	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Equipment Financing	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gas/Diesel/Fluids	22,000.00	21,567.75	432.25
Resurfacing/Cold Patch	500.00	117.30	382.70
Mowing	4,000.00	2,790.00	1,210.00
Contract Labor - Hauling	10,000.00	8,407.50	1,592.50
Contract Labor - Rental	5,000.00	7,600.00	-2,600.00
Contract Labor - Other	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Sand	18,000.00	12,400.00	5,600.00
Salt	9,000.00	13,491.27	-4,491.27
Calcium	4,000.00	2,670.00	1,330.00
Guardrails	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
Tree Trimming	5,000.00	2,340.00	2,660.00
Consulting	500.00	0.00	500.00
Miscellaneous	3,000.00	1,899.46	1,100.54
Paving Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00
Route 140 Repair	0.00	0.00	0.00
2013 Rte 140 Loan Payment	70,867.00	70,797.00	70.00
Highway Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00
Highway Surplus	-30,000.00	-30,000.00	0.00
Capital Impr Highway Equipment-Reserve acct	31,000.00	31,000.00	0.00
Property Rental	2,400.00	2,400.00	0.00
Bridge Repair	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Total Highway Expenditures ALL	334,017.00	315,275.09	18,741.91
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES (town plus highway)	720,743.00	688,207.09	32,535.91

**Town of Middletown Springs
SELECT BOARD ORDERS ITEMIZED**

JULY 1, 2014 - JUNE 30, 2015

A-1 Facility Service, Inc.	\$90.00	Fastenal	\$34.06
Achey, S	\$5,188.87	Feeley, K	\$35.00
Airgas	\$413.14	Fenton, C.	\$58.00
Aldermans	\$24.88	Ferguson Waterworks	\$3,566.07
Alderson	\$4,991.80	First Response	\$3,000.00
American Red Cross	\$250.00	Francois, E	\$19.63
Apex Software	\$436.00	Frank and Joe's Auto Repair	\$767.95
All States Asphalt	\$2,670.00	Geno, S	\$17,426.43
ARC	\$500.00	Giddings	\$165.00
Arrowhead Equipment	\$828.00	Gilmore Home Center	\$57.43
Arsenault, J	\$19.60	Green Mountain Awning	\$112.00
Association of the Blind	\$300.00	GMP	\$7,770.84
BB Chain	\$1,697.40	Green Mountain Timber Frame	\$3,000.00
BCBSVT	\$13,560.76	Goodway Document Svcs	\$449.50
Blanchard, J	\$1,102.45	Grants Village Store	\$37.14
Bowen Excavating	\$500.00	Green Screen Graphics	\$604.00
BROC	\$200.00	Green Up Vermont	\$50.00
Burch-Clay, J	\$245.88	Gerald Whie Sales & Service	\$201.68
Business Card Services	\$645.46	Hadeka Stone	\$1,323.00
Byrnes Truck & Equipment	\$164.70	Harrington, S	\$45.00
Cargill	\$13,491.27	Haynes, CA	\$741.45
Carter, Jacob	\$2,293.63	Heitkamp, M	\$40.00
Casella Recycling	\$712.05	Hemenway, P	\$1,739.41
Castle, K	\$16.00	Highwinds Leasing	\$879.00
Castle, L	\$23,948.73	Hubbard	\$25,660.09
Charlebois Truck Parts	\$22.79	IDS	\$142.76
Childress, H	\$960.77	Irving Energy	\$2,883.46
Collaboration 133	\$85.00	Kenyon, P	\$1,750.00
Combined Insurance	\$107.16	Keyser Energy-Bixby	\$16,616.71
Countryside Lock	\$233.39	Keyser Energy-Fuel Stop	\$1,944.13
Davey Tree	\$2,340.00	Kniffen, R	\$1,250.75
Davidson, Michael	\$28,000.00	Kofile Preservation	\$119.73
Dean, N	\$605.50	Lamson, M	\$554.10
Debonis Landscaping	\$2,850.00	Leffingwell, J	\$30.00
D.L.C.	\$70.00	Letendre, K	\$3,150.00
Doran Brothers	\$1,260.00	Long Trail Engineering	\$240.63
Dressler, I	\$663.35	Lyle Welding	\$2,595.00
Dudley, J	\$6,826.78	Mac Equipment & Steel	\$18.50
Earles Truck Repair	\$11,470.36	Magee Office Products	\$37.56
Eastern Systems	\$277.62	Middletown Magnet	\$2,853.96
Enro Services	\$94,995.00	Manchester Newspapers	\$145.20
Fairfield LLC	\$4,101.96	McLellan, C	\$32,456.00

**Town of Middletown Springs
SELECT BOARD ORDERS ITEMIZED**

JULY 1, 2014 - JUNE 30, 2015

McWilliams, P	\$394.76
Morris, J	\$147.76
Mountain View Equipment	\$85.11
Moyer, S	\$758.10
MTSHS	\$5,100.00
MSPL	\$16,300.00
MTS School District	\$1,096,778.47
MTSVFD	\$70,000.00
Neighborworks	\$400.00
NEMRC	\$3,458.15
Nortrax Power Plan	\$1,645.34
Orchitt, B	\$2,790.00
Parker, G	\$4,480.00
Parker, R	\$12,417.34
PEOPLE'S UNITED - corner prop loan	\$27,179.94
PEOPLE'S UNITED - paving loan	\$70,797.00
Pete's Tire Barn	\$7,167.28
Petty Cash	\$97.66
Postmaster	\$465.00
Poultney Auto Supply	\$3,626.48
Poultney Little League	\$400.00
Poultney Mettowee Watershed	\$500.00
Poultney Rescue Squad	\$4,300.00
Power Washer Sales	\$1,206.32
QPR	\$117.30
Quick Print of Rutland	\$2,137.25
RAVNA	\$1,500.00
Redfield, T	\$666.60
Reed, D	\$2,400.00
REED, W	\$33,309.92
REED, W - misc	\$316.30
Regional Ambulance Service	\$412.00
Reynolds, Jean	\$240.38
Reynolds and Son	\$133.87
Ross Environmenal	\$34,795.00
Royal Lock & Alarm	\$175.80
RSVP	\$200.00
Rubinstein, N	\$100.00

Russell Graphics	\$1,720.00
Rutland Area Community Services	\$867.00
Rutland City Women's Network	\$100.00
Rutland Herald	\$479.94
Rutland Humane Society	\$125.00
Rutland Parent Child Center	\$600.00
Rutland Regional Planning Comm	\$900.00
Seamans, J	\$7,800.00
Silver, L	\$262.50
Staples	\$1,758.10
Sunnyside Sand & Gravel	\$13,867.00
SW Agency onAging	\$750.00
SWAC	\$1,979.40
Talke Munyak, J	\$11,596.93
Tarbell, R	\$5,075.50
Tompkins, Mark & Laura	\$16,263.03
Treasurer, County of Rutland	\$6,063.59
Turenen Truck & Equipment	\$3,116.28
United States Treasury	\$35,733.23
VLCT	\$1,808.00
VLCTPACIF	\$26,175.00
VLCTUI	\$512.00
VMERS	\$5,003.46
VT Center for Independent Living	\$100.00
VT Department of Health	\$5.00
VT Department of Labor	\$172.07
VT Department of Taxes	\$4,074.75
VT Digital	\$123.34
VT RCDC	\$100.00
VT State Treasurer	\$1,152.00
VT Survey Consultants	\$1,853.50
VTEL	\$3,078.25
Webber, Chapman & Kupferer	\$9,860.60
Westside Napa Auto Parts	\$2,361.12
Williams Hardware	\$408.02
Winmill Equipment CO	\$3,236.84
Zorn, R	\$72.61

Town of Middletown Springs
PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2017 GENERAL BUDGET

REVENUES	FY 2015 End 6/30/2015 Budget	FY 2015 End 6/30/2015 Actual	FY 2016 End 6/30/2016 Budget	FY 2017 End 6/30/2017 Proposed
TAXES				
Delinquent Taxes Collected		21,562		
REVENUES-OTHER				
State of Vermont - Highway	47,000	49,140	49,000	49,000
State of Vermont - Current Use	35,000	41,900	40,000	35,500
Licenses & Permits	8,500	6,063	8,500	7,000
Interest on Delinquent taxes	7,000	4,013	5,000	5,000
Penalties on Delinquent taxes	5,000	2,152	5,000	4,000
Reimbursements, fees, etc.		(10)		
Copeland Milk Fund - receipts	7,500	6,000	6,000	7,000
Cramton Fund - receipts	2,000	2,248	2,000	2,000
Interest	200	296	200	250
Insurance Claim		(66)		
Transfer Station fees	15,000	15,244	15,000	17,000
Subtotal Other Revenues	127,200	148,541	130,700	126,750
REVENUES-OTHER (Restricted)				
Recycling receipts		(276)		
Municipal Planning Grant			4,728	
Subtotal Other Revenues-Restricted		(276)	4,728	
TOTAL REVENUES-OTHER	127,200	148,265	135,428	126,750
EXPENDITURES GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Town General				
Salary - Auditors	1,000	266	1,000	700
Salary - Town Clerk	26,000	26,000	26,000	26,500
Salary - Town Clerk Assistant	2,000		2,000	1,500
Salary - Town Treasurer	13,200	13,200	13,800	14,100
Salary - Town Treasurer Assistant	800		800	
Salary - Delinquent Tax Collector	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,600
Salary - Selectboard	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200
Salary - Constable	2,000		2,000	1,000
Salary - Animal Control Officer	500		500	250
Salary - Listers	10,000	7,478	10,000	8,000
Salary - Outside Law Enforcement	500		500	
Payroll Taxes	7,600	5,429	7,600	5,500
Lister Expenses	0	436		500
Clerical (Town Clerk)	1,200	600	600	600
Computer Technology	2,000	3,234	2,500	3,000
Elections	3,500	3,337	3,000	3,000
Planning Commission		20		
Muni Planning Grant Consulting Fees			4,728	
Street Lights	6,000	5,808	5,500	5,500
Telephone & Internet	2,000	2,535	2,200	3,000

Town of Middletown Springs
PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2017 GENERAL BUDGET

EXPENDITURES continued...	FY 2015 End 6/30/2015 Budget	FY 2015 End 6/30/2015 Actual	FY 2016 End 6/30/2016 Budget	FY 2017 End 6/30/2017 Proposed
Office Rent	5,100	5,100	5,100	5,100
Town Office Security	600	409	600	500
Office Supplies	2,500	2,130	2,500	2,500
Copier Expense	1,200	892	1,200	1,000
Town Report	2,000	3,527	2,500	3,500
Middletown Magnet	2,800	2,800	2,800	
Solid Waste - Contract	42,000	26,097	30,000	30,000
Solid Waste - Wages		12,493	11,000	9,000
Solid Waste - Other		1,195	2,000	1,500
Solid Waste - Electric		1,518	1,500	2,000
Insurance - Property & Casualty	18,500	15,444	18,500	17,500
Insurance - Unemployment	1,500	512	1,000	550
Insurance - Workmen's Comp.	8,000	10,731	11,000	12,000
Legal	10,000	9,861	10,000	10,000
Postage	2,000	1,255	2,000	2,000
Interest on Short-term Borrowing	1,000		500	
VLCT - Dues	1,688	1,688	1,800	1,800
Planning Commission Dues	900	900	925	950
Conservation Commission			100	
Web-site Maintenance	200	103	200	150
Record Preservation	3,000	3,000	3,000	2,500
Rutland County Tax	7,000	6,064	6,500	6,500
Old Cemetery	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Middletown Springs Public Library	16,300	16,300	17,150	20,665
Public Notices	900	426	900	500
Bank Charges		4		
Education/Conferences	900	596	750	750
Mileage	200	96	200	200
Office Maintenance	200	90	200	200
Miscellaneous	1,000	2,342	1,000	1,000
Subtotal Town General	217,088	203,216	226,953	214,815
Town General-Other				
State Solid Waste Plan	1,800	1,147	1,800	3,000
Tax Map Updates	1,000	1,728	1,000	1,000
Independent Audit 2012(art6)	5,000	5,000		5,000
Parker Prop Payment (incl interest)	27,184	27,198	27,475	
Municipal Facilities - Town	50,000	50,000	50,000	
Subtotal Town General-Other	84,984	85,073	80,275	9,000
Total Town General	302,072	288,289	307,228	223,815
Dues & Organizations (see below)	84,654	84,654	96,267	88,967
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	386,726	372,943	403,495	312,782

**Town of Middletown Springs
PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2017 GENERAL BUDGET**

Highway	FY 2015 End 6/30/2015 Budget	FY 2015 End 6/30/2015 Actual	FY 2016 End 6/30/2016 Budget	FY 2017 End 6/30/2017 Proposed
Payroll Class II	2,000	405	2,300	2,300
Payroll Class III	36,000	26,789	40,700	38,700
Payroll Maintenance	5,000	8,236	5,650	5,650
Payroll Winter II	3,000	2,556	3,400	3,400
Payroll Winter III	23,000	20,449	26,000	26,000
Payroll Winter Maintenance	4,000	9,745	4,500	4,500
Payroll Administrative	2,000	4,303	2,250	2,250
Payroll Building Maint. & Grounds	1,000	2,578	1,150	2,000
Payroll Comp Used		424		550
Payroll Holiday		1,994		1,500
Payroll Vacation		1,613		2,400
Payroll Tax	7,000	6,202	7,900	7,900
VMERS	2,500	2,656	2,850	2,850
Health Insurance	12,000	12,851	14,000	13,500
Road Commissioner	3,000	2,713	3,000	3,000
Garage - Rent	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,600
Property Rental	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400
Garage - Electric	350	445	400	450
Garage - Heat	2,500	2,883	2,500	2,500
Garage - Phone	400	544	450	700
Gravel - Bank run	8,000	6,517	8,000	6,000
Gravel - Processed	17,000	17,056	17,000	19,000
Riprap	5,000	1,323	5,000	3,000
Road Fabric	2,500	707	3,000	1,500
Signage	2,000	57	2,000	2,000
Culverts/Catch Basins	5,000	3,025	5,000	3,000
Repairs/Parts - Grader	5,000	5,058	7,000	5,000
Repairs/Parts - 1 Ton Truck 2012	1,500	2,049	2,000	2,000
Repairs/Parts - 7400 International	4,000	4,000	4,000	
Repairs/Parts — 2016 Freightliner				500
Repairs/Parts - 7600 International	4,000	2,482	5,000	3,000
Repairs/Parts - Misc Shop Supplies	1,000	16	1,000	500
Repairs/Parts - Backhoe	4,000	5,313	5,000	5,000
Repairs/Parts/Purchase - Small Equip	2,000	2,989	3,000	3,000
Sander/Plow - 7400 International	2,000	2,000	3,000	
Sander/Plow - 1 Ton Truck 2012	1,000	1,620	2,000	1,500
Sander/Plow - 7600 International	2,000	2,000	3,000	3,000
Gas/Diesel/Fluids	22,000	21,568	22,000	20,000
Resurfacing/Cold Patch	500	117	500	500
Mowing	4,000	2,790	4,000	4,000
Contract Labor - Hauling	10,000	8,408	10,000	10,000
Contract Labor - Rental	5,000	7,600	10,000	10,000
Contract Labor - Other		200		

**Town of Middletown Springs
PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2017 GENERAL BUDGET**

	FY 2015 End 6/30/2015 Budget	FY 2015 End 6/30/2015 Actual	FY 2016 End 6/30/2016 Budget	FY 2017 End 6/30/2017 Proposed
Highway continued...				
Sand	18,000	12,400	20,000	18,000
Salt	9,000	13,491	15,000	15,000
Calcium	4,000	2,670		3,500
Consulting/Training	500		500	500
Miscellaneous	3,000	1,899	3,000	3,000
Paving Reserve				15,000
2013 Route 140 Payment	70,867	70,797	69,467	68,066
Capital Improvements Hywy Equip	31,000	31,000	31,000	31,000
Bridge Repairs	1,000	1,000	1,000	
Computer Technology				300
Traffic Control	1,000		1,000	500
Guardrails	4,000		4,000	5,500
Tree Trimming	5,000	2,340	5,000	2,500
Total Highway before applied surplus			393,917	391,516
2010 Highway Surplus	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(10,500)
TOTAL HIGHWAY	334,017	315,277	363,917	381,016
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	720,743	688,220	767,412	693,798
DUES/ORGANIZATIONS BREAKDOWN				
Poultney Rescue Squad	4,300	4,300	4,300	4,300
First Response	3,000	3,000	4,500	4,000
Rutland Area Visiting Nurses Assn.	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Rutland Mental Health Services	867	867	867	867
Southwestern VT Council on Aging	750	750	750	750
Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council	200	200	200	200
Center for Independent Living	100	100	100	100
Vermont Rural Fire Protection/Aiken	100	100	100	100
Poultney Community League	400	400	400	400
Regional Ambulance Service	412	412	375	375
M.S. Volunteer Fire Dept.	70,000	70,000	80,000	72,500
Green Up Vermont	50	50	50	50
Rutland Cnty. Women's Network/Shelter	100	100	100	100
Rutland Cnty. Humane Society	125	125	125	125
Poultney-Mettowee Watershed	500	500	500	500
R.S.V.P.	200	200	200	200
Neighbor Works (Rutland West)	400	400	400	400
Vermont Assoc. of the Blind	300	300	300	300
Rutland Cnty. Parent/Child Center	600	600	750	0
ARC / Assn for Retarded Citizens	500	500	500	500
American Red Cross	250	250	250	250
Mentor Connector				200
Child First Advocacy Center				400
Pleasant View Cemetery Association				1500
Total Dues/Organizations	84,654	84,654	96,267	89,617

Town of Middletown Springs
COPELAND MEMORIAL CEMETERY FUND

TRUSTEES' REPORT
December 31, 2015

Beginning Balance--January 1, 2015

Investments Market Value	\$141,480.14	
Money Market	\$16,772.52	
Total		\$158,252.66

Income

Portfolio	\$5,506.10
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Expenses

Portfolio	\$2,678.18
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Net Gain (Loss)	(\$4,047.20)
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Ending Balance--December 31, 2015

Investments Market Value	\$40,568.72	
Money Market	\$39,218.62	
Fixed Income	\$59,349.99	
Other	\$15,068.13	
Total		\$154,205.46

NOTE: The Trustees elected to forgo any distributions to the cemetery in an effort to grow the fund.

TRUSTEES

Alida Tarbell, Alice Hoisington

COPELAND MEMORIAL CHURCH FUND

COMMITTEE REPORT
December 31, 2015

<u>Calendar Year</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Beginning Balances	257,722.00	235,218.99	231,071.08
Additions and Withdrawals	0.00	0.00	11,296.89
Income	14,900.92	13,803.68	12,829.92
Taxes, Fees and Expenses	(3,124.35)	(3,063.02)	(2,833.81)
Net Gain (Loss)	(19,309.29)	(3,112.00)	(39,084.99)
Distributions	(14,970.29)	(11,776.57)	0.00
Ending Balances	235,218.99	231,071.08	213,279.09

Committee Members:

Dale Carr, Daniel McKeen, David Silverman

Town of Middletown Springs
COPELAND MILK FUND

TRUSTEES REPORT – 2015

BEGINNING BALANCE as of January 1, 2015

Sentinel Investments	\$166,975.90	
National Life Group	300,000.00	
Citizens Money Market	25,722.12	
Citizens Investment Services	2,592.47	
TOTAL		\$ 495,290.49

INCOME

Interest Account (National Life Group)	\$16,200.00	
Investment Account Dividends (Sentinel Investments)	3,234.46	
Income from Investments (Citizens Investments)	2.45	
Interest Income (Citizens Money Market)	4.81	
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 19,441.72

EXPENSES

Town of Middletown Springs*	\$ 7,000.00	
Producer Distribution*	\$ 6,000.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses*	\$ 100.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 13,100.00

* To be expensed during the First or Second Quarter 2016 - Citizens Money Market Account

INVESTMENT SUMMARIES

Investment Plan Management Fees	
National Life Group	\$ 2,845.80
Citizens Investment Services	50.00

HOLDINGS AS OF 12/31/2015

National Life Group LSW	\$313,354.20	
Sentinel Investments	167,181.41	
Citizens Money Market	13,626.93	
Citizens Investment Services	2,544.92	
TOTAL PORTFOLIO VALUE:		\$ 496,707.46

Trustees:

Carl P. Haynes
Terry Redfield
Rodney Tarbell

Town of Middletown Springs
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC MONIES

- Trustees of Public Monies 2015 Report not available at report press time.

Town of Middletown Springs
PLEASANT VIEW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
For Year Ending December 31, 2015

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, January 1, 2015	\$1,873.89	
Dividends from Perpetual Care Stock	316.03	
Arthur & Daisy Cramton Trust	1,284.17	
Burials	2,100.00	
Donations	960.00	
Transfer from Money Market	1,500.00	
Checking Account Interest	1.99	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$8,036.08

DISBURSEMENTS

Green Mountain Boys Landscaping--mowing & trimming	\$5,190.00	
Arthur Castle--Burials	925.00	
Brian DeBonis--Opening Grave	300.00	
Terry Redfield--Spring cleanup, tree removal, supplies vault repair	291.41	
Donald Marcy--supplies vault repair	8.44	
Citizens Bank--Safe Deposit Box Rental	47.50	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$6,762.35
BALANCE ON HAND, DECEMBER 31, 2015		\$1,273.73

PERPETUAL CARE INVESTMENTS

445 Shares George Putnam Fund	\$7,378.10	
120 Shares Foot Locker	7,810.80	
Merchants Bank--Money Market	3,269.52	
Merchants Bank--CD	35,406.15	
TD Bank--CD	34,920.66	
TD Bank--Barker Mehuron Account	10,263.99	
		\$99,049.22

TRUSTEES

Terry Redfield
Donald Marcy
Alice Hoisington
Alida Tarbell
Arthur Castle

Town of Middletown Springs
PLEASANT VIEW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Appropriation Request

Dear Select Board Members:

The Pleasant View Cemetery Association is respectfully requesting an appropriation from the taxpayers of the Town of Middletown Springs this year. It has become increasingly difficult for the Association to try and maintain an appropriate level of services for the Cemetery lot owners who have been promised '..... Perpetual Care.....' when they purchase a burial lot.

Our investment income continues to lag, and we were forced to dip into our Money Market account this past summer in order to meet our expense obligations. Income from conventional burials continues to decline significantly as the vast majority of consumers are now utilizing cremations, which are much less costly and thus generate less income for the Cemetery as well. This past summer season (2015) the Association went to a once-every-two weeks mowing cycle, with the complete trimming package (weed-whacking) performed every other mowing.

We have made some significant improvements in the appearance of the Cemetery thanks to a handful of dedicated volunteers, but much work remains to be done. Many of our townspeople utilize this beautiful and serene resource as a quiet and safe place to walk, exercise, or for respectful visits to loved ones' final resting places. There are several grave markers that are in need of repair and or resetting, and we hope to be able to continue to remain open for the general public to visit and enjoy. We are respectfully asking that the Board of Selectmen include our request for an appropriation of \$1,500.00 to be placed on the March 2016 Town Meeting ballot. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Terry A. Redfield, President
Pleasant View Cemetery Association

Elementary School Veterans Day Project



Students proudly display the gift bags they created for veterans at the VA Hospital in White River Junction and the Veterans Home in Bennington.

Town of Middletown Springs
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & FIRE ASSOCIATION

A Year In Review 2015

It's been an amazing year for the Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department! The MSVFD held several fundraisers throughout 2015. The fundraisers included gun raffles, Memorial Day 5K run and the concession stand during the parade, Breakfast with Santa, and more. A special thank you goes out to Joe King for helping Santa out during the breakfast. We couldn't have done it without you. The MSVFD and the Middletown Springs Fire Association hosted three community dinners throughout 2015. The community dinners were informative as well as enjoyable. It was really nice to have community members enjoy great food and conversation at the firehouse. The community dinners have been a great way for the fire department to communicate with residents. It has also been a nice way for residents to meet new members, and catch up with veteran members. The best part of the community dinners is the neighborhood gatherings and great food. The MSVFD and the Middletown Springs Fire Association plan to continue the community dinners throughout 2016. The first dinner will be hosted on Tuesday, February 16th at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome.

The MSVFD and the fire association decided to make financial changes during 2015. The 2008 Rescue Truck which was purchased brand new, still had a balance which had a significant financial impact on fire department and the association. The Board of Trustees decided it would be best to sell the 2008 Rescue and acquire Engine/Rescue 534 from the West Rutland Fire Department. This decision was beneficial financially. It was also beneficial to the department. The Engine/Rescue 534 doubles as an engine carrying 1,000 gallons of water and also as a rescue truck. Engine/Rescue 534 now responds to every call. The Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department responded to 47 calls in 2015. The calls included motor vehicle accidents, chimney fires, structure fires, fallen trees on wires, structures, and vehicles, EMS assists, grass and brush fires, lightning strikes, fire alarm activations, carbon monoxide activations, and mutual aid cover assignments. The MSVFD responded to every call that the department was dispatched in 2015. In fact, the Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department has not failed to respond to a call in over 25 years! The MSVFD may be a small department compared to other departments, but the MSVFD is reliable and knowledgeable.

The MSVFD is very proud of the effort the members have put forth in the past year. The MSVFD had over 1,500 man hours in training sessions, and over 2,700 man hours in response calls and training sessions combined. The MSVFD is very dedicated volunteer department. Some of the trainings that the MSVFD took part in during 2015 include Rapid Intervention, Firefighter Survival, Truck Company Operations, Ventilation, Engine Company Operations, Water Supply, Communications, Extrication, Search and Rescue, HAZ-MAT and Infectious Control, and Mutual Aid Operations. The MSVFD participated in mutual aid training with Clarendon Fire Department, Ira Fire Department, Poultney Fire Department, and Wallingford Fire Department.

The Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department is also very proud to have several new members join the fire department in 2015. Dan Austin, Brendan Reilly, Ed Lawson, Cory Kendall, Billy Austin, Corbin Shattuck, and Stan Rhodes. Four of these new members are Firefighter 1 certified and offer over 60 years of combined experience. Three of the new members have several years of experience. Ed Lawson, along with John Blanchard, are currently participating in the Firefighter 1 School sponsored by the Vermont Fire Academy.

Thanks to the support of the Middletown Springs Community, the four sets of turnout gear that needed to be replaced are currently being assigned to four interior firemen. The turnout gear was received in the fall of 2015. Thank you for understanding the importance of protecting our members. The addition for Ladder 535 was completed in 2015, and the storage shed is currently being built. Thank you to the community members that volunteered their time, effort, and materials to make this possible. The MSVFD appreciates all of your support!

The Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department had a very successful and productive 2015! We are proud of all of our members and what we have achieved. We are also very proud to be a part of the Middletown Springs community. Thank you for your support, and we hope to continue to build relationships within our department and community in 2016!

The Membership of the Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department

Town of Middletown Springs
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Profit & Loss

January through December 2015

Ordinary Income/Expense Income

Afghan Sales	\$ 50.00
Bingo Machine	\$ 600.00
Contributions	\$ 1,079.62
First Response Rental	\$ 2,225.00
Fund Drive	\$ 2,971.23
Fund Raiser - 2014	\$ 144.00
Fund Raiser - 2015 Inc	\$ 1,358.12
Grant - Radio	\$ 47,074.00
Grant - Water	\$ 6,250.00
Interest	\$ 20.29
Parade/5K Run	\$ 141.00
Raffle	\$ 1,385.00
Rentals	\$ 50.00
Town Quarterly Payment	\$ 72,500.00
Vehicle Sale - 2009 - #534	\$ 33,940.67
Total Income	\$ 169,788.93

Expense

Accounting Services	\$ 51.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 3,203.62
Diesel/Gas	\$ 2,110.31
Dispatcher	\$ 1,600.00
Electric	\$ 2,798.25
Equipment Maint & Repair	\$ 1,525.97
Equipment Replacement	\$ 609.91
Fire Fighting Supplies	\$ 2,442.43
Fund Raiser 2014	\$ 68.90
Fund Raising	\$ 160.38

Expense continued...

Fund Raising 2015	\$ 1,839.16
Grant - Water	\$ 2,673.75
Heating Fuel	\$ 4,885.35
Insurance	\$ 14,278.00
Insurance Claim Exp	\$ 7,773.36
Misc.	\$ 731.89
New Equipment	\$ 6,053.54
New Vehicle - 534 - 2015	\$ 34,079.02
Office Supplies	\$ 60.60
Postage	\$ 42.00
Postage/Stationary/Office Sup.	\$ 142.00
Propane	\$ 967.29
Radio Grant	\$47,074.00
Radio Repair	\$ 2,222.32
Registration	\$ 20.00
Telephone	\$ 2,291.83
Truck Loan New - 2009 #534	\$ 2,744.00
Turnout Gear	\$ 13,616.28
Vehicle ER534	\$ 6,915.18
Vehicle Maintenance #531	\$ 1,872.55
Vehicle Maintenance #532	\$ 373.46
Vehicle Maintenance #533	\$ 6,579.12
Vehicle Maintenance #534	\$ 354.87
Vehicle Maintenance #535	\$ 1,600.57
Total Expense	\$ 173,760.91
Net Ordinary Income/(Loss)	(\$ 3,971.98)
Net Income/(Loss)	(\$ 3,971.98)

MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

Bank Balances
December 31, 2015

Fire Truck Reserve Fund	\$ 4,937.07
Fire Truck Money Market	\$ 4,485.93
General Operations Checking	\$ 682.03
General Operations Money Market	\$ 12,444.65
Fire Truck Replacement	\$ 6,613.48
Total	\$ 29,163.16

Town of Middletown Springs MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The Historical Society was founded in 1969 to create and maintain the Mineral Springs Park. In 1971 the Society began the on-going restoration of the Adams House, the Historical Society building, providing space for the Town Office, Library (until 1979), and other public uses.

Other achievements of the Society over its first 47 years have been: the 1985 designation of the Middletown Springs Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places; the spearheading of ongoing research and restoration of the Old Cemetery; and the placement of a Vermont Roadside Historic Site marker for A.W. Gray at the corner of South Street and Montvert Road.

In October 2014 Jon Mathewson, trustee and curator of the museum collection, received an Achievement Award from the League of Local Historical Societies for the exhibit that he has assembled over the last ten years, "Middletown Springs Timeline 1761-1971." The timeline is on view in the Historical Society auditorium.

Eden Aiken, a senior at Green Mountain College in Poultney has been attending Historical Society board meetings, maintaining the membership database, and helping at events as an intern.

A grant from the Stewart's Shop Holiday Match program paid for the purchase of history-related childrens' and young readers' books for the Middletown Springs Library.

Recent acquisitions for the museum collections include the purchase of an early Grays & Clark Middletown Healing Springs shipping box; and the donation from Alice Haynes Hoisington of early photographs, school records, and a hand-written business ledger.

Over 60 memberships in town and about 180 others throughout the country support the Society's efforts and further its mission. Membership is open to all, and members receive the Society's newsletter as well as discounted building rental for family gatherings. Seventeen new memberships were recorded in 2015.

We invite all who have an interest in preserving the heritage of Middletown Springs to join us!

2016 Events

Maple Festival - Sun., March 20 ; Strawberry Festival - Sun., June 26;
Annual Meeting - Sun., Sept.18 ; Museum Open House - Sun., Oct.2.

Trustees for 2015-2016 are: Pat Hemenway, Alice Hoisington, Linda Hurcomb, Bud Krouse, Jon Mathewson, Karen Svenningsen, and David Wright

Respectfully submitted,
David P. Wright, President

MSVFD Trucks Ready for Service



photo by Emmett Francois

**Town of Middletown Springs
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS FIRST RESPONSE**

Annual Town Report 2016

Your Middletown Springs First Response membership would like to again thank you, the towns people, for your continued and gracious support over the past year. MSFR has had an eventful year. We continue to have a call volume of approximately 40 to 50 calls per year, types ranging from medical assessment to trauma for example a motor vehicle accident to standbys with the fire department. Our average response time was 8.6 minutes.

This past summer, MSFR hosted a Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) course held at the elementary school. The members helped students with classes and hands on practical's. The purpose of the course is to bring advanced first aid awareness and support to the local community. MSFR was and is excited about this opportunity and is hopeful we can provide this again in the future. From that class, we gained three new members, Cheryl Mahoney and Debbie Hoisington, and welcome back returning former member Alice Hoisington who brings more than 25 years experience back into the mix. If you see them, wish them well and good luck!

Our membership roster is at 9, that account for some 160 years in the field, yet of those 9 we are down to only 6 active members, 1 EMT and 5 EMR's. Those 6 still offer over 100 years experience. Also within those 6, 2 are currently are taking a class to migrate to EMT, and 1 is in a course looking to upgrade to Advanced EMT (AEMT). Both courses total some 160+ hours of coursework each. The national and local state EMS agencies have tripled the continuing education requirement from 24 to 72 credit hours per every 2 years. We continue to grow our skills though training provided in-house, through our parent organization Poultney Rescue Squad, and via the Vermont State EMS office.

We are always actively seeking new membership – any previous medical experience is helpful but not required. We can offer a prospective recruit the required training through locally held courses or sessions. Poultney Rescue plans to host an entry level Emergency Medical Responder course this Spring, approximately 80 classroom hours. Please contact the Training Officer Kevin Eaton at 802-235-2746 or any active member for details.

In closing, First Response sincerely thanks the folks of Middletown Springs for their continued generous support. We are extremely excited and proud to serve our local community.

Sincerely,

Carl Haynes – EMR, President

Kevin Eaton – EMT, Recording Secretary

Middletown Springs First Response Financial Report 2015

Receipts:

Donations	\$ 1,034.56
Town Allocation	\$ 3,750.00
Memorials	\$ 100.00
Money Market Interest	\$ 60.43
Big/Matthews	\$ 298.30

TOTAL	\$ 5,243.29
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Disbursements:

Middletown Sp Fire Assoc. (Rent)	\$ 2,250.00
Postal Services	\$ 60.00
Communications	\$ 189.90
Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 135.21
Supplies	\$ 279.81

TOTAL	\$ 2,914.92
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Checking Balance as of Dec. 31, 2015

\$ 3,526.34

Money Market Balance as of Dec. 31, 2015

\$ 31,365.48

Town of Middletown Springs
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS PLANNING COMMISSION

During 2015 the Planning Commission continued its work on implementing elements of the Town Plan. Items considered during the year that may impact the contents of the Plan include telecommunications issues during power outages, siting issues for wind and solar power projects and a new required element addressing flood resilience. Since the plan will be up for renewal at the 2017 Town Meeting, we also began work on a town-wide survey to assess the feelings of the residents on their preferences for the contents and goals of the plan. It is expected that the survey will be distributed to residents in the first or second quarter of 2016.

The Commission continued to monitor the work of the Creative Economy Steering Committee. The Steering Committee recommended, and the Selectboard approved, the hiring of Kathy Letendre as the consultant to help implement the terms of the Municipal Planning Grant received last year from the Agency of Commerce and Community Development. The Committee met with Kathy several times during the year to develop a plan of action. Kathy and the Committee have solicited comments from numerous town residents and groups on the direction this project should take. The Committee is working on developing a mission and vision statement as well as a design for an image or logo. The Committee also considered a proposal for the use of a building in town as a display/sales space to be utilized by local artists, artisans and growers to display and sell their wares. Further discussions on this proposal are underway. Reports were made to the Selectboard and general public in late January of this year.

During the past year Tom Hurcomb provided regular reports on the activities of the Rutland Regional Planning Commission. Tom and Maureen McCormack presented updates on the work of the Building Committee in their consideration of a possible new Town Office Building. Maureen has also served effectively as the Commission's secretary.

With the reduced number of members of the Commission we were able to meet on a monthly basis throughout the year with at least a quorum present at each meeting. We are now, however, faced with the probability of a vacancy on the Commission in 2016. Continuing our work with only two members will be difficult at best. We urge anyone with an interest in the future of the Town to consider stepping forward to fill that vacancy and provide input and assistance to our efforts.

The Commission encourages all townspeople to attend our meetings, usually held on the first Monday of every month at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Middletown Springs Planning Commission
John E. Arsenault, Chair
Maureen McCormack, Secretary
Thomas Hurcomb

Town of Middletown Springs REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Middletown Springs Building Committee (BC) a subcommittee of the Selectboard had an eventful 2015.

The committee held its Third Annual Town Meeting Day Food Sale in March, which raised \$551 for the project.

In May, a group of volunteers converged on the corner site to remove the construction barriers, barrels, and caution tape that had been placed there by the brownfield cleanup contractors.

In June, the town received a Certificate of Completion from VT DEC signifying the official completion of the Brownfields Cleanup. Future construction activities will require monitoring to ensure that if any unforeseen contamination is unearthed, it is properly dealt with.

Also in June, the road crew, volunteers and a hired contractor re-graded the upper portion of the site, spread topsoil and grass seed and installed parking bumpers to discourage cars from driving on the newly seeded lawn.

July saw another group of volunteers donating and planting perennials around the signposts on the corner and diligently keeping them watered so they would survive the heat of the summer. The plants thrived and provided a splash of color during the late summer and fall.

On July 7, ten months after the initial permit application was submitted, the town received its Water Source Permit, which will allow it to drill a well on the site. Rule changes at the state level now dictate that the well must be drilled prior to the septic permit being issued. As of this writing, the septic permit application has been submitted and should be approved as soon as the well is complete.

The fundraising sub-committee continued its search for opportunities, discussed ways to approach funders and made contact with several professional grant writers and fundraisers. Members of the committee attended a fundraising workshop held by the state library board in Berlin during the month of September and gained some valuable knowledge.

Members took field trips to the Rochester Library in January and Proctor Town Office in October with the goal of gathering useful information about other projects.

Committee members and architect continued to explore conceptual building design options. Research was done to identify building styles and architectural elements that might be emulated in order to have the new structure fit in with the historic character of our town green. At our January 7, 2016 meeting, architect Michael Beattie presented his fifth conceptual design to which the committee had positive reactions. We hope to have this design on display for Town Meeting.

Throughout the year, the committee continued its efforts to post information and updates on Front Porch Forum and its minutes on the town website so town residents will know what is happening. Committee meetings are scheduled for the first Wednesday and the third Thursday of each month. Meetings are held in the Historical Society dining room or at the Library (generally for the winter months). We invite interested community members to join us.

Members of the BC thank the townspeople for their ongoing support and look forward to another year of progress.

Respectfully submitted,
David Munyak
Committee Chairman

Town of Middletown Springs
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

Current Members: *Lisa Thornton, Hilary Solomon, Kathy Doyle, Elizabeth Cooper and Iris Worland*

A high priority of The Middletown Springs Conservation Commission is the stewardship of the 14-acre Sullivan Educational Woods. Activities at Sullivan Educational Woods in 2015 included wetland habitat restoration focused on removing invasive barberry and honeysuckle shrubs, a spring wildflower hike, an early morning breeding bird survey and hike (where 26 bird species were recorded), trail maintenance and an end-of-the-summer-campfire for families. Thanks goes to everyone who contributed to these efforts including a group from the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps who helped with the habitat restoration work.

Other events included assisting the Historical Society with efforts to maintain wildflowers and native plants at Mineral Springs Park by pulling invasive garlic mustard. We also organized Green-Up Day for town residents and are happy to report that all town roads were assigned to enthusiastic volunteers. A story about Sullivan Woods was contributed to a state-wide archive of conservation success stories. We welcome and encourage participation in our events. Please contact a Conservation Commission member to find out about meetings or check the Front Porch Forum to learn about upcoming events.



The Blackburnian warbler is one of the species that travels to Sullivan Woods in the spring to breed after spending the winter in the mountains of central or South America.
(Photo from Allaboutbirds.org)

Town of Middletown Springs
POULTNEY RESCUE SQUAD, INC.

2015 Captain's Report

Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc is a volunteer agency that consists of 2 paid employees and 20 volunteers. PRS responded to 351 calls in 2015. The breakdown in calls is as follows:

Calls in Poultney	230
Calls in Middletown Springs	41
Calls in Hampton	38
Calls in Tinmouth	1
Mutual Aid given to surrounding towns	41

Poultney Rescue continues to employ 2 emergency care providers. Jonathan Porter is entering his 2nd year as a part-time employee for PRS. Jonathan works Saturday, Sunday and Monday 8am -6pm. Jonathan lives in Castleton with his wife Korrina and daughter Riley. Chad Geno is entering his fourth year as a full-time employee for PRS. His days are Tuesday – Friday from 8am – 6pm. Chad lives in Poultney with his wife Katie and son Nolan. Please feel free to stop down and say hello to Jonathan and Chad.

In the field of emergency medical services (EMS), there are different levels of certifications for provider of care. At this time, PRS has 3 members enrolled in the District 10 EMT course and 4 members enrolled in the A-EMT course. The EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) course is 140 hour course. The A-EMT course (Advanced – Emergency Medical Technician) is a 170 hour course with an additional 30 hours of clinical time. These rigorous courses require the students to show proficiency in managing a variety of emergency medical situations; medical and trauma assessments and management, cardiac arrest management and ventilatory management to name a few. In addition to showing proficiency with the hands-on management stations, students must pass a computer based National Registry Exam.

Poultney Rescue offers CPR classes at the Heartsaver and Healthcare Provider level. First Aid/CPR courses are available as well. If you need a CPR or First Aid course, please email poultneyrescue70@gmail.com with your request or call 287-5575.

In addition, in the Spring of 2016, PRS will be offering an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) course. This is an entry level course to Emergency Medical Services.

I would like to thank the members of Poultney Rescue and Middletown Springs for their dedication and to say thank you to the people in the communities that we serve.

A special thank you goes to the women of the Poultney Rescue Auxiliary. These individuals volunteer a great deal of time, energy and efforts in operating the Poultney Thrift Shop. Proceeds from the Thrift Shop are put towards the ambulance replacement fund.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Winter, President PRS

The Officers for 2016: President - Beth Winter; Vice President - Fred Capron; Captain - Jeff Elrick; Secretary - Katie Geno; Treasurer - Medrick Petty and Training Officer - Jonathan Porter.

Town of Middletown Springs
POULTNEY RESCUE SQUAD, INC.

Profit and Loss Statement January - December 2015

Income

Insurance	\$136,525.00
Town Funding	\$21,390.00
Subscriptions	\$18,500.00
Thrift Shop	\$11,704.43
Donations	\$13,218.18
Rodeo	\$3,300.00
Interest	\$178.33
Discounts	\$275.66
Total Income	\$205,091.60

Expenses

Administrative	\$4,852.00
Building	\$6,850.00
Communications	\$8,500.00
Equipment Replacement	\$10,400.00

Expenses continued...

Operations	\$18,500.00
Legal and Prof. fees	\$6,150.00
Insurance	\$28,450.00
Membership	\$9,127.81
Payroll Expense	\$54,269.00
Interest Expense	\$2,724.93
Utilities	\$9,123.45
Vehicle Maint/Gas/Fuel	\$14,523.00
Vehicle Replacement	\$20,000.00
Medical Supplies	\$4,850.00
Thrift Shop Operating Expenses	\$6,200.00
Total Expenses	\$204,520.19
Net Profit	\$571.42

Middletown Springs Library Happy Readers



Keaton Tarbell and Kiara Larson check out some new books (gift of the Libri Foundation) January 2016.

Town of Middletown Springs
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Town Report 2016

More than half of the town's residents hold ACTIVE library cards, meaning they have used the library in the last 2-3 years. In the last twelve months, more than 150 people used their library card to borrow anywhere from one to 225 items during that time period. A total of 3231 items circulated, for a per capita average of 4.3.

Currently the collection holds 7677 items (6595 books and 1082 audio/visual). The collection of non-traditional circulating items continues to grow. The library now circulates 29 games, a large crate of twinkle lights for events, knitting needles & patterns, as well as a Kindle. Possible future additions are specialized bakeware, canning equipment, sewing machine, watt meter, and small soldering equipment.

The Library offered 31 programs last year which 440 people attended. These included ongoing and special programs, including story hour, book group, movies, and presentations.

Public Digital Access continues to be an important role for the library, as shown by how many residents take advantage of WiFi Internet, public computers, printer, scanner, and copier.

When estimating the "Value of Libraries" many people turn to an online software program such as http://www.chelmsfordlibrary.org/library_info/calculator.html to compute the value of their personal library use. After entering the usage numbers for FY'15, the value of our library is more than \$65,500. For that same time period, the cost to the town was \$16,300. That's a 400% return on investment!

The Library Board approved the position of assistant librarian to meet the demands of increased library services and patron use. This position allows for more efficient management of the day-to-day operations because the workload is divided between two people in ways that simply increasing one person's hours could not do. There is also more continuity and better service for patrons, the "institutional knowledge" is held by more than one person, and the focus on outreach and service is increased.

The library has evolved — and continues to grow — as an integral hub of the community. While continuing to provide current bestsellers and classic books for readers of all ages, the library also provides connectivity to the internet, to non-biblio resources [movies, tools, etc.], to other people attending programs, and by chance encounters. Libraries have always been in the information business, but now more than ever the libraries are essential for giving local citizens access to the information and resources to be engaged, productive, and informed.

Kimberly Bushnell Mathewson
Librarian

**Friends of the Library
Gardening Festival**



Town of Middletown Springs
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY

TREASURER'S REPORT
July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

	FY 14/15 ACTUAL	FY 15/16 BUDGET	FY 16/17 PROPOSED
INCOME			
Town Allotment	\$ 16,300.00	\$ 17,150.00	\$ 20,665.00
Louis Library Fund	282.39	0	275.00
Friends of Library Contribution	0	0	1,000.00
Fines/Fees/Payments	93.00	50.00	50.00
Donations	668.00	500.00	225.00
Fundraising	7,601.61	4,850.00	6,050.00
State of Vermont	0.00	50.00	50.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 24,945.00	\$ 22,600.00	\$ 28,315.00
EXPENSES			
Librarian	\$ 12,408.00	\$ 12,720.00	\$ 12,975.00
Assistant Librarian	0.00	0.00	4,576.00
Payroll Taxes	949.22	973.08	1,342.65
Education	130.25	60.00	200.00
Library Materials	3,704.40	3,405.00	3,761.00
Heat	572.04	1,115.00	1,115.00
Electricity	1,625.81	1,225.00	1,225.00
Telephone/Internet	464.49	435.00	505.00
Card Catalogue Computer Automation	439.00	425.00	425.00
Supplies	116.70	210.00	215.00
Postage	372.63	330.00	400.00
Snow Removal/Lawn Care	747.00	850.00	800.00
Membership Dues	25.00	25.00	25.00
Publicity	50.28	50.00	0.00
Programs	16.67	50.00	25.00
Fixtures	0.00	0.00	0.00
Technology (hard)	1,336.00	200.00	200.00
Technology (soft)	259.06	50.00	100.00
Facility Maintenance	200.00	350.00	350.00
Miscellaneous	58.17	76.92	25.35
Cash Reserve	50.00	50.00	50.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 23,524.72	\$ 22,600.00	\$ 28,315.00

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Talke Munyak, MSPL Trustee, Treasurer

**Town of Middletown Springs
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Report of the School Board Chair

As the Chair of the Middletown Springs School District Board, it is my pleasure to provide the community with an update on the board's work, overseeing the education of all children residing in our town.

We are pleased to have Rick Beal as the principal of the elementary school. He leads a dedicated and professional staff of teachers, para-educators and support personnel.

The Supervisory Union signed a three-year supervisory union wide contract in 2014 that covers all the teachers in the Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union. This includes Wells, Poultney, Middletown Springs and the teaching staff that work under the broader umbrella of the Supervisory Union. This contract covers FY '15, '16 and '17; a unified salary schedule will go into effect June 30, 2018(FY '17).

Families are free to choose where their students go after completing sixth grade; our students currently attend at least five different secondary schools. We recognize that community members value the opportunity to choose the secondary school that their children attend. However, the School District Board has no ability to control the tuition that these schools charge for accepting our students.

The school district budget covers the elementary school budget, which decreased by 5.34%; the cost of secondary education tuition, an decrease of 6.72%; and special education programing, a decrease of 7.68%. The latter two, are due to student counts and mandated special education services respectively. The overall budget increased by 0.52% to \$2,393,217.00. The Equalized Pupil Cost for the Middletown Springs School District went from \$17,285 to \$16,587, a decrease of 4%

There are several external pressures that can, and will have a significant impact on both the tax payer and the local school district budget. The rising cost of education in Vermont is fast outpacing the capacity of the property tax intended to fund it.

We face issues which could add to the local school tax rate:

- The loss of the Small Schools Grant, approximately \$80,000, if we do not merge with another district
- Act 46, as it applies to all schools in the state, requires a change in governance structure to meet the new state criteria. (i.e. 900 or 1,250 students, one single district board). Act 46 mandates the consolidation of School boards, not schools
- The Board is studying many options to determine the best fit for our school, our community, our families and our taxpayers.

Your local school board is tracking and trying to stay abreast of all the legislative solutions being considered through our affiliations with the county and state School Board Associations.

We will always continue to look for grant opportunities when available, to find other projects..

The School District Board is very aware of current economic challenges faced by all members of our community, as well as the educational standards we must achieve in order to prepare our students for 21st century careers. The board will continue its conservative fiscal management of school funds and its insistence on high quality education for the children of this community. We are studying all possibilities to lower our costs per student while maintaining a high quality educational program for all Middletown Springs students at all grade levels.

Respectfully Submitted,
Clarence K Haynes, Chair
Middletown Springs School District

**Town of Middletown Springs
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Report of the Principal for the Town Report 2015-2016

Vermont students have achieved high scores on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). Our state's fourth graders have consistently been in the top achievement level of states which is an indicator of the quality of our schools. However, there is a growing gap between the improvement of Vermont schools and the rapidly changing world. To address this challenge, Vermont is implementing proficiency-based learning (PBL) which is a key component of flexible and personalized pathways to learning as set forth in Act 77 and the Education Quality Standards (EQS) set forth by the State Agency of Education. Vermont public schools must provide students with flexible and personalized pathways for progressing through grade levels up to graduation. Another key component of PBL is identifying transferable skills that crosscut through all academic areas and are so important to the long-term success of our students.

Last spring, MSES's third and fourth grade students were administered the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) assessment for Math and English-Language Arts. The SBAC assessment is based on the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) which focus on having students demonstrate application of grade level knowledge. Our students did very well in a comparison of state and supervisory union results. I would encourage all community members to visit the school's website at www.rwsu.org and view the "Annual School Report Card, School Year 2014-2015."

Our school continues to use curriculum that is aligned with the Common Core State Standards. The students are in the second year of using the Houghton Mifflin reading program, "Journeys," and the first year of their mathematics program, "Math in Focus." Having these reading and math programs has helped to vertically align and scaffold reading skills between the grade levels. To help meet individual academic needs of students, a student progress program called Measurement of Academic Progress (MAP) is being used to identify areas of strengths and weakness in relationship to CCSS. The goal of using this progress measurement tool is to help improve student results on the SBAC.

The use of computer technology is guaranteed to be in the future of whatever career path our students choose. An important part of our digital future is having students learn and use code (also called programming). Coding is the language of telling a computer, app, phone, or website what you want it to do. Some educators and experts are calling it the "new literacy," a subject so important that every child needs to know the basics to excel in our rapidly changing world. One of the main arguments for having students become proficient with code is to prepare them for future jobs which are in demand and are well compensated. Even students that don't head off into a career of Computer Science will most likely need to be familiar with coding applications. Learning code can also help students develop problem-solving and computational skills. The school has begun to imbed coding skills that can be applied to other academic areas.

The students have had many learning opportunities over the past year. The students attended performances at Castleton University and the Paramount Theater. The Vermont Symphony Orchestra visited the school in collaboration with Tinmouth Elementary School (TES) for a performance. The sixth grade students are collaborating with TES students on a year-long environmental science study at Smokey House in Danby. The sixth grade is again raising trout in the classroom after having one of the best mortality success rates last year. They were even able to share some of their fish with another school. There are many other activities our students participate in including Girls on the Run, Odyssey of the Mind, and the Hour of Code; these activities all build upon classroom learning.

The physical structure of the Middletown Springs Elementary School is an asset to the community that requires ongoing upkeep for the benefit of the community. Three major projects were completed over the past year. The water system was upgraded over the summer with new pumps and a control system that will put the water system in compliance. The majority of the cost was covered through the loan forgiveness program by the Vermont Drinking Water Division of the Department of Conservation. The other big structural area that was addressed is the multi-purpose room section of the school. Both sides of the roof were re-shingled and the floor inside was re-surfaced. These improvements demonstrate a commitment by the community to maintain our school's assets for the future.

Town of Middletown Springs
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Report of the Principal for the Town Report 2015-2016 continued...

As I approach my sixth year at Middletown Springs Elementary School, I continue to feel a sense of pride in being part of this school and community. I look forward to having conversations with parents and community members during the next several weeks. If you have any questions concerning the budget, or would like to visit the school, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely submitted,
Rick Beal, Principal

PROJECTED ENROLLMENT NUMBERS FOR 2016-2017

<u>Elementary Level</u>		<u>Secondary Level</u>		<u>Secondary Level School Choice</u>	
Pre-K	12	7th	8	Mill River Union High School	24
K	8	8th	12	Poultney High School	5
1st	12	9th	7	Long Trail School	13
2nd	7	10th	11	LiHigh School	1
3rd	10	11th	12	Burr & Burton	1
4th	8	12th	8	Stoneleigh Burnham School	1
5th	8	Total	58	West Rutland	3
6th	12			Fair Haven	1
Total	77			Unknown	9



Raising Trout in the Classroom -
Aaron Haynes, Rylee Brisson

Town of Middletown Springs MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

PRELIMINARY

Three Prior Years Comparisons - Format as Provided by AOE

ESTIMATES
ONLY

District: Middletown Springs		T125		Property dollar equivalent yield	Homestead tax rate per \$9,870 of spending per equalized pupil
County: Rutland		Rutland Southwest		9,870	1.00
				11,065	Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income
Expenditures		FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$1,994,889	\$2,289,728	\$2,428,784	\$2,393,217
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$1,994,889	\$2,289,728	\$2,428,784	\$2,393,217
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-
7.	Total Budget	\$1,994,889	\$2,289,728	\$2,428,784	\$2,393,217
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
Revenues					
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$300,722	\$388,921	\$325,684	\$406,008
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-
13.	Offsetting revenues	\$300,722	\$388,921	\$325,684	\$406,008
14.	Education Spending	\$1,694,167	\$1,900,807	\$2,103,100	\$1,987,210
15.	Equalized Pupils	112.20	118.75	121.67	119.80
16.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$15,099.53	\$16,006.80	\$17,285.28	\$16,587.73
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$441.84	\$388.00	\$339.37	NA
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per eqpup)	-	-	-	NA
19.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per eqpup)	-	-	-	NA
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per eqpup)	-	-	-	NA
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per eqpup)	-	-	-	NA
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per eqpup)	-	-	-	NA
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per eqpup)	-	-	-	NA
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per eqpup)	NA	NA	-	NA
25.	Allowable growth per pupil spending threshold (secs. 37 & 38, Act 46, 2015)	threshold = \$15,456 NA	threshold = \$16,166 NA	threshold = \$17,103 NA	District Threshold \$17,408.99
26.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-	-
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$15,100	\$16,007	\$17,285	\$16,587.73
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	based on \$9,151 165.004%	based on \$9,285 172.394%	based on \$9,459 182.739%	NA
Prorating the local tax rate					
29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [\$16,587.73 ÷ (\$9,870.00 / \$1,000)]	\$1,5510 based on \$0.94	\$1,6895 based on \$0.98	\$1,8091 based on \$0.99	\$1,6806 based on \$1.00
30.	Percent of Middletown Springs equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.68)	\$1,5510	\$1,6895	\$1,8091	\$1,6806
32.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	95.85%	101.43%	102.70%	102.94%
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1,6806 / 102.94%)	\$1,6182 based on \$0.94	\$1,6657 based on \$0.98	\$1,7615 based on \$0.99	\$1,6326 based on \$1.00
If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.					
34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [((\$16,587.73 ÷ \$11,065) x 2.00%)]	2.97% based on 1.80%	3.10% based on 1.80%	3.29% based on 1.80%	3.00% based on 2.00%
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 3.00%)	2.97% based on 1.80%	3.10% based on 1.94%	3.29% based on 1.94%	3.00% based on 2.00%
36.	Percent of equalized pupils at union 1	-	-	-	-
37.		-	-	-	-
- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$9,955 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$11,157 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.538. New and updated data have changed the proposed property yield to \$9,870 and the income yield to \$11,065. - Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor. - The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.					

Town of Middletown Springs
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

REVENUE REPORT

	Budget FY15	Actual FY15	Budget FY16	Budget FY17
Total Revenue	\$2,289,728	\$2,303,581	\$2,428,784	\$2,393,217
Total Expenditures	\$2,289,728	\$2,210,233	\$2,428,784	\$2,393,217
Fund Balance	\$0	\$93,348	\$0	\$0
REVENUES				
	Budget FY15	Actual FY15	Budget FY16	Budget FY17
LOCAL REVENUE				
Prior Year Carryover	47,337	47,337	0	93,348
VT LEA Tuition	14,000	14,980	0	0
Tuition Refund	0	5,470	0	0
Interest Income	250	7,079	0	0
Building Rental	0	0	0	0
SU Assessment Refund	4,641	4,641	1,891	2,964
Miscellaneous Income	0	9,483	6,740	0
LOCAL REVENUE	\$66,227	\$88,989	\$8,631	\$96,313
STATE REVENUE				
Act 68 Res/Non-Res Ed. Ta	1,873,827	1,873,826	2,079,605	1,969,337
From State to Tech Center	26,981	26,981	24,688	17,872
Unenrolled Tech Center	0	1,373	0	0
Small Schools Grant	87,334	88,434	88,894	87,775
State placed rev	0	13,186	0	0
STATE REVENUE	\$1,988,142	\$2,003,800	\$2,193,187	\$2,074,985
SPECIAL EDUCATION REVENUE				
Excess Cost	0	0	0	6,150
Block Grant	42,858	43,769	46,943	47,642
Intensive	170,245	148,687	171,774	159,803
P/Y Intensive Adjustment	0	(613)	0	0
Extraordinary	15,075	0	0	0
Pre-School	7,181	7,181	8,249	8,325
State Placed Student-Sped	0	11,768	0	0
SPECIAL EDUCATION REVENUE	\$235,359	\$210,792	\$226,966	\$221,920
TOTAL REVENUES	\$2,289,728	\$2,303,581	\$2,428,784	\$2,393,217

Town of Middletown Springs
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

EXPENDITURE REPORT

FUND TRANSFERS	Budget FY15	Actual FY15	Budget FY16	Budget FY17
Deficit	0	0	48,053	0
Fund Transfer - Food Service	26,805	13,276	31,018	17,471
FUND TRANSFERS	\$26,805	\$13,276	\$79,071	\$17,471
ELEMENTARY REGULAR ED				
Teacher S Lantman	55,789	56,635	57,609	58,675
Teacher J Ray	44,161	46,022	48,014	0
Teacher J Rocque-Tifft	0	42,592	44,525	46,570
Teacher A Williams	0	0	0	42,438
Teacher L Wilkins .40	34,096	25,049	25,620	26,094
Teacher J Kreilkamp .50	24,511	25,477	26,516	27,617
Teacher S Brzezinski	42,048	0	0	0
Teacher R Bruttomesso	53,774	55,569	57,938	0
Teacher D McConville	0	5,792	0	65,309
IA Reg Ed C Mahoney .50	0	7,666	9,678	0
IA S Harrington	9,144	0	0	0
Sports Coaches	1,400	700	0	0
Mentor Program	1,000	0	0	0
Odyssey Coaches	750	750	0	0
Sports Coordinator	500	500	0	0
Insurance Buyback	0	0	0	1,500
Group Health Insurance	83,520	78,888	86,215	56,181
Fica & Medi	20,439	18,815	20,647	20,403
Municipal Retirement	366	374	387	0
Tuition Reimbursement	6,000	4,520	6,000	6,000
Dental/Eye Care	2,775	1,472	2,700	2,700
Prof Services-Kelly Services	12,000	9,404	12,000	12,000
Section 504 Services	3,000	1,192	3,000	3,000
Repair/Maint Services	5,000	3,976	5,000	5,000
Student Insurance	375	400	375	375
General Supplies	8,000	7,012	8,000	8,000
Supplies - Computer	3,500	2,953	3,500	3,500
Books & Periodicals	6,500	1,539	6,500	6,500
Dues & Fees	2,000	647	2,000	2,000
Misc Expenditures	11,044	0	0	7,614
ELEMENTARY REGULAR ED	\$431,692	\$397,942	\$426,223	\$401,475
ITN ART PROGRAM				
Prof Services-RSWSU Assessment	10,122	10,252	10,470	10,904
Supplies	500	490	500	500
ITN ART PROGRAM	\$10,622	\$10,742	\$10,970	\$11,404

Town of Middletown Springs
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

EXPENDITURE REPORT

	Budget FY15	Actual FY15	Budget FY16	Budget FY17
ITN HEALTH & SAFETY				
Prof Services-RSWSU Assessment	31,779	31,853	32,978	33,551
Supplies	500	535	500	500
ITN HEALTH & SAFETY	\$32,279	\$32,388	\$33,478	\$34,051
ITN MUSIC PROGRAM				
Prof Services-RSWSU Assessment	12,442	11,255	11,406	11,966
Supplies	500	0	500	500
ITN MUSIC PROGRAM	\$12,942	\$11,255	\$11,906	\$12,466
GIFTED & TALENTED				
G&T Services	6,500	0	0	0
Supplies	300	186	2,000	2,000
Books & Periodicals	200	0	0	0
Dues & Fees	500	129	0	0
GIFTED & TALENTED	\$7,500	\$315	\$2,000	\$2,000
SUMMER SCHOOL SERVICES				
Summer School Teacher	3,500	3,606	3,500	3,500
Fica & Medi	268	276	268	268
SUMMER SCHOOL SERVICES	\$3,768	\$3,882	\$3,768	\$3,768
ITN HEALTH SERVICES				
Prof Services-RSWSU Assessment	8,895	13,491	11,149	16,088
Repairs & Maintenance	75	0	75	75
Supplies	30	363	500	500
ITN HEALTH SERVICES	\$9,000	\$13,854	\$11,724	\$16,663
ITN COUNSELOR				
Prof Services-RSWSU Assessment	5,984	5,472	4,533	7,993
Supplies	0	0	0	200
ITN COUNSELOR	\$5,984	\$5,472	\$4,533	\$8,193
ED MEDIA SERVICES				
Repairs/Maint/Tech	1,500	162	1,500	1,500
Supplies	5,000	654	3,500	3,500
Books & Periodicals	0	133	0	0
Computer Software	1,500	425	1,500	1,500
Dues & Fees	1,500	0	1,500	1,500
ED MEDIA SERVICES	\$9,500	\$1,374	\$8,000	\$8,000
LIBRARY SERVICES				
IA Library K Carr .38	8,086	8,970	8,366	8,366
Fica & Medi	619	686	640	640

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EXPENDITURE REPORT

LIBRARY SERVICES continued	Budget FY15	Actual FY15	Budget FY16	Budget FY17
Supplies	150	209	150	150
Books & Periodicals	900	762	900	900
Dues & Fees	200	115	200	200
LIBRARY SERVICES	\$9,955	\$10,743	\$10,256	\$10,256
BOARD OF EDUCATION				
Board Member	2,200	2,000	2,200	2,200
Recording Clerk	720	600	720	720
Fica & Medi	223	189	223	223
Workman's Comp	5,079	4,514	4,649	4,634
Unemployment	367	298	307	376
Prof Services - Consultant	1,500	1,050	1,500	1,500
Audit	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,200
Legal Services	5,000	861	5,000	5,000
Advertising	400	234	400	400
Travel	0	110	0	0
Supplies	150	0	150	150
Dues & Fees	1,600	1,653	1,600	1,600
BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$21,439	\$15,709	\$20,950	\$21,003
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE				
RSWSU Assessment	84,115	94,123	97,792	96,361
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE	\$84,115	\$94,123	\$97,792	\$96,361
PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE				
Principal R Beal	63,124	69,591	66,966	71,988
Admin Asst S Rosso	34,172	36,944	35,360	36,538
Substitute Secretary	3,500	1,063	3,500	3,500
Principal Extra Contract	0	0	5,021	0
Insurance Buyback	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Group Health Insurance	7,209	6,651	7,533	8,128
Fica & Medi	7,826	7,766	8,210	8,570
Life Insurance	1,632	1,568	1,632	1,632
Municipal Retirement	1,367	1,622	1,414	1,462
Tuition Reimbursement	3,000	230	3,000	3,000
Dental/Eye Care	1,000	550	1,000	1,000
Prof Services-Kelly Services	0	0	0	0
Professional Services	0	1,930	0	0
Communications	3,500	5,154	3,500	5,000
Printing & Binding	200	156	200	200
Travel	400	411	400	400
Supplies	600	216	600	600

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EXPENDITURE REPORT

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE continued	Budget FY15	Actual FY15	Budget FY16	Budget FY17
Books & Periodicals	200	0	200	200
Computer Software	900	1,125	900	900
Dues & Fees	2,000	859	2,000	2,000
PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE	\$132,128	\$137,334	\$142,938	\$146,618
FISCAL SERVICES				
Treasurer	900	900	900	900
Fica & Medi	69	69	69	69
Supplies	150	549	150	150
Dues & Fees	0	0	50	50
Interest	4,000	7,202	4,000	4,000
FISCAL SERVICES	\$5,119	\$8,720	\$5,169	\$5,169
PLANT OPERATIONS & MAINT				
Custodian M LaBate	34,258	34,484	35,464	0
Custodian D Tatro	0	0	0	37,564
Sub Custodian	500	870	500	500
On call Stipend	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Insurance Buyback	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
Group Health Insurance	0	0	0	8,128
Fica & Medi	2,850	2,896	2,943	3,027
Municipal Retirement	1,430	1,479	1,519	1,563
Dental/Eye Care	500	550	500	500
Water Quality	1,750	1,165	1,750	1,750
Repair/Maint Services	58,345	43,320	45,000	45,000
Refuse Removal	3,000	3,357	3,000	3,500
Snow Plowing	2,500	3,795	2,500	4,000
Lawn Care Service	1,250	1,425	1,250	1,500
Lease	14,348	7,693	10,502	6,655
Insurance	6,398	6,661	6,861	6,792
Supplies	6,000	4,425	6,000	6,000
Electricity	14,000	15,040	14,000	15,500
Bottled Gas	3,300	2,970	3,300	3,000
Fuel Oil	17,000	16,325	17,000	17,000
PLANT OPERATIONS & MAINT	\$169,930	\$148,957	\$154,588	\$163,478
TRANSPORTATION				
Field Trips	1,200	1,196	1,200	2,200
TRANSPORTATION	\$1,200	\$1,196	\$1,200	\$2,200
LONG TERM DEBT				
Interest	6,075	3,684	1,291	951

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EXPENDITURE REPORT

	Budget FY15	Actual FY15	Budget FY16	Budget FY17
LONG TERM DEBT continued				
Water Loan Interest	431	431	431	391
Principal	40,000	40,000	40,000	38,622
Water Loan Principal	661	661	661	701
LONG TERM DEBT	\$47,167	\$44,777	\$42,383	\$40,665
SECONDARY REGULAR ED				
Prof Services - Section 504	8,755	10,957	0	0
In State Tuition	555,933	516,832	552,829	649,222
Prior Yr Excess Tuition	2,950	2,696	0	4,566
Tuition Out VT	26,953	27,504	14,165	14,726
Private School Tuition	161,459	226,908	254,962	220,889
SECONDARY REGULAR ED	\$756,050	\$784,897	\$821,956	\$889,403
ELEMENTARY SPECIAL ED				
Teacher L Pettis	0	41,413	0	0
IA M Coupe (.80)	23,601	0	0	0
IA K Cronin	0	21,441	21,088	19,588
IA SpEd C Mahoney	18,077	11,091	9,678	19,356
IA D McConville	0	25,829	29,413	0
IA SpEd L Hanson .30	0	3,795	8,338	0
IA SpEd K Carr .20	0	3,304	0	0
Substitutes	500	135	500	0
Insurance Buyback	1,000	0	0	0
Group Health Insurance	7,209	34,915	18,833	16,257
Fica & Medi	3,303	7,820	5,280	2,979
Municipal Retirement	1,667	2,325	2,741	1,558
Workman's Comp	349	355	366	582
Unemployment	45	37	38	61
Dental/Eye Care	1,000	0	1,500	1,000
Prof Services-Kelly Services	4,000	4,213	4,000	0
Sped SU	63,868	0	66,369	298,480
Supplies	500	743	500	0
Books & Periodicals	300	277	300	0
Computer Software	200	0	200	0
Dues & Fees	500	235	500	0
ELEMENTARY SPECIAL ED	\$126,120	\$157,929	\$169,643	\$359,861
SUMMER SCHOOL - SPED				
Instructional Assistant	1,350	53	2,415	0
Fica & Medi	103	4	185	0
SUMMER SCHOOL - SPED	\$1,453	\$57	\$2,600	\$0

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EXPENDITURE REPORT

	Budget FY15	Actual FY15	Budget FY16	Budget FY17
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES				
Professional Services	21,030	17,086	17,548	0
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	\$21,030	\$17,086	\$17,548	\$0
SPEECH LANGUAGE SERVICES				
Speech Language Services	16,200	21,314	29,884	0
Supplies	300	0	300	0
SPEECH LANGUAGE SERVICES	\$16,500	\$21,314	\$30,184	\$0
OT SERVICES				
OT Services	10,235	8,614	12,996	0
PT Services	10,009	4,376	5,734	0
OT SERVICES	\$20,244	\$12,990	\$18,730	\$0
SPECIAL ED ADMINISTRATION				
Assessment	17,754	17,444	20,145	19,150
SPECIAL ED ADMINISTRATION	\$17,754	\$17,444	\$20,145	\$19,150
SECONDARY SPECIAL ED				
Excess Costs	184,899	118,493	133,952	0
SECONDARY SPECIAL ED	\$184,899	\$118,493	\$133,952	\$0
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES				
Professional Services	1,500	8,957	9,000	0
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	\$1,500	\$8,957	\$9,000	\$0
EARLY EDUCATION				
Teacher J Kreilkamp .50	24,511	25,478	26,516	27,617
IA K Bryne .53	9,144	0	0	8,297
IA Pre-K L Hanson .53	0	3,768	3,335	0
IA Pre-K K Carr .10	0	2,955	6,835	0
Group Health Insurance	12,574	10,631	9,374	14,422
Fica & Medi	2,575	2,293	2,806	2,747
Municipal Retirement	366	(44)	0	0
Dental/Eye Care	500	250	250	500
Supplies	450	318	450	450
Books & Periodicals	100	113	100	100
EARLY EDUCATION	\$50,219	\$45,763	\$49,666	\$54,133
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES				
Psych Services	0	0	4,500	3,000
Speech Services	2,700	2,664	5,767	0
OT Services	0	3,446	4,650	1,869
PT Services	0	0	3,167	3,749
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$2,700	\$6,110	\$18,084	\$8,617

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EXPENDITURE REPORT

	Budget FY15	Actual FY15	Budget FY16	Budget FY17
VOCATIONAL PROGRAM				
Act 68 Voc Tuition Grant	26,511	26,981	24,688	17,872
Act 68 Tuition	16,692	16,304	14,975	12,276
VOCATIONAL PROGRAM	\$43,203	\$43,285	\$39,663	\$30,148
CO-CURRICULAR				
Sports Coaches	0	0	1,400	1,400
Odyssey Coaches	0	0	750	750
Sports Coordinator	0	0	500	500
Fica & Medi	0	0	203	203
Professional Services	0	185	300	300
Supplies	0	0	300	300
Wellness	0	-	300	300
CO-CURRICULAR	\$0	\$185	\$3,753	\$3,753
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM				
Homework Club	25,000	22,004	25,000	25,000
Fica & Medi	1,913	1,658	1,913	1,913
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM	\$26,913	\$23,662	\$26,913	\$26,913
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,289,728	\$2,210,233	\$2,428,784	\$2,393,217



Left: Marshmallow Building Challenge - Avery Lewis, Brayden Wilbur



Above: Watershed presentation with Hilary Solomon

Town of Middletown Springs
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FOOD SERVICE REPORT

	Budget FY15	Actual FY15	Budget FY16	Budget FY17
FOOD SERVICE				
Fund Transfer - GF	26,805	13,276	31,018	17,471
Miscellaneous Sales	13,500	17,259	11,000	17,000
Federal Lunch Subgrant	18,000	19,968	13,500	19,500
Hot Lunch State Match	0	0	7,500	0
FFVG Reimbursement	0	3,550	0	3,750
FOOD SERVICE	\$58,305	\$54,053	\$63,018	\$57,721
FOOD SERVICE				
Cook L Myette	19,700	28,509	28,931	28,769
Subs	0	0	0	0
Insurance Buyback	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
Group Health Insurance	7,209	0	0	0
Fica & Medi	1,507	2,257	2,290	2,201
Municipal Retirement	788	1,158	1,197	1,151
Dental/Eye Care	500	0	500	500
Prof Svs-Kelly Services	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
Supplies	3,500	1,156	1,500	1,500
Supplies - Food	17,000	14,505	19,000	16,000
Supplies-Food-Breakfast	6,500	4,268	7,000	5,000
Supplies - Farm to School	0	900	0	0
Computer Software	300	299	300	300
Dues & Fees	300	0	300	300
FOOD SERVICE	\$58,305	\$54,053	\$63,018	\$57,721
FUND BALANCE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

MSVFD Training



photo by Emmett Francois

**Town of Middletown Springs
RUTLAND SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION**

CHILD FIND NOTICE

The Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union and each of the member school districts (Ira, Middletown Springs, Poultney, and Wells) are responsible for the provision of a free and appropriate public education for every child with an educational disability ages 3-21 living within a member town.

We are searching for any child including those birth through 2 years of age who might be eligible for and in need of special education and related services help. Anyone can and should make a referral of any child living in one of these towns they believe may be eligible for special education. They can do so by contacting in writing or by telephone:

The Principal of the school which the child is or will be likely to attend
OR
The Superintendent of Schools
Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union
168 York Street
Poultney, Vermont 05764
Tel: 287-5286

Referral information will be handled in confidence. The referral may lead to an evaluation of the child to determine if he or she is eligible for and in need of special education. If the answer is yes, an individualized educational plan will be developed and implemented by a multi-disciplinary team of people including the child's parents.

Please. If you suspect a child residing in one of these towns may be in need of special education, make a referral.

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union and its member districts, will not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities including vocational education and special instruction as and to the extent provided by law.

The following person(s) have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the specified school district's non-discrimination policies:

Poultney School District:
Kristen Caliguiri, Principal PES, 96 School Circle, Poultney, VT 05764 Tel: 287-5212
Joe DeBonis, Jr, Principal PHS, 154 East Main Street, Poultney, VT 05764 Tel: 287-5861

Middletown Springs School District:
Rick Beal, Principal, 15 Schoolhouse Road, Middletown Springs, VT Tel: 235-2365

Wells School District:
Lisa Yates, Principal, 36 MWA Loop, Wells, VT Tel: 645-0386

Additional inquiries regarding the provisions of the federal law related to children or adults with handicapping conditions or disabilities impacting the Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union or its member districts including Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act can be obtained by contacting the Superintendent of Schools, Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union, 168 York Street, Poultney, VT 05764, Tel: 802-287-5286.

**Town of Middletown Springs
RUTLAND SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION**

Report of the Superintendent

The passing of Act 46 changed the landscape for Vermont school districts and their supervisory unions in order to create more opportunities for students and to contain educational costs. The passing of Act 46 required the four school districts of Ira, Middletown Springs, Poultney, and Wells as well as the Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union to enter into a study that would analyze everything from enrollment projections to operational cost. SES Team was hired to complete a study and present a report to the four communities, which would provide possible opportunities and challenges for each of the four districts and the supervisory union. Each school district Board will need to determine whether they would remain on the current path or whether each would seek to merge with one or more different school districts. If changes were indicated, then a study committee of the school districts wishing to merge would occur; merger plans created from study committee work requires a Vermont State Board of Education approval and a positive vote by each community involved in the proposed merger. Approval and the new merger being set in place by July 1, 2017 create some tax incentives for the communities under Act 46. Without any changes, a waiver must be presented to the Secretary of Education, who may approve or may require school districts to merge with others school districts. As one can imagine, the new law has required considerable additional work on the part of Board members, who are working diligently to gather community input and to consider what is best for their students and for their communities.

In addition to the above, Act 46 also places caps on per pupil spending for budgets to be approved for the 2016-2017 school year; requiring difficult decisions. Most of the local school district and RSWSU budgets are lower than the previous year and in all cases are under the tax cap. Boards and administrators worked diligently to ensure that all budgets for FY17 were under the tax cap to avoid any risk of penalty (amounts above the cap would be doubly taxed).

We welcomed several new administrators this year. Joining the curriculum implementation team is Bernie Peatman, who is working with all teachers to ensure that curriculum is aligned and being taught and assessed. Joe DeBonis is Poultney High School's Principal and Andrea Wallach is now the PHS Assistant Principal. Lisa Yates has joined the team as the Principal of Wells Village School. We also welcomed several new teachers and support staff.

RSWSU teachers across all grade levels are meeting during the year to further align the curriculum as well as determine the interventions needed to assist every child to meet the required standards and expectations. This work is being done for all content areas and in all grades from Pre-K through grade 12. In addition, we are working to implement proficiency based learning and individualized learning plans. Our schools will go through an evaluation in May to determine if we meet all of the Vermont Educational Quality Standards. Feedback from this evaluation process will be used to make suggested improvements, to ensure that all students are receiving the best possible educational opportunities, instruction, and supports.

The support we receive from parents, local organizations, and our communities is very much appreciated. We value the partnership and wish to acknowledge the importance of this support in providing for our students and programs. Schools have an incredible responsibility to educate our youth and we know that we cannot do it alone. Thank you for allowing us to serve you and thank you for the continuous support.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Joan Paustian
Superintendent RSWSU

Town of Middletown Springs
RUTLAND SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION

Director of Student Support Services Annual Town Report

Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union (RWSU) provides special education programming in accordance with the Individual with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA) and the Vermont Agency of Education Special Education Rules and Regulations, which ensures that all students with disabilities have available to them a free and appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment that emphasizes special education and related services designed to meet their unique needs and prepare them for further education, employment and independent living.

As of December 1, 2015 our Child Count for special education recognized 111 eligible students in a multitude of disability categories including Autism, Developmental Delay, Emotional Disturbance, Hard of Hearing, Learning Impaired, Other Health Impaired (such as chronic health impairments, attention deficit or attention deficit with hyperactivity), Specific Learning Disabled, Speech or Language Impaired and Traumatic Brain Injured.

RWSU provides special education services from Early Essential Education (EEE) serving identified 3 & 4 year old students along with their regular education peers typically through grade 12, or in some instances through the time the student turns 22.

Beyond direct instruction, many students also need to access related services such as Speech and/or Language instruction, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Counseling. Any one or a combination of services may be necessary to address the needs of the whole child. However, for a very small percentage of our students, specialized instruction may not be enough, and a special day program may be required. Also, on occasion, a student may require a residential treatment facility to meet their needs.

To be legally compliant, each eligible child is provided with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Depending on the need, a student may require any combination of the services detailed above. We are legally required to provide a free and appropriate public education to each student on an IEP and we must do it in the least restrictive environment possible.

Finally, I would like to recognize the efforts of all our Special Educators, Instructional Assistants and Service Providers. They are professional and dedicated to meeting the student's needs. They take their responsibilities with the students very seriously and they consistently exceed expectations. I am very fortunate to have such a wonderful staff at RWSU.

Sincerely,
Tammy Rescott
Director of Student Support Services
Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union

Hour of coding for
students and parents



Town of Middletown Springs
RUTLAND SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION

CENTRAL OFFICE BUDGET

REVENUES	Budget FY15	Actual FY15	Budget FY16	Budget FY17
INTEREST INCOME				
Interest Income CB Checking	0	20	0	0
INTEREST INCOME	\$0	\$19.76	\$0	\$0
CENTRAL OFFICE ASSMNT				
Ira	32,863	32,863	36,147	30,400
Middletown Springs	84,115	94,123	97,792	96,361
Poultney	270,562	270,562	296,966	292,890
Tinmouth	60,998	0	0	0
Wells	99,804	110,689	101,009	112,091
CENTRAL OFFICE ASSMNT	\$548,341.73	\$508,236.89	\$531,914.96	\$531,742.46
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME				
Miscellaneous Income	0	5,055	0	0
Misc - Fingerprinting	0	710	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$0	\$5,764.23	\$0	\$0
TOTAL REVENUES	\$548,341.73	\$514,020.88	\$531,914.96	\$531,742.46

EXPENSES	Budget FY15	Actual FY15	Budget FY16	Budget FY17
EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT				
Crclm Crdntr K Marcoux.25	10,000	1,500	0	0
Fica & Medi	765	115	0	0
Prof Services	2,250	0	0	0
Travel	200	0	200	200
Supplies	400	0	400	200
Dues & Fees	2,250	300	1,500	500
EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT	\$15,865.00	\$1,914.79	\$2,100.00	\$900.00

TECHNOLOGY				
Tech Crdntr G Styles .40	0	25,500	26,265	26,265
Tech Gary Ackerman	30,000	345	0	0
Insurance Buyback	750	0	0	0
Group Health Insurance	0	3,047	2,961	3,179
Fica & Medi	2,352	1,977	2,009	2,009
Dental/Eye Care	243	0	194	194
Professional Services	1,500	0	0	0
Communication	200	0	0	0
Travel	2,000	207	1,350	1,350
Supplies-Tech Related	3,000	3,218	2,000	4,000
Computer Software	3,000	0	3,000	0
Dues & Fees - Spam Filter	3,000	4,473	3,000	4,500
TECHNOLOGY	\$46,044.88	\$38,767.10	\$40,778.77	\$41,497.65

Town of Middletown Springs
RUTLAND SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION

CENTRAL OFFICE BUDGET

ADMINISTRATION	Budget FY15	Actual FY15	Budget FY16	Budget FY17
Admin Asst J Hughes	35,256	38,241	39,388	39,390
Board Secretary	1,000	375	1,000	1,000
Group Health Insurance	13,856	12,163	14,548	7,948
Fica & Medi	2,774	2,821	3,090	3,090
Municipal Retirement	1,450	1,545	1,616	1,616
Dental/Eye Care	485	78	485	485
Legal Fees	6,000	14,785	6,000	6,000
Legal Fees - Special Ed	4,000	2,900	4,000	4,000
Repair/Maint Services	4,000	2,031	3,500	2,500
Insurance	2,414	2,507	2,500	2,500
Communications	8,000	6,877	8,000	7,000
Advertising	2,750	2,090	2,500	2,500
Travel	700	629	700	700
Supplies	6,000	3,264	6,000	4,000
Dues, Fees, Mtng, Conf	350	210	350	350
ADMINISTRATION	\$89,034.80	\$90,514.96	\$93,676.60	\$83,078.35
SUPERINTENDENT				
Superintendent J Paustian	109,304	112,838	115,960	115,960
Group Health Insurance	13,856	13,971	14,548	15,623
Fica & Medi	8,362	8,405	8,871	8,871
Life Insurance	1,240	1,240	1,240	1,240
Dental/Eye Care	485	485	485	485
Travel	2,250	1,812	2,250	2,250
Supplies	375	0	375	0
Dues, Fees, Mtng, Conf	4,850	4,923	4,850	5,000
SUPERINTENDENT	\$140,721.42	\$143,673.81	\$148,579.91	\$149,428.78
FISCAL SERVICES				
Payroll/Bene L Alderman	29,991	32,526	33,502	33,501
RSWSU Treasurer	1,807	1,862	1,917	1,917
Business Mgr L Milazzo	69,878	73,000	75,190	75,190
AP/AR Clerk K Marino	28,197	31,671	31,595	32,547
Group Health Insurance	32,670	32,943	34,304	36,838
Fica & Medi	12,435	9,862	10,879	10,951
Municipal Retirement	5,123	5,536	5,688	5,650
Workmans Comp	4,696	4,552	3,344	3,497
Unemployment	4,491	1,174	1,209	504
Dental/Eye Care	1,455	1,455	1,455	1,455
Professional Services	2,000	0	0	0
Prof Svs - Finger Print	0	572	0	0
Audit	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600

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CENTRAL OFFICE BUDGET

FISCAL SERVICES continued	Budget FY15	Actual FY15	Budget FY16	Budget FY17
Repair & Maint - Tech Rel	2,000	1,887	2,000	2,000
Travel	2,250	1,485	2,250	2,250
Supplies	2,500	2,007	2,000	2,000
Dues, Fees, Mtng, Conf	1,500	431	1,250	1,250
Misc. Expenditures	16,414	0	0	6,136
FISCAL SERVICES	\$224,006.02	\$207,562.63	\$213,182.52	\$222,285.14
PLANT OPERATIONS & MAINT				
Prof Services - Cleaning	1,500	1,328	1,500	1,500
Building Rent	30,920	30,920	31,847	32,803
Supplies	250	249	250	250
PLANT OPERATIONS & MAINT	\$32,669.57	\$32,496.72	\$33,597.16	\$34,552.57
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$548,341.69	\$514,930.01	\$531,914.96	\$531,742.49

* .5 FTE Director Educational Advancement and .5 FTE Curriculum Coordinator are funded through Federal Title Grant and are not showing in the local budget.

SHARED PROGRAMS BUDGET

	Budget FY15	Actual FY15	Budget FY16	Budget FY17
ITN ASSESSMENTS				
Middletown Springs	76,752	75,971	76,084	84,001
Tinmouth	57,683	55,388	52,172	50,703
Wells	37,686	67,241	66,588	62,326
ITN ASSESSMENTS	\$172,121	\$198,601	\$194,844	\$197,031
TOTAL REVENUES	\$172,121.28	\$198,600.86	\$194,844.35	\$197,031.05

ITN ART PROGRAM

ITN Art T MacDonald .55	22,084	23,088	23,577	25,533
Insurance Buyback	825	825	825	825
Fica & Medi	2,402	1,829	1,867	1,953
Tuition Reimbursement	908	2,875	908	908
Dental/Eye Care	267	0	267	267
Prof Serv - Kelly Service	500	434	500	500
Supplies	500	0	500	0
Dues & Fees	350	0	350	0
ITN ART PROGRAM	\$27,836	\$29,051	\$28,793	\$29,986

ITN PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Teacher T Tinsley .80	44,044	45,263	47,022	47,850
Group Health Insurance	11,084	11,200	11,639	12,427
Fica & Medi	4,791	2,991	3,597	3,660

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SHARED PROGRAMS BUDGET

ITN PHYSICAL EDUCATION continued	Budget FY15	Actual FY15	Budget FY16	Budget FY17
Tuition Reimbursement	1,320	2,559	1,320	1,320
Dental/Eye Care	388	388	388	388
TSA Match	881	675	940	957
Prof Serv - Kelly Service	500	325	500	500
Supplies	200	232	200	0
Dues & Fees	350	289	350	0
ITN PHYSICAL EDUCATION	\$63,559	\$63,923	\$65,956	\$67,102
ITN MUSIC PROGRAM				
ITN Music M Barron .55	25,357	26,413	27,071	29,012
Group Health Insurance	3,877	0	0	0
Fica & Medi	2,759	2,021	2,071	2,219
Tuition Reimbursement	908	1,450	908	908
Dental/Eye Care	267	0	267	267
Prof Srvs - Kelly Service	500	0	500	500
Supplies	200	0	200	0
Dues & Fees	350	0	350	0
ITN MUSIC PROGRAM	\$34,217	\$29,884	\$31,366	\$32,906
ITN HEALTH SERVICES				
Nurse A Ridlon .50	0	0	0	22,563
Nurse A Arlen .60	20,736	27,380	28,026	0
Insurance Buyback	879	0	900	750
Group Health Insurance	0	8,429	0	0
Fica & Medi	2,324	1,344	2,213	1,783
Tuition Reimbursement	967	0	967	825
Dental/Eye Care	284	291	291	243
Repair & Maintenance	200	0	200	0
Travel	300	564	300	500
Supplies	200	0	200	0
Dues & Fees	350	120	350	150
ITN HEALTH SERVICES	\$26,239	\$38,128	\$33,446	\$26,813
ITN COUNSELOR				
ITN Counselor R Murphy.70	17,800	26,303	27,648	0
Counselor N Houde .70	0	0	0	36,000
Buy back	0	0	0	1,050
Group Health Insurance	0	3,857	5,180	0
Fica & Medi	2,471	2,012	2,115	2,834
Dental/Eye Care	0	0	340	340
ITN COUNSELOR	\$20,271	\$32,173	\$35,283	\$40,224
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$172,121.29	\$193,158.08	\$194,844.34	\$197,031.02

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SPECIAL ED BUDGET

	Budget FY15	Actual FY15	Budget FY16	Budget FY17
SPECIAL ED ASSESSMENT				
Ira	4,227	4,153	2,417	3,330
Middletown Springs	17,754	17,444	20,145	19,150
Poultney	63,405	62,299	64,465	67,442
Tinmouth	8,454	0	0	0
Wells	26,208	25,750	28,203	24,979
SPECIAL ED ASSESSMENT	\$120,047.63	\$109,646.01	\$115,231.16	\$114,901.42
SPECIAL ED BILLBACK	0	16,153	0	0
Middletown Springs	103,011	40,414	123,949	54,778
Poultney	576,179	238,929	644,076	197,616
Tinmouth	67,415	0	0	0
Wells	153,614	97,085	164,471	75,972
SPECIAL ED BILLBACK	\$900,218.43	\$392,579.60	\$932,495.97	\$328,365.95
TOTAL REVENUES	\$1,020,266.06	\$502,225.61	\$1,047,727.13	\$443,267.37
SPECIAL ED ADMINISTRATION				
SpEd Drctr T Rescott .75	0	54,750	56,393	56,393
SpEd Director P Eaton	54,621	0	0	0
Admin Asst M Muratorri	26,619	28,782	29,645	0
Admin Asst R Putnam	0	0	0	29,640
Insurance Buyback	1,500	3,000	2,625	2,625
Group Health Insurance	15,233	0	7,400	0
Fica & Medi	6,330	6,620	6,783	6,782
Municipal Retirement	1,125	1,211	1,246	1,186
Workmans Comp	1,580	5,729	1,468	7,749
Unemployment	1,755	459	473	277
Tuition Reimbursement	3,300	0	3,000	1,238
Dental/Eye Care	849	436	849	849
Repair & Maintenance	2,000	1,446	2,000	2,000
Communications	1,350	1,325	1,350	1,350
Advertising	750	137	750	750
Supplies	500	311	500	500
Dues, Fees, Mtng, Conf	750	359	750	750
Misc. Expenditures	1,786	0	0	2,814
SPECIAL ED ADMINISTRATION	\$120,047.62	\$104,564.76	\$115,231.17	\$114,901.41
TINMOUTH SPECIAL ED				
Tinmouth Teacher	32,571	0	0	0
Group Health Insurance	13,383	0	0	0
Fica & Medi	3,544	0	0	0
Tuition Reimbursement	1,500	0	0	0

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SPECIAL ED BUDGET

	Budget FY15	Actual FY15	Budget FY16	Budget FY17
Dental & Eye	500	0	0	0
TINMOUTH SPECIAL ED	\$51,497.88	\$0	\$0	\$0
WELLS SPECIAL ED				
Wells Teacher	51,157	0	53,317	0
Group Health Insurance	13,855	0	14,549	0
Fica & Medi	5,566	0	4,079	0
Tuition Reimbursement	1,500	0	1,500	0
Dental & Eye	550	0	550	0
WELLS SPECIAL ED	\$72,627.24	\$0	\$73,994.83	\$0
MIDDLETOWN SPECIAL ED				
Middletown Teacher	39,618	0	42,296	0
Group Health Insurance	17,940	0	18,837	0
Fica & Medi	4,310	0	3,236	0
Tuition Reimbursement	1,500	0	1,500	0
Dental & Eye	500	0	500	0
MIDDLETOWN SPECIAL ED	\$63,867.76	\$0	\$66,369.04	\$0
PES SPECIAL ED				
PES Teacher Dunleavy	48,654	0	40,580	0
PES Teacher - Lloyd	38,010	0	40,580	0
Teacher S Kinney .40	24,149	24,447	25,781	0
PES Teacher - Pease	0	0	45,656	0
Insurance Buyback	1,500	0	1,500	0
Group Health Insurance	13,976	2,843	23,232	0
Fica & Medi	12,171	1,829	11,788	0
Tuition Reimbursement	3,750	0	5,100	0
Dental & Eye	1,213	194	1,649	0
TSA Match	0	489	516	0
PES SPECIAL ED	\$143,422.06	\$29,801.63	\$196,381.82	\$0
PHS SPECIAL ED				
PHS Teacher - Chase	36,748	0	40,445	0
PHS Teacher - Kerber	37,884	0	41,838	0
PHS Teacher - Colutti	41,629	0	44,354	0
PHS Teacher - Burch	42,723	0	44,443	0
Insurance Buyback	2,554	0	1,500	0
Group Health Insurance	27,952	0	41,452	0
Fica & Medi	17,492	0	13,202	0
Tuition Reimbursement	6,000	0	6,000	0
Dental & Eye	1,940	0	1,940	0
PHS SPECIAL ED	\$214,921.32	\$0	\$235,174.27	\$0

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SPECIAL ED BUDGET

	Budget FY15	Actual FY15	Budget FY16	Budget FY17
SPEECH SERVICES				
Speech Services H Weeden	81,000	86,400	85,933	85,932
Speech Services K Stedman	85,313	87,953	90,508	90,508
Speech Services K Riley	33,095	34,040	32,121	31,975
Group Health Insurance	10,215	4,801	4,797	7,767
Fica & Medi	21,237	15,758	15,955	15,944
Dental/Eye	267	204	243	243
Misc. Expenditures	1,069	0	0	8,010
SPEECH SERVICES	\$232,195.15	\$229,155.65	\$229,555.95	\$240,378.45
OT SERVICES				
OT Services B Tyler .60	49,980	51,475	53,019	31,812
Substitute	0	0	0	0
Buyback	0	750	0	900
Group Health Insurance	13,855	8,246	19,502	0
Fica & Medi	5,323	3,770	4,056	2,502
Municipal Retirement	1,999	2,089	2,121	0
Dental/Eyecare	485	165	485	291
OT SERVICES	\$71,641.68	\$66,495.44	\$79,182.64	\$35,505.47
PT SERVICES				
PT M Duffy .80	36,146	49,841	38,350	38,350
Group Health Benefits	8,313	11,200	8,729	9,374
Fica & Medi	3,850	3,303	2,934	2,934
Retirement	1,446	1,986	1,534	1,534
Dental/Eyecare	291	388	291	291
PT SERVICES	\$50,045.37	\$66,717.77	\$51,837.41	\$52,482.04
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,020,266.08	\$496,735.25	\$1,047,727.13	\$443,267.37



Morning Meeting MS/ES Kindergarten Class



MS/ES Sixth Grade booth at the Craft Fair raising funds for their class trip to Washington DC.

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RUTLAND SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION

SPECIAL ED BUDGET DETAIL FY17

	Budget FY17	Special Ed Expenses continued	Budget FY17
Special Ed Revenue		Wells Special Ed	
Ira Sped Revenue	34,062	Wells Direct Instruction	
Middletown Sp Sped Ed Revenue	298,480	Wells Teacher - Grossarth	56,956
Poultney Sped Revenue	920,984	Insurance	15,623
Wells Sped Revenue	266,278	Fica & Medi	4,357
Total Special Ed Revenue	\$1,519,804	Tuition Reimbursement	1,500
		Dental & Eye	550
Special Ed Expenses		Prof Svs - Kelly Svs	10,000
Ira Special Ed		Equipment Repair	250
Psych Evaluations	1,500	Advertising	250
Ira Excess Cost	14,962	Travel	100
Ira Excess Cost	17,600	Supplies	1,500
Ira Total Special Ed	\$34,062	Dues & Fees	500
		Summer School	1,000
Middletown Special Ed		Fica & Medi	77
Middletown Direct Instruction		Wells Direct Instruction	\$92,662
MSES Teacher - Pettis	45,349		
Insurance	20,824	Wells Support Services	
Fica & Medi	3,469	Professional Services	18,500
Dental & Eye	500	Speech Services	45,071
Prof Svs - Kelly Svs	4,000	Supplies	750
Supplies	800	OT Services	6,540
Books & Periodicals	300	PT Services	18,744
Dues & Fees	500	Wells Support Services	\$89,605
Middletown Direct Instruction	\$75,742		
		Wells Secondary	
Middletown Support Services		Psych services	7,500
Professional Services	15,500	Excess Cost	76,510
Speech Services	36,057	Wells Secondary	\$84,010
Supplies	300		
OT Services	5,606	Wells Total Special Ed	\$266,278
PT Services	7,497		
Middletown Support Services	\$64,960		
		Explanation:	Due to changes in reporting required by the State of Vermont, Special Ed had been broken out of the Regular SU budget and is reported separately. For space considerations Poultney's portion of this budget is not shown in detail.
Middletown Secondary			
Excess Cost	148,778		
Professional Services	9,000		
Middletown Secondary	\$157,778		
Middletown Total Special Ed	\$298,480		

Town of Middletown Springs COMMUNITY AGENCY REPORTS

Solid Waste Alliance Communities

SWAC is composed of the towns of Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, and West Haven and serves a population of approximately 14,000 people. These towns cooperatively work to comply with State laws and mandates managing solid and hazardous waste issues in an environmentally responsible and cost effective manner.

Thank you to all citizens who participate in our ongoing efforts to properly recycle and dispose of solid and hazardous waste. Remember the **4 Rs – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and REFUSE.**

Your town was represented by Mike Lamson, Herb Childress, & Terry Redfield

Pamela Clapp, Administrator

www.rutlandcountyswac.org - Telephone: (802) 342-5701 - Email: info@rutlandcountyswac.org

BROC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont

BROC – Community Action in Southwestern Vermont would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting the needs of low-income families and our agency throughout the years. BROC continues to experience a large number of people seeking our programs and services each day.

Over the past year, BROC has demonstrated strong community impact in the Town of Middletown Springs. 43 individuals has their basic needs met including food, housing and heating and utility assistance. 1 homeless family was assisted in getting secure housing. 1 resident received technical assistance in support of fulfilling their dream of starting a small business.

Despite the significant outcomes BROC has achieved over the past year, there is still more work to do. Your town appropriation can provide for families who are suffering and help ease the struggle of living in poverty. 802-775-0878

RSVP & The Volunteer Center

RSVP and The Volunteer Center is an “Invitation to Serve” program for people of all ages who want to meet community needs through meaningful use of their skills, talents, interests and knowledge in volunteer service.

Locally, RSVP/VC is the largest program of coordinated volunteer services serving the people of Rutland County with 1036 volunteers. From April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015, RSVP/VC volunteers provided 179,316 hours of community service. The cost benefit to the communities of Rutland County in terms of cost of services provided equals \$4,095,577.

Currently in Middletown Springs RSVP/VC volunteers donate their special services to the following non-profit organizations: Rutland Regional Medical Center, Hand for Hope, Killington Music Festival, Rutland County Schools, One-2-One, Bridges and Beyond, RSVP Bone Builders, and RSVP Operation Dolls & More. Currently, there are Bone Builders classes offered in Middletown Springs FREE of charge to area residents. 802-775-8220

Rutland County Women’s Network & Shelter

The Rutland County Women’s Network and Shelter is the single non-profit organization dedicated to assisting those who have experienced domestic violence and sexual assault through efforts at prevention, protection, and education in the communities of Rutland County. We work on protection through providing emergency shelter, crisis and advocacy services on prevention through education and referrals to other community resources.

We are very thankful for the help that the people of Middletown Springs have given us in the past and would be very grateful for your continued support of our mission. We responded to 3 requests for services from residents of Middletown Springs this past year. As our services are confidential, in some cases we might not be informed as to where our clients live. Business: (802) 775-6788; Crisis (802) 775-3232.

Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force

The Vermont Rural Fire Protection program helps Vermont communities protect lives, property, and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. During the 17 years of the program, 991 grants totaling \$2.1 million have been provided to Vermont towns for installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for dry hydrant replacement and repair. (802) 828-4582.

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NeighborWorks® of Western Vermont

NeighborWorks of Western Vermont, a nonprofit, is a one-stop-shop providing all the answers and support homebuyer and owners need— homebuyer education, budget and credit coaching, realty, lending, home repair loans and project management, NeighborWorks H.E.A.T. Squad for comfort and energy savings, reverse mortgage counseling, and foreclosure prevention.

2015 has been a productive year for NeighborWorks® of Western Vermont: 142 families attended Homebuyer Education classes. 179 people received pre-purchase coaching and 75 people went on to purchase a home. 27 families repaired their homes with affordable loans totaling \$389,143. 19 people in danger of foreclosure received budget and credit counseling and are working with their lender with NeighborWorks' assistance. 32 people attended Financial Literacy workshops. 68 residents received reverse mortgage counseling. NeighborWorks H.E.A.T. Squad made it possible for 470 households to have affordable Home Energy Audits, 95 families to make energy improvements worth \$780,867, and 50 families were loaned \$559,391 which enabled them to complete improvements. 4 homes have been purchased to demolish or rehab in our revitalization Northwest Neighborhood of Rutland City.

We welcome the involvement of residents on committees or volunteering time for special projects. Call us at 438-2303 extension 215, or stop by the office located at 110 Marble Street, West Rutland.

Rutland Mental Health Services

In the year 2015 27 towns in Rutland County supported the work of Rutland Mental Health Services. Our agency is committed to providing quality services regardless of an individual's ability to pay. Services provided to town residents include individual counseling for children, adults and families with substance abuse treatment, emergency/crisis services and developmental disability services.

During fiscal year 2015, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 270 hours of services to 17 Middletown Spring's residents. We value our partnership with the Town of Middletown Springs in providing these much needed services and thank you for your continued support. (802) 775-2381

Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice

In 2015, Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice (RAVNAH) provided Rutland County residents with exceptional home care, hospice and community health services. From infants with hi-tech needs to our most senior population facing end-of-life care, we continued to bring medically necessary healthcare wherever it is needed, regardless of a client's ability to pay, location of residence, or complexity of health issues.

Last year, RAVNAH's dedicated staff made more than 91,840 visits to 3,308 patients. In the town of Middletown Springs, we provided 676 visits to 39 individuals. We thank you for your past support. With your vote of confidence, we will continue to meet our mission to enhance the quality of life of all we serve. (802) 775-0568

The Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District

The Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District is a non-profit organization with a mission to develop programs for landowners and the general public that will facilitate the conservation of soil and clean water in the Poultney Mettowee watershed. PMNRCD has been providing environmental education/outreach and technical support for over 70 years through ongoing programs such as:

- Environmental education in local schools
- Stormwater management
- Agricultural programs and equipment rentals
- Champlain Valley Native Plant Restoration Nursery
- Lake Education Action Program (LEAP)
- Buffer and restoration plantings along streams and lakes
- Skidder Bridge rentals for loggers/foresters
- Water quality monitoring and other assessments

The Poultney-Mettowee watershed consists of all the lands that drain to the Poultney or Mettowee Rivers and their tributaries. Both the Poultney and Mettowee Rivers drain to South Lake Champlain. PMNRCD offices are in Poultney at the Stonebridge and Green Mountain College (802) 287-8339

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ARC Rutland Area

ARC Rutland Area advocates for the rights of individuals and families with developmental disabilities to be regarded as valued citizens with the same entitlements as a non-disabled individual, including the right to lifelong opportunities for personal growth and full participation in the community. In 2015 there were a total 938 residents in the greater Rutland Area who took advantage of all the opportunities we offered. (802) 775-5915.

Green Up Vermont

Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization responsible for continuing the success of Green Up Day. Green Up Vermont is not a State Agency! The success of Green Up for Vermont Day depends not only on individuals volunteering to clean up, but also on financial support given by both the public and private sectors throughout Vermont. New, starting in 2015, people can now choose to donate to Green up Vermont by entering a gift amount on Line 29 of the Vermont Income Tax Form.

Green Up Vermont also focuses on education for grades K-2 by providing two free activity booklets to schools and host its annual student poster and wiring contests for grades K-12.

Mark your calendars for the next **Green Up Day, May 7, 2016**. Join with people in your community to clean up for Green Up Day, always the first Saturday in May. www.greenupvermont.org

Vermont Center for Independent Living

Since 1979 The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with significant disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently.

During FY '15, 2 residents of Middletown Springs received services from the following programs, Home Access Program (HAP), Peer Advocacy Counseling Program (PAC) and Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF).

To learn more about VCIL, visit the web at www.vcil.org or call (800) 639-1522.

Vermont Department of Health Report for Middletown Springs

Your Health Department district office is in Rutland at the address and phone number below. Come visit or give us a call! At the Vermont Department of Health, we are working every day for your health. With 12 district offices around the state and state office and laboratory in Chittenden County, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community.

In 2015 the Health Department supported healthy communities, provided WIC nutrition services and healthy foods to 37 families in Middletown Springs, worked to prevent and control the spread of disease and aided communities in emergency preparedness.

300 Asa Bloomer State Office Building, www.healthvermont.gov, (802) 786-5811

The American Red Cross New Hampshire and Vermont Region

The American Red Cross of NH and VT is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping communities prepare for, respond to and recover from local disasters. In the past year, the Red Cross provided vital services to the community, responding to 284 local disasters, helping 1200 people, installed over 500 smoke detectors through our Home Fire Campaign, trained 283 Nurse Assistants and 26 Phlebotomists, held 2900 blood drives, and connected 379 military members with their families. We currently have over 1330 volunteers throughout the two states and there were 30,669 enrollees in our Health & Safety courses.

www.redcross.org/nht, (800) 660-9130 (Vermont).

Poultney Community League

On behalf of the Poultney Community League I would once again like to express my appreciation to the town of Middletown Springs for your continued support. Your yearly contribution helps with our efforts to sustain a fun, educational and character building softball, baseball and T-ball program with league teams throughout the spring and summer.

We attribute much of the success of the league to the participation of families and community members through generous contributions of money, time and equipment.

Your consideration of a contribution would be once again highly appreciated. Thank you for your support we look forward to another wonderful season!

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Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging

The Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging helps individuals 60 years and older to meet the challenges of aging. It provides meal support, case management, information and assistance, and other social support. In 2015 in Middletown Springs the Council helped provide 1,310 meals to the homes of 6 elders and SVCOA case management staff helped 8 elders with assessments and addressing needs.

Senior HelpLine staff provide telephone support, Medicare and health benefit counseling, legal service assistance, information about elder issues, nutrition education and counseling, outreach services, transportation assistance and caregiver support. Senior HelpLine (800) 642-5119

Regional Ambulance Service, Inc.

The Regional Ambulance Service provides necessary medical service. "Medic One" or one of our advanced life support equipped ambulances meets incoming patients who require advanced support when need and requested. Our "Medic One" is a vital part of our goal of "Serving People 1st with Pride, Proficiency, and Professionalism."

The Middletown First Response is a valuable and professional community resource. Our staff works closely, as a team, with your community ambulance and first response personnel. Business: (802) 773-1746.

Child First Advocacy Center

The Child First Advocacy Center (CFAC) of Rutland County is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing a safe and supportive environment to assist victims and their families in the discovery, intervention, treatment and prevention of child sexual abuse, severe physical abuse and children affected by violence.

CFAC, a fully accredited member of the National Children's Alliance, serves victims and their non-offending family members with the structure of a central agency through which reports of suspected child abuse cases can be channeled for investigation and victim recovery.

In 2014, CFAC served 199 children and families in Rutland County. We were able to provide services and support to at least 1 family in Middletown Springs as they began their recovery from the effects of child abuse. (802) 747-0200

Rutland County Humane Society

The Rutland County Humane Society is dedicated to the goal of helping citizens make their communities more humane. We provide shelter and adoption opportunities for pets who are homeless and promote animal welfare through community education and events that benefit both animals and people.

RCHS acts as the coordinator for animal cruelty cases in Rutland County and works to provide relief for victims of animal neglect and abuse.

Our agency also works to control over-population through low cost spay/neuter clinics for cats, Trap/Neuter/Return assistance for feral cats

The RCHS shelter is the largest program of the agency, taking in more than 1,250 animals in 2015.

Our agency is funded through fees for service, town funding and donations or special events. We thank those citizens of Middletown Springs who support our operations

In 2015, the Rutland County Humane Society took in 1 animals from Middletown Springs.

Please call us at 483-9171 if you would like further information about the Rutland County Humane Society or need our assistance.

The Mentor Connector

The Mentor Connector has just completed another outstanding year of commitment to young people by increasing and strengthening mentoring throughout Rutland County. Over the past 10 years, the Mentor Connector has assisted hundreds of Rutland County youth to increase school performance, skills, and self-worth through trained and professionally supported mentors. 97% of our matches continue past their first year, 90% of mentees say the mentor relationship has helped them improve their self-esteem, and 85% said that mentoring helped them refrain from illegal drugs.

Over the past year we supported 5 matches within Middletown Springs. We actively work with many community members, businesses, schools, and local organizations to advocate and support mentoring.

www.mentorconnector.com (802) 775-3434

Town of Middletown Springs
TOWN PRE-TOWN MEETING

Monday Evening – March 2, 2015

Selectboard Members:	<i>Carl Haynes</i>	<i>Terry Redfield</i>	<i>Shirley Moyer</i>
	<i>Herb Childress</i>	<i>Mike Lamson</i>	

The Moderator (Kimberly Bushnell Mathewson) called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. A special meeting of the Selectboard appointed Kimberly as Moderator this year. Roberts Rules will apply unless superseded by state law. The Warning was read by the Moderator.

Article 1: To elect Town Officers as provided by Vermont Law.
No question.

Article 2: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs accept the report prepared by the Town Auditors?
No questions.

Article 3: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate \$257,228 for the general operation of the town, the sum of \$190,800 to be raised by taxes on the 2015 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016?
No questions.

Article 4: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate \$363,917 for the care and maintenance of highways, the sum of \$294,917 to be raised by taxes on the 2015 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016?
We have applied for several grants and were successful in getting a grant to replace a culvert on North Street. This grant is a 90/10 match which should be completed this summer.

Article 5: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate \$50,000 to be placed in the Reserve Fund for Town Municipal Facilities to be used for design, construction, improvement, or relocation of town facilities including the Town Office.
No questions.

Article 6: Shall the Town of Middletown Springs vote to establish a contract with the Rutland County Sheriff's Department in order to provide law enforcement services, animal control, and safety to the Town of Middletown Springs for 520 hours in Fiscal Year 2016 effective July 1, 2015?
This article was by petition. We have not had a constable for the last 2-3 Years. Any new person in the position will be required to take the training. One concern is that all the towns around us have law enforcement potentially increasing our exposure to crime. We do need some kind of law enforcement to control speed, animal control, deter drug related crime, keep an eye on uninhabited residences and help to keep our kids safe. The insurance rate for an armed constable is very high with the VLCT.

Article 7: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate a sum not to exceed \$20,000 for contract law enforcement to be raised by taxes on the 2015 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016?
We do have a constable on the ballot, but he is going to have to take extensive training in order to provide constable services. Voting yes to this article provides funding for Article 6 or if article 6 fails, it provides funding for other options.

Article 8: The Selectboard has discussed the possibility of creating new walking and biking routes in the Town. Shall the voters of the town of Middletown Springs support the Selectboard in conducting a feasibility study for the creation of a hardpack walking-running-biking trail along areas of the Poultney River?
This feasibility study could be done with volunteer help.

Article 9: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate up to \$20,000 to be placed in the Reserve Fund to conduct an external financial audit of Town and Highway finances pertaining to the 2014-2015 fiscal year?
The Auditors have suggested that the Selectboard put \$5,000 into a reserve fund each year to be used toward a future outside audit. We have also worked on preparing proper policies and procedures.

Article 10: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs vote to allow the use of voter tabulator machines?
The State of Vermont does have funds available for the purchase of the Tabulator, but the town will

Town of Middletown Springs TOWN PRE-TOWN MEETING

need to purchase the ballots. Write in votes will still need to be hand- counted. The Legislature is talking about making this mandatory in the near future.

Article 11: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs vote to apply any surplus from the current fiscal year General Fund to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year?

Any excess money in the Town Budget will be used to reduce taxes next year. On the Highway side excess money will be carried over to a reserve fund. The Tax sale did help to have a surplus this year.

Article 12: Shall the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$80,000 for the Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department determining that the program serves the residents of the town with fire protection and emergency response services?

The current budget increase is due to having to purchase 4 sets of Fire Fighting Gear to replace gear which has an expiration date. The total for the gear would be \$12,000.

Article 13: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$400 for the support of the NeighborWorks of Western Vermont determining that the program serves the residents of the town with home-buyer education and energy efficiency services?

Motion by Mike Lamson seconded by Jon Mathewson to combine Articles 13 thru 32. Agreed by concensus.

Article 14: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$1,500 for the support of the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice determining that the program serves the residents of the Town with home and community health services?

Article 15: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$867 for the support of Rutland Area Community services determining that the program serves the residents of the town with counseling, substance abuse and emergency services?

Article 16: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$200 for the support of RSVP and The Volunteer Center determining that the program serves the residents of the Town with volunteering opportunities and services such as bone building classes?

Article 17: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$100 for the support of the Rutland County Women's Network & Shelter determining that the program serves the residents of the town with a crisis hot line, domestic violence and rape assistance?

Article 18: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$200 for the support of the Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council (BROC) determining that the program serves the residents of the town with fuel assistance, USDA commodities, emergency food and financial assistance?

Article 19: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$100 for the support of the Vermont Center for independent Living determining that the program serves the residents of the town with services including Meals on Wheels and home handicap access?

Article 20: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$500 for the support of ARC- Rutland Area determining that the program serves the residents of the Town with services to citizens with developmental disabilities and their families?

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Article 22: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$250 for the support of the American Red Cross of Vermont & the New Hampshire Upper Valley determining that the program serves the residents of the town with emergency services?

Article 23: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$750 for the support of the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging determining that the program serves the residents of the town with meal support, case management, information and other assistance?

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Article 24: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$125 for the support of Rutland County Humane Society determining that the program serves the residents of the town with care for neglected, abused and surrendered animals?

Article 25: Shall the voter of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$374 for the support of the Rutland Regional Ambulance Service determining that the program serves the residents of the town with emergency life support and transport services?

Article 26: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$50 for the support of the Vermont Green-Up Day determining that the program serves the residents of the town by provisioning and organizing Green Up Day?

Article 27: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$750 for the support of the Rutland County Parent Child Center determining that the program serves the residents of the town with child visitation services?

Article 28: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$500 for the support of the Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District determining that the program serves the residents of the town with assistance to preserve natural resources?

We helped the Fire Department, Historical Society and Church write a grant to help with the water drainage issues.

Article 29: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$400 for the support of the Poultney Community League determining that the program serves the residents of the town youth sports programs?

Article 30: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$4,500 for the support of Middletown Springs First Response determining that the program serves the residents of the town with emergency life support and medical services?

Article 31: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$4,500 for the support of Poultney Rescue Squad determining that the program serves the residents of the town with emergency life support and transport services?

Article 32: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$100 for the support of Northern Vermont Resource Conservation and Development Council (formerly George D. Aiken, RC&D Council) determining that the program serves the residents of the town with road and fire protection grant programs including the Better Back Roads grants and dry-hydrant grants?

They contribute to building the dry hydrants for fire suppression.

Article 33: To transact any other business proper to be before said meeting.

Carl Haynes mentioned the town does have a request that did not make it on the ballot which we will address later from

The Mentor Connection. The Copeland Memorial Church Fund report was submitted too late for the Town Report. Copies are available.

Moderator thanked Jim Gilmour for the PA system on such short notice.

Our Town Representative Robin Chesnut-Tangerman spoke on the lack of money and trying to close the gap by cutting or doing away with some budget items.

There is an education bill which would consolidate school districts with each district having about 1100 students. Under water quality the focus is on Lake Champlain. There is no news on the cell tower since a law suit has been filed.

Voters were thanked for coming this evening and Kimberly for taking the Moderator position.

Meeting recessed at 9:15 PM until 7AM March 3, 2015 at the Firehouse.

Attest:

Laura Castle, Town Clerk

**Town of Middletown Springs
RESULTS OF 2015 BALLOT QUESTIONS**

March 3, 2015

Article 2:	Yes – 297	No – 30	Blank – 10	
Article 3:	Yes – 236	No – 97	Blank – 4	
Article 4:	Yes – 242	No – 93	Blank – 2	
Article 5:	Yes – 194	No – 140	Blank – 3	
Article 6:	Yes – 159	No – 170	Blank – 8	
Article 7:	Yes – 159	No – 170	Blank – 8	
Article 8:	Yes – 179	No – 153	Blank – 5	
Article 9:	Yes – 134	No – 196	Blank – 7	
Article 10:	Yes – 155	No – 175	Blank – 7	
Article 11:	Yes – 303	No – 30	Blank – 4	
Article 12:	Yes – 210	No – 122	Blank – 5	
Article 13:	Yes – 194	No – 134	Blank – 9	
Article 14:	Yes – 274	No – 58	Blank – 5	
Article 15:	Yes – 219	No – 111	Blank – 7	
Article 16:	Yes – 218	No – 112	Blank – 7	
Article 17	Yes – 247	No – 83	Blank – 7	
Article 18	Yes – 214	No – 116	Blank – 7	
Article 19	Yes – 254	No – 77	Blank – 6	
Article 20	Yes – 208	No – 121	Blank – 8	
Article 21	Yes – 240	No – 90	Blank – 7	
Article 22	Yes – 244	No – 85	Blank – 8	Spoiled – 1
Article 23	Yes – 244	No – 85	Blank – 8	Spoiled – 1
Article 24	Yes – 237	No – 92	Blank – 8	
Article 25	Yes – 273	No – 59	Blank – 5	
Article 26	Yes – 257	No – 75	Blank – 5	
Article 27	Yes – 187	No – 140	Blank – 10	
Article 28	Yes – 204	No – 123	Blank – 10	
Article 29	Yes – 204	No – 123	Blank – 10	
Article 30	Yes – 292	No – 40	Blank – 5	
Article 31	Yes – 272	No – 60	Blank – 5	
Article 32	Yes – 228	No – 99	Blank – 10	

Town of Middletown Springs

RESULTS OF 2014 TOWN MEETING

Moderator – 1 Year

Raymond "Tony" Lamberton	Write-In – 204	
Kimberly Mathewson	Write-In – 101	Blank – 37

Town Clerk - 3 Years

Laura Ann Castle - 306	Write-In – 21	Blank – 31
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Town Treasurer - 3 Years

Jennifer Talke-Munyak - 294	Write-In - 12	Blank - 31
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Town Agent – 1 Year

	Write-In – 228	Blank – 109
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Town Constable – 1 Year (Unexpired 2 Year Term)

James Reed - 265	Write-In – 9	Blank – 63
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Tax Collector:

Laura Ann Castle – 316	Write-In – 21	Blank – 0
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Auditor – 2 Years

	Write-In - 33	Blank – 303	Spoiled - 1
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Auditor – 1 Year

	Write-In - 37	Blank - 309	Spoiled - 1
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Selectmen – 3 Years

Jim Webber - 145	Write-In - 142	Blank - 42	Spoiled - 3
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Selectmen – 2 Years

Terry Redfield – 227	Write-In – 7	Blank – 33	Spoiled - 5
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Jim Webber - 65			
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Road Commissioner - 3 Years

Carl P. Haynes - 146	Write-In - 174	Blank - 17
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Lister – 3 Year:

Sally Achey – 284	Write-In – 1	Blank – 51	Spoiled – 1
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Town Grand Juror – 1 Year

David Munyak – 278	Write-In – 2	Blank – 57
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Library Trustee – 3 Years

Kristal Hier - 215	Write-In –	Blank – 138	Spoiled - 25
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Alida Tarbell - 218			
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Maynard Yost - 78			
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Trustee Copeland Church Fund – 1 Year

Daniel McKeen – 299	Write-In – 1	Blank – 37
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Trustee of Copeland Cemetery Fund – 1 Year

	Write-In – 303	Blank – 34
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Trustee Louis Fund and Other Public Monies – 3 Years

Alice Hoisington - 269	Write-In – 9	Blank – 58	Spoiled - 1
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Trustee Louis Fund and Other Public Monies – 1 Year (Unexpired 3 year term)

	Write-In - 60	Blank - 276	Spoiled - 1
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Planning Commission – 3 Years

	Write-In – 68	Blank – 268	Spoiled - 1
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Town of Middletown Springs
SCHOOL PRE-TOWN MEETING

MONDAY EVENING – MARCH 2, 2015

School Directors: *Clarence Haynes, Chair* *Meredith Morgan, Vice Chair* *Christopher Smid*
 Sarah Haley, Clerk *Jannell Carr*

Business Manager – *Louis Milazzo*, Principal - *Rick Beal* and Director of Student Support Services – *Tammy Rescott*

The Moderator Clarence Haynes called the meeting to order at 9:30 P.M. The warning was read.

Article 1: To elect school district officers as provided by law.

School Director for a 2 Year Term
School Director for a 3 Year Term
Moderator (1 Year)
School District Clerk (3 Years)
School District Treasurer (3 Years)

No questions.

Article 2: Shall the voters of the Middletown Springs Town School District authorize the school board to expend \$2,380,730.92 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the 2015-2016 fiscal year?

Mr. Beal, Principal welcomed everyone and really appreciate the support we have at this school. The Mission for our school is to make it a well rounded and successfully school. We have a new reading program, writing and Math program. The Pre-K is the foundation to preparation for regular Kindergarten. The 3 Team Learning in Music, FFE supplement, Odyssey, Garden Club, this is the 2nd year skiing and skating at Pico, 6th Grade trip to Washington, Weston playhouse and the VINS Coldwater Creature.

Improvements that have been made at this time are a slate Roof, Upgrade the water system. We are working to improve accessibility to the school. Also we are looking at the fuel usage.

Louis Milazzo spoke regarding the FY16 budget which is up 11.4%. This is due to an increase in secondary education. The RSWS budget is up 4% due to salary increases, insurance and a curriculum alignment. With budget cuts we were able to make up the deficit from last year.

The equalized study tuition is \$10,000 and the state average is \$13,000.00 Mill River tuition will be \$15,749 next year and the per student cost will be \$17,000.00. The amount for tuition is a certain amount set by a formula.

What are the possibilities for changes? Middletown is a school choice community and the people in the town can't afford to pay taxes. Some of the high expense is that we do have a high number in Special Education. The population has declined and the 2nd home owner rate is lower. There is very little in the budget to adjust this year so we are working to have programs which are good for the students.

Meeting recessed until 7AM on March 3, 2015 in which time voting will be by Australian Ballot.

Attest;

Laura Castle, Town Clerk

RESULTS OF SCHOOL BALLOT

Article 2	Yes – 172	No – 162	Blank – 3
School Moderator – 1 Year			
Raymond Lamberton – 197		Write-In – 93	Blank – 41
School District Clerk – 1 Year			
		Write-In – 19	Blank – 306
School District Treasurer – 3 Years			
Jennifer Talke Munyak – 279		Write-In – 3	Blank – 53
School Director – 3 Years			
Jennelle Carr – 291		Write-In – 1	Blank – 43 Spoiled – 1
School Director – 2 Years			
Christopher Smid – 290		Write-in - 1	Blank – 45 Spoiled - 1

Town of Middletown Springs
WARNING

Town Meeting - Monday, February 29 and Tuesday, March 1, 2016

The voters of the Town of Middletown Springs, in the County of Rutland, State of Vermont, who are legally qualified to vote at Town Meeting are hereby warned to meet at the Middletown Springs Elementary School (MSES) Multipurpose Room, in said Town, on **Monday, February 29, 2016, at 7:30 p.m.** for the purpose of being provided information and to allow for the discussion of the Articles to be voted on Tuesday, March 1, 2016. At conclusion, the Informational Meeting will be recessed until 7:00 a.m. on the following day, March 1, 2016 at which time business involving voting by Australian Ballot and voting required by law to be by ballot will be transacted at the Firehouse Hall.

POLLS WILL BE OPEN MARCH 1, 2016, FROM 7:00 A.M. UNTIL 7:00 P.M.

1. To elect Town Officers as provided by Vermont Law.
2. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs accept the report prepared by the Town Auditors?
3. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate \$223,815 for the general operation of the town, the sum of \$163,815 to be raised by taxes on the 2016 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017?
4. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate \$381,016 for the care and maintenance of highways, the sum of \$314,266 to be raised by taxes on the 2016 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017?
5. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs be allowed to vote for the Select Board to enact zoning for regulating outdoor storage of junk and junk vehicles?
6. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate \$10,000 for the funding of contract law enforcement?
7. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate \$50,000 to be placed in the Reserve Fund for Town Municipal Facilities to be used for design, construction, improvement, or relocation of town facilities including the own office?
8. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs vote to allow the use of vote tabulator machines?
9. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs vote to apply any surplus from the current fiscal year General Fund to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year?
10. Shall the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$72,500 for the Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department determining that the program serves the residents of the town with fire protection and emergency response services?
11. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$400 for the support of the NeighborWorks of Western Vermont determining that the program serves the residents of the town with home-buyer education and energy efficiency services?
12. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$1,500 for the support of the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice determining that the program serves the residents of the town with home and community health services?
13. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$867 for the support of Rutland Mental Health Services determining that the program serves the residents of the town with counseling, substance abuse and emergency services?
14. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$200 for the support of RSVP and The Volunteer Center determining that the program serves the residents of the town with volunteering opportunities and services such as bone building classes?
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Town of Middletown Springs
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22. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$125 for the support of Rutland County Humane Society determining that the program serves the residents of the town with care for neglected, abused and surrendered animals?
23. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$375 for the support of the Rutland Regional Ambulance Service determining that the program serves the residents of the town with emergency life support and transport services?
24. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$50 for the support of the Vermont Green-Up Day determining that the program serves the residents of the town by provisioning and organizing Green Up Day?
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30. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$200 for the support of Mentor Connector determining that it enhances self-esteem and in-depth training?
31. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$1,500 for the support and general operation of the Pleasant View Cemetery Association?
32. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$400 for the support of Child First Advocacy Center determining that the program serves the residents of the town in the discovery, intervention, treatment and prevention of child sexual abuse, severe physical abuse and children affected by violence?
33. To transact any other business proper to be before said meeting.

Town of Middletown Springs
WARNING


BOARD OF SELECTMEN:


Terry Redfield, Chair

Mike Lamson, Vice Chair


Herb Childress, Clerk


Shirley Moyer


James Webber

Dated @ Middletown Sprs -
This 28th day of January -
Attest - Laura Castle
Town Clerk

Town of Middletown Springs
SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

Annual School District Meeting – February 29 & March 1, 2016

The legal voters of the Town School District of Middletown Springs, in the County of Rutland, State of Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Middletown Springs Elementary School in said Town, on Monday, February 29, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of being provided information and to discuss the Articles which will be voted Tuesday, March 1, 2016. The informational meeting will be recessed until 7:00 a.m. the following day, March 1, 2016, to the Middletown Springs Fire House, at which time business of voting by Australian ballot and voting required by law to be by ballot will be transacted upon the following articles:

Article 1: To elect school district officers as provided by law:

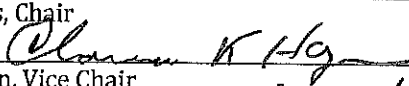

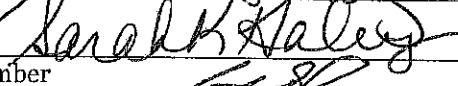
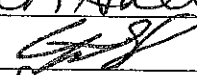
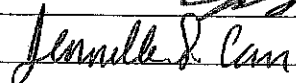
- School Director for a 2-Year Term
- School Director for a 3-Year Term
- Moderator (1-Year)

Article 2: Shall the voters of the Middletown Springs School District approve the school board to expend \$2,393,217.15, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,587 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 4.1% lower than spending for the current year.


Article 3: To transact any other lawful business.

Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. March 1, 2016.

Dated at Middletown Springs, Vermont January 26 2016

Clarence Haynes, Chair	
Meredith Morgan, Vice Chair	
Sarah Haley, Clerk	
Christopher Smid, Member	
Jennelle Carr, Member	

A true copy Attested and duly
recorded as required by law.


Town Clerk

Town of Middletown Springs
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Permit #14

Address Service Requested

DATES TO REMEMBER!

- **Monday, February 29: Pre-Town Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the School**
Please bring this Town Report with you.
- **Tuesday, March 1: Town Meeting Vote!**
Polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Firehouse.
- **Wednesday, February 24: Deadline to Register to Vote**
Town Office open until 5 p.m.
- **Monday, February 29: Deadline to vote by Early or Absentee Ballot.**
Town Office open until 5 p.m.