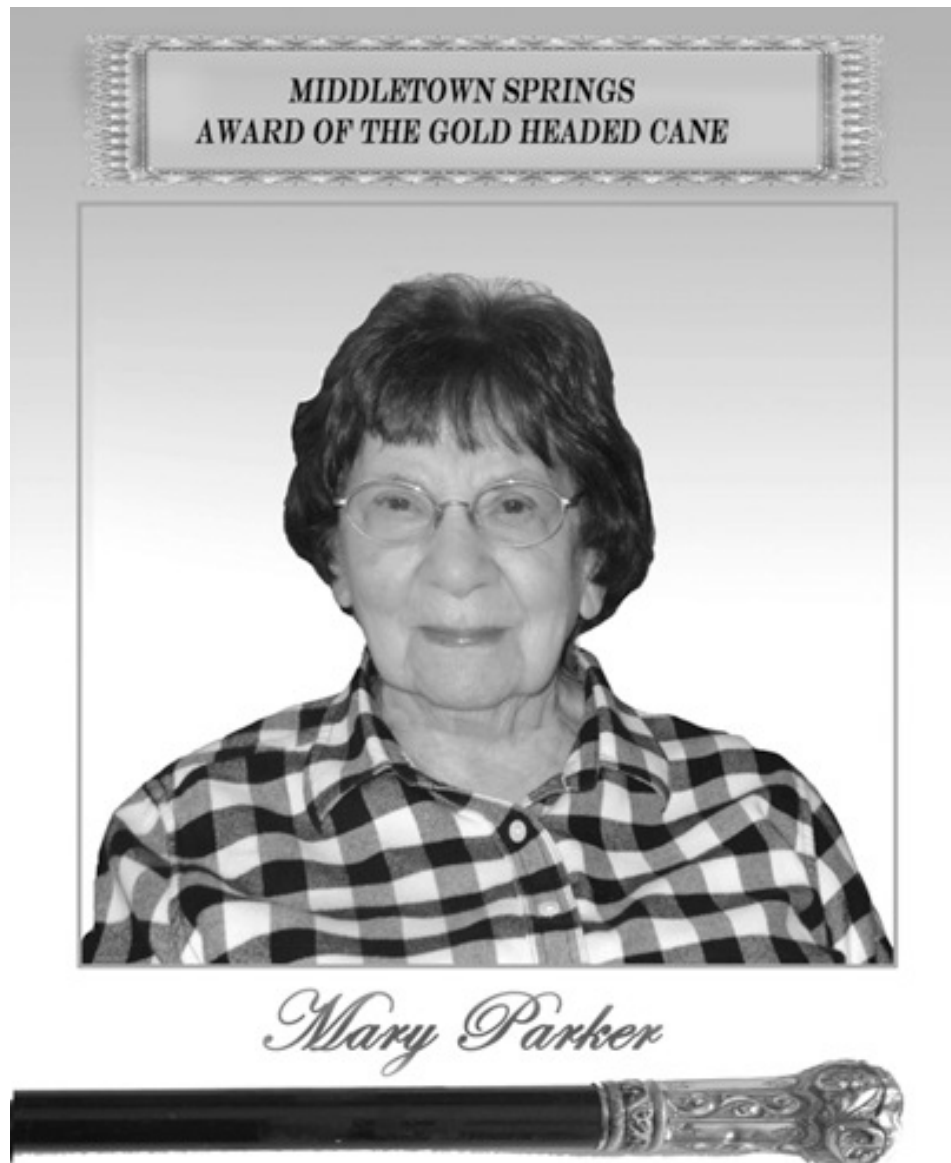


The Town of Middletown Springs VERMONT



**Annual Report
of the Town Officers
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020**

MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS
AWARD OF THE GOLD HEADED CANE



Wilma Washburn

Award of the Gold Headed Cane

Wilma Washburn was born on September 11, 1924, at Gifford Hospital in Randolph, Vt. This is somewhat of a rarity, as back in those days most births occurred at home, but, according to Wilma, "Mother had trouble so Father took her to the Hospital." She is the oldest of two sisters, and her earliest memory is: "I think my first memory is when Grandmother told me I had a little sister."

Wilma grew up in Granville (Vt), attending Randolph Union High School and then Johnson State College, later graduating from the University of Vermont. She was a teacher for many years. One of her memorable impressions of her younger years still speaks volumes today: "There was a teacher in Johnson College that was special. She came here from out of state and found this place different than what she was used to. But she was real good about it and she taught us lots of things we didn't know."

Wilma eventually settled in Bethel after getting married later in life. Her favorite memory, in fact, is: "Getting married; everybody was so surprised 'cause I'd been an old maid for so long. We were both in our thirties when we got married."

Wilma has no children or grandchildren, and is the aunt of Tony Lamberton. She resides on North Street here in town with Tony and Anissa.

ON THE COVER

Mary G. Parker

April 11, 1922 - June 26, 2020

Mary G. Parker passed away June 26, 2020.

Mary was born in East Dorset on April 11, 1922, the daughter of Octave and Marguerite (Woods) Gaudette. Mary graduated from Wallingford High School and earned a bachelor's degree from Castleton Normal School (now Castleton University) and a master's degree from the University of Vermont.

Mary enjoyed teaching for 47 years. Her career began in 1941, when she spent two years at a one room schoolhouse in Danby teaching all eight grades. From 1943 through 1955, she taught fifth and sixth grades and, eventually, high school students at Middletown Springs High School. From 1955 until her retirement in 1989, she taught grades seven through twelve in Poultney where her subjects were math, world history and civics. In 1937, Lester Parker, her husband, took over the family farm on East Street purchased in 1884 by Lester's father, Fred Parker. Lester and Mary were married July 11, 1941 and, together, they successfully presided over Sunny Syde Farm. There, they raised two daughters, Jacqueline and Martha.

Mary was a member of Eastern Star, Grange, Fortnightly, Roundabout, Ladies Art Club as well as the Choir and Bell Choir at the Community Church. Following her retirement, she served as a town lister and substituted at the town library.

Mary loved music. When she was a girl, she sang on the radio with her sister, Donalda. Through the years, her music filled the house as she played the piano and sang harmony with the family. There were fun times of jitterbugging and doing the polka in the kitchen.

In early May 2020, Mary was awarded the Gold Headed Cane as "The oldest person of Middletown Springs, In Trust". She was very pleased with this honor even though there was no ceremony due to the Covid-19 virus quarantine restrictions.

If you shut your eyes and listen carefully, the music still echoes through the old farmhouse.

Town of Middletown Springs
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Town of Middletown Springs
2020 TOWN OFFICERS

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

Selectboard:

Carl P. Haynes	3 Years	2021
Heather Grier	2 Years	2022
Neil Russell	3 Years	2023
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
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	2023
Sally Achey	3 Years	2021
Patricia Hemenway	3 Years	2022

Auditors:

Sarah Grimm	3 Years	2021
Tracy Weatherhogg	3 Years	2023
Juanita Burch-Clay	3 Years	2022

Library Trustees:

Kristal Haynes Hier	3 Years	2021
Alida Tarbell	3 Years	2021
Kelley Beckwith	3 Years	2023
Beth Miller	3 Years	2022
Vacant	3 Years	2023

Town Grand Juror:

Vacant	1 Year	2021
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Trustee of Copeland Church Fund:

Daniel McKeen	1 Year	2021
Dale Carr	1 Year	2021
Rita Hansen	1 Year	2021

Trustee of Copeland Cemetery Fund:

Alida Tarbell	1 Year	2021
Alice Hoisington	1 Year	2021

Town of Middletown Springs
2020 TOWN OFFICERS

Trustee of Louis Fund & Other Public Monies:

Alice Hoisington	3 Years	2021
Beth Miller	3 Years	2022
Vacant	3 Years	2022

Planning Commission:

Hilary Solomon	3 Years	2022
Maynard Yost	3 Years	2023
Vacant	3 Years	2022
Vacant	3 Years	2023
Vacant	3 Years	2023

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:

Selectboard Members	2021
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Tree Warden:

Terry Redfield	2021
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Health Officer:

Carl Haynes	3 Years	2023
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Animal Control Officer:

Neil Russell	2021
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Service Officer:

Selectboard Members	2021
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Emergency Management Director:

Herb Childress	2021
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Rutland Regional Transportation Council:

Bill Reed	2021
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Town Representative to Rutland Regional Planning Commission:

Hilary Solomon	2021
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Town Representatives to Rutland County Joint Municipal Survey Committee (SWAC):

Terry Redfield	2021
Glen Moyer	2021

Conservation Commission:

Elizabeth Cooper	4 Years	2022
Rhonda (Honey) Phillips	4 Years	2024
Tasha Turan	4 Years	2024
Steve Harrington	3 Years	2022
vacant	3 Years	2022

Fire Warden:

James Reed	5 years	2023
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Constable:

vacant	2021
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Weigher of Coal, Timber, and Shingles:

vacant	2021
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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 20/21:

Q3 - March 15, 2021

Q4 - June 15, 2021

For FY 21/22:

Q1 - September 15, 2021

Q2 - December 15, 2021

Q3 - March 15, 2022

Q4 - June 15, 2022

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 8, 2021

Saturday, October 2, 2021

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

Large waste and scrap metal will be collected on two Saturdays in 2021, 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 \$10 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.

THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGES THAT MAY OCCUR DURING THE LOADING OR UNLOADING PROCESS

Green Up Day

Saturday, May 1, 2021

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Saturdays

May 15, 2021	Rutland Town*	8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
October 19, 2021	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

Date yet to be determined - Pawlet at Dorset School

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

Please Remember that as of July 1, 2020 food scraps are banned from landfills.

Town of Middletown Springs
VITAL RECORDS

BIRTHS

Date of Birth	Place	Name of Child	Parents
April 8, 2020	Rutland, Vt	John Henry Adams	Kathryn Brooks Wise Charles Emette Adams II



MARRIAGES

Date	Spouse	Place of Marriage
May 22, 2020	Ashley Marie Daniels Kyle Matthew Bradish	East Poultney, Vt
June 2, 2020	Kaitlynn Jean Protinvansky Christopher William Baird	Middletown Springs, Vt
October 9, 2020	Anne Elizabeth Pigeon Richard Albert Myott	Wallingford, Vt
October 23, 2020	Caitlyn Claire Eaton Kevin James Stanley	Middletown Springs, Vt



Date of Death	Name	DEATHS	Age	Place of Death
February 14, 2020	Eleanor D'Ambrogio		82	Rutland, Vt
March 18, 2020	Leon Gilman Jones		89	Middletown Springs, Vt
April 27, 2020	Ronald Stuart Granger		51	Middletown Springs, Vt
July 1, 2020	Charles William Baird		78	Middletown Springs, Vt
September 14, 2020	Kent Bernard Charles		58	Middletown Springs, Vt
October 11, 2020	Phillip B. Rosso		58	Middletown Springs, Vt
November 10, 2020	Nathaniel Currier Bagley		37	Middletown Springs, Vt

Town of Middletown Springs REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

We continue to maintain the many tasks in this little office despite limitations set by the pandemic. Appointments have been appreciated as we have only been able to accommodate two people at a time: one in the front office and one in the back room of the Historical Society. We have also appreciated the guidelines set by Emergency Management to sign in when entering the office. This allows us to contact trace, if needed, and keeps us all safer. There have been times when appointments have not been possible. Thank you for bearing with the locked door, and politely knocking and wearing your mask when inside.

Tasks performed by the Town Clerk continue to 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.

Laura Ann Castle
Town Clerk

Dog License Report

This year we had 102 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% to the fee.

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 2021 licenses are now available at the Town Clerk's Office.



There will not be a rabies clinic again this year due to COVID. Please make arrangements with your veterinarian to have your dog treated. Thank you!

Vermont Department of Health Local Health Report for Rutland County

The local district office for Middletown Springs and all of Rutland County posts health reports on-line at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/local-health-offices/rutland/local-reports-and-data>. Due to the COVID-19 response efforts, our District Office has not had capacity to produce a report this year. For more information, please follow the links provided below.

COVID:

The type of community spread we are seeing in Vermont means there is a higher risk of getting or spreading COVID-19. Our decisions have an impact on our own health and safety, as well as our family, community, and Vermont. Learn more here:

<https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/protect-yourself-others/tips-you-get-together>

For information on interstate travel and related COVID-19 quarantine guidance: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/travel-quarantine>.

Visit our website for our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) search tool and the latest information on COVID-19: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid19>.

Get the latest news and updates on Health's COVID-19 response. Sign up for our Weekly COVID-19 Update Email:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/sFxLaby/covid19>



Rutland Office of Local Health
300 Asa Bloomer State Office Building
88 Merchants Row
Rutland, VT 05701

Renee Bousquet, District Director
888-253-8802 or 802-786-5811
Email AHS.VDHOLHRutland@vermont.gov

Thank you for helping slow the spread



**PLEASE WEAR
YOUR MASK**

- SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES -

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

In 2020, SWAC successfully complied with the Interim Year Act 148 / ANR Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) requirements. SWAC received approval of its new SWIP in November 2020. The SWIP meets the requirements of the State's Material Management Plan and outlines how solid and hazardous waste will be managed in the SWAC towns for a five-year period. All towns in Vermont are required to be included in a SWIP, and the requirements are extensive. The currently approved and adopted SWIP is available for review on the SWAC website.

SWAC acts as a liaison to the State of Vermont representing the SWAC town's interests on issues such as legislation and rule changes, SWIP requirements, and Product Stewardship.

SWAC is a member of the Vermont Product Stewardship Council and Product Stewardship Institute. These groups have been instrumental in getting Environmental Producer Responsibility (EPR) legislation passed in Vermont. The EPR legislation requires manufacturers to be financially responsible for collection of their product(s). Current legislation includes collections for architectural paint, batteries, automobile switches, mercury thermostats, mercury lamps, compact fluorescent bulbs, and electronics waste. Efforts are underway to introduce legislation requiring manufacturers of household hazardous waste products and paper and packaging to pay for end of life disposal of their products.

HAZARDOUS WASTE: SWAC contracted with ENPRO Services of Vermont to hold three household hazardous waste (HHW) events. Almost 5 tons of hazardous waste was collected. Products included oxidizers, acids, alkalines, reactives, pesticides, aerosols, flammable liquids, ammonia, mercury devices, batteries, latex, oil based, and flammable paints, propane tanks, batteries, asbestos, pcb ballasts, and antifreeze. These events are an expensive undertaking for your towns. Consider alternative products, use the product for its intended purpose, or give to a friend, neighbor, or relative to use. Visit the SWAC website (What Do I Do With page) for locations where electronics, paint, batteries, fluorescent bulbs, and waste oil are accepted for free. Don't wait for the hazardous waste events.

Thank you for participating in SWAC's efforts to properly recycle and dispose of solid and hazardous waste. To keep your communities HHW and solid waste collection costs down, remember the 4 Rs – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Repurpose. Try to use up the product you purchase for its intended use. Leftovers? Consider giving it to a neighbor, friend, or charitable organization.

2021 HW Schedule: May 15, Rutland Town Transfer Station, 218 Northwood Park; October 19, Fair Haven Transfer Station, 175 Fair haven Avenue. All event times are 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Date yet to be determined - Pawlet at Dorset School. The SWAC website provides additional information as it becomes available. All events are free to all SWAC residents. ANY SWAC resident can attend ANY of the events.

Between events: Residents of SWAC towns may purchase a non-district permit to utilize the Rutland County Solid Waste District Gleason Road transfer station and hazardous waste depot. This permit allows access to the Gleason Road facility and provides drop-off of household hazardous waste at no charge, trash disposal at current rates, and access to recycling drop-offs. Permit purchase is available at the scalehouse or hazardous waste depot at the transfer station or at the RCSWD offices, located at 1 Smith Road, Rutland, Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Permits are not available for sale on weekends at either location. Telephone 802-775-7209 for additional information and current rates.

2020 has been an unprecedentedly difficult year. Special thanks to town staff and transfer station attendants who kept operations going despite the difficulties involved. Also many thanks to the SWAC representatives and many of your town clerks, they spend countless hours assuring SWAC continues to run efficiently and effectively.

Middletown Springs is represented by Glen Moyer and Terry Redfield.

Telephone: (802) 342-5701 / email: solidwastealliancecommunities@gmail.com

RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TOWN REPORT FOR 2020

The Rutland County Sheriff's Department is honored to continue to provide law enforcement services to your town. We strive to give the highest quality service possible and assist all citizens and town officials with the issues that arise today.

Deputy Cram continues to be assigned to this patrol. The connection with townspeople, town administration and historical knowledge he has of the town as well as the surrounding towns continues to be an asset when investigating crimes and solving town issues.

The cooperative patrol between the Town's of Ira, Tinmouth, Middletown and Danby has worked very well. Deputy Cram balances the number of hours each town gets, making sure they all get their dedicated service. This cooperative patrol also provides each town 40 hours a week of coverage should the need arise Deputy Cram is available to respond. This agreement between the 4 towns is very advantageous for the residents of each town.

Activity in the Town of Middletown Springs this past year:

2019	2020	Activity
50	45	Total incidents
85	58	Traffic stops
60	33	Traffic tickets
34	25	Warnings
5	3	Arrests
1	1	DLS
1	1	Traffic crashes
8	6	Assists
0	3	Fraud
7	4	Suspicious

I want to thank the Residents of Middletown Springs for their continued support of the Rutland County Sheriff's Department during this exceedingly difficult year.

Respectfully Submitted,
David J. Fox
Sheriff

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



Established
1781

• **Appropriation request #8 on 2021 Town Warning**

Town of Middletown Springs
SELECTBOARD REPORT

2020

What a year it has been! **WHAT A YEAR IT HAS BEEN!!** A few years from now, perhaps many years from now, I suspect that the year 2020 will be indelibly seared into the memory banks of all of those who managed to live through it. 2020 brought opportunities to learn and/or re-learn new words and behaviors (COVID-19, shelter-in-place, social distancing, 'Zoom', remote learning, pandemic, quarantine) while overwhelming our medical systems in ways not seen since the Spanish flu epidemic of 1918. The year couldn't be over soon enough for most of us!

While it has been an extremely challenging year in more ways than we can document here, your selectboard navigated through the twists and turns thrown at them with admirable resolve and determination. We were pleased to welcome new members Heather Grier and Neil Russell to our ranks this past March. Neil and Heather have proven to be valuable members of the board, and we are glad to have them serving the town even though we were very sad to lose Chris Fenton and Herb Childress, both of whom are sorely missed and whose talents and efforts were greatly appreciated. Fortunately for this board and your town, Herb agreed to stay on as Emergency Management Director, a decision that we are eternally grateful for, even though he may be second-guessing that call. Among other things, Herb has tirelessly worked to keep us educated and informed about COVID-19 protocols which were rapidly changing and evolving back in the late winter and early spring of this year. Middletown Springs is VERY fortunate to have this dedicated individual serving in this capacity; please thank him each and every time that you see him!

The new board has worked hard to redefine and refocus our efforts to construct a new town office facility on the corner property. We re-evaluated where we were at while considering options of purchasing and remodeling an existing structure, engaged professional assistance in evaluating the potential of a joint project with the Historical Society in renovating the current location, and analyzed several different design schemes of a new building on the corner property. In the end, the corner property still proves to be the best and most viable option, and we continue to work towards that end. The board has met once a week, almost every week since March, and dedicated volunteers like Peter and Aileen Stevenson have done an incredible amount of work on our behalf and helped keep our feet to the fire. The former Building Committee had done an incredible amount of work to get us to this point, and we are very grateful for all of their efforts in this critically important endeavor. We owe a great deal of thanks to each and every individual, but especially to David Munyak, Patty Kenyon, and Michael Beattie for their years of work on this critically important project.

The highway crew completed a substantial upgrade to a portion of town highway near the upper reaches of Spruce Knob Road. Thanks to the efforts of our Road Commissioner, we were fortunate enough to secure a state grant that reimburses the town for much of this work. Even though this is a lesser-traveled portion of town highway, it is one that we typically 'lose' every spring during mud season, and it is significant enough to warrant state assistance due to water quality runoff issues.

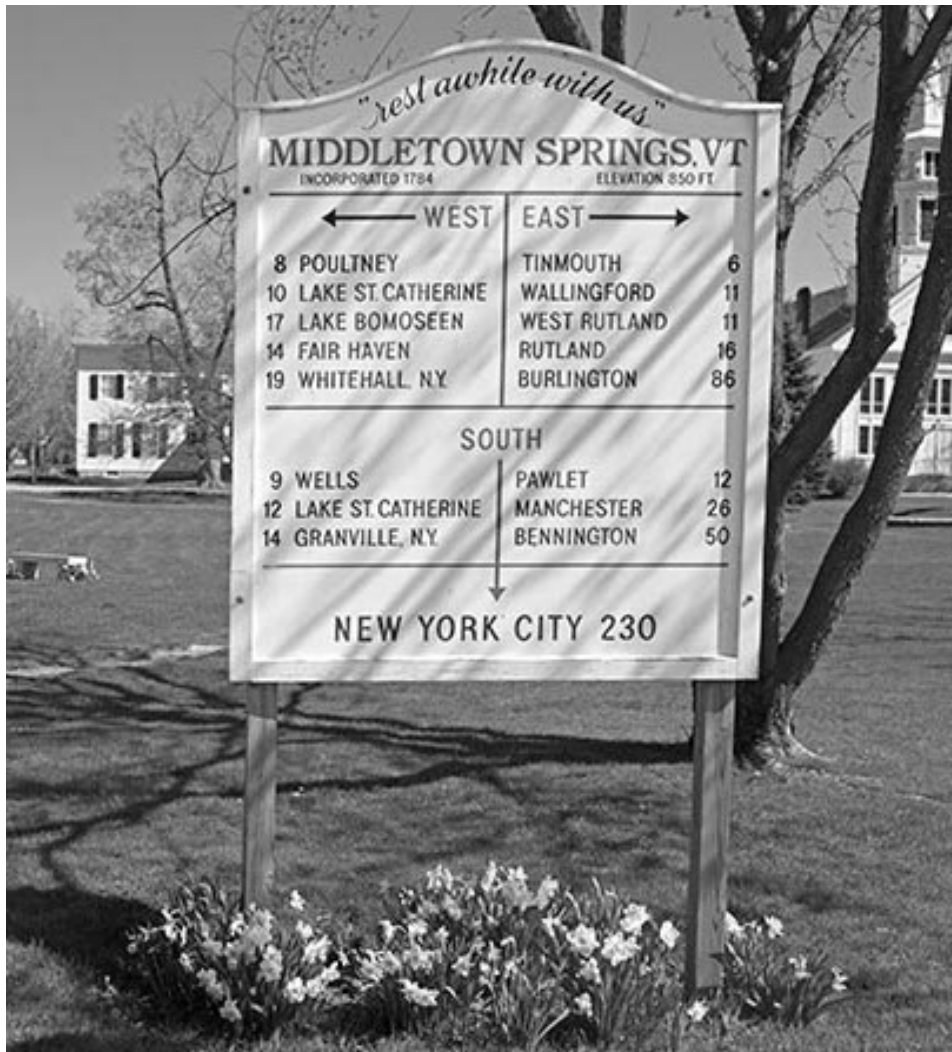
We successfully conducted primary and general elections this past fall in the midst of a global pandemic. While encountering challenges the likes of which we hadn't seen before, dedicated BCA members and other volunteers assisted the board in pulling this off without a hitch and keeping our townspeople safe and informed in the process. Special recognition here goes to Heather Grier and Patty Kenyon for stepping in to assist Town Clerk, Laura Castle with the time consuming and intensive tasks of entering, tracking, and verifying ballots issued, received, and returned on multiple platforms. Other folks also volunteered and assisted in this group effort, in some cases hand-delivering ballots to individuals who hadn't received theirs due to address changes, inconsistencies, or whatever. We appreciate the hands-on help from everyone who offered to pitch in and help – no questions asked. This is just one example of what makes a community a real community!

Town of Middletown Springs SELECTBOARD REPORT

Earlier in the year, another group of local volunteers formed an impromptu local food shelf to offer assistance to those in need. Naga Bakehouse personnel, Sissy's Kitchen, Best Moon Catering, and others stepped in above and beyond and offered low-cost and in other cases no-cost meals to those who may be in need of assistance. Vicki's Store rapidly made operational changes in order to keep this vital community hub open during the initial dark days of the pandemic as well. Some of the talent, creativity, and compassion of this small community is amazing. We are both fortunate and grateful to call this lovely place 'home', and with your support and engagement we will continue to evolve and improve and get even better.

This has been an incredibly challenging year for all of us in so many ways. We will strive to make our small place in the world even better and choose to remain optimistic for the future.

Respectfully,
Terry Redfield



Town of Middletown Springs
REPORT OF THE AUDITORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 (FY20)

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, 2020 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, 2020.

To accomplish these objectives, we obtained an understanding of the operation of the town's government, including internal controls over financial transactions. 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.

Actions Taken FY20:

- Reviewed the FY19 treasurer's report, asked questions, and suggested adjustments to clarify financial information.
- Acted on the recommendations from the Sullivan, Powers external audit, including:
 - Moving toward the monthly reconciliation of bank accounts by an auditor (as opposed to the treasurer) using accounting software.
 - Having an auditor sign off on the Selectboard orders.
 - Presenting a report to the Select Board on the Sullivan, Powers' "letter of deficiencies" and the actions needed.
- Attended Select Board meetings and budget meetings, including attending by Zoom during the pandemic.
- Worked to clarify finances of the Copeland Milk Fund and helped trustees of the Copeland Milk Fund and Public Monies to use fiscal year reporting templates.
- Took over organizing information related to town restricted funds.
- Made recommendations, in the FY19 report, concerning town trust funds.
- Continued to work with trustees of town funds on investments and reporting.
- Thanked Melissa Chesnut-Tangerman for her three years of work as an auditor, and welcomed Tracy Weatherhogg to a position as the third auditor, elected by write-ins.

Note: The Covid-19 pandemic restricted auditor activities from March through July.

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 FY20 was to take action on the suggestions and recommendations from the external audit. Progress was made, even as the pandemic slowed us down. Priorities for FY21 include:

- review of library account, as per the external audit recommendation
- work on clarifying and documenting town financial information, including town trust funds, restricted funds, and an auditor handbook, for transparency and ease of understanding.

Hours: In FY20, between them the three auditors worked over 148 hours, with 67 paid hours and over 81 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, 2020, and the results of its operation for the year then ended. These findings are based on documents relative to FY20 updated on September 13, 2020 and December 7, 2020.

Town of Middletown Springs
REPORT OF THE AUDITORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 (FY20)

Based on our observations and testing, we find that:

- Record keeping and reporting by the Treasurer is accurate, efficient and clear.
- We commend the Selectboard for combining the "Record Surcharge" fund and the "Record Preservation" fund into one fund, as they exist to serve the same purpose.

External Audit: The recommendations from the external audit by Sullivan, Powers in March 2019 provided valuable information, feedback and guidance to the town. These recommendations benefit and protect the town financially in the process of review and/or implementation.

- Some recommendations have been addressed since this audit, by the Treasurer, Selectboard, and/or Town Auditors, including:
 - Segregation of Duties, Investment and Banking Policy, Netting Revenues and Expenses, Time Sheet Approvals, and Library Accounting.
- Action on some recommendations is currently in progress.
- Some recommendations refer to current practices that should be confirmed by policies, or to policies that need review and/or updating, including:
 - Procurement Policy, Fraud Policy, Authorization of General Journal Entries, and a review of Uniform Guidance Policies for federal funds.
 - The Selectboard is currently working on a number of these policies.
- A number of recommendations have been reviewed and discussed, with no action taken to date, including
 - Cash handling procedures between the transfer station and town office, which are considered a "material weakness" by the external auditors (Sullivan, Powers).

Concerns and Recommendations:

General Policies and Procedures:

- As in previous years, we recommend that the Select Board require new town officers to read and sign off on their understanding of town policies.

Note: This has been recommended annually since FY13.

- As in the FY19 report, we recommend that the Town take action on the observations and recommendations of the Sullivan, Powers external audit. With this in mind, we recommend that the Selectboard continue work on implementing the financial policies suggested by the Sullivan, Powers external audit. These include:
 - Formalizing, with a policy, the current practice of authorized approval of changes to original financial entries.
 - Implementing a Fraud Policy.
 - Updating the Procurement Policy.
 - Reviewing and updating the Uniform Guidance Policies that affect our access to federal grants and other funding.

Town Trust Funds:

- We again remind the Copeland Milk Fund and Trustees of Public Monies to post minutes and other information on the town website.

Note: This has been recommended annually since the FY15 auditors' report.

- With regard to the Copeland Cemetery Fund
 - We are concerned that there was no report on FY19 from the Copeland Cemetery Fund in last year's town report. Although the external auditors felt it was unnecessary for the town auditors to oversee this town fund, the lack of action from its trustees raises questions. We recommend that the Selectboard appoint a town representative to the empty town trustee position to ensure appropriate supervision of the town's interest in these funds.

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REPORT OF THE AUDITORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 (FY20)

- o We recommend that the Copeland Cemetery Fund be used, as directed by the original documents, to maintain the Pleasant View Cemetery without requesting extra money from the town budget. There appear to be adequate resources for this purpose in the fund.
- With regard to the Copeland Milk Fund:
 - o We continue to recommend that the Copeland Milk Fund and the Selectboard seek legal advice about the interpretation of the "covenants and conditions" in the original 1927 document.

Note: This has been recommended annually since FY14.

External Auditing:

- We continue to support the town's budgeting for the next periodic external audit by setting funds aside in a restricted account.

Respectfully approved and submitted by Auditors J. Burch-Clay, S. Grimm, and T. Weatherhogg
January 27, 2021



A Sign of the Times - 2020

**Town of Middletown Springs
DELINQUENT TAX BREAKDOWN**

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020

	<u>Tax Year 2010/2011</u>	<u>Tax Year 2011/2012</u>	<u>Tax Year 2012/2013</u>	<u>Tax Year 2013/2014</u>	<u>Tax Year 2014/2015</u>	<u>Tax Year 2015/2016</u>	<u>Tax Year 2016/2017</u>	<u>Tax Year 2017/2018</u>	<u>Tax Year 2018/2019</u>	<u>Tax Year 2019/2020</u>
Taxes Assessed	1,842,698	1,841,969	1,932,678	1,969,734	1,875,698	2,109,858	2,012,532	1,921,270	1,897,172	1,985,577
Abateements & Adjustments	(1,614)	(591)	(494)	(11,147)	0	(2,513)	1,117	(5,415)	(1,657)	0
Received in FY 2011	1,785,061				0	0	0			
Received in FY 2012	26,024	1,790,212			0	0	0			
Received in FY 2013	9,778	23,040	1,870,104		0	0	0			
Received in FY 2014	17,178	26,169	55,930	1,919,825	0	0	0			
Received in FY 2015	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	164	163	157	160	455	490	6,213	35,101	1,849,014	0
Received FY2020				5,964	4,372	4,770	7,824	16,739	30,664	1,916,332
Principal Delinquency As of FY19/20 end	369	366	4,957	8,028	7,957	10,930	12,718	18,018	15,837	69,245
Grand Total Delinquent Taxes (Principal Only) as of FY19/20 End	148,424									

Town of Middletown Springs
2020 GRAND LIST ABSTRACT (411) FOR FY 20/21

(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	Nonhomestead Ed. Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value	
Residential I R1	139	24,012,600	18,322,000	5,690,600	24,012,600	
Residential II R2	203	56,084,100	37,203,100	18,881,000	56,084,100	
Mobile Homes-U MHU	10	273,600	223,800	49,800	273,600	
Mobile Homes-L MHL	17	2,051,300	973,400	1,077,900	2,051,300	
Seasonal I S1	5	207,500	0	207,500	207,500	
Seasonal II S2	29	3,619,100	250,400	3,368,700	3,619,100	
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-S US	1	1,744,200	0	1,744,200	1,744,200	
Utilities-O UO	0	0	0	0	0	
Farm F	7	3,373,000	1,941,400	1,431,600	3,373,000	
Other O	0	0	0	0	0	
Woodland W	7	618,500	0	618,500	618,500	
Miscellaneous M	53	2,874,600	6,800	2,867,800	2,874,600	
TOTAL LISTED REAL	477	95,730,300	58,920,900	36,809,400	95,730,300	
P.P. Cable	1	554,620		554,620	554,620	
P.P. Equipment	0	0			0	
P.P. Inventory	0	0			0	
TOTAL LISTED P.P.	1	554,620		554,620	554,620	
TOTAL LISTED VALUE		96,284,920	58,920,900	37,364,020	96,284,920	
EXEMPTIONS						
Veterans 10X	3/3	30,000	30,000	0	30,000	
Veterans >10X		90,000			90,000	
Total Veterans		120,000	30,000	0	30,000	
P.P. Contracts	1	554,620			554,620	
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	811,220	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	70/70	6,797,800	1,873,100	4,922,700	6,797,800	
Special Exemptions	0		0	0	0	
Partial Statutory	0/0	0	0	0	0	
Sub-total Exemptions		7,729,020	1,905,100	5,179,300	7,084,400	
Total Exemptions		7,729,020	1,905,100	5,179,300	7,084,400	
TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST		885,559.00				
TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST			570,138.00	321,847.20	892,005.20	
NON-TAX	14 NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411					

**Town of Middletown Springs
TREASURER'S REPORT**

**General Fund Balance Sheet
Year Ending June 30, 2020**

ASSETS

Cash - unrestricted	19,687
Cash - restricted	84,111
Delinquent taxes receivable (principal only)	148,424
Due To/From Other Accounts ***	46,491

TOTAL ASSETS **\$298,713**

*****Reimbursements Pending**

4,897	culvert inventory RRPC
14,642	FEMA 4/19 FY 18/19
21,011	FEMA 4/19 FY 19/20
5,942	St of Vt 4/19 FY 19/20

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Payroll taxes/retirement payable	7,994	
Property tax credits payable	532	
Total Liabilities		\$8,526

Fund Balance - unrestricted	206,076	
Fund Balance - restricted	84,111	
Total fund balance		\$290,187

TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE **\$298,713**

**Statement of Taxes Raised - Principal Only
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020**

FY 19/20 GRAND LIST as of 7/17/2019 411 report **\$88,683,900**

1% of Grand List 886,839

Allocation

Town Tax Rate	0.3960	351,188
Highway Tax Rate	0.3350	297,091
School Tax Rates:		
Resident	1.4500	580,302
Non-Resident	1.5785	517,416
State Payable		239,580

Total Taxes Assessed	1,985,577
Abatements & Adjustments	0

Less: Current Year Taxes Collected 1,916,332

Current Year Taxes Receivable as of FY19/20 end **(\$69,245)**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SUPPORTING SCHEDULE OF RESTRICTED FUND CASH FLOW
FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020**

	Equipment	Paving	Recycling	Reappraisal	Highway Surplus	Muni Fac. Highway	Muni Fac. Town Bldg	Muni Fac. Town Surplus	Muni Fac. Transfer Sta	Tax Stabilization	Record. Surcharge	Record Pres	Cemetery	Cons. Comm.	Computer. Tech	Audit Reserve	Vol Fire Dept	Bridge	Misc	Total
Balance as of June 30, 2019	127,122	107,896	3,666	65,167	28,000	44,120	258,351	33,860	0	10,000	10,093	19,606	7,683	0	2,266	0	24,050	18,825	2,089	762,795
<u>Receipts</u>																				
Interest	508	431	15	260	-	62	365	48										17		1,705
Town Budget Surplus Reserve								9,487		5,000										9,487
Tax Stabilization Reserve																				5,000
Highway Surplus																				0
Record Preservation Surplus												1,437	277							1,437
Cemetery Surplus																				277
Recycling Surplus			660																	660
Reappraisal Income				4,646																4,646
Grant Received	4,400	140,000				20,000	50,000		7,500					500	3,000	5,000	25,000	1,000		144,400
Reserve Account Budgets	18,000	40,000																		170,000
TOTAL RECEIPTS	22,908	180,431	674	4,906	-	20,062	50,365	9,534	7,500	5,000	-	1,437	277	500	3,000	5,000	25,000	1,017		337,611
<u>Expenditures</u>																				
Municipal Facility Expenditures																				
Highway Surplus					28,000		10,148			15,000										10,148
Tax Stabilization																				28,000
Audit Expenses																3,732				15,000
Record Preservation Expenses												408								3,732
Capital Improvement Expenses	87,350	259,344												300	2,357					408
Conservation Commission Expense																				346,694
Computer Expenses																				300
Total Expenditures	87,350	259,344	-	-	28,000	-	10,148	-	-	15,000	-	408	-	300	2,357	3,732	-	-	-	2,357
Balance as of June 30, 2020	62,680	28,983	4,340	70,073	0	64,182	298,568	43,394	7,500	0	10,093	20,635	7,960	200	2,909	1,268	49,050	19,842	2,089	693,767

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**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

	2019-2020 Budget	2019-2020 Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES			
Taxes			
Current Taxes Assessed/Received	1,985,577	1,916,332	(69,245)
School \$ from Town	1,100,254	1,097,718	(2,536)
State VT	237,522	225,180	(12,342)
Adjustments	(469)	10,637	(11,106)
Town Taxes - Current	648,271	582,797	(65,473)
Other Revenues			
Delinquent Tax	60,000	93,781	33,781
Interest on Delinquent taxes	10,000	8,829	(1,171)
Penalties on Delinquent taxes	5,000	3,921	(1,079)
State of Vermont - Highway	48,000	49,847	1,847
State of Vermont - Current Use	40,000	48,817	8,817
State of Vermont - Traffic Fines		819	819
West Street Town Property Grant		11,956	11,956
Equipment Grant		4,400	
Paving Grant		140,000	
Licenses & Permits	6,000	10,307	4,307
Cramton Fund - receipts	2,000	2,919	919
Copeland Milk Fund - receipts	6,000	6,000	-
Interest	300	308	8
Other/Bank Fees		78	78
Recycling Receipts	750	750	-
Transfer Station Fees	20,000	24,185	4,185
Total OTHER Revenue	198,050	406,916	208,866
TOTAL REVENUE (Net taxes plus Other)	846,321	989,713	143,393
EXPENDITURES			
General Government			
Salary - Town Clerk	27,000	27,000	-
Salary - Town Treasurer	17,000	17,000	(0)
Salary - Delinquent Tax Collector	3,900	3,900	-
Salary - Selectboard	5,200	5,200	-
Salary - Constable	-	-	-
Salary - Listers	8,000	7,431	569
Salary - Animal Control Officer	250	-	250
Law Enforcement	20,250	22,339	(2,089)
Salary - Auditors	1,500	1,024	476
Payroll Taxes	6,000	6,054	(54)
Independent Audit (Reserve)	5,000	5,000	-
Salary - Assistant Town Clerk	3,000	-	3,000
Salary - Assistant Town Treasurer	-	228	(228)
Clerical	-	-	-
Computer Technology (Reserve)	3,000	3,000	-

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**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

EXPENDITURES cont.

	2019-2020 Budget	2019-2020 Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Elections	4,000	1,695	2,305
Street Lights	4,500	4,269	231
Telephone	3,000	2,663	337
Office Rent	5,100	5,100	-
Office Supplies	2,000	1,812	188
Copier Expense	1,500	1,011	489
Bank Charges	-	-	-
Town Report	4,000	3,504	496
Record Preservation (Reserve)	-	-	-
Education/Conferences	500	-	500
Mileage	800	993	(193)
Town Office Security	500	476	24
Postage	2,000	1,623	377
Legal	7,000	1,535	5,465
Website Maintenance	400	218	182
Office Maintenance	-	1,136	(1,136)
Tax Map Updates	-	-	-
Lister Expenses	500	337	163
Solid Waste - Contract	20,000	14,646	5,354
Solid Waste - Wages	11,000	10,581	419
Solid Waste - Other	1,000	2,733	(1,733)
Solid Waste - Electric	1,500	1,699	(199)
Solid Waste - Non-Regular Disposal	3,000	4,811	(1,811)
Solid Waste - Recycling	8,000	11,210	(3,210)
Solid Waste State Plan	3,200	3,357	(157)
SubTotal Solid Waste	47,700	49,036	(1,336)
Insurance - Property & Liability	18,000	11,359	6,641
Insurance-Unemployment	550	256	294
Insurance - Workmen's Comp.	18,000	12,447	5,553
Miscellaneous	500	1,019	(519)
VLCT - Dues	1,900	1,914	(14)
Planning Commission Dues	975	975	-
Rutland County Tax	7,000	7,580	(580)
Public Notices	1,500	1,378	122
Old Cemetery (Reserve)	3,000	3,000	-
VFD Facilities (Reserve)	25,000	25,000	-
Library	25,650	25,650	-
Municipal Facilities - Transfer Station (Reserve)	7,500	7,500	-
Town Property Maintenance	1,500	1,736	(236)
Conservation Commission	500	500	-
Town Excess		14,487	(14,487)
Town Building (Reserve)	50,000	50,000	(0)
West Street Town Property		14,945	(14,945)
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	345,175	353,333	(8,158)
Dues/Organizations			-
Poultney Rescue Squad	4,300	4,300	-
First Response	4,000	4,000	-
Rutland Area Visiting Nurses Assn.	1,500	1,500	-

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**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

EXPENDITURES - Dues/Organizations cont.

	2019-2020 Budget	2019-2020 Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
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	100	100	-
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
Front Porch Forum	150	150	-

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	98,212	97,712	500
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**Highway
Payroll**

Payroll Class II	2,250	2,553	(303)
Payroll Class III	39,000	42,453	(3,453)
Payroll Maintenance	7,500	13,491	(5,991)
Payroll Winter II	3,000	4,346	(1,346)
Payroll Winter III	30,500	29,123	1,377
Payroll Winter Maintenance	8,200	14,577	(6,377)
Payroll Tax	8,750	10,210	(1,460)
Payroll Administrative	4,500	4,939	(439)
Payroll Holiday	4,750	3,032	1,718
Payroll Comp Used	2,000	1,791	209
Payroll Sick Pay	1,300	456	844
Payroll Vacation	4,500	3,280	1,220
Payroll Personal		1,072	(1,072)
Payroll Building Maintenance & Grounds	2,000	3,169	(1,169)
Road Commissioner	4,500	5,223	(723)
Highway Mileage	800	1,289	(489)
Insurance - Health	16,500	18,421	(1,921)
Traffic Control	500	-	500
VMERS	6,750	5,355	1,395
Subtotal Highway Payroll	147,300	164,779	(17,479)

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**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

Highway Cont.

	2019-2020 Budget	2019-2020 Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Garage - Rent	3,600	3,600	-
Garage - Electric	450	525	(75)
Garage - Heat	2,500	1,776	724
Garage - Phone	700	642	58
Computer Technology	300	-	300
Equipment-(Reserve)	18,000	22,400	(4,400)
Consulting	500	-	500
Property Rental	2,400	2,400	-
Gravel - Bank run	3,000	2,202	798
Gravel - Processed	15,000	31,688	(16,688)
Riprap	2,000	7,059	(5,059)
Road Fabric	-	-	-
Culverts	3,000	4,290	(1,290)
Street Signage	1,000	253	747
Miscellaneous	3,000	3,981	(981)
Bridge Repair (Reserve)	1,000	1,000	-
Mowing	3,000	4,825	(1,825)
Resurfacing/Cold Patch	500	-	500
Sand	22,000	23,000	(1,000)
Salt	15,000	18,530	(3,530)
Calcium	3,000	-	3,000
Guardrails	3,000	5,946	(2,946)
Tree Trimming	2,000	1,800	200
Highway Fees/Permits	3,000	-	3,000
Highway Surplus (Reserve)	-	(28,000)	28,000
Tax Stabilization		(15,000)	15,000
Paving (Reserve)	40,000	180,000	(140,000)
FACILITY Projects (Reserve)	20,000	20,000	-
Backhoe Payment	27,000	26,911	89
Repairs/Parts - Grader	5,000	3,666	1,334
Repairs/Parts - 1 Ton GMC 2012	3,500	3,232	268
Repairs/Parts/Other	-	340	(340)
Sander/Plow - 1 Ton GMC 2012	1,500	200	1,300
Repairs/Parts/Purchase - Small Equipment	3,000	2,215	785
Repairs/Parts 1984 Loader	3,000	994	2,006
Sander/Plow - 7600 International	3,000	1,986	1,014
Gas/Diesel/Fluids	20,000	20,410	(410)
Repairs/Parts 7600 International	5,000	5,665	(665)
Repairs/Parts - 2016 Freightliner	3,000	3,930	(930)
Sander/Plow 2016 Freightliner	2,000	1,272	728
Repairs/Parts JCB Backhoe	2,000	1,467	533
Contract Labor - Hauling	4,000	8,395	(4,395)
Contract Labor - Rental	4,000	4,500	(500)
Contract Labor-Plowing	500	-	500
Contract Labor - Other	500	-	500
Total Highway Expenditures ALL	402,250	542,879	(140,629)
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES (town plus highway)	845,637	993,925	(148,288)

Town of Middletown Springs HIGHWAY PROJECT - Federal/State Reimbursement

**April 2019 Rain Event/FEMA repair project
For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020
Project Managed by Bill Reed
Project Reimbursement executed by H. Childress and B. Reed**

FY 18/19 Expenditures:

Materials:

McLellan, C	8,280.00
Treadway	292.50
Winmill	1,500.00

TOTAL MATERIALS	10,072.50
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Middletown Springs PAYROLL	4,569.00
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TOTAL PROJECT FY 18/19	14,641.50
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FY 19/20 Expenditures:

Materials:

Casella Contstruction	508.00
Filskov	3,825.00
McLellan, C	13,340.00
Sunny Side Gravel	695.80

TOTAL MATERIALS 18,368.80

Middletown Springs PAYROLL 3,298.26

TOTAL PROJECT FY 19/20	21,667.06
Equipment Usage	5,285.55

GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	41,594.11
FEMA Reimbursement 10/2/20	35,652.11
State of Vermont Reimbursement 10/8/20	5,942.02

**Town of Middletown Springs
SELECTBOARD ORDERS ITEMIZED**

JULY 1, 2019 - JUNE 30, 2020

Net Expenditures

Achey, S	4,133.59	Good Point Recycling	16.35
Achey, S (reimbursement)	283.49	Goodway Document Svcs	15.00
Adirondack	425.34	Grader Purchase -	
Airgas	133.18	(from Reserve Account \$)	77,500.00
Aldermans	1,074.12	Grant's Village Store	78.32
Allied Auto Parts	41.37	Green Up Vermont	50.00
American Red Cross	250.00	Grier, H	249.63
APEX	235.00	Grimm, S	544.30
ARC	500.00	Hadeka Stone	1,200.00
BCBSVT	8,814.35	Hathaway, J	700.00
BROC	200.00	Haynes, C	965.84
Brown's	9,126.00	Hemenway, P (reimbursement)	67.94
Burch-Clay, J	488.21	Hemenway, P	1,149.29
Bushnell, K	14,167.96	Highwinds Leasing	1,011.45
Bushnell, K (reimbursement)	17.40	Holden, M	41.56
Caper, J	450.00	House, D	3,565.80
Cargill	18,529.56	Hubbard	26,860.91
Carrara	85.00	IDS	125.57
Casella Construction	1,293.56	Irving Energy	1,776.20
Casella Recycling	6,333.37	James P. Mars Builder	4,447.50
Castle, L	21,787.63	JCB Finance	26,911.04
Chappel Tractor Sales, Inc.	1,793.75	Kenyon, P	1,463.68
Chesnut-Tangerman, M	5,030.42	Kimball Midwest	299.82
Child First Advocacy Center	400.00	Kniffen, R	661.23
Childress, H	421.22	Kofile Preservation	393.08
Childress, H (reimbursement)	263.01	Kofile Technologies	61.29
Clark, B	48,087.59	LaFayette	5,945.50
Clark, B H SA	8,710.98	LaValley	40.62
Clarks Glass	1,135.76	Letendre, Kathy	2,500.00
Collaboration 133	199.99	LHS	32.90
Combined Insurance	108.72	Liftech	1,166.87
Cooper, E	68.76	Long Trail Engineering	510.00
Costantino, G - excavator	4,500.00	Long Trail Electrical	265.00
Countryside Lock	300.00	Luckys	181.80
Covenant Signs	300.00	Lyle Welding	1,653.00
CPG Enterprises	6,988.22	Mac Steel	120.00
DEAR Inc	3,600.00	Maine Oxy	515.58
Doran Brothers	1,260.00	Manchester Newspapers	653.40
Earles Truck Repair	13,644.62	Marcell Oil	18,410.37
Eastern Sales	248.00	Martelle Property	625.00
Fairfield, H.P.	10,800.00	McGann, G	450.00
Fastenal	131.05	McLellan, C	64,440.00
Feeley, K	56.40	Mentor Connector	200.00
Fenton, C.	26.45	Microsoft 365	74.19
Ferguson Waterworks	3,426.95	Middletown Springs Fire Department	79,500.00
Filskov, R.A.	7,862.50	Middletown Springs Historical Society	5,100.00
First Response	4,000.00	Middletown Springs Public Library	2,512.20
Fox Brothers Farm	2,250.00	Miller, E	1,603.49
Francois, E	235.80	Miller, R III	328.09
Front Porch Forum	150.00	Moyer, G	9,609.49
Fuller Gravel	151,448.72	Neighborworks	400.00
Fuller Paving (from Reserve Account \$)	107,895.00	NEMRC	1,859.31
Garland's Agway	228.25	New England Slate	437.00
GMP	6,493.59	Newstory Center	200.00
GoDaddy	18.17	Otter Creek Engineering	14,945.00

**Town of Middletown Springs
SELECTBOARD ORDERS ITEMIZED**

JULY 1, 2019 - JUNE 30, 2020

Net Expenditures cont.

Parker, R	8,250.44	SWAC	3,575.47
Pete's Tire Barn	4,657.30	Talke Munyak, J	15,131.52
Pleasant View Cemetery	1,500.00	Talke Munyak, J reimbursement	1,044.31
Postmaster	1,798.44	Tarbell, R	555.00
Poultney Auto Supply	4,508.59	Tractor Supply	363.94
Poultney Community League	400.00	Treasurer, County of Rutland	7,580.07
Poultney Mettowee Watershed	500.00	Trend Business Solutions	167.51
Poultney Rescue Squad	4,300.00	United States Treasury	49,278.32
Primmer Piper Eggleston & Cramer	450.00	United Way	195.96
Quick Print of Rutland	1,659.19	Vaillancourt Tree Service	1,800.00
RAVNA	1,500.00	Viking-Cives	192.77
Redfield, T	1,639.77	Viper	68.89
Redfield, T (reimbursement)	22.71	VLCT	1,914.00
Reed, D	2,400.00	VLCTPACIF	23,806.50
Reed, W	49,349.64	VLCTUI	256.00
Reed, W - (reimbursement)	1,450.65	VMERS	8,876.57
Regional Ambulance Service	375.00	VT Association of the Blind	300.00
Riley, M	11.28	VT Center for Independent Living	100.00
Royal Group	175.99	VT DEC - Watershed Management	350.00
RSVP	200.00	Vt Department of Liquor Control	70.00
Rubinstein, N	193.56	VT Department of Taxes	4,486.66
Russell, N	1,055.80	VT Digital	110.00
Rutland Area Community Services	867.00	VT RCDC	100.00
Rutland Chamber of Commerce	745.00	VT State Treasurer	323.00
Rutland County Sheriff's Dept	22,399.47	VTEL	3,305.12
Rutland Herald	724.74	Webber, Chapman & Kupferer	1,085.00
Rutland Humane Society	125.00	Wells Spring UUSD	1,097,718.14
Rutland Parent Child Center	100.00	White, G	500.35
Rutland Regional Planning Commission	5,872.12	Wholesale Distributors	571.24
Silver, L	102.42	Williams Hardware	547.25
Staples	1,158.61	Wind River Environmental	1,182.50
Sullivan Powers & Co.	1,422.00	Winmill Equipment CO	4,766.32
Sunnyside Sand & Gravel	2,273.60	Zoom	31.78
SW Agency on Aging	750.00		

Town of Middletown Springs
PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2022 GENERAL BUDGET

	FY 2020 Budget	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Budget	FY 2022 Budget
Revenue				
Tax Related				
Property Taxes	\$648,272	\$582,797	\$714,332	TBD
Delinquent Tax	\$60,000	\$93,781	\$30,000	\$30,000
Interest-Delinquent Taxes	\$10,000	\$8,829	\$5,000	\$5,000
Penalties-Delinquent Taxes	\$5,000	\$3,921	\$2,500	\$2,500
Tax Sale Attorney Fees	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Tax Related	\$723,272	\$689,328	\$751,832	\$37,500
State of Vermont				
Vermont Highway	\$48,000	\$49,847	\$48,000	\$49,500
Vermont Current Use	\$40,000	\$48,817	\$44,000	\$46,000
Vermont Other/Grants	\$0	\$11,956	\$40,000	\$40,000
Traffic Fines		\$819	\$0	\$0
Grant Revenue - Equipment		\$4,400	\$0	\$0
Grant Rev - DOT Paving		\$140,000	\$0	\$0
Total State of Vermont	\$88,000	\$255,839	\$132,000	\$135,500
Fees and Permits				
Fees and Permits	\$6,000	\$265	\$7,000	\$7,000
Town Clerk Services	\$0	\$9,108	\$0	\$0
Dog Licenses	\$0	\$612	\$0	\$0
Beer Licenses	\$0	\$70	\$0	\$0
Copier Fees	\$0	\$297	\$0	\$0
Motor Vehicles	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fish & Wildlife	\$0	(\$46)	\$0	\$0
Dog Surcharge	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Preservation Surcharge	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Fees & Permits	\$6,000	\$10,306	\$7,000	\$7,000
Other Revenue				
Recycling Receipts	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750
Reimbursements	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Cramton Fund	\$2,000	\$2,919	\$2,000	\$2,000
Copeland Fund	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Interest-Investments	\$300	\$308	\$300	\$200
Other	\$0	\$78	\$0	\$0
Transfer Station Fees	\$20,000	\$23,021	\$20,000	\$21,000
Special Trash Fees	\$0	\$1,164	\$1,000	\$2,000
Insurance Claims	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Other Revenue	\$29,050	\$34,240	\$30,050	\$31,950
Total Revenue	\$846,322	\$989,713	\$920,882	\$211,950
General Government				
Salaries				
Town Clerk	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$27,500	\$27,500
Town Treasurer	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$17,500	\$17,500
Tax Collector	\$3,900	\$3,900	\$3,900	\$3,900
Selectboard	\$5,200	\$5,200	\$5,200	\$5,200

Town of Middletown Springs
PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2022 GENERAL BUDGET

General Government - cont.

	FY 2020 Budget	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Budget	FY 2022 Budget
Constable	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Listers	\$8,000	\$7,431	\$8,250	\$8,250
Animal Control Officer	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$250
Law Enforcement	\$20,250	\$22,339	\$24,500	\$0*
Accounting/Auditors	\$1,500	\$1,024	\$2,000	\$2,000
Payroll Taxes	\$6,000	\$6,054	\$6,000	\$6,000
Independent Audit	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Assistant Town Clerk	\$3,000	\$0	\$500	\$3,000
Assistant Treasurer	\$0	\$228	\$3,000	\$1,000
Total Salaries	\$97,100	\$95,176	\$103,600	\$79,600
Other				
Clerical	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,000
Computer Technology	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$6,500	\$6,500
Elections	\$4,000	\$1,695	\$6,000	\$4,000
Planning Commission	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Street Lights	\$4,500	\$4,269	\$4,500	\$4,500
Telephone/Internet	\$3,000	\$2,664	\$3,000	\$3,000
Office Rent	\$5,100	\$5,100	\$5,100	\$5,100
Office Supplies	\$2,000	\$1,812	\$2,000	\$2,000
Copier Expense	\$1,500	\$1,011	\$1,500	\$1,500
Bank Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Town Report	\$4,000	\$3,504	\$4,000	\$4,000
Record Preservation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
Conferences	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
Mileage	\$800	\$993	\$800	\$1,000
Office Security	\$500	\$476	\$500	\$500
Postage	\$2,000	\$1,623	\$2,000	\$2,000
Legal	\$7,000	\$1,535	\$7,000	\$7,000
Interest Expense	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Website Maintenance	\$400	\$218	\$400	\$400
Office Maintenance	\$0	\$1,136	\$0	\$500
Tax Map Updates	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
Lister Expenses	\$500	\$337	\$500	\$500
Total Other	\$38,800	\$29,373	\$45,800	\$46,000
Solid Waste				
Solid Waste Contract	\$20,000	\$14,646	\$18,000	\$20,000
Solid Waste Wages	\$11,000	\$10,581	\$11,500	\$11,750
Solid Waste Other	\$1,000	\$2,733	\$1,500	\$1,500
Solid Waste State Plan	\$3,200	\$3,356	\$3,200	\$3,500
Solid Waste Electric	\$1,500	\$1,699	\$1,500	\$1,750
Solid Waste Non-Regular Trash Disposal	\$3,000	\$4,811	\$4,000	\$4,500
Solid Waste Recycling	\$8,000	\$11,210	\$12,000	\$13,000
Total Solid Waste	\$47,700	\$49,036	\$51,700	\$56,000
Insurance				
Property & Liability	\$18,000	\$11,359	\$18,000	\$17,000
Unemployment	\$550	\$256	\$550	\$750
Workers' Compensation	\$18,000	\$12,447	\$18,000	\$17,000
Unemployment Claims	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Insurance	\$36,550	\$24,062	\$36,550	\$34,750

Town of Middletown Springs
PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2022 GENERAL BUDGET

General Government - cont.

	FY 2020 Budget	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Budget	FY 2022 Budget
General Expenses				
Miscellaneous	\$500	\$1,019	\$500	\$500
VLCT Dues	\$1,900	\$1,914	\$1,900	\$2,000
Planning Commission Dues	\$975	\$975	\$975	\$975
Rutland County Tax	\$7,000	\$7,580	\$7,500	\$7,500
Public Notices	\$1,500	\$1,378	\$1,500	\$1,500
Old Cemetery	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Firehouse facilities reserve	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Library	\$25,650	\$25,650	\$27,772	\$27,772
Corner Property Purchase	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
MuniFac Transfer Reserve	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$10,000
Town Property Maintenance	\$1,500	\$1,736	\$1,800	\$1,800
Municipal Plan Grant consulting fees	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conservation Commission	\$500	\$500	\$200	\$200
Town Excess	\$0	\$14,487	\$0	\$0
Total General Expenses	\$75,025	\$90,739	\$80,147	\$80,247
Corner Property				
General	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Grant Pass-through	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Corner Property	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Town Projects				
Creative Economy Pass-through	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Town Projects—West Street	\$0	\$14,945	\$5,000	\$5,000
Total Town Projects	\$0	\$14,945	\$5,000	\$5,000
Total General Government	\$345,175	\$353,331	\$372,797	\$351,597

**Highway
Payroll**

Payroll Class II	\$2,250	\$2,553	\$2,300	\$2,350
Payroll Class III	\$39,000	\$42,453	\$40,250	\$41,050
Payroll Maintenance	\$7,500	\$13,490	\$7,700	\$8,000
Payroll Winter II	\$3,000	\$4,346	\$3,100	\$3,100
Payroll Winter III	\$30,500	\$29,123	\$31,500	\$32,000
Payroll Winter Maintenance	\$8,200	\$14,577	\$8,500	\$8,700
Payroll Taxes	\$8,750	\$10,210	\$9,000	\$10,000
Road Commissioner	\$4,500	\$5,223	\$4,500	\$4,500
Health Insurance	\$16,500	\$18,421	\$18,600	\$20,000
Traffic Control	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
Payroll—Administrative	\$4,500	\$4,939	\$4,700	\$4,800
VMERS Employer	\$6,750	\$5,355	\$6,950	\$7,000
Payroll—Holiday	\$4,750	\$3,032	\$4,500	\$4,500
Payroll—Comp Time Used	\$2,000	\$1,791	\$2,050	\$2,000
Payroll—School Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Payroll—Sick Pay	\$1,300	\$456	\$1,350	\$1,300
Payroll—Vacation	\$4,500	\$3,280	\$4,300	\$4,300
Payroll—Personal Days	\$0	\$1,072	\$600	\$600
Road Commissioner—Mileage	\$800	\$1,289	\$800	\$800
Total Payroll	\$145,300	\$161,610	\$151,200	\$155,500

Town of Middletown Springs
PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2022 GENERAL BUDGET

Highway - Garage - cont.

	FY 2020 Budget	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Budget	FY 2022 Budget
Garage				
Rent	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600
Electric	\$450	\$525	\$450	\$500
Heat	\$2,500	\$1,776	\$2,500	\$2,500
Phone	\$700	\$642	\$700	\$700
Computer Technology	\$300	\$0	\$300	\$300
Building & Grounds Maintenance	\$2,000	\$3,169	\$3,000	\$3,000
Capital Improvements/Equipment	\$18,000	\$22,400	\$20,000	\$20,000
Consulting	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
Property Rental	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400
Total Garage	\$30,450	\$34,512	\$33,450	\$33,500

Road Maintenance

Bank Run Gravel	\$3,000	\$2,202	\$5,000	\$5,000
Processed Gravel	\$15,000	\$31,688	\$20,000	\$20,000
Rip Rap	\$2,000	\$7,059	\$5,000	\$5,000
Road Fabric	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	\$0
Culverts & Catch Basins	\$3,000	\$4,290	\$3,000	\$3,000
Street Signage	\$1,000	\$253	\$500	\$1,000
Miscellaneous	\$3,000	\$3,980	\$3,000	\$3,000
Mowing	\$3,000	\$4,825	\$5,000	\$5,000
Bridge Repairs & Debt	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Resurfacing	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
Sand	\$22,000	\$23,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Salt	\$15,000	\$18,530	\$15,000	\$15,000
Calcium	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000
Guardrails	\$3,000	\$5,945	\$2,000	\$2,000
Tree Trimming	\$2,000	\$1,800	\$2,000	\$2,000
Backhoe Payment	\$27,000	\$26,911	\$27,000	\$27,000
TH6 Box Culvert Project	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buxton - BR417 (VT Route 140 Paving 2013 loan)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Spruce Knob Project BR 370 (was Coy Hill Project)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grant 0695 / Anticipated Hwy Grant 2021	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highway Surplus	\$0	(\$27,999)	\$0	\$0
Highway Public Notices	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$500
Paving Reserve	\$40,000	\$180,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Dayton Hill Project	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Construction Permits/Highway Fees	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000
FEMA April 2019		\$0		\$0
Hiway CapProjects Res	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Tax Stabilization	\$0	(\$15,000)		
Total Road Maintenance	\$166,500	\$288,484	\$182,000	\$181,000

Repairs & Parts

Grader	\$5,000	\$3,666	\$5,000	\$12,000
GMC 2012 1-ton / Ford F350 2020	\$3,500	\$3,232	\$3,500	\$1,500
Deere Backhoe	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$340	\$0	\$0
Sander/Plow 1-ton / Ford F350 2020	\$1,500	\$200	\$1,500	\$1,000
Small Equipment Repair & Purchase	\$3,000	\$2,215	\$3,300	\$3,300
Loader	\$3,000	\$995	\$5,000	\$2,500
Sander/Plow 7600	\$3,000	\$1,986	\$3,000	\$3,000
Gas, Diesel, & Fluids	\$20,000	\$20,410	\$25,000	\$25,000

Town of Middletown Springs
PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2022 GENERAL BUDGET

Highway - Repairs and Parts - cont.

	FY 2020 Budget	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Budget	FY 2022 Budget
7600 International	\$5,000	\$5,665	\$7,000	\$5,000
Freightliner	\$3,000	\$3,930	\$6,000	\$6,000
Sander/Plow Freightliner	\$2,000	\$1,272	\$2,000	\$2,000
JCB Backhoe	\$2,000	\$1,467	\$5,000	\$4,000
Total Repairs & Parts	\$51,000	\$45,378	\$66,300	\$65,300
Contract Labor				
Hauling	\$4,000	\$8,395	\$6,000	\$6,000
Rental	\$4,000	\$4,500	\$8,000	\$8,000
Plowing	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
Other	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
Total Contract Labor	\$9,000	\$12,895	\$15,000	\$15,000
Total Highway	\$402,250	\$542,879	\$447,950	\$450,300

Appropriations

Poultney Rescue Squad	\$4,300	\$4,300	\$7,450	\$7,450
First Response	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$3,000	\$0
Visiting Nurses' Association	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Vermont Green Up	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Comm. Care Network/Rutland Mental Health	\$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	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Vermont Rural Fire Protection	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Poultney Community League	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$0
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 & The Volunteer Center	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
Poultney-Mettowee Watershed	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Neighborworks	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
ARC/Advocacy•Resources•Community	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Rutland County Parent/Child Center	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$400
VT Association of the Blind	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
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	\$740	\$745
Memorial Day Parade	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0
Front Porch Forum	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150
Big Heavy World	\$0	\$0	\$250	\$250
Vermont Family Network	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250
Habitat for Humanity	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$350
Rutland County Restorative Justice Center	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250
Vermont Farmers Food Center	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500
Total Appropriations	\$98,212	\$97,712	\$100,107	\$98,362

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.

<u>Calendar Year</u>	January – June 29, 2018	June 30, 2018 - June 30, 2019	FY 2020
Beginning Balances	245,106.66	243,248.84	143,273.63
Deposits, investments transferred in	-1,640.83	-107,772.88	-1881.12
Withdrawals, fees, investments out		-1,640.83	-107,772.88
Dividend and interest income	5,123.89	8796.68	5719.28
Change in market value	-5,397.94	-999.01	-10,747.62
	243,191.78	143,273.63	136,364.17
Ending Balances	\$245,106.66	\$243,191.78	\$143,273.63

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

As of June 30, the money that was previously withdrawn for the possible purchase of a parsonage is being maintained by the church in a separate account.

Respectfully submitted, *Rita Hansen*

COPELAND CEMETERY FUND

No report again this year

Town of Middletown Springs
COPELAND MILK FUND

TRUSTEES REPORT
July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

BEGINNING BALANCE.....July 1, 2019

PORTFOLIO

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

TOTAL INVESTMENTS

\$ 493,956.75

MONEY MARKET CHECKING ACCOUNT

\$ 3,767.12

INCOME From

UBS Financial Market Value Appreciation	\$ 13,110.48
National Life/LSW interest credited	1,155.73
Money Market Checking interest	.90

TOTAL INCOME:

\$ 14,267.11

DISTRIBUTIONS

Town of Middletown Springs	6,000.00
Producer Distributions	6,000.00
Producer Loan	24,000.00
Investment Plan Management Fees (National Life)	2,547.37

TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS:

\$38,547.37

ENDING BALANCE June 30, 2020 – INVESTMENTS

PORTFOLIO

UBS Financial Services (Fisher Investments account)	487,515.88
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TOTAL PORTFOLIO INVESTMENTS

\$487,515.88

Money Market Checking Account

\$3,768.02

* Touchstone Investments equities account and National Life/LSW annuity account were closed effective June 2020. Funds were reinvested with Fisher Investments in June 2020.

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 2020 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.

Unfortunately, thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic, we were unable to enlist the assistance of the Middletown Springs Elementary School 5th and 6th grade students in our annual spring clean-up last April. The students' cemetery work detail has helped to support their class trip to Washington, D.C. in the past and we have enjoyed this beneficial arrangement for a number of years. We thank former teacher Miss Jenn (Tifft), Principal Rick Beal, and the students for their participation in helping to spruce up the grounds in preparation for our May 1 opening. Once conditions allow, and it is safe for everyone to do so, we are confident that we will be able to resume this mutually-beneficial community-building relationship with our local elementary school students and staff and continue this project for years to come.

Art Castle continues to serve 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 walk their pets and let them enjoy the freedom and safety that this wonderful space offers as well. Please remember to maintain control of your dog(s) and continue to be vigilant in cleaning up after your pets. Dog waste is NEVER acceptable on or around anyone's final resting place.

Thanks again to the voters of Middletown Springs for your generous support. This report serves as our request to be on the 2021 Town Meeting Day ballot this year, as we have done in the past. We respectfully request another appropriation of \$1,500.00 for FY 2021/22 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

Town of Middletown Springs
PLEASANT VIEW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT
December 31, 2020**

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, January 1, 2020	\$8,176.54	
Dividends from Perpetual Care Stock	878.27	
Arthur & Daisy Cramton Trust	1,332.80	
Burials	5,000.00	
Sale of Lots & Cornerstones	1,500.00	
Town of Middletown Springs--2019-2020 Appropriation	1,500.00	
Town of Middletown Springs--2020-2021 Appropriation	1,500.00	
Burial Prepay	400.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$20,287.61

DISBURSEMENTS

Green Mountain Boys Landscaping--mowing & trimming	\$4,400.00	
Arthur Castle--Burials	1,000.00	
Bowker & Son--Monument Repair	2,375.00	
Lakes Region Tree Care--Storm Damage Cleanup	450.00	
DeBonis Landscaping--opening graves 2019-2020	3,595.00	
Community Bank--Perpetual Care	2,220.00	
USPS--Stamps	\$11.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$14,051.00

BALANCE ON HAND, DECEMBER 31, 2020	\$6,236.61
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PERPETUAL CARE INVESTMENTS

445 Shares George Putnam Fund	\$9,749.95	
240 Shares Foot Locker	9,705.60	
Community Bank--Money Market	5,796.15	
Community Bank--CD	37,589.91	
TD Bank--CD	35,111.83	
TD Bank--Barker Mehuron Account	10,320.18	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS		\$108,273.62

TRUSTEES

Arthur Castle
Terry Redfield
Donald Marcy
Alice Hoisington
Alida Tarbell

Note: Appropriation Request #10 on 2021 Town Warning

Town of Middletown Springs
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC MONIES

Louis Library Fund

Calendar Year	<u>FY18</u>	<u>FY19</u>	<u>FY20</u>
Beginning Balance - Investments			
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
 Begin. Bal. Checking Acct.	 \$259.76	 \$0	 \$1,160.23
Income From			
Dividends	576.41	1,308.32	1,129.77
Checking	.13	.06	1.08
Credit Interest	0	.12	0
Capital Gains	0	767.30	250.77
Total Income	\$576.54	\$2,075.80	\$1,380.54
Distributions			
MTS Library	650.00	500.00	*
Bank Charges		51.82	168.66
Total Distributions	650.00	\$551.82	\$168.66
Ending Balance June 30, 2018 - Investments			
Portfolio			
Net Account Balance	603.65	117.33	695.10
Securities	23,433.10	24,065.73	24,220.43
Total Portfolio Equity	\$24,036.75	\$24,183.06	\$24,915.53
 End Bal. Checking Account	 \$0	 -\$2.59	 \$992.61

*\$500.00 check written to library was returned due to bank mismanagement.

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TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC MONIES

Henderson Fund

Calendar Year	<u>FY18</u>	<u>FY19</u>	<u>FY20</u>
Beginning 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	\$60,121.73	\$61,803.15	\$64,962.18
 Beg. Bal. Checking Account	 \$2,940.99	 \$500.19	 -\$2.59
 Income From			
Dividends	1,497.38	3,395.63	2,592.14
Credit Interest	.34	1.61	0
Checking	.56	.09	0
Capital Gains	874.77	2,014.10	4,367.34
Total Income	\$1,498.28	\$5,411.43	\$6,959.48
 Distributions and Expenses	 <u>FY18</u>	 <u>FY19</u>	 <u>FY20</u>
Scholarship 1	500.00	250.00	*
Scholarship 2	0	250.00	*
Scholarship 3	0	250.00	
Scholarship 4	0	250.00	
Scholarship 5	0	250.00	
Bank Charges	0	51.82	2.59
Total	\$500.00	\$1,551.82	0
 Ending Balance - Investments			
Portfolio			
Net Account Balance	2,633.29	4,027.53	\$5,507.66
Securities	59,169.86	60,934.65	64,978.18
Total Portfolio Equity	\$61,803.15	\$64,962.18	\$70,485.84
 End Bal. Checking Account	 *\$500.19	 \$-2.59	 \$0

* Two scholarship checks were written but returned due to bank mismanagement at People's Bank. New checks will be written to recipients once funds are transferred from People's Bank to Heritage Family Credit Union in January 2021.

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TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC MONIES

Matthews/Bigelow Fund

Calendar Year	<u>FY18</u>	<u>FY19</u>	<u>FY20</u>
Beginning Balance - Investments			
Portfolio		23,258.15	23,769.79
CD /Securities	23,502.48	23,258.15	23,769.79
 Beg. Bal Checking Account	 25.53	 25.47	 25.58
 Income From			
CD / Securities	251.06	511.58	262.17
Checking	.11	.11	.11
Total Income	251.11	511.69	262.28
Distributions			
MTS First Response	380.00	0	350.00
Total	380.00	*0	350.00
* check for \$350.00 will show up in FY20			
Ending Balance - Investments			
Portfolio			
CD / Securities	23,258.15	23,769.79	23,940.32
Total Portfolio Equity	\$23,258.15	\$23,769.79	\$23,940.32
Ending Balance - Checking Account	\$25.47	\$25.58	\$25.69

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

MSVFD 2020 Summary

Well, 2020 has been a very unique year! Since the beginning of the year, MSVFD has taken part in several trainings. Mutual aid trainings have become even more important since the Coronavirus invaded our lives. New precautions and procedures have been implemented due to Coronavirus. It has changed all our lives, in many different ways.

The Coronavirus disappointed graduates of all ages across the country. We are proud to say that we did our best to make Middletown Springs 6th graders and 12th graders feel special. We assisted in the 6th grade mobile graduation at MSES. Mr. Beal did his best to make the 6th graders feel special. The MSVFD held a "graduation" for our Middletown Springs high school seniors. The seniors had their very own fire truck parade. Community members were on the green holding signs and cheering. The seniors then proceeded to the field at MSES. They marched in their caps and gowns to "Pomp and Circumstance", had a small ceremony, received a certificate on behalf of the fire department, and threw their caps in the air! Many pictures of smiling seniors and parents/guardians were taken. The seniors then enjoyed some cupcakes and left feeling proud. It was a great feeling to do something nice and recognize our town high school seniors.



MSVFD continued to stay busy during Covid-19. MSVFD responded to three structure fires in Middletown Springs. Other calls, in town, included several EMS assists, motor vehicle accidents, smoke alarm activations, carbon monoxide alarm activations, trees and wires down, hazardous road conditions, and an ATV assist with manpower for Vermont State Police.



MSVFD also responded as a mutual aid company for several calls. Mutual aid calls included 9 structure fires in Fair Haven, Poultney, East Poultney, Wells, Wallingford, Hampton, NY, and Clarendon. Other mutual aid calls included motor vehicle accidents, a chimney fire, smoke conditions in the residence, and a forest fire.

As many of you know, we had an issue with Tanker 532 in March. The tank, which we have had concerns about for years, split. It was a steel tank. The MSVFD Board of Trustees quickly decided to obtain quotes for a new tank. The truck values at approximately \$3,000. Replacement value of 532 is \$250,000. Tank replacement was quoted at \$20,000. The town needs a tanker due to the lack of reliable water sources. The steel tank was replaced with a poly (plastic) tank. It took one whole day to remove the steel tank.

A new tank could not be ordered until the steel tank was removed due to exact measurements and dimensions of the old tank. The membership saved several thousands of dollars on this project. The membership volunteered many hours of labor working on this project. Volunteer in-house labor included removing the old tank, prepping tanker 532 for a new tank, painting the restored frame of tanker 532, pump work, and installing a new quick dump. The steel tank and the steel frame supporting the tank were original (1987 vintage). Unfortunately, this project was supposed to take approximately 2 weeks from start to finish. Due to Covid-19, the project took approximately 8 weeks to complete.

While Tanker 532 was out of service waiting for the new tank, MSVFD responded to the barn fire on Fitzgerald Road. Fire could be seen from North Street and Dudley Road. The mutual aid plan for tankers worked flawlessly. Many factors were considered before making the decision to put the tanker plan in place: the size of the structure, the distance from the barn to the residence, the wood boiler furnace nearby, the contents of the barn, the wind which fueled the fire, lumber outside of the barn, and the hay and equipment nearby were all assessed. All these factors made for very quick thinking to save as much property as possible. James Reed and Joe Castle had discussed water sources to lay supply line. The water sources were too far away from the scene, so the decision was made to dispatch the mutual aid tanker plan that is in place. Time, the livestock,

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and personal safety were all an issue. Just as our Engine 531 was getting low on water, Poultney Fire arrived with their tanker, which is exactly how the plan should have worked.

On April 25, the day after the barn fire, our mini pumper, Attack 533, responded to a forest fire in Wells. The forest fire was approximately 20 acres. Attack 533 was the main apparatus on scene. Small 4-wheel drive vehicles are necessary on scenes that are off-road, with rough terrain.

On May 16, MSVFD responded to a structure fire off Sawmill Hill. This section of Sawmill Hill, which borders Wells, is located in Middletown Springs. The structure could only be reached by 4-wheel drive vehicles. Our mini pumper, Attack 533, was our only apparatus that could make it to the scene as the terrain was rough and steep.



We have been questioned in the past why we need this mini pumper. These are just two examples that the community needs to be made aware of. Each apparatus is utilized depending on the scene, the scenario, and safety of all involved. Our tankers and engines are necessary due to rural areas, lack of water supply, and time. Time is valuable on any fire scene. We would rather have more water than needed, rather than not enough water supply. It saves lives and property. The Ladder 535 is also a necessary apparatus. The ladder truck saves time. It can extend 100 feet in seconds. It is safer for firefighters to quickly get water on a collapsing roof. Firefighters can access a roof and ventilate a fire, which controls fire behavior, in less than one minute not to mention that the ladder can quickly access a 2nd

and 3rd story bedroom window, in the middle of the night, within seconds. It can also access the roof and windows of the school. All this goes back to time being very valuable. It can save the homeowners' lives and our lives. We welcome anyone to come and set up ground ladders to reach a second or third story window and then take part in the operation of the ladder truck. We think you would understand the need for the ladder truck.



On December 23, MSVFD responded to the last call of the year, which was a structure fire on Garron Road. MSVFD responded with three pieces of apparatus. Upon arrival, MSVFD could not quickly locate the occupant(s). MSVFD made entry, located the occupant safely, and a second alarm was transmitted. Again, our mutual aid plans worked flawlessly. Poultney Fire quickly set up water supply. Wells and Pawlet Fire Departments arrived with tankers, and Ira Fire Department arrived as a rapid intervention team. Calls relating to structure fires made up 40% of the total call volume for MSVFD this year.

All the local volunteer fire departments work very closely together in order to execute a fast response, set up a quick water supply, keep homeowners and firefighters safe, and keep open lines of communication. Without mutual aid departments, whether in Middletown Springs or a surrounding town, many calls could be much more dangerous and/or traumatic.

The old ladder truck, the 1966 Maxim ladder truck, which was 100% donated by Rock Hall, Maryland, has returned to its home in Rock Hall as it had been taken out of service. The ladder truck could not return into service since the Maxim company had gone out of business and a Maxim engineer was not longer available to sign off on repairs and fabrication work. Insurance would no longer cover the apparatus without a certified Maxim engineer. Rock Hall, MD had requested the ladder truck return to its home town. It was unanimously decided that giving the truck back to its original fire department was the right thing to do. It is now used strictly as a parade truck. It is important to have these good relationships within the fire service. We all help each other and support each other. We may need this department to help us out again someday.

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MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & FIRE ASSOCIATION

In regards to the firehouse project, the Selectboard is looking into alternative routes. Modifications and remodeling could potentially cost as much or more than a new firehouse. The MSVFD membership and Board of Trustees are also looking into alternative plans. Although this project is important to us, the Board of Trustees and the membership have also considered the financial stress of our community members relating to the Coronavirus. Therefore, we are still currently exploring options while being considerate of our community.

The Coronavirus did not stop Santa from visiting Middletown Springs. Although we could not host our annual Breakfast with Santa this year, Santa was able to ride on a fire truck around town. Santa waved and wished community members of all ages a Merry Christmas. It was very nice to see the smiling faces of so many families. For a short time, it gave us all a little sense of "normal".

There will not be an increase in the budget Fire Department budget for FY22 but will remain the same as FY21. The budget has now remained the same for the past four years. MSVFD operates on a tight budget and we thank you for your support.

The Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department was awarded a federal grant in the amount of \$120,600. The grant is for 18 air packs and 36 air bottles. Our matching portion for the award is approximately \$6,000, which is less than the cost of one air pack. This grant was awarded with the help of our contracted grant writer. MSVFD is currently using air packs from 1992-2004. NFPA recommends air packs should be 10 years old and newer. This is a huge award and accomplishment for MSVFD and the taxpayers.

A special thank you goes out to all community members that made donations to the fire department this year. Also, MSVFD would like to thank our town highway department. The highway department lends a helping hand with slick road conditions on fire scenes and motor vehicle accidents. We appreciate the team effort.

Social distancing has certainly changed our community in so many ways, but we would like everyone to know that we are still here, for whatever you may need. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Take care and stay healthy.

Respectfully,
Karen Castle



Note: Appropriation Request #9 on 2021 Town Warning

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

Profit & Loss

January through December 2019 **(NO INFORMATION YET FOR 2020)**

Ordinary Income		Heating Fuel Garage Rental	2,533.61
Town Quarterly Payment	79,500.00	Insurance	14,719.00
First Response Rental	2,400.00	New Equipment	3,344.02
Contributions	2,360.00	Postage/Stationary/Office Sup	343.63
Fund Drive	200.00	Propane	
Fund Raiser 2020 Return	250.00	Pump Repair/Testing/Maint	
Fund Raiser 2019	178.00	Radio Repair	671.00
Peoples United Bank	20,000.00	Supplies EMS	
Return	1,567.25	Telephone	2,385.20
Insurance Refund	474.00	Training & Recruitment	
Total	106,929.25	Turnout Gear	3,358.30
		Vehicle Maint #531	875.16
Expense		Vehicle Maint #532	37,644.52
Dispatch	6,250.00	Vehicle Maint #533	3,854.57
Truck Replacement Fund		Vehicle Maint #ER534	5,151.77
Accountant	565.00	Vehicle Maint ##535	1,805.49
Building Maintenance	2,341.62	Hurst Maint	
Diesel/Gas	639.44	Air Pack	
Electric	2,650.11	Defiberaltor	
Equip Maintenance & Repair	2,567.21	Fit Testing	158.00
Equipment Replacement	521.80	Ladder Testing	1,494.30
Fire Fighting Supplies		Grant Writer	5,000.00
Fund Raising 2019	314.49	Snow Mobile/Sled Trailer	
Fund Raising 2020	513.35	Secretary of State	175.00
Garage Rental 535	2,400.00	Total	106,428.71
Heating Fuel	4,152.12		

Bank Balances

	Balance 12/31/2019	Balance 12/31/2020
General Operation Checking	380.31	9,136.74
General Operation Money Market	11,904.98	18,169.56
Fire Truck Replacement	23,374.69	4,383.35
Total	\$35,659.98	\$31,689.65

Town of Middletown Springs
POULTNEY RESCUE SQUAD, INC.



2020 Report 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 responded to 353 calls in 2020. The breakdown of calls is listed below:

Calls in Poultney	244
Calls in Middletown Springs	50
Calls in Tinmouth	2
Mutual Aid given to surrounding towns	57
Total calls taken in 2020	353

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 full time and 4 part time emergency care providers. James Reed is going into his 4th combined year as an EMT/fulltime employee. Katrina Davenport is going onto her 5th year at PRS as an AEMT/Administrator/fulltime employee. Chad Geno is in his 9th year at PRS as an AEMT/part time employee. Chad is also our Training Officer. JR Ovitt has been with PRS for 3 years now as an AEMT/part time employee. Josiah Simons is going on his 3rd year at PRS as a part time EMR. Amanda Harte is going on her 2nd year as an EMT/part time employee. We have 8 volunteers on our roster who offer their time to help our community when needed.

Poultney Rescue operates 2 ambulances that are fully equipped for Advance Life Support. 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 2nd year with PRS. President: Walter Ducharme, Vice-President: Kathy Stephenson, Secretary/Treasurer: Deb Hoisington. We would 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 would also like to thank Deb Hoisington for overseeing the Thrift Shop and volunteers.

Poultney Rescue offers First Aid and CPR course. 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 2021. Thank you again for your ongoing support. I would like to thank Poultney Rescue Squad paid & volunteer members for their time and dedication!

Respectfully submitted,

Katrina Davenport
Administrator

Note: Appropriation Request #11 on 2021 Town Warning

Town of Middletown Springs
POULTNEY RESCUE SQUAD, INC.

Profit and Loss Statement January - December 2020

Income

Insurance	131,997.91
Town Funding	
(Poultney, Middletown & Tinmouth)	41,812.50
Subscriptions	17,820.00
Thrift Shop	16,887.43
Donations/IMO	7,086.40
Grants/PPP	54,288.09
Stimulus/Other	8,226.63
Interest	178.35

Total Income **\$278,297.31**

Expenses

Ambulance Tax	4,514.54
Bank Fee	60.00
Building	6,227.80
Communications	7,750.00
Equipment Replacement	3,733.53
Facilities & Equipment	2,793.90
Operations	16,805.00
Legal & Prof. fees	4,500.00
Insurance	31,689.17
Membership	3,417.02
Payroll Expense	148,481.87
Utilities	7,084.51
Vehicle Maint/Fuel	4,765.47
Ambulance Loan	17,148.00
Thrift Shop Operating Expenses	5,097.18

Total Expenses **\$264,067.99**

Net Income **\$14,229.32**



Town of Middletown Springs **MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS PLANNING COMMISSION**

The Middletown Springs Planning Commission meets the first Monday of each month except during July, August, and December. Prior to Covid-19, we met at the town offices. We are currently meeting via Zoom. Please contact us to join our meetings; we would love to have members of the public join us and we are looking for new members!

The main focus of the Middletown Springs Planning Commission is to review and update the town plan which is currently updated every seven years per Vermont Statute. The Planning Commission is preparing to update the Energy section of the town plan this coming year. Town Plan updates usually involve town-wide surveys to gather information from residents. In addition, we offer our services to the Selectboard and the Conservation Commission for any planning related issues and opportunities.

The Planning Commission has been involved in past projects, such as the Middletown Springs Creative Economy grant and has participated in the Real Rutland Campaign. Planning Commission members look forward to engaging with more Middletown Springs residents as we, hopefully, regain abilities for in-person meetings and work in the coming months.

Planning Commission Members: Hilary Solomon and Maynard Yost.

For information about joining the Planning Commission or participating in monthly meetings, please contact Hilary Solomon, hilary@pmnrctd.org.

REPORT FROM THE RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION



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

The RRPC and Town of Middletown Springs continued working together in 2020 on many community development initiatives. Some highlights include:

- Worked with Road Foreman to update road erosion plan and culvert inventory.
- Funded Brownfields Environmental Site Assessment work at the Town Yard property.
- Worked with town staff to adopt Rutland Region Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement.
- Worked to complete a COVID-19 Local Response After Action Review.
- Assisted in completion of the 2020 Local Emergency Management Plan.
- Provided mapping support for the Town's Better Roads Grant and Local Emergency Management Plan.

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 HISTORICAL SOCIETY**



The Covid 19 pandemic disrupted the schedule of Historical Society public events and face-to-face activities in 2020, but MSHS Trustees carried on by phone, email, and conference-call meetings.

In its early decades the Historical Society created and improved the Mineral Springs Park and restored the Adams House, the MSHS building, as a local history museum, with space for public use by the Town government, and as rental space for meetings and family events at reasonable cost.

Income shortfalls due to the curtailment of the Maple Festival and cancellation of the Strawberry Festival challenged the MSHS budget in 2020. However, grant funding from the Federal Covid Relief Act, distributed to non-profits through the Vermont Humanities Council, helped pay fuel, insurance, and maintenance expenses at the Historical Society.

In spring 2020, a committee under the direction of Nora Rubinstein distributed donated food to households impacted by the Covid restrictions, using the MSHS building as a storage and distribution center.

Dan McKeen is working with MSHS to provide storage space in his former timber framing shop behind the Town Garage for some of the A.W. Gray horsepower equipment collection, currently stored in donated barns and sheds in town.

In December 2020 Board members completed a five year Strategic Plan which includes yearly goals for fiscal, infrastructure, outreach, and organizational activities to insure the long-term future of the Historical Society.

Over 66 memberships in town and about 184 others throughout the country support the Society's efforts and further its mission. Membership is open to all, and members receive the MSHS newsletter as well as discounted building rental for family gatherings. Five new memberships were recorded in 2020.

Please join us in keeping the history of Middletown Springs available to everyone!

2021 Events:

Maple Festival Raffle drawing - Wed., March 24

Strawberry Festival (if feasible) - Sun., June 20

Annual Meeting - Sun., Sept. 12

Museum Open House - Sun., Oct. 10

Trustees for 2020-2021 are:

Pat Hemenway

Pam Johnson

Bud Krouse

Michele Pagan

Chip Stevens

David Wright

Respectfully submitted,
David P. Wright, President



Dyer Leffingwell

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.

**Town of Middletown Springs
Chamber & Economic Development of the Rutland Region
Annual Town Report
December 31, 2020**

It has been a year of change not only in our region, but across the world, with the COVID-19 pandemic impacting nearly every business sector and changing not only the way we do business, but how we live. There are countless reasons why we are proud to call the Rutland Region our home. Most importantly is the way we have come together as a community and supported one another. As you may have already heard, Rutland Economic Development Corporation and the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce have merged. Two strong organizations have become one to more fully serve Rutland County. The newlyminted "Chamber & Economic Development of the Rutland Region" serves on behalf of families, communities, and businesses, which form a supportive bond.

The 2019-2020 Annual Report can be found on our website at www.RutlandVermont.com/annual-report. As you read the report, you will see that there is a lot worth celebrating. In its pages, you will find stories that highlight our signature events, committee updates, and information about our recent decision to merge the two organizations. For a highlight of each of the towns in our County, watch our Annual Meeting movie found at <https://rutlandvermont.com/2020-annual-meeting/>. You will see people that you know!

We look forward to continuing to use collaboration, creativity, and ingenuity to create a regional economic climate conducive to business growth while creating a bridge to our community and cultural organizations to promote healthy and vibrant neighborhoods and enhance the quality of life in Rutland County. As part of these efforts, we continue to recognize the need to strengthen and protect our way of life by increasing the skilled pool from which business and industry can hire employees, as well as the need to grow our tax base. Each of these needs are the driving forces behind our focus on growing our regional population.

We continue to move forward with the fifth year of the Regional Marketing Initiative, which has provided direct and positive results with an increase of more than 30 households, including more than 70 individuals, who have joined us as neighbors. We look forward to this trend continuing as Vermont leads the nation in protecting and supporting each other and our communities. Funding for the Initiative continues to be a collaboration between municipalities, local businesses, and grant opportunities. Go to www.RealRutland.com for highlights of the Region.

We exist to serve your family, community, and area business & industry, which make up the three-legged stool upon which we can steadfastly rest as we admire our Region and appreciate how fortunate we are to live here. Our work boldly continues so that we can both protect what those before us have created and so that we can pass on an even more prosperous and secure Region to those that are yet to come.

With respect, Lyle P. Jepson - Executive Director

50 Merchants Row, Rutland, VT 05701 (802) 773-2747
| rutlandvermont.com | Info@rutlandeconomy.com | Chamber@rutlandvermont.com



Note: Appropriation Request #31 on 2021 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 2000 to steward the Town's 14-acre Sullivan Educational Woods located off of Fitzgerald Road. MSCC has worked with our community to learn about and sustain the natural resources of our town. Conservation Commission initiatives include stewardship of Sullivan Educational Woods, educational programs and nature walks for the community, monitoring and controlling invasive species, contributing to town planning efforts, coordinating Green Up Day, and monitoring and assessing the town's rivers, wildlife, wetlands, and upland natural communities.

Though MSCC projects and work were curtailed by pandemic restrictions this past year, MSCC did organize the 50th anniversary Green-Up Day in late May from a station on the Church green. Commissioners assigned road segments and handed out bags to community volunteers who did a stellar job of greening up. MSSC members also got out to work with Historical Society and other volunteers for a couple of days work removing garlic mustard and other invasive plants in Mineral Springs Park.

With high hopes for the coming year, MSCC looks forward to resuming projects and programs and continuing work to make the Sullivan Woods property more accessible and user friendly year-round for visitors and school students. MSCC anticipates working with Middletown Springs school students on new conservation projects and educational programs at Sullivan Woods in the spring and fall. The Commission welcomes ideas and input from 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.

Respectfully,
Elizabeth Cooper



Members:

Elizabeth Cooper
Steve Harrington
Honey Phillips
Tasha Turan

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.

In the fall and winter of 2019, the Library was a busy place. We hosted a weekly Toddler Time and monthly book group and knitting circle. At Halloween, many wet and weary goblins, heroes, and fairy princesses came to our annual Halloween Rest Stop and Book Giveaway. In winter, when it snowed, we circulated snowshoes to the adventurous and Blind Date books to the daring.

In March 2020, we held our most successful Pie For Breakfast ever, thanks to all the bakers, volunteers, and attendees. One week later, Governor Scott issued his first Emergency Executive Order. The Library building closed to patrons on March 17. With the announcement that Stay-at-Home orders were coming, we had a great run on books and movies by community members preparing to hunker down. We then looked for ways to push out library services to all Middletown Springs residents with increased access to digital audiobooks and e-books, as well as increasing our communication with patrons and the community. We recorded Toddler and Story Times for families. We launched a periodic library e-news. Photos from the "Want to Build a Snowman" challenge can still be seen on the town website.

In May, guidelines allowed us to offer no-contact porch pick-up. The demand for books and movies was brisk. In June, we were able to re-open the building to patrons, one household at a time. At the same time, we sought to provide a satisfying and enriching summer program. While unable to offer in-person programming, Heather Heitkamp-Brown delivered a series of six virtual story times, with families signing up to receive "take and make" activities. The annual Stuffed Animal Sleepover/Teddy Bear Breakfast was a sad casualty of the pandemic but will return this coming year, we hope. In terms of other Library programming, the Knitting Circle has taken a hiatus until it can meet again in the building; the monthly Book Discussion Group has recently restarted via Zoom.

Inter-Library Loan service has increased significantly in the last several years and remains strong in the pandemic. We have seen a substantial increase in requests by our patrons for items from other libraries. We also fulfill many requests to other libraries. The advent of the Courier System a few years ago has been a great money-saver. We pay a set monthly fee for unlimited service rather than postage for each item,

We continue to look for ways to connect and engage individuals and the community through activities, information, entertaining distractions (including a puzzle exchange), and of course, by circulating books and movies. We are increasing our presence on Facebook and Instagram and have been rewarded with new followers. We continue to publish the Town's Newsletter monthly, available on the town website or directly to subscribers' email inboxes.

Our annual fundraisers have been curtailed by the pandemic. We were not able to hold our spring book sale and will not be able to hold Pie For Breakfast in its usual convivial set up. The Library Trustees are looking for ways to replace this lost revenue and are grateful to those who were able to donate to our annual appeal. The Friends of the Library has also assisted in filling the gap by continuing to underwrite a portion of our book purchases which is a great help. Look for the book plate inside new books which indicates it is a Friends' purchased book.

We are looking forward to bright days ahead when the library can again be a vibrant *physical* hub in the community. For now, we will continue to provide all that we can to support you and the community during these challenging times.

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Bushnell
Library Director



Town of Middletown Springs
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Treasurer's Report
July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

	FY 19/20 Budget	FY 19/20 Actual	FY 20/21 Budget	FY 21/22 Budget
Income				
Town Allotment	25,650.00	25,650.00	27,772.00	27,772.00
Louis Library Fund	1,000.00	0.00	500.00	1,000.00
FOL Contribution	1,500.00	1,520.00	1,500.00	750.00
Fines/Fees/Payments	50.00	94.00	50.00	50.00
Donations	300.00	1,366.00	300.00	300.00
Fundraising	8,500.00	5,419.00	8,500.00	4,750.00
Interest	0.00	16.00	0.00	15.00
Total Income	37,000.00	34,065.00	38,622.00	34,637.00
Expenses				
Librarian	15,912.00	15,912.00	16,848.00	16,848.00
Assistant Librarian	5,824.00	5,581.41	6,032.00	6,032.00
Payroll Taxes	3,500.00	1,644.39	4,643.00	1,587.00
Education	400.00	95.00	100.00	100.00
Library Materials	5,300.00	2,698.00	5,300.00	3,700.00
Heat	1,100.00	700.00	800.00	800.00
Electricity	1,000.00	952.00	1,200.00	1,000.00
Telephone / Internet	550.00	621.00	535.00	620.00
Automation Services	439.00	450.00	439.00	450.00
Supplies	100.00	360.00	200.00	300.00
Postage / ILL Courier	800.00	508.00	500.00	800.00
Snow Removal / Mowing	1,000.00	1,003.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Membership Due	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Programs/Publicity	125.00	73.00	125.00	500.00
Facility Maintenance	500.00	281.00	500.00	500.00
Technology / Computers	400.00	815.00	400.00	400.00
Total Expenses	36,950.00	31,693.80	38,622.00	34,637.00

Middletown Springs Public Library Restricted Accounts

HFCU Savings Account: Bequests, Restricted

Opening Balance July 1, 2019		5,280.46
Interest earned	17.49	
Withdrawals	0.00	
Deposits	0.00	
Ending Balance June 30, 2020		\$5,297.95

Fidelity Funds Account: Building Capital Improvements and/or Expansion

Beginning Account Value, July 31, 2019		\$27,250.94
Change in Investment Value	-1,978.72	
Ending Account Value, June 30, 2020		\$25,272.22

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

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VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region

The VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region, formerly known as Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice, assists in providing much needed home care and hospice services to all those in need. Our nurses, therapists, home health aides and social workers provide medical care, assessments, assistance with activities of daily living, and education to assist people in maintaining their independence. We believe in providing the medically necessary healthcare wherever it is needed, regardless of location of residence, or complexity of health issues. This is especially important during the current pandemic as people self-isolate due to COVID-19. Having benefit of care in the home is even more crucial.

VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region is an essential piece of the community healthcare system. Without the services we provide, there would be a significant gap in the community's continuum of care. In order to continue meeting these needs, we urge you to consider the importance and cost-effectiveness of the work that VNAHSR does to ensure the health and well-being of the community.

(802) 775-0568

•Appropriation request #12 on 2021 Town Warning

Green Up Vermont

Green Up Vermont is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to promote and organize a statewide clean-up day, always on the first Saturday in May, and to raise awareness and stewardship for a litter free environment. In 2020, Green Up Vermont had nearly 14,000 volunteers who picked up 241 tons of litter and over 9,000 tires. Most importantly, amidst a global pandemic, Vermonters felt Green Up Day was the one event that shouldn't ever be cancelled and found safe ways to continue this civic service to their communities.

With your town's help, we can continue Vermont's unique annual tradition of taking care of our state's lovely landscape and promoting civic pride.

Mark your calendars for the next Green Up Day, May 1, 2021, and help us celebrate 51 years of keeping Vermont green!

www.greenupvermont.org

•Appropriation request #13 on 2021 Town Warning

Community Care Network/Rutland Mental Health Service

In the year 2020, 28 towns in Rutland County supported the work of Rutland Mental Health Services through town giving. Our agency is committed to providing quality services regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The generous support of towns such as Middletown Springs assures that quality services are available for their families, friends and neighbors. Services provided to town residents include:

- Individual Counseling for Children, Adults and Families
- Substance Abuse Treatment Services
- Emergency/Crisis Services
- Developmental Disability Services

During fiscal year 2020, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 1,152 hours of services to 25 Middletown Springs residents. We value our partnership with the Town of Middletown Springs in providing these much needed services and thank you for your continued support.

(802) 775-2381 www.rmhsccn.org

•Appropriation request #14 on 2021 Town Warning

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Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging

The Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging helps provides services to elders to meet the challenges of aging. It provides nutrition support, case management, information and assistance, and other social support. In 2020, SVCOA provided 1,325 meals that were delivered to the homes of 8 elders in Middletown Springs, as well as 26 meals at a luncheon site and one-on-one nutrition support to 6 residents. SVCOA case management staff helped 8 elders in Middletown Springs with assessments and addressing ongoing needs.

Other services and supports include: Senior HelpLine which offers telephone support; Medicare and health benefit counseling; legal service assistance through Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project; Information about elder issues and opportunities; Outreach services for elders dealing with mental health issues; Companion support for frail, homebound elders; Money Management; Transportation assistance and Caregiver support.

Senior HelpLine (800) 642-5119

•Appropriation request #15 on 2021 Town Warning

Bennington/Rutland Opportunity Center

BROC Community Action serves thousands of people with low income or living in poverty throughout Rutland and Bennington Counties. BROC Community Action assists families and individuals in crisis and helps provide a sustainable path forward.

Over the past year, BROC Community Action assisted 14 residents in the Town of Middletown Springs. Whether they need food at the BROC Community Food Shelf, senior commodities, housing counseling, homelessness assistance, weatherization, heating and utility assistance, forms assistance for benefits such as 3SqVT, budget and credit counseling and resources and referrals; we are here.

People come to us cold, hungry, homeless, jobless or facing major health conditions every day. Your town appropriation helps ease the struggle for nearly 10,000 people who seek assistance from us each year as we meet the basic needs of their families and provide a path forward whenever possible.

45 Union Street • Rutland, VT 05701 802.775.0878

•Appropriation request #16 on 2021 Town Warning

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 FY20 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.

60 Center Street, Rutland, VT 05701, 802-779-9021, www.vcil.org.

•Appropriation request #17 on 2021 Town Warning

Town of Middletown Springs COMMUNITY AGENCY REPORTS

Rural Fire Protection Program

The Rural Fire Protection (RFP) Program helps Vermont communities protect lives, property and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. Programs help 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.

Over the past several years, the RFP Program has made a successful, evolutionary transition from the Northern Vermont and George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Councils to the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD). VACD is the membership association of Vermont's fourteen Natural Resources Conservation Districts, whose mission is to work with land-owners and communities to protect natural resources and support the working landscape throughout the state. VACD represents and supports its member districts and manages state-wide technical programs.

(802) 828-4582 / www.vacd.org

• ***Appropriation request #18 on 2021 Town Warning***

Regional Ambulance Service

The Regional Ambulance Service provides necessary medical services. "Medic One," or one of our life-support-equipped ambulances, meets incoming patients who require and request advanced support. Our "Medic One" is a vital part of our goal of "Serving People 1st with Pride, Proficiency, and Professionalism." We look forward to continuing to serve Middletown Springs. Our staff works closely as a team with your community ambulance and First-Response personnel.

(802) 773-1746.

• ***Appropriation request #19 on 2021 Town Warning***

NewStory Center

For 41 years NewStory Center (formerly Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter) 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 FY20, NewStory Center served 734 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.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, NewStory Center services including emergency shelter, the 24/7 crisis line, supportive case management, medical and legal advocacy remained available although they looked a little different. Staff provided care packages that included food, personal care items, and household supplies for survivors who requested them.

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 #20 on 2021 Town Warning***

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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 one thousand animals in 2020. The Rutland County Humane Society took in five animals from Middleton Springs in the past year.

Our agency is funded through fees for service, town funding, donations and special events. No funding comes from the state or federal government or national organizations. We sincerely thank those who support our operations. We can only save lives with your help.

Please call us at 483-9171 or visit our website at RCHSVT.org if you would like more information about the Rutland County Humane Society.

•Appropriation request #21 on 2021 Town Warning

RSVP and 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. "Signature Programs" include: RSVP Bone Builders, Rutland Reads, Veterans Connection Program, and Operation Dolls.

Locally, RSVP/VC is the largest program of coordinated volunteer services serving the people of Rutland County with 711 volunteers. From July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, RSVP/VC volunteers provided 124,606 hours of community service. The cost benefit to the communities of Rutland County in terms of cost of services provided equals \$3,389,276.

In FY19, 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 #22 on 2021 Town Warning

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
- Stormwater Management
- Flood Resiliency Projects
- Agricultural Programs providing planning assistance, soil testing and access to planting equipment
- Champlain Valley Native Plant Restoration Nursery and our annual spring tree sale
- The planting of 22 acres of native trees throughout the Poultney Mettowee watershed

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 #23 on 2021 Town Warning

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NeighborWorks® of Western Vermont

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

This has been quite a year for everyone, and we are glad to report that during this difficult time we were able to help many Vermonters through loans and grants. We have provided a look at the specific services we were able to provide to the residents of your town as well as state-wide. In the last fiscal year, our services in the area of Addison, Bennington, and Rutland counties comprised of:

- 152 Low-cost, Comprehensive HEAT Squad Energy Audits were completed on homes
- 44 Home Energy Improvement Projects were completed and homeowners received a rebate check from Efficiency Vermont
- 30 Energy Loans were issued, a total of \$397,823.00 to help homeowners make energy improvements
- 66 Down Payment Assistance Loans, a total of \$1,494,097.00 were made to help homebuyers make it over the 20% down payment barrier
- 13 Rehab Loans, a total of \$159,798.00 were made to homeowners to make health and safety upgrades to their homes
- 168 families attended Homebuyer Education and of those, 87 became Home Owners
- 154 households participated in Financial Coaching

802-438-2303, www.nwwvt.org

• Appropriation request #24 on 2021 Town Warning

ARC (Advocacy-Resources-Community)

ARC Rutland Area's mission is to advocate for the rights of individuals and families with developmental and intellectual 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 over 50 people; read material from and comment on the State meetings on disabilities and attend the local standing committee at CAP. AS we navigate our way through the pandemic ARC and its club members have been adaptable. In person meetings are now conference calls and ZOOM sessions. With a generous grant from Marble Valley Regional Transportation, ARC is able to provide transportation for our members to attend events, educational and recreational activities. Thank you for supporting all these efforts.

www.ARCRutlandArea.org 802-775-1370

• Appropriation request #25 on 2021 Town Warning

Town of Middletown Springs
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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 remove barriers that perpetuate poverty for children and families throughout Rutland County." RCPCC provides all services at no cost, with the exception of childcare, which is minimal for lower income families. We provide early childhood education services at childcare centers in Brandon and Rutland City.

RCPCC provides additional family centered services to families and children birth to five years, such as:

- Early Intervention programs for children birth to three years old with developmental delays
- A food security program currently servicing up to 250 households per week throughout the county
- A teen parent program that enables young parents to complete their high school education
- Support for young families on public assistance to become independent
- Parent education classes and referral services
- Literacy based afterschool programming and playgroups

Some of these programs serve families of all socio-economic levels but, as a priority, RCPCC seeks out those in need to bring these services into their homes and communities. The Rutland County Parent Child Center is requesting funds to continue the RCPCC's efforts to support families and young children in your community. RCPCC provided ongoing support to four Middletown Springs families in addition to a number of other families who benefited from one-off services in 2020. Thank you for considering our request.

www.rcpcc.org 802-775-9711

•Appropriation request #26 on 2021 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 138 adult clients and 17 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 800-639-5861 ext. 217

•Appropriation request #27 on 2021 Town Warning

American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont

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. In the past year, the American Red Cross has responded to 24 disaster cases, assisting 68 residents in Rutland County. Most commonly, these incidents were home fires. Red Cross workers were on the scene to provide food, clothing, lodging, emotional support, and more to families during their hours of greatest need. Our teams also provide mass care to first responders. Things like food, water, and warm drinks strengthen the brave men and women of your local Fire and Police Departments as they answer the call to keep your residents safe.

As we carry on through the pandemic, the American Red Cross remains committed to providing relief and support to your friends and neighbors in our local community.

Vermont: (800) 660-9130.

•Appropriation request #28 on 2021 Town Warning

Town of Middletown Springs COMMUNITY AGENCY REPORTS

The Mentor Connector

Last year, your support enabled The Mentor Connector to serve over 2,435 Rutland County youth, 10 in Middletown Springs! Our volunteers gave 12,475 hours of support to mentor 152 youth and 11 families, lead 28 virtual activities and trainings, and assemble 10,000 youth activity boxes distributed across the region.

Throughout the pandemic, we have seen a 400% increase in youth referrals. Our youth, dramatically affected by the uncertainty of COVID are asking for help, and we have strengthened our in-person and virtual programs to meet this need.

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 five vulnerable youth in Middletown Springs.

www.mentorconnector.com (802) 775-3434

• ***Appropriation request #29 on 2021 Town Warning***

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 2020, as of November 1, we provided services to 190 clients and 138 of their 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 #30 on 2021 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.

We look forward to continuing to use collaboration, creativity, and ingenuity to create a regional economic climate conducive to business growth while creating a bridge to our community and cultural organizations to promote healthy and vibrant neighborhoods and enhance the quality of life in Rutland County. As part of these efforts, we continue to recognize the need to strengthen and protect our way of life by increasing the skilled pool from which business and industry can hire employees, as well as the need to grow our tax base. Each of these needs are the driving forces behind our focus on growing our regional population. We continue to move forward with the fifth year of the Regional Marketing Initiative, which has provided direct and positive results with an increase of more than 30 households, including more than 70 individuals, who have joined us as neighbors. We look forward to this trend continuing as Vermont leads the nation in protecting and supporting each other and our communities. Funding for the Initiative continues to be a collaboration between municipalities, local businesses, and grant opportunities. Go to www.RealRutland.com for highlights of the Region.

802-770-7061

• ***Appropriation request #31 on 2021 Town Warning***

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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.

<https://frontporchforum.com>

• **Appropriation request #32 on 2021 Town Warning**

Big Heavy World

Big Heavy World is a volunteer-run independent statewide music office and archive of Vermont-made music, working to inclusively promote and preserve all kinds of music made across Vermont. Its work is designed to serve all Vermont musicians, inclusive of artists of all styles in every Vermont town. The organization was founded in 1996 and manages many ongoing and special projects that make Vermont's music community and economy stronger, while reminding everyone how talented and meaningful to us our creative Vermonters are.

We hope our grassroots work makes you proud of Vermont's can-do spirit and our extraordinary arts community of which you and the musicians of Middletown Springs are a part. We are deeply grateful for your support.

<https://bigheavyworld.com>

• **Appropriation request #33 on 2021 Town Warning**

Vermont Family Network

The mission of the Vermont Family Network is to empower and support all Vermont families of children with special needs. The Vermont Family Network has served the families of Vermont for more than 30 years by creating a "one stop shop" for families and their providers. We are proud to serve over 1400 families yearly with expert information, referral and assistance services provided by family support consultants located in Williston, Newport, and Rutland, an annual conference, and much more through our Family Support Program.

Vermont Family Network is also home to Puppets in Education, an educational puppetry team who teach children and parental around the state about important topics like bullying prevention, child abuse prevention, and disability awareness through engaging performances that emphasize compassion, respect, effective leadership and communication. Each year almost 10,000 school children benefit from one of these educational programs.

Thank you so much for your consideration. The funding receive will go a long way to ensuring our ability to continue to provide the much needed services to families all across the state.

vermontfamilynetwork.org 802-876-5315 ext 105

• **Appropriation request #34 on 2021 Town Warning**

Habitat for Humanity Rutland County

Habitat for Humanity of Rutland County (HfHRC) works to transform people's lives and our community by creating affordable and decent housing, lifting up one family at a time. This is accomplished through volunteer labor and donations and the work of the future homeowners who invest hours of their own labor into building their Habitat house and the houses of others. Habitat houses are sold to partner families at no profit and financed with affordable loans. The homeowners' monthly mortgage payments are used to build still more Habitat houses. Home ownership transforms lives, promotes dignity and enhances self esteem.

Consistent with the goals of Habitat for Humanity, the Rutland Area Affiliate seeks to address the issues of low-income housing pursuing new construction, rehabilitation of homes, and minor home repairs making homes more affordable and safer for home buyers seeking to improve the quality of their lives through safe, sufficient and affordable homeownership.

802-747-7440 rutlandhabitat@gmail.com

• **Appropriation request #35 on 2021 Town Warning**

Town of Middletown Springs
COMMUNITY AGENCY REPORTS

Rutland County Restorative Justice Center

Rutland County Court Diversion and Restorative Justice Center is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit agency that strives to make Rutland County a healthier and safer community for all residents. Our mission is to engage community members in responding to the needs of crime victims, the community and those who violate the law, holding the latter accountable in a manner that promotes responsible and restorative behavior.

In support of this mission, we offer the following programs: Diversion, Youth Substance Awareness Safety Program, Driving with License Suspended, Tamarack, Pretrial Services, Balanced and Restorative Justice, and Emotional Intelligence Mentoring. We provide services to juveniles and adults who are at risk of future adverse involvement with the legal system. Our programming is designed for a range of individuals, such as at-risk and truant youth and individuals with mental health and substance abuse treatment needs.

Our agency has served Rutland County for decades and we look forward to continuing to meet the needs of our community members for many years to come.

50 Center Street, Rutland 802-775-2479 rutlandrestorativejustice.org

•Appropriation request #36 on 2021 Town Warning

Vermont Farmers Food Center

The Vermont Farmers Food Center (VFFC) located in Rutland (251 West St.) began as a grassroots, volunteer-led project, and is spearheading the rebuilding of infrastructure necessary for agriculture to serve as a regional economic engine through the development of 2.93 acres of industrially zoned land with four existing buildings in the heart of downtown Rutland.

VFFC increases access and availability of locally produced food in the Rutland Region through education, expanding markets and market access, and aggregation and distribution of locally produced and value added agricultural products. VFFC is the host of the Winter Vermont Farmers Market from November through April.

VFFC operates several programs:

- Farmacy Project is a "food as medicine" program that provides fresh produce from local farmers for at risk individuals and families with health issues who have been prescribed 15 weeks of fresh, local produce.
- Farm Based Experiential Learning (FABEL) provides an experience of learning substantive life skills on the farm and in the garden through hands on engagement.
- Everyone Eats is a food relief program that leverages CARES Act Funds to engage local restaurants in making to-go meals for anyone who has been impacted by the COVID-19 crisis due to unemployment, underemployment, homelessness, or other challenges.
- Online Market is a way for farmers to continue to have a way to get their products to consumers when the farmers markets were not able to operate. It has continued to offer a weekly safe and convenient curbside pickup.

VFFC works with local farmers/producers, including in Middletown Springs, who participate in the Online Market and Everyone Eats programs and serves members of our community through those programs.

51 West Street Rutland, VT 05701 admin@vermontfarmersfoodcenter.org

•Appropriation request #37 on 2021 Town Warning

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TOWN PRE-TOWN MEETING 2020

March 2, 2020

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
Patty Kenyon
Terry Redfield
Carl Haynes

Robin Chesnut-Tangerman, our Town Representative, spoke about wage increase and looking for people to serve. The main issue for Vermont is to attract people and train them for jobs. The cost of education seems to be increasing. Act 250 is in the House at this time for discussion. I would like to thank the community for their support.

The Moderator read the warning for 3-2-20 & 3-3-20.

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

This year we have several ballots which will include the Presidential Primary, School ballot and Officers ballot.

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

The auditors are preparing for a professional audit in the near future. We are still working on a policy regarding cash handling and reports. We wish to thank Melissa for her years of service.

Article 3: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs ratify the actions of the 2019 Town Meeting?

In last years report #5 listed 2018 instead of 2019.

Article 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?

No questions.

Article 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, 2000 through June 30, 2021?

No questions.

Article 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?

No questions.

Article 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?

Patty explained that this money can be used for any facility, but will not be used for the highway.

Article 8: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Selectboard to expend \$24,600 to contract with the Rutland County Sheriff's Department, to provide law enforcement coverage for the Town?

The revenue from tickets that are issued returned to the town. You will see them any day of the week and at any time of the day.

Article 9: Shall the voters of the town of Middletown Springs vote to approve the sum of \$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

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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.

We had a bond vote several years ago and why has it not happened before now?

The building committee has worked hard and we have had a lot of volunteer services. What is the status of a highway garage? We are looking at new town garages that have been built recently to pick a design that will work for the town.

Article 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?

The budget listed on page 42 does have a typo in the report.

Article 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?

Officers from the Poultney Rescue Squad came to the meeting to explain their operation and the need for the town support.

Article 12: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$3,000 for the support the Middletown Springs First Response determining that the program serves the residents of the town with emergency life support and medical services?

No questions.

Article 13 to 36:

Motion via Nora Rubinstein – 2nd via Neil Russell to combine these articles.

Article 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?

Article 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?

Article 15: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Spring 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 16: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$750 for the support of the Southwestern Vermont Council Center (BROC) determining that the program serves the residents of the town with meal support, case management information and other assistance?

Article 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?

Article 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 resident of the town with services including Meals on Wheels and home handicap access?

Article 19: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$100 for the support of the 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?

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Article 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?

Article 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

Article 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?

Article 23: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$125 for the support of Rutland County Humane Society determining that the program serves the residents of the town with care for neglected, abused and surrendered animals?

Article 24: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$200 for the support of RSVP and The Volunteer Center determining that the program serves the residents of the town with volunteering opportunities and services such as bone building classes?

Article 25: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$500 for the support of the Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District determining that the program serves the residents of the town with assistance to preserve natural resources?

Article 26: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$400 for the support of the NeighborWorks of Western Vermont determining that the program serves the residents of the town with home-buyer education and energy efficiency services?

Article 27: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$500 for the support of ARC determining that it provides service to residents with developmental disabilities?

Article 28: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$100 for the support of Rutland County Parent/Child Center determining that it provides child care and recreational services to residents with younger children?

Article 29: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$300 for the support of the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired determining that it provides service to residents with vision loss?

Article 30: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$250 for the support of the American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont determining that it provides emergency services to residents of the town?

Article 31: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$200 for the support of Mentor Connector determining that it enhances self-esteem and in-depth training?

Article 32: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$400 for the support of Child First Advocacy Center determining that the program serves the residents of the town in the discovery, treatment and prevention of child sexual abuse, severe physical abuse and children affected by violence?

Article 33: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$1,500 for the support and general operation of the Pleasant View Cemetery Association determining that it provides preservation and maintenance of the cemetery?

There was a discussion on the investments that Pleasant View Cemetery have.

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Article 34: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$740 for the support of the Regional Marketing Initiative, a collaboration of the Rutland Regional Chamber of Commerce, Rutland Economic Development Corp., and municipalities around Rutland County, the goal of which is to grow the economy in our region, and determining that the program serves the residents of the town in a regionally funded marketing effort to support the town's and region economy.

Article 35: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$150 for the support of Front Porch Forum determining that it provides communication services to the town's and region's residents?

Article 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?

Article 37: To transact any other business proper to be before said meeting.

The Selectboard received a Thank you for the work they have done.

Motion to adjourn and seconded – All in favor

Laura Castle, Town Clerk



Stream Work at the Springs Park

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RESULTS OF 2020 BALLOT QUESTIONS

Ballot Articles	Yes	No	Blank	Spoiled
Article 2 Auditor's Report	370	59	19	
Article 3 Town Budget	324	83	41	
Article 4 Highway Budget	274	161	13	
Article 5 Municipal Tax Stabilization	304	136	8	
Article 6: Surplus to Facilities	324	108	16	
Article 7 Sheriff's Contract	287	136	25	
Article 8 Poultney Rescue Squad	235	202	11	
Article 9 MS First Response	99	341	2	
Article 10 RAVNA	309	130	9	
Article 11 VT Green UP	384	54	18	2
Article 12 Rut Mental Health	396	45	6	1
Article 13 SW VT Aging	358	80	9	1
Article 14 BROCC	361	63	24	
Article 15 Vermont Center for Ind. Living	304	118	25	1
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	298	127	23	
Article 23 Poultney-Mettowee Nat Res	330	94	24	
Article 24 NeighborWorks	257	163	28	
Article 25 ARC	274	149	25	
Article 26 Rutland Parent/Child Ctr	247	173	27	
Article 27 VT Assn Blind	276	146	26	
Article 28 American Red Cross	281	143	24	
Article 29 Mentor Connector	321	118	9	
Article 30 Child First Advocacy Ctr	332	104	12	
Article 31 Pleasant View Cemetery	236	196	16	
Article 32 Regional Marketing	319	118	11	
Article 33: MS Memorial Day Parade	342	97	9	
Article 34: Regional Market Initiative	233	206	9	
Article 35: Front Page Forum	309	129	9	1 over
Article 36: Big Heavy World	225	210	13	

Town of Middletown Springs
WARNING FOR TOWN MEETING 2021

Town Meeting—Monday, March 1 and Tuesday, March 2, 2021

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 by electronic means on **Monday, March 1, 2021, 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 2, 2021. At conclusion, the Informational Meeting will be recessed until 7:00 a.m. on the following day, March 2, 2021 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.

Information on how to access the remote hearing:

- By telephone: Dial 1-929-436-2866. When prompted enter the meeting ID: 4383450591#, Passcode 15920.
- By computer: Join meeting by clicking here <https://zoom.us/j/4383450591?pwd=UkRKbnl2c28xcDhmZWJlTmE3UENkZz09>
You may be prompted to enter a meeting ID and passcode: 4383450591; 15920.
- By smartphone, tablet, or other device: Download and open the Zoom Meeting app. You may have to create a free account or sign into your existing account. Select the option to join meeting and enter the meeting ID and passcode: 4383450591; 15920.

POLLS WILL BE OPEN MARCH 2, 2021, FROM 7:00 A.M. UNTIL 7:00 P.M.

1. To elect Town Officers as provided by Vermont Law.
2. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs accept the report prepared by the Town Auditors?
3. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate \$351,597 for the **general operation** of the town, the sum of \$270,897 to be raised by taxes on the 2021 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022?
4. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate \$450,300 for **the care and maintenance of highways**, the sum of \$319,050 to be raised by taxes on the 2021 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022?
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 \$10,000** from the current fiscal year General Fund budget, to be used to reduce unanticipated tax increases due to general fund cost overruns?
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?
7. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Select Board to fund the **Reserve Fund for Equipment** with any surplus **up to \$20,000** from the current fiscal year **Highway Fund** surplus?
8. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Select Board to expend **\$24,750** to contract with the **Rutland County Sheriff's Department**, to provide law enforcement coverage for the Town?
9. 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?

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10. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$1,500** for the support and general operation of the **Pleasant View Cemetery Association** determining that it provides preservation and maintenance of the cemetery?
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 **\$1,500** for the support of the **Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice** determining that the program serves the residents of the town with home and community health services?
13. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$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?
14. 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?
15. 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?
16. 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?
17. 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?
18. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$100** for the support of **Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force** determining that the program serves the residents of the town with road and fire protection grant programs including the Better Back Roads grants and dry-hydrant grants?
19. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$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?
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 & Shelter) determining that the program serves the residents of the town with a crisis hot line, domestic violence and rape-survivor assistance?
21. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$125** for the support of **Rutland County Humane Society** determining that the program serves the residents of the town with care for neglected, abused and surrendered animals?
22. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$200** for the support of **RSVP and The Volunteer Center** determining that the program serves the residents of the town with volunteering opportunities and services such as bone building classes?

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23. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$500** for the support of the **Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District** determining that the program serves the residents of the town with assistance to preserve natural resources?
24. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$400** for the support of the **NeighborWorks of Western Vermont** determining that the program serves the residents of the town with home-buyer education and energy efficiency services?
25. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$500** for the support of **ARC (Advocacy-Resources-Community)** determining that it provides service to residents with developmental disabilities?
26. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$400** for the support of **Rutland County Parent/Child Center** determining that it provides child care and recreational services to residents with younger children?
27. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$300** for the support of the **Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired** determining that it provides service to residents with vision loss?
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30. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$400** for the support of **Child First Advocacy Center** determining that the program serves the residents of the town in the discovery, intervention, treatment and prevention of child sexual abuse, severe physical abuse and children affected by violence?
31. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$745** for the support of the **Regional Marketing Initiative**, a collaboration of the Rutland Regional Chamber of Commerce, Rutland Economic Development Corp., and municipalities around Rutland County, the goal of which is to grow the economy in our region, and determining that the program serves the residents of the town in a regionally funded marketing effort to support the town's and region's economy.
32. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$150** for the support of **Front Porch Forum** determining that it provides communication services to the town's and region's residents?
33. 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?
34. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$250** for the support of **Vermont Family Network** determining that it provides support for Vermont families of children with special needs.
35. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$350** for the support of **Habitat for Humanity Rutland County** determining that it provides support for our community by creating affordable and decent housing, lifting up one family at a time.

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36. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$250** for the support of **Rutland County Restorative Justice Center** determining that it provides support for community members in responding to the needs of crime victims, the community, and those who violated the law, holding the latter accountable in a manner that promotes responsible and restorative behavior.
37. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$500** for the support of **Vermont Farmers Food Center** determining that it provides support for community access and availability of locally produced food in the Rutland Region through education, expanding markets, and aggregation and distribution of locally produced and value-added agricultural products.
38. To transact any other business proper to be before said meeting.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Terry A Redfield 01/28/2021
Terry Redfield, Chair

Patricia Kenyon
Patricia Kenyon, Clerk

Heather Grier
Heather Grier

Carl Haynes, Vice-Chair

Neil Russell

Approved 1/28/2021
by
Selectboard

Received for filing this
29th day of January AD
2020

Attest Laura Castle
Town Clerk -

**Town of Middletown Springs
Middletown Springs Town Officers Positions
Open for Election 2021**

Elected Office	Incumbent*	Term Length
Town Clerk	Laura Ann Castle	3 Years
Town Treasurer	Jenny Talke Munyak	3 Years
Selectboard Member	Terry Redfield	2 Years
Selectboard Member	Carl Haynes	3 Years
Road Commissioner	Bill Reed	3 Years
Delinquent Tax Collector	Debra House	3 Years
Town Moderator	Kimberly Bushnell	1 Year
Lister	Sally Achey	3 Years
Town Auditor	Sarah Grimm	3 Years
Planning Commission	Peter Blekis	3 Years
	Vacant	3 Years (1 Year remaining)
	Vacant	3 Years (2 Years remaining)
Library Trustee	Kristal Haynes Hier	3 Years
	Kelley Beckwith	3 Years (2 Years remaining)
First Constable	Vacant	3 Years
Trustee Copeland Church Fund	Dan McKeen	1 Year
Trustees Copeland Cemetery Fund	Alice Hoisington	3 Years
Trustees of Louis Fund and Other Public Monies	Alice Hoisington	3 Years
	Vacant	3 Years (2 Years remaining)

*** The Incumbent may or may not be running for re-election**

WELLS SPRINGS UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

Annual School District Informational Meeting - February 24, 2021 Voting by Australian ballot - March 2, 2021

The legal voters of the Wells Springs Unified Union School District are hereby warned to meet virtually at the following link:

- meet.google.com/rhj-pzyq-mup
- or via phone: (US)+1 413-398-0250 (PIN: 478 471 336#)

on February 24, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. for the annual school district informational meeting to do the following:

- Review and discuss the reports of the School Board and other District Officials.
- Review and discuss the presentation from the School Board on the proposed 2021-2022 budget.

This informational meeting constitutes a Public hearing.

The meeting shall then be recessed to Tuesday, March 2, 2021, for the purpose of voting the following articles at the usual polling places in the member districts by Australian ballot, said ballots being brought to Wells Town Hall following the closing of the polls in the member districts where they will be commingled and counted by the Board of Civil Authority of the constituent district.

The town polls will be opened as follows:

Town of Wells	10:00 am - 7:00 pm	Wells Town Hall
Town of Middletown Springs	7:00 am - 7:00 pm	Middletown Springs: Historical Society (4 Park Avenue)

- Article 1. To elect the following officers:
- a. Moderator or a term of one (1) year
 - b. Treasurer for a term of one (1) year
 - c. Clerk for a term of one (1) year

- Article 2. School Budget: Shall the voters of the Wells Springs Unified Union School District approve the school board to expend \$5,097,893.79, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$17,743 per equalized pupil, which is a 3.1% decrease from last year.

- Article 3. To elect the following officers to serve from their election and qualification until March following the election and qualification of their successors:

- A. School Director, Middletown Springs for a term of (3) three years
- B. School Director, Wells for a term of three (3) years
- C. School Director, At-Large for a term of three (3) years

Article 4. Shall the voters authorize a reserve fund, pursuant to the provisions of 24 V.S.A. §2804, for the purpose of funding Capital Improvement Expenses for the Wells Springs Unified Union School District and to appropriate \$35,000 from the FY20 Surplus to such reserve fund?

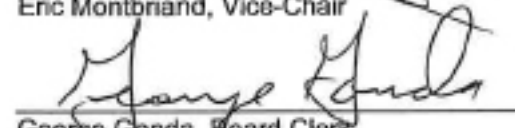
Said persons and voters are warned and notified that voter qualifications, registration, absentee voting, and voter procedures shall be in accordance with Chapters 43 and 51 of Title 17 Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Approved by the Wells Springs Unified School District Board of Directors in a public meeting and dated at Rutland, Vermont this 20th day of January 2021.


Clarence Haynes, Chair


Eric Montbriand, Vice-Chair


Courtney Bishop, Board Member


George Gonda, Board Clerk


Meredith Morgan, Board Member


Rachel Martelle, Board Member


Amanda Weeden, Board Member

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Town of Middletown Springs
TOWN MEETING NOTES

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

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- 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>

REMINDER

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

DATE & TIME: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021 AT 7:00 PM

VIRTUALLY AT THE FOLLOWING LINK:

meet.google.com/rhj-pzyq-mup

OR BY TELEPHONE BY CALLING:

(US)+1 413-398-0250 (PIN: 478 471 336#)

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!

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
online at: GRCSU.org

Town of Middletown Springs
PO Box 1232
Middletown Springs, VT 05757

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DATES TO REMEMBER!

**Wednesday, February 24: Wells Springs Board of School Directors
Annual Meeting - 7:00 p.m.** Virtually or by phone

Monday, March 1: Pre-Town Meeting
Please reference this Town Report

Monday, March 1: Deadline to vote by Early or Absentee Ballot
Town Office open until 5 p.m.

Monday, March 1: Deadline to Register to Vote
Town Office open until 5 p.m.

Tuesday, March 2: Town Meeting Vote!
Polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Historical Society (4 Park Ave.)