

The Town of Middletown Springs VERMONT



**Annual Report
of the Town Officers
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016**

ON THE COVER

Cover photo was taken by Emmett Francois on August 16, 2006 at 3:21 p.m. An iconic Middletown Springs scene showcasing Charlie Parker haying a meadow on Many Springs Drive overlooking a beautiful view of the village. A moment in time expertly captured for future generations. A full-color version of this photo can also be found on the Town's website. middletownsprings.vt.gov

Town of Middletown Springs
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**Town of Middletown Springs
2016 TOWN OFFICERS**

Moderator:	1 Year	2017	Kimberly Mathewson
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	2017	Vacant
First Constable	1 Year	2017	Vacant
Tax Collector:	3 Years	2018	Laura Ann Castle
School District Clerk:	3 Years	2018	Laura Ann Castle
School Moderator:	1 Year	2017	Kimberly Mathewson

Selectmen:

Terry Redfield	2 Years	2017
Herb Childress	3 Years	2017
James Webber	3 Years	2018
Christopher Fenton	2 Years	2018
Patricia Kenyon	3 Years	2019

School Directors:

Sarah Haley	3 Years	2017
Christopher Smid	2 Years	2017
Jennelle Carr	3 Years	2018
Meredith Morgan	2 Years	2018
Clarence Haynes	3 Years	2019

Road Commissioner:

William Reed	3 Years	2018
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Listers:

Randolph Kniffin	3 Years	2017
Sally Achey	3 Years	2018
Patricia Hemenway	3 Years	2019

Auditors:

James Georg	2 Years	2017
Vacant	2 Years	2017
Juanita Burch-Clay	3 Years	2019

Library Trustees:

Lois Dansereau	3 Years	2017
Patricia McWilliams	3 Years	2017
Kristal Hier	3 Years	2018
Alida Tabell	3 Years	2018
Beth Miller	3 Years	2019

Town Grand Juror:

David Munyak	1 Year	2017
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Trustee of Copeland Church Fund:

Daniel McKeen	1 Year	2017
Dale Carr	1 Year	2017
Rita Hansen	1 Year	2017

Trustee of Copeland Cemetery Fund:

Alice Hoisington	1 Year	2017
Alida Tarbell	1 Year	2017

Trustee of Louis Fund & Other Public Monies:

Gene Bertsche	3 Years	2017
Alice Hoisington	3 Years	2018
Vacant	3 Years	2018

Town of Middletown Springs 2016 TOWN OFFICERS

Planning Commission:

Thomas Hurcomb	4 Years	2017
Hilary Solomon	1 Year	2017*
John Arsenault	3 Years	2018

*Appointed 1 year of a 3 year term

Justices of the Peace: (Elected November 8, 2016 - all are 2 year terms)

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:

Vacant 2017

Tree Warden:

Terry Redfield 2017

Health Officer:

Carl Haynes 3 Years 2018

Service Officer:

Vacant 2017

Emergency Management Director:

Terry Redfield 2017

Rutland Regional Transportation Council:

Vacant 2017

Town Representative to Rutland Regional Planning Commission:

John Arsenault
Thomas Hurcomb

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

Glen Moyer
Patty Kenyon (Alternate)

Conservation Commission:

Lisa Thornton	4 Years	2017
Hilary Solomon	4 Years	2017
Vacant	1 Year	2017
Elizabeth Cooper	4 Years	2018
Vacant	3 Years	2019

Trustees Copeland Milk Fund:

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

Town of Middletown Springs STATE OF VERMONT ELECTIONS MANAGEMENT PLATFORM

Last year, Secretary of State Jim Condos announced the launch of VT's new Elections Management Platform. This streamlined the elections administration process, providing voters with greater access to voter specific information. Over 25,000 Vermonters registered to vote online in 2016. For the November General Election, nearly 6,500 Vermonters requested an absentee ballot through the My Voter Page.

By using the My Voter Page, a registered voter can:

- Check registration status;
- View information on upcoming elections;
- Access voter specific elections information, including directions to a polling place and polling hours;
- View a sample ballot;
- Request and track an absentee ballot;
- and much more.

We encourage voters to log into their My Voter Page to learn more.

- Registered Voters can log in at: <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>
- Online registration can be found at: <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us>

Town of Middletown Springs
NOTICES

Meeting Calendar

Select Board	2nd & 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
Library Trustees	4th Wednesday of the month	7:00 p.m.	Library
Building Committee	1st Wed. & 3rd Thurs. 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 16/17:

Q3 - March 15, 2017

Q4 - June 15, 2017

For FY 17/18:

Q1 - September 15, 2017

Q2 - December 15, 2017

Q3 - March 15, 2018

Q4 - June 15, 2018

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 • 863-7240 or 1-800-640-4374

RABIES CLINIC

Saturday, March 4, 2017

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 large (30 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.

Oversize Trash & Metal Collection Days

Saturday, May 6, 2017 (Green Up Day)

Saturday, October 7, 2017

The large waste collection and metal collection days will be conducted at 577 West Street. Furniture, toys, small amounts of construction and demolition items are acceptable. NO CONTRACTORS, please. Hours are 6 a.m. until noon. PLEASE NOTE: Metal waste can be deposited without fee. Large non-metal waste will be collected free on Green Up Day, but a fee of \$5 per vehicle load will be charged for large trash on the October large waste day. ALL items containing refrigerants (fridges, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, etc) will be collected at Fort Dumpster only on those two dates, and will be assessed a disposal fee for handling refrigerant material.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Saturdays

April 8, 2017	Rutland Town	8:00 - 11:30 a.m.
	Chittenden	Noon - 3:00 p.m.
April 15, 2017	Pawlet	8:00 - 9:30 a.m.
	Middletown Springs	10:30 a.m. - Noon
April 22, 2017	Tinmouth	8:00 - 10:00 a.m.
	Fair Haven	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
September 9, 2017	Shrewsbury	12:30 - 3:00 p.m.
September 16, 2017	Benson	8:00 - 9:30 a.m.
	Sudbury	10:30 a.m. - Noon
	Fair Haven	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
September 23, 2017	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 the events listed above, even if it is not 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. PROOF OF RESIDENCY REQUIRED. More here: <http://rutlandcountyswac.org/event/2017-household-hazardous-waste-collection-event-schedule/>

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
March 23, 2016	Rutland	Killian Patrick Reed	Kayla Elizabeth Stewart James Patrick Reed
March 29, 2016	Rutland	Addilynn Ivory Hayes	Haley Leah Hayes

DEATHS

Date of Death	Name	Age	Place of Death
January 12, 2016	Robert Wilson Mars	73	Middletown Springs, VT
April 13, 2016	Leslie Greene Caceres	69	Middletown Springs, VT
April 23, 2016	Charlotte Marcy Moyer	93	Rutland, VT
August 2, 2016	Charles A. Parker	71	Middletown Springs, VT
October 24, 2016	Donald F. Jones	76	Middletown Springs, VT
December 4, 2016	Joseph Albert Teer, Sr.	68	Rutland, VT

MARRIAGES

Date	Spouse	Place of Marriage
September 9, 2016	Heather Leah Makovec-House Kevin Charles Grier	Clarendon, VT
September 17, 2016	Megan Elizabeth O'Toole Andrew Steven Mott	Middletown Springs, VT
December 28, 2016	Angela Susan Wilkins Eric Ralph Haynes	Poultney, VT

Town of Middletown Springs REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

This past year has been very full with meetings in Killington, West Rutland, Rutland City, Center Rutland and Stowe regarding election changes and meetings regarding Act 46.

We still continue to maintain several tasks in our little office. Property transfers and Current Use applications are processed online with the State of Vermont. The Statewide Checklist is maintained online with the Election Division. We have filled two more Land Record Books and the State of Vermont has required that more information become permanent record. Some of the small tasks performed at the office include Land Posting, Dog Registrations, DMV Registrations, Fish & Wildlife licenses, Green Mountain Passports and Transfer Station Tickets. Meeting Minutes need to be on file from any entity of the Town (Building Committee, Planning Commission, Auditors, Listers, Selectboard) as these are public records and need to be bound. The Town Clerk also performs several other jobs on a daily basis.

If you have any questions, please stop by to see our operation.

Laura Ann Castle
Town Clerk

Dog License Report

We had 133 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 1 of each year. After April 1 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 2017 licenses are now available at the Town Clerk's Office.



Well, Well, Well...

On January 17, 2017 Parker Water Wells' crew were on site drilling a well to serve the Town at the proposed site of the future Town Office and Library.

Thanks go out to Jerry & Dave Parker for donating the use of their equipment and the labor needed to complete this task. Thanks as well to Fred Bradley and Marilyn Trapeni for supporting this endeavor with a donation that will help to cover the cost of materials.

The well is 700' deep and producing 2.5 gallons per minute.

Photo by Emmett Francois

Town of Middletown Springs SELECTBOARD REPORT

It is hard to believe that another year has gone by, but 2016 is now behind us as we look forward to the challenges and opportunities that 2017 will surely bring. This past year proved to be particularly challenging for the Select Board but, thanks to dedicated members and cohesive teamwork, we continue to move the Town forward.

While we were sad to have Shirley Moyer and Mike Lamson leave the Board, we are grateful for their many years of dedicated service to the Town and wish them the best in the future. We welcomed new members Patty Kenyon and Chris Fenton to the Board, and we are very fortunate to have them both. We appreciate the energy, enthusiasm, and fresh perspectives that they bring to our deliberations.

The Highway Department deserves special praise and recognition this year. Even though the crew was short-handed during the entire summer construction season, Bill Reed and Bob Parker managed to 'keep the lights on', so to speak, with nary a glitch in the process. Bill and Bob oversaw the completion of the North Street repaving project and the myriad related details that accompany this type of work, and came in \$2000 under budget estimate. Bill Reed also successfully applied for and received a Better Back Roads grant for drainage improvements to a section of Dayton Hill Road, and also completed ditch/drainage projects on Coy Hill (south) and near the intersection of Daisy Hollow Road and Vermont Route 133.

Bill also was successful in securing State of Vermont grant monies for a concrete box culvert structure planned for later this year on Garron Road. This is estimated to be a \$92,000 project subject to 90%/10% state/local funding, and is slated for construction during the summer of 2017. Additionally, Bill secured a grant award of some \$1,400 for safety-related equipment and supplies for the Highway crew; materials that we would have needed to purchase anyway.

The Town continues to face many challenges in the days ahead. Glen Moyer has done a wonderful job in cleaning, organizing, and maintaining 'Fort Dumpster', and recent State inspections have been very positive. We continue to search for an acceptable, permanent location for the Transfer Station away from the cluster of activity surrounding the Fire Department and Highway Department facilities in the center of town. We would also like to develop a more suitable and user-friendly location for the Highway Department and related equipment, and, of critical importance, a new and permanent Town Office facility.

The Select Board works very hard to control Town spending while continuing to provide the level of essential services that Middletowners take for granted these days. We have included the Municipal Facilities funding and law enforcement services requests directly in the Town Budget this year, rather than as separate line items. We feel that consistent past support and recognition of the importance of these items warranted this change.

We have brought two important articles before the voters this year in order that the entire town populace has a say in the Board's actions on these matters. One item is the Board's version of a proposed 'Junk Vehicle Ordinance' modeled after a VLCT (Vermont League of Cities and Towns) developed statewide standard. This item was voted (approved) at last year's Town Meeting; we have developed our version of a proposed ordinance and brought it before the voters again to confirm or deny, due to the rather convoluted language of last year's petitioned article. Secondly, we also seek the entire Town's input on a proposed limited-use ATV ordinance, which was brought to the Select Board via the West Rutland Sportsman's ATV Club.

We welcome and encourage public participation and engagement at our regular Select Board Meetings, held the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office. We also would like to strongly encourage each and every one of you to consider serving YOUR town in some capacity, whether as a selectperson, auditor, fence viewer, trustee of public monies, or whatever. Share some of your time and unique talents serving your fellow townspeople and continue to make Middletown Springs special.

Respectfully,

Herb Childress Chris Fenton Patty Kenyon Terry Redfield James Webber

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

The Auditors of the Town of Middletown Springs, Vermont, have audited the statements of the Town as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016 as listed in the table of contents of the annual Town 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, 2016. An underlying objective was our on-going effort to provide information and outline steps that could be taken well in advance of a thorough audit by professional auditors, to ensure positive results.

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 and suggested alternatives.
- We discussed the management and reporting of Town Trust Funds.
- We reviewed and tested various financial operations and responsibilities of the town, including collection of fees, Treasurer's report and procedures, and the distribution of taxes to Highway and General Funds.
- We reviewed actions taken on recommendations from previous auditor reports.
- We did not review: the School District accounts, which are audited by the Supervisory Union; or the Listers' work.

Actions Taken FY16:

- Reviewed Town policies.
- Discussed investment of Restricted Funds.
- Discussed management of trust funds and asked for info from Trustees.
- Carefully reviewed the FY15 Treasurer's Report. Met with the Treasurer, asked questions, and suggested adjustments to clarify financial information.
- Continued to encourage officers of the Town Trust Funds to improve documentation of investment decisions and use a clear template for annual reporting.
- Continued to urge the Select Board to review, develop, and adopt policies and procedures to improve the functioning, efficiency and transparency of town operations.
- Suggested, in the FY15 report, 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. Some of the procedures we suggested were adopted.

Priorities: Town Auditors may focus on different aspects of the town finances each year, as part of a rotating review of the overall system. This fiscal year, no new areas were examined. Future priorities may be set depending on Auditor availability or at the request of the Select Board.

Hours: In FY16, the Auditors were active mainly during the fall, with 16 hours of paid time and 19 hours of volunteer time. One position out of three remained unfilled the full year and continues to be vacant. Another was unfilled for part of the year.

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, 2016, and the results of its operation for the year then ended. These findings are based on documents relative to FY16 received as of December 19, 2016.

After reviewing FY16 as well as FY17 town finances up to December 2016, we have the following concern: The current method for handling cash receipts and transferring money from one town employee to another (for fees and services, such as transfer station, dog tags, titles, copies, etc.), has resulted in entries that are difficult to follow or confirm. Some small amounts of money have not been traceable. We have made suggestions for improvement and are working with town officials on this.

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

Concerns and Recommendations:

General Policies and Procedures:

Recommendations:

- As in the FY13, FY14 and FY15 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.
 - The Select Board currently has an ATV policy and a storage of junk on property policy for the voters to review this year.
 - As in the FY15 report, 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 consolidation of the relevant road policies would help in management of our resources. The board confirmed that this may be addressed in the coming year.
 - There is a new Winter Operations Policy, adopted in Nov. 2016. There is a 2006 Winter Road Policy. We recommend consolidating them. The board plans to have a revision history attached to policies that are updated.
- As in the FY13, FY14, and FY15 reports, we continue to recommend that new Town Officers read and sign off on their understanding of town policies.
- As in the FY15 report, the Auditors recommend that the policy binder include a table of contents, to make looking up policies possible.
- As in the FY15 report, the Auditors recommend that the Town Policies be available to the public via the town website.

Investment of Restricted Funds: As noted in the FY15 report, some of our town funds currently receive no interest, and others receive minimal interest. Of over \$500,000 in restricted funds, we earned \$379 in interest in FY16. In the FY15 report, we recommended that the Treasurer be given authority, with permission of the Select Board and following Vermont law, to invest town funds for better returns. The Treasurer has been given authority to investigate and has done some research. The Auditors have provided some information and guidelines that may help in this effort. We expect to see progress in this area.

Trust Funds:

- As in the FY13, FY14 and FY15 reports, we recommend that all town trust funds use a standardized template for their annual reporting.
- As in the FY13, FY14, and FY15 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. We also recommend an outside opinion on the method used to meet the objectives of original grant.
- As in the FY14 and FY15 reports, 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.
- As in the FY15 report, 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:

- One of the objectives of the Town Auditors is to verify the financial condition of the town. Because the Town Auditors are not professional auditors, regular review of the town's financial well-being should be done by an external agency. As in FY14 and FY15, 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. This was added to the FY17 budget, and is also in the FY18 budget being presented to voters.

Respectfully approved and submitted by Auditors *J. Burch-Clay* and *J. Georg*, on January 9, 2017.

Town of Middletown Springs
DELINQUENT TAX BREAKDOWN

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016

	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	Tax Year 2016
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	2,102,627
Abatements & Adjustments	(1,477)	(3,829)	(2,654)	1,644	(3,751)	(3,118)	(1,614)	(591)	(494)	(11,147)	0	7,230
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				0	0
Received in FY 2012						5,675	26,024	1,790,212			0	0
Received in FY 2013				681	1,643	5,073	9,778	23,040	1,870,104		0	0
Received in FY 2014						34	17,178	26,169	55,930	1,919,825	0	0
Received in FY 2015						0	2,368	0	504	7,586	1,826,415	
Received in FY 2016								1,287	396	14,618	30,687	2,054,794
Delinquency As of 6/30/2016	63	66	129	129	146	165	675	670	5,250	16,558	18,596	55,064
Grand Total Delinquent Taxes (Principal Only) as of June 30, 2016												97,511

Delinquent Tax List Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016

TH06-240-L00 Archer, Genevieve	TH1W-532-000 Carter, Sarah	TH45-031-000 Klocek, Paulina
TH09-300-000 Bemis, Justin	TH02-668-999 Grayson, Nancy H. Trust	TH21-164-000 Miller, Richard A. J.
TH08-260-000 Bradley, Darin & Melanie	TH1W-014-000 Gustin, Jessalyn	TH06-224-000 Poole, Timothy
TH1W-220-000 Bush, Christine	TH1W-498-000 Jennings, Lester	TH06-024-000 Riccio, Lucille
TH1W-540-000 Carter, Sarah	TH06-032-000 Johnston, Michael	TH08-173-000 Turco, Christopher

**Town of Middletown Springs
2016 GRAND LIST ABSTRACT (411)**

(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 Ed. Listed Value
Residential I R1	137	23,358,900	17,883,500	5,475,400	23,358,900
Residential II R2	203	55,442,600	36,737,400	18,705,200	55,442,600
Mobile Homes-U MHU	8	97,600	71,800	25,800	97,600
Mobile Homes-L MHL	17	2,009,900	913,300	1,096,600	2,009,900
Seasonal I S1	5	213,700	0	213,700	213,700
Seasonal II S2	29	3,820,600	372,200	3,448,400	3,820,600
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	1,550,000	0	1,550,000	1,550,000
Utilities-O UO	0	0	0	0	0
Farm F	7	3,430,300	1,936,400	1,493,900	3,430,300
Other O	0	0	0	0	0
Woodland W	5	463,500	0	463,500	463,500
Miscellaneous M	56	3,357,900	254,100	3,103,800	3,357,900
TOTAL LISTED REAL	475	94,894,500	58,168,700	36,725,800	94,894,500
P.P. Cable	1	540,827	0	540,827	540,827
P.P. Equipment	0	0	0	0	0
P.P. Inventory	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL LISTED P.P.	1	540,827	0	540,827	540,827
TOTAL LISTED VALUE		95,435,327	58,168,700	37,266,627	95,435,327
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	540,827	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	797,427	0	256,600	256,600
Current Use	66/66	6,482,800	2,030,500	4,452,300	6,482,800
Special Exemptions	0	0	0	0	0
Partial Statutory	0/0	0	0	0	0
Sub-total Exemptions		7,280,227	2,030,500	4,708,900	6,739,400
Total Exemptions		7,280,227	2,030,500	4,708,900	6,739,400
TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST		881,551.00			
TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST			561,382.00	325,577.27	886,959.27
NON-TAX			14 NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411		

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General Fund Balance Sheet
Year Ending June 30, 2016

ASSETS

Cash - unrestricted	\$ 105,751	
Cash - restricted	459,897	
Delinquent taxes receivable (principal only)	97,511	
Due To/From Other Accounts	2,388	
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 665,548

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Payroll taxes/retirement payable	\$ 4,582	
Property tax credits payable	1,235	
Total Liabilities		\$ 5,817
Fund Balance - unrestricted	\$ 199,833	
Fund Balance - restricted	459,897	
Total fund balance		\$ 659,731
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE		\$ 665,548

Statement of Taxes Raised
Principal Only
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016

2016 GRAND LIST (as of 7/8/2015) 411 report		\$87,868,976
1% of Grand List		878,690
	<u>Allocation</u>	
Town Tax Rate	0.39	340,053
Highway Tax Rate	0.34	295,240
School Tax Rates:		
Resident	1.76	960,521
Non-Resident	1.49	505,630
Late Homestead Penalty		1,184
Total Taxes Assessed		\$2,102,627
Abatements & Adjustments		\$7,230
Less: Current Year Taxes Collected		\$2,054,794
Current Year Taxes Receivable as of June 30, 2016		\$55,064

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SUPPORTING SCHEDULE OF RESTRICTED FUND CASH FLOW FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016

	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	Tax Sale Escrow	Total
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	\$10	503,236
Receipts																
Interest	77	140	1	128		4	12							17		379
Record Surcharge Budget Balance							1,070									1,070
Bridge Reserve Budget Balance														962		962
Corner Property Income ****							51,610									51,610
Highway Surplus					28,110											28,110
Cemetery Budget Balance								504								504
Record Preserv Budget Balance										2,375						2,375
Computer Tech Budget Balance												619				619
Capital Imprvmnt Budget Balance	31,000															31,000
Recycling Recpts to reserve			401													401
TOTAL RECEIPTS	31,077	140	402	128	28,110	4	51,623	504	1,070	2,375	0	619	0	979	0	117,030
Expenditures																
Corner Property Expenditures ****							3,997									3,997
Reappraisal CAMA fee																0
Highway Surplus Budget					30,000											30,000
Cemetery Expenses								620								620
Equipment: Freightliner Purch	125,743															125,743
Total Expenditures	125,743	0	0	0	30,000	0	3,997	620	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	160,360
Balance as of June 30, 2016	\$61,463	\$55,405	\$827	\$50,594	\$38,625	\$43,979	\$148,752	\$6,082	\$7,907	\$21,078	\$147	\$2,266	\$5,000	\$17,771	\$10	459,906
**** see Municipal Facilities Town Reserve Detail Schedule for Year Ending 6/30/2016 on following page																

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Detailed Addendum to Municipal Facilities Town Reserve Account
For Year Ending June 30, 2016

Balance as of June 30, 2015	\$ 101,126.63
RECEIPTS:	
Annual Town Allotment FY15/16	50,000.00
Fundraising Receipts	609.70
Excess from property purchase loan	1,000.44
Interest Earned	12.43
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 51,622.57
EXPENDITURES:	
State of Vermont - Well Permit	385.00
Long Trail Engineering - site grading/water permit app	900.00
Rutland Herald - public notice	301.98
Long Trail Engineering - Well engineering & surveying	1,260.00
Information Meeting	280.39
Collin Schauerma - architectural renderings	500.00
Endyne - Well Test	370.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 3,997.37
Municipal Facilities Town Reserve balance as of June 30, 2016	\$ 148,751.83

**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

REVENUES	2015-2016 Budget	2015-2016 Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Taxes			
ALL Current Taxes Assessed/Received	2,141,917	2,075,813	(66,104)
School \$ from Town	1,186,978	1,162,677	(24,301)
Town Taxes - Current	634,684	594,970	(39,715)
Other Revenues			
State of Vermont - Highway	49,000	48,592	(408)
State of Vermont - Current Use	40,000	35,498	(4,502)
Licenses & Permits	8,500	6,813	(1,687)
Delinquent Tax	0	42,723	42,723
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	5,000	10,678	5,678
Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	5,000	4,043	(957)
Copeland Milk Fund - receipts	6,000	6,000	0
Cramton Fund - receipts	2,000	2,605	605
Interest	200	249	49
Planning Commission Grant Receivable	4,728	4,728	0
Transfer Station Fees	15,000	23,040	8,040
Total OTHER Revenue	\$135,428	\$184,968	\$49,540
TOTAL REVENUE (Net Taxes plus Other)	\$770,112	\$779,938	\$9,825

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**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

EXPENDITURES	2015-2016 Budget	2015-2016 Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
General Government			
Salary - Auditors (\$15/hour)	1,000	304	696
Salary - Town Clerk	26,000	26,000	0
Salary - Town Treasurer	13,800	13,800	0
Salary - Delinquent Tax Collector	3,600	3,600	0
Salary - Selectboard	3,200	3,200	0
Salary - Constable	2,000	0	2,000
Salary - Animal Control Officer	500	0	500
Salary - Listers	10,000	4,865	5,135
Salary - Law Enforcement	500	135	365
Salary - Assistant Town Clerk	2,000	531	1,469
Salary - Assistant Town Treasurer	800	0	800
Payroll Taxes	7,600	5,007	2,593
Lister Expenses	0	235	(235)
Clerical	600	600	0
Computer Technology (Reserve Acct)	2,500	2,500	0
Elections	3,000	1,756	1,244
Street Lights	5,500	4,749	751
Telephone	2,200	2,718	(518)
Office Rent	5,100	5,100	0
Town Office Security	600	525	75
Office Supplies	2,500	1,856	644
Copier Expense	1,200	949	251
Town Report	2,500	2,886	(386)
Middletown Magnet	2,800	233	2,567
Solid Waste - Contract	30,000	28,621	1,379
Solid Waste - Wages	11,000	10,074	926
Solid Waste - Other	2,000	1,662	338
Solid Waste - Electric	1,500	1,309	191
Sub-total Solid Waste	\$44,500	\$41,667	\$2,833
Insurance - Property & Casualty	18,500	18,831	(331)
Insurance - Unemployment	1,000	564	436
Insurance - Workmen's Comp.	11,000	11,198	(198)
Legal	10,000	8,325	1,675
Postage	2,000	1,751	249
Interest Expense	500	280	220
VLCT - Dues	1,800	1,772	28
Planning Commission Dues	925	925	0
Record Preservation (Reserve Acct)	3,000	3,000	0
Rutland County Tax	6,500	6,832	(332)
Old Cemetery (Reserve Acct)	2,500	2,500	0

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**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

General Government continued...	2015-2016 Budget	2015-2016 Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Library	17,150	17,150	0
Public Notices	900	396	504
Bank Charges	0	0	0
Education/Conferences	750	250	500
Mileage	200	0	200
Tax Map Updates	1,000	0	1,000
Website Maintenance	200	104	96
Office Maintenance	200	3	197
Solid Waste Plan	1,800	2,646	(846)
Corner Property (Reserve Acct)	50,000	50,000	(0)
Corner Property Purchase Payment	27,475	27,475	0
Town Property Maintenance	0	550	(550)
Planning Grant Expenses	4,728	4,650	78
Conservation Commission (Reserve Acct)	100	100	0
Miscellaneous	1,000	200	800
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	\$307,228	\$282,722	\$24,506
Dues/Organizations			
Poultney Rescue Squad	4,300	4,300	0
First Response	4,500	4,500	0
Rutland Area Visiting Nurses Assn.	1,500	1,500	0
Rutland Area Community Service	867	867	0
Southwestern VT Council on Aging	750	750	0
Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council	200	200	0
Center for Independent Living	100	100	0
Poultney Little League	400	400	0
Regional Ambulance Service	375	375	0
M.S. Volunteer Fire Dept.	80,000	80,000	0
Vermont Green Up	50	50	0
Rutland Cnty. Women's Network/Shelter	100	100	0
Rutland County Humane Society	125	125	0
Poultney/Mettowee Watershed	500	500	0
R.S.V.P.	200	200	0
Neighbor Works	400	400	0
VT Assn. of Blind	300	300	0
Rutland Cnty Parent/Child Center	750	750	0
ARC	500	500	0
Vermont RCDC	100	100	0
American Red Cross	250	250	0

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**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	2015-2016 Budget	2015-2016 Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Highway			
Payroll Class II	2,300	552	1,748
Payroll Class III	40,700	29,904	10,796
Payroll Maintenance	5,650	8,601	(2,951)
Payroll Winter II	3,400	1,056	2,344
Payroll Winter III	26,000	22,999	3,001
Payroll Winter Maintenance	4,500	8,685	(4,185)
Payroll Administrative	2,250	5,407	(3,157)
Payroll Building Maintenance & Grounds	1,150	1,722	(572)
Payroll Personal	0	832	(832)
Payroll Comp Used	0	696	(696)
Payroll Holiday	0	3,336	(3,336)
Payroll Vacation	0	4,870	(4,870)
Payroll Tax	7,900	6,989	911
Sub-total Highway Payroll	\$93,850	\$95,650	(\$1,800)
VMERS	2,850	2,786	64
Insurance - Health	14,000	12,779	1,221
Road Commissioner	3,000	4,268	(1,268)
Traffic Control	1,000	0	1,000
Garage - Rent	3,000	3,300	(300)
Garage - Electric	400	351	49
Garage - Heat	2,500	968	1,532
Garage - Phone	450	663	(213)
Gravel - Bank Run	8,000	6,262	1,738
Gravel - Processed	17,000	16,030	970
Riprap	5,000	1,330	3,670
Road Fabric	3,000	3,148	(148)
Street Signage	2,000	1,993	7
Culverts	5,000	5,059	(59)
Repairs/Parts - 2016 Freightliner	0	1,425	(1,425)
Repairs/Parts - Grader	7,000	6,144	856
Repairs/Parts - 1 Ton GMC 2012	2,000	3,999	(1,999)
Repairs/Parts - 2003 Red 7400 Dump Truck	4,000	11,802	(7,802)
Repairs/Parts 7600 International	5,000	16,322	(11,322)
Repairs/Parts/Other	1,000	10	990
Repairs/Parts - Backhoe	5,000	3,815	1,185
Repairs/Parts/Purchase - Small Equipment	3,000	2,680	320
Sander/Plow - International Truck	3,000	741	2,259
Sander/Plow - 1 Ton Truck GMC 2012	2,000	899	1,101
Sander/Plow 2003 red 7400 dump	3,000	446	2,554

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**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

	2015-2016 Budget	2015-2016 Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Highway continued...			
Gas/Diesel/Fluids	22,000	8,853	13,147
Resurfacing/Cold Patch	500	374	126
Mowing	4,000	3,960	40
Contract Labor - Hauling	10,000	8,300	1,700
Contract Labor - Rental	10,000	9,124	876
Contract Labor - Other	0	0	0
Sand	20,000	11,760	8,240
Salt	15,000	10,529	4,471
Calcium	0	0	0
Guardrails	4,000	4,895	(895)
Tree Trimming	5,000	0	5,000
Consulting	500	0	500
Miscellaneous	3,000	4,076	(1,076)
Paving Reserve	0	0	0
Coy Hill Project - Grant Funded	0	(2,973)	2,973
2013 Rte 140 Loan Payment	69,467	69,467	0
TH06 Box Culvert Project - Grant Funded	0	1,102	(1,102)
Highway Reserve	0	0	0
Highway Surplus	(30,000)	(1,890)	(28,110)
Capital Imprv Hghwy Eqpmnt - (Reserve Acct)	31,000	31,000	0
Property Rental	2,400	2,400	0
Bridge Repair (Reserve Acct)	1,000	1,000	0
Total Highway Expenditures	\$363,917	\$364,846	(\$929)
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES (town plus highway)	\$767,412	\$743,835	\$23,577



New Wheels!

The Town's newest Highway truck is this 2016 Freightliner which will be used for a myriad of purposes, from plowing and sanding to hauling and road maintenance. If you live on a Class 3 road, you've surely seen this beauty in action.

Photo by Bill Reed

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

JULY 1, 2015 - JUNE 30, 2016

Achey, S	3,182.69	The Fort Miller, Co.	675.00
Adirondack 2-Way Radio	823.00	Frank and Joe's Auto Repair	358.20
Airgas	266.36	Garland's Agway	378.10
Aldermans	1,054.77	Geno, S	17,226.30
American Red Cross	250.00	Gerald White Sales & Service	354.45
Apex Software	235.00	Giddings	974.52
ARC	500.00	Gilmore Home Center	125.96
Association of the Blind	300.00	Gilmour, J	197.84
AVCC	100.00	GMP	6,409.55
BB Chain	892.00	Goodway Document Svcs	6.75
BCBSVT	13,782.95	Grants Village Store	21.47
Beattie, M	50.79	Green Mountain Timber Frame	3,300.00
Blanchard, J	917.02	Green Screen Graphics	55.80
BROC	200.00	Green Up Vermont	50.00
Burch-Clay, J	280.52	Hadeka Stone	3,740.00
Business Card Services	778.99	Heitkamp, M	52.50
Byrnes Truck & Equipment	170.10	Hemenway, P	969.32
Carbonite	539.98	Heywood, B	14.32
Cargill	10,529.21	Highwinds Leasing	905.75
Carter, A	62.50	Hubbard	26,489.20
Casella Recycling	2,132.06	IDS	161.67
Castle, L	23,156.37	Irving Energy	967.82
Central VT Truck Repair	9,886.59	Kelco Concrete	456.00
Chappell Tractor Sales	489.70	Kenyon, P	1,190.00
Charlebois Truck Parts	47.46	Keyser Energy-Bixby	3,843.69
Chesnut-Tangerman, R	77.50	Keyser Energy-Fuel Stop	5,717.41
Childress, H reimbursement	89.95	Kniffen, R	443.14
Childress, H	863.24	Kofile Preservation	602.93
Clayton, P	42.91	Krouse, T	468.60
Collaboration 133	89.00	Lafayette Highway Specialities	7,319.55
Combined Insurance	108.72	Lamberton, T	50.00
Countryside Lock	525.00	Lamson, M	554.10
Dean, N	202.50	Layzer, D	30.97
Doherty, D	68.72	Letendre, K	4,650.00
Doran Brothers	1,260.00	Long Trail Engineering	2,160.00
Dressler, Ian	597.38	Lyle Welding	860.00
Dudley, J	1,858.61	Middletown Magnet	233.33
Earles Truck Repair	19,855.44	Manchester Newspapers	290.40
Endyne	370.00	Marcy, M	258.06
Fastenal	350.56	Martelle, J	550.00
Feeley, K	62.50	McLellan, C	33,220.00
Fenton, C.	60.95	McWilliams, P	233.80
Ferguson Waterworks	6,740.30	Melanson Company	392.92
First Response	4,500.00	Miller, E	41.05

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

JULY 1, 2015 - JUNE 30, 2016

Mountain View Equipment	969.15	Rutland Cnty Sheriff's Dept	135.00
Moyer, G	4,673.15	Rutland Herald	528.46
Moyer, G reimbursement	506.27	Rutland Humane Society	125.00
Moyer, S	614.10	Rutland Parent Child Center	750.00
MTSHS	5,100.00	Rutland Regional Planning Comm.	925.00
MSPL	17,150.00	Schauerman, C	500.00
MTS School District	1,162,676.94	Schwaab, Inc	80.98
MTSVFD	80,000.00	Seamans, J	1,805.00
Neighborworks	400.00	Silver, L	\$85.00
NEMRC	1,573.26	Staples	1,530.63
Occupational Drug Testing	720.00	State of Vermont	385.00
Orchitt, B	3,960.00	Sunnyside Sand & Gravel	20,962.20
O'Rourke, J	242.00	SW Agency onAging	750.00
Parker, R	16,248.12	SWAC	2,870.23
Parker-Dunn, M	9.48	Talke Munyak, J	12,087.41
Parker Pump Service	9.60	Tarbell, R	425.00
PEOPLE'S UNITED - corner property	26,474.56	Toolcraft	48.76
PEOPLE'S UNITED - paving loan	69,466.99	Treasurer, County of Rutland	6,832.33
PEOPLE'S UNITED - North St loan	69,240.15	Tyminski, M	1,000.00
Pete's Tire Barn	6,811.62	United States Treasury	36,204.87
Petty Cash	51.95	Viking-Cives USA	821.48
Postmaster	1,179.42	VLCT	1,772.00
Poultney Auto Supply	1,647.08	VLCTPACIF	30,029.00
Poultney Little League	400.00	VLCTUI	564.00
Poultney Mettowee Watershed	500.00	VMERS	4,527.07
Poultney Rescue Squad	4,300.00	VT Department of Health	15.00
Portland Glass	483.18	VT Center for Independent Living	100.00
QPR	373.75	VT Department of Labor	3.45
Quick Print of Rutland	2,416.00	VVT Dept of Liquor Control	70.00
RAVNA	1,500.00	VT Department of Taxes	4,688.28
Redfield, T	1,378.32	VT Digital	43.25
Redfield, T reimbursement	26.43	VT RCDC	100.00
Reed, D	2,400.00	VT State Treasurer	488.00
Reed, R	886.20	VTEL	3,380.99
Reed, W	36,305.04	Waite's Foundation	59,435.00
Reed, W - misc	1,021.81	Webber, Chapman & Kupferer	8,325.36
Regional Ambulance Service	375.00	Webber, J	581.80
Reynolds and Son	569.37	Westside Napa Auto Parts	1,672.16
RSVP	200.00	Wholesale Distributors	2,951.00
Rouse, K	457.13	Williams Hardware	565.92
Rubinstein, N	100.00	Winmill Equipment CO	854.66
Rutland Area Community Services	867.00	Winning Image Graphix	160.00
Rutland Cnty Women's Network	100.00		

Town of Middletown Springs
PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2018 GENERAL BUDGET

	FY 2016 End 6/30/2016 Budget	FY 2016 End 6/30/2016 Actual	FY 2017 End 6/30/2017 Budget	FY 2018 End 6/30/2018 Proposed
REVENUES				
TAXES				
Delinquent Taxes Collected	0	42,723	0	0
REVENUES - OTHER				
State of Vermont - Highway	49,000	48,592	49,000	48,000
State of Vermont - Current Use	40,000	35,498	35,500	40,000
Licenses & Permits	8,500	6,813	7,000	6,000
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	5,000	10,678	5,000	5,000
Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	5,000	4,043	4,000	4,000
Copeland Milk Fund - receipts	6,000	6,000	7,000	6,000
Cramton Fund - receipts	2,000	2,605	2,000	2,000
Interest	200	249	250	200
Transfer Station fees	15,000	23,040	17,000	17,000
Subtotal Other Revenues	\$130,700	\$137,518	\$126,750	\$128,200
REVENUES - OTHER (Restricted)				
Recycling receipts	0	0	0	500
Municipal Planning Grant	4,728	4,728	0	0
Subtotal Other Revenues- (Restricted)	\$4,728	\$4,728	\$0	\$500
TOTAL REVENUES-OTHER	\$135,428	\$142,246	\$126,750	\$128,700

EXPENDITURES - GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Town General

Salary - Auditors	1,000	304	700	1,000
Salary - Town Clerk	26,000	26,000	26,500	26,500
Salary - Town Clerk Assistant	2,000	531	1,500	3,000
Salary - Town Treasurer	13,800	13,800	14,100	14,100
Salary - Town Treasurer Assistant	800	0	0	0
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	0	1,000	0
Salary - Animal Control Officer	500	0	250	250
Salary - Listers	10,000	4,865	8,000	8,000
Salary - Outside Law Enforcement	500	135	10,000	10,000
Payroll Taxes	7,600	5,007	5,500	6,000
Lister Expenses	0	235	500	1,000
VMERS	0	0	0	0
Clerical (Town Clerk)	600	600	600	600
Computer Technology	2,500	2,500	3,000	3,500
Elections	3,000	1,756	3,000	2,000
Planning Commission	0	0	0	0
Muni Planning Grant Consulting Fees	4,728	4,650	0	0
Street Lights	5,500	4,749	5,500	4,800
Telephone & Internet	2,200	2,718	3,000	3,000
Office Rent	5,100	5,100	5,100	5,100

Town of Middletown Springs
PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2018 GENERAL BUDGET

	FY 2016 End 6/30/2016 Budget	FY 2016 End 6/30/2016 Actual	FY 2017 End 6/30/2017 Budget	FY 2018 End 6/30/2018 Proposed
Town General Continued...				
Town Office Security	600	525	500	500
Office Supplies	2,500	1,856	2,500	2,500
Copier Expense	1,200	949	1,000	750
Town Report	2,500	2,886	3,500	3,000
Middletown Magnet	2,800	233	0	0
Solid Waste - Contract	30,000	28,621	30,000	31,000
Solid Waste - Wages	11,000	10,074	9,000	10,000
Solid Waste - Other	2,000	1,662	1,500	1,000
Solid Waste - Electric	1,500	1,309	2,000	1,500
Insurance - Property & Casualty	18,500	18,831	17,500	17,500
Insurance - Unemployment	1,000	564	550	500
Insurance - Workmen's Comp.	11,000	11,198	12,000	15,000
Legal	10,000	8,325	10,000	7,000
Postage	2,000	1,751	2,000	2,000
Interest on Short-term Borrowing	500	280	0	0
VLCT - Dues	1,800	1,772	1,800	1,830
Planning Commission Dues	925	925	950	925
Conservation Commission	100	100	0	0
Web-site Maintenance	200	104	150	150
Record Preservation	3,000	3,000	2,500	0
Rutland County Tax	6,500	6,832	6,500	7,000
Old Cemetery	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,000
Middletown Springs Public Library	17,150	17,150	20,665	22,000
Public Notices	900	396	500	500
Education/Conferences	750	250	750	500
Mileage	200	0	200	100
Office Maintenance	200	3	200	100
Miscellaneous	1,000	200	1,000	200
Subtotal Town General	\$226,953	\$202,050	\$224,815	\$223,205
Town General - Other				
State Solid Waste Plan	1,800	2,646	3,000	3,200
Tax Map Updates	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
Neighborworks Grant to Library	0	0	0	0
Independent Audit Reserve	0	0	5,000	5,000
Parker Prop Payment	27,475	27,475	0	0
Municipal Facilities	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Town Property Maintenance	0	550	0	1,000
Subtotal Town General-Other	\$80,275	\$80,671	\$59,000	\$60,200
Total Town General	\$307,228	\$282,721	\$283,815	\$283,405
Dues & Organizations (see below)	96,267	96,267	89,617	89,562
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$403,495	\$378,988	\$373,432	\$372,967

Town of Middletown Springs
PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2018 GENERAL BUDGET

Town General-Other Continued...	FY 2016 End 6/30/2016 Budget	FY 2016 End 6/30/2016 Actual	FY 2017 End 6/30/2017 Budget	FY 2018 End 6/30/2018 Proposed
Highway				
Payroll Class II	2,300	552	2,300	2,500
Payroll Class III	40,700	29,904	38,700	42,500
Payroll Maintenance	5,650	8,601	5,650	6,000
Payroll Winter II	3,400	1,056	3,400	4,000
Payroll Winter III	26,000	22,999	26,000	28,000
Payroll Winter Maintenance	4,500	8,685	4,500	5,000
Payroll Administrative	2,250	5,407	2,250	2,500
Payroll Building Maint. & Grounds	1,150	1,722	2,000	2,200
Payroll Comp Used	0	696	550	2,000
Payroll Holiday	0	3,336	1,500	1,800
Payroll Vacation	0	4,870	2,400	2,700
Payroll Personal	0	832	0	0
Payroll Tax	7,900	6,989	7,900	9,000
VMERS	2,850	2,786	2,850	3,200
Health Insurance	14,000	12,779	13,500	14,500
Road Commissioner	3,000	4,268	3,000	4,500
Garage - Rent	3,000	3,300	3,600	3,600
Property Rental	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400
Garage - Electric	400	351	450	450
Garage - Heat	2,500	968	2,500	2,550
Garage - Phone	450	663	700	700
Gravel - Bank Run	8,000	6,262	6,000	4,000
Gravel - Processed	17,000	16,030	19,000	19,000
Riprap	5,000	1,330	3,000	2,000
Road Fabric	3,000	3,148	1,500	1,500
Signage	2,000	1,993	2,000	2,000
Culverts/Catch Basins	5,000	5,059	3,000	3,000
Repairs/Parts - Grader	7,000	6,144	5,000	5,000
Repairs/Parts - 1 Ton Truck 2012	2,000	3,999	2,000	2,500
Repairs/Parts - 7400 International	4,000	11,802	0	0
Repairs/Parts — 2016 Freightliner	0	1,425	500	1,000
Repairs/Parts - 7600 International	5,000	16,322	3,000	3,500
Repairs/Parts - Misc Shop Supplies	1,000	10	500	300
Repairs/Parts - Backhoe	5,000	3,815	5,000	5,000
Repairs/Parts - 1984 Loader	0	0	0	1,000
Repairs/Parts/Purchase - Small Equip	3,000	2,680	3,000	3,000
Sander/Plow - 7400 International	3,000	446	0	0
Sander/Plow - 1 Ton Truck 2012	2,000	899	1,500	2,000
Sander/Plow - 7600 International	3,000	741	3,000	3,000
Sander/Plow - 2016 Freightliner	0	0	0	2,000
Gas/Diesel/Fluids	22,000	8,853	20,000	21,000

Town of Middletown Springs
PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2018 GENERAL BUDGET

	FY 2016 End 6/30/2016 Budget	FY 2016 End 6/30/2016 Actual	FY 2017 End 6/30/2017 Budget	FY 2018 End 6/30/2018 Proposed
Highway Continued...				
Resurfacing/Cold Patch	500	374	500	1,000
Mowing	4,000	3,960	4,000	4,000
Contract Labor - Hauling	10,000	8,300	10,000	7,000
Contract Labor - Rental	10,000	9,124	10,000	7,000
Contract Labor - Plowing	0	0	0	250
Contract Labor - Other	0	0	0	250
Sand	20,000	11,760	18,000	18,000
Salt	15,000	10,529	15,000	15,000
Calcium	0	0	3,500	3,500
Consulting/Training	500	0	500	500
Miscellaneous	3,000	4,076	3,000	3,000
Paving Reserve	0	0	15,000	40,000
2009 Route 140 Payment	0	0	0	0
2013 Route 140 Payment	69,467	69,467	68,066	0
Highway Surplus	0	(1,890)	0	0
Capital Improvements Hywy Equip	31,000	31,000	31,000	40,000
Bridge Repairs	1,000	1,000	0	1,000
Computer Technology	0	0	300	1,000
Traffic Control	1,000	0	500	500
Guardrails	4,000	4,895	5,500	5,000
Tree Trimming	5,000	0	2,500	2,500
TH6 Box Culvert Project	0	1,102	0	0
Coy Hill Project	0	(2,973)	0	0
Highway Facilities Fund	0	0	0	0
Total Highway before applied surplus	\$388,267	\$364,846	\$391,516	\$370,400
Highway Surplus	(30,000)	0	(10,500)	0
TOTAL HIGHWAY	\$363,917	\$364,846	\$381,016	\$370,400
TOTAL TOWN EXPENDITURES	\$767,412	\$743,835	\$753,798	\$653,805

*Grayed boxes indicate corrected figures

DUES/ORGANIZATIONS BREAKDOWN

Poultney Rescue Squad	4,300	4,300	4,300	4,300
First Response	4,500	4,500	4,000	4,000
Rutland Area Visiting Nurses Assn.	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Green Up Vermont	50	50	50	50
Rutland Mental Health Services	867	867	867	867
Southwestern VT Council on Aging	750	750	750	750
Bennington-Rutland Opp. Council	200	200	200	0
Center for Independent Living	100	100	100	100
Vermont RCDC/Aiken	100	100	100	100
Poultney Community League	400	400	400	400
Rutland Regional Ambulance Service	375	375	375	375

**Town of Middletown Springs
PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2018 GENERAL BUDGET**

Dues & Organizations Continued...	FY 2016 End 6/30/2016 Budget	FY 2016 End 6/30/2016 Actual	FY 2017 End 6/30/2017 Budget	FY 2018 End 6/30/2018 Proposed
M.S. Volunteer Fire Dept.	80,000	80,000	72,500	72,500
Rutland Cnty. Women's Network/Shelter	100	100	100	200
Rutland Cnty. Humane Society	125	125	125	125
R.S.V.P.	200	200	200	200
Poultney-Mettowee Watershed	500	500	500	500
Neighbor Works (Rutland West)	400	400	400	500
ARC / Assn. for Retarded Citizens	500	500	500	0
Rutland Cnty. Parent/Child Center	750	750	0	0
Vermont Assoc. of the Blind	300	300	300	0
American Red Cross	250	250	250	0
Mentor Connector	0	0	200	200
Child First Advocacy Center	0	0	400	400
Pleasant View Cemetery Association	0	0	1500	1,500
Big Heavy World	0	0	0	250
Regional Marketing Initiative	0	0	0	745
Total Dues/Organizations	\$96,267	\$96,267	\$89,617	\$89,562



Got Creativity?

The logo above was produced by the Middletown Springs Creative Economy Group in 2016. This newly formed collective was made possible with a grant obtained by the Middletown Springs Planning Commission. Thanks go out to the Planning Commission for their vision and work to secure the grant, to the Creative Economy Committee for seeing the vision through, to Peter Huntoon for creating and donating his painting for this project, and to Patty Kenyon for assembling all the parts and pieces into a usable design.

Town of Middletown Springs
COPELAND MEMORIAL CEMETERY FUND

TRUSTEES REPORT
December 31, 2016

Beginning Balance as of January 1, 2016

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

Income

Portfolio	3,699.40
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Expenses

Portfolio	2,615.48
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Net Gain (Loss) **(\$1,198.31)**

Ending Balance as of December 31, 2016

Investments Market Value	47,783.85	
Fixed Income	83,019.92	
Other	22,203.38	
Total		\$153,007.15

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, 2016

<u>Calendar Year</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Beginning Balances	\$235,218.99	\$231,071.08	\$213,279.09
Additions and Withdrawals	0.00	11,296.89	0.00
Income	13,803.68	12,829.92	12,365.62
Taxes, Fees and Expenses	(3,063.02)	(2,833.81)	(3,039.79)
Net Gain (Loss)	(3,112.00)	(39,084.99)	(1,715.99)
Distributions	(11,776.57)	0.00	0.00
Ending Balances	\$231,071.08	\$213,279.09	\$220,888.93

Committee Members:

Rita Hansen, Daniel McKeen, Dale Carr

Town of Middletown Springs
COPELAND MILK FUND

TRUSTEES REPORT – 2016

BEGINNING BALANCE as of January 1, 2016

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

INCOME

Interest Account (National Life Group)**	0.00	
Investment Account Dividends (Sentinel Investments)	2,504.23	
Interest Income (Citizens Money Market)	1.53	
TOTAL INCOME		\$2,505.76

EXPENSES

Town of Middletown Springs	6,000.00	
Producer Distribution	6,000.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	100.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES***		\$12,100.00

INVESTMENT SUMMARIES

Investment Plan Management Fees	
National Life Group	2,820.19

HOLDINGS AS OF 12/31/2016

National Life Group LSW	310,534.01	
Sentinel Investments	179,565.06	
Citizens Money Market	4,074.40	
TOTAL PORTFOLIO VALUE:		\$494,173.47

* Citizens Investment Services accounts closed and Funds transferred into Citizens Money Market.

** National Life Group policy period is reported annually on April 14.

*** Items to be Expensed during the First or Second Quarter 2017 – Citizens Money Market Account.

Trustees:

Carl P. Haynes

Terry Redfield

Rodney Tarbell

**Town of Middletown Springs
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC MONIES**

Louis Library Fund

Calendar Year	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	Expenses For	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Beginning Balance			Checking	9.90	0
Investments			Total	\$9.90	\$0
Securities-XXX-X2646	20,547.72	20,434.03	Distributions		
Cash Account	0	74.29	MTS Library	282.39	520.52
Account Balance	354.96	499.51	Ending Balances		
Portfolio	20,192.76	19,934.52	Investments		
Sub-Total	\$20,547.72	\$20,434.03	Securities-XXX-X2646	20,434.03	22,287.78
Checking Account	\$140.29	\$130.46	Cash Account	74.29	74.29
Income From			Account Balance	499.51	941.83
Securities-XXX-X2646	425.22	867.54	Portfolio	19,934.52	21,345.95
Checking	0.07	0.06	Total	\$20,434.03	\$22,287.78
Total	\$425.29	\$867.60	Checking Account	\$130.46	\$130.52

Henderson Fund

Calendar Year	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	Distributions	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Beginning Balance			Scholarship 1	250.00	250.00*
Investments			Scholarship 2	250.00	250.00*
Securities-XXX-X2646	51,542.91	51,245.00	Scholarship 3	250.00	250.00*
Cash Account	0	179.71	Total	\$750.00	\$750.00*
Account Balance	926.07	1,279.78	* Pending		
Portfolio	50,616.84	49,965.22	Ending Balances		
Sub-Total	\$51,542.91	\$51,245.00	Investments		
Checking Account	\$105.43	\$105.81	Securities-XXX-X2647	51,245.00	55,584.65
Income From			Cash Account	179.71	1,066.34
CD / Securities	1,100.00	854.99	Account Balance	1,279.78	1,921.33
Checking	0.38	0.10	Portfolio	49,965.22	53,663.32
Total	\$1,100.38	\$855.09	Total	\$51,245.00	\$55,584.65
			Checking Account	\$105.81	\$105.91

Matthews/Bigelow Fund

Calendar Year	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	Distributions		
Beginning Balance			MTS First Response	298.30	302.92
Investments			Total	\$298.30	\$302.92
CD /Securities	22,685.14	22,881.70	Ending Balances		
Checking Account	25.09	25.20	Investments		
Income From			CD / Securities	22,881.70	23,386.45
CD / Securities	494.86	504.86	Total	\$22,881.70	\$23,386.45
Checking	0.10	0.10	Checking Account	\$25.19	\$25.30
Total	\$494.96	\$504.96			

Trustees: Gene Bertsche and Alice Hoisington

Town of Middletown Springs
PLEASANT VIEW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
For Year Ending December 31, 2016

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, January 1, 2016	1,273.73
Dividends from Perpetual Care Stock	350.56
Arthur & Daisy Cramton Trust	1,296.36
Sale of Lots + Cornerstones	700.00
Perpetual Care	500.00
Burials	3,750.00
Donations	1,700.00
Gifts in Memory of Charlotte Moyer	855.00
Checking Account Interest	2.10

TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$10,427.75
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DISBURSEMENTS

Green Mountain Boys Landscaping--mowing & trimming	4,800.00
Arthur Castle--Burials	600.00
Theron Krouse--opening graves	229.00
DeBonis Landscaping--opening graves	1,000.00
MSES 6th Grade Class--Help with Spring cleanup	150.00
Williams Hardware--Paint for flagpole	17.97
Citizens Bank--Safe Deposit Box Rental	47.50
Merchants Bank--New Supply Checks	27.90
Bowker & Son Memorials--Monument & Foundation Repairs	835.00
Green Mountain Awning--New American Flag	44.96
USPS--Stamps	9.40

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$7,761.73
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BALANCE ON HAND, DECEMBER 31, 2016		\$2,666.02
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PERPETUAL CARE INVESTMENTS

445 Shares George Putnam Fund	7,734.10
120 Shares Foot Locker	8,506.80
Merchants Bank--Money Market	3,271.16
Merchants Bank--CD	35,613.86
TD Bank--CD	34,979.01
TD Bank--Barker Mehuron Account	10,281.14

\$100,386.07

TRUSTEES

Donald Marcy
Alice Hoisington
Alida Tarbell
Arthur Castle
Terry Redfield

Note: Appropriation Request #29 on 2017 Town Warning

Town of Middletown Springs PLEASANT VIEW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

The trustees of the Pleasant View Cemetery Association wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the voters of the town of Middletown Springs for your generous support of our 2016 Town Meeting funding request. That is a tremendous help to us as we strive to not only preserve and maintain this beautiful site, but also to make gradual, continuous improvements as best we can.

We enjoyed a spring clean-up workday with the Middletown Springs Elementary School 6th grade class in support of their class trip to Washington, D.C. Thanks to Miss Jenn (Tiff), Deb Squires, the students and a group of parents, and several others, the Cemetery was spruced up in preparation of our May 1 opening. Alida Tarbell and Kathy Colvin provided delicious homemade donuts, cookies, and other treats, and we are hopeful that this new mutually-beneficial relationship will continue for years to come.

Special thanks are also due to Rodney and Alida Tarbell for the donation and delivery of a truckload of sure-pak, and to John Colvin, weed-whacker extraordinaire, for weed-whacking and maintaining the steep slope adjacent to the vault all season long. Don Marcy applied a fresh coat of white paint to the flagpole at the cemetery entrance, and a new flag was purchased and installed. Don is also instrumental in cutting brush, cutting/picking up fallen trees/limbs, and in doing whatever is necessary to keep the Cemetery looking ship-shape. Art Castle serves as the Superintendent and does an outstanding job of working with the various funeral directors, monument and vault companies, family members and prospective lot owners. We are grateful for everyone's talents and expertise that they provide in keeping this facility operational.

Thank you to the many folks who walk through and enjoy this peaceful setting on a regular basis, and to the folks who also walk their pets and let them enjoy the freedom of this space as well. Please remember to maintain control of your dog(s) and continue to be vigilant in cleaning up after your pets as well, because dog waste is NEVER acceptable in anyone's final resting place.

Thanks again to the voters of Middletown Springs during 2016, and please consider this Report to serve as our request to be on the 2017 Town Meeting Day ballot again this year. We respectfully request another appropriation of \$1,500.00 for FY 2017/18 from the Town of Middletown Springs if approved by the voters of said Town. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Pleasant View Cemetery Association
Terry Redfield, President

Note: Appropriation Request #29 on 2017 Town Warning



Honoring Those Who Serve

Tom and Linda Hurcomb, on behalf of the Historical Society, show their support during the 2016 Memorial Day Parade as part of the Creative Economy contingent.

Photo by Heidi Bagley

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

A Year In Review 2016

Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department responded to 42 calls in 2016. The majority of the calls were here in Middletown Springs. The calls consisted of structure fires, motor vehicle accidents, EMS assists, chimney fires, smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms, trees and wires down, grass and brush fires, electrical fires, and basement pump outs. The MSVFD has responded to every call for over 25 years. All of the hours of training, as a department, and with mutual aid companies, are obvious when we respond to an emergency of any kind. All members have the knowledge and skills to proficiently respond to all calls. Time, safety of fireman, safety of citizens, and quick responses are all key factors that are incorporated in weekly trainings.

Some of the trainings that the MSVFD took part in during 2016 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 MSVFD held four fundraisers in 2016. The members of the Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department held a cash raffle in the spring, hosted a concession stand at the Memorial Day parade, held a gun raffle in fall, and hosted Breakfast with Santa in December. The MSVFD hosted three community dinners and a community gathering at Lake St. Catherine to wish Lt. Tyler Manning well before his deployment. Hot cider and treats were served by the MSVFD on Halloween night. This was new to MSVFD and the community this year. The fire department members and the community members enjoyed the Halloween themed firehouse, and this will be planned for 2017 as well.

The MSVFD decreased the budget to \$72,500 for FY 2017. Due to the financial decisions over the past two years, the fire department budget for FY 2018 will remain the same as FY 2017. There will not be an increase in the budget. Again, we thank you for your support.

MSVFD has received a lot of positive feedback regarding communications with the community. The MSVFD would like to continue the community dinners. Each dinner is free and open to all Middletown Springs community. A presentation will be a part of every community dinner. This helps the community stay informed of all aspects of the MSVFD. Maintenance and appearance of the firehouse will be a big focus for 2017. The MSVFD would like to obtain a new sign. The fence in back of the firehouse will hopefully be replaced. The outside of the building and the grounds will be cleaned. The MSVFD would also like to plant some perennials and/or shrubs outside of the building, along with a flagpole.

The MSVFD is very proud of what the fire department has become. The current members on the department are dedicated, supportive, and reliable. Numerous hours have been spent on training sessions. The number of mutual aid calls has increased due to the amount of trainings. The quality of the trainings has improved significantly. Thank you to our members for all of their time and effort that has been put forth in the past year. Thank you to the family members of the MSVFD. Without the support and understanding of family, volunteer departments, such as MSVFD, would not be successful.

The MSVFD would like to thank the community for your attendance at community events, participating in fundraisers, your positive feedback, and for the respect you have shown to our members for their dedication. Thank you for your support, and we hope to continue to build relationships within our department and community in 2017!

Membership of the Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department
And the MSVFD Board of Trustees

Note: Appropriation Request #21 on 2017 Town Warning

Town of Middletown Springs

MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The Middletown Springs Historical Society had a busy year in 2016!

In the Spring we held the Maple Festival which celebrates all things maple and brings a lot of people to our town. We worked with the Conservation Commission members at the Mineral Springs Park to pull garlic mustard, and other invasive weeds. Just before Memorial Day we met the 5th and 6th grade students at the Old Cemetery and placed flags on the graves of veterans of the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812 and the Civil War, sharing our research about individual veterans with the students.

As summer arrived, we held the Strawberry Festival and Crafts Fair, which again brought a large number of visitors to our community. We also participated in the Vermont History Expo with a new exhibit on Rev. Sylvanus Haynes, the first Baptist minister, that is now on display in the Museum auditorium.

In the fall we held our Annual Meeting where Bill Powers spoke about Irish Immigrants and the Powers Family. An Open House in October showed how we store and care for the museum collection. The Museum is open from Memorial Day through October on Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., and by appointment, and we encourage people to visit. Throughout the year we keep the Mineral Springs Park and the Historical Society building maintained and help people do genealogical research. We publish two newsletters each year and acquire local historic artifacts for preservation and exhibition.

We are grateful for each person who has donated artifacts, donated their time and talents and supported the Historical Society with membership dues and donations. Our Board of Trustees meet on the first Thursday of each month.

Visit our web site, www.middletownspringshistoricalsociety.org and see town photos, an events calendar and back issues of our newsletter.

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

2017 Events

Maple Festival	Sun., March 19;
Strawberry Festival	Sun., June 25;
Annual Meeting	Sun., Sept. 17;
Museum Open House	Sun., Oct. 8.

Trustees for 2016-2017 are: George Gonda, Pat Hemenway, Alice Hoisington, Bud Krouse, Jon Mathewson, and Karen Svenningsen

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Hemenway, Trustee and Treasurer

Mission Statement

The mission of the Middletown Springs Historical Society is to engage the community in understanding and appreciating the changing history of Middletown Springs, and to encourage local historic preservation. With sound fiscal management and through collaboration with local, state and national institutions, the Society realizes its mission by researching, interpreting and publishing facts and stories of the town's history and genealogy; by collecting, conserving and exhibiting local artifacts; by acquiring and preserving significant historic places; and by involving the public through diverse educational technologies, community events and educational programs.

Vision Statement

The Middletown Springs Historical Society is the community center for the understanding and appreciation of the evolving history of Middletown Springs.

Town of Middletown Springs
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS FIRST RESPONSE

Annual Town Report 2016

The membership of the Middletown Spring First Response would like to sincerely thank the citizens of our gracious community for its un-wavering support over the past year.

During the past 12 months we've responded to almost 40 calls that include: medical assessments, trauma related injuries, motor vehicle accidents and Fire Department stand-bys. Our average response time was 9.3 minutes. Our current roster consists of 7 members; 3 EMT's, 3 Emergency Medical Responders (EMR) and 1 Auxillary member/driver. From those members alone we have approximately 130 years of experience in the field. We've logged collectively over 400 man hours in training and on-scene time. The national and local state EMS agencies have a continuing education requirement of 40 credit hours per every 2 years.

We continue to grow our skill sets though training provided in-house, through our parent organization Poultney Rescue Squad, and via the Vermont State EMS office. Congratulations to both Debbie Hoisington and James Reed for recently passing thus upgrading their VT EMS Certification from EMR to EMT!! Their class alone comprised of over 160 classroom and practical training hours.

This past Summer we were able to procure 6 new hand held radios from RC Allen in West Rutland. We needed to purchase these radios as they use digital technology and are narrow band capable whereas our previous radios were not. The enables us to program very specific frequencies to allow us to communicate to other / neighboring agencies

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. Please contact Training Officer James Reed or any active member for details.

In years past, we've been able to level fund our budget. However, last year due to an increase for changes in rent to the Fire Department to house our vehicles and, purchasing protocol required medical inventory, we had to increase our budget from \$3,000 to \$4,500. However, this year, we were able to lower our funding request so as to help minimize any undue cost to our fellow residents. We continue to seek all applicable grants and graciously accept any contributions.

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 2016

Receipts:

Donations	371.12
Town Allocation	5,375.00
Memorials	760.00
Money Market Interest	61.15

TOTAL	\$ 6,567.25
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Disbursements:

Middletown Sp Fire Assoc. (Rent)	2,200.00
Postal Services	78.00
Vehicle Maintenance	137.71
Supplies	2,765.95

TOTAL	\$ 5,181.66
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Checking Balance as of Dec. 31, 2015	\$ 3,261.80
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Money Market Balance as of Dec. 31, 2015	\$ 29,726.57
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Note: Appropriation Request #12 on 2017 Town Warning

Town of Middletown Springs MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS PLANNING COMMISSION

2016 proved to be a very busy and challenging year for the Planning Commission. Key items undertaken include the following which are discussed further in this report:

- Town-wide Survey
- Updating Town Plan
- Orchard Road Solar Project
- Creative Economy Project
- Cell Service
- Commission Members and Volunteers

Preparation and drafting and updating the Town Plan for consideration by citizens at the 2017 March Town Meeting consumed considerable time. A key part of the preparation included a comprehensive town-wide survey. A total of approximately 400 residents and landowners were mailed surveys in October and 99 responded to the mailing, a return rate of almost twenty-five percent. This compared to 158 responses out of 588 surveys mailed in 2011 or just under 27%. The community feedback aided greatly in setting direction, goals and priorities for an updated Town Plan.

The Commission joined with the Select Board as neutral intervenors in the regulatory process for the proposed Orchard Road Solar Project. The two boards held a public meeting in June to gather citizen input and established a public record file for all correspondence related to the project at the Town Office. Commission Chair John Arsenault was selected to act as the Town's agent for the receipt of all filings in this matter. The file is available to the public at the Town Office.

The Creative Economy Project completed its work and made a final report to the community in January, 2016. Commissioner Tom Hurcomb and the Creative Economy Project Steering Committee consultant Kathy Letendre coordinated the community report plus the final report to the State for the Municipal Planning Grant that funded the project. The project's final report serves as the core for the updated Town Plan's focus on economic development for the community. A volunteer Creative Economy Committee led by Kathy Letendre continues to serve and work in coordination with the Planning Commission.

The Town's representative on the Rutland Regional Planning Commission serves as an important link to regional and state municipal issues. Our representative is Tom Hurcomb, who serves as a regional commissioner and on the RRPC Executive Committee and Energy Committees. At year's end the RRPC selected Middletown Springs to be a "pilot town" for developing guidelines to meet a new Vermont law regarding siting of commercial renewable energy projects. Complying with the new legislation is challenging but if done properly will afford the Town a stronger voice in regulatory proceedings regarding energy project siting in Middletown. This project will get underway in early 2017 and we will keep you informed as it progresses. We do feel that a revived Town Energy Committee would be a very useful resource as work on meeting the legislative goal is undertaken in 2017. If you are interested in energy conservation, renewable energy, and land use planning, please contact us.

During 2016 the Commission monitored public interest and regulatory information regarding the inactive cell tower in town. AT&T has stated to Vermont regulators it will activate the cell tower during 2017.

We were very fortunate to welcome Hilary Solomon to the Commission in May, filling a vacant third seat on the Commission. Hilary volunteered to serve and was appointed by the Select Board. Her involvement has been particularly helpful in preparing the town-wide survey and drafting the revised Town Plan. Also assisting the Commission in 2016 was citizen volunteer Elizabeth Cooper.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Middletown Springs Planning Commission
John E. Arsenault, Chair, Secretary
Tom Hurcomb
Hilary Solomon

Town of Middletown Springs REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

In 2016, the Middletown Springs Building Committee (BC) a subcommittee of the Selectboard held its Fourth Annual Town Meeting Day Food Sale, which raised \$610 for the project along with much public awareness.

Most of the work done in 2016 was in committee or behind the scenes so not as much visible change occurred on site as in the recent past.

The committee continued to review the design that was presented at the 2016 Town Meeting.

Committee representatives met with Jerry Parker of Parker Water Wells in May to discuss his requirements for drilling the well and then coordinated with Green Mountain Power regarding a temporary power pole and Long Trail Engineering regarding water testing.

GMP activated the power pole late in July and a contract with Parker Water Wells was finalized in early September. The drilling was put on hold temporarily due to a question about the permit documents, which was resolved at the end of October. As of this writing we are waiting for Parker Water Wells to have a break in their schedule during which time they will drill the well.

The committee identified and contacted a number of consultants regarding their costs for attending a one-day workshop that will be sponsored in part by Efficiency Vermont and for further work on the project after the conclusion of the workshop. The workshop will allow for an exchange of information and ideas with the goal being a more energy efficient building and a more streamlined design and construction process. This workshop is tentatively planned for early in 2017 and should yield lots of useful information.

The year ended with a change to the committee's structure. David Munyak, who has been chairperson since May of 2012, stepped down from the position due to increasing demands in his business and personal life, but remains an active member.

The committee elected Patty Kenyon as the new chairperson and the Building Committee looks forward to an active year ahead as it continues with this vitally important town project.

As always, Committee meetings are scheduled for the first Wednesday and the third Thursday of each month. Meetings are held in the Historical Society dining room during the warmer months or at the Library during the winter months. All interested community members are welcome to attend.

The Building Committee thanks the townspeople for their continuing support.

Respectfully submitted,

David Munyak
Former Committee Chair

Patty Kenyon
Current Committee Chair

Town of Middletown Springs REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Annual Report 2016

Members: Hilary Solomon, Lisa Thornton, and Elizabeth Cooper

The Middletown Springs Conservation Commission is a five-person board that manages the 14-acre Sullivan Educational Woods located off of Fitzgerald Road. Each year we clear the one-mile loop trail, sometimes working with volunteers and the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps to rid the woods of invasive barberry and honeysuckle. We often lead hikes and sometimes sponsor speakers, such as Alan Betts, who spoke this year in Wallingford about his atmospheric research and work on climate change in Vermont. Bett's talk was sponsored by four local conservation commissions, including ours.

The Conservation Commission also heads up Green-Up Day in May, assigning roads and handing out bags and snacks to volunteers. Past projects have included partnering with the Middletown Springs Elementary School to dig up the roots of poison parsnip plants near the school playing fields and assisting the Historical Society to remove garlic mustard at Mineral Springs Park.

The Conservation Commission is looking for new members. If you are interested in assisting with conservation-related activities in Middletown Springs, please contact a member and join us.

MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
PO BOX 1232, MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS, VERMONT 05757



Specialty Foods

Beth Miller made this artful representation of all of the foods raised, grown, and made in Middletown Springs. Tikko and Ellis Frelich carried it on behalf of the Creative Economy at the 2016 Memorial Day Parade.

Photo by Heidi Bagley

Town of Middletown Springs
POULTNEY RESCUE SQUAD, INC.

2016 Report

Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc is a volunteer agency that consists of 4 paid employees and 13 active volunteers. PRS responded to 449 calls in 2016. The breakdown in calls is as follows:

Calls in Poultney	294
Calls in Middletown Springs	42
Calls in Hampton	32
Calls in Tinmouth	2
Mutual Aid given to surrounding towns	79
Total Calls	449

Due to the increasing call volume, Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc hired additional staff this fiscal year. Katrina Davenport from Poultney was hired in September; James Reed from Middletown Springs was hired in September and Antony Lockwood from Brandon was hired in December. Chad Geno is entering his 5th year with PRS. Poultney Rescue provides paid coverage 7 days/week from 8am-6pm. Volunteers cover from 6pm – 8am.

Poultney Rescue continues to see a decline in volunteers joining the agency. Part of the reason is the huge time commitment necessary to become an EMT. EMT courses are offered once in a year in District 10 and require 140 hours of classroom learning. It is an 8 month, 2 nights a week commitment to take the course. In addition to the classroom learning, course participants are required to pass a series of rigorous practical skill stations before they are able to take the computer test at the end of the course. From start to finish, it takes a year to have an individual go through the course and trained to a certain competency level to operate as an EMT. Several individuals that start out as a volunteer will often seek employment as an EMT for a paid service. With this being said, one of the initiatives the Board of Officers will focus on is membership recruitment and retention.

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.

I would like to thank the volunteers of Poultney Rescue and Middletown Springs for their dedication. I'd also like to extend a thank you to the people in the communities that we serve for their support.

A special thank you goes to the men and 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 Poultney Thrift Shop were used to purchase Zoll monitors this year. Without the efforts of these individuals, this purchase would not have been possible. Thank you to Joanne Sweeney and her team for all that they do for PRS and the communities that we serve.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Winter, President PRS

The Officers for 2017: *Beth Winter*, President; *Fred Capron*, Vice President; *Jeff Elrick*, Captain; *Deb Hoisington*, Secretary; *Ken Cleveland*, Treasurer; *Chad Geno*, Training Officer.

Note: Appropriation Request #11 on 2017 Town Warning

Town of Middletown Springs
POULTNEY RESCUE SQUAD, INC.

Profit and Loss Statement January - December 2016

Income		Expenses	
Insurance	127,994.42	Administrative	4,852.00
Town Funding	23,355.95	Building	6,164.66
Subscriptions	19,140.00	Communications	3,615.98
Thrift Shop	11,971.72	Operations	19,858.40
Donations	7,939.12	Legal and Prof. fees	4,613.13
Grant	500.00	Insurance	34,614.00
Rodeo	3,300.00	Membership	9,837.75
Interest	222.65	Payroll Expense	71,576.58
Discounts	47.84	Interest Expense	1,756.81
Total Income	\$194,471.70	Utilities	7,396.15
		Vehicle Maint/Gas/Fuel	10,303.28
		Vehicle Loan Payments	19,381.31
		Vehicle Replacement	10,000.00
		Medical Supplies	10,418.87
		Thrift Shop Operating Expenses	4,457.77
		Total Expenses	\$218,846.69
		Net Loss	(\$24,374.99)

Note: Appropriation Request #11 on 2017 Town Warning



Got Books?

The Library is full of good reads for folks of all ages. Molly Hier and Martha Heitkamp check out two of the newest items on the shelves.

Photo provided by the Middletown Springs Public Library

Town of Middletown Springs
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Town Report 2016

The Library doubled the number of programs it offered this last fiscal year. We offered 61 programs which 686 people attended. These included ongoing and special programs including: story hour, toddler time, book discussions, knitting circle, movies, and presentations. The regularly scheduled Toddler Time has been well received and fills a critical gap in services to families with the youngest children. Public Digital Access continues to be an important role for the library, and to that end we offer WiFi Internet access, public computers, printer, scanner, and copier.

In the last fiscal year 32 new library cards have been issued; 475 people hold ACTIVE library cards – meaning they have used the library in last 2-3 years. This is significantly more than half of the town's residents. During Fiscal Year '15-'16, more than 212 people used their library card to borrow anywhere from 1 to 247 items. A total of 4,222 items circulated for a per capita average of 5.6.

The collection now holds 7590 items (6862 books and 728 audio/visual). While this number stays fairly constant, the titles change as we weed items which are no longer circulating to make room for new titles for patrons to read and watch. We are limited by space and shelf constraints to this capacity. The collection of non-traditional circulating items continues to grow. The library circulates a number of these items, including: 29 games, large crate of twinkle lights for events, knitting needles & patterns, as well as a Kindle. We are seeking donations to our collection of circulating equipment. Possible future additions might be specialized bakeware, canning equipment, sewing machine, a watt meter, and small soldering equipment.

In order to help facilitate the flow of information from town organizations to town residents, the Library has begun to produce a monthly newsletter. The newsletter is produced digitally as a pdf and is made available on the town's website, with announcements and links on Front Porch Forum and in emails to a growing digital subscriber list. Hard copies are printed and are available at the Library, the town office, and the store. For the cost of postage, a hard copy is sent to all who have asked.

After an exploratory year with a temporary position, the Library board approved and filled the position of assistant librarian, which meets the demands of increased library services and patron use.

The Library is supported by a cadre of volunteers who staff the circulation desk on evenings and weekends, and some who work on specific projects. This steady and growing group of men, women, and teenagers is critical to the success of our endeavors.

The library continues to grow in service to the community. We are small but mighty. We are proud to provide current bestsellers and classic books for readers of all ages, a growing selection of movies on DVD, as well as a diverse range of programs for the youngest to eldest in our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Bushnell Mathewson
Library Director

Town of Middletown Springs
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY

TREASURER'S REPORT
July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

	FY 15/16 BUDGET	FY 15/16 ACTUAL	FY 16/17 BUDGET	FY17/18 BUDGET
INCOME				
Town Allotment	17,150.00	17,150.00	20,665.00	22,000.00
Louis Library Fund	0	0	275.00	275.00
FOL Contribution	0	2,200.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Fine/Fees/Payments	50.00	27.20	50.00	50.00
Donations	500.00	336.11	225.00	260.00
Fundraising	4,850.00	3,672.09	6,050.00	6,500.00
State of Vermont	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$22,600.00	\$23,435.40	\$28,315.00	\$30,135.00
EXPENSES				
Librarian	11,746.92	9,334.89	12,975.00	14,040.00
Assistant Librarian	0	4,180.31	4,576.00	5,200.00
Payroll Taxes	1,946.16	2,099.60	1,342.65	1,540.00
Education	60.00	0	200.00	100.00
Library Materials	3,255.00	3,232.29	3,761.00	4,000.00
Heat	1,115.00	381.53	1,115.00	800.00
Electricity	1,225.00	951.09	1,225.00	1,000.00
Telephone/Internet	435.00	508.31	505.00	505.00
Library World/Automation Serv.	425.00	439.00	425.00	439.00
Supplies	360.00	677.72	215.00	215.00
Postage / ILL Courier	330.00	389.23	400.00	500.00
Snow Removal / Mowing	850.00	493.00	800.00	800.00
Membership Dues	25.00	152.00	25.00	25.00
Publicity	50.00	10.00	0.00	100.00
Programs	50.00	16.57	25.00	25.00
Fixtures	0	100.00	0.00	100.00
Technology (hard)	200.00	306.99	200.00	200.00
Technology (soft)	50.00	\$0	100.00	100.00
Facility Maintenance	350.00	530.11	350.00	350.00
Miscellaneous	76.92	64.51	25.35	46.00
Cash Reserve	50.00	0	50.00	50.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$22,600.00	\$23,867.15	\$28,315.00	\$30,135.00

**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 our elementary school. He leads a dedicated and professional staff of teachers, para-educators and support personnel. As of June 30 2017, the Superintendent of the RSWSU, Joan Paustian, will be retiring. The job for an interim Superintendent has been posted, that position will be for one year. Your school board members: Meredith Morgan, Sarah Haley, Christopher Smid, and Jenelle Carr are very dedicated and hard working. They have given generously of their time and effort this past year not only to our regular meetings but also to study committee and Act 46 work. I appreciate all their extra effort on behalf of our school, our students and our community.

The Supervisory Union Board is busy working with the Unions to negotiate new teacher and new support staff contracts, as the current one expires June 30, 2017. One major change in negotiations this year is that the current insurance provider will no longer offer the same coverage options as of December 31, 2017, as they were not in compliance with the Affordable Care Act and the cost was unsustainable. The new coverage options offered by the provider are a very different type of coverage than has ever been utilized by teachers and support staff in our district.

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. This school choice option will not change under the current Act 46 merger proposal. The Unified Union School District would have no ability to control the tuition that these schools charge for accepting our students, just as it is now.

This past year, the school board has been involved in, or tried to establish, informal study committees with Pawlet/Rupert and a number of other districts. We also participated in one formal study committee with the Rutland Central SU. As a result of that work, Articles of Agreement have been agreed upon in order to form WellsSprings Unified Union School District with the town of Wells. Our proposed District would be one side of a proposed "side by side" Supervisory Union where the other side would be Quarry Valley Unified Union School District, which would include the towns of Poultney, West Rutland and Proctor. The permission to take our proposed re-configuration to the voters of the towns involved must be granted by the Agency of Education and the State Board of Education. That approval was granted on January 17, 2017. The Board has been involved with or participated in at least three public forums regarding our work on Act 46, and there will be several more opportunities to get information as our proposed merger goes forward. The next opportunity to hear about our work for residents of Middletown Springs and Wells is January 24, 2017. There will also be a public hearing and informational meeting about the proposed merger on Wednesday March 1, 2017 at the school. We are required to hold a public hearing within ten days of the vote at Town School District Meeting.

The proposed Unified Union School District vote necessitates a separate warning this year, so there will be two school warnings. The Middletown Springs School budget warning, AND the WellsSprings Unified Union School District warning.

The Middletown Springs School warning will ask voters to:

1. Approve a school budget for FY '18
2. Approve school directors for Middletown Springs School*

The WellsSpring Unified Union School District warning will ask voters to:

1. Approve the WellsSprings Unified Union School District
2. Approve a Board of Directors for the WellsSprings Unified Union School District, if approved.

*You will still be asked to vote on Middletown Springs School Board Directors as our current configuration will continue for at least one more year.

The informational meeting for the Middletown Springs School Budget and election of School Board Directors will still happen Monday March 6, 2017 as scheduled. More information about the proposed merger can be found at www.wellsspringsmerger.com, or feel free to contact any current school board member.

The overall budget is \$2,207,006.87, which is a decrease of approximately \$380,000 from last year. The Equalized Pupil Cost for the Middletown Springs School District is \$15,737.55, a decrease of 5.1%.

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 feel confident that the WellsSprings merger allows us the flexibility to lower our costs per student and be more efficient as a district, 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 MSES Principal

Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union was one of four supervisory unions that participated in the Vermont Agency of Education study on how schools are meeting the Educational Quality Standards (EQS). EQS encompasses four major areas: academic performance, personalized learning, safe, healthy schools and financial efficiency. The study is designed so that each supervisory union is reviewed by the other study participants as well as representatives from the Agency of Education. In October, the reviewers visited Middletown Springs and the other schools in our SU to review evidence that we had collected for each area. Most importantly, the reviewers were able to interview students, parents, and staff to get insight into how the supervisory union and MSES are meeting EQS. The supervisory union's participation in the study will help guide us on what we are doing well and areas that we need to further develop.

Last spring, MSES's third and sixth 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. Our fourth graders were also administered the NECAP Science Test. Because our class size doesn't meet the minimum required student number, the results cannot be reported. However, I can share that the results showed improvement in science instruction for our students. I would encourage all community members to visit the school's website at www.rswsu.org and view the "Annual School Report Card, School Year 2015-2016."

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

The students have had many learning opportunities over the past year. Our school was fortunate to receive a grant from the Vermont Arts Council to help bring the "No Strings" Marionette Company to MSES for a week-long residency. The students designed and created puppets and performed for parents and community members. The students once again had an opportunity to participate in the Winter Sports Program with a choice of skiing, snowboarding, or ice skating. I would like to recognize the Friends for Education (FFE) for helping to support both activities. The whole school went on a field trip to the Montshire Museum in Norwich for some hands-on science learning experiences. MSES also received a Tinkering Grant from the Montshire Museum and the Vermont Afterschool Alliance. Tinkering is defined as the playful, exploratory, and social style of engaging with science content by creating a personally meaningful object. When people are tinkering, they are constantly trying out ideas, making adjustments and refinements, and experimenting with new possibilities. We are working to develop this type of creativity and wide-ranging interests in our students at MSES.

The physical structure of the Middletown Springs Elementary School is an asset that requires ongoing upkeep for the benefit of the community. Over the past summer, new carpet was installed in the kindergarten classroom and new linoleum in the kitchen. The plan is to replace more carpeting for the upcoming year. The most important building issue is the siding on the new addition of the school. There has been an ongoing problem with the clapboards that needs to be addressed. Because of the grant that the school received (a number of years ago) for the new slate roofing, it is important that the replaced clapboards meet the historical standards for the original part of the school. These improvements demonstrate a commitment by the community to maintain our school as an asset for the future.

As I approach my seventh year as Principal at Middletown Springs Elementary School, I continue to have 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 coming 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

Town of Middletown Springs
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Projected Enrollment Numbers For 2016-2017

<u>Elementary Level</u>		<u>Secondary Level</u>		<u>Secondary Level School Choice</u>	
Pre-K	12	7th	11	Mill River Union High School	33
K	8	8th	8	Poultney High School	7
1st	8	9th	14	Long Trail School	14
2nd	8	10th	7	LiHigh School	1
3rd	9	11th	13	Burr & Burton	4
4th	10	12th	11	West Rutland	2
5th	8	Total	64	Fair Haven Grade School	2
6th	8			Fair Haven Union High School	1
Total	71				



Summer Theater Camp!

The Theater in the Woods Camp contingent ready to march in the 2016 Memorial Day Parade as part of the Creative Economy.

Photo by Heidi Bagley

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 \$10,076 of spending per equalized pupil
County: Rutland		Rutland Southwest		10,076	1.00
				11,875	Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income
Expenditures		FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$2,289,728	\$2,428,784	\$2,393,217	\$2,242,007
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	\$2,289,728	\$2,428,784	\$2,393,217	\$2,242,007
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-
7.	Total Budget	\$2,289,728	\$2,428,784	\$2,393,217	\$2,242,007
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)	\$388,921	\$325,684	\$406,008	\$336,190
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	\$388,921	\$325,684	\$406,008	\$336,190
14.	Education Spending	\$1,900,807	\$2,103,100	\$1,987,209	\$1,905,817
15.	Equalized Pupils	118.75	121.67	119.80	121.10
16.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$16,006.80	\$17,285.28	\$16,587.72	\$15,737.55
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$388.00	\$339.37	\$339.44	-
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
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)	-	-	-	-
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per eqpup)	NA	-	-	-
25.	Excess spending threshold	threshold = \$16,166 \$16,166.00	threshold = \$17,103 \$17,103.00	Allowable growth \$17,408.99	threshold = \$17,386 \$17,386.00
26.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	\$16,007	\$17,285	\$16,588	\$15,737.55
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	172.394%	182.739%	170.990%	156.188%
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	based on \$9.285	based on \$9.285	based on yield \$9.701	based on yield \$10.076
Prorating the local tax rate					
29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [\$15,737.55 ÷ (\$10,076.00 / \$1.000)]	\$1.6895	\$1.8091	\$1.7099	\$1.5619
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 \$1.56)	\$1.6895	\$1.8091	\$1.7099	\$1.5619
32.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	101.43%	102.70%	102.94%	104.99%
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.5619 / 104.99%)	\$1.6657	\$1.7615	\$1.6611	\$1.4877
		based on \$0.98	based on \$0.99	based on \$1.00	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) [(\$15,737.55 ÷ \$11,875) x 2.00%]	3.10%	3.29%	3.05%	2.65%
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.65%)	3.10%	3.29%	3.05%	2.65%
36.		-	-	-	-
37.		-	-	-	-

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$10,076 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$11,875 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.550. **New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and the income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate..**

- 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 FY16	Actual FY16	Budget FY17	Budget FY18
Total Revenue	2,428,784	2,451,697	2,393,217	2,242,007
Total Expenditures	2,428,784	2,254,684	2,393,217	2,242,007
Fund Balance	\$0	\$197,013	\$0	\$0
REVENUES				
LOCAL REVENUE				
Prior Year Carryover	0	0	93,348	197,013
VT LEA Tuition	0	41,591	0	0
Tuition Refund	0	5,535	0	0
Interest Income	0	7,747	0	7,000
Building Rental	0	25	0	0
SU Assessment Refund	1,891	1,891	2,964	8,837
Miscellaneous Income	6,739	11,985	0	0
LOCAL REVENUE	\$8,630	\$68,774	\$96,313	\$212,850
STATE REVENUE				
Act 68 Res/Non-Res Ed. Ta	2,078,413	2,078,413	1,969,337	1,887,799
From State to Tech Center	24,688	24,688	17,872	18,018
Small Schools Grant	90,087	90,087	87,775	86,486
State Placed Rev	0	15,650	0	15,353
STATE REVENUE	\$2,193,188	\$2,208,838	\$2,074,985	\$2,007,656
SPECIAL EDUCATION REVENUE				
Excess Cost	0	10,197	6,150	0
Block Grant	46,943	46,943	47,642	0
Intensive	171,774	92,895	159,803	21,501
P/Y Intensive Adjustment	0	79	0	0
Pre-School	8,249	8,249	8,325	0
State Placed Student-Sped	0	15,722	0	0
SPECIAL EDUCATION REVENUE	\$226,966	\$174,084	\$221,920	\$21,501
TOTAL REVENUES	\$2,428,784	\$2,451,697	\$2,393,217	\$2,242,007

Town of Middletown Springs
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

EXPENDITURE REPORT

FUND TRANSFERS	Budget FY16	Actual FY16	Budget FY17	Budget FY18
Deficit	48,053	48,053	0	0
Fund Transfer - Food Service	31,018	18,353	17,471	18,054
Fund Transfer - Capital M	0	0	0	35,000
FUND TRANSFERS	\$79,071	\$66,407	\$17,471	\$53,054
ELEMENTARY REGULAR ED				
Teacher S Lantman	57,609	57,609	58,675	58,675
Teacher J Ray	48,014	0	0	0
Teacher J Rocque-Tifft	44,525	44,525	46,570	46,570
Teacher A Williams	0	40,305	42,438	42,438
Teacher L Wilkins .40	25,620	24,780	26,094	26,094
Teacher J Kreilkamp .50	26,516	26,625	27,617	27,617
Teacher T Haskins	0	0	0	17,571
Teacher R Bruttomesso	57,938	0	0	0
Teacher D McConville	0	63,940	65,309	65,309
IA Reg Ed C Mahoney .50	9,678	0	0	0
Substitutes	0	135	0	0
Insurance Buyback	0	1,500	1,500	2,100
Group Health Insurance	86,215	56,647	56,181	53,715
Fica & Medi	20,647	18,959	20,403	21,908
Municipal Retirement	387	0	0	0
Tuition Reimbursement	6,000	1,356	6,000	6,000
Dental/Eye Care	2,700	2,000	2,700	2,650
OPEB Retirement	0	1,097	0	1,097
Prof Svs-Kelly Svs	12,000	10,311	12,000	12,000
Section 504 Services	3,000	1,877	3,000	3,000
Repair/Maint Services	5,000	5,460	5,000	5,000
Student Insurance	375	375	375	375
General Supplies	8,000	6,591	8,000	8,500
Supplies - Computer	3,500	2,143	3,500	3,500
Books & Periodicals	6,500	7,241	6,500	6,500
Dues & Fees	2,000	1,458	2,000	2,000
Misc Expenditures	0	0	7,614	33,378
ELEMENTARY REGULAR ED	\$426,223	\$374,935	\$401,475	\$445,996
ITN ART PROGRAM				
Prof Svs-RSWSU Assessment	10,470	10,470	10,904	11,177
Supplies	500	480	500	500
ITN ART PROGRAM	\$10,970	\$10,950	\$11,404	\$11,677
ITN HEALTH & SAFETY				
Prof Svs-RSWSU Assessment	32,978	32,978	33,551	0

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EXPENDITURE REPORT

	Budget FY16	Actual FY16	Budget FY17	Budget FY18
ITN HEALTH & SAFETY continued...				
Supplies	500	492	500	0
ITN HEALTH & SAFETY	\$33,478	\$33,470	\$34,051	\$0
ITN MUSIC PROGRAM				
Prof Svs-RSWSU Assessment	11,406	11,406	11,966	12,573
Supplies	500	488	500	500
ITN MUSIC PROGRAM	\$11,906	\$11,894	\$12,466	\$13,073
GIFTED & TALENTED				
Supplies	2,000	2,189	2,000	2,000
Dues & Fees	0	800	0	0
GIFTED & TALENTED	\$2,000	\$2,989	\$2,000	\$2,000
SUMMER SCHOOL SERVICES				
Summer School Teacher	3,500	4,223	3,500	3,500
Fica & Medi	268	323	268	268
SUMMER SCHOOL SERVICES	\$3,768	\$4,546	\$3,768	\$3,768
ITN HEALTH SERVICES				
Prof Svs-RSWSU Assessment	11,149	11,149	16,088	14,690
Repairs & Maintenance	75	0	75	75
Supplies	500	638	500	500
ITN HEALTH SERVICES	\$11,724	\$11,787	\$16,663	\$15,265
ITN COUNSELOR				
Prof Svs-RSWSU Assessment	4,533	10,081	7,993	17,622
Supplies	0	0	200	200
ITN COUNSELOR	\$4,533	\$10,081	\$8,193	\$17,822
ED MEDIA SERVICES				
Repairs/Maint/Tech	1,500	99	1,500	1,500
Supplies	3,500	5,509	3,500	3,500
Computer Software	1,500	878	1,500	1,500
Dues & Fees	1,500	0	1,500	1,500
ED MEDIA SERVICES	\$8,000	\$6,486	\$8,000	\$8,000
LIBRARY SERVICES				
IA Library K Carr .38	8,366	8,394	8,366	8,669
Fica & Medi	640	642	640	663
Supplies	150	149	150	150
Books & Periodicals	900	823	900	900
Dues & Fees	200	99	200	200
LIBRARY SERVICES	\$10,256	\$10,107	\$10,256	\$10,582

Town of Middletown Springs
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

EXPENDITURE REPORT

	Budget FY16	Actual FY16	Budget FY17	Budget FY18
BOARD OF EDUCATION				
Board Member	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200
Recording Clerk	720	570	720	720
Fica & Medi	223	210	223	223
Workman's Comp	4,649	4,498	4,634	4,773
Unemployment	307	365	376	387
Prof Svs - Consultant	1,500	250	1,500	1,500
Audit	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,200
Legal Services	5,000	17,734	5,000	5,000
Advertising	400	73	400	400
Supplies	150	214	150	150
Dues & Fees	1,600	1,530	1,600	1,600
BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$20,950	\$31,844	\$21,003	\$21,154
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE				
RSWSU Assessment	97,792	97,792	96,361	96,765
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE	\$97,792	\$97,792	\$96,361	\$96,765
PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE				
Principal R Beal	66,966	71,988	71,988	74,867
Admin Asst S Rosso	35,360	37,947	36,538	37,578
Substitute Secretary	3,500	595	3,500	1,500
Principal Extra Contract	5,021	0	0	0
Insurance Buyback	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Group Health Insurance	7,533	7,588	8,128	7,614
Fica & Medi	8,210	8,508	8,570	8,832
Life Insurance	1,632	1,568	1,632	1,632
Municipal Retirement	1,414	1,661	1,462	1,503
Tuition Reimbursement	3,000	2,375	3,000	3,000
Dental/Eye Care	1,000	550	1,000	1,100
Prof Svs-Kelly Svs	0	1,685	0	2,000
Communications	3,500	5,095	5,000	5,000
Printing & Binding	200	143	200	200
Travel	400	611	400	400
Supplies	600	402	600	600
Books & Periodicals	200	54	200	20
Computer Software	900	1,294	900	900
Dues & Fees	2,000	1,747	2,000	2,000
PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE	\$142,938	\$145,311	\$146,618	\$150,246
FISCAL SERVICES				
Treasurer	900	900	900	900
Fica & Medi	69	69	69	69

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EXPENDITURE REPORT

FISCAL SERVICES continued...	Budget FY16	Actual FY16	Budget FY17	Budget FY18
Supplies	150	0	150	150
Dues & Fees	50	0	50	50
Interest	4,000	6,881	4,000	7,000
FISCAL SERVICES	\$5,169	\$7,850	\$5,169	\$8,169
PLANT OPERATIONS & MAINT				
Custodian M LaBate	35,464	0	0	0
Custodian D Tatro	0	37,854	37,564	38,792
Sub Custodian	500	0	500	500
On call Stipend	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Insurance Buyback	1,000	0	0	0
Group Health Insurance	0	8,286	8,128	7,614
Fica & Medi	2,943	3,011	3,027	3,121
Municipal Retirement	1,519	1,574	1,563	1,612
Dental/Eye Care	500	0	500	600
Water Quality	1,750	1,240	1,750	1,750
Repair/Maint Services	45,000	49,275	45,000	75,000
Refuse Removal	3,000	3,527	3,500	3,500
Snow Plowing	2,500	1,420	4,000	4,000
Lawn Care Service	1,250	1,662	1,500	1,500
Lease	10,502	6,655	6,655	0
Insurance	6,861	6,594	6,792	6,996
Supplies	6,000	4,871	6,000	6,000
Electricity	14,000	16,297	15,500	16,000
Bottled Gas	3,300	712	3,000	2,500
Fuel Oil	17,000	14,071	17,000	17,000
PLANT OPERATIONS & MAINT	\$154,588	\$158,548	\$163,478	\$187,983
TRANSPORTATION				
Field Trips	1,200	1,334	2,200	3,500
TRANSPORTATION	\$1,200	\$1,334	\$2,200	\$3,500
LONG TERM DEBT				
Interest	1,291	951	951	0
Water Loan Interest	431	412	391	370
Principal	40,000	39,537	38,622	0
Water Loan Principal	661	681	701	722
LONG TERM DEBT	\$42,383	\$41,580	\$40,665	\$1,092
SECONDARY REGULAR ED				
Prof Svs - Section 504	0	18,570	0	9,285
In State Tuition	552,829	574,813	649,222	644,223

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EXPENDITURE REPORT

SECONDARY REGULAR ED continued...	Budget FY16	Actual FY16	Budget FY17	Budget FY18
Prior Yr. Excess Tuition	0	0	4,566	0
Tuition Out VT	14,165	14,297	14,726	0
Private School Tuition	254,962	207,297	220,889	288,950
SECONDARY REGULAR ED	\$821,956	\$814,977	\$889,403	\$942,458
SPECIAL EDUCATION				
SpEd SU	0	0	0	69,188
SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$69,188
ELEMENTARY SPECIAL ED				
IA K Cronin	21,088	19,282	19,588	10,190
IA SpEd C Mahoney	9,678	19,513	19,356	20,147
IA E Tyler	0	5,147	0	0
IA D McConville	29,413	0	0	0
IA SpEd L Hanson .30	8,338	0	0	0
Substitutes	500	0	0	0
Insurance Buyback	0	270	0	0
Group Health Insurance	18,833	13,327	16,257	11,419
Fica & Medi	5,280	3,111	2,979	2,321
Municipal Retirement	2,741	1,850	1,558	1,213
Workman's Comp	366	565	582	599
Unemployment	38	59	61	63
Dental/Eye Care	1,500	1,100	1,000	900
Prof Svs-Kelly Svs	4,000	1,147	0	0
Sped SU	66,369	213,133	298,480	0
Supplies	500	0	0	0
Books & Periodicals	300	0	0	0
Computer Software	200	0	0	0
Dues & Fees	500	0	0	0
Misc. Expense	0	0	0	758
ELEMENTARY SPECIAL ED	\$169,643	\$278,504	\$359,861	\$47,610
SUMMER SCHOOL - SPED				
Instructional Asst	2,415	0	0	0
Fica & Medi	185	0	0	0
SUMMER SCHOOL - SPED	\$2,600	\$0	\$0	\$0
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES				
Professional Services	17,548	0	0	0
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	\$17,548	\$0	\$0	\$0
SPEECH LANGUAGE SERVICES				
Speech Language Services	29,884	0	0	0

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EXPENDITURE REPORT

	Budget FY16	Actual FY16	Budget FY17	Budget FY18
SPEECH LANGUAGE SERVICES continued...				
Supplies	300	0	0	0
SPEECH LANGUAGE SERVICES	\$30,184	\$0	\$0	\$0
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES				
OT Services	12,996	0	0	0
PT Services	5,734	0	0	0
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$18,730	\$0	\$0	\$0
SPECIAL ED ADMINISTRATION				
Assessment	20,145	20,145	19,150	14,458
SPECIAL ED ADMINISTRATION	\$20,145	\$20,145	\$19,150	\$14,458
SECONDARY SPECIAL ED				
SpEd SU	0	0	0	0
Excess Costs	133,952	0	0	0
SECONDARY SPECIAL ED	\$133,952	\$0	\$0	\$0
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES				
Professional Services	9,000	0	0	0
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	\$9,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
EARLY EDUCATION				
Teacher J Kreilkamp .50	26,516	26,516	27,617	27,617
IA K Bryne .53	0	8,176	8,297	0
IA K Cronin .53	0	0	0	10,190
IA Pre-K L Hanson .53	3,335	0	0	0
IA Pre-K K Carr .10	6,835	0	0	0
Group Health Insurance	9,374	9,446	14,422	13,606
Fica & Medi	2,806	2,488	2,747	2,892
Municipal Retirement	0	0	0	408
Dental/Eye Care	250	250	500	550
Supplies	450	248	450	450
Books & Periodicals	100	100	100	100
EARLY EDUCATION	\$49,666	\$47,223	\$54,133	\$55,812
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES				
Psych Services	4,500	0	3,000	0
Speech Services	5,767	0	0	0
OT Services	4,650	1,844	1,869	0
PT Services	3,167	0	3,749	0
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$18,084	\$1,844	\$8,617	\$0

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MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

EXPENDITURE REPORT

	Budget FY16	Actual FY16	Budget FY17	Budget FY18
VOCATIONAL PROGRAM				
Act 68 Voc Tuition Grant	24,688	24,688	17,872	18,018
Act 68 Tuition	14,975	14,365	12,276	13,654
VOCATIONAL PROGRAM	\$39,663	\$39,053	\$30,148	\$31,672
CO-CURRICULAR				
Sports Coaches	1,400	700	1,400	1,400
Odyssey Coaches	750	750	750	750
Sports Coordinator	500	500	500	500
Fica & Medi	203	149	203	203
Professional Services	300	0	300	300
Supplies	300	0	300	300
Wellness	300	0	300	300
CO-CURRICULAR	\$3,753	\$2,099	\$3,753	\$3,753
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM				
Homework Club	25,000	21,315	25,000	25,000
Fica & Medi	1,913	1,613	1,913	1,913
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM	\$26,913	\$22,928	\$26,913	\$26,913
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,428,784	\$2,254,684	\$2,393,217	\$2,242,007



Library Workout

The Library's cadre of parade marchers included Maureen McCormack, Emery Letendre, Kimberly Mathewson, Emmett Morgan, and Meara Morgan.

Photo by Kathy Letendre

Town of Middletown Springs
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

FOOD SERVICE REPORT

	Budget FY16	Actual FY16	Budget FY17	Budget FY18
FOOD SERVICE REVENUE				
Fund Transfer - GF	31,018	18,353	17,471	18,054
Miscellaneous Sales	11,000	12,669	17,000	12,500
Federal Lunch Subgrant	13,500	23,909	19,500	22,000
Hot Lunch State Match	7,500	0	0	0
FFVG Reimbursement	0	2,242	3,750	3,750
FOOD SERVICE REVENUE	\$63,018	\$57,173	\$57,721	\$56,304
FOOD SERVICE EXPENSE				
Asst Cook	0	0	0	5,185
Cook L Myette	28,931	29,123	28,769	22,701
Subs	0	1,083	0	0
Insurance Buyback	1,000	1,000	1,000	740
Fica & Medi	2,290	2,387	2,201	2,190
Municipal Retirement	1,197	1,205	1,151	908
Dental/Eye Care	500	0	500	480
Prof Svs - Kelly Svs	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
Supplies	1,500	1,715	1,500	1,500
Supplies - Food	19,000	15,828	16,000	16,000
Supplies - Food - Breakfast Pr	7,000	4,534	5,000	5,000
Computer Software	300	299	300	300
Dues & Fees	300	0	300	300
FOOD SERVICE EXPENSE	\$63,018	\$57,173	\$57,721	\$56,304
TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND BALANCE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



Waiting for Pick-up

A gaggle of "patrons" pass the time reading a story while waiting to be reunited with their loving owners after the 2016 Stuffed Animal Sleepover.

Photo provided by the Middletown Springs Public Library

**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 Mattison, 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

Board members and a number of community members from our four Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union communities (Ira, Middletown Springs, Poultney, and Wells) have worked tirelessly and have attended many meetings to comply with the requirements of Act 46, a law passed by the Vermont legislators in 2015.

The goal of Act 46 is to achieve sustainable governance, to improve and increase educational opportunities and outcomes for students, and to provide greater economic and operational efficiencies. Incentives will be given to complying school districts: tax reductions, retaining small schools grants, and the ability to determine the merger partners. Penalties were also established with Act 46 for districts not merging: no tax incentives, the loss of small schools grants, the requirement to conduct a self-study, and an uncertain school district future to be determined by the Vermont Secretary of Education in 2018.

Each school district board explored options and reached out to other like districts. Strategies for finding potential merger partners and for forming new school districts were diverse (details can be found on the rwsu.org website or by contacting school board or study committee members). An extensive Act 46 proposal has been sent to the Vermont State Board of Education for their approval on January 17, 2017. Once the proposal is approved by the State Board of Education, voter approval for the mergers of the new school districts is also necessary. The vote will be March 7, 2017.

The proposal will include:

- Merging Poultney, Proctor, and West Rutland School districts into the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District (PreK-12) –voter approval is required
- Merging Wells and Middletown Springs into the Wells Springs Unified Union School District (PreK-6 and tuitioning 7-12) - voter approval is required
- Merging Rutland Central and Rutland Southwest Supervisory Unions into a newly formed supervisory union (yet to be named) – requires Vermont State Board of Education approval
 - Including Rutland Town School District as a stand-alone in the new SU
 - Including Ira School District as a stand-alone in the new SU

RSWSU schools have been focusing on both Proficiency Based Learning and Personalization as required by the new Vermont Educational Quality Standards. Our Curriculum, Instructional Strategies and Assessments are being updated in order to better support our students. Teachers have been meeting at grade and department levels to accomplish the work needed to change and improve our curriculum, instruction and assessments. Administrators and teachers have been analyzing data to inform and personalize/differentiate instruction. Most students have Chromebooks or other devices on their desks to access information and use as a learning tool. All students in grades 7-12 are in the process of developing their own electronic Personal Learning Plan.

Our SU and schools have remained stable with only a few personnel changes this year.

Our schools are the heart of our communities and all of our students benefit from your support. We would like to thank our communities for their involvement in our many programs and activities. Your input in the Act 46 forums has been valuable as the study committees create proposals that will benefit from the Act 46 merger decisions. The journey has been challenging, yet we are optimistic that the mergers will result in greater opportunities and outcomes for the students of each community, while creating greater operational and economic efficiencies.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Joan Paustian

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, 2016 our Child Count for special education recognized 138 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



At Your Service

Ready... set... Pie For Breakfast! Anna Mathewson, Kristal Hier, Veronika Thornton, Bailey Hier, and Molly Hier at your service.

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Town of Middletown Springs
RUTLAND SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION

CENTRAL OFFICE BUDGET

REVENUES	Budget FY16	Actual FY16	Budget FY17	Budget FY18
CENTRAL OFFICE ASSMNT				
Ira	36,147	36,147	30,400	33,214
Middletown Springs	97,792	97,792	96,361	96,765
Poultney	296,966	296,966	292,890	288,613
Wells	101,009	101,009	112,091	122,435
CENTRAL OFFICE ASSMNT	\$531,915	\$531,915	\$531,742	\$541,026
ITN ASSESSMENTS				
Middletown Springs	76,084	76,084	84,001	50,491
Tinmouth	52,172	49,385	50,703	18,040
Wells	66,588	66,588	62,326	75,458
ITN ASSESSMENTS	\$194,844	\$192,057	\$197,031	\$143,990
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME				
Miscellaneous Income	0	3,096	0	0
Interest Income CB Checkg	0	26	0	0
Misc - Fingerprinting	0	559	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$0	\$3,681	\$0	\$0
SPECIAL ED ASSESSMENT				
Ira	2,417	2,417	3,330	3,213
Middletown Springs	20,145	20,145	19,150	14,460
Poultney	64,465	64,465	67,442	60,250
Wells	28,203	28,203	24,979	23,297
SPECIAL ED ASSESSMENT	\$115,231	\$115,231	\$114,901	\$101,220
SPECIAL ED BILLBACKS				
Special Ed Billbacks	932,496	342,044	328,366	336,482
SpEd-SVS-BILLBACK	\$932,496	\$342,044	\$328,366	\$336,482
EEE ASSESSMENT				
Poultney	83,154	83,154	81,175	0
EEE ASSESSMENT	\$83,154	\$83,154	\$81,175	\$0
TOTAL REVENUES	\$1,857,640	\$1,268,082	\$1,253,216	\$1,122,718
EXPENDITURES				
EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT				
Tuition Reimbursement	0	2,236	0	0
Dental/Eye Care	0	296	0	0
Travel	200	139	200	0
Supplies	400	96	200	200
Dues & Fees	1,500	650	500	500
EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT	\$2,100	\$3,417	\$900	\$700

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CENTRAL OFFICE BUDGET

	Budget FY16	Actual FY16	Budget FY17	Budget FY18
TECHNOLOGY				
Tech Crdntr G Styles .40	26,265	26,265	26,265	27,729
Group Health Insurance	2,961	3,001	3,179	2,978
Fica & Medi	2,009	2,009	2,009	2,121
Dental/Eye Care	194	0	194	194
Travel	1,350	1,195	1,350	1,350
Supplies-Tech Related	2,000	3,219	4,000	4,000
Computer Software	3,000	0	0	0
Dues & Fees - Spam Filter	3,000	1,117	4,500	4,500
TECHNOLOGY	\$40,779	\$36,807	\$41,498	\$42,872
ADMINISTRATION				
Admin Asst J Hughes	39,388	39,693	39,390	41,594
Board Secretary	1,000	325	1,000	1,000
Group Health Insurance	14,548	7,421	7,948	7,444
Fica & Medi	3,090	2,969	3,090	3,258
Municipal Retirement	1,616	1,593	1,616	1,664
Dental/Eye Care	485	385	485	485
Legal Fees	6,000	2,583	6,000	6,000
Legal Fees - Special Ed	4,000	0	4,000	4,000
Repair/Maint Services	3,500	2,397	2,500	2,500
Insurance	2,500	2,757	2,500	2,840
Communications	8,000	6,994	7,000	7,000
Advertising	2,500	2,502	2,500	2,500
Travel	700	601	700	700
Supplies	6,000	6,361	4,000	4,000
Dues, Fees, Mtg, Conf	350	735	350	350
ADMINISTRATION	\$93,677	\$77,316	\$83,078	\$85,335
SUPERINTENDENT				
Superintendent J Paustian	115,960	116,428	115,960	118,859
Group Health Insurance	14,548	14,587	15,623	14,753
Fica & Medi	8,871	8,664	8,871	9,093
Life Insurance	1,240	1,240	1,240	1,240
Dental/Eye Care	485	235	485	485
Travel	2,250	1,762	2,250	2,250
Supplies	375	0	0	0
Dues, Fees, Mtg, Conf	4,850	6,470	5,000	6,500
SUPERINTENDENT	\$148,580	\$149,385	\$149,429	\$153,180
FISCAL SERVICES				
Payroll/Bene L Alderman	33,502	33,759	33,501	35,378
RSWSU Treasurer	1,917	1,917	1,917	2,024
Business Mgr L Milazzo	75,190	75,190	75,190	79,381

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FISCAL SERVICES continued...	Budget FY16	Actual FY16	Budget FY17	Budget FY18
AP/AR Clerk K Marino	31,595	32,797	32,547	34,359
Group Health Insurance	34,304	34,187	36,838	35,178
Fica & Medi	10,879	10,202	10,951	11,562
Municipal Retirement	5,688	5,718	5,650	5,965
Workmans Comp	3,344	3,396	3,497	3,498
Unemployment	1,209	489	504	504
Dental/Eye Care	1,455	1,455	1,455	1,455
Prof Svs - Finger Print	0	849	0	0
Audit	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600
Repair & Maint Svs	0	0	0	2,000
Repair & Maint - Tech Rel	2,000	2,069	2,000	0
Travel	2,250	1,702	2,250	2,250
Supplies	2,000	1,405	2,000	2,000
Dues, Fees, Mtg, Conf	1,250	466	1,250	1,250
Misc. Expenditures	0	0	6,136	0
FISCAL SERVICES	\$213,183	\$212,200	\$222,285	\$223,403
PLANT OPERATIONS & MAINT				
Fica & Medi	0	15	0	0
Prof Services - Cleaning	1,500	1,365	1,500	1,500
Repair & Maintenance	0	725	0	0
Building Rent	31,847	31,848	32,803	33,786
Supplies	250	84	250	250
PLANT OPERATIONS & MAINT	\$33,597	\$34,037	\$34,553	\$35,536
ITN ART PROGRAM				
ITN Art T MacDonald .55	23,577	24,268	25,533	26,949
Insurance Buyback	825	825	825	825
Fica & Medi	1,867	1,920	1,953	2,125
Tuition Reimbursement	908	2,016	908	908
Dental/Eye Care	267	0	267	267
Prof Serv - Kelly Service	500	271	500	500
Supplies	500	0	0	0
Dues & Fees	350	0	0	0
ITN ART PROGRAM	\$28,793	\$29,299	\$29,986	\$31,573
ITN PHYSICAL EDUCATION				
Teacher T Tinsley .80	47,022	46,498	47,850	0
Group Health Insurance	11,639	10,146	12,427	0
Fica & Medi	3,597	3,042	3,660	0
Tuition Reimbursement	1,320	0	1,320	0
Dental/Eye Care	388	388	388	0

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ITN PHYSICAL EDUCATION continued...	Budget FY16	Actual FY16	Budget FY17	Budget FY18
TSA Match	940	927	957	0
Prof Serv - Kelly Service	500	868	500	0
Supplies	200	200	0	0
Dues & Fees	350	199	0	0
ITN PHYSICAL EDUCATION	\$65,956	\$62,267	\$67,102	\$0
ITN MUSIC PROGRAM				
ITN Music M Barron .55	27,071	27,666	29,012	29,737
Insurance Buyback	0	825	0	825
Fica & Medi	2,071	2,148	2,219	2,338
Tuition Reimbursement	908	1,500	908	908
Dental/Eye Care	267	0	267	267
Prof Srvs - Kelly Service	500	108	500	500
Supplies	200	0	0	0
Dues & Fees	350	0	0	0
ITN MUSIC PROGRAM	\$31,366	\$32,248	\$32,906	\$34,575
ITN HEALTH SERVICES				
Nurse A Ridlon .50	0	20,881	22,563	0
Nurse C Bongartz .50	0	0	0	30,750
Nurse A Arlen .60	28,026	0	0	0
Insurance Buyback	900	750	750	750
Fica & Medi	2,213	1,655	1,783	2,410
Tuition Reimbursement	967	0	825	825
Dental/Eye Care	291	0	243	243
OPEB Retirement	0	1,097	0	1,097
Repair & Maintenance	200	115	0	0
Travel	300	0	500	500
Supplies	200	0	0	0
Dues & Fees	350	0	150	150
ITN HEALTH SERVICES	\$33,446	\$24,498	\$26,813	\$36,724
ITN COUNSELOR				
ITN Counselor R Murphy.70	27,648	0	0	0
Counselor N Houde .70	0	35,130	36,000	36,831
Insurance Buyback	0	1,050	1,050	1,050
Group Health Insurance	5,180	0	0	0
Fica & Medi	2,115	2,768	2,834	2,898
Tuition Reimbursement	0	0	0	0
Dental/Eye Care	340	340	340	340
Dues & Fees	0	0	0	0
ITN COUNSELOR	\$35,283	\$39,287	\$40,224	\$41,118

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SPECIAL ED ADMINISTRATION	Budget FY16	Actual FY16	Budget FY17	Budget FY18
SpEd Drctr T Rescott .75	56,393	56,393	56,393	59,536
Admin Asst M Muratorri	29,645	6,753	0	0
Admin Asst R Putnam	0	10,504	29,640	0
Asst K Burchfield	0	4,808	0	13,991
Insurance Buyback	2,625	2,315	2,625	1,825
Group Health Insurance	7,400	55	0	0
Fica & Medi	6,783	6,240	6,782	5,764
Municipal Retirement	1,246	723	1,186	0
Workmans Comp	1,468	7,524	7,749	7,981
Unemployment	473	269	277	285
Tuition Reimbursement	3,000	0	1,238	1,238
Dental/Eye Care	849	485	849	849
Repair & Maintenance	2,000	1,598	2,000	2,000
Communications	1,350	1,521	1,350	2,000
Advertising	750	281	750	750
Supplies	500	305	500	2,500
Dues, Fees, Mtg, Conf	750	730	750	2,500
Misc. Expenditures	0	0	2,814	0
SPECIAL ED ADMINISTRATION	\$115,231	\$100,501	\$114,901	\$101,220
SPEECH SERVICES				
Speech Services H Weeden	85,933	85,932	85,932	90,723
Speech Services K Stedman	90,508	90,508	90,508	95,554
Speech Services K Riley	32,121	35,768	31,975	32,774
Group Health Insurance	4,797	8,026	7,767	7,293
Fica & Medi	15,955	16,116	15,944	16,757
Dental/Eye	243	235	243	243
Misc. Expenditures	0	0	8,010	0
SPEECH SERVICES	\$229,556	\$236,585	\$240,378	\$243,343
OT SERVICES - ELEM				
OT Services B Tyler .60	53,019	33,216	31,812	34,865
Substitute	0	1,680	0	0
Insurance Buyback	0	900	900	900
Group Health Insurance	19,502	0	0	0
Fica & Medi	4,056	2,696	2,502	2,736
Municipal Retirement	2,121	0	0	0
Dental/Eyecare	485	0	291	291
OT SERVICES - ELEM	\$79,183	\$38,491	\$35,505	\$38,792
PT SERVICES - ELEM				
PT M Duffy .80	38,350	51,194	38,350	40,488
Group Health Benefits	8,729	11,691	9,374	8,852

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CENTRAL OFFICE BUDGET

PT SERVICES - ELEM continued...	Budget FY16	Actual FY16	Budget FY17	Budget FY18
Fica & Medi	2,934	3,467	2,934	3,097
Retirement	1,534	2,045	1,534	1,620
Dental/Eyecare	291	300	291	291
PT SERVICES - ELEM	\$51,837	\$68,697	\$52,482	\$54,347
EEE DIRECT SVS				
Teacher S Kinney .60	38,672	37,478	38,370	0
IA D Ellis .60	11,909	12,508	11,908	0
IA EEE D Silvestri (.50)	0	2,031	8,036	0
IA EEE J DaCosta .50	8,037	2,322	0	0
IA A Ray .60	0	4,115	0	0
Insurance Buyback	0	1,213	0	0
Group Health Insurance	4,440	4,009	4,742	0
Fica & Medi	4,484	4,456	4,461	0
Workmans Comp	590	463	477	0
Unemployment	207	32	33	0
Tuition Reimbursement	1,650	0	990	0
Dental/Eye Care	291	527	291	0
TSA Match	773	726	767	0
Prof Svs - Kelly Services	2,000	1,468	2,000	0
Travel	500	0	0	0
Supplies	1,500	664	1,500	0
Dues & Fees	100	70	100	0
EEE DIRECT SVS	\$75,154	\$72,081	\$73,675	\$0
EEE HEALTH SVS				
Prof Svs - Health Svs	500	0	0	0
EEE HEALTH SVS	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0
EEE PLANT OPERATIONS				
Rentals & Leases	7,500	7,500	7,500	0
EEE PLANT OPERATIONS	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,857,640	\$1,224,617	\$1,253,216	\$1,122,718
FUND BALANCE	\$0	\$43,465	\$0	\$0

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SPECIAL ED BUDGET

SPECIAL ED REVENUE	Budget FY16	Actual FY16	Budget FY17	Budget FY18
VT LEAS Excess Cost	0	0	0	49,500
Ira Special Ed Rev	32,303	26,401	34,062	10,295
Middletown Springs SpEd Rev	283,883	213,133	298,480	69,188
Poultney SpEd Revenue	967,556	895,039	920,984	277,293
Wells SpEd Revenue	337,954	282,879	266,278	134,943
Special Ed Block Grant	0	0	0	292,236
Intensive Reimbursement	0	0	0	506,127
Extraordinary Reimburseme	0	0	0	53,100
EEE Preschool Grant	0	0	0	54,915
State Placed Revenue	0	0	0	18,000
SPECIAL ED REVENUE	\$1,621,695	\$1,417,453	\$1,519,804	\$1,465,597

IRA SPECIAL ED

Psych Evaluations	1,500	1,750	1,500	0
Ira Excess Cost	18,790	15,621	14,962	16,800
Ira Excess Cost	12,013	9,030	17,600	13,500
IRA SPECIAL ED	\$32,303	\$26,401	\$34,062	\$30,300

MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS SPECIAL ED

MSES Teacher - Pettis	42,296	43,307	45,349	45,349
Insurance	18,837	21,282	20,824	19,599
Fica & Medi	3,236	3,102	3,469	3,469
Tuition Reimbursement	1,500	0	0	1,500
Dental & Eye	500	0	500	485
Prof Svs - Kelly Svs	4,000	2,006	4,000	4,000
Supplies	1,300	59	800	800
Books & Periodicals	0	0	300	300
Dues & Fees	500	1,608	500	500
Summer School	2,415	0	0	0
Fica & Medi	185	0	0	0
Professional Services	17,548	6,507	15,500	4,000
Speech Services	29,884	25,641	36,057	29,056
Supplies	0	0	300	300
OT Services	12,996	5,532	5,606	6,465
PT Services	5,734	7,333	7,497	9,881
Excess Cost	133,952	96,757	148,778	84,650
Professional Services	9,000	0	9,000	0
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS SPECIAL ED	\$283,883	\$213,133	\$298,480	\$210,354

WELLS SPECIAL ED

Wells Teacher - Grossarth	53,317	55,724	56,956	58,249
New Hire	0	0	0	44,979
Insurance	14,549	15,875	15,623	29,170
Fica & Medi	4,079	3,723	4,357	7,897

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SPECIAL ED BUDGET

WELLS SPECIAL ED continued...	Budget FY16	Actual FY16	Budget FY17	Budget FY18
Tuition Reimbursement	1,500	2,200	1,500	3,000
Dental & Eye	550	449	550	1,100
Prof Svs - Kelly Svs	7,000	1,292	10,000	7,000
Equipment Repair	250	0	250	250
Advertising	250	0	250	250
Travel	100	0	100	100
Supplies	2,250	2,191	1,500	1,500
Dues & Fees	500	175	500	500
Misc. Expenditures	(20,584)	0	0	0
Summer School	3,250	150	1,000	1,000
Fica & Medi	250	11	77	150
Professional Services	25,098	2,385	18,500	5,000
Speech Services	48,901	39,886	45,071	54,480
Supplies	0	0	750	750
OT Services	18,771	7,376	6,540	11,314
PT Services	17,203	19,555	18,744	14,822
Psych services	12,000	1,200	7,500	0
Excess Cost	148,720	130,686	76,510	119,150
WELLS SPECIAL ED	\$337,954	\$282,879	\$266,278	\$360,661

POULTNEY ELEMENTARY SPECIAL ED

PES Teacher - Thompson-Du	40,580	40,057	43,949	43,949
PES Teacher Pyenta	40,580	37,888	39,970	0
PES Teacher S Kinney .40	25,781	24,985	25,580	25,580
PES Teacher - Pease	45,656	45,467	47,684	48,974
Insurance Buyback	1,500	0	0	0
Insurance	23,232	50,674	52,710	30,364
Fica & Medi	11,788	11,308	12,025	9,065
Tuition Reimbursement	5,100	5,208	6,000	6,000
Dental & Eye	1,649	105	1,649	1,164
TSA Match	516	519	512	512
OPEB Retirement	0	1,097	0	0
Prof Svs - Kelly Svs	20,000	5,043	25,000	25,000
Professional Services	36,695	6,637	3,580	4,000
Excess Cost	87,352	47,645	9,150	124,000
Supplies	4,500	2,979	1,500	1,500
Books & Periodicals	0	0	1,500	1,500
Dues & Fees	500	400	500	500
Misc. Expenditures	(24,363)	0	(60,570)	5,626
Summer School	7,060	0	3,100	2,000
Fica & Medi	540	0	237	153
Prof Services	17,640	10,178	18,900	19,000
Evaluations	33,000	18,320	37,500	0

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SPECIAL ED BUDGET

POULTNEY ELEM SPECIAL ED continued...	Budget FY16	Actual FY16	Budget FY17	Budget FY18
Speech Services	92,369	111,111	111,177	101,696
Supplies	0	0	500	500
OT Services	25,991	17,692	15,884	12,931
PT Services	15,769	18,780	13,121	9,881
Transportation	0	14,542	0	35,000
POULTNEY ELEMENTARY SPECIAL ED	\$513,435	\$470,635	\$411,157	\$508,895
POULTNEY SECONDARY SPECIAL ED				
PHS Teacher - Chase	40,445	41,636	43,772	45,062
PHS Teacher - Kerber	41,838	42,986	45,150	45,150
PHS Teacher - Coloutti	44,354	44,204	46,395	46,395
PHS Teacher - Burch	44,443	45,510	47,728	0
New Hire (.50 FTE)	0	0	0	22,490
Insurance Buyback	1,500	2,125	1,500	3,000
Insurance	41,452	34,457	44,260	18,265
Fica & Medi	13,202	13,186	14,118	12,400
Tuition Reimbursement	6,000	3,666	6,000	6,000
Dental & Eye	1,940	787	1,940	1,698
Prof Svs - Kelly Svs	25,000	6,019	25,000	25,000
Travel	250	163	250	250
Excess Cost	22,851	34,939	60,400	19,500
Supplies	5,000	3,995	2,500	2,500
Books & Periodicals	0	0	3,000	3,000
Dues & Fees	500	77	500	500
Summer School	2,000	0	500	500
Transition Services	2,500	0	0	0
Fica & Medi	344	0	38	38
Clinician R James .50	31,875	31,875	32,557	32,557
Insurance	3,683	7,324	3,951	3,680
Fica & Medi	2,438	2,439	2,491	2,491
Dental & Eyecrae	0	0	243	243
Annuity	0	0	651	0
Professional Services	40,500	25,317	37,500	0
Speech Services	73,351	59,829	48,076	58,112
OT Services	7,220	0	934	1,616
PT Services	1,434	0	1,874	4,941
Transportation	0	23,872	38,500	0
POULTNEY SECONDARY SPECIAL ED	\$454,121	\$424,405	\$509,827	\$355,387
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,621,695	\$1,417,453	\$1,519,804	\$1,465,597

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 Glen Moyer, Patty Kenyon, & Terry Redfield

Pamela Clapp, Administrator

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

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 1029 volunteers. From April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016, RSVP/VC volunteers provided 165,490 hours of community service. The cost benefit to the communities of Rutland County in terms of cost of services provided equals \$3,908,874.

Currently in Middletown Springs RSVP/VC volunteers donate their services to the following non-profit organizations: Rutland Regional Medical Center, Hand for Hope, Killington Music Festival, Rutland County Schools, Salvation Army, Interage Adult Day Program, Benson Village Schools, Pawlet Library, Young at Heart Senior Center, 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 •Appropriation request #24 on 2017 Town Warning

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. For 36 years we have helped families in Rutland County with services that range from emergency shelter to legal advocacy. We partner with many in our community to help our neighbors and friends break the cycle of abuse.

Over the past year we provided more than 4,000 shelter bed nights to families in our community. We also offer counseling, support groups, help with finding safe and permanent housing, and are available on a 24 hour crisis line. We advocate to help address instances of domestic violence and sexual assault, assist with family court matters, work closely with local police to provide innovative training for more effective law enforcement response, and provide individual services to clients both in-shelter and in the community.

The families, volunteers, and staff of the shelter thank the voters of Middletown Springs for their support of our program. Due to your support, we are able to continue to provide comprehensive services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault from your town.

Business: (802) 775-6788; Crisis (802) 775-3232 •Appropriation request #22 on 2017 Town Warning

Green Up Vermont

Green Up Vermont, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, continues to proudly carry on the tradition of Green Up Day. Green Up Vermont is not a State Agency. Seventy-five percent of Green Up Vermont's budget comes from corporate and individual donations. People can now choose to donate to Green Up Vermont by entering a gift amount on line 29 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form.

With your town's help, we can continue Vermont's unique annual tradition of taking care of our state's lovely landscape and promoting civic pride. Green Up Vermont also focuses on education for grades K-2 by providing two free activity booklets to schools and hosts its annual student poster design and writing contests for grades K-12.

Mark your calendars for the next **Green Up Day, May 6, 2017.** Join with people in your community to clean up for Green Up Day, always the first Saturday in May. www.greenupvermont.org •Appropriation request #14 on 2017 Town Warning

Town of Middletown Springs COMMUNITY AGENCY REPORTS

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.

2016 has been quite a productive year for NeighborWorks® of Western Vermont. In Middletown Springs 1 resident received Real Estate services; 5 residents used rehab loans; and 2 residents had Energy Audits performed by HEAT Squad.

In our service area of Addison, Bennington, and Rutland counties, 416 low-cost Energy Audits were completed; 20 down Payment Assistance Loans were made; 41 Rehab Loans were made; 195 home buyers attended a Homebuyer Education Course; Assisted 15 households with RealtyWorks service; Helped 39 homeowners with Foreclosure Prevention counseling; and offered financial coaching services to 229 Vermonters.

We look forward to your support of our organization and our work with the residents of Middletown Springs. 802-438-2303, www.nwwwt.org •Appropriation request #26 on 2017 Town Warning

Rutland County Parent-Child Center

The Rutland County Parent-Child Center (RCPCC) is a private community based non-profit organization dedicated to supporting and meeting the needs of children and families throughout Rutland County. RCPCC's mission is "to nurture Children and Families through Supportive, Positive Educational, Experiences that enhance their Success in our Community". RCPCC provides all services at no cost, with the exception of childcare, which is minimal for lower income families.

We provide childcare services in Brandon and Rutland. Additionally, the RCPCC provides family centered services to families and children birth to five years, such as: Literacy based playgroups; Early intervention programs; Teen parent education; Support for young families on public assistance; Parent education classes; and Traditional housing for pregnant and parenting teens (POISE).

Some of these programs serve families from all socio-economic levels, but as a priority, RCPCC seeks out those in need to bring services into their homes and communities.

In 2016, RCPCC served 10 members from your community. www.rcpcc.org / 802-775-9711

Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice

In 2016, 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 126,780 visits to 3,281 patients. In the town of Middletown Springs, we provided 825 visits to 23 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 •Appropriation request #13 on 2017 Town Warning

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 that will facilitate the conservation of soil and clean water. PMNRCD has been providing environmental support, education, and outreach to the 14 towns in the district watershed for over 70 years. In addition to a five-member board, three employees staff the District: District Manager, Hilary Solomon; Agricultural Outreach Specialist, Jennifer Alexander; and Education and Outreach Coordinator, Beth Miller. In 2016 PMNRCD provided:

- Environmental Education Opportunities in 6 area schools including Middletown Springs
- Stormwater Management
- Agricultural Programs
- Champlain Valley Native Plant Restoration Nursery Partnership
- Partnerships including The High Meadows Fund, UVM, US Forest Service USDA and more

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. (802) 287-8339 www.pmnrcd.org •Appropriation request #25 on 2017 Town Warning

Town of Middletown Springs COMMUNITY AGENCY REPORTS

Big Heavy World

This letter is meant to introduce Big Heavy World and to seek your support in Middletown Spring's FY2017-2018 town budget.

Big Heavy World is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 1996 to serve the music community of Vermont. It works to bring the state's musicians together to strengthen their ability to help each other, fosters and champions the contribution of music to the economies of towns across the state, and works to preserve original Vermont-made music for future generations. Our philosophy is to proactively support music of every genre and level of experience making the organization deeply inclusive of Vermonters everywhere.

We uniquely involve young people on staff and have created an environment that is educational, contributes to workforce development and is preventive. We channel their energy into work that reflects well on towns across the state.

Our growing Vermont music archive continues to gather thousands of recordings; we are collaborating with community partners to produce a strategic economic plan for Vermont's music industry; we provide a tour van to artists as a grant-making program to bring Vermont music to other states; we broadcast Vermont music, including concerts and live in-studio performances and in 2016 we brought the international Make Music Day festival to Vermont. We're a vibrant, volunteer-staffed organization that is dedicated to serving the arts and developing the capacity to accomplish our mission as comprehensively as possible.

An appropriation of \$250 would be a significant contribution to a community-building, economic development and cultural preservation effort that is meant to be supportive of the artists of Middletown Springs. www.bigheavyworld.com •Appropriation request #30 on 2017 Town Warning

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 2016 the Health Department supported healthy communities, provided WIC nutrition services to about half of all Vermont families with pregnant women and children to age five, 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

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 18 years of the program, 1015 grants totaling \$2.2 million have been provided to Vermont towns for installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs.

In 2015 we began considering applications from Vermont towns and fire departments on a revolving basis throughout the year rather than just once a year. 213 Vermont communities have benefited from the Rural Fire Protection program. Our goal is to extend this support to all Vermont towns and continue to assist local fire departments in reducing the risk of injury, loss of life, and damage to property and natural resources, thereby improving the safety and welfare of Vermont communities.

(802) 828-4582 / www.vacd.org •Appropriation request #18 on 2017 Town Warning

Rutland Mental Health Services

In the year 2016, 28 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 services, emergency/crisis services and developmental disability services.

During fiscal year 2016, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 1,429 hours of services to twenty Middletown Springs 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 www.rmhsccn.org •Appropriation request #15 on 2017 Town Warning

Town of Middletown Springs COMMUNITY AGENCY REPORTS

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 2016 in Middletown Springs the Council helped provide 1,526 meals to the homes of 8 elders, 253 meals were provided to 7 elders at area luncheon sites, and SVCOA case management staff helped 9 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 •Appropriation request #16 on 2017 Town Warning

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. •Appropriation request #20 on 2017 Town Warning

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 2015, CFAC served 194 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 •Appropriation request #28 on 2017 Town Warning

Rutland County Humane Society

The Rutland County Humane Society is dedicated to advocating for and working towards a responsible and humane community. We provide shelter and adoption opportunities for pets who are homeless and promote animal welfare through community programs 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. We provide information and referral services to people dealing with animal issues.

The RCHS shelter is the largest program of the agency, taking in more than 1,350 animals in 2016.

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

In 2016, the Rutland County Humane Society took in 1 animals from Middletown Springs and investigated 1 cruelty complaint.

Please call as at 483-9171 if you have would like further information about the Rutland County Humane Society. •Appropriation request #23 on 2017 Town Warning

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 FY16, 3 residents of Middletown Springs received services from the following programs, Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF), Equipment Distribution Program (EDP), and Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A). To learn more about VCIL, visit the web at www.vcil.org or call (800) 639-1522.

•Appropriation request #17 on 2017 Town Warning

Town of Middletown Springs COMMUNITY AGENCY REPORTS

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! •Appropriation request #19 on 2017 Town Warning

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. 90% of our matches claim their mentor relationship has helped them improve their self-esteem while 85% said it helped them refrain from drugs or alcohol.

The Mentor Connector has guided 5 youth in Middletown Springs over the past year to increase life skills school performance, and workforce readiness. We actively work with many community members, businesses, schools, and local organizations to advocate and support mentoring.

www.mentorconnector.com (802) 775-3434 •Appropriation request #27 on 2017 Town Warning

The Regional Marketing Initiative

The Regional Marketing Initiative is a collaboration among the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce (RRCC), the Rutland Economic Development Corporation (REDC), and municipalities across Rutland County. The ultimate goal is to grow the economy in our region. Joint efforts are required to embark on a multi-year, multi-faceted regional marketing plan that will slow, stop and then reverse population decline that is projected for the future of our county. This reversal is essential to the economic livelihood of our Region, a livelihood that will provide our population with the benefits of a community that can support families who wish to live, work, play and stay in Rutland County. The Regional Marketing Initiative is a region-wide structure that provides oversight that is clearly outlined, where roles are defined, where strategies and activities are transparent, and where opportunities for public input are available and welcomed, leading to public confidence and trust in the process. 802-770-7061 •Appropriation request #31 on 2017 Town Warning



So Much Pie

... so little time! 2016 Pie for Breakfast was another delicious success. 2017 Pie for Breakfast is happening Saturday, March 11 from 8 to 11 a.m.

Photo provided by the Middletown Springs Public Library

Town of Middletown Springs SCHOOL PRE-TOWN MEETING

February 29, 2016

The Moderator (Tony Lamberton) called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Followed by the Pledge of Alliance. Roberts Rule will apply unless superseded by state law. No objection. The Warning was read by the Moderator.

School Board Members: *Clarence K. Haynes*, Chair *Meredith Morgan*, Vice Chair
 Christopher Smid *Sarah Haley*, Clerk *Janell Carr*
Business Manager-Louis Milazzo, Principal, Rick Beal and Joan Paustian, Superintendent RWSU.

The Principal Rick Beal welcomed everyone and we really appreciate the support that the school does receive from the residents of Middletown Springs. We are focusing on construction to prepare the student when they leave the school. We have a new level of Testing for every grade which is based on state standards. We have a great art program, students have been to Pico snowboarding, 6th grade was able to take a trip to Washington and visited the Smokey House. We have upgraded the water system, shingles have been fixed and the paint on the new building has started to flake.

Article 1: To elect School District Clerk as provided by Vermont Law.
The Moderator explained the positions that are vacant.

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.

The Superintendent was going to retire, but with the consolidation she will cut back to ½ time. Every school district had an individual salary schedule and with the merger it will be one schedule.

Article 3: To transact any other lawful business.

Thank you to Tony for being the Moderator. The Building Committee does have hand outs and the posters which explain the building.

What is the status of Act 46? The school is working to see where to consolidate. Middletown Springs district will be out of business in 4 years. We are looking to partner with another school.

This could be in the Mt. Holly, Danby, Mt. Tabor, Sunderland District or could be in the Rutland District.

This could also be with Pawlet & Rupert. We will continue to look at our options. If we do not do anything we will be dictated to a district.

Meeting recessed at 7:15 p.m. until 7a.m. March 1, 2016 at the Firehouse.

Attest:

Laura Castle, Town Clerk

RESULTS OF SCHOOL BALLOT

Article 2	Yes – 235	No – 160	Blank – 14	Spoiled - 3
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School Moderator – 1 Year

Kimberly Bushnell Mathewson – 345	Write-In – 9	Blank – 55	Spoiled - 3
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School Director – 3 Years

Clarence Haynes – 315	Write-In – 15	Blank – 78	Spoiled – 4
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School Director – 2 Years

Meredith Morgan – 346	Write-in - 3	Blank – 60	Spoiled - 3
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Town of Middletown Springs
TOWN PRE-TOWN MEETING

February 29, 2016

The Moderator (Tony Lamberton) called the meeting to order at 9:00 p.m. Roberts Rules will apply.

Selectboard Members:	<i>Terry Redfield – Chair</i>	<i>Shirley Moyer</i>	<i>Herb Childress</i>
	<i>Mike Lamson</i>	<i>James Webber</i>	

Roberts Rules of Order were read by the Moderator.

Article 1: To elect Town Officers as provided by Vermont Law.

No questions

Article 2: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs accept the report prepared by the Town Auditors?

Article 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?

Article 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?

No questions

Article 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?

This was a petition that was presented to the Selectboard which did have the correct number of voters.

Article 6: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate \$10,000 for the funding of contract law enforcement?

Since we do not have a Constable the Selectboard is looking to contract with the Rutland County Sheriff Dept. This would be 5 hrs of dedicated law enforcement a week and they would not have a set schedule

Article 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?

Some people are concerned about the total cost of this building, do we need such a large one and the Building Committee does not want to put a large burden on the tax payers The Building Committee is looking for grants to help fund this building.

Article 8: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs vote to allow the use of vote tabulator machines?

This article seem like we are voting to vote for the tabulator machines.

Article 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?

No questions.

Article 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?

The chairman of the Fire Assoc, Chris Smid stated that we need to purchase much needed gear for the firemen.

Article 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?

The moderator asked for the consent to join Articles 15-22. Motion carried. All the articles for dollar amounts are requested by the organization.

Article 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?

Town of Middletown Springs TOWN PRE-TOWN MEETING

Article 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?

Article 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?

Article 15: 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 16: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$00 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 17: 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 18: 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?

Article 19: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$300 for the support of the Vermont Association of the Blind and Visually Impaired determining that the program serves the residents of the town with services to enable the blind and visually impaired to achieve and maintain independence?

Article 20: 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 21: 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.

Article 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?

Article 23: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$75 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 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?

Article 25: 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 are working on a storm water program to help with the run off.

Article 26: 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 with youth sports programs?

Article 27: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$4,000 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 28: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$4,300 for the support of Poultney Rescue Squad determining that the program serves the residents of the town with emergency life support and transport services?

Town of Middletown Springs
TOWN PRE-TOWN MEETING

Article 29: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$100 for the support of Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force (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?

Article 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?

Article 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?

Article 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, serve physical abuse and children affected by violence?

They have served 7 cases in 2014 and 2 in 2015. This helps the children in our area.

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

The question is are we a cash or accrual system?

We voted some time ago to use the accrual system . If you wish to stop at the office we can certainly check that out.

There was a letter sent suggesting that we vote these items down, if that does happen that will cost more money and hours.

Meeting recessed at 10:45 p.m. until 7 a.m. March 1, 2016 at the Firehouse.

Attest:

Laura Castle, Town Clerk

Town of Middletown Springs
RESULTS OF 2016 BALLOT QUESTIONS

March 1, 2016

Article 2:	Yes – 291	No – 45	Blank – 25	
Article 3:	Yes – 225	No – 116	Blank – 20	Spoiled - 2
Article 4:	Yes – 229	No – 114	Blank – 18	Spoiled - 2
Article 5:	Yes – 191	No – 144	Blank – 26	Spoiled - 2
Article 6:	Yes – 193	No – 146	Blank – 22	Spoiled - 2
Article 7:	Yes – 193	No – 146	Blank – 22	Spoiled - 2
Article 8:	Yes – 172	No – 167	Blank – 22	Spoiled - 2
Article 9:	Yes – 322	No – 19	Blank – 19	Spoiled - 3
Article 10:	Yes – 240	No – 103	Blank – 18	Spoiled - 2
Article 11:	Yes – 200	No – 146	Blank – 15	Spoiled - 2
Article 12:	Yes – 278	No – 66	Blank – 17	Spoiled - 2
Article 13:	Yes – 238	No – 105	Blank – 18	Spoiled - 2
Article 14:	Yes – 214	No – 129	Blank – 18	Spoiled - 2
Article 15:	Yes – 265	No – 80	Blank – 16	Spoiled - 2
Article 16:	Yes – 233	No – 110	Blank – 18	Spoiled - 2
Article 17	Yes – 267	No – 77	Blank – 17	Spoiled - 2
Article 18	Yes – 240	No - 142	Blank – 27	Spoiled - 3
Article 19	Yes – 273	No – 109	Blank – 27	Spoiled - 3
Article 20	Yes – 285	No – 100	Blank – 24	Spoiled - 3
Article 21	Yes – 274	No – 111	Blank – 24	Spoiled - 3
Article 22	Yes – 279	No – 104	Blank – 26	Spoiled - 3

**Town of Middletown Springs
RESULTS OF 2016 BALLOT QUESTIONS**

March 1, 2016

Article 23	Yes – 328	No – 57	Blank – 24	Spoiled - 3
Article 24	Yes – 305	No – 80	Blank – 24	Spoiled - 3
Article 25	Yes – 225	No – 160	Blank – 24	Spoiled - 3
Article 26	Yes – 227	No – 153	Blank – 29	Spoiled - 3
Article 27	Yes – 342	No – 45	Blank – 22	Spoiled - 3
Article 28	Yes – 315	No – 72	Blank – 22	Spoiled - 3
Article 29	Yes – 292	No – 93	Blank – 24	Spoiled - 3
Article 30	Yes – 196	No – 184	Blank – 29	Spoiled - 3
Article 31	Yes – 295	No – 90	Blank – 24	Spoiled - 3
Article 32	Yes – 271	No – 113	Blank – 25	Spoiled - 3

**Town of Middletown Springs
RESULTS OF 2016 TOWN MEETING**

Moderator – 1 Year

Kimberly Bushnell Mathewson – 339	Write-In - 9	Blank - 61	Spoiled - 3
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Town Agent – 1 Year

Write-In - 20	Blank - 338	Spoiled - 4
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First Constable – 1 Year

Write-In - 25	Blank - 387
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Selectman - 3 Years

Carl P. Haynes – 172

Patricia "Patty" Kenyon – 218	Write-In – 2	Blank - 17	Spoiled - 3
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Selectman - 2 Years

Christopher Fenton - 258

Raymond "Tony" Lamberton - 116	Write-In	Blank - 34	Spoiled - 4
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Listers-3 Years

Patricia Hemenway - 334	Write-In - 5	Blank - 70	Spoiled - 3
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Auditor - 2 Years

Write-In - 47	Blank - 361	Spoiled - 4
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Auditor - 1 Year

Write-In - 29	Blank - 376	Spoiled - 7
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Library Trustee - 3 Years

Elizabeth "Beth" Miller - 339	Write-In - 3	Blank - 66	Spoiled - 5
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Town Grand Juror - 1 Year

David Munyak - 313	Write-In - 20	Blank - 76	Spoiled - 3
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Trustee Copeland Church - 1 Year

Write-In - 112	Blank - 297	Spoiled - 3
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Trustee Louis Fund & Other Public Monies - 3 Years

Write-In - 39	Blank - 369	Spoiled - 4
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Planning Commission - 3 Years

Write-In - 24	Blank - 384	Spoiled - 4
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Town of Middletown Springs
WARNING

Town Meeting - Monday, March 6 and Tuesday, March 7, 2017

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, March 6, 2017, 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 7, 2017. At conclusion, the Informational Meeting will be recessed until 7:00 a.m. on the following day, March 7, 2017 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.

The proposed ordinances related to ballot items 6 (junk and junk vehicles) and 7 (ATV operation), as well as the 2017 Town Plan, will be available for review at least 30 days prior to the town meeting at the Town Office, Grant's General Store, the Middletown Springs Post Office, the Middletown Springs Public Library, and on the Town website at <http://middletownsprings.vt.gov/> .

POLLS WILL BE OPEN MARCH 7, 2017, FROM 7:00 A.M. UNTIL 7:00 P.M.

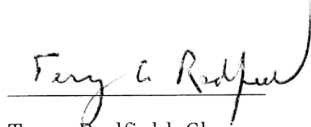
1. To elect Town Officers as provided by Vermont Law.
2. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs accept the report prepared by the Town Auditors?
3. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs approve the revised Town Plan prepared by the Planning Commission and proposed by the Select Board?
4. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate \$283,405 for the general operation of the town, the sum of \$222,705 to be raised by taxes on the 2017 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018?
5. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate \$370,400 for the care and maintenance of highways, the sum of \$302,400 to be raised by taxes on the 2017 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018?
6. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs approve that the Selectboard enact the proposed ordinance pertaining to junk and junk vehicles?
7. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs approve that the Selectboard enact the proposed ordinance pertaining to the operation of all-terrain vehicles on public roadways?
8. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Selectboard to set the time of Town Meeting each year to meet the expectations of business to be conducted?
9. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs establish a reserve fund to be called the Municipal Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund to be used to reduce unanticipated tax increases due to general fund cost overruns in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804 to be funded with any surplus up to \$5,000 from the current fiscal year General Fund budget?
10. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Select Board to fund the Reserve Fund for Town Municipal Facilities with any remaining non-allocated General Fund surplus from the current fiscal year?
11. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$4,300 for the support of Poultney Rescue Squad determining that the program serves the residents of the town with emergency life support and transport services?
12. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$4,000 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?
13. 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?
14. 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?
15. 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?

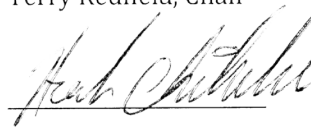
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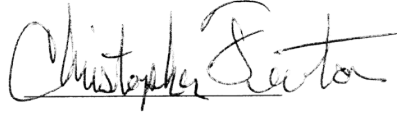
16. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$750 for the support of the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging determining that the program serves the residents of the town with meal support, case management, information and other assistance?
17. Shall the voters 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?
18. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$100 for the support of Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force (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?
19. 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 with youth sports programs?
20. 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?
21. 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?
22. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$200 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?
23. 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?
24. 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?
25. 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?
26. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$500 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?
27. 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?
28. 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?
29. 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?
30. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$250 for the support of Big Heavy World determining that the program serves the music community of the State of Vermont?
31. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$745 for the support of the Regional Marketing Initiative, a collaboration of the Rutland Regional Chamber of Commerce, Rutland Economic Development Corp., and municipalities around Rutland County, the goal of which is to grow the economy in our region, and determining that the program serves the residents of the town in a regionally funded marketing effort to support the town's and region's economy?
32. To transact any other business proper to be before said meeting.

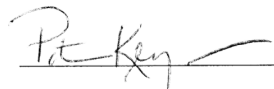
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN:


Terry Redfield, Chair


Herb Childress, Clerk/Vice-Chair


Christopher Fenton


Patricia Kenyon

James Webber

Received for filing this
26th day of January 2017 A.D.
Attest Laura Castle
Town Clerk.

Town of Middletown Springs
SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING #1

Annual School District Meeting – March 6 and March 7, 2017

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, March 6, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of being provided information and to discuss the Articles which will be voted Tuesday, March 7, 2017. The informational meeting will be recessed until 7:00 a.m. the following day, March 7, 2017, 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:

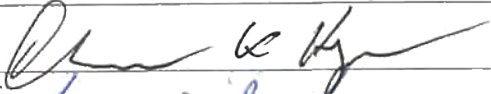
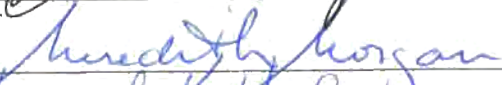

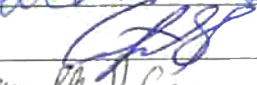

- **Article 1:** To elect school district officers as provided by law:
 - School Director for a 2-Year Term
 - School Director for a 3-Year Term
 - Moderator (1-Year)
- **Article 2:** Shall the voters of the Middletown Springs School District approve the school board to expend \$2,207,006.87, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?

It is estimated that this proposed budget and the following special articles, if approved, will result in education spending of \$15,737.55 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 5.1% lower than spending for the current year.


- **Article 3:** Shall the voters of the Middletown Springs Town School District approve the school board to transfer \$35,000 of the FY16 surplus into a Capital Maintenance Fund?
- **Article 4:** To transact any other lawful business.

Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. March 7, 2017.

Dated at Middletown Springs, Vermont January 25, 2017

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
SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING #2 (MERGER)**

ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING - MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

The legal voters of the Middletown Springs Town School District in the County of Rutland and State of Vermont are hereby duly warned and notified to meet at the Middletown Springs Fire House in said Town of Middletown Springs on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, between the hours of 7:00 a.m., at which time the polls will open, and 7:00 p.m., at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot on the following articles:

Article I. Shall the Middletown Springs Town School District, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed unified union school district, join with the school district of Wells, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed unified union school district, for the purpose of forming a unified union school district to be named the Wells Springs Unified Union School District, as provided in Title 16, Vermont Statutes Annotated, upon the following conditions and agreements.

If both necessary districts vote to approve the merger, the Wells Springs Unified Union School District will commence full educational operations and services on July 1, 2018 under the provisions of 16 VSA Chapter 11; provided however, that the votes approving creation of the Unified Union School District shall not become effective unless and until the voters of the Poultnery, Proctor and West Rutland School Districts vote to approve formation of the Quarry Valley Unified Union District, thereby enabling the two unified union school districts to form a "Side-by-Side" structure within the same supervisory union.

- (a) Grades. The Unified Union School District will offer pre-kindergarten through grade six education to all students in the Unified Union School District and tuition students in grades 7-12.
- (b) Board of School Directors. A town district's representation on the Unified Union School District School Board will be determined as an at-large hybrid model. Membership on the School Board is apportioned to each town. Apportionment does not have to be proportional to a town's population. Voters in both member towns vote on the same slate of candidates. The ballot for school directors is categorized to represent each town's apportioned seats on the Union School District School Board. At no time will a town/village corresponding to a pre-existing member school district have less than one board member with a total weighted vote of one on the board of school directors. The at-large hybrid model that determines the board membership will remain in place for the first three years of the new Unified Union. At any time after this the Unified Union School Board shall evaluate and consider the advisability of implementing a town-by-town proportional model.
- (c) Assumption of debts and ownership of school property. The Unified Union School District shall assume the indebtedness of member districts and assume all operating deficits and/or surpluses or reserve funds of the member districts; acquire and pay for the school properties of member districts; all as specifically identified and provided for in Articles 4, 7 and 8 in the Final Report. The complete provisions of Articles 7 and 8 regarding operating deficits and/or surpluses, reserve funds, acquisition of school properties are set forth in the Final Report and are incorporated in their entirety by reference herein.
- (d) School Closing. After July 1, 2018, no school facility shall be closed without a unanimous vote of the Unified Union School Board and an affirmative vote of the community in which the school is located.
- (e) Final Report. The provisions of the Final Report approved by the State Board of Education on January 17, 2017, which is on file in the Middletown Springs Town Clerk's office, shall govern the unified union school district.

Article II. To elect seven (7) school directors from the nominees, to serve on the school board of the proposed unified union school district board from the date of the organizational meeting for the following terms:

- One (1) school director for a one-year term who resides in the Town of Wells
- One (1) school director for a one-year term who resides in the Town of Middletown Springs
- One (1) school director for a two-year term who resides in the Town of Wells
- One (1) school director for a two-year term who resides in the Town of Middletown Springs
- One (1) school director for a three-year term who resides in the Town of Wells
- One (1) school director for a three-year term who resides in the Town of Middletown Springs
- One (1) school director at large who resides in either the Town of Middletown Springs or the Town of Wells for a one year term

The legal voters of the Middletown Springs Town School District are further notified that voter qualification,

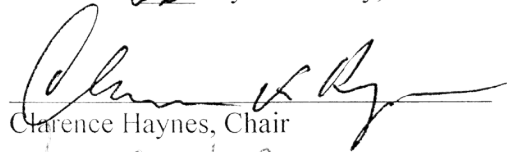
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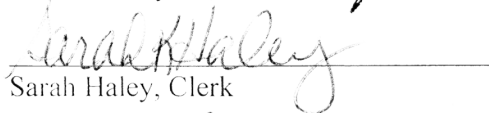
registration, absentee voting and voting procedures relative to said meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51, and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Informational Hearing

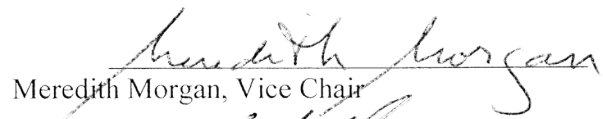
The legal voters of the Middletown Springs Town School District are warned and notified that a public informational hearing will be held at the Middletown Springs Elementary School multipurpose room in said Town of Middletown Springs, Vermont on March 1, 2017 commencing at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of explaining the Articles.

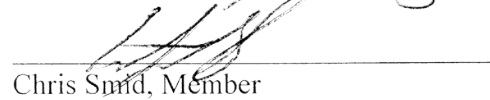
Dated this 26 day of January, 2017 at Middletown Springs, Vermont.


Clarence Haynes, Chair


Sarah Haley, Clerk


Jennelle Carr, Member


Meredith Morgan, Vice Chair


Chris Smit, Member

Received for record this 26TH day of January, 2017 at Middletown Springs


Laura Castle, Town Clerk

Town of Middletown Springs
NOTES

To Keep Up With What's Happening In Town All Year Long

- Join **Front Porch Forum** (<http://frontporchforum.com>), the online list serve for Middletown Springs
- Subscribe to the new **Town Newsletter** published on or close to the first of the month. For a digital subscription write to middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com to have your email address added OR send \$6 (12 First Class stamps) to the Library to have a hard copy sent to you each month for a year.
- Check the **Town's website** for information and links to resources. The website is being updated regularly. If there is something you are looking for and can't find there, let us know by emailing middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com. Visit the site at <http://middletownsprings.vt.gov>

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DATES TO REMEMBER!

- **Wednesday, March 1: Public Hearing on School Merger - 6:30 p.m. at the School**
- **Thursday, March 2: Public Hearing on Town Plan - 6 p.m. at the Town Office**
- **Monday, March 6: Pre-Town Meeting - 7:30 p.m. at the School**
Please bring this Town Report with you.
- **Monday, March 6: Deadline to vote by Early or Absentee Ballot**
Town Office open until 5 p.m.
- **Monday, March 6: Deadline to Register to Vote**
Town Office open until 5 p.m.
- **Tuesday, March 7: Town Meeting Vote!**
Polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Firehouse.