

The Town of Middletown Springs VERMONT



**Annual Report
of the Town Officers
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019**

REMINDER

**THE WELLS SPRINGS BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS WILL HOLD ITS
ANNUAL MEETING AS FOLLOWS:**

DATE & TIME: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020 AT 7:00 PM

**LOCATION: WELLS VILLAGE SCHOOL
36 MWA LOOP, WELLS, VT.**

**THE BOARD WILL PRESENT THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET TO THE
PUBLIC AND WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.**

Please join us in support of your schools!

**Annual Reports of Wells Springs Unified Union School District
will be available at each town's schools, Town Clerk's Office,
and online at www.GRCU.org**

ON THE COVER

Teresa "Skipper" Ray
June 28, 1940 - March 10, 2019

Teresa Marcy "Skipper" Ray was born in Middletown Springs on June 28, 1940. She was the 9th of 10 children and attended Middletown Springs School for grades 1-12.

Teresa worked at the National Grange Insurance Company until she married Edward Ray on Nov. 6, 1960. She then became a stay at home mom and homemaker. Besides raising her four children, Skip was very active in the Middletown community. She was a member of The Round About Club, Women's Fire Auxiliary, served for many years on the school board, a cashier at Grant's Village Store, and a member of Poultney Rescue Squad.

Among her many services to the community, she helped to found the Middletown Springs First Response. While volunteering for the Poultney Rescue Squad, Skip and other members realized a need for emergency response services in Middletown Springs. The Middletown Springs First Response was established to provide first-on-the-scene treatment in an effort to assist the parent organization, the Poultney Rescue Squad. Through the years, the First Response transformed from an organization using personal vehicles and a phone system that ran into members' homes to one with a fully equipped response vehicle and a radio dispatching service.

In her retirement, Skip ended her role with the Middletown Springs First Response with 30 years of dedicated service (1979-2009). During those years, she not only responded to emergency scenes but also passionately took in those who came knocking at her door or calling her on her personal phone. Skip touched the lives of many people through her services to The Community.

Town of Middletown Springs
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**Town of Middletown Springs
2019 TOWN OFFICERS**

Moderator:	1 Year	2020	Kimberly Bushnell
Town Clerk:	3 Years	2021	Laura Ann Castle
Town Treasurer:	3 Years	2021	Jennifer Talke Munyak
Town Agent	1 Year	2020	Vacant
First Constable	1 Year	2020	Vacant
Delinquent Tax Collector:	3 Years	2021	Debra House
School Moderator:	1 Year	2020	Kimberly Bushnell

Selectboard:

Carl P. Haynes	3 Years	2021
Herb Childress	3 Years	2020
Christopher Fenton	2 Years	2020
Patricia Kenyon	3 Years	2022
Terry Redfield	2 Years	2021

Wells Springs Unified Union School District Board Members:

Meredith Morgan (MTS)	3 Years	2021
Clarence Haynes - Chair (MTS)	3 Years	2022
Laura Burch (Wells)	3 Years	2020
Courtney Bishop (Wells)	2 Years	2022
George Gonda (MTS)	3 Years	2022
Rachel Martelle (MTS)	3 Years	2021
Eric Montbriand (Wells)	3 Years	2021

Road Commissioner:

William Reed	3 Years	2021
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Listers:

Randolph Kniffin	3 Years	2020
Sally Achey	3 Years	2021
Patricia Hemenway	3 Years	2022

Auditors:

Sarah Grimm	3 Years	2021
Melissa Chesnut Tangerman	3 Years	2020
Juanita Burch-Clay	3 Years	2022

Library Trustees:

Kristal Haynes Hier	3 Years	2021
Alida Tarbell	3 Years	2021
Diane Rosenmiller	3 Years	2020
Patricia McWilliams	3 Years	2020
Beth Miller	3 Years	2022

Town Grand Juror:

Vacant	1 Year	2020
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Trustee of Copeland Church Fund:

Daniel McKeen	1 Year	2020
Dale Carr	1 Year	2020
Rita Hansen	1 Year	2020

Trustee of Copeland Cemetery Fund:

Alida Tarbell	1 Year	2020
Alice Hoisington	1 Year	2020

Town of Middletown Springs
2019 TOWN OFFICERS

Trustee of Louis Fund & Other Public Monies:

Alice Hoisington	3 Years	2021
Beth Miller	3 Years	2022
Lois Dansereau	3 Years	2020

Planning Commission:

Hilary Solomon	3 Years	2022
Thomas Hurcomb	3 Years	2020
Peter Blekis	3 Years	2021
Maynard Yost	3 Years	2020
Sara Young	3 Years	2022

Justices of the Peace: (Elected in November - all are 2 year terms)

Elizabeth Cooper
Patricia Hemenway
Martha Heitkamp
Nora Rubinstein
Leslie Silver

APPOINTMENTS

Fence Viewer:

vacant 2020

Tree Warden:

vacant 2020

Health Officer:

Carl Haynes 3 Years 2020

Animal Control Officer:

vacant 2020

Service Officer:

vacant 2020

Emergency Management Director:

Herb Childress 2020

Rutland Regional Transportation Council:

vacant 2020

Town Representative to Rutland Regional Planning Commission:

Tom Hurcomb 2020

Town Representatives to Rutland County Joint Municipal Survey Committee (SWAC):

vacant 2020

Conservation Commission:

Elizabeth Cooper	4 Years	2022
Richard Kniffin	4 Years	2020
Tasha Turan	4 Years	2020
vacant	3 Years	2022
vacant	3 Years	2022

Fire Warden:

James Reed 5 years 2023

Constable:

vacant

Weigher of Coal, Timber, and Shingles:

vacant

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	1st Wednesday of the month	6:00 p.m.	Alternates Wells/MTS School
Planning Commission	1st Monday of the month	4:30 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.	Library

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 19/20:

Q3 - March 16, 2020

Q4 - June 15, 2020

For FY 20/21:

Q1 - September 15, 2020

Q2 - December 15, 2020

Q3 - March 15, 2021

Q4 - June 15, 2021

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
Middletown Springs Highway Garage: 235-2024
Rescue Squad/Ambulance: 287-9510
State Police: 773-9101

Town of Middletown Springs

STATE OF VERMONT ELECTIONS MANAGEMENT PLATFORM

In 2016 the Elections Management Platform was launched. This streamlined the elections administration process, providing voters with greater access to voter specific information.

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

Transfer Station Hours

6:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

"Fort Dumpster", located on Fire House Lane, is open for trash disposal and Zero-Sort recycling every Monday and Saturday from 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 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 2, 2020 (Green Up Day)

Saturday, October 3, 2020

6:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Large waste and scrap metal will be collected on two Saturdays in 2020, from 6 a.m. to noon on both days. Furniture, toys, small amounts of construction and demolition items are acceptable. NO CONTRACTORS, please. Large waste will be charged a \$5 per vehicle fee; scrap metal may be disposed of free of charge. On Green Up Day, approved VT Green Up bags will be accepted free of charge. Large waste and scrap metal collection takes place at the Town property at 577 West Street.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Saturdays

May 16, 2020	Rutland Town*	8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
October 10, 2020	Fair Haven**	8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

* Rutland Town Transfer Station, 218 Northwood Park, off Post Road Extension, Rutland

** Fair Haven Transfer Station, 175 Fair Haven Avenue (off West Street), Fair Haven

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.

Between events 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://www.rcswd.com/hhw/>

Act 148 - Universal Recycling Law Timeline

July 1, 2020:

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

Town of Middletown Springs
VITAL RECORDS

BIRTHS

Date of Birth	Place	Name of Child	Parents
February 16, 2018	Rutland, VT	Cataleya Alcott Ruck	Jodie Stewart Ruck Sean Thomas Ruck
January 9, 2019	Middlebury, VT	Oscar Evans Dubois	Nina Eve Rorden Ryan Paul Dubois
January 19, 2019	Rutland, VT	Helen Smyser Adair	Mara Carey Bradley Stanton Adair
April 30, 2019	Rutland, VT	Leland James Squier	Meadow Louisa Joy Squier Joshua Louis Squier

MARRIAGES

Date	Spouse	Place of Marriage
June 3, 2019	Stephanie Gillette Daniel Frederick McKeen	Middletown Springs, VT
June 15, 2019	Sarah Leonard Atkinson Robert Leslie Atkinson	Middletown Springs, VT
July 20, 2019	Abigale Annilee Lamberton Scott Gerald Hansen	Wallingford, VT
August 17, 2019	Molly Catherine Ward Justin Michael Haynes	Middletown Springs, VT

Town of Middletown Springs
VITAL RECORDS

DEATHS

Date of Death	Name	Age	Place of Death
January 8, 2019	Roland Wetherby	78	Rutland, VT
March 10, 2019	Teresa Catherine Ray	78	Rutland, VT
March 25, 2019	Jere Berger	87	Northampton, MA
May 22, 2019	Rosamond L. Parker	93	Rutland, VT
May 28, 2018	Thomas Jaeger	47	Middletown Springs, VT
June 8, 2019	Claude Buffum	85	Granville, NY
August 8, 2019	Thomas James Russell	83	Middletown Springs, VT
October 9, 2019	Peter Heitkamp	87	Middletown Springs, VT
October 26, 2019	William Secoy	64	Middletown Springs, VT
November 10, 2019	Marie Durfee	78	Rutland, VT
December 14, 2019	Tom Doherty	58	Middletown Springs, VT
December 19, 2019	Robert Johnson	91	Middletown Springs, VT
December 20, 2019	Richard D'Ambrogio	89	Middletown Springs, VT
December 22, 2019	Franklin Riccie	76	Rutland, VT

Town of Middletown Springs REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

This year the Town Clerk attended training sessions in Wallingford, Rutland Town and Killington. Training sessions included updates to our voting requirements.

We continue to maintain the many tasks in our little office, sometimes with substantial difficulty given limited space which needs to be shared among many officers, visitors and title searchers. Tasks performed by the Town Clerk include Land Posting, Dog Registrations, DMV Registrations, Fish & Wildlife licenses, Green Mountain Passports, Transfer Station Tickets and general inquiries presented by those who walk in the door. Property Transfers and Current Use applications are now processed online with the State of Vermont. The Statewide Voter Checklist is now maintained online with the Election Division.

It is important to remember that Meeting Minutes need to be on file with the Town Clerk 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

This year we had 151 dogs registered. 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 2020 licenses are now available at the Town Clerk's Office.

RABIES CLINIC

**Saturday, March 28, 2020
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM
Middletown Springs Town Office
'Annex'**

\$15.00 per animal



Representatives from the Fair Haven Animal Hospital will vaccinate your beloved cat or dog. All dogs must be leashed or in a crate; all cats must be in an appropriate pet carrier/crate.

The Town Clerk will be available to issue dog licenses which are required by Vermont State Law with an April 1 deadline.



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

White River Junction VA Medical Center
215 North Main Street
White River Junction, VT 05009
866-687-8387 (Toll Free)
802-295-9363 (Commercial)

In Reply Refer to: 405/00

November 29, 2018

Dear Veteran,

The White River Junction VA Medical Center is attempting to contact all Veterans in our catchment area of Vermont and New Hampshire who are not enrolled or are enrolled and no longer utilizing our services. If you currently receive our services, please pass this note on to a Veteran who may benefit.

We offer a wide variety of services including assistance to Veterans who are homeless or unemployed to providing primary and specialty care. We have a robust mental health department offering one-on-one counseling, peer support, group sessions, and more. There is a designated treatment area for our women Veterans at the Women's Comprehensive Care Clinic; a safe space.

The White River Junction VA Medical Center has seven community based outpatient clinics. They are located in Bennington, Rutland, Brattleboro, Newport and Burlington, Vermont; in New Hampshire we offer services in Keene and Littleton. We are here to serve all Veterans, please do not hesitate to contact us, if for no other reason than to register/enroll with us in case of future need.

Our eligibility office in White River Junction can be reached at 802-295-9363 extension 5118. A single form - VA form 10-10EZ – and a copy of the DD214 is all that is needed.

The American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars have full time service officers that are knowledgeable about our programs. These independent organizations serve all Veterans including nonmembers in processing disability and pension claims. They can be reached in White River Junction at:

American Legion	802-296-5166
Disabled American Veterans	802-296-5167
Veterans of Foreign Wars	802-296-5168

Thank you for your service to our nation. On behalf of the White River Junction VA Medical Center team, we look forward to serving you.

Sincerely,

Laura Miraldi
Acting Medical Center Director

Vermont Department of Health Local Health Report for Rutland County

Vermont Department of Health, Rutland District Office
88 Merchants Row, Suite 300, Rutland, Vermont
Phone: 1-802-786-5811 | Toll-free 1-800-253-8802

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. Your district office is in Rutland at the address and phone number above. We provide a wide range of resources and services to the community and local partners with the goal of promoting health and wellness for all Vermonters. For example, in 2019 we provided:

Health in the community: The Rutland Regional Medical Center was awarded \$57,000 from the Tobacco Program to support prevention work with youth and adults, including education around e-cigarettes and vaping. With funding from the Tobacco Program, the Rutland District Office is collaborating with Rutland Women's Health to support women quitting tobacco use during their pregnancy by offering gift card incentives.

WIC food and nutrition education to families: The supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children (WIC) served 1,333 participants in Rutland County. WIC provides wholesome food, nutrition education, breastfeeding support and community referrals.

Emergency preparedness: Worked with volunteers and local partners, including schools, hospitals, and emergency personnel, to ensure we are prepared to distribute medicine, supplies, and information during a public health emergency. We prepare for public health emergencies by training volunteers, exercising plans, and coordinating with local, regional, and statewide partners.

Programs to prevent and control the spread of disease: Investigated over 300 infectious disease cases in our region including but not limited to: tickborne, food and waterborne, and vaccine preventable diseases. Collaborated with primary care practices to increase the number of children and adolescents up to date with immunizations and delivered \$1,339,474 of vaccine to Rutland County providers. Organized and implemented multiple Hepatitis A immunization clinics, focused on high risk populations, as a strategy for outbreak prevention.

Student health and youth empowerment: According to the 2017 Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 57 % of high school students (grades 9-12) in Rutland County agree or strongly agree that they believe they matter to people in their community. In 2019, we collaborated with schools and providers to help improve student health and youth empowerment by working with the Mentor Connector on the Vermont Youth Project. The Vermont Youth Project (VYP) is a community-driven collaborative designed to embrace positive youth development in the Rutland City School District and Slate Valley Unified School District.

Programming to address substance misuse and abuse: Regional substance abuse prevention consultants worked with community groups, schools, human service agencies, hospitals, and law enforcement. Partners for Prevention works on substance use prevention around alcohol, marijuana and prescription drugs and building capacity for prevention efforts in Rutland County.

Learn more at <https://healthvermont.gov/local>
Join us on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/vdhrutland/>



RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TOWN REPORT FOR 2019

The Rutland County Sheriff's Department, in cooperation with the Towns of Middletown Springs, Danby, Ira and Tinmouth, entered into a cooperative patrol services agreement that assigned one deputy to the four-towns on a full time, 40 hour per week basis. The assigned deputy splits his time between the towns, as calls for service and needs dictate.

This agreement has worked well, and we would like to see it continue in the future. It gives responsibility for the area to one patrol deputy and allows the deputy to shift from town to town to answer calls and do follow-up investigations. We know that the criminal activity is not dictated by town lines, and the geographic locations of these towns makes is advantageous for all to conduct patrol activities in this manner.

	Tinmouth	Ira	Danby	MTS
Traffic Tickets	96	81	67	60
Warnings	29	60	37	34
Traffic Stops	96	132	70	85
(Motor vehicle stats include work done under GHSP grants hours)				
Incidents	40	32	93	50
Arrests	5	5	16	5
911 Hangups	0	0	1	0
Crashes	0	2	3	1
Assists	6	5	5	8
Citizen Dispute	1	1	0	3
VIN Inspection	7	1	3	1
Animal Comp	2	1	9	4
Theft	1	0	4	0
Vandalism	0	1	0	2
Property Watch	0	2	5	1
Suspicious	1	0	8	7
Littering	0	1	3	0

It has been and continues to be an honor for our department to serve the citizens of Rutland County. Please remember, if you have an emergency call 9-1-1. If you have a question or a non-emergency call at anytime, you can call our office direct at 802-775-8002, visit our web site at Rutlandsheriff.net or email me, Sheriff Stephen Benard, direct at stephen.benard@vermont.gov.

**RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
88 GROVE STREET
P.O. BOX 303
RUTLAND, VT, 05701
802-775-8002**



• **Appropriation request #8 on 2020 Town Warning**

Town of Middletown Springs **SELECTBOARD REPORT**

The close of 2019 marks the end of another decade in the towns history. Reflecting back over the year there were always more issues for the Board to consider, deal with or act on. Individually they can be manageable but, when a number require attention simultaneously it becomes difficult to manage with limited time and resources. Our task list was always changing and we never seemed to have an idle time.

The external audit performed by Sullivan & Powers auditing firm is now complete and recommended practices are in place or in the process of change. Countless hours were required to gather, assemble and convey information requested by the firm. Sullivan & Powers were impressed with the support and quality of the information provided. The dedicated group of town's people that made this a success are greatly appreciated.

A grant has made it possible to explore the usage potential of the West Street property. Otter Creek Engineering completed a feasibility study, stating that it is an acceptable location for the Highway Garage, Salt/Sand Shed and Transfer Station. A site layout was created to show orientation of each component with traffic flow taken into consideration.

The town's "Local Emergency Management Plan" (LEMP) was updated. The function of the plan is to have a document available to identify personnel, local resources and contacts for addressing a local emergency, be it an accident, loss of services, weather event, etc. This could help reduce the hardship and amount of time people are affected during an emergency situation.

The "Local Hazard Mitigation Plan" (LHMP) is a 5year plan, created to address the impact of an emergency event. Types of issues were identified and rated, resulting in value that was used to prioritize the correction of these hazards. Now the plan can be utilized as a tool to budget and schedule the mitigation of issues identified, provide better local services and reduce costly reactive repairs.

Weather events of this past year created numerous problems for the Highway Department. The rain, freeze, thaw cycles during winter months and heavy rainstorms from spring through fall were difficult to manage. These variables put a strain on our resources and transformed the crew's daily work schedule from proactive to reactive. Even with these setbacks a number of projects were completed. The town should see some financial reimbursement from FEMA for the fluvial erosion areas that were repaired this year, thank you to the data collected and submitted for the event damages.

"Fort Dumpster" hosted an additional event this year, in an effort to reduce the health hazards of mosquito transmitted diseases. A late spring "Tire Day" was scheduled resulting in the collection of one 40yard container full of junk tires.

This past year the quest for a number of Municipal facilities upgrades continued with no resolution. Action on some of these facilities will be required in the near future for compliance with State and Federal mandates.

Many decisions are made throughout the year by a small number of people for the good of this community. I appreciate all that these people have accomplished this past year and their dedication earns my respect. As residents, I ask that you become involved, better informed and show support for the individuals that take on these responsibilities.

Respectfully,
Chris Fenton

Town of Middletown Springs
REPORT OF THE AUDITORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 - 2019 (FY19)

The Auditors of the Town of Middletown Springs, Vermont, have audited the financial statements of the town as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019 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 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 accounts, (2) detect fraud or errors in these accounts, and (3) verify the financial condition and results of operations of the town as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019.

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 and tested various financial operations and responsibilities of the town, including collection of fees, treasurer's report and procedures, town trust funds, and board orders.
- We reviewed actions taken on recommendations from previous auditor reports.
- We worked with the auditors from Sullivan, Powers to collect and present the information they required.
- We began to implement recommendations from the Sullivan, Powers suggestions, such as having an auditor sign the board orders.
- We continued to work with trustees of town funds on investments and reporting.

Actions Taken FY19:

- Reviewed the FY18 treasurer's report. Met with the treasurer, asked questions, and suggested adjustments to clarify financial information.
- Made recommendations, in the FY18 report, concerning town trust funds.
- Continued to have one auditor regularly attend Select Board meetings.
- Had one auditor attend Select Board budget meetings.
- Continued to encourage officers of the town trust funds to move to a fiscal year ending on June 30, to improve documentation of investment decisions, and to use a clear template for annual reporting.
- Met with trustees, bank officials and investment advisors to assess the efficacy of investments.
- Supported the external audit process by collecting information and meeting with the auditors from Sullivan, Powers.
- Reviewed the accounting of the Garron Road project prepared by the treasurer and road commissioner.

Priorities: Town auditors may focus on different aspects of the town finances each year, as part of a rotating review of the overall system. The priority for FY19 was to prepare for the external audit done by Sullivan, Powers. The current priority is to take action on the suggestions and recommendations from the external audit.

Hours: In FY19, the three auditors among them worked a total of approximately 92 paid hours and 120 volunteer hours.

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, 2019, and the results of its operation for the year then ended. These findings are based on documents relative to FY19 received as of September 17, 2019.

Town of Middletown Springs
REPORT OF THE AUDITORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 - 2019 (FY19) continued...

Based on our observations and testing, we find that:

- Record keeping and reporting by the treasurer is accurate, efficient and clear. The treasurer's preparation for and involvement with the external audit contributed to a very productive process.
- The external audit provided valuable information, feedback and guidance which will benefit and protect the town financially.
- Delinquent tax collection seems to have improved, with more funds collected in FY19 than the previous year.
- Cash handling procedures continue to need attention.

Concerns and Recommendations:

General Policies and Procedures:

- As in previous years, we recommend that new town officers read and sign off on their understanding of town policies.
- We recommend that the Select Board implement the financial policies suggested by the Sullivan, Powers external audit. The Select Board is currently working on this.
- We recommend that the Town take action on the observations and recommendations of the Sullivan, Powers external audit.

Trust Funds:

- The external auditors concluded that the Copeland Cemetery Fund and Copeland Church Fund, although they have town representation on their boards, do not fall under the oversight of the town. The Auditors expect that these funds will continue to provide their annual financial information in the town report. These funds revert to the town under certain circumstances, detailed in the original documents.
- We remind the Copeland Milk Fund and Trustees of Public Monies to post minutes and other information on the town website.
- With regard to the Copeland Milk Fund:
 - ◊ We continue to recommend that the Copeland Milk Fund and the Select Board seek legal advice about the interpretation of the "covenants and conditions" in the original 1927 document.
 - ◊ The trustees' transfer of the bulk of the funds to an investment manager in December 2019 is an appropriate action.

External Auditing:

- We recommend that the town continue to set funds aside for the next periodic external audit.

Respectfully approved and submitted by Auditors *J. Burch-Clay, M. Chesnut-Tangerman, and S. Grimm* on January 22, 2020

Town of Middletown Springs DELINQUENT TAX BREAKDOWN

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019

	Tax Year 2004/2005	Tax Year 2005/2006	Tax Year 2006/2007	Tax Year 2007/2008	Tax Year 2008/2009	Tax Year 2009/2010	Tax Year 2010/2011	Tax Year 2011/2012	Tax Year 2012/2013	Tax Year 2013/2014	Tax Year 2014/2015	Tax Year 2015/2016	Tax Year 2016/2017	Tax Year 2017/2018	Tax Year 2018/2019
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	\$1,992,678	\$1,969,734	\$1,875,698	\$2,102,627	\$2,012,532	\$1,921,270	\$1,897,172
Abatelements & Adjustments	(1,477)	(3,829)	28,278	1,644	(3,751)	(3,118)	(1,614)	(591)	(494)	(11,147)		7,230	1,117	(5,415)	(1,657)
Received in FY 2005	1,189,673														
Received in FY 2006	34,270	1,355,570													
Received in FY 2007	1,066	22,005	1,444,977												
Received in FY 2008	1,191	2,692	38,390	1,453,246											
Received in FY 2009			37,606	33,632	1,590,803										
Received in FY 2010			34	2,226	36,913	1,804,149									
Received in FY 2011			621	1,432	12,572	49,362	1,785,061								
Received in FY 2012						5,675	26,024	1,790,212							
Received in FY 2013				681	1,643	5,073	9,778	23,040	1,870,104						
Received in FY 2014						34	17,178	26,169	55,930	1,919,825					
Received in FY 2015						0	2,368	0	504	7,586	1,826,415				
Received in FY2016								1,287	396	14,618	30,687	2,054,794			
Received in FY2017										1,316	1,901	30,990	1,967,583		
Received FY2018							142	141	136	1,089	3,912	5,372	19,311	1,845,997	
Received FY2019	63	66		129	145	165	164	163	157	160	455	490	6,213	35,101	1,849,014
Principal Delinquency As of June 30, 2019	0	0	0	0	0	0	369	366	4,957	13,993	12,328	18,212	20,542	34,757	46,501

Grand Total Delinquent Taxes (Principal Only) as of June 30, 2019

152,025

Town of Middletown Springs
2019 GRAND LIST ABSTRACT (411) FOR FY 19/20

(Taxable properties only - State and Non-tax status properties are not listed below)						
REAL ESTATE Category/Code	Parcel Count	Municipal Listed Value	Homestead Ed Listed Value	Non-Resi Ed. Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value	
Residential I R1	140	24,232,800	17,233,900	6,998,900	24,232,800	
Residential II R2	203	55,685,900	37,101,900	18,584,000	55,685,900	
Mobile Homes-U MHU	9	121,600	64,700	56,900	121,600	
Mobile Homes-L MHL	16	1,992,700	976,300	1,016,400	1,992,700	
Seasonal I S1	5	209,000	0	209,000	209,000	
Seasonal II S2	29	3,785,200	511,800	3,273,400	3,785,200	
Commercial C	6	871,800	0	871,800	871,800	
Commercial Apts CA	0	0	0	0	0	
Industrial I	0	0	0	0	0	
Utilities-E UE	1	1,658,200	0	1,658,200	1,658,200	
Utilities-O UO	0	0	0	0	0	
Farm F	7	3,430,300	2,287,200	1,143,100	3,430,300	
Other O	0	0	0	0	0	
Woodland W	7	618,500	0	618,500	618,500	
Miscellaneous M	54	3,185,500	254,100	2,931,400	3,185,500	
TOTAL LISTED REAL	477	95,791,500	58,429,900	37,361,600	95,791,500	
P.P. Cable	1	564,123		564,123	564,123	
P.P. Equipment	0	0			0	
P.P. Inventory	0	0			0	
TOTAL LISTED P.P.	1	564,123		564,123	564,123	
TOTAL LISTED VALUE		96,355,623	58,429,900	37,925,723	96,355,623	
EXEMPTIONS						
Veterans 10K	2/2	20,000	20,000	0	20,000	
Veterans >10K		60,000			60,000	
Total Veterans		80,000	20,000	0	20,000	
P.P. Contracts	1	564,123			564,123	
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	
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			0	
Total Contracts	2/1	820,723	0	256,600	256,600	
FarmStab Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0	
Farm Grandfathered	0/0	0	0	0	0	
Non-Apprv(voted)	0/0	0			0	
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			0	
Total FarmStabContr	0/0	0	0	0	0	
Current Use	69/69	6,784,500	1,968,300	4,816,200	6,784,500	
Special Exemptions	0		0	0	0	
Partial Statutory	0/0	0	0	0	0	
Sub-total Exemptions		7,685,223	1,988,300	5,072,800	7,061,100	
Total Exemptions		7,685,223	1,988,300	5,072,800	7,061,100	
TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST		886,704.00				
TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST			564,416.00	328,529.23	892,945.23	
NON-TAX						
14 NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411						

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General Fund Balance Sheet
Year Ending June 30, 2019

ASSETS

Cash - unrestricted	34,635
Cash - restricted	93,339
Delinquent taxes receivable (principal only)	152,025
Due To/From Other Accounts	37,012

TOTAL ASSETS	\$317,011
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LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Payroll taxes/retirement payable	6,905	
Property tax credits payable	2,878	
Total Liabilities		9,783

Fund Balance - unrestricted	213,889	
Fund Balance - restricted	93,339	
Total Fund Balance		307,228

TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	\$317,011
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Statement of Taxes Raised - Principal Only
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019

FY 18/19 GRAND LIST as of 7/23/2018 411report	\$88,225,700
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1% of Grand List	882,257
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Allocation

Town Tax Rate	0.4150	366,137
Highway Tax Rate	0.3290	290,263
School Tax Rates:		
Resident	1.3592	739,004
Non-Resident	1.4593	501,770

Total Taxes Assessed	1,897,172
Abatements & Adjustments	(1,657)

Less: Current Year Taxes Collected	1,849,014
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Current Year Taxes Receivable as of June 30, 2019	\$46,501
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SUPPORTING SCHEDULE OF RESTRICTED FUND CASH FLOW FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019

	Equipment	Paving	Recycling	Reappraisal	Highway Surplus	Muni Fac. Highway	Muni Fac. Town Bldg	Muni Fac. Town Surplus	Muni Tax Stabilization	Cemetery	Record Surcharge	Record Pres	Cons. Comm.	Computer Tech	Audit Reserve	Bridge	Vol Fire Dept	Total
Balance as of June 30, 2018	\$108,089	\$67,308	\$2,920	\$59,967	\$96,630	\$44,054	\$219,398	\$9,683	\$5,000	\$5,626	\$10,225	\$19,677	\$147	\$1,939	\$15,000	\$18,806	\$0	\$684,468
<u>Receipts</u>																		
Interest	945	588	26	565	-	66	329	15								19		2,552
Record Surcharge Surplus								24,162										24,162
Town Budget Surplus Reserve																		0
Municipal Tax Stabilization Reserve									5,000									5,000
Highway Surplus																		0
Record Preservation Surplus												638						638
Bridge Reserve																		0
Audit Reserve															5,000			5,000
Reappraisal Income	18,089	40,000	721	4,636			50,000			2,057				327	2,578		25,000	4,636
Budget Move to Reserve																		138,772
TOTAL RECEIPTS	19,034	40,588	746	5,201	-	66	50,329	24,177	5,000	2,057	-	638	-	327	7,578	19	25,000	180,759
<u>Expenditures</u>																		
Town Building Expenditures ****																		0
Highway Surplus							11,376											11,376
Audit Expenses					68,630										22,578			68,630
Record Preservation Expenses												709						22,578
Volunteer Fire Dept Reserve Expenses																	950	709
Conservation Commission Expense													147					950
Misc Deduction To be reimbursed											132							147
Total Expenditures	-	-	-	-	68,630	-	11,376	-	-	-	132	709	147	-	22,578	-	950	104,522
Balance as of June 30, 2019	\$127,122	\$107,896	\$3,666	\$65,167	\$28,000	\$44,120	\$258,351	\$33,860	\$10,000	\$7,683	\$10,093	\$19,606	\$0	\$2,266	\$0	\$18,825	\$24,050	\$760,706

***** see Municipal Facilities Town Building Reserve Detail Schedule for Year Ending 6/30/2019

Town of Middletown Springs
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**Detailed Addendum to Municipal Facilities Town Building Reserve Account
For Year Ending June 30, 2019**

	Amount
Balance as of June 30, 2018	219,398.00
RECEIPTS:	
Town Allotment	50,000.00
Interest Earned	329.38
TOTAL REVENUE	50,329.38
EXPENDITURES:	
CPG Enterprises - Fundraising Consultant	10,438.44
Collin Schauerman - Building renderings	586.25
Zero By Degrees - Design Review	292.50
Green Screen Graphics-digital copies	8.44
USPS - stamps	50.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	11,375.63
Municipal Facilities Town Building Reserve balance as of 6/30/19	258,351.29

**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

	2018-2019 Budget	2018-2019 Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES			
Taxes			
Current Taxes Assessed/Received	1,897,172	1,849,014	(48,159)
School \$ from Town	967,672	942,285	(25,388)
State VT	328,406	328,406	0
Adjustments	(54,184)	(34,067)	(20,116)
Town Taxes - Current	655,277	612,390	(42,887)
Other Revenues			
Delinquent Tax		50,813	50,813
Interest on Delinquent taxes	5,000	8,534	3,534
Penalties on Delinquent taxes	4,000	4,830	830
State of Vermont - Highway	48,000	48,572	572
State of Vermont - Current Use	40,000	44,658	4,658
State of Vermont - Traffic Fines		2,224	2,224
Licenses & Permits	6,000	5,511	(489)
Cramton Fund - receipts	2,000	2,686	686
Copeland Milk Fund - receipts	6,000	6,000	-
Interest	200	356	156

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**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

	2018-2019 Budget	2018-2019 Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES cont.			
Other/Bank Fees		23	23
Recycling Receipts	500	500	-
Transfer Station Fees	20,000	23,528	3,528
Total OTHER Revenue	131,700	198,234	66,534
TOTAL REVENUE (Net taxes plus Other)	786,977	810,624	23,647
EXPENDITURES			
General Government			
Salary - Town Clerk	27,000	27,008	(8)
Salary - Town Treasurer	14,400	14,400	-
Salary - Delinquent Tax Collector	3,600	2,320	1,280
Salary - Selectboard	5,200	5,200	-
Salary - Constable	-	-	-
Salary - Listers	8,000	7,828	172
Salary - Animal Control Officer	250	-	250
Law Enforcement	20,250	21,434	(1,184)
Salary - Auditors	1,500	1,335	165
Payroll Taxes	6,000	5,549	451
Independent Audit (Reserve)	5,000	7,854	(2,854)
Salary - Assistant Town Clerk	1,500	945	555
Salary - Assistant Town Treasurer	-	-	-
Clerical	600	-	600
Computer Technology (Reserve)	3,000	3,000	-
Elections	4,000	5,825	(1,825)
Street Lights	4,800	3,944	856
Telephone	3,000	3,050	(50)
Office Rent	5,100	5,100	-
Office Supplies	2,500	2,192	308
Copier Expense	1,500	1,068	432
Bank Charges	-	28	(28)
Town Report	3,000	3,650	(650)
Record Preservation (Reserve)	-	-	-
Education/Conferences	750	155	595
Mileage	200	569	(369)
Town Office Security	500	596	(96)
Postage	1,500	1,476	24
Legal	7,000	1,603	5,398
Website Maintenance	500	215	285
Office Maintenance	-	-	-
Tax Map Updates	1,000	995	5
Lister Expenses	500	379	121
Solid Waste - Contract	31,000	14,372	16,628
Solid Waste - Wages	10,200	10,569	(369)
Solid Waste - Other	1,500	1,240	260
Solid Waste - Electric	1,500	1,780	(280)
Solid Waste - Non-Regular Disposal		2,858	
Solid Waste - Recycling		9,015	
SubTotal Solid Waste	44,200	39,833	4,367

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**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

	2018-2019 Budget	2018-2019 Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
EXPENDITURES cont.			
Solid Waste State Plan	3,200	3,260	(60)
Insurance - Property & Liability	18,000	14,275	3,725
Insurance-Unemployment	750	478	272
Insurance - Workmen's Comp.	17,250	15,582	1,668
Miscellaneous	500	655	(155)
VLCT - Dues	1,850	1,868	(18)
Planning Commission Dues	975	975	-
Rutland County Tax	7,000	7,022	(22)
Public Notices	500	519	(19)
Old Cemetery (Reserve)	3,500	3,500	-
VFD Facilities (Reserve)	25,000	25,000	-
Library	22,660	22,660	-
Town Property Maintenance	1,000	1,488	(488)
Conservation Commission		77	(77)
Town Excess		29,162	(29,162)
Town Building (Reserve)	50,000	50,000	(0)
West Street Property		269	(269)
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	328,535	344,341	(3,933)
Dues/Organizations			
Poultney Rescue Squad	4,300	4,300	-
First Response	4,000	4,000	-
Rutland Area Visiting Nurses Assn.	1,500	1,500	-
Vermont Green Up	50	50	-
Rutland Area Community Service	867	867	-
Southwestern VT Council on Aging	750	750	-
Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council	200	200	-
Center for Independent Living	-	-	-
Vermont RCDC	100	100	-
Poultney Community League	400	400	-
Regional Ambulance Service	375	375	-
M.S. Volunteer Fire Dept.	79,500	79,500	-
NewStory Center	200	200	-
Rutland County Humane Society	125	125	-
R.S.V.P.	200	200	-
Poultney/Mettowee Watershed	500	500	-
Neighbor Works	400	400	-
ARC	500	500	-
Rutland CO Parent/Child Center	100	100	-
VT Assn of Blind	300	300	-
American Red Cross	250	250	-
Mentor Connector	200	200	-
Child Advocacy Center	400	400	-
Pleasant View Cemetery Assoc.	1,500	1,500	-
Regional Marketing Initiative	745	745	-
Memorial Day Parade	500	-	500
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	97,962	97,462	500

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**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

	2018-2019 Budget	2018-2019 Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Highway			
Payroll Class II	2,500	1,167	1,333
Payroll Class III	38,000	29,418	8,582
Payroll Maintenance	6,000	10,332	(4,332)
Payroll Winter II	3,000	5,085	(2,085)
Payroll Winter III	28,000	34,486	(6,486)
Payroll Winter Maintenance	7,500	14,498	(6,998)
Payroll Tax	8,000	10,689	(2,689)
Payroll Administrative	2,500	5,562	(3,062)
Payroll Holiday	1,800	3,304	(1,504)
Payroll Comp Used	2,000	720	1,280
Payroll Sick Pay		916	(916)
Payroll Vacation	2,700	3,044	(344)
Payroll Personal		160	(160)
Payroll Building Maintenance & Grounds	2,000	1,338	662
Subtotal Highway Payroll	104,000	120,718	(16,718)
Road Commissioner	4,500	4,565	(65)
Highway Mileage		636	(636)
Insurance - Health	16,000	14,131	1,869
Traffic Control	500	-	500
VMERS	3,200	4,754	(1,554)
Garage - Rent	3,600	3,600	-
Garage - Electric	450	537	(87)
Garage - Heat	2,500	2,195	305
Garage - Phone	700	609	91
Computer Technology	300	-	300
Equipment-(Reserve)	45,000	45,000	-
Consulting	500	-	500
Property Rental	2,400	2,400	-
Gravel - Bank run	4,000	2,500	1,500
Gravel - Processed	15,000	15,838	(838)
Riprap	2,000	7,777	(5,777)
Road Fabric	1,000	-	1,000
Culverts	3,000	7,374	(4,374)
Street Signage	1,500	2,562	(1,062)
Miscellaneous	3,000	2,604	396
Bridge Repair (Reserve)	-	-	-
Mowing	4,000	-	4,000
Resurfacing/Cold Patch	500	250	250
Sand	18,000	31,230	(13,230)
Salt	15,000	21,260	(6,260)
Calcium	3,000	2,670	330
Guardrails	5,000	7,080	(2,080)
Tree Trimming	2,000	-	2,000
Highway Fees/Permits	3,000	2,190	810
Highway Surplus (Reserve)	-	(68,630)	68,630
Highway Public Notices		472	
Paving (Reserve)	40,000	40,000	-
Norton Road Project - Grant Funded		(18)	18

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**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

	2018-2019 Budget	2018-2019 Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Highway cont.			
Buxton Ave Project - Grant Funded		545	(545)
Spruce Knob Project - Grant Funded		5,747	(5,747)
Fema - April 2019 Storm		14,642	
Fema - April 2019 Storm Reimbursement to Come		(14,642)	
Repairs/Parts - Grader	5,000	6,157	(1,157)
Repairs/Parts - 1 Ton GMC 2012	3,500	8,485	(4,985)
Repairs 7400 2003 Red Dump		-	
Repairs/Parts - Backhoe John Deere	-	956	(956)
Repairs/Parts/Other	300	125	175
Sander/Plow - 1 Ton GMC 2012	2,000	1,047	953
Repairs/Parts/Purchase - Small Equipment	3,000	4,673	(1,673)
Repairs/Parts 1984 Loader	3,000	3,051	(51)
Sander/Plow - 7600 International	3,000	945	2,055
Gas/Diesel/Fluids	20,000	26,941	(6,941)
Repairs/Parts 7600 International	3,500	21,808	(18,308)
Repairs/Parts - 2016 Freightliner	1,500	3,587	(2,087)
Sander/Plow 2016 Freightliner	2,000	1,573	427
Repairs/Parts JCB Backhoe	1,000	3,500	(2,500)
Contract Labor - Hauling	7,000	7,281	(281)
Contract Labor - Rental	6,000	1,950	4,050
Contract Labor-Plowing	250	615	(365)
Contract Labor - Other	250	-	250
Total Highway Expenditures ALL	364,950	373,292	(8,342)
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES (town plus highway)	791,447	815,094	(23,647)

**HIGHWAY PROJECT - Grant Funded
NORTON ROAD
For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019
Grant applied for & managed by Bill Reed**

EXPENDITURES

Miscellaneous	336.71	
Hadeka	600.00	
Lafayette	7,002.25	
McLellan, C	2,270.00	
Tarbell Trucking	510.00	
Waite's Foundation	109,614.00	
Sunny Side Gravel	666.40	
Straw/Hay/Seed	512.00	
TOTAL MATERIALS		121,511.36
Middletown Springs PAYROLL		8,158.39
TOTAL PROJECT		129,669.75
VTrans Projected Grant Award 1/10/19		129,687.46
Town Share of Project		-17.71

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**HIGHWAY PROJECT - Grant Funded
SPRUCE KNOB ROAD**
For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019
Grant applied for & managed by Bill Reed

EXPENDITURES

MISCELLANEOUS

Waites Foundations - Headwalls	9,892.00	
Lafayette - Guardrails	2,899.80	
Excavator mobilization		
TOTAL equipment rental	12791.80	

MATERIALS

Carrara	80.64	
Contech	4,523.40	
McLellan, C	1,510.00	
Hadeka Stone	1,016.00	
Sunny Side Gravel	313.60	
Straw/Hay/Seed	135.50	
TOTAL MATERIALS	7,579.14	

Middletown Springs PAYROLL **5,085.63**

TOTAL PROJECT	25,456.57
VTrans Projected Grant Award 1/25/19	19,710.00
Town Share of Project	5,746.57

**HIGHWAY PROJECT - Grant Funded
BUXTON AVENUE**
For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019
Grant applied for & managed by Bill Reed

EXPENDITURES

EQUIPMENT RENTAL

Excavator - Constantino	3,000.00	
Casella Construction	1,686.25	
Excavator mobilization	400.00	
TOTAL equipment rental	5,086.25	

MATERIALS

Casella Construction	2,184.00	
McLellan, C	4,600.00	
Hadeka Stone	2,560.00	
Sunny Side Gravel	470.40	
Ferguson	263.05	
Straw/Hay	261.20	
TOTAL MATERIALS	10,338.65	

Middletown Springs PAYROLL **7,491.25**

TOTAL PROJECT	22,916.15
VTrans Projected Grant Award 7/18/19	22,370.77
Town Share of Project	545.38

**Town of Middletown Springs
SELECTBOARD ORDERS ITEMIZED**

JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019

Net Expenditures

Achey, S	4,703.69	Grant's Village Store	44.30
Achey, S (reimbursement)	751.95	Green Screen Graphics	8.44
Airgas	266.36	Green Up Vermont	50.00
Aldermans	7,755.72	Grimm, S	450.20
All States Asphalt	2,670.00	Hadeka Stone	7,551.00
American Red Cross	250.00	Haley, M	186.00
APEX	235.00	Haynes, C	984.84
ARC	500.00	Hemenway, P	1,452.92
Arsenault, J	44.63	Highwinds Leasing	919.50
BCBSVT	8,005.35	House, D	2,007.35
Beckwith, K	44.63	Hubbard	20,457.20
BROC	200.00	IDS	117.58
Brown's	5,906.00	Irving Energy	2,195.25
Brutomesso, R	250.00	J.P. Carrera & Sons	80.64
Burch-Clay, J	505.62	Jacob Carter Logging	2,275.00
Bushnell, K	78.17	James P. Mars Builder	210.00
Business Card Services	1,460.54	JCB Finance	26,911.04
Town of MTS reserve accts	87,795.61	Kenyon, P	1,070.94
Cargill	21,259.95	Keyes, L	859.95
Casella Construction	28,243.00	Keyser Energy	121.93
Casella Recycling	5,782.00	Kimball Midwest	202.59
Castle, L	21,676.09	Kniffen, R	1,237.62
Castle, L (reimbursement)	651.17	Kofile Preservation	688.84
Chappel Tractor Sales, Inc.	1,252.00	LaFayette	16,981.90
Chesnut-Tangerman, M	462.19	Larson, C	831.00
Child First Advocacy Center	400.00	LHS Associates	3,354.70
Childress, H	1,574.02	Liftech	3,857.41
Childress, H (reimbursement)	474.53	Lyle Welding	2,290.00
Clark, B	40,974.84	Maine Oxy	661.22
Clark, B HSA	6,016.86	Manchester Newspapers	252.80
Collaboration 133	199.99	Marcell Oil	23,280.02
Combined Insurance	109.26	Martelle Property	700.00
Contech Engineered Solutions	4,523.40	McGann, G	400.00
Cooper, E	175.12	McLellan, C	47,130.00
Costantino, G - excavator	3,150.00	Mentor Connector	200.00
Countryside Lock	595.72	Mid-State Appliance	75.00
CPG Enterprises	10,438.44	Middletown Springs Fire Department	80,450.00
Dean, N	266.01	Middletown Springs Historical Society	5,100.00
DEAR Inc	3,600.00	Middletown Springs Public Library	19,035.40
D.L.C.	70.00	Miller, E	1,994.98
Doran Brothers	1,260.00	Miller, R III	2,745.21
Earles Truck Repair	23,270.19	Moulder, A & K	804.10
Eastern Sales	196.32	Moyer, G	9,030.75
Fastenal	282.58	Moyer, G reimbursement	130.50
Feeley, K	52.50	Moyer, S	84.00
Fenton, C.	1,100.14	Munyak, D	21.00
Ferguson Waterworks	8,910.34	Neighborworks	400.00
First Response	2,000.00	NEMRC	1,846.76
Forestry Suppliers	93.63	Newstory Center	200.00
F.W. Webb	26.29	Parker, R	11,762.07
Garland's Agway	1,746.45	Pete's Tire Barn	4,610.35
GMP	6,261.62	Pleasant View Cemetery	1,500.00
Gerald White Sales & Service	70.00	Portland Glass	269.95
Good Point Recycling	82.50	Postmaster	1,004.00
Goodway Document Svcs	15.00	Poultney Auto Supply	6,663.20

**Town of Middletown Springs
SELECTBOARD ORDERS ITEMIZED**

JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019

Net Expenditures

Poultney Community League	400.00	SW Agency on Aging	750.00
Poultney Mettowee Watershed	500.00	SWAC	3,899.69
Poultney Rescue Squad	4,300.00	Talke Munyak, J	12,825.59
Primmer Piper Eggleston & Cramer	260.00	Talke Munyak, J reimbursement	906.10
QPR	249.60	Tarbell, R	975.00
Quick Print of Rutland	1,654.81	Treadway Hauling & Repair	585.00
RAVNA	1,500.00	Treasurer, County of Rutland	7,022.25
Redfield, T	1,568.73	Trees Incorporated	500.00
Redfield, T (reimbursement)	51.15	Trend Business Solutions	49.11
Reed, D	2,400.00	United States Treasury	45,655.23
Reed, K (reimbursement)	164.99	Viking-Cives	401.26
Reed, W	58,287.95	VLCT	1,998.00
Reed, W - (reimbursement)	1,082.03	VLCT PACIF	29,857.00
Regional Ambulance Service	375.00	VLCT UI	478.00
Riley, M	15.75	VMERS	7,775.25
RSVP	200.00	VT Association of the Blind	300.00
Rubinstein, N	235.30	VT DEC - Watershed Management	1,990.00
Russell Graphics	1,520.00	Vt Department of Health	5.00
Rutland Area Community Services	867.00	VT Department of Taxes	5,350.98
Rutland Chamber of Commerce	745.00	VT Digital	148.23
Rutland County Sheriff's Dept	21,433.62	VT RCDC	100.00
Rutland Herald	1,086.24	VT State Treasurer	947.00
Rutland Humane Society	125.00	VTEL	3,659.13
Rutland Parent Child Center	100.00	Waite Excavation	250.00
Rutland Regional Planning Commission	975.00	Waite's Foundation	119506.00
Schauerman, C	586.25	Webber, Chapman & Kupferer	1342.50
Schwaab	72.75	Wells Spring UUSD	942284.59
Silver, L	131.94	Wholesale Distributors	3780.20
Staples	439.34	Williams Hardware	338.72
State of Vermont	400.00	Winmill Equipment CO	3353.66
State of Vermont ANR-DEC	200.00	Winning Image Graphix	750.00
Sullivan Powers & Co.	22,578.00	Zero By Degrees	292.50
Sunnyside Sand & Gravel	1,450.40		



c. 1930. Courtesy of the Middletown Springs Historical Society

Town of Middletown Springs
PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2020 GENERAL BUDGET

	FY 2019 Budget	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Budget	FY 2021 Budget
Revenue				
Tax Related				
Delinquent Tax	\$0	\$50,813	\$60,000	\$30,000
Interest-Delinquent Taxes	\$5,000	\$8,534	\$10,000	\$5,000
Penalties-Delinquent Taxes	\$4,000	\$4,830	\$5,000	\$2,500
Tax Sale Attorney Fees	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Tax Related	\$9,000	\$64,177	\$75,000	\$37,500
State of Vermont				
Vermont Highway	\$48,000	\$48,572	\$48,000	\$48,000
Vermont Current Use	\$40,000	\$44,658	\$40,000	\$44,000
Vermont Other/Grants		\$0	\$0	\$40,000
Traffic Fines		\$2,224		\$0
Total State of Vermont	\$88,000	\$95,453	\$88,000	\$132,000
Fees and Permits				
Fees and Permits	\$0	\$283	\$6,000	\$7,000
Town Clerk Services	\$6,000	\$3,700	\$0	\$0
Dog Licenses	\$0	\$224	\$0	\$0
Beer Licenses	\$0	\$70	\$0	\$0
Copier Fees	\$0	\$1,107	\$0	\$0
Motor Vehicles	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fish & Wildlife	\$0	\$127	\$0	\$0
Dog Surcharge	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Preservation Surcharge	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Fees & Permits	\$6,000	\$5,511	\$6,000	\$7,000
Other Revenue				
Recycling Receipts	\$500	\$500	\$750	\$750
Reimbursements	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Cramton Fund	\$2,000	\$2,686	\$2,000	\$2,000
Copeland Fund	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Interest-Investments	\$200	\$356	\$300	\$300
Other \$0	\$23	\$0	\$0	
Transfer Station Fees	\$20,000	\$22,423	\$20,000	\$20,000
Special Trash Fees	\$0	\$1,105	\$0	\$1,000
Insurance Claims	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Other Revenue	\$28,700	\$33,092	\$29,050	\$30,050
Total Revenue	\$131,700	\$147,421	\$198,050	\$206,550
General Government				
Salaries				
Town Clerk	\$27,000	\$27,008	\$27,000	\$27,500
Town Treasurer	\$14,400	\$14,400	\$17,000	\$17,500
Tax Collector	\$3,600	\$2,320	\$3,900	\$3,900
Selectboard	\$5,200	\$5,200	\$5,200	\$5,200
Constable	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Listers	\$8,000	\$7,828	\$8,000	\$8,250
Animal Control Officer	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$250
Law Enforcement	\$20,250	\$21,434	\$20,250	\$0

Town of Middletown Springs
PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2020 GENERAL BUDGET

General Government - cont.

	FY 2019 Budget	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Budget	FY 2021 Budget
Accounting/Auditors	\$1,500	\$1,335	\$1,500	\$2,000
Payroll Taxes	\$6,000	\$5,549	\$6,000	\$6,000
Independent Audit	\$5,000	\$7,854	\$5,000	\$5,000
Assistant Town Clerk	\$1,500	\$945	\$3,000	\$500
Assistant Treasurer	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000
Total Salaries	\$92,700	\$93,873	\$97,100	\$79,100
Other				
Clerical	\$600	\$0	\$0	\$1,500
Computer Technology	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$6,500
Elections	\$4,000	\$5,825	\$4,000	\$6,000
Planning Commission	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Street Lights	\$4,800	\$3,944	\$4,500	\$4,500
Telephone/Internet	\$3,000	\$3,050	\$3,000	\$3,000
Office Rent	\$5,100	\$5,100	\$5,100	\$5,100
Office Supplies	\$2,500	\$2,192	\$2,000	\$2,000
Copier Expense	\$1,500	\$1,068	\$1,500	\$1,500
Bank Charges	\$0	\$28	\$0	\$0
Town Report	\$3,000	\$3,650	\$4,000	\$4,000
Record Preservation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conferences	\$750	\$155	\$500	\$500
Mileage	\$200	\$569	\$800	\$800
Office Security	\$500	\$596	\$500	\$500
Postage	\$1,500	\$1,476	\$2,000	\$2,000
Legal	\$7,000	\$1,603	\$7,000	\$7,000
Interest Expense	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Website Maintenance	\$500	\$215	\$400	\$400
Office Maintenance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Tax Map Updates	\$1,000	\$995	\$0	\$0
Lister Expenses	\$500	\$379	\$500	\$500
Total Other	\$39,450	\$33,844	\$38,800	\$45,800
Solid Waste				
Solid Waste Contract	\$31,000	\$14,372	\$20,000	\$18,000
Solid Waste Wages	\$10,200	\$10,569	\$11,000	\$11,500
Solid Waste Other	\$1,500	\$1,240	\$1,000	\$1,500
Solid Waste State Plan	\$3,200	\$3,260	\$3,200	\$3,200
Solid Waste Electric	\$1,500	\$1,780	\$1,500	\$1,500
Solid Waste Non-Regular Trash Disposal		\$2,858	\$3,000	\$4,000
Solid Waste Recycling		\$9,015	\$8,000	\$12,000
Total Solid Waste	\$47,400	\$43,093	\$47,700	\$51,700
Insurance				
Property & Liability	\$18,000	\$14,275	\$18,000	\$18,000
Unemployment	\$750	\$478	\$550	\$550
Workers' Compensation	\$17,250	\$15,582	\$18,000	\$18,000
Unemployment Claims	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Insurance	\$36,000	\$30,335	\$36,550	\$36,550
General Expenses				
Miscellaneous	\$500	\$655	\$500	\$500
VLCT Dues	\$1,850	\$1,868	\$1,900	\$1,900

Town of Middletown Springs
PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2020 GENERAL BUDGET

General Expenses - cont.

	FY 2019 Budget	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Budget	FY 2021 Budget
Planning Commission Dues	\$975	\$975	\$975	\$975
Rutland County Tax	\$7,000	\$7,022	\$7,000	\$7,500
Public Notices	\$500	\$519	\$1,500	\$1,500
Old Cemetery	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,000	\$3,000
Firehouse facilities reserve	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Library	\$22,660	\$22,660	\$25,650	\$27,772
Corner Property Purchase	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Town Property Maintenance	\$1,000	\$1,488	\$1,500	\$1,800
Municipal Plan Grant consulting fees	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conservation Commission	\$0	\$77	\$500	\$200
Town Excess	\$0	\$29,162	\$0	\$0
Municipal facilities reserve (transfer station)	\$0	\$0	\$7,500	\$10,000
Total General Expenses	\$62,985	\$92,926	\$75,025	\$80,147
Corner Property				
General	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Grant Pass-through			\$0	
Total Corner Property	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Town Projects				
Creative Economy Pass-through	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Town Projects—West Street	\$0	\$269	\$0	\$5,000
Total Town Projects	\$0	\$269	\$0	\$5,000
Total General Government	\$328,535	\$344,340	\$345,175	\$343,297

Highway

Payroll				
Payroll Class II	\$2,500	\$1,167	\$2,250	\$2,300
Payroll Class III	\$38,000	\$29,418	\$39,000	\$40,250
Payroll Maintenance	\$6,000	\$10,332	\$7,500	\$7,700
Payroll Winter II	\$3,000	\$5,085	\$3,000	\$3,100
Payroll Winter III	\$28,000	\$34,486	\$30,500	\$31,500
Payroll Winter Maintenance	\$7,500	\$14,498	\$8,200	\$8,500
Payroll Taxes	\$8,000	\$10,689	\$8,750	\$9,000
Road Commissioner	\$4,500	\$4,565	\$4,500	\$4,500
Health Insurance	\$16,000	\$14,131	\$16,500	\$18,600
Traffic Control	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
Payroll-Administrative	\$2,500	\$5,562	\$4,500	\$4,700
VMERS Employer	\$3,200	\$4,754	\$6,750	\$6,950
Payroll-Holiday	\$1,800	\$3,304	\$4,750	\$4,500
Payroll-Comp Time Used	\$2,000	\$720	\$2,000	\$2,050
Payroll-Sick Pay	\$0	\$916	\$1,300	\$1,350
Payroll-Vacation	\$2,700	\$3,044	\$4,500	\$4,300
Payroll-Personal Days	\$0	\$160	\$0	\$600
Road Commissioner-Mileage		\$636	\$800	\$800
Total Payroll	\$126,200	\$143,466	\$145,300	\$151,200

Garage

Rent	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600
Electric	\$450	\$537	\$450	\$450

Town of Middletown Springs
PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2020 GENERAL BUDGET

Highway - Garage - cont.

	FY 2019 Budget	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Budget	FY 2021 Budget
Heat	\$2,500	\$2,195	\$2,500	\$2,500
Phone	\$700	\$609	\$700	\$700
Computer Technology	\$300	\$0	\$300	\$300
Building & Grounds Maintenance	\$2,000	\$1,338	\$2,000	\$3,000
Capital Improvements/Equipment	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$18,000	\$20,000
Consulting	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
Property Rental	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400
Total Garage	\$57,450	\$55,680	\$30,450	\$33,450

Road Maintenance

Bank Run Gravel	\$4,000	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$5,000
Processed Gravel	\$15,000	\$15,838	\$15,000	\$20,000
Rip Rap	\$2,000	\$7,777	\$2,000	\$5,000
Road Fabric	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,500
Culverts & Catch Basins	\$3,000	\$7,374	\$3,000	\$3,000
Street Signage	\$1,500	\$2,562	\$1,000	\$500
Miscellaneous	\$3,000	\$2,604	\$3,000	\$3,000
Mowing	\$4,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$5,000
Bridge Repairs & Debt	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Resurfacing	\$500	\$250	\$500	\$500
Sand	\$18,000	\$31,230	\$22,000	\$25,000
Salt	\$15,000	\$21,260	\$15,000	\$15,000
Calcium	\$3,000	\$2,670	\$3,000	\$3,000
Guardrails	\$5,000	\$7,080	\$3,000	\$2,000
Tree Trimming	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
Backhoe Payment	\$0	\$0	\$27,000	\$27,000
Buxton Project BR417	\$0	\$545	—	\$0
Spruce Knob Project BR 370	\$0	\$5,747	—	\$0
Norton Road Project	\$0	-\$18	—	\$0
Highway Surplus	\$0	-\$68,630	\$0	\$0
Highway Public Notices	\$0	\$472	\$0	\$500
Paving Reserve	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Dayton Hill Project	\$0	\$0	—	\$0
Construction Permits/Highway Fees	\$3,000	\$2,190	\$3,000	\$3,000
FEMA April 2019		\$14,642		
FEMA Reimbursement to Come		-\$14,642		
Transfer to Highway Capital Projects	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000
Total Road Maintenance	\$120,000	\$81,451	\$166,500	\$182,000

Repairs & Parts

Grader	\$5,000	\$6,157	\$5,000	\$5,000
GMC 2012 1-ton	\$3,500	\$8,485	\$3,500	\$3,500
Deere Backhoe	\$0	\$956	\$0	\$0
Other	\$300	\$125	\$0	\$0
Sander/Plow 1-ton	\$2,000	\$1,047	\$1,500	\$1,500
Small Equipment Repair & Purchase	\$3,000	\$4,673	\$3,000	\$3,300
Loader	\$3,000	\$3,051	\$3,000	\$5,000
Sander/Plow 7600	\$3,000	\$945	\$3,000	\$3,000
Gas, Diesel, & Fluids	\$20,000	\$26,941	\$20,000	\$25,000
7600 International	\$3,500	\$21,808	\$5,000	\$7,000
Freightliner	\$1,500	\$3,587	\$3,000	\$6,000
Sander/Plow Freightliner	\$2,000	\$1,573	\$2,000	\$2,000

Town of Middletown Springs
PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2020 GENERAL BUDGET

Highway - Repairs & Parts - cont.

	FY 2019 Budget	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Budget	FY 2021 Budget
JCB Backhoe	\$1,000	\$3,500	\$2,000	\$5,000
Total Repairs & Parts	\$47,800	\$82,848	\$51,000	\$66,300
Contract Labor				
Hauling	\$7,000	\$7,281	\$4,000	\$6,000
Rental	\$6,000	\$1,950	\$4,000	\$8,000
Plowing	\$250	\$615	\$500	\$500
Other	\$250	\$0	\$500	\$500
Total Contract Labor	\$13,500	\$9,846	\$9,000	\$15,000
Total Highway	\$364,950	\$373,292	\$402,250	\$447,950

Appropriations

Poultney Rescue Squad	\$4,300	\$4,300	\$4,300	\$7,450
First Response	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$3,000
Visiting Nurses' Association	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Vermont Green Up	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Rutland Mental Health Services	\$867	\$867	\$867	\$867
Southwestern VT Council on Aging	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750
Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Center BROCC	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
VT Center for Independent Living	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$100
Aiken/VT RCDC	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Poultney Community League	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
Rutland Regional Ambulance Service	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$375
Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Ass'n	\$79,500	\$79,500	\$79,500	\$79,500
New Story	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
Rutland County Humane Society	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$125
RSVP	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
Poultney-Mettowee Watershed	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Neighborworks	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
ARC/Advocacy-Resources-Community	\$500	\$500	\$50	\$500
Rutland County Parent/Child Center	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
VT Association of the Blind	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
VT Trails and Greenways Council	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
American Red Cross	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
Mentor Connector	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
Child First Advocacy Center	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
Pleasant View Cemetery Association	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Regional Marketing Initiative	\$745	\$745	\$745	\$740
Memorial Day Parade	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
Front Porch Forum	\$0	\$0	\$150	\$150
Big Heavy World	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250
Total Appropriations	\$97,962	\$97,462	\$98,212	\$100,107

**Town of Middletown Springs
COPELAND MEMORIAL CHURCH FUND**

The Copeland Memorial Church Fund was established in 1922 by Henry C. Copeland in memory of his parents, Lucious and Minerva Copeland. Use of the disbursement of funds by the Congregational Church include general use expenses, repairs, adding new church buildings, purchasing books for the church, supporting charitable activities, and for other purposes in line of the Church work as approved by the committee of trustees.

Below is the Committee Report. A withdrawal of \$105,000 was made in preparation for the purchase of a church parsonage.

<u>Calendar Year</u>	2017	January - June 29, 2018	June 30, 2018* - June 30, 2019
Beginning Balances	220,888.93	245,106.66	243,248.84
Deposits, investments transferred in	109.58	0.00	
Withdrawals, fees, investments out	-2,950.94	-1,640.83	-107,772.88
Dividend and interest income	9,693.03	5,123.89	8796.68
Change in market value	17,366.06	-5,397.94	-999.01
Ending Balances	245,106.66	243,191.78	143,273.63

Committee Members: *Rita Hansen, Daniel McKeen, Dale Carr*

*Starting account value reflects a 1 day difference in report dates.

Respectfully submitted, *Rita Hansen*



Malindi & Melissa Chesnut-Tangerman performed songs and read stories at the Library's annual Teddy Bear Breakfast.

Town of Middletown Springs
COPELAND MILK FUND

TRUSTEES REPORT – FY19

BEGINNING BALANCE.....January 1, 2019

Portfolio	
Touchstone Investments	\$198,820.66
National Life Group/LSW	294,932.00

TOTAL INVESTMENTS **\$ 493,752.66**

MONEY MARKET CHECKING ACCOUNT **\$ 3,866.52**

INCOME

Equity change in Market Value	\$ 25,638.21
Securities Reinvestments	969.82
National Life/LSW interest credited	1,622.13
Money Market Checking interest	.60

TOTAL INCOME: **\$ 28,230.76**

DISTRIBUTIONS

Town of Middletown Springs	\$6,000.00
Producer Distributions	6,000.00
Administration	100.00
Investment Plan Management Fees	2,668.99

TOTAL: **\$ 14,768.99**

ENDING BALANCE June 30, 2019 – INVESTMENTS

PORTFOLIO

Touchstone Investments	\$ 225,428.69
National Life Group/LSW	268,528.06

TOTAL PORTFOLIO INVESTMENTS **\$493,956.75**

Money Market Checking Account **\$ 3,767.12**

This Report data reflects information from January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019

TRUSTEES:
Carl P. Haynes, Terry Redfield, Rodney Tarbell

Town of Middletown Springs
PLEASANT VIEW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

The trustees of the Pleasant View Cemetery Association once again offer our sincere thanks and appreciation to the voters of the town of Middletown Springs for your generous support of our 2019 Town Meeting funding request. Your support is a tremendous help to us as we strive to not only preserve and maintain this beautiful site, but also to make gradual, meaningful improvements as best we can.

We have continued to enlist the assistance of the Middletown Springs Elementary School 5-th and 6-th grade classes in our annual spring clean-up. The students' cemetery work detail helps support their class trip to Washington, D.C. We thank Miss Jenn (Tifft), Principal Rick Beal, and the students for their willingness to help spruce up in preparation for our May 1 opening. While Miss Jenn no longer teaches here at MSES, we are looking forward to continuing this mutually beneficial and community-building relationship with the elementary school staff for years to come. Good job MSES students!

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. And we would cease to function without the amazing skills and support from Cathy Colvin, our Secretary/Treasurer for some 40-plus years!!

We are grateful that there are many folks who walk through and enjoy this peaceful setting on a regular basis, and several other folks who also walk their pets and let them enjoy the freedom of this serene 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 on or around anyone's final resting place.

Thanks again to the voters of Middletown Springs during 2019, and please consider this Report to serve as our request to be on the 2020 Town Meeting Day ballot again this year. We respectfully request another appropriation of \$1,500.00 for FY 2020/21 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
Don Marcy/Alida Tarbell/Art Castle/Alice Hoisington



A great turn out for the Friends of the Library's first-ever Birdhouse Paint & Sip.

Town of Middletown Springs
PLEASANT VIEW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT
December 31, 2019**

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, January 1, 2019	\$5,390.89	
Dividends from Perpetual Care Stock	950.06	
Arthur & Daisy Cramton Trust	1,361.59	
Burials	3,800.00	
Sale of Lots & Cornerstones	2,280.00	
Perpetual Care	2,220.00	
Donation	200.00	
Teresa Ray Memorial	320.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$16,522.54

DISBURSEMENTS

Green Mountain Boys Landscaping--mowing & trimming	\$4,400.00	
Arthur Castle--Burials	2,000.00	
VT Secretary of State--Biennial Report	100.00	
Trees, Inc.--Dead Tree Removal	1,185.00	
DeBonis Landscaping--opening graves	500.00	
MSES 6th Grade Class--Help with Spring cleanup	150.00	
USPS--Stamps	11.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$8,346.00

BALANCE ON HAND, DECEMBER 31, 2019	\$8,176.54
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PERPETUAL CARE INVESTMENTS

445 Shares George Putnam Fund	\$9,238.20	
240 Shares Foot Locker	9,357.60	
Community Bank--Money Market	3,574.63	
Community Bank--CD	37,085.80	
TD Bank--CD	35,081.12	
TD Bank--Barker Mehuron Account	10,311.15	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS		\$104,648.50

TRUSTEES

Arthur Castle
Terry Redfield
Donald Marcy
Alice Hoisington
Alida Tarbell

Note: Appropriation Request #33 on 2020 Town Warning

Town of Middletown Springs
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC MONIES

Louis Library Fund

Calendar Year	<u>2017</u>	<u>FY18</u>	<u>FY19</u>
Beginning Balance - Investments			
Net Account Balance	941.83	118.17	603.65
Securities	21,345.95	23,685.67	23,433.10
Total Portfolio Equity	\$22,287.78	\$23,803.84	\$24,036.75
Begin. Bal. Checking Acct.	\$130.52	\$259.76	\$1,160.23
Income From			
Dividends	1,203.14	576.41	1,308.32
Checking	.10	.13	.06
Credit Interest	0	0	.12
Capital Gains	0	0	767.30
Total Income	\$1,203.24	\$576.54	\$2,075.80
Distributions			
MTS Library		650.00	500.00
Bank Charges			51.82
Total Distributions		650.00	\$551.82
Ending Balance June 30, 2018 - Investments			
Portfolio			
Net Account Balance	118.17	603.65	117.33
Securities	23,685.67	23,433.10	24,065.73
Total Portfolio Equity	\$23,803.84	\$24,036.75	\$24,183.06
End Bal. Checking Account	\$259.76	\$0	-\$2.59



Annual Library Book Sale ...
now held in the Historical Society dining room.

Town of Middletown Springs
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC MONIES

Henderson Fund

Calendar Year	<u>2017</u>	<u>FY18</u>	<u>FY19</u>
Beginning Balance - Investments			
Portfolio			
Net Account Balance	1,921.33	310.30	2,633.29
Securities	53,663.32	59,811.43	59,169.86
Total Portfolio Equity	\$55,584.65	\$60,121.73	\$61,803.15
 Beg. Bal. Checking Account	 \$105.91	 \$2,940.99	 \$500.19
 Income From			
Dividends	3,130.90	1,497.38	3,395.63
Credit Interest	0	.34	1.61
Checking	.10	.56	.09
Capital Gains	0	874.77	2,014.10
Total Income	\$3,131.00	\$1,498.28	\$5,411.43
 Distributions and Expenses	 <u>2017</u>	 <u>FY18</u>	 <u>FY19</u>
Scholarship 1	0	500.00	250.00
Scholarship 2	0	0	250.00
Scholarship 3	0	0	250.00
Scholarship 4	0	0	250.00
Scholarship 5	0	0	250.00
Bank Charges	0	0	51.82
Total	0	*\$500.00	\$1,551.82
 <i>*payment date Feb. 21, 2018</i>			
 Ending Balance - Investments			
Portfolio			
Net Account Balance	310.30	2,633.29	4,027.53
Securities	59,811.43	59,169.86	60,934.65
Total Portfolio Equity Total	\$60,121.73	\$61,803.15	\$64,962.18
 End Bal. Checking Account	 \$2,940.99	 *\$500.19	 \$-2.59

Town of Middletown Springs
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC MONIES

Matthews/Bigelow Fund

Calendar Year	<u>2017</u>	<u>FY18</u>	<u>FY19</u>
Beginning Balance - Investments			
Portfolio			
CD /Securities	23,387.09	23,502.48	23,258.15
Beg. Bal Checking Account	25.42	25.53	25.47
Income From			
CD / Securities	505.39	251.06	511.58
Checking	.11	.05	.11
Total Income	\$505.50	\$251.11	511.69
Distributions			
MTS First Response		380.00	0
Total		\$380.00	*0
* check for \$350.00 will show up in FY20			
Ending Balance - Investments			
Portfolio			
CD / Securities	23,502.48	23,258.15	23,769.79
Total Portfolio Equity	\$23,502.48	\$23,258.15	23,769.79



Memorial Day Parade 2019: Space Pilot Sam Tarbell zoomed along side the Library's Reading to the Moon & Back float.

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

MSVFD 2019 Year In Review

Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department responded to 49 calls in 2019. For the past several years, our call volume has increased each year. Approximately 90% of our calls were here, in Middletown Springs. The calls consisted of structure fires, motor vehicle accidents, a car fire, a tractor fire, 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 30 years. The numerous 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 firemen, safety of citizens, and quick responses are all key factors that are incorporated in weekly trainings.

Members of MSVFD took part in several trainings during 2019. The membership had a combined total of 3,400 training hours throughout the year. An additional 245 hours were spent on actual emergency responses. Members of MSVFD spent a total number of 3,645 hours. Keep in mind, there are several members the compromise hourly wages due to leaving a job to respond to calls, time taken away from family, birthdays, dinners, holidays, etc. The membership responds to calls in the snow, rain, ice, wind, below freezing temperatures, and dangerously high temperatures. All the hours are volunteered hours. This is personal time dedicated to the fire department. This does not include meetings, equipment maintenance, or other times when the membership is needed at the firehouse.

Trainings have become advanced due to the state and federal requirements regarding fire fighters and cancer diagnosis. Insurances also require a copy of training hours and records. Trainings have evolved into much more difficult scenarios due to the rise in drug use. For example, dealing with DUI drugs, searching a house on the floor and being aware of needles, chemicals that could be a potential hazard during a fire incident, and drug overdoses. Trainings also included medical helicopter trainings by LIFENET, rapid intervention, firefighter survival, truck company operations, ventilation, engine company operations, water supply, communications, extrication, search and rescue, HAZ-MAT, infectious control, and mutual aid operations. The MSVFD participated in mutual aid training with Clarendon Fire Department, Ira Fire Department, Poultney Fire Department, Pawlet Volunteer Fire Department, Hampton Volunteer Fire Department, Fair Haven Fire Department, Castleton Fire Department, and Wallingford Fire Department. Trainings and meetings are held every Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Community members are encouraged to stop by to observe, partake in scenarios, and ask questions.

Many may not realize it, but members of MSVFD ride around looking at properties in town. They review driveways, house size, water sources, powerline locations, access to doors and windows, access to roofs, other outdoor structures that could be a potential danger, farm animals, farm equipment, location of fuel and propane tanks, type of roofs on structures, solar panels and solar panel locations, and other concerns that need to be noted. This is done to have a plan in place should an emergency event or fire happen on your property. Keeping up-do-date on town properties saves time and lives. It also allows MSVFD to know which apparatus need to respond to your property. Along with this, location of each apparatus on your property is planned out. This allows apparatus to arrive on scene and be set up and ready to work upon arrival. This is also why mutual aid is so important. Members of MSVFD know all the apparatus in the area, what they are designed to do, and the capabilities and expected manpower that would be responding from each department. The membership tries to be ready to respond to any scenario, not just putting out a fire.

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 quality of the trainings continues to improve. Thank you to our members for their time and efforts that have 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 members of MSVFD take great pride in the fire apparatus and fire equipment. All of the fire apparatus are paid in full. These trucks still look brand new inside and out, and the newest apparatus is a 1995 vintage. Each apparatus serves a purpose on an emergency scene. All the apparatus is necessary to provide safety to firefighters and be efficient in any emergency situation that may arise. The following apparatus are

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currently in operation to serve Middletown Springs community members:

MSVFD 2019 Year in Review cont.

- 1973 attack truck (Brush truck and pumper) – Donated
Purpose: brush fires, 4-wheel drive primary unit for bad weather response
- replacement cost \$250,000
- 1987 Engine/tanker 532 – Purchase price \$80,000 (New)
Purpose: water supply/ Tanker
- replacement cost \$275,000
- 1990 ladder – Purchase price \$29,000, minus \$15,000 donation
Purpose: Provide forcible entry, search and rescue, ventilation, salvage and overhaul, houses a set of "JAWS OF LIFE", a wide assortment of specialized rescue and safety equipment.
- replacement cost \$1,300,000
- 1995 Engine/Rescue 534 – Purchase price \$50,000, minus sale profit of \$25,000
Purpose: First due for rescue calls, "JAWS OF LIFE", and second due for all fires
– replacement cost \$550,000
- 1995 Engine 531 –purchase \$53,000, minus \$53,000 (even trade)
Purpose: First due for all fires
– replacement cost \$525,000

Throughout the year, MSVFD Board of Trustees worked diligently to proceed with plans of a new firehouse. Several meetings were held with contractors. Preliminary drawings and quotes were done for every step of the project. Members of MSVFD and Board of Trustees worked to create a Firehouse Building Committee to oversee the project, met with community members and Select Board members regarding the project. The members of MSVFD and the Board of Trustees are in favor of this project and plan to continue moving forward on plans in 2020. Several meetings were held regarding repairs and reconstruction of the firehouse, additions to the existing firehouse, relocation and new firehouse construction were all taken into consideration. Many hours were spent considering and analyzing all options. The membership of MSVFD would like to take the time to thank everyone who has put forth time and efforts into this project.

The members of MSVFD and the Board of Trustees, along with the Select Board coordinated meetings and community dinners throughout 2019 to communicate and inform the community members of town facilities projects. Each project committee informed the community members of current information, the need for the town facilities, projected costs, and engineered drawings. MSVFD has held several informational meetings and dinners over the past two years regarding costs, building designs, footprints, and the necessity of a new firehouse. MSVFD members, along with Board of Trustees, spent time holding meetings with contractors, engineers, architects, and Select Board members. All this information was available to community members, and community members were encouraged to attend, ask questions, and give suggestions.

Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department hosted seven community events and fundraisers in 2019. In April, MSVFD kicked off the year with a Paint and Sip held at the Draught Room in Rutland. MSVFD held a spring raffle featuring a grand prize of a weekend getaway at the Lafayette Oceanfront Resort in Wells Beach, Maine. The second prize was a beautifully hand crafted, wooden American flag made by Green Mountain Rustic Flags. The raffle winners were drawn and announced at the Middletown Springs Memorial Day Parade. During the parade, the members of the MSVFD and the Board of Trustees hosted the concession stand. In October, MSVFD and Board of Trustees held the annual gun raffle. This year, the grand prize was a Browning .308 lever action rifle. MSVFD also hosted Halloween at the Firehouse again this year. Although the weather was not ideal, an abundance of trick or treaters stopped by for treats and hot cider.

On November 30, MSVFD hosted their sold-out bus trip to New York City! This is always a fun trip featuring the Rockettes Christmas Spectacular at Radio City Music Hall. We left Rutland at 6 am and departed New York City for the return trip home at 7 pm. It's always a magical time to visit Times Square, Rockefeller

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MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & FIRE ASSOCIATION

MSVFD 2019 Year in Review cont.

up their final event of the year on Saturday, December 7 with Breakfast with Santa at the Middletown Springs Elementary School. We are proud to say there was record attendance for the breakfast! We had approximately 50 children stop by to see Santa, have breakfast, join in holiday crafts, and write letters to Santa. Each child received a candy cane and reindeer food to put out on Christmas Eve. The members of MSVFD strung the lights on the town tree on the green. Members of MSVFD decided the tree needed a few more lights, so they purchased lights for the tree and strung them on Thursday. The tree was ready for the annual Christmas in the Park.

The fire department budget for FY 2021 will remain the same as FY 2020. There will not be an increase in the budget. The budget has remained the same for the past three years. MSVFD operates on a tight budget. Again, we thank you for your support.

The membership of the Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department and the MSVFD Board of Trustees 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 2020.

Note: Appropriation Request #10 on 2020 Town Warning



Our dedicated firefighters help keep the town safe and give of themselves in many ways to this community.

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

Profit & Loss

January through December 2019

Ordinary Income

Berkley Insurance	2.00
Contributions	961.40
First Response Rental	2,400.00
Fund Raiser 2018	340.00
Fund Raiser 2019	9,965.00
Fund Drive	3,200.00
New Firehouse Plans	950.00
Town Annual Payment	75,000.00

Total Income **\$97,318.40**

Gross Profit **\$97,318.40**

Expense

Accounting Services	1,090.00
Building Maintenance	1,686.41
Diesel/Gas	2,154.96
Dispatcher	3,900.00
Electric	2,695.20
EMS Supplies	56.58
Equipment Maint & Repair	4,134.42
Equipment Replacement	4,540.00
Fund Raising 2018	391.64
Fund Raising 2019	9,037.01

Expense continued

Garage Rental 535	2,400.00
Grant Writer	5,000.00
Heating Fuel	6,912.10
Heating Fuel Garage Rental	1,605.54
Insurance	14,853.00
Ladder Testing	1,522.80
New Equipment	3,490.41
New Vehicle - 534 - 2015	2,899.40
Office Supplies/Postage/Stationary	1,466.80
Plans Firehouse	950.00
Propane	574.94
Radio Repair	4,285.77
Telephone	2,385.26
Training	272.00
Turnout Gear	10,904.09
Vehicle Maintenance #531	1,898.21
Vehicle Maintenance #532	350.76
Vehicle Maintenance #533	656.85
Vehicle Maintenance #534	5,666.09
Vehicle Maintenance #535	478.25
Total Expense	\$95,359.09

Bank Balances

	Balance 12/31/2018	Balance 12/31/2019
General Operation Checking	1,264.20	380.31
General Operation Money Market	19,690.59	11,904.98
Fire Truck Replacement	1,717.42	23,374.69
Fire Truck Money Market	4,499.41	
Fire Truck Reserve Funds	3,343.54	
Total	\$30,515.16	\$35,659.98

Town of Middletown Springs
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS FIRST RESPONSE

Annual Report 2019

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 approximately 30 calls; that includes medical assessments, traumarelated injuries, motor vehicle accidents and Fire Department stand-bys. Our average response time was 9.3 minutes. Our current roster consists of 3 - 4 members; 1 A-EMT (Advanced), 2 EMT, and 1 EMR (Emergency Medical Responder). From those members alone we have almost 70 years of experience in the field. We've logged collectively over 100 man hours in training and on-scene time.

The national and local state EMS agencies have held the Continuing Education (CE's) requirement at around 40 credit hours per every 2 years. We continue to grow our skills though training provided in-house, through our parent organization Poultney Rescue Squad, and via the Vermont State EMS office.

We are always actively seeking new membership – any previous medical experience is helpful but not required. Typically District 10 hosts an Emergency Medical Responder course, approximately 80 classroom hours. We can offer a prospective recruit the required training through locally held courses or sessions. Please contact the Training Officer James Reed at 235-2060, or any active member for details. Speaking of James Reed, next time you see him, congratulate him on furthering his EMS education and certification, as he recently took the 85+ hour A-EMT course, took the National Registry exam and passed with flying colors !! Congratulations James!!

For the past few years, we've been able to level fund our budget so as not to fincially burden the tax payers of Middletown Springs. Our budget consists of \$2,400 in rent to the Middletown Springs Fire Department, and \$600 in operating expenses. 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



Town of Middletown Springs
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS FIRST RESPONSE

FINANCIAL REPORT 2019

RECEIPTS

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS	100.00
TOWN ALLOCATION	3,000.00
MONEY MARKET INTEREST	60.08
MANCHESTER NEWS	105.28

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$3,265.36
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LESS LOST CHECKS 2 ALLOCATIONS 2018	(2,000.00)
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TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$3,205.28
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DISBURSEMENTS

MSVFD FIRE ASSOCIATION RENT	2,400.00
AUTO SUPPLY	139.82
KEYSER ENERGY VEHICLE FUEL	56.01

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$2,595.83
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CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE ON 12/31/18	\$6,263.55
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MONEY MARKET BALANCE ON 12/31/18	\$32,110.99
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Town of Middletown Springs
POULTNEY RESCUE SQUAD, INC.



Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc. is a paid staff and volunteer agency that consists of 6 paid employees and 8 volunteers. Poultney Rescue was very busy this year responding to 518 calls in 2019. The breakdown of calls is listed below:

Calls in Poultney	291
Calls in Middletown Springs	66
Calls in Hampton	23
Calls in Tinmouth	1
Mutual Aid given to surrounding towns	137
Total calls taken in 2019	518

We at Poultney Rescue would like to thank the community for your ongoing support! Our mission is to provide emergency care and transport for the members of our community and without your help we could not fulfill this mission.

Poultney Rescue Squad has 2 fulltime and 3 part time emergency care providers. James Reed is going onto his 3rd combined year as an EMT/fulltime employee. Katrina Davenport is going onto her 4th year at PRS as an AEMT/Administrator/fulltime employee. Chad Geno is in his 8th year at PRS as an AEMT/part time employee. Chad is also our Training Officer. JR Ovitt has been with PRS for 2 years now as an AEMT/part time employee. Josiah Simons is going on his 2nd year at PRS as a per diem driver. Lastly, our newest addition to our part time paid staff is Amanda Harte, EMT.

Poultney Rescue operates 2 ambulances that are fully equipped for Advance Life Support. We are excited to have purchased a new ambulance in 2019! Poultney Rescue has a full crew on 7 days a week from 8am-6pm. We are starting to have more coverage on weekday/weekend nights and hope to eventually have 24-hour coverage in the future. We encourage any members of the community that are interested in becoming part of the Poultney Rescue Squad to please call us at 802-287-5575. Volunteers are always needed.

Poultney Rescue consists of a Public Board of Directors that have completed their 1st year with PRS. President: Walter Ducharme, Vice-President: Kathy Stephenson, Secretary/Treasurer: Deb Hoisington. We'd like to thank them for all their time put into helping make PRS run smoothly.

We also would like to thank the volunteers at the Poultney Rescue Squad Thrift Shop for raising funds to help support us. Your time and dedication are greatly appreciated! We'd also like to thank Deb Hoisington for overseeing the Thrift Shop and all the new and improved changes that have developed in the last year.

Poultney Rescue offers First Aid and CPR courses. If you need a CPR or First Aid course, please email poultneyrescue70@gmail.com or call 287-5575 with your request.

We look forward to serving the community in 2020. Thank you again for your ongoing support. I'd like to thank Poultney Rescue Squad paid & volunteer members for their time and dedication!

Respectfully submitted,
Katrina Davenport, Administrator

Note: Appropriation Request #11 on 2020 Town Warning

Town of Middletown Springs
POULTNEY RESCUE SQUAD, INC.

Profit and Loss Statement January - December 2018

Income

Insurance	167,807.07
Town Funding- Hampton	1,000.00
Town Funding- Middletown	4,300.00
Town Funding- Tinmouth	0.00
Town Funding- Poultney	18,165.00
Subscriptions	20,230.00
Thrift Shop	18,113.00
Donations/IMO	8,550.28
Rodeo/Special Events	8,227.36
Interest	421.47
Total Income	246,814.18

Expenses

Ambulance Tax	5,243.68
Bank Fee	290.25
Building	4,429.50
Communications	7,904.50
Equipment Replacement	4,450.92
Facilities & Equipment	1,971.49
Operations	26,735.60
Legal & Prof. fees	4,600.00
Insurance	31,861.59
Membership	5,526.62
Payroll Expense	130,417.37
Utilities	9,843.23
Vehicle Maint/Gas/Fuel	11,457.18
Ambulance Loan	12,458.25
Thrift Shop Operating Expenses	5,945.71
Total Expenses	\$263,135.89

Net Loss (\$16,321.71)



REPORT FROM THE RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Rutland Regional Planning Commission is a resource for towns; is a platform for ideas; and inspires a vision for our future. We balance local desires, best practices, and regional growth for communities that are vibrant today and strong for years to come.

We enjoyed working with the Town of Middletown Springs in 2019. Together, the RRPC and Town of Middletown Springs achieved several accomplishments which are highlighted below:

Our Emergency Management Planner assisted the Town with updates to their annual Local Emergency Management Plan and the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, which is FEMA approved. She also worked with Herb Childress and Bill Reed to strengthen the local emergency management capabilities.

Mapping and display assistance were provided to the Selectboard. Additionally, the Middletown Springs road crew was assisted with the following road projects for Grants in Aid: year 3, the equipment purchase, and third-party technical assistance.

RRPC completed the Better Roads Category A inventory. RRPC's Transportation Planner assisted with the Road Stormwater Management Plan and completed a culvert inventory of the Town that included driveway culverts. He also helped with the State's Fiscal Year 2021 Better Roads Grant Application and the Transportation Alternatives Program Scoping Study for the Town facility.

If you feel inspired to participate in local or regional planning; want to be paired with opportunities to grow your community; or just want to learn more, please visit or give us a call; we'd love to hear from you!

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Cooperative planning in the region



Town of Middletown Springs
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS PLANNING COMMISSION

2019 was an active year for the Planning Commission as it transitioned from a three member commission to five members. This transition was sought in order to add additional depth and diversity to the commission.

In March the Selectboard appointed new members Sara Young and Peter Blekis to the Commission and approved our request for a five member Commission. Following a period of recruiting via Front Porch Forum and the Town newsletter Maynard Yost was appointed as our fifth member in November. During the transition Tom Hurcomb was appointed Chair and Peter Blekis secretary and Sara Young appointed the Town's representative to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission.

The Commission continued to monitor the Orchard Rd. solar project making all official documents and exhibits available for public viewing via the Town's website. Since the Project's beginnings in 2016 we have reviewed over 100 documents and exhibits to date. We will continue to do so in 2020. Commission members have also attended two Orchard Rd. solar site visits initiated by the Vermont Public Utility Commission.

In mid year the Commission began action on a goal to reexamine the Energy Section of the Town Plan. Over the last few months of 2019 we have explored this with the Rutland Regional Planning Commission's energy planning staff and invited Annette Smith of Vermonter's for Clean Energy to provide us with an energy planning overview. Entering 2020, we will continue work with the Regional Commission to establish a clear path for their participation in a revised town energy plan.

The Commission continued to support the town's Creative Economy Committee regarding community events and the relationship of the Town with the Rutland Regional Marketing Initiative. Kathy Letendre is the Town's representative to the Regional Project and the Planning Commission has annually endorsed the municipal ballot / budget item supporting the Regional marketing program.

The Commission welcomes all citizens to attend our meetings, usually held on the first Monday of each month at 4:30 in the Town Office.

Respectively submitted,
Tom Hurcomb, Chair
Peter Blekis, Secretary
Hilary Soloman
Sara Young
Maynard Yost



Inspired snowman building in
Middletown Springs!

Town of Middletown Springs MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The Historical Society was founded fifty years ago to create and maintain the Mineral Springs Park. In 1971 the Society began the on-going restoration of the Adams House, the Historical Society building, providing space for the Town Office, and the Library, which moved in 1979 to its current location. The dining room, kitchen and other rooms are available for rental for meetings and family events at reasonable cost.

In September, Board members began a process of Strategic Planning with museum consultant Anne Ackerson from Troy, N.Y. Research by board committees, including a survey of former board members, current members, and friends of the Society and a comparative study of several similar Vermont historical societies generated information for a day-long retreat in January 2020 with 26 participants. The five year Strategic Plan will include sets of yearly goals for improvements to insure the long-term future for the organization.

The search continues for a barn to display examples of farm machinery made in Middletown by A.W. Grays Sons and by Eugene Gray. These items are now stored in several private barns around town. While flood plain regulations preclude the use of a site at the Mineral Springs Park, as previously planned, other options are under consideration.

Among the recent acquisitions by the Society are the records and scrapbooks of the Hubbard Family reunions from 1957-2009, when Mary B. Hubbard was secretary.

Over 65 memberships in town and about 180 others throughout the country support the Society's efforts and further its mission. Membership is open to all, and members receive the Society's newsletter as well as discounted building rental for family gatherings. Three new memberships were recorded in 2019.

We invite everyone interested in the colorful history of Middletown Springs to join us!

2020 Events:

Maple Festival - Sun., March 15;
Strawberry Festival - Sun., June 21;
Annual Meeting - Sun., Sept. 13;
Museum Open House - Sun., Oct. 4.

Trustees for 2019-2020 are: Pat Hemenway, Pam Johnson, Bud Krouse, Jon Mathewson, Michele Pagan, Chip Stevens, and David Wright

Respectfully submitted,
David P. Wright, President

Mission Statement

- adopted 12/05/09

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

- adopted 12/5/09

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 REGIONAL MARKETING INITIATIVE

The Regional Marketing Initiative is a collaboration of municipalities and businesses around Rutland County, the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce, and the Rutland Region Economic Development Corporation. The goal of the initiative is to grow the economy in our region.

Middletown Springs' Creative Economy Project has been actively involved with the Regional Marketing Initiative since its initiation. With favorable votes on Town Meeting Days in 2017, 2018 and 2019 to support the regional program, Kathy Letendre and Tom Hurcomb have been active members in the regional group. The regional group leader Mary Cohen (Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce) has come to Middletown Springs and met with Middletown's Creative Economy group, Planning Commission, and Select Board to share information about the Initiative and to gain insights about the town. Our aim is to have Middletown Springs and other small towns well represented in regional efforts like the Regional Marketing Plan.

In Phase One, the Regional Marketing Initiative collected stories of local residents throughout the county to include in the marketing campaign. Middletown Springs' representatives were active in the committee work to share highlights of Middletown Springs, including the arts, agriculture, businesses, and residents. There is a link to Middletown Springs on the realrutland.com website with two stories showcasing people in the town. The initiative seeks to tell authentic stories of people of Rutland County, and answer the question "Why Rutland County?" In addition, the Regional Marketing Initiative's videographer visited Middletown Springs and took video footage at the Town Green, the school, and other town locations. This footage is used in marketing efforts showing the places to live in the county.

The second phase of the marketing campaign launched this Fall with a focus on "the life you were meant for." The goal is to attract people to the region who are looking for career opportunities, affordable housing, and quality education in a family-friendly community. Social media influencers, bloggers and local photographers (professional and amateur) will be involved – all sharing their stories, experiences and photos highlighting why they love Rutland County.

Thanks to funders, including businesses, communities and nonprofit groups, we have reached millions of people through the campaign so far, highlighted the beauty and opportunities that abound here, and started to change the way Rutland County is viewed and talked about in Vermont and the Northeastern US.

The Regional Marketing Initiative is a multi-year project funded by municipalities and businesses large and small throughout Rutland County who believe we will have a much greater impact if we pool our resources. The Initiative supports the economic development goals contained in the Middletown Springs Town Plan.



Just a few of the artists, artisans, and creatives that call Middletown Springs home — Peter Huntoon, Mareva Millarc, Sissy, Diane Rosenmiller, and Nick Seidner.

Note: Appropriation Request #34 on 2020 Town Warning

Town of Middletown Springs **REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

The Middletown Springs Conservation Commission (MSCC) is a five-person board first established in 2003 to steward the Town's 14-acre Sullivan Educational Woods located off of Fitzgerald Road.

Stewardship of Sullivan Woods includes overseeing forest management and maintaining a loop trail and information kiosk at the trailhead. The Commission also focuses on community conservation issues and education. Community projects have included honeysuckle and poison parsnip control around the Middletown Springs Elementary School playing field and woods and assisting the Historical Society to remove garlic mustard and other invasive plants at Mineral Springs Park.

MSCC heads up Green-Up Day the first Saturday in May. From a station on the Church green, commissioners assign road segments, hand out bags and provide snacks to community volunteers.

In 2019 MSCC Members, Elizabeth Cooper, Steve Harrington, Richard Kniffin, and Tasha Turan met on the Sullivan Woods trail to do trail maintenance and put up new trail markers. Steve Harrington coordinated with Middletown Springs Elementary School Principal Rick Beal to initiate student projects to build benches and create fairy houses that are placed along the trail at Sullivan Woods. MSCC commissioned Barb Carr to build a beautiful new sign at the entrance of The Woods that was installed by members with the help of Barb and David Carr.

In the coming year MSCC projects include updating a 10-year management plan for Sullivan Woods, and continuing work to make the Sullivan Woods property more accessible and user friendly year-round for casual visitors and school students. The Commission welcomes ideas and input from other community members. Look for postings of what's to come in the Town newsletter and on Front Porch Forum.

If you are interested in community conservation-related activities and programs in Middletown Springs, please contact a member to be a part of planning projects and programs. If you would like to join the Commission please contact the Town Clerk who will direct you to a MSCC member to find out more.

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

Current members: Elizabeth Cooper, Steve Harrington, Richard Kniffin, Tasha Turan



Sullivan Woods gets a new sign. Thank you, Barb and David Carr!

Town of Middletown Springs MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY

The mission of the Middletown Springs Public Library is to be a community doorway to reading, resources and life long learning and to be a center for people, ideas and culture.

The town first voted to have a public library in 1897. Since then it has been housed in many places including the small shop behind Grant's Village Store and the Historical Society building. The library opened in its current location on October 6, 1979. Last fall the trustees celebrated forty years in the former St. Margaret's Episcopal Church. Handicap accessibility, separate space for programs, and adequate parking remain unresolved issues, but the library continues to flourish nonetheless.

The Friends of the Library (an independent 501c3) works tirelessly on behalf of the library. The money they raise supports the library's book budget, special projects (such as replacing the wheels on the moveable bookcases to make it easier to convert the main room into a program space), while keeping funds set aside for the eventual expansion or relocation of the library. The Friends also share freely of their time and energies to support the Trustees in their fundraising efforts such as Pie for Breakfast and the Book Sale.

The Library's volunteers, staff, and trustees are thankful for the generosity of the friends and family of Marie Agnes Durfee who have made donations to the library in her memory.

The library continues to maintain a diverse collection. We provide current bestsellers and classic books for readers of all ages, a wide selection of movies on DVD, and a range of programs for the youngest to oldest in our community. We received a donation of 10 pairs of adult & children's snowshoes from the Vermont Department of Health which circulate just like books do, joining the growing number of non-traditional items we circulate which includes games and knitting needles.

Fiscal Year 2018-2019 by the numbers: (prior year figures are in parentheses)

• 7991	books, movies, and games were available for circulation	(7638)
• 2323	visits were made to the library	(2245)
• 217	different patrons checked item(s) out of the library	(199)
• 347	the most items checked out by an individual patron	(435)
• 2553	the number of different titles which circulated	(2284)
• 4375	the total number of times those items went out	(3939)
• 67	programs were offered to adults & children	(62)
• 716	people attended programs at the library during this fiscal year	(759)
• 219	books were borrowed from other libraries for our patrons	(188)
• 154	books were lent to other libraries	(98)

495 (459) people hold ACTIVE library cards. Library card holders have access to the library's physical collection as well as to free downloadable audiobooks and e-books. They have access to free online classes and information databases including Heritage Quest for genealogical research.

In order to help facilitate the flow of information from town organizations to town residents, the library continues 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. Paper copies are printed and are available at the library, the town office, and the store. A copy is sent to all who have asked and who have contributed the cost of postage.

The library is open 22 hours a week and is a resource for all residents of Middletown Springs. If you haven't been in recently, stop by and see what is here for you.

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Bushnell
Library Director

**Town of Middletown Springs
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Treasurer's Report
July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019**

	FY 18/19 Budget	FY 18/19 Actual	FY 19/20 Budget	FY 20/21 Budget
Income				
Town Allotment	22,660.00	22,660.00	25,650.00	27,772.00
Louis Library Fund	650.00	500.00	1,000.00	500.00
FOL Contribution	1,000.00	1,308.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Fines/Fees/Payments	50.00	48.00	50.00	50.00
Donations	290.00	339.82	300.00	300.00
Fundraising	7,600.00	8,362.24	8,500.00	8,500.00
Interest	37.00	10.76	0.00	0.00
Total Income	32,287.00	33,228.82	37,000.00	38,622.00
Expenses				
Librarian	14,742.00	12,248.70	15,912.00	16,848.00
Assistant Librarian	5,460.00	5,460.00	5,824.00	6,032.00
Payroll Taxes	2,940.00	2,067.48	3,500.00	4,643.00
Education	100.00	0.00	400.00	100.00
Library Materials	4,000.00	3,664.82	5,300.00	5,300.00
Heat	800.00	1,226.46	1,100.00	800.00
Electricity	1,000.00	1,331.25	1,000.00	1,200.00
Telephone / Internet	505.00	532.84	550.00	535.00
Automation Services	650.00	575.98	439.00	439.00
Supplies	215.00	215.00	100.00	200.00
Postage / ILL Courier	400.00	546.19	800.00	500.00
Snow Removal / Mowing	800.00	988.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Membership Due	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Programs/Publicity	25.00	0.00	125.00	125.00
Facility Maintenance	300.00	4,122.83	500.00	500.00
Technology / Computers	300.00	475.98	400.00	400.00
Cash Reserve	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00
Total Expenses	\$32,287.00	\$33,455.53	\$37,000.00	\$38,622.00

* Includes final payment of \$2,682.64 for new carpet and \$810 tree removal and cabling

Middletown Springs Public Library Restricted Accounts

HFCU Savings Account: Bequests, Restricted

Opening Balance July 1, 2018		5,259.57
Interest earned	22.69	
Withdrawals	0.00	
Deposits	0.00	
Ending Balance June 30, 2019		\$5,282.26

Fidelity Funds Account: Building Capital Improvements and/or Expansion

Beginning Account Value, June 7, 2018		25,327.91
Change in Investment Value	1,923.03	
Ending Account Value, July 31, 2019		\$27,250.94

Note: Fidelity's statement dates are inconsistent with our fiscal calendar.

Town of Middletown Springs
COMMUNITY AGENCY REPORTS

Vermont Center for Independent Living

For the past 40 years, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

In FY'19 VCIL responded to thousands of requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. Services include interpreter referral services for sign language, spoken English and CART services for assignments in medical, legal, mental health, employment, educational, civil and recreational settings, as well as Peer Advocate Counselors and services.

Rutland Office, 60 Center St., Suite 1, Rutland, VT 05701, 802-779-9021, www.vcil.org.

•Appropriation request #18 on 2020 Town Warning

Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force

The Rural Fire Protection (RFP) Program helps Vermont communities protect lives, property and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. Program Manager and Engineering Technician Troy Dare helps towns identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, design installations, and find financial support to help finance the costs of construction. During the 20+ years of the program, nearly 1100 grants totaling \$2.5 million have been provided to Vermont towns for installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs.

The Town of Middletown Springs & Volunteer Fire Departments has received 7 grants totaling over \$24,000 over the years to help improve rural fire protection for the community through this program. For more information please contact Troy Dare at 802-828-4582 or dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com – www.vacd.org (802) 828-4582 / www.vacd.org

•Appropriation request #19 on 2020 Town Warning

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 #20 on 2020 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 #21 on 2020 Town Warning

Town of Middletown Springs COMMUNITY AGENCY REPORTS

NewStory

For 40 years NewStory Center has been the single agency in Rutland County supporting survivors of domestic and sexual violence by working to end the cycle of violence through support, education, prevention, and collaboration.

During FY19, NewStory Center served 816 women, men, and children through direct services such as emergency shelter, medical advocacy, legal advocacy, case management, clinical services, and the 24/7 crisis hotline. Additionally, we provide training and technical assistance to our community partners, including local law enforcement, to ensure a more effective community response to domestic and sexual violence.

The Board and Staff of NewStory Center thank the voters of Middletown Springs for their support of our agency. Thanks to you, we are able to continue to provide comprehensive services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault from your town.

www.nscvt.org; Crisis: 802-775-3232

Office: 802-775-6788

•Appropriation request #22 on 2020 Town Warning

Rutland County Humane Society

The Rutland County Humane Society provides shelter and care to companion animals while finding loving families for those at risk or homeless. We also serve our community by providing information and referral services to people dealing with animal issues.

The RCHS shelter is the largest program of the agency, taking in more than 1,000 animals in 2019.

Our agency is funded through fees for service, town funding, donations and special events. We thank those who support our operations. We only save lives with your help. In 2019, the Rutland County Humane Society took in 14 animals from Middletown Springs.

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

•Appropriation request #23 on 2020 Town Warning

RSVP & The Volunteer Center

RSVP and The Volunteer Center is a volunteer program for people of all ages who want to meet community needs through volunteer service. RSVP/VC considers volunteering to be a key solution in responding to Rutland County's most pressing challenges.

Locally, RSVP/VC is the largest program of coordinated volunteer services serving the people of Rutland County with 799 volunteers. From July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, RSVP/VC volunteers provided 153,287 hours of community service. The cost benefit to the communities of Rutland County in terms of cost of services provided equals \$3,898,096.

In FY'19, Middletown Springs residents took advantage of RSVP programs such as free income tax return preparation and our free Bone Builders classes. Middletown Springs RSVP volunteers donated handmade knitted items to area social service agencies and donated their services to the Operation Dolls & More.

We would like to thank the residents of Middletown Springs for their continued support of RSVP.

802-775-8220

•Appropriation request #24 on 2020 Town Warning

Town of Middletown Springs
COMMUNITY AGENCY REPORTS

Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District

Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resource Conservation District (PMNRCD) 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 2019 PMNRCD provided the following programming to the Poultney Mettowee watershed:

- Environmental Education Opportunities including field trips for students in partnership with UVM
- Stormwater Management
- Water sampling and analysis through a partnership with LaRosa Laboratory at UVM
- Agricultural Programs providing nutrient management planning assistance, soil testing and access to our aerators and no-till seeder.
- Champlain Valley Native Plant Restoration Nursery - stop by our greenhouse in Poultney and also look for our spring tree sale flyer.
- The planting of 4,000 native trees throughout the Poultney Mettowee watershed free of charge through programs such as Trees for Streams, American Forests, and PUR Project

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 2020 Town Warning

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.

In 2019, in our service area of Addison, Bennington, and Rutland counties, 190 Low-cost, Comprehensive HEAT Squad Energy Audits were completed on buildings; 62 Home Energy Improvement Projects were completed and homeowners received a rebate check from Efficiency Vermont; 27 Energy Loans were issued; 64 Down Payment Assistance Loans were made to help homebuyers make it over the 20% down payment barrier, and 15 Rehab Loans, a total of \$258,212 were made to homeowners to make health and safety upgrades to their homes.; 238 homebuyers attended our Homebuyer Education Course (a 150% increase over 2016); Assisted 11 households in finding their dream home with our RealtyWorks service

We look forward to your support of our organization and our work with the residents of Middletown Springs. 802-438-2303, www.nwwvt.org

•Appropriation request #26 on 2020 Town Warning

ARC Rutland Area

ARC Rutland Area's mission is to advocate for the rights of individuals and families with Developmental Disabilities to be regarded as valued citizens with the same entitlements as a non-disabled individual, including the right to lifelong opportunities for personal growth and full participation in the community. We promote programs that are derived from our name; Advocacy, Resources and Community opportunities.

ARC helps the local Self Advocates Becoming Empowered - Rutland group with their monthly meetings and reaching yearly goals, the Rutland Family Support Network with their listserv. We do Representative Payee work for about 51 people; read material from and comment on the State meetings on disabilities and attend the local standing committee at CAP. We currently provide transportation for our members to some of our dances, the self advocacy monthly meetings, and the Aktion Club meetings, a community service club for adults living with disabilities. Thank you for supporting all these efforts.

www.ARCRutlandArea.org 802-775-1370

•Appropriation request #27 on 2020 Town Warning

Town of Middletown Springs
COMMUNITY AGENCY REPORTS

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 strengths and independence of all children and families. RCPCC provides all services at no cost, with the exception of childcare for families above certain economic thresholds.

The Center provides parenting education classes and workshops (on site and in neighboring communities), community playgroups, home visits, pregnancy prevention programs, job training, academic classes, transportation, and childcare.

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.

www.rcpcc.org 802-775-9711

•Appropriation request #28 on 2020 Town Warning

Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Founded in 1926 with the assistance of Helen Keller, VABVI's mission is to help Vermonters with visual impairments to be more independent, cultivate adaptive skills and improve their quality of life. We serve people with vision loss from birth to end of life. We provide services free-of-charge to our clients of all ages in each of Vermont's 14 counties. This included 134 adult clients and 20 students in Rutland County.

As the "baby Boomer generation ages, the number of Vermonters currently blind or visually impaired is expected to increase, it's clear to us at VABVI that our mission and services will continue to play a critical role in the lives of many Vermonters well into the future. We are working harder than ever to ensure that all Vermonters know that we are here to support anyone living in Vermont who is experiencing vision loss.

www.vabvi.org Katie Shappy - 800-639-5861 ext. 219

•Appropriation request #29 on 2020 Town Warning

The American Red Cross of Vermont & New Hampshire Upper Valley

The mission of the American Red Cross is to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. Last year, the American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont provided the following services throughout the region:

- We assisted in the face of disaster, on average, once every 17 hours, helping nearly 1,000 individuals.
- We installed more than 4,000 carbon monoxide detectors through our Home Fire Campaign
- We trained almost 24,000 people in first aid, CPR and water safety skills
- We collected 76,150 units of blood at over 2,500 blood drives
- In our region, over 250 service members were connected with their families through other Emergency Communications efforts.

Vermont: (800) 660-9130.

•Appropriation request #30 on 2020 Town Warning

The Mentor Connector

Each year, The Mentor Connector guides more than 150 vulnerable youth and young adults in south-western Vermont through life changing friendships to build goals, character, and skills to be successful in life. Virtually all program youth are living in poverty, 8 out of 10 suffer from family instability and most are affected by violence and/or addiction. Without additional resources most of these youth would end up continuing the cycle of addiction and poverty.

Our highly skilled mentors use fun, teachable moments to transform each youth's life narrative. Every day we see the transformation from instability to hope. Each one-on-one mentor match uses an individualized program to enhance social-emotional, academic, and workforce development skills. This combination establishes goals and builds a network of support around each youth that remains a stable part of the youth's life. In 2019 your support provided services for 5 vulnerable youth in Middletown Springs.

www.mentorconnector.com (802) 775-3434

•Appropriation request #31 on 2020 Town Warning

Town of Middletown Springs COMMUNITY AGENCY REPORTS

Child First Advocacy Center

The Child First Advocacy Center (CFAC) of Rutland County serves as a central agency through which reports of suspected child abuse can be channeled for investigation and victim recovery. We provide 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. Our agency serves families of all socio-economic levels and is committed to providing quality services regardless of ability to pay.

In 2019, CFAC served 224 clients and 205 family members in Rutland County. We were able to provide wrap around services and support to at least three families in Middletown Springs as they began their recovery from the effects of trauma. In addition, we continue to provide community awareness and education at no cost, in an effort to provide adults with the ability to recognize, react and respond appropriately to child sexual abuse.

(802) 747-0200

•Appropriation request #32 on 2020 Town Warning

Pleasant View Cemetery Association

The Pleasant View Cemetery Association trustees continue to maintain an appropriate level of property maintenance services at Pleasant View Cemetery. We continue to make meaningful improvements in the appearance and maintenance of the cemetery thanks to dedicated volunteers. Many of our fellow townspeople, including elementary school students, utilize this beautiful and serene space. Continued taxpayer support is greatly appreciated and is a big help to us in remaining viable and open for the general public to enjoy.

•Appropriation request #33 on 2020 Town Warning

Regional Marketing Initiative

The Regional Marketing Initiative is a collaboration of municipalities around Rutland County, the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce, and the Rutland Region Economic Development Corporation. The goal of the initiative is to grow the economy in our region. The Regional Marketing Initiative is a multi-year project funded by municipalities and businesses large and small throughout Rutland County and is supportive of the economic development goals contained in the Middletown Springs Town Plan.

802-770-7061

•Appropriation request #34 on 2020 Town Warning

Front Porch Forum

What fuels a healthy democracy? Informed and engaged citizens. Today, technology can impede communication with an overload of noise and misinformation, which spurs often disrespectful screen-to-screen debates. In contrast, Vermont neighbors and thousands of their local public officials post and read about local issues and political matters on Front Porch Forum. Open and civil discussion on FPF leads to people being better informed and getting more involved in their communities. This helps support a healthy local democracy.

Every day on Front Porch Forum we see actions, small and large, taken by empowered and informed individuals who have a stake in the future and well-being of their neighborhoods. The result is a stronger community and stronger local democracy.

•Appropriation request #35 on 2020 Town Warning

Big Heavy World

Big Heavy World is established to preserve the historical record of music originating in Vermont; to create economic opportunity for Vermont's musicians and the industries vital to them; to develop community among Vermont musicians and their patrons; and to accomplish this mission in a substance-free environment that empowers and educates youth.

The Big Heavy World Foundation is a nonprofit Vermont corporation supported in great part by gifts from individuals, foundations, businesses, and sales of Vermont-made music recordings. Thank you for considering support of our mission to preserve and promote Vermont-made music!

•Appropriation request #36 on 2020 Town Warning

Town of Middletown Springs
TOWN PRE-TOWN MEETING 2019

MARCH 4, 2019

The Moderator Kimberly Bushnell called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Selectboard Members Present:

Christopher Fenton-Chair
Herb Childress
Patricia Kenyon
Terry Redfield
Carl Haynes

Robin Chesnut-Tangerman, our Town Representative, is on the Government Funding committee and feasible study program. They are looking at low interest loans, to help increase funding for weatherization.

The Moderator welcomed new people to town and explained that this meeting was time to get information about our Town. The warning was read by the Moderator.

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

No questions

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

The auditors thanked the Selectboard for following the procedures. We are continuing to work on financials and trust funds.

Article 3: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate \$324,925 for the general operation of the town, the sum of \$232,375 to be raised by taxes on the 2019 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Spring for the fiscal year f July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020?

The Selectboard is looking at facilities on the Corner. We have a lot of other facilities like the transfer station, salt & sand pile and fire house that need attention. We have three major projects to look at and have added to the reserve fund each year.

Article 4: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate \$402,250 for the care and maintenance of highways, the rum of \$296,750 to be raised by taxes on the 2019 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020?

Article 5: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Select Board to fund the Municipal Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund with any surplus up to \$5,000 from the current fiscal year General Fund budget, to be used to reduce unanticipated tax increases due to general fund cost overruns?

No questions

Article 6: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Select Board to fund the Reserve Fund for Town Municipal Facilities with any non-allocated General Fund surplus from the current fiscal year?

No questions

Article 7: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Select Board to expend \$20,250 to contract with the Rutland County Sheriff's Department, to provide law enforcement coverage for the Town?

The Sheriff Department explained the effect of having a law enforcement officer in town.

Article 8: 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?

No questions

Town of Middletown Springs
TOWN PRE-TOWN MEETING 2019

Article 9: 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?

No questions

Article 10: 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?

No questions

Article 11: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$50 for the support of the Vermont Green Up Day?

No questions

Motion made and 2nd to address whatever question you have?

Article 12: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$867 for the support of Community Care Network/Rutland Mental Health Services determining that the program serves the residents of the town with counseling, substance abuse and emergency services?

Article 13: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$750 for the support of 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 14: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$200 for the support of the Bennington/Rutland Opportunity Center (BROC) determining that the program serves the residents of the town with assistance to persons living in poverty?

Article 15: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$100 for 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 16: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$100 for the support of Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force 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 17: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$400 for the support of Poultney Community League determining that the program serves the residents of the town with youth sports programs?

Article 18: 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?

Article 19: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$79,500 for the Middletown Springs Fire Department determining that the program serves the residents of the town with fire protection and emergency response services?

Article 20: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$200 for the support of the NewStory Center (formerly Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter) determining that the program serves the residents of the town with a crisis hot line, domestic violence and rape-survivor assistance?

No questions

Town of Middletown Springs
TOWN PRE-TOWN MEETING 2019

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Article 24: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$400 for the support of NeighborWorks of Western Vermont determining that the program serves the residents of the town with home-buyer education and energy services?

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Article 27: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$300 for the support of Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired determining that it provides service to the residents with vision loss?

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Article 33: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$500 for the support of the town's Memorial Day Parade and Celebration determining that it commemorates the service of American military veterans?

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Article 34: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$150 for the support of Front Page Forum determining that it provides communication services to the town's and region's residents?

Article 35: To transact any other business proper to be before the said meeting.

No questions

Motion to recess until Tuesday March 5, 2019 for voting by ballot.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Castle
Town Clerk

Town of Middletown Springs
RESULTS OF 2019 BALLOT QUESTIONS

Ballot Articles		Yes	No	Blank	Spoiled
Article 2	Auditor's Report	228	14	4	
Article 3	Town Budget	174	69	3	
Article 4	Highway Budget	179	63	4	
Article 5	Municipal Tax Stabilization	180	61	5	
Article 6	Surplus to Facilities	168	71	7	
Article 7	Sheriff's Contract	137	103	6	
Article 8	Poultney Rescue Squad	217	27	2	
Article 9	MS First Response	218	26	2	
Article 10	RAVNA	202	40	4	
Article 11	VT Green Up	208	37	1	
Article 12	Rut Mental Health	178	62	6	
Article 13	SW VT Aging	185	56	4	
Article 14	BROC	173	69	4	
Article 15	Vermont Center for Ind. Living	175	63	8	
Article 16	VT Rural Fire	196	40	8	2 over
Article 17.	Poultney Comm League	161	69	16	
Article 18.	Rut Reg Ambulance	200	36	10	
Article 19	MS Fire Department	163	75	8	
Article 20	New Story	178	58	10	
Article 21	Rut Humane Society	180	54	12	
Article 22	RSVP/Volunteer Ctr	156	79	11	
Article 23	Poultney-Mettowee Nat Res	163	74	9	
Article 24	NeighborWorks	148	87	11	
Article 25	ARC	160	73	13	1 over
Article 26	Rutland Parent/Child Ctr	159	75	11	
Article 27	VT Assn Blind	178	56	11	2 over
Article 28	American Red Cross	175	64	7	
Article 29	Mentor Connector	146	90	10	
Article 30	Child First Advocacy Ctr	182	60	4	
Article 31	Pleasant View Cemetery	195	49	2	
Article 32	Regional Marketing	143	95	8	
Article 33	MS Memorial Day Parade	193	48	5	
Article 34	Front Porch Forum	180	63	3	

Town of Middletown Springs RESULTS OF 2019 TOWN MEETING

Elected Officials			Blank	Write in
Town Moderator	Kimberly Bushnell	228	14	4
Town Agent			238	8
First Constable			240	6
Delinquent Tax Collector	Debra House	203	41	2
Selectboard - 2 Years	Terry Redfield	213	27	6
Selectboard - 3 Years	Patty Kenyon	196	43	6
Lister - 3 Years	Patricia Hemenway	220	24	2
Auditor - 3 Years	Juanita (Nita) Clay	202	39	3
Library Trustee	Elizabeth (Beth) Miller	217	25	3
Town Grand Juror			222	24
Trustee of Copland Church Fund			190	56
Trustee of Copeland Cemetery Fund			123	15
Trustee of Louis Fund & Other Public Monies	Elizabeth (Beth) Miller	203	41	1
Planning Commission			194	52



A school trip to the Town Library, led by School Librarian Kim Carr, gave students a chance to preview next year's selections for Dorothy's List.

Town of Middletown Springs
TOWN PRE-TOWN MEETING 2020

WARNING

Town Meeting—Monday, March 2 and Tuesday, March 3, 2020

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 2, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.** for the purpose of being provided information and to allow for the discussion of the Articles to be voted on Tuesday, March 3, 2020. At conclusion, the Informational Meeting will be recessed until 7:00 a.m. on the following day, March 3, 2020 at which time business involving voting by Australian Ballot and voting required by law to be by ballot will be transacted at the Middletown Springs Historical Society dining hall.

POLLS WILL BE OPEN MARCH 3, 2020, 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 ratify the actions of the 2019 Town Meeting?
4. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate \$343,297 for the general operation of the town, the sum of \$265,497 to be raised by taxes on the 2020 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021?
5. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate \$447,950 for the care and maintenance of highways, the sum of \$319,200 to be raised by taxes on the 2020 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021?
6. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Select Board to fund the Municipal Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund with any surplus up to \$5,000 from the current fiscal year General Fund budget, to be used to reduce unanticipated tax increases due to general fund cost overruns?
7. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Select Board to fund the Reserve Fund for Town Municipal Facilities with any non-allocated General Fund surplus from the current fiscal year?
8. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Select Board to expend \$24,500 to contract with the Rutland County Sheriff's Department, to provide law enforcement coverage for the Town?
9. Shall the voters of the town of Middletown Springs vote to approve the sum of up to \$500,000.00 to be borrowed, if needed, for the term of up to ten (10) years for the construction of a town office and meeting room. The building to be built would sit on town land at the corner of East St. and South St. The building would be 46 ft wide (east to west) and 76 ft long (north to south) with a 20 ft x 20 ft vault, a 25 ft x 45 ft meeting room, a full basement, bathroom facilities, and a mechanical room (under the meeting room). All exit doors and/or porches with ADA ramps will be covered. The borrowed money to be used only after the Municipal Town Building funds have been spent.
10. Shall the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$79,500 for the Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department determining that the program serves the residents of the town with fire protection and emergency response services?
11. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$7,450 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 \$3,000 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?

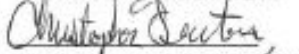
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13. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$1,500 for the support of the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice determining that the program serves the residents of the town with home and community 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 Community Care Network/Rutland Mental Health Services determining that the program serves the residents of the town with counseling, substance abuse and emergency services?
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 \$200 for the support of the Bennington/Rutland Opportunity Center (BROC) determining that the program serves the residents of the town with assistance to persons living in poverty?
18. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$100 for 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?
19. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$100 for the support of Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force 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?
20. 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?
21. 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?
22. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$200 for the support of the NewStory Center (formerly 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-survivor assistance?
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36. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$250 for the support of Big Heavy World determining that it provides support for Vermont's musicians and music education?
37. To transact any other business proper to be before said meeting.

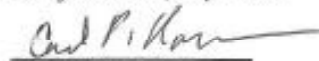
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Herb Childress, Clerk


Patricia Kenyon


Terry Redfield, Vice-Chair


Carl Haynes

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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 **middleTOWN 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>

Notice to Voters of Middletown Springs and Wells

The Wells Springs Annual Report is available at the following locations:

Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union
Middletown Springs Elementary School
Middletown Springs Town Clerk's Office
Wells Village School
Wells Town Clerk's Office
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DATES TO REMEMBER!

**Wednesday, February 26: Wells Springs Board of School Directors
Annual Meeting - 7:00 p.m.** Wells Village School

Monday, March 2: Pre-Town Meeting - 6:30 p.m. at the School
Please bring this Town Report with you.
Food Sale 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Monday, March 2: Deadline to vote by Early or Absentee Ballot
Town Office open until 5 p.m.

Monday, March 2: Deadline to Register to Vote
Town Office open until 5 p.m.

Tuesday, March 3: Town Meeting Vote!
Polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Historical Society.